

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Upon the printing of this newsletter article, the church will have walked more than half of its journey through Lent, which means that by the time we print the next newsletter, we will already be taking our final steps on this journey, walking through the final days of Holy Week. It is the week that redefines every other week, returning us to the heart of our faith, where Jesus is celebrated, criticized, condemned, and crucified. We walk these final steps together by gathering for worship on several occasions during Holy Week.

We join our brothers and sisters around the world during this week, commemorating these days by reflecting on their meaning for our lives and this world. We begin on Palm Sunday, gathering on the Lord's Day, as we do each week, waving palms and joining our voices together singing "Hallelujah!" Jesus will ride into Jerusalem with grand celebration, but our thanksgiving will not yet know what the rest of the week will hold, as Palm Sunday becomes Passion Sunday as well.

Later in the week, we will come together again on Maundy Thursday, eating together as we always do on Thursdays, but we will then walk up to the sanctuary from the Coleman Fellowship Hall to gather around the Table that redefines all of our other tables. At 6:00 p.m., we will join together for communion, sharing the bread and the cup, like Jesus did with his disciples many years ago. We will then leave that sanctuary of refuge strangely aware that after Jesus left that room with his disciples, he did not have any place of refuge to seek.

On Good Friday, we will gather again at 6:00 p.m. in order to remember the gravest event of Holy Week. We will not stand at a distance from the cross; rather, we will stand beside it. We will remember how the Light of the World went out, and then we will stand in the darkness of that day, for it is by standing in the darkness that we are surprised yet again by the coming of the light.

We will stand in the darkness of Good Friday, so that we are surprised by the light of Easter, bringing life to each of us, where brokenness is mended and hope is renewed. Holy Week invites us to gather with each other on days and at times that are unfamiliar to our routine, allowing the heart of our faith to interrupt our daily living. It interrupts our lives, so that we are renewed, like the light moving and changing as it pours through the stained-glass windows. As the light changes, it illuminates something more, something different, and perhaps something deeper than we normally see. During Holy Week, we gather together around the events and the grace of the life of Jesus that binds us together every other week.

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Global Ministries Offering Day

GMO Day is over but your opportunities to participate are not. If you did not already pledge or give for GMO, please prayerfully consider making a monthly pledge or one time gift. The GMO gifts help in so many ways: locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally. Pledges can be made online at www.auburnfbc.org or via pledge cards available in the sanctuary.

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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.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 29th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

April 2nd, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

presented by: The Sanctuary Choir

April 3rd, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 5th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

(No Evening Activities)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

PicturingLent

Lent is the season of the Church Year, where we prepare for the celebration of Easter, having first walked through significant events in the life of Jesus. As we enter into the season of Lent, which spans from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning, we will reflect on the symbols of this season. We are accustomed to the symbols of Advent and Christmas, but there are images throughout scripture that are indicative of this time of year as well, helping us reflect on the life of Jesus and preparing us for the joy of Easter morning.

(WILL NOT MEET MARCH 26TH)

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, March 17th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: Tripp Martin

Easter Lilies

If you would like to place Easter Lilies in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, your order accompanied by a check payable to Auburn First Baptist Church (note Lily) must be in the church office by **March 22nd**. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Mark Your Calendar

DayFriends

Tuesday, March 17th, 11:45 a.m., Veggies to Go

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 17th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Caring Hands

Tuesday, March 24th, 5:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, March 25th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol Boys

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 29th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, March 31st, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy Pizzeria

Sunday Evening Adult Classes - 5:00 p.m.

No Evening Classes on March 22nd

Financial Peace Class

Seekers' Classroom

Connecting Faith and Family

Activities Building

What On Earth Am I Here For?

A group for parents to share wisdom and support.

Discipleship Training

Fellowship Hall

Convictions: How I Learned What Matters Most by Marcus J. Borg

A six-week series of both lecture and discussion to process Borg's manifesto for progressive Christians who seek the path for following Jesus. When and where is salvation? Can the Bible be true without being literally true? What does God have to say about justice and the poor? It is recommended that participants have access to the book, but it is not required.

28th Annual Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2015 Brasil Volunteer Mission Trip. The dates for the trip are July 11th through July 26th. Total cost has not yet been determined, but the best estimate is about \$2300. The activities of the team will be essentially the same as in recent years: construction work of a church building, Vacation Bible School, ESL classes, eye clinics for glasses fittings, worship and evangelistic efforts with a local congregation. If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin or Bob Stevenson. **The last date to commit is April 5th.**



Thursday Nights

Brown Bag Meal Time, 5:15 p.m.

Youth Hang Out Time, 5:45 p.m.

(Will Not Meet March 26th)

Sunday nights

Youth Choir @ 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights @ 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

"Jesus and Relationships"

(Will not meet march 22nd)

Passport Camp

July 12th-17th at Greensboro College, NC

For info, go to www.passportcamps.org
and click on Youth Camps



Stop Hunger Now

What a great time we had! So many turned out for our Youth sponsored STOP HUNGER NOW packaging event, Sunday, March 8th! We cannot thank you enough for all of the team-work. From unloading bags of rice from the truck, to the sealing of every packet of meals, each task was a display of our church family members living out their faith. The thought that we packaged 10,000 meals to go to orphanages and schools in developing countries around the world seems incredible.

It was a wonderful time of church fellowship and relationship building. How heart-warming to see folks, from our young children to our senior adults, working alongside one another to reach our goal. We found that we had some pretty good "gong clangers", too!

The Youth graciously voted to give from their Missions fund in order to make this event possible. We are so proud of them for their leadership and giving spirit.

Cindy Cleveland, Interim Minister of Youth



Coming up:
**College
Sunday**
April 19th!

Bible Study & Breakfast
Sundays, 9:45 a.m.
College Room

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Verb your life.

'Hear the word, then act on it!'
- James 1:22

Tuesday Night Bible Study
Tuesdays 7:00 p.m.
Free home-cooked meal
followed by Bible study & music

TNBS Meal Sign-Ups

March 17th: Segrests

March 24th: Spring Break (NO TNBS)

March 31st: Peggy Johnson & Charlotte Ward




Sunday Evenings

Children's Choirs @ 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter @ 6:00 p.m.

(Will Not Meet on March 22nd)

Spark adventure
ThursdayS @ 5:50 p.m. 
education Building
(Will not meet march 26th)



June 8th-12th? Coming to VBS!

Save the date and join us to learn about serving God through providing clean water for Malawi, Africa.



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Every Sunday

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

Every Thursday

Brown Bag Meal Time 5:15 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday-15th

Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.
Youth Choir	Choir Room	5:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Financial Peace Class	Seekers' Classroom	5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family	Activities Building	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 17th

Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
DayFriends	Veggies To Go	11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers' Classroom	6:30 p.m.
College TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday-18th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday-19th

First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.
Youth Hang Out Time	Youth Room	5:45 p.m.
Spark Adventure	Education Building	5:50 p.m.

Sunday-22nd

Sanctuary Choir	Choir Room	3:15 p.m.
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(No Evening Activities)

Tuesday-24th

Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
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Wednesday-25th

Senior Adult Dinner Out	Good Ol Boys	5:00 p.m.
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Thursday-26th

First Bells	Handbell Room	12:45 p.m.
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(No Evening Activities)

Sunday-29th

Children's Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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Serving the Month of March

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Greeters: Todd Miller, Sharlene McDaniel

Offering: Youth

Visitors: McClanahans

Serving March 15th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Kathleen Sabo, Betsy Jordan, Alan Walker, Mary Lynn Porter, Terri Wood

Serving March 22nd

Counters: Aaron Greene, Carl Hill, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Carolyn Thompson, Addison Meeks, Genesee Cook, Adeola Ogundele

Serving March 29th

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Paula Turnham, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Leah Duzy, Suzanne Parish

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