Auburn First Baptist Church

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WORSHIP

August 16
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133

August 23
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

August 30
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 3:1-15
Matthew 16:21-28

Lay Worship Leader for August:
Kathleen Sabo

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers
Tuesday, August 18, 2:00 p.m., Activities Building

Mission Trip Reflections
Seed Camp
Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Teddy Bear Sleepover
Saturday, August 29, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Our Place, Your Place

By: Tripp Martin

When we welcome each other and visitors to worship, we hope and pray that our place will feel like their place. We always hope that our welcome is a reflection of God's welcome because there are few things more important than belonging. As much as we hold Auburn First Baptist Church dear to us, it becomes even more meaningful when we offer it to others as their place.

Following Promotion Sunday, when we gave our first graders Bibles in worship, I found my first grade Bible in my office. It was purchased by the Timothy Bible Class at First Baptist Church of Augusta. The cover is bright red, the pages have stains on them, and the binding is falling apart; but I still remember that feeling when I received it and I felt like I belonged to the community of faith.

We find the gospel of Christ in that feeling of belonging. It returns us to the love of God, which holds us, sustains us, and sends us forward! We need a home to return to as well as to launch from. This is part of the gift of the church.

On Promotion Sunday, I was thankful for all of the familiar faces in the sanctuary. The children getting their fourth or fifth button in a row to put on their backpacks. The church members preparing pancakes and refilling glasses. The sixth graders receiving a tree, which they had watched so many others receive before them.

I also give thanks for the unfamiliar faces. Visitors coming to church for the first time. College students returning to campus. Family members watching their grandchild receive a Bible.

We all gathered for fellowship and worship! We hope everyone felt like Auburn First Baptist was their place. We give thanks for the kindness we can offer to visitors through giving directions, offering introductions, and sharing the welcome of God. We give thanks for each opportunity to be together, remembering that we all belong to God!

LIFE IS CALLING

Painting

On Sunday, August 16, we will include a painting in worship by a local artist, Laura Lewis. The Life is Calling Committee commissioned this painting for the Library as part of our grant. It focuses on the theme, *A Place at the Table*. After worship on August 16, it will be placed in the Library.

Book Study

Over the years, the Life is Calling Committee has planned various bridge events, fostering connections between our family of faith and our surrounding community. We have planned a Medical Debt Relief Project, serving others. We have dedicated our Peace Pole, inviting others to join us. We delivered lunch to the workers of the city, offering our gratitude.

This semester members from our Life is Calling Committee are gathering with members from Beth Shalom and Auburn Islamic Center for a book study. Four members from each congregation are gathering to discuss the book, *Life Worth Living: A Guide to What Matters Most,* by Miroslav Volf, Matthew Croasmun, and Ryan McAnnally-Linz. The book is based on a class at Yale University, focusing on the thirty-thousand-foot questions of life.

The only way to care for our neighbors is to get to know them. Fostering interfaith friendships is one way we can get to know our neighbors. We are thankful for the conversations that will take place through this book study.

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

Tuesday, August 18, 2:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Please join us on August 18 at 2:00 p.m. for an ice cream social as we say goodbye to another wonderful summer! We will also play a few games of Bingo with some prizes given to the winners! Bring a friend if you can, relax, and enjoy the fellowship!

AFBC INSTAGRAM

We have launched an Instagram page for Auburn FBC. Follow along for updates!

Follow us here: @auburnfirstbaptist



SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

"Four Voices of Wisdom"
August 9, 16, 23, & 30
Led by Tripp Martin

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom

For the fall semester, we will be studying the Gospel of John, with an emphasis on how the Scripture informs the connection between faith and family. We are using the ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal for the Book of John. We will supplement with complementary material as we read through the scripture as we explore the Book of John. Email Leah Duzy (lmduzy@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

THURSDAYS

Mission Trip Reflections

Seed Camp
Thursday, August 20, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Resumes August 27
"Fruits of the Spirit"
Led by Tripp Martin

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH

Conversational English

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.,
Activities Building

Conversational English classes will resume on Wednesday, August 26, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We will follow that meeting schedule for most of the fall semester.

Please pray for this ministry as it continues to grow, and please consider joining us as a teacher or assistant.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact David Sutton at suttoda1954@gmail.com.

CHILDREN

Teddy Bear Sleepover

Saturday, August 29, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Pizza will be served. Bring your favorite stuffed animals!

Preschool and Children's Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building

*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

COLLEGE

Welcome Back Lunches

Sunday, August 16 & 23, 12:00 p.m., Activities Building

College Lake Day

Saturday, August 29, 9:00 a.m., Gay St. Lot

Join us for a day of tubing, skiing, fishing, swimming, and relaxing. Bring you towels, swimsuit, and sunscreen. Chick-Fil-A lunch will be provided. We will leave from church parking lot on Gay Street. We will return by 6:00 p.m. Email college@auburnfbc.org to sign up.

Bible Study

Sundays, 10:00 a.m.
College Room (Activities Building)

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building
Resumes August 18

If church members would like to sign up to provide a meal or contribute to its cost, please email college@auburnfbc.org or call the front desk.

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast

1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m., Panera Bread
Beginning August 18

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday
Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 5:45 p.m.

Sunday - 16th

College Welcome Lunch	Activities Building	12:00 p.m.
The Round Table	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 18th

Prayer Breakfast	Panera Bread	7:00 a.m.
PrimeTimers	Fellowship Hall	2:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers Room	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

Thursday - 20th

Mission Trip Reflections	Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 23rd

Preschool & Children's Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
College Welcome Lunch	Activities Building	12:00 p.m.
The Round Table	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 25th

College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 26th

Conversational English	Activities Building	10:00 a.m.

Thursday - 27th

Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 29th

College Lake Day	Gay St. Lot	9:00 a.m.
Teddy Bear Sleepover	Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 30th

The Round Table	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Preschool & Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

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Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture

Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Potluck Brunch
9:30 a.m. Lecture
Bring your favorite dish to share.

"Ecclesiastes, Ecology, and Ephemera"
Dr. Elaine T. James
William Henry Green Professor of Old Testament
Princeton Theological Seminary

We welcome Dr. Elaine T. James as our speaker this year. Her work focuses on Hebrew poetry and issues of ecology and embodiment. She is the author of several books, including *The Bible and The Arts of Making: Materials, Aesthetics, and Ecology in the Hebrew Bible* and *An Invitation to Biblical Poetry.* She will also preach during worship. We are thankful to Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore, and their family, for their generosity, which has made this lecture series possible.

Serving the Month of August

Greeters: Jo Jones, Zach Deal, Drew Smith

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Shirley & Ray Brown

Serving August 16, 2026

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Anna Coxwell

Serving August 23, 2026

Extended Session: Mark Wilson, Betty Tatum

Serving August 30, 2026

Extended Session: Leah Duzy

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