With the beginning of a new school year, let's commit to making the Lord our first priority. As you make your weekly schedules, make sure to include Church. These are the most important years in our children's lives. Bring the whole family to Sunday School and Worship.

Sunday School Promotion
August 18th @ 9:30am

VBS- Thank You
What a great week we had “in the wild”! We had a total enrollment of 138, with an average attendance of 107. There were 2 professions of faith and a few others to follow up with. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers! You are AWESOME!!! Thank you to everyone who donated items for snacks and crafts. Your donations were greatly appreciated!

Sunday, August 11th
5:00pm
@ Pastor & Patricia’s
Bring your favorite picnic food and a lawn chair. We will provide the drinks.

-ONE person you’re praying for and sharing the gospel with in 2019.
Every ONE counts!
Be intentional!
Welcome New Member~
Lyndsey McNally by baptism

Baptist Children’s Home
FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, September 21st
Donate a quilt for the silent auction or items for the silent auction. Info is posted on the bulletin board.

DONATE school supplies

The Auburn School District relies on donations from the community to help with school supplies for children in need. There is a collection box in the church foyer. Below is a list of needed items:

- Crayola classic color markers
- Crayola classic color fine line markers
- Glue sticks
- Headphones or earbuds
- Watercolor paints
- Wide ruled spiral notebooks
- Wide ruled paper
- Mead Composition notebooks
- Plastic snap lid pencil boxes
- Large 3" zip around binders
- 1" binders
- Pencils and mechanical pencils
- Red pens/blue pens/black pens
- Plastic folders with 3 holes
- Casio fx-260 solar scientific calculators
- Lice kits
- Deodorant
- Backpacks

Al’s ½ Note

“Shout for joy to the LORD all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Throughout the Bible we are commanded to worship and serve the LORD God. Psalm 100 can’t be more specific. This Psalm contains everything we should be doing in our life. It tells us not only to worship, but even spells out our attitude- to make it a joyful worship and to do it with gladness. We are to also enter His presence with thanksgiving and praise. We are to do this for many reasons: 1) He made us. In the beginning we are told that He made the first man, Adam, from the dust of the ground. He created us for His will and purpose, not ours. 2) since He made us, we belong to Him and not ourselves. Do we live this life with the recognition that we belong to Him? Mankind has sinned from almost the very beginning. The serpent lied to Eve saying she wouldn’t die and that her eyes would be opened and she would be like God. Then Adam was tempted and fell for the same lies. God made us for Himself, not our self. Even after the fall of mankind, God still loved us so much that He sent His one and only Son to pay the price for our disobedience and sin. God created us for His purpose, gave salvation to us through Jesus, and is still working on things for us in our everyday life. 3) we should worship Him with every fiber of our being because He is worth it. He is worthy of all our praise, love and adoration. He is worthy. Do our lives depict this attitude, or are we doing what we feel like and not recognize that “we belong to Him and not ourselves”?

Al’s ½ Note

“I want to start off by thanking everyone that helped with “In The Wild” Vacation Bible School! We had 99 children enrolled and 39 workers. I was glad to see all the children there, but I was also so pleased to see the 39 people who worked together in the name of Christ to minister to kids and share the Good News of Jesus. Actually there were many more than 39 that helped because I know many of you donated supplies for refreshments as well which were of course spectacular again this year! Thanks everyone! I praise the Lord for your service and rejoice as well in the 2 children that accepted Christ!

Reaching out to children doesn’t end with Vacation Bible School. Every Sunday we have Sunday School for all ages, and beginning on September 4th we will have TeamKID on Wednesdays from 6-7PM for kids PreK-6th grade. We need your help in reaching out to these children and their families. I am very thankful to Lori Jones and Sherri Dugger and others who have been leading TeamKID these past several years but we need others to join in this life changing ministry. Just as VBS took 39+ people to be effective, it takes more than just 2 or 3 to make TeamKID and Sunday School be effective in reaching children and their families. Wouldn’t it be great if we had several more people join our Children’s Ministry Team!!? Please let me know how the Lord is leading you to help in this or any other ministry. We can reach kids and their families year round for Christ! Wouldn’t that be fantastic!

As always I love you and I love being your Pastor, and I love what we do together in reaching others for Christ!"
Serving God by serving kids is fun. Kids say some of the most hilarious things. Children tend to have more fun than most big people. Being in a kids ministry gives you an opportunity to be surrounded by the optimism, creativity, and joy that kids bring.

2. You will have an impact.
Those who serve kids are choosing to invest in others during their most impressionable years. While kids are impressionable, they are not innocent. None of us are. The Bible says we are sinful from the time we were conceived. All of us need the grace of Jesus to change us, and those who serve in kids ministry are helping kids encounter God’s grace. If you serve in kids ministry you can make an eternal impact by giving kids a tangible expression of God’s love. As a kids ministry leader, your consistent presence in the life of kids sends a strong signal of God’s consistent and faithful love.

3. You will be reminded of the nature of the faith.
Jesus told a crowd one day that unless we become like children we will not enter His Kingdom. There is a major difference between a childish faith and a childlike faith; God affirms the latter and rebukes the former. It is not surprising when children are childish. But they also give us glimpses of childlike faith. Not only are they trusting but also they often still have the gift of awe, a sense of wonder, which gives us a great opportunity to point them to the most awesome story of all.

4. You will learn to communicate truth more effectively.
Theologian and professor Helmut Thielicke required all of his doctoral students to teach kids Sunday School while they were studying theology for their advanced degrees. He believed that if someone really understands theology then the person can articulate the truth to a child in a way the child understands. He reasoned that if his theology students could not explain the Christian faith to kids, they did not understand it well enough. Teaching and leading kids likely will help you more than it helps them. You will learn how to take the truth of God and communicate it in ways that are understandable. —Eric Geiger

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To our Family and Friends

**August**

4 Dorothy Seppi
5 John Cribbett
8 Connie Gwinn
13 Heather LaBuy
14 Jordan Beagle
17 Leryn Rector
20 Barry Kumer
21 Cash Rector
23 Al Crocker
24 Heather Hall
28 Dee Figge
30 Josh Brummett

We want to include all of our church family. Please let us know if we have overlooked your birthday.

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Building Cleaning & Mowing Sign-up

Volunteer for once a month. Sign-up sheet for August & September is on the bulletin board.

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Building/AC Fund...
Money will be used for some much needed repairs and updates to the building. Mark your check & envelope “Building Fund”. Thank you for giving above and beyond.

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2 convenient ways to give:

ONLINE - visit meadowbrookbaptistchurch.org and click Online Giving.

or

TEXT - text the word "meadowbrookbaptist" to 73256.

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Financial News Year-to-Date

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DATE INDICATED, PLEASE TRADE WITH SOMEONE ELSE. If you would like to serve as an Extended Session helper, please let Pastor know.