



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

July 4th

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Ezekiel 2:1-5
Preacher, Mark Wilson

July 11th

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Luke 10:38-42
John 12:1-3
Preacher, Terri Byrd

July 18th

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Psalm 23
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Preacher, Laura Edgar

July 25th

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 12:1-3
Acts 13:1-3
Preacher, Wayne Flynt

Lay Worship Leader for July:
Penny Popwell

REMINDERS

Church Office Closed

Monday, July 5th

Promotion Sunday

August 8th

We will return to in-person Sunday School and Sunday night activities. Childcare will be provided.

Pancake Breakfast

9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Bibles & Backpacks

11:00 a.m., Worship Service

Thank You, Bryan King!

By: Morris Driggers

Among the things that we lost in the COVID-19 shut-down was the opportunity to give appropriate attention to the 20th anniversary of Bryan King's ministry to this congregation from the organ bench. We were already working on plans for a celebration sometime this Fall, when Bryan approached the church staff and personnel committee to inform us that he was also working on plans of his own: to enter into a well-earned retirement some time before the end of the year.

Finding a qualified organist in this day and time can be a challenging and slow process. Bryan King's approach to everything is always full of thought and care for others. So it was no surprise to anyone that he decided to wait until the search committee had completed that task to schedule his final Sunday. This past Sunday – June 27 – was that day. At the end of the service, I said that I would have opportunity to say more in this article. But everything I could possibly say would still fall far short of expressing the depth of gratitude that this body owes to one who has served so faithfully and so well. So instead, I offer another story ... this one from Bryan's work at Auburn University.

Shortly after I moved to Auburn in 2016, I visited the AU FarmHouse fraternity house with one of my 1981 pledge class brothers as alumni guests. As we introduced ourselves to the brother who greeted us on the front porch, I mentioned Auburn First Baptist Church. His eyes lit up as he exclaimed, "That's where Dr. King plays organ! Do you know him?" When I answered yes, he explained that as a freshman Pre-Med major he was required to take Music Appreciation; and, like most of his classmates, he saw it as just a hoop to jump through ... something to be endured, but no more. "I'm about to graduate and go on to medical school," he said. "But of all the courses I've taken at Auburn, Dr. King's Music Appreciation class was my absolute favorite—and he was hands-down my favorite professor! When you see him, would you please tell him that I said, 'Thank you'? ... Oh, and be sure to tell him that I still listen to Bach almost every day."

I am sure that my young FarmHouse brother is but one of many students who had similar experiences in your class. Bryan, you have impacted this congregation and countless Auburn students beyond my ability to put into words. If anyone has earned the privilege of retirement, you certainly have. Well done, my friend!

We look forward to our celebration later this Fall.

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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.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School

On Sunday, August 8, we will return to in-person Sunday School with childcare provided.

Round Table

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

“Belonging: 1 Corinthians”

Led by Tripp Martin

Begins Sunday, August 8th

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Begins Sunday, August 8th

THANK YOU

VBS: ReNew

From June 21-24, we were excited to host in-person Vacation Bible School. We had around 30 children and nearly 40 adults and youth participating and working with us this year. It was so wonderful to be together and to see so many smiling faces and energetic children in the building! Our theme this year was “ReNew” and children spent the week studying the Parable of the Sower. Through this parable, children engaged in thoughtful study about growing in faith, facing challenges, living together in God’s love and caring for our community and planet.

Our Mission Offering this year will be going to Campus Kitchens, a service organization at Auburn University which re-packages unserved meals from university dining halls and delivers them to people in need. Overall, the children raised just over \$250 for this organization!

We had a wonderful and fun week, and it was also very meaningful and powerful for these children. We know that along with the laughter and fun, there were moments of real growth and understanding. We are so proud of them and how this church continues to nurture them.

We would like to thank all of the VBS volunteers who worked so hard to make VBS so successful. We also thank you, our church family, for your support, care, and prayers throughout VBS. We are already looking forward to next year!

Cathy Summers and Sue Walker
VBS Directors

CHILDREN



Preschool Pool Party

Saturday, July 31st

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Mimms Trail Subdivision Pool
(Located off Mimms Trail on Pam Circle)

Breakfast will be provided. Remember to bring swimming gear, towels, and a change of clothes.

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2021

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Children’s Bible Study

Each week we post a Children’s Bible Study, which is compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

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Children’s Choirs (3 year olds – 5th Grade) & Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)

Resumes August 8th

Spark Adventure

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building
Resumes August 5th

COLLEGE

Tuesday Night Bible Study

Starts Tuesday, August 17th

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH 

July 18, 6:00 p.m.
Parish/Wilson
Location TBA

July 25, 6:00 p.m.
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Location TBA

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Depart: Monday, July 5 @ 8:00 a.m.

Return: Saturday, July 10 @ 4:00 p.m.

Youth Bibles

Our youth Bibles are an important part of our youth ministry at AFBC. Youth receive a new Bible when they enter 6th grade. They use these Bibles throughout their time in the youth ministry of Auburn First Baptist, studying them during Sunday School and Youth Sunday Nights, taking them along to camps and retreats, making notes in them as they learn and grow in their faith. When students graduate from high school, they are presented with their youth Bibles to take with them as they continue their journey of life and faith. We hope these Bibles will represent a sense of rootedness in faith for our young people.

As we approach a new school year, we invite our church family to purchase Bibles for the new group of students joining our youth ministry. Students will receive a letter letting them know who sponsored their Bible. They will know that you and your family have chosen to support their faith journey by providing a Bible for them. In this way, the Bibles will serve as an intergenerational connection point among members of our church. The Bibles will be NRSV, bonded leather, and will have the student's name on the front cover. Total cost is \$30.00 per Bible. Please prayerfully consider providing a Bible for one of our youth. Thank you!

Names for the Bibles:

Henry Aston
Hunter Martin

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 6:00 p.m.

Our weekly calendar will be determined by our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings. The tentative long-term plan is to begin our regular schedule in August. **Promotion Sunday will be August 8.**

**During the summer, please call Laura Edgar (334-233-2267) or Morris Driggers (864-981-0963) for pastoral care emergencies.*

Serving in July

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

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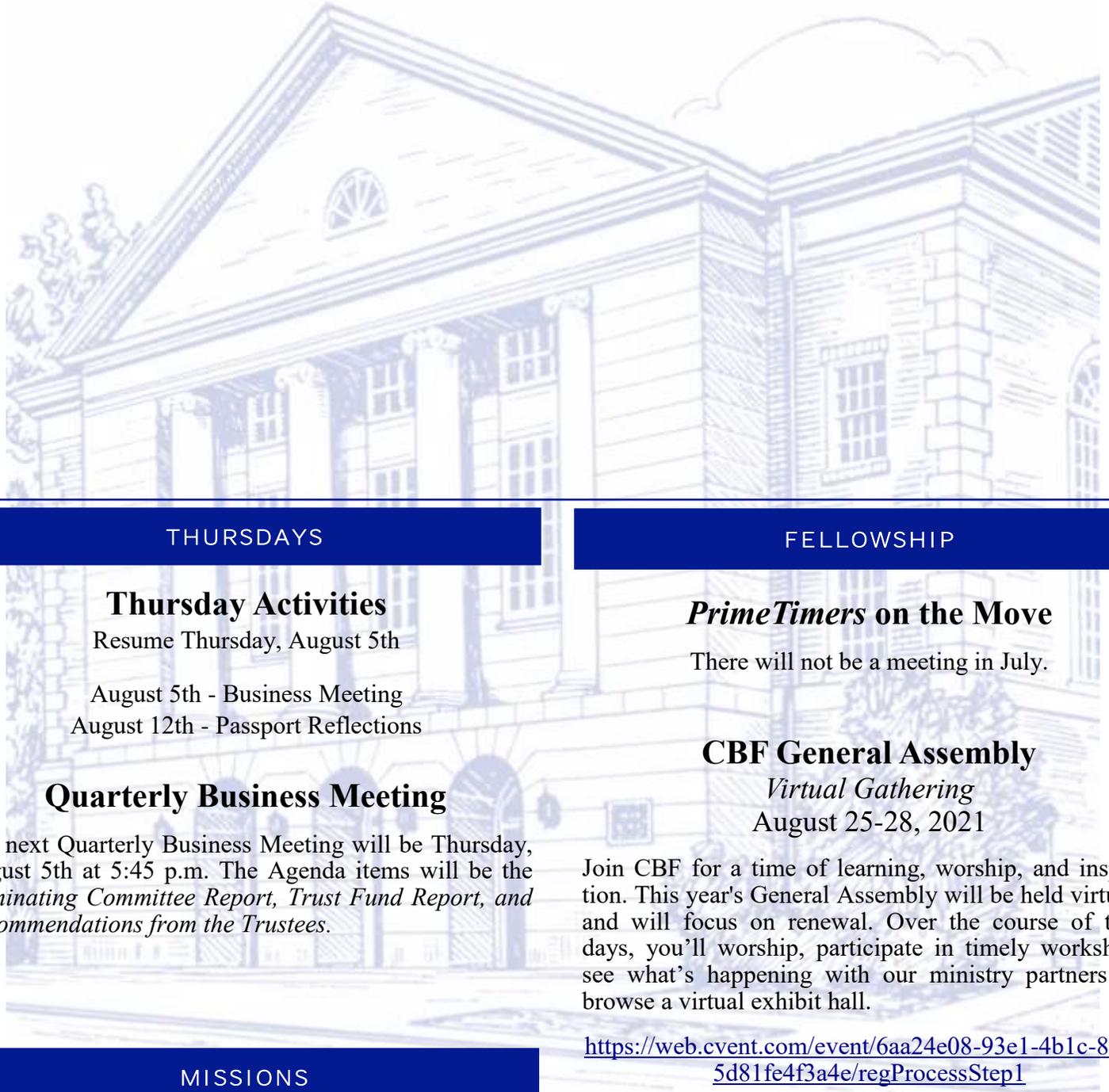
****We will only have one newsletter for the month of July.***



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THURSDAYS

Thursday Activities

Resume Thursday, August 5th

August 5th - Business Meeting

August 12th - Passport Reflections

Quarterly Business Meeting

Our next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Thursday, August 5th at 5:45 p.m. The Agenda items will be the *Nominating Committee Report, Trust Fund Report, and Recommendations from the Trustees.*

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

There will not be a meeting in July.

CBF General Assembly

Virtual Gathering

August 25-28, 2021

Join CBF for a time of learning, worship, and inspiration. This year's General Assembly will be held virtually and will focus on renewal. Over the course of these days, you'll worship, participate in timely workshops, see what's happening with our ministry partners and browse a virtual exhibit hall.

<https://web.cvent.com/event/6aa24e08-93e1-4b1c-836e-5d81fe4f3a4e/regProcessStep1>

MISSIONS

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class or individual would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$76.