

The purpose of the First Baptist Church of Auburn is to glorify God by developing disciples who know Christ personally as prescribed in God's Word, through worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach to our community and world.

From the Pastor And Be Thankful!

Do you have a prayer you love to pray? There are probably many prayers we have heard that, when spoken sincerely, touch us deeply.

A prayer before bedtime.



Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep;
Please angels watch me through the night,
And keep me safe till morning light. AMEN

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our 'God is a consuming fire.' Hebrews 12:28-29

A prayer before a meal.

Lord, thank you for this food. We are grateful for your provision. We ask that you would bless this food and continue to guide our family along your path. In the name of your son, AMEN



Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

A Prayer for Safe Travel



Lord, be our guide and protector. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm. Support us with your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of your presence and love. AMEN

And do not forget the Lord's prayer.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.



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NOVEMBER

Upcoming Events

Every Sunday –

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service – 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
Small Group Service – 4:45 p.m.

Every Wednesday –

Game Time – 4:30 p.m.
15 minutes of Prayer – 5:30 p.m.
AWANA – 6:00 p.m.

Every Thursday –

Quilting Circle – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 2 –

Men's Breakfast – 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5 –

Election Day!

Monday, November 11 – Women's

Ministry Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

Veterans' Day!

Tuesday, November 12 – Advisory Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 17 –

All church potluck
(right after the morning service)

Sunday, November 24 –

Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 26 –

Ladies' Breakfast at M's Cafe
in Midland – 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, November 27 –

Thanksgiving Service – 6:30 p.m.
(no other church activities)

Thursday, November 28 –

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*



Finances through October 20, 2024

We are currently **\$19,861.75 in the RED!**

From the Pastor ... *Continued from page 1*

When approached sincerely and meaningfully, these prayers become pillars that keep us supported.

Soon it will be Thanksgiving. Although we know to give thanks always, it is good to have one day specially set aside to give thanks.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4

Maybe a prayer like this:

Father, thank you for your goodness to us. We are thankful for your Son, Jesus, through whom we receive eternal life. Thank you for the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. I pray that my worship of You enlarges my grateful heart. Help me to treat others as You would have me treat them. Make us people of prayer and righteousness. And Lord, make us always thankful. AMEN

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Have a wonderful month and a joyful Thanksgiving. And remember...

... "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Colossians 3:17



Men's Breakfast!
November 2 at 9:00 a.m.

Ladies' Breakfast!
November 26 at 9:00 a.m.
... M's Cafe in Midland



Women's Ministry!
Meeting on November 11 ... 6:30 p.m.

New Year's Eve

A fun way to get to know each other is to spend time together!
Come out New Year's Eve at First Baptist Church,
December 31, 2024 from 6 PM to Midnight!

Lots of different games to choose from, or bring your own!

Refreshments and pizza available!

Bring your own cold drinks ...

Coffee and Tea will be provided!

Roofing Project

If you have been attending the Church meetings, you know that our church needs a new roof.

We have started a "Roof Fund" so that we can start building up enough money to meet the goal.

We still need approximately \$33,000.

We would appreciate any giving towards this goal. But, please, do not take away from your regular church giving.

Watch for upcoming fund raisers.

THANK YOU!

A Poem by Brandon Pawley

Mountain Trails.

*I stand now at the mountain's foot
Staring at the top.
The summit seems so close at hand
Although I know it's not.*

*But never shall I reach the peak
If I do not start.
I place my foot upon the path,
Resolve is in my heart.*

*The trail is steep and treacherous
As I make my way.
I find it hard and laborious
And hope my feet won't stray.*

*At times it rains or darkness comes
And makes the trail fade.
Yet, ever when I persevere
I find the trail paved.*

*In life there are a thousand ways
To travel in such lands.
Still, the way I've found that's best
Is when I'm in God's hands.*

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FLAGPOLE DEDICATION



GAME NIGHT

Every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

In the Church Library

If you have a favorite game, please bring it with you.



First Baptist Church of Auburn Financial Transparency Statement

In the name of full transparency, the Advisory Board and I feel the need to share the current state of the church's financial health with you.

On September 12 it was discovered that the church's financial health in relation to the General Fund was not in the position we believed it to be. In short, there is a discrepancy of roughly \$60,000 from what was reported in financial reports and what is actually in our bank account.

I want to be very clear: I am not telling you this to alarm you, but to inform you of the situation at hand. We understand the severity of the issue, and recognize that it is wholly unacceptable.

We are currently in contact with a third party to perform a full-scale financial audit to determine where and how the error occurred. Until further notice, the Advisory Board has frozen spending on all budget items deemed "non-essential". Utilities, taxes, service contracts, and salaries will still be paid in order to keep the church functioning until such time when we can get back into good financial standing.

The Advisory Board members are working diligently to implement the corrective measures I mentioned before and to ensure that our financial practices adhere to the highest standards. Please understand that this will take some time.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we address these issues, and we will keep you informed of our findings and actions. However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to talk with Pastor Ed, Mike Parker, or Christy Ziehmer. We will answer your questions to the best of our ability.