Auburn First Baptist Church

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WORSHIP

September 6
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Moore Lecture Series
Psalm 104
Dr. Elaine James preaching

September 20
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jonah 3: 10- 4:11
Emma Vance preaching

September 27
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:23-32
Psalm 25:1-9

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Gerald Johnson

REMINDERS

PrimeTimers
Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m, Fellowship Hall

Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, September 1 & 15, 7:00 a.m., Panera Bread

Moore Lecture
Sunday, September 13, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Potluck Brunch - 9:00 a.m.
Lecture - 9:30 a.m.

Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture

By: Tripp Martin

We celebrated our inaugural lecture in 2015, and we continue to give thanks for the generosity and legacy of Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore. Claude and Mary Virginia joined the church in 1957, and they were devoted members. Claude served as the Treasurer of the congregation as well as a Deacon. Mary Virginia served in numerous ways through the Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry, Conversational English Classes, and as a Deacon. They were cornerstone members, and they made possible our ongoing lecture series!

On Sunday, September 13, we will welcome Dr. Elaine T. James. She is the William Henry Green Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary. She focuses on poetry in scripture and on issues of ecology. She is the author of several books, including *An Invitation to Biblical Poetry*. Her upcoming book is entitled, *The Bible and The Arts of Making: Materials, Aesthetics, and Ecology in the Hebrew Bible*.

We will gather at 9:00 a.m. on September 13 for a potluck brunch in the Fellowship Hall. All of the youth, college, and adult Sunday School classes will remain in the Fellowship Hall for the lecture at 9:30 a.m. Dr. James will share with us, “Ecclesiastes, Ecology, and Ephemera.” Following the lecture, she will also preach during worship.

We are grateful to be able to invite scholars, which invite us to consider important conversations around our faith. Auburn First Baptist has a long tradition of loving God with heart, soul, mind and strength. This lecture series allows us to love God with our minds.

We will also enjoy time around the table during the potluck brunch. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this event, please extend an invitation to them to join us!

JEFFERS SCHOLARS

We are excited to award Anna Parish and Amaia Zugazaga Jeffers Scholarships this year! The Jeffers Scholars, are students in seminary from Auburn First Baptist Church. We offer our support and encouragement to them as they make a commitment to their studies. Anna is a student at Campbell Divinity School, and Amaia is studying at BSK Theological Seminary.

FELLOWSHIP

Primetimers

Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship

Please join us on September 8th, at 10 am, in the Fellowship Hall to hear a special speaker, Dr. Asim Ali. Dr. Ali will be discussing his faith and being a Muslim in the Auburn community. Breakfast pastries and coffee will be served! Bring a friend!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"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. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact David Sutton at suttoda1954@gmail.com.

BUILDING TOGETHER

AFBC Building Together will partner with Trinity Baptist Church in Madison, AL for an accessibility ramp build in Marion, AL on October 15, 16, 17. If anyone is interested in this unique opportunity to provide mobility services to Perry County, please contact Mike Bumgarner at 334-329-8025 or email at auburnnow@yahoo.com. All are welcome for one, two, or all three days.

Deacon Nominations

It's that time of year to begin the process for recommending deacons for the 2027 Deacon Board. Following are the eligibility requirements to become a deacon at AFBC: (1) a person must have been a member of AFBC for the most recent 36 months, (2) a person must be 21 years of age or older, (3) a person must not have served as an active service deacon in the past three years, (4) a person cannot serve concurrently with one's spouse, (5) a person must have regular attendance in worship, shown leadership in programs of the church and willingness to serve when called upon by deacon officers and staff members.

If for any reason you would rather your name not be considered, please call or notify the church office by e-mail at financials@auburnfbc.org by September 15.

Deacon Nominations can be made by completing a nomination form, found outside the church office and dropping it in the box by September 15. You can recommend up to seven names. *Names can be submitted by email to financials@auburnfbc.org.*

Committees are Important To the Life of our Congregation

The work of the various committees of Auburn First Baptist Church are vital to the ministries and mission of the church. Every member has the opportunity to serve on one or more of our committees. Please indicate your desire to serve on a committee by submitting your completed form in the offering plate or to the church office by September 15. *A copy of this form is available outside the church office. You can submit your request by email to financials@auburnfbc.org.*

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

____Aesthetics	____Building Maint.	____College
____Counters	____Crisis	____Flowers
____Food Service	___Greeters	____Grounds
____Health	____Lights & Sound	___Memorials
____Missions	____Music	____Ordinance
__Preschool/Children	____PrimeTimers	____Social
____Stewardship	____Trustees	____Ushers
____Van	____Visitation	____Youth

____ I will serve wherever you need me.

Name_____

E-mail_____

Phone_____

CHILDREN

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

Bible Study

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

Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

"Inspiration or Perspiration"
September 13
Led by Dale Peterson

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!

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

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.

Tuesday - 1st		
Prayer Breakfast	Panera Bread	7:00 a.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 2nd		
Conversational English	Activities Building	10:00 a.m.
Thursday - 3rd		
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 6th		
No Evening Activities		
Tuesday - 8th		
PrimeTimers	Fellowship Hall	10:00 a.m
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 9th		
Conversational English	Activities Building	10:00 a.m.
Thursday - 10th		
Stewardship Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall?	5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.
Sunday - 13th		
Potluck Brunch	Fellowship Hall	9:00 a.m.
Moore Lecture	Fellowship Hall	9:30 a.m.
Youth Committee Meeting	Youth Room	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 - 15th		
Prayer Breakfast	Panera Bread	7:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers Room	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

ORGAN RENOVATION

At our Business Meeting on Thursday, August 6, the congregation voted to initiate a Capital Campaign for Organ Renovation. The overall goal for the Capital Campaign is $140,000, which will update the organ console as well as address metal fatigue in several organ pipes. We have already received about half of the necessary funds. This Capital Campaign is over and above our support of the budget of the general fund. If you would like to contribute to the Capital Campaign, please write Organ Renovation on the memo line.

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MOORE LECTURE SERIES

"Ecclesiastes, Ecology, and Ephemera"

Dr. Elaine T. James
William Henry Green Professor of Old Testament
Princeton Theological Seminary

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Bring your favorite dish to share for breakfast at 9:15 a.m.

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EXCEPTIONAL FOUNDATION

Tailgate with the Exceptional Foundation

Thursday, September 10, 5:00 p.m., Exceptional Foundation

We will host our annual tailgate for the Exceptional Foundation, making crafts and visiting with our friends. We will meet at the Exceptional Foundation (720 E Glenn Ave, behind Auburn Chamber of Commerce) at 5:00 p.m. and the tailgate begins at 5:30 p.m. It will finish around 7:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please email John Jones, john.jones@mstechnology.com.

We will not have Thursday Night Bible Study at Auburn FBC on this night.

Serving the Month of September

Greeters: Belinda Cantrell-Wright, Julia Morgan, Terry Woodall

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

Visitors: Michael & Julie McClanahan

Serving September 6, 2026

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

Serving September 13, 2026

Extended Session: Ashley Aston, Marcie Smith

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