

## WORSHIP

### *Draw Near*

By: *Tripp Martin*

November 18th

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*  
1 Samuel 1:4-20  
1 Samuel 2:1-10

On Sunday, November 25, we will celebrate Christ the King Sunday, which is the last and final Sunday of the Church Year. The culmination of the year recognizes the glory of God in Christ as King. This means that Sunday, December 2 begins the next Church Year, so it is the First Sunday of Advent. On this Sunday, we begin to anticipate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

November 25th

*Christ the King Sunday*  
John 18:33-37  
Revelation 1:4-8

Our theme for Advent this year will be *Draw Near*. We will ponder drawing near to God as we await God drawing near to us. The days of Advent focus on preparation. We prepare our lives to receive Emmanuel, or “God with us”.

Lay Worship Leader for November:  
Chad Parish

The conspiracy of Advent is that God is up to something. God secretly plans to bring hope to every place of despair. God intends to bring peace to a broken world. God is going to smuggle joy into all of creation. God will light up the world with a love so bright that darkness could never overcome it.

## REMINDERS

### **Poinsettia Orders**

Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for the Christmas season. You may order these flowers “In memory of” or “In honor of” a loved one by completing the form and returning it to the church office with your check for \$15 by *November 15th*.

We await the arrival of God’s hope, peace, joy, and love at Christmas, and as we wait, we are shaped by our anticipation. Since we wait for these gifts of God’s grace to arrive, they begin to take shape in the world now. It is the impact of our expectations.

Our preparation and waiting also creates space for the arrival of Jesus, like John the Baptist preparing a way for the Lord. We create space within the community of faith, where God’s hope, peace, joy, and love are born. In each of our lives, we create space by becoming more aware of the needs for such gifts in this world, inviting ourselves to share them with others.

### **Advent Family Workshop**

*Sunday, November 25th, 6:15 p.m.*  
*Fellowship Hall*

We rejoice at Christmas because of our preparation at Advent! We recognize yet again that God is at work, drawing near to this world, so in preparation for God’s arrival, we draw near to God.

### **Family Night at Christmas and Cookie Fellowship**

*Sunday, December 2nd*  
*6:15 p.m.*

Please bring cookies to share!

\* The email addresses for the church staff will be changing in December. The new email addresses are on the back of the newsletter.

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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 Family Workshop

Sunday, November 25th, 6:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall  
RSVP by November 21st

Please RSVP by signing up to bring a food item by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4fa4a72babf85-family>

Our theme for Advent this year is “Draw Near.” Come enjoy dinner and create a craft with your family that you can take home and enjoy during the Advent season. See you there!

## A Season of Music

Sunday evening, December 2, 6:15 p.m. –

### Family Night at Christmas

with music from our  
*Preschool and Children’s Choirs,  
and Youth Choir*

Followed by our renowned **Cookie Fellowship**  
*Bring your favorite cookies to share!*

Sunday morning, December 9, 11:00 a.m. –

### The Newborn King

led by our Sanctuary Choir with First Bells, Youth Choir, and Brass Ensemble

## Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on Tuesday of each week.



### Annual Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

November 15th

5:15 p.m.

Coleman Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal.  
*(No charge for this meal.)*

### Christmas Potluck & Special Called Business Meeting

December 6th, 5:15 p.m.

Coleman 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 following items will be on the agenda:

A report from the Committee on Committees, a report from the Stewardship Committee (2019 budgets), election of deacons, recommendation for Child Protection Policy Addendum, and recommendation for the Jail Ministry.

## Thank You!

We are grateful to the Memorial Committee for the new furniture in the sitting area outside of the Fellowship Hall. The new couch and chairs are beautiful additions, which enhance this area of the church. We are also thankful for the gifts in memory of friends, family, and members of our congregation, which have made this possible.

## Round Table

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

“Science and Spirituality”

Wayne Shell

November 18th & 25th

## Connecting Faith and Family

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

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!

# Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

## The Francis Ford State Mission Offering

*Sowing Seeds of Hope* in Perry County, Alabama serves the needs of poverty under the umbrella of *Together for Hope*, a twenty-year commitment to the twenty poorest counties in the country. Eighteen years ago, Francis Ford left her nursing career to become the Executive Director of *Sowing Seeds of Hope*. In recognition of her work, AL CBF has named its state mission offering in her honor. The offering supports AL CBF's various ministries. Auburn FBC has long supported this offering along with supporting *Sowing Seeds of Hope* directly. Francis Ford is a friend of AFBC, and we celebrate this honor with her!

### YOUTH

#### Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner  
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

#### Youth Choir

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

#### Youth Sunday Nights

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

#### YSN Field Trip

*Sunday, November 18th, Gay St Lot, 6:00-8:00 p.m.*  
We'll be traveling to Teresa Vest's home to roast hot dogs and make s'mores for supper and spend time packing candy bags for the Jail Ministry Christmas boxes.

#### BigHouse

We are collecting donations of toys and gift cards for The BigHouse Foundation's Santa's Workshop. We'll collect from now until December 2.

### COLLEGE

#### Christmas Boxes

*Tuesday, November 27th, Fellowship Hall, 7:00 p.m.*  
We will be packing Christmas boxes for the Jail Ministry.

#### College Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, December 2nd*

#### Bible Study & Breakfast

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

#### College Tuesday Night Bible Study

*7:00 p.m., Activities Building*  
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

#### Every Thursday

Dinner 5:15 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

#### Thursday - 15th

First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Annual Thanksgiving Meal..... Fellowship Hall 5:15 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

#### Sunday - 18th

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.

#### Wednesday - 21st

*Church Office Closes at Noon*

#### Thursday - 22nd

*Church Office Closed*  
*No Evening Activities*

#### Friday - 23rd

*Church Office Closed*

#### Sunday - 25th

Advent Decorating..... Sanctuary 3:00 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.  
Advent Family Workshop..... Fellowship Hall 6:15 p.m.

#### Tuesday - 27th

Dayfriends ..... Acapulco's 11:45 p.m.  
Caring Hands ..... Seekers' 5:30 p.m.  
Christmas Shoe Boxes ..... Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday - 28th

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

#### Thursday - 29th

First Bells..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
Youth Hang Out Time ..... Youth Room 5:45 p.m.  
Spark Adventure ..... Education Building 5:50 p.m.  
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal..... Choir Room 6:45 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.*

#### Bible Encounter (1st - 5th graders)

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

#### Spark Adventure

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

#### Helpers:

*November 15th: Not Meeting - Thanksgiving Meal*  
*November 22nd: No Evening Activities*  
*November 29th: Dawn Driggers*



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MISSIONS

**JAIL MINISTRY PROJECT 2018**

The \$15 covers the cost of a devotional book, ten envelopes, two pens, 1 pad of paper, 5 stamps, 5 Christmas cards to send, a game book, a deck of playing cards and candy. Kellie Wilson will be contacting Sunday School classes about helping to provide the postage stamps for the boxes. Checks should be made to AFBC (notation: Jail Ministry Christmas Project.)

PRODUCTION LINE

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 27th, Fellowship Hall  
VOLUNTEERS ARE VERY, VERY WELCOME!

**Global Ministries Offering Update**

**Goal: \$24,500.00**  
**Pledged: \$14,783.50**  
**Given toward pledge: \$12,887.50**  
**Given unpledged: \$6,555.00**  
**Total Given: \$19,442.50**

Serving the Month of November

**Greeters:** Nancy Roberts & Dee Williams  
**Visitors:** Chad Eastman  
**Offering:** Seekers & Sojourners  
**Loaves & Fishes:** Pilgrims

Serving November 18, 2018

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee  
**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish  
**Extended Session:** Betty Tatum, Lesley Odom, Amanda Oliver, Brian Ledbetter, Pooie Cantrell, Julie McClanahan, Cynthia Smithart

Serving November 25, 2018

**Counters:** Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols  
**Sound & Light:** Addison Meeks  
**Extended Session:** Alex Ritenbaugh, Charlotte Sutton, Pat Randle, Jay Spiers, Lynn Eden, Steven Eden, Leigh Anne Armstrong, Chad Parish

**Come Make Cookies!**

The Caring Hands group would like to invite interested church members to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, November 27 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to make cookies for the WeHelp Coalition Cookie Walk. Benefits from the sale of the cookies will go to Habitat for Humanity.

We will provide the supplies. You provide willing hands. We will fellowship together and support one of our church's ministries, while enjoying each others' company. Please let the church office know of your participation, so that we will have enough supplies.

**Cookie Walk**

*Saturday, December 1st, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Grace UMC*

We are invited to donate cookies to support Habitat for Humanity. Deliver cookies to Grace UMC on Friday, November 30th from 2:00-7:00 p.m.

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