



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

October 4
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 21:23-32
Psalm 25:1-9

October 11
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 22:1-4
Exodus 32:1-14

Lay Worship Leader for September:
Terry Woodall

REMINDERS

Pledge Sunday
October 4

As Pledge Sunday approaches, we reflect on our gifts to the church.

www.auburnfbc.org/give27

**Business Meeting
and Potluck**

Thursday, October 23, 5:30 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

**Capital Campaign for
Organ Renovation**

Gifts can be made online:

www.auburnfbc.org/online-giving

Good Communities

By: Tripp Martin

In her book, *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer talks about her parents. They were involved in their local community. Her mother served on the zoning board. Her father was a retired town supervisor. Over dinner one night, her father said, “Good communities don’t make themselves.”

He acknowledged what is true about every community. There are countless small tasks and instrumental leaders in every good community. The water is filtered, the roads are cleaned, the parks are maintained, and the senior citizen center is built. The list goes on!

Most of this work is invisible. We do not see it taking place. In every good community, including the church, there are countless small tasks and instrumental leaders. They are doing the work that never gets seen, but it is instrumental in creating a good community.

The Sunday School teacher prepares a lesson on Saturday. A reminder email is sent out. The committee meets for a discussion. Dinner is dropped off at someone’s house. A craft is prepared for the children. Pizza is ordered for an event. A note of encouragement is dropped in the mail. A church member learns a visitor’s name. Prayers are said for those who are hurting.

Good communities do not make themselves. They are created through small tasks and instrumental leaders. We benefit from pausing to give thanks for all of these efforts. Church members in official roles and unofficial roles create our good community! This community serves as a refuge for us. It holds us when we are weary. It calls us to what is good. It helps us raise our children and youth. It serves the college student. It feeds the hungry. It provides us with joy and hope.

We give thanks for our community at Auburn First Baptist! We make a commitment to fostering this good community because good communities do not make themselves.

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Our Mission: Believing the Spirit of God is alive in each one of us and in the world, we affirm that the mission of Auburn First Baptist Church is: to glorify God as the Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer of life; to call all people to God through Christ as Savior and Lord; to enable all people to be more like Jesus.

PLEDGE SUNDAY

Pledge Sunday

Sunday, October 4, Worship

Pledge Sunday is a time for our congregation to prepare for the ministries and mission of 2027. The Preliminary Budget is found around the church.

We are invited to consider our giving to the church for 2027, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment of this congregation as we minister together! ***The link for this is www.auburnfbc.org/Give27.***

If you would like to set up monthly, or regular giving, this can be done online as well.

1. Use the QR code or visit www.auburnfbc.org/online-giving.
2. Click "Give Online," and then choose "Recurring."
3. Select General Fund and designate an amount. (Fill in the information under "Reoccurrence.")
4. Enter your bank account information (or credit card, etc.)

Every gift is meaningful and matters to the ministry of the church!



PRIMETIMERS

Primetimers will meet on October 20 at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served followed by a craft session. The mosaics from First Baptist Church of Huntsville can be used to make crosses and Christmas trees. We will also work to repair and replace our Chrismons to be used in the upcoming Advent season.

YOUTH

Youth Sunday Nights

*Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room*

Youth Choir

*Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room*

Prayer Breakfast

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

Passport Youth

*Converse University, Spartanburg,
South Carolina, June 13-18, 2027*

Winter Youth Retreat

*Pigeon Forge, Tennessee,
January 15 - 18, 2027*

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Ad Hoc Committee for Outreach reminds us to *follow, like and share* the church's social media posts. We can share our story online! (Sharing is caring!)

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)
Instagram: [Instagram.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.instagram.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

"Fruits of the Spirit"

Led by Tripp Martin

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, October 23, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The Agenda items will be the *Quarterly Financial Report*.

CHILDREN

Passport Kids

*Brenau University
Gainseville, Georgia
July 11-14, 2027*

Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 25, Worship

We look forward to the children of the church leading us in worship!

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

MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip to Spain in July 2027

Information Meeting
Sunday, October 11, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

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

“Treasures in Earthen Vessels:
Are we Clay in the Potter’s hand?”

October 4, 11, & 18

Led by Gina Austin

Connecting Faith and Family

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

We are studying the Gospel of John. Email Leah Duzy (lmduzy@gmail.com) if you have any questions. All are welcome!

Churchwide Picnic

*Sunday, October 25
MLK Park (190 Byrd Street)*

After Children’s Sabbath, we will gather at Martin Luther King Park for our annual churchwide picnic. The church will provide chicken and drinks. Everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share. Don’t forget a tailgate chair or blanket! In case of rain, join us in the Activities Building.

Everyone is invited to bring a change of clothes for a kickball game, where adults, youth, and children can play!

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 frontdesk@auburnfbc.org or call the front desk.

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 Bumgardner at 334-329-8025 or email at auburnnow@yahoo.com. All are welcome for one, two, or all three days.

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.

Thursday - 1st

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 4th

Youth Committee Mtg 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 - 6th

Missions Committee Library 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday - 7th

Conversational English.....Activities Building 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 8th

Stewardship Committee Mtg.....Library 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Saturday - 10th

Baby Shower Bumgardner's Home 2:00 p.m.

Sunday - 11th

Spain Mission Trip Meeting.....Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Creation Care Meeting.....Library 4:00 p.m.

Mission Trip Info Mtg Fellowship Hall 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 - 13th

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

Wednesday - 14th

Conversational English.....Activities Building 10:00 a.m.

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Thursday - 15th

Sanctuary Choir.....Choir Room 6:45 p.m.



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CREATION CARE

Our Moore Series guest speaker, Dr. Elaine James, reminded us that scripture makes it clear that God holds human beings responsible for protecting and caring for all of God's creation!

As it happens, a small group of church members have met and are considering this important calling. We invite you to join us for a *brainstorming meeting on Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the church Library.*

We want to work toward churchwide learning, discussion, and action steps for January.

If you are interested in joining this planning meeting, please contact MaryLynn Porter at 334-703-6288, or just show up. Mark Johnston will chair this meeting and we are grateful for his leadership!

It is our hope that this will be an ongoing task force that will get underway in January. The group is open to everyone who has an interest in creation care. A New Year with a new project!

Serving the Month of October

Greeters: Dale Peterson, Carole Zugazaga, Anne Adrian

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

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Serving October 4, 2026

Extended Session: Ryan Thompson, Felicia McInnis

Serving October 11, 2026

Extended Session: Ronda West, Caroline Purvis, Charlotte Sutton

CHURCHWIDE BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a churchwide baby shower in honor of **Emma and Peyton Vance!**

*Sunday, November 1, 2:00 p.m.
Jeannie & Mike Bumgardener's home
(2189 W Farmville Rd., Alabama)*

Emma and Peyton are registered
@www.babylist.com/EmmaVance

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