



AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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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*Embrace God's Mission:
One Step at a Time*

*GMO Sunday, March 7
11 am Worship Service*

Guest Speaker: Terri Byrd, Associate Coordinator
for Congregational Life and Missions
Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

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

More information about GMO inside.

From the Pastor's Pen:

By now you have probably already made your commitment to the Renovation and Renewal project. You have either made a one time gift or have pledged to an installment plan for six months or a year. For your commitment and dedication I give thanks to God.

As it turns out, we are not quite finished measuring the depth and breadth of our commitment. As we move into the Lenten season we discover it is time for our annual Global Ministries Offering.

You may be thinking, "You've got to be kidding!" First the General Fund, then the R&R campaign, and now Global Ministries. Believe me, I am very sensitive to the financial stress these various campaigns put on all of us. But consider the alternative.

The Global Ministries Offering is our way of reaching the world. These monies don't benefit us, they benefit others. Our calling is to be as faithful as we can to addressing world hunger and poverty, health care needs in Lowndes County, housing needs in Lee County, and all the others as well.

Some might say, "Well, should we give until it hurts?" No, I don't think that is wise, nor is it biblical. The New Testament principle of giving is not "give until it hurts," but rather "give as we have been given." That's all God asks of us—that we give in the same proportion as has been given to us. To those who have been given much, much is required. To those to whom less is given, less is required. Each of us is only asked to do what we can do.

So for now, it's all piling up on us at once. It will not always be this way. By next year when our Renovation and Renewal project is complete we can return to normal. And over time the money we will save in maintenance and energy costs will be an obvious good investment. It's challenging now, but sometimes a challenge can be good for us. I won't invoke the old cliché, "What doesn't kill us makes us stronger." But sometimes, when we meet a challenge, it does make us stronger and more dedicated. And those are good things.

--Jim



GMO Sunday Guest Speaker

Terri Byrd
Associate Coordinator for
Congregational Life and Missions,
Alabama CBF

Terri received her B.A. from Mercer University, Macon and her M.T.S. from Beeson Divinity School, Samford. She was ordained at Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham and has served in several churches including, Bayshore Baptist Church in Tampa, Riverchase Baptist Church in Hoover, and Helena United Methodist in Helena, Alabama. Terri's husband, Paul, is a Pediatric Chaplain at Children's Hospital and they have two teenagers - a son Turner, and a daughter, Evann.



R & R Committee Update

"Why I am Supporting the Renovation and Renewal Campaign"

As I look through the new windows in the CDC's office I see the working progress everyday. It gives me a heightened sense of improvement for the children and families of the CDC as well as for our children of our church family! As we all envision how our dollars will be best spent for a long term investment, my eyes see needs all around. Because of the drainage issues we have in our courtyard playground, there are very few if any Sundays where our children can enjoy the outdoors. As spring and summer approach wouldn't it be great to see our little ones swinging, sliding and playing in an area that won't spoil even their "Sunday's best." With our new windows coming soon to the education building, heating and cooling will be done more efficiently and all the broken panes (from our future little football players and little leaguers) will all be fixed. The new doors will ensure more safety for our loved ones while in Sunday school and worship. I don't know about you but I get excited more and more each week despite the noise of the workers and the small inconvenience of blocking the front entrance on a daily basis. To know that we are offering the very best to our children is one of the many reasons my family and I support this very important renovation and renewal project!

Jennifer Stubblefield, CDC Director

2010 Global Ministries Offering

\$1,000.00	I. Promotion and Expenses
\$1,000.00	Education, honoraria, and publicity
\$12,800.00	II. International Ministries
\$4,600.00	Global Missions Offering of the CBF
\$ 600.00	Baptist World Alliance
\$2,000.00	World Hunger
\$2,000.00	SIFAT
\$ 300.00	International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague
\$1,500.00	Watering Malawi
\$ 300.00	SEC Brazil School
\$1,500.00	Project Hope, Raposa Baptist Church, Raposa, Brazil
\$4,500.00	III. National Ministries
\$3,500.00	GMO of the CBF to be used in the U. S.
\$ 500.00	Alabama Disaster Relief Team sponsored by the ABSC
\$ 500.00	McAfee School of Theology @ Mercer University
\$15,700.00	IV. State and Local Ministries
\$1,500.00	Kathleen Mallory Offering (Alabama WMU)
\$3,000.00	WE HELP Coalition of Habitat for Humanity of Lee County
\$2,000.00	Sowing Seeds of Hope
\$5,000.00	Community Market
\$1,000.00	Alabama Poverty Project
\$1,000.00	Rebuilding Together
\$1,500.00	Community Care Network
\$ 700.00	Christian Women's Job Corp*
\$34,000.00	2010 Global Ministries Offering Total
	*New item for 2010.

YOUTH Connection



Prayer Breakfast

@ Chick-Fil-A on Magnolia
Wednesday, March 3 & 10
6:45 AM

Youth Sunday Night

6-7:30 pm, Youth Room
March 7

Living Water

Welcome Table: Beth Smith

Dinner: Ronda West & Chris Johnston

Thursday Night Hang Out

March 4
5:50 - 6:30 pm
Youth Room

Mission Madness

April 16-18
First Baptist Church, Huntsville
Total Cost - \$98
Balance due by April 1

Preschool Pajama Party Pizza and a Movie

Friday, March 5

5 pm - 8 pm , Fellowship Hall



Embracing Love....

Special thanks to our Children's Committee for the wonderful time, place, and food offered to our children, and their families, for the February 14th, Children's Luncheon! I had several people say to me, early that morning, how beautifully transformed the Fellowship Hall was for this event. And, as I passed children in the hallways you could feel and hear the anticipation growing. They knew a great time was coming!

And, it did! I had the best time sitting at the table with the Wirth family (from Germany). They had never had, or heard of, a root beer/coke float. The parents were a little concerned about such an idea.....but the girls loved them! Amelie had at least 3, maybe 4! And, at one time (I've heard this before from our children) she exclaimed, "This is the best day of my life!"

The Children's Committee has this annual luncheon "down to a science".....but, it felt more like a "labor of love" to me.

On behalf of the congregation...THANKS! to our Children's Committee for loving our children so well.

Alica

Children's Committee: Eliza Banu, Carol Burkhalter, Elizabeth Cox, Steve Eden, Gena Isbell, Sharlene McDaniel, Kelly Meeks (chair), Suzanne Parish, Lydia Satcher, Beth Smith, Jennifer Stubblefield, Jan Thornton, Terri Wood



Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, March 14

Don't forget to set your clocks to
Spring Forward one hour
before going to bed Saturday night.

If you have not signed up for a Tuesday Night meal for the college students, we have plenty of opportunities for you to do so.



E-mail Ruth at ruthperkinslee@mindspring.com.

Spring Break Schedule Changes

Sunday, March 14
No evening activities

Thursday, March 18
No services
SANCTUARY CHOIR
WILL HAVE REHEARSAL



College Choir
Tuesdays
6:15 pm, Choir Room

Tuesday Night Bible Study
7:00 - 9:00 pm, College Room
March 2 and 9

DayFriends

Tuesday, March 9, 11:45 am, Acapulco's

CDC Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 5:30 pm, Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 5:00 pm, Library

Bible Encounter Presentation

and

Special Called Business Meeting

Report from Ordination Council for Ruth Perkins Lee

Thursday, March 11, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Easter Lilies

If you would like to order Easter Lilies to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, the request must be in the church office by **Sunday, March 21st**. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



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

Tuesday-March 2nd

College Choir	Choir Room	6:15 pm
College Supper and Bible Study ..	College Room	7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 3rd

Youth Prayer Breakfast	Chick-fil-A	6:45 am
Conversational English	Education Bldg.	9:00 am
Village Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	11:30 am

Thursday-March 4th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:45 pm
Mission Adventure	Education Bldg.	5:50 pm
Youth Hang Out	Youth Room	5:50 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 pm

Friday-March 5th

Preschool Pajama Party	Fellowship Hall	5:00 pm
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Sunday-March 7th

Bible Encounter	Activities Bldg.	4:00 pm
Children's & Youth Choirs	Ed. Bldg./Choir Room	5:00 pm
Discipleship Training	Act. Bldg/F. H.	5:00 pm
Youth Sunday Night	Youth Room	6:00 pm

Tuesday-March 9th

DayFriends	Acapulco's	11:45 am
CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 pm
College Choir	Choir Room	6:15 pm
College Supper and Bible Study ..	College Room	7:00 pm

Wednesday-March 10th

Youth Prayer Breakfast	Chick-fil-A	6:45 am
Conversational English	Education Bldg.	9:00 am
Village Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	11:30 am

Thursday-March 11th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:45 pm
Stewardship Committee	Library	5:00 pm
Mission Adventure	Education Bldg.	5:50 pm
Bible Encounter Presentation	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
Special Called Bus. Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 pm

Sunday-March 14th

No Evening Activities

From the Pulpit

March 7 **GMO Sunday**
 Guest Speaker: Terri Byrd
"It Takes a Village"
John 11:33-44

March 14 **Embrace the Grace**
Luke 15:11-32

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

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Dee Williams, Chris Johnston, Dick Graves, Randy West

Loaves & Fishes: Mary Martha Sunday School Class

Offering: Youth

Ushers: Tom Brown, Jim Williams, Jim Spence

Visitation: Alan and Sue Walker

Serving March 7

Counters: Bill Alford, Aaron Green, Libby Ware

Extended Session: Dodie Gross, Carole Zugazaga, Cindy Cleveland, Beth Smith, Terry Scott, Jennifer Stubblefield, Elisabeth Lusche

Sound & Light: Andy Yohn

Serving March 14

Counters: Charles Segrest, Alice Lumpkin, Gladys Thomas

Extended Session: Belinda Wright, Tiffany Lonis Shumate, Donna Starks, Christine Shumock, Lloyd Riggs, Michelle Matin, Cynthia Smithart, Andrew Smith

Light & Sound: Dan Mackowski

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