

**WORSHIP***Turning the Page*

By: Tripp Martin

January 6th

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

January 13th

*Baptism of the Lord*

Isaiah 43:1-7

Psalm 29

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

We are turning the page on another year! It is always an opportunity to begin again, letting go of what we need to put down and taking hold of what we need to carry forward. New Year's resolutions are rooted in fresh beginnings. In these first weeks of 2019, we will be surrounded by conversations about resolutions.

As we turn the page on another year, we might reclaim some bedside reading, turning the pages of books. The practice of reading and study for enjoyment, growth, and reflection has always been a practice of the church. In a world, which calls us to move at lightening speed, reading can slow us down.

If you are interested in this practice, the choices are endless, but here are several titles which might be of interest. The novel, *Hannah Coulter*, by Wendell Berry tells the story of a small town drawing on the riches of community and faith.

The classic by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*, is also of interest. Bonhoeffer is known for his courage and execution during World War II, returning to Germany and serving the Church at a perilous time. He is well-known for the book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, but *Life Together* discusses the collective spirit of the church.

The book, *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*, by Parker Palmer is another good option. He tells stories from his own life about finding a deeper sense of purpose. It speaks of the spirituality of work and how our faith intersects our daily lives.

Another classic is by Howard Thurman, *Disciplines of the Spirit*. Thurman was an African-American poet and theologian, and he was one of the major influences on Martin Luther King, Jr. He writes with brevity and insight about several disciplines of our faith.

Finally, the book, *Sabbath*, by Dan B. Allender is an interesting reflection on the practice of Sabbath. It discusses the enjoyment of Sabbath, where we have time for the presence of God.

Of course, there are many other books we might choose. Turning the pages of a book as we turn the page on another year is always a welcomed invitation to prayerful reflection and hopeful renewal.

**REMINDERS****Committee Night**

Sunday, January 6, 6:15 p.m.

Locations to be announced.

All committee members are asked to participate in this kick-off event for a new committee year. Committee rosters and locations for each committee will be posted Sunday morning, January 6.

*(Childcare will be provided.)***Deacon Ordination**

Sunday, January 27

11:00 a.m., Worship

**Quarterly Business Meeting**

Thursday, January 31,

6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Agenda Items: 2018 Financials, 2019 Nominating Committee Members

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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.

**Advent De-decorating***Sunday, January 6th, 4:30 p.m.*

The Flower Committee will take down and put away all of the Advent decorations and need as many helpers as possible. Please plan to join them if you can.

**BYPTC is coming!***Sunday, January 6th, 5:00 p.m.*

Parents: do you ever wonder *exactly* what your children and their friends do between 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evenings when you bring them to choir? It's not ALL music (although it is that); nor is it ALL fun and games (although it is that as well).

**BYPTC** stands for *Bring Your Parents to Choir*, and this year we're doing it a little bit differently by welcoming special guest Terry Taylor (Managing Editor of the *Growing in Grace* children's choir curriculum). Terry brings over 40 years' experience writing children's choir curriculum and composing children's music – as well as music ministry in churches in Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia, and Oklahoma. He currently serves as Bi-Vocational Minister of Music at Tusculum Hills Baptist Church in Nashville, TN, and is the founder and Co-Conductor of the Children's Freedom Choir, a group represented by more than 200 youth of 15 distinct ethnicities from 5 continents (many of whom arrived in the U.S. as refugees). He is also a passionate advocate for music in the public schools. He will lead us all - children, parents, AFBC choir leaders - in some delightful activities that will help us get a running start on the new year.

What do you need to do? Just show up with your youngun(s) on Sunday afternoon, January 6th at 5:00 p.m., and we'll take care of the rest!

**Thursday Evening Activities***5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on Tuesday of each week.  
**Resumes January 10.**

*"Living Hospitality"*  
*January 10, 17, and 24*  
*Led by Tripp Martin*

On Thursday, January 31, we will have our first Quarterly Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**Round Table**

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*  
Resumes January 13.

**"Martin Luther: Apostle of Reform"**

*Sunday, January 13th*  
A Drama by Jeff Damron

**J-Term Class**

**"Our Cup Runneth Over: Faith and Joy"**  
*January 27, February 3, 10, & 17*  
Led by Tripp Martin

At the heart of our faith is joy. We celebrate the joy of creation, redemption, and hope! We will reflect on the joy of our life and faith.

January 27 – Joy in Victory  
February 3 – Joy in Defeat  
February 10 – Joy and Justice  
February 17 – Joy and Community

**Connecting Faith and Family**

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom*  
Resumes January 13.

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will discuss *Sticky Faith: Everyday Ideas to Build Lasting Faith in Your Kids* by Dr. Kara E Powell and Dr. Chap Clark. All are welcome!

**Bible Study & Breakfast**

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*  
*College Room (Activities Building)*

College Tuesday Night Bible Study  
*7:00 p.m., Activities Building*  
Resumes January 15.  
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

*If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, please email Laura at [laura@auburnfbc.org](mailto:laura@auburnfbc.org) or contact the church office at 334-887-8506.*

YOUTH

**Thursday Nights**

5:15 p.m. Dinner

5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

*Resumes January 10.*

**Youth Choir      Youth Sunday Nights**

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.,      Sundays, 6:00 p.m.,  
Choir Room      Youth Room

*Resumes January 13.      Resumes January 13.*

**Youth Committee Meeting**

Sunday, January 6th, 12:00 p.m.

Youth Room

THANK YOU

**Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry  
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

**Congratulations, AFBC Family!**

During quite a number of weeks, many members of our church family—TOO MANY TO MENTION—have been working hard at completing 150 Christmas boxes for the inmates at Lee County Detention Center. We happily attest to another successful year!

You have supplied and wrapped shoe boxes, given enough Christmas cards to supply five for each box, and provided funds for the purchase of 750 stamps for mailing the cards as well as supplying other box contents. Thanks to each one of you who joined us for the filling of the boxes. The Jail Ministry team is deeply grateful for the valiant work of all Sunday School classes and other church members, staff and friends.

Many thanks are due to each one of you and our Jail Ministry personnel. We include our deep gratitude for our wonderful leader and long-time mentor, Helen Brown.

The completed Christmas boxes were delivered to Lee County Detention Center on Tuesday, December 18 in time for the various Christmas services on December 19. Each of the 750 inmates received a filled box following the services.

We are indebted to the Women’s Missionary Union of Central Baptist Church, Opelika and to their leader, Peggy Carroll, who for the last three years have supplied and wrapped fifty of our boxes for us.

We are so very grateful to each one of you, who has helped with this work! May you continue to receive many blessings in having done so!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Dinner	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday - 1st</b>	<i>Church Office Closed</i>		
<b>Thursday - 3rd</b>			
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room		6:45 p.m.
	<i>No Evening Activities</i>		
<b>Sunday - 6th</b>			
Children’s Committee Meeting.....	Fellowship Hall		12:00 p.m.
Senior Adult Committee Mtg.....	Library		12:00 p.m.
Youth Committee Meeting .....	Youth Room		12:00 p.m.
Advent De-decorating.....	Sanctuary		4:30 p.m.
Bring Your Parents to Choir .....	Education Building		5:00 p.m.
Committee Night .....	TBA		6:15 p.m.
<b>Tuesday - 8th</b>			
Caring Hands .....	Fellowship Hall		5:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday - 9th</b>			
Conversational English .....	Education Building		9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting .....	Library		5:45 p.m.
<b>Thursday - 10th</b>			
First Bells.....	Choir Room		12:30 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time .....	Youth Room		5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventures.....	Education Building		5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room		6:45 p.m.
<b>Sunday - 13th</b>			
College Committee Meeting .....	Library		12:00 p.m.
Mission Committee Meeting.....	Library		4:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir .....	Education Building		5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir .....	Choir Room		5:00 p.m.
The Round Table .....	Fellowship Hall		5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family .....	Fishers’ Room		5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter .....	Education Building		6:00 p.m.
YSN .....	Youth Room		6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday - 15th</b>			
Senior Adult Luncheon.....	Fellowship Hall		11:00 a.m.
TNBS.....	College Room		7:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

**Passport Kids Camp**

*July 16-19, 2019*

Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina

Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit: \$50

Total: \$275 (includes deposit)

*Email church office to sign up!*

**Children’s Choirs (3\* year olds – 5th Grade)**

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

*\*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.*

*Resumes January 6 for Bring Your Parent to Choir Night.*

**Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)**

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

*Resumes January 13.*

**Spark Adventure**

*Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building*

**Helpers:**

*January 10th: Katharine Martin*

*January 17th: Carolyn Grimes*



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MISSIONS

**Missions in 2018**

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2018, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. We can reflect on the financial gifts to missions, which are important, but they are also just part of the story. There are the hands and feet of missions, which cannot be counted. We are grateful for all the ways in which the church serves!

In addition to the financial gifts we can highlight, the youth coordinated another Rise Against Hunger Event, packing meals for others, and the college students helped packed Christmas boxes for the Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry. The children of the church and the Caring Hands ministry baked cookies for the WeHelp Coalition annual Cookie Walk. We also hosted the Campus Kitchens student group from Auburn University and held a Baby Shower for the Community Market.

The Brasil Team also built another church and cared for neighborhood children. We continue to partner with others, doing more together than we could do by ourselves!

We could never name everything that takes place through the missions of the church, but we are grateful for the work behind us and the opportunities before us. We could also never name the number of people who volunteer and serve individually in various community ministries.

<b>Global Ministries Offering, March 2018</b>	\$21,485.00
<b>Benevolence Offering in 2018</b>	\$8,343.35
<b>Mission Trust Fund</b>	\$16,000.00
<b>Youth Mission Fund</b>	\$5,695.00
<b>Children's Sabbath Mission Offering (Food Bank)</b>	\$1,204.00
<b>CBF Missions</b>	\$36,959.18
<b>Missions in General Fund</b>	\$6,871.38

**Serving the Month of January**

**Greeters:** Dee Williams & Brenda McCord  
**Visitors:** Kyle Willian & Melissa Reeves  
**Loaves & Fishes:** Seekers

**Serving January 6, 2019**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre  
**Sound & Light:** Lindsay Crosby  
**Extended Session:** Alex Ritenbaugh, Amber Berry-Moore, Lesley Odom, Mark Coxwell, Ruthie Spiers, Candy Enkeboll, Julie McClanahan

**Serving January 13, 2019**

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, and Hazel Lee  
**Sound & Light:** Lynli Cantrell-Wright  
**Extended Session:** Anne Randle, Franklin Randle, Suzanne Parish, Shane Dunn, Ella Boone, Brian Ledbetter, Jo Jones

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