



First Connection

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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.

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*Listen to the service
Sunday mornings
at 11 am on
WAUD 1230 AM*



Pray for our youth and adult leaders as they attend Passport Camp in Wingate, N.C., July 5 - 10

Campers

Abby Armstrong
Sarah Armstrong
Cynthia Crandell
Tripp Isbell
Elisabeth Lusche
Sarah Lusche
Andrew Smith
Sydney Smith
John Thornton
Matthew Turnham
Aiden Wood

Chaperones

Jan Thornton
Wally Ridgway

This summer, Passport campers will learn forgiveness in Christ that allows each of us to daily Re-Create our relationship with him. It causes us to Re-Think the way we live, and challenges us to Re-Act in ways that allow us to be the presence of Christ in the world.

Passport*kids* and Youth Passport Camps Presentation

Thursday, July 16, 6:00 pm
Come and share in their Passport experience.

From the Pastor's Pen

When it's summer time in Alabama, there are two things we can always count on—it will be hot and hotter.

And things seem to slow down. Maybe we just move slower to keep from overheating, but there does seem to be a definite decrease in activity.

Or at least that's how it may seem.

Vacation Bible School just ended—that was a lively and exciting time. No lack of activity there. Many thanks to all the workers and volunteers that made the week special for our children.

The Renovation and Renewal Committee is busy and will soon have a recommendation concerning the maintenance needs in our buildings. This is activity that is going to lead to some serious activity in the weeks and months ahead. Listen for the announcement.

Our Brazil team is getting ready to head out for two weeks of construction, eye glass distribution, Bible school, and more. They are certainly not letting any grass grow under their feet. They will return with stories and memories of their work.

Our children were at PassportKids in June, and our youth leave next week for Passport. Both groups will be telling us and showing us their adventures and opportunities for service on Thursday night, July 16th.

So it may seem that things are creeping along in the summer heat, but in actuality, missions and ministries are just heating up.

Stay tuned for more.

Jim



Put in on your calendar!

Sunday, August 16th, 9:45 am

Celebrate and kickoff a new Sunday School year.

Thank You!

A heartfelt thanks to you for the opportunity you gave me of a sabbatical. It was a good sabbatical and from time to time I will be sharing with you things that I learned and experienced during those months. All of us who have had the opportunity of a sabbatical realize what a renewing time it is. I feel it is a compliment to any church who is wise enough to know the benefit it receives from having a sabbatical policy. It was very good to see you again, to chat with you, and to worship together again!

I wish to thank Leigh Anne Armstrong for the wonderful way in which she led the Sanctuary Choir and led worship during my absence. Thank you Leigh Anne. And finally, thank you for your ministry to me and my family during my father's illness and death. You are truly "My Family of Faith."

Sincerely, Dale Peterson

Upcoming Activities:

No Evening Activities

Thursday, July 2nd

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 3rd

WMU Bible Study

Wednesday, July 8, 2 pm, Mrs. Dennis' Home

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 9, 5:00 pm, Library

Dayfriends

Tuesday, July 14, 11:45 am, Five Guys

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 5:15 pm, Library

Sr. Adult Luncheon & Bible Study

Tuesday, July 21, 11 am, Fellowship Hall

Business Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Dayfriends

Tuesday, July 28, 11:45 am, Five Guys

Sr. Adults' Dinner Out

Wednesday, July 29, 5 pm, Good Ol Boys

Sanctuary Choir

After a few weeks of well deserved "vacation" the Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsal Thursday, July 23rd at 6:45 pm. This will be an excellent time for new singers to join us!!! In addition to preparation for Sunday's worship, we will begin preparation for an all A Cappella program which we will present on Sunday evening, September 20th. This program will include A Cappella music in a variety of styles including classic, African-American Spirituals, American Folk Hymns, traditional anthems, and Gospel. Whether you sing in the choir or not I hope you will mark September 20th on you calendar. If you have questions concerning participating in the Sanctuary Choir, please contact Dale Peterson or any member of the choir. We would love to have you join us!!!



Sanctuary Choir Members..

July Rehearsal Schedule:

July 2	No rehearsal
July 9	No rehearsal
July 16	No rehearsal
July 23	Rehearsal at 6:45
July 30	Rehearsal at 6:45



Sundays of Summer, 6-8 pm
 July 12 - Boyer-Lusche's
 July 19 - The Crandell's
 July 26 - The Johnston's
 (bring your swimsuit and towel)

Lunch Downtown
 Wednesdays, Noon-1 pm
 Meet Harris at office &
 walk downtown for lunch.

PASSPORTchoices
 July 5-10, Wingate, NC

ICE CREAM

July 9, following dinner
 We will walk to Cold Stone for Ice Cream!

At the Sea with Jesus

We touched the sand, smelled the ocean breeze, heard the waves, and felt the love of God through the stories of Jesus by the Sea! Thank you to the following people who helped our children experience the profound wonder of God's presence in Vacation Bible School 2009:



Abby Armstrong, Henry Armstrong, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Bliss Bailey, Eliza Banu, Kitty Boyer, Carol Burkhalter, Pooie Cantrell, Cindy Cleveland, Mary Ann Dell, Lynn Eden, Steve Eden, Harris Gessner, Jessye Gessner, Peggy Johnson, Elizabeth Lusche, Sarah Lusche, Sharlene McDaniel, Kelly Meeks, Jamie Popwell, Lydia Satcher, Christine Shumock, Jennifer Stubblefield, Wes Stubblefield, Andrew Smith, Beth Smith, Beth Lewis Smith, Dewayne Smith, Drew Smith, Meagan Smith, Sydney Smith, Cynthia Smithart, Mark Thornton, Jan Thornton, John Thornton, Kellie Wilson, Mark Wilson, Terri Wood, Belinda Wright, & Carole Zugazaga.

For more information stop by the office and get a copy of the newspaper produced by our 6th Graders, Jerusalem News, that provides detailed reporting and pictures of this year's VBS.



Tuesday Night Bible Study
Theology in the Theater
 July 7 led by Jessica Sherrill
 July 14 led by Dawn Lowery
 July 21 led by Harris Gessner
 July 28 led by Ruth
 College Room, 7:00 - 9:00

**Jump and Jive
 in
 June and July**



Cool Treats
 Fun in the Sun
 Park n' Play
 Downtown Excursions

Ages 4 thru 12
 are invited to join
 Ms. Alica and Ms. Jessye
 Thursdays between 5:50 and 6:30 pm
 Gather on the courtyard

7/2	No Evening Activities	7/23	Jump and Jive
7/9	Jump and Jive	7/30	Jump and Jive
7/16	Passportkids Report		

AFBC's Jail Ministry

Of all the things Jesus listed that we should do for the least of these, visiting prisoners may be the hardest. But there is a group of women in AFBC who carry out that ministry faithfully, every week. It began in 1989 when Helen Brown was inspired by a home missionary at Shocco to begin a prison ministry. Given the go-ahead by the Lee County sheriff, Helen began meeting weekly with women in the Lee County jail for Bible study and counseling. Several years ago, Mary Virginia Moore and Ann Crance became regular members of the team. From 20 to 25 women attend these sessions. They are black, white, old, young, literate, illiterate, Christian, and non-Christian. They are encouraged to participate in reading the Scripture and sharing whatever talents they have. Helen says, Our whole purpose is to bring the message of the love of Christ to people who have made wrong choices. His plan for people and the difference it makes in lives is taught. We attempt to maintain a non-judgmental attitude, to be empathetic toward the inmates situation, to gain their trust, and to focus on their needs. At Christmas, the whole church has a chance to participate in the jail ministry as we join with several other churches to provide 150 of the 400 gift boxes needed for the entire jail population, men and women alike. In the spring, AFBC also provides Easter boxes for the women. The AFBC Jail Ministry Committee, which Helen chairs, includes Ann and Johnie Crance, Sarah and Jim Nichols, Vera and Jerrell McNutt, Mary Virginia Moore, and Charles Segrest. Another member of AFBC, Gwynne Lovelady, conducts a prison ministry of her own, an outgrowth of the social work she does professionally during the week. One Saturday a month in Montgomery, she conducts a worship service with a group of boys 12 to 18 years old who are in Alabama's second-highest security prison for serious repeat offenses. Eliza Banu often joins Gwynne in this work.



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<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 am	Church Supper	5:15 pm
Morning Worship	11:00 am	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 pm

Thursday-July 2nd

No Evening Activities

Friday-July 3rd

Church Office Closed

Sunday-July 5th

Youth Leave for Passport Camp (July 5-10), Wingate, NC

Tuesday-July 7th

College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-July 8th

WMU Bible Study Mrs. Dennis' Home 2:00 pm

Thursday-July 9th

Stewardship Committee Mtg. Library 5:00 pm

Jump and Jive Courtyard 5:50 pm

Youth Excursion Cold Stone 5:50 pm

Sunday-July 12th

Youth SOS Boyer/Lusche Home 6:00 pm

Tuesday-July 14th

DayFriends Five Guys Burgers 11:45 am

CDC Committee Mtg. Library 5:15 pm

College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-July 15th

Youth Downtown Lunch Church Office Noon

Brazil Mission Team Leaves (July 15-30)

Thursday-July 16th

Children/Youth Passport Pres. Fellowship Hall 5:50 pm

Sunday-July 19th

Youth SOS The Crandell's 6:00 pm

Tuesday-July 21st

Sr. Adult Luncheon Fellowship Hall 11:00 am

College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-July 22nd

Youth Downtown Lunch Church Office Noon

Thursday-July 23rd

Jump and Jive Courtyard 5:50 pm

Business Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 pm

Sunday-July 26th

Youth SOS The Johnston's 6:00 pm

Tuesday-July 28th

DayFriends Five Guys Burgers 11:45 am

College Bible Study College Room 7:00 pm

Wednesday-July 29th

Youth Downtown Lunch Church Office Noon

Sr. Adult Supper Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 pm

Thursday-July 30th

Jump and Jive Courtyard 5:50 pm

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 pm

From the Pulpit

- July 5** A Thorn, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- July 12** Alica Kirkpatrick-Bremer Preaching
- July 19** Dividing Walls, Ephesians 6:1-21
- July 26** Sharing Lunch, John 6:1-21

(Unless otherwise indicated, Dr. James L. Evans will preach.)

Serving the Month of July

Greeters: Hazel Lee, Carol Womer, Stuart Loche, Candy Curenton, Mike and Jeannie Bumgarder
Ushers: Bob McGuire, Frank Randle,
Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims Jim Spence
Offering: Pilgrims **Visitation:** Carl and Neda Hill

Serving July 5

Counters: Charles Segrest, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas
Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Brenda Evans, Lynn Eden, Scott Lee, Betsy Jordan, Gloria Nyankima
Sound & Light: Dan Mackowski

Serving July 12

Counters: Wayne Murphy, Donna Bennett, Mike Evans
Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Tracy Cline, Beth Smith, Terry Scott, Jennifer Stubblefield, Elizabeth Lusche
Light & Sound: David Sutton

Serving July 19

Counters: Carl Hill, Wallace Baldwin, James Nichols
Extended Session: Alison Sutton, Carole Zugazaga, Lloyd Riggs, Michelle Matin, Cynthia Smithart, Sarah Armstrong
Light & Sound: Chad Parish

Serving July 26

Counters: Aaron Green, Libby Ware
Extended Session: Donna Starks, Christine Shumock, Megan Smith, Peter Lusche, Anne Adrian, Maggie Scott
Light & Sound: Robert Taylor

FINANCIALS

January - May, 2009

GENERAL FUND BUDGET.....	\$344,090.16
GENERAL FUND INCOME.....	\$292,601.46
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES.....	\$305,519.31