

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

On Wednesday, February 10, we began the journey of Lent, which will take us from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. Throughout the history of the Church, Lent has been a forty-day journey of preparation, renewing the practices of faith as we reflect on the living of these days. It is a time of paying attention to the journey before us.

The journey of faith before us includes several significant days of gathering and serving. On Sunday, February 21, we will welcome Morris Driggers as our Associate Pastor for Music. We will gather for worship, marking another day on our journey and renewing our commitment to the gift of song.

On the following Sunday, February 28, we will celebrate Global Ministries Offering Sunday. In the coming days, we can all reflect on the opportunity to give to this special, annual offering, which is in addition to our annual budget. The offering supports our partners in ministry as well as ministries coordinated by our church membership, including the Jail Ministry, Brotherhood, and Brasil Mission Team. A copy of the proposed GMO budget will be available on Sunday, February 21.

On February 28, the children of the church will also host a lunch for the congregation following worship, called Spudfest. We will have baked potatoes, as the children serve us lunch, and they will also collect "tips," which they will donate to a community ministry of their choosing. As we continue the journey of Lent, the youth of the church will lead us in worship on Sunday, March 6 for Youth Sunday. We look forward to hearing their voices. They are already preparing for this service.

One final date we need to recognize is the staff anniversary of Trista Slaughter, our Office Manager, who will celebrate her fifteenth anniversary at the church on February 20. We are certainly grateful for her work, as it assists the committees, ministries, and programs of the congregation. We are thankful for her dedication and skills, which make countless contributions to our journey as a congregation.

As our journey continues to unfold this Lent, and beyond, we are grateful for the surprises of grace around each and every corner. During this Lent, let us pay attention to these subtle surprises, which enrich our lives and bind us together. Whether we find them in worship or as we serve, they are gifts to be recognized and celebrated.

-Tripp

Gathering Moment in recognition of
Morris Driggers

Sunday, February 21st

Following morning worship In the Vestibule

Global Ministries Offering

Sunday, February 28th

Pledge cards are available online or in the pews.

SpudFest

Sunday, February 28th, at Noon, Fellowship Hall

Lunch provided by the children of the church.

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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.

Church-wide

SpudFest

February 28th, Fellowship Hall

Potatoes, Salad, and Desert Luncheon

following Worship

The children will serve lunch to the congregation and earn tips to give to the mission organization that they choose collectively.

Adult Sunday Evening Activities

J-Term Class, by Tripp Martin

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

Last session is February 21st

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in Fishers' Sunday School Classroom

Resumes February 28th

Join us to discuss spiritual growth and parenting using

“What on Earth Am I Here For?”

Discipleship Training

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

Resumes February 28th

“Encountering God in Secular Writing” with Dr. Dick Graves

February 28, March 6 and 20

It will be a conversation about encountering God in the themes of literature, looking at the writings of Sidney Lanier, Henry David Thoreau, and others. Dick has been a member of AFBC since 1967, and he is an Emeritus Professor of English Education at Auburn University. He has taught various levels of education from junior high school to the university as well as workshops for teachers on how to teach writing.

Intergenerational Women's Sunday School Class

Hello, Ladies! Our new Sunday School class for women of all ages is off to an invigorating start! A great group is meeting together to share our stories, and our shared Story, each week. To help us chart our course we are referring to ‘We Make the Road by Walking: a year-long quest for spiritual formation, reorientation, and activation’ by Brian McLaren. If you are searching for a Sunday School class, and this sounds like your kind of adventure, Tiffany Myrick (tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com) or Leigh Anne Armstrong (leighannearmstrong@gmail.com) would love to give you more information!

A Note From Eddi:

Saying goodbye is never easy for me, and that's certainly the case now. When I began this journey with you I could not have known it would be so rife with purpose and privilege - like putting your hands in that first scoop of warm Spring soil, banking on the abundance it promised. And God has blessed! New and special friends have been made here, and Riley and I are so grateful for your love and hospitality over these last almost 17 months.

For me, being part of AFBC worship life has been pure blessing. You are richly blessed with a Sanctuary Choir who recognizes and takes joy in their role as minister-musicians. What a pleasure they have been to me as we worked together. We adopted two goals: (1) to provide worthy music and strong leadership for our worship; (2) to prepare for new direction and a fresh approach from a new Associate Pastor for Music. I believe we accomplished these two things, and in the process I came to love and appreciate this exceptional choir. I confess that in turning my baton over to Morris, I do so reluctantly, but with deep respect and highest expectations for a bright new journey.

I am grateful for your kind and thoughtful words of appreciation and also the gift and reception on last Sunday. Thank you for taking me into your hearts and lives as we worked and worshipped together. May God bless you as you move forward, always in tandem with the Holy Spirit's leadership.

~Eddi Vinson Riley

2015-16 Global Ministries Offering

Deadline February 26

One of the most important lessons we learn from early Christians is that it takes a community working together to make a difference in the world. Our Global Missions Offering—which supports local, state, national, and international ministries—allows us to work alongside committed individuals and groups down the street and around the globe. We minister to those in jail through the AFBC jail ministry; to those who need job skills and training through the Christian Women's Job Corp; to those who need a little extra food through the Community Market; to churches and communities in Brazil through our own mission team efforts. Over fifteen organizations depend on our offering, and countless people are served. We have given \$14,575 to date, and our goal is \$24,000. Let's do our best to meet our goal and work with other people of faith to accomplish God's mission on earth. We also look forward to Sunday, February 28, which will be Global Ministries Offering Sunday, as we celebrate these ministries and look forward to next year's Global Ministries Offering Budget.

Mark Wilson, Chair of Deacons



Passport Camp
July 10 - 15, 2016
Greensboro College
Greensboro, NC

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Thursday Nights

Brown Bag Meal Time

5:15 p.m., F. H.

Youth Hang Out Time

5:45 p.m., Youth Rm

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m., Chick-fil-a

Will Resume 3/1

Special Called Business Meeting

February 18th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Agenda: Global Ministries Offering Budget 2016-2017

We are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually we encourage members to pledge an additional offering that is dispersed throughout the world in ways such as: global missions, Habitat for Humanity, local and world hunger, theological seminaries, disaster relief, etc. This is a special offering in addition to giving to the church budget, which helps us partner with other ministries, accomplishing work we could not do by ourselves.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

"Have U Seen?"

Join us June 6-9 (Mon- Thurs) as we discover God's fingerprints all over our world! Whatever your gifts and talents are, they can be put to use! Whether you want to be hands-on with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Leigh Anne Armstrong if you would like to help! leighannearmstrong@gmail.com



Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 9:45 a.m., College Room

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., College Room
Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

Lunch On Campus

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., AU Student Center

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 7th*. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Mark Your Calendars

Senior Adult Luncheon

Fish Fry

Tuesday, February 16th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, February 16th, 6:30p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, February 21st, 12:00 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

DayFriends

Tuesday, February 23rd, 11:45 a.m.

Veggies to Go, S. College

Caring Hands

Tuesday, February 23rd, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, February 24th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys
(Meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. to ride van)



Children's Choirs Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Education Building

Spark Adventure

Thursdays @ 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.

Helpers:

Feb 18th - Kelly Meeks

Feb 25th - Julie McClanahan





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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.

Tuesday- 16th

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

Wednesday- 17th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday- 18th

Handbell Rehearsal 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.

Sunday- 21st

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Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
JTerm Class Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
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Sunday- 28th

Spudfest Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith and Family Fishers' Classroom 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Serving the Month of February

Greeters: Ted Little

Loaves & Fishes: Adult IV

Offering: Pilgrims

Visitors: McClanahans

Serving February 21st

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: Beth Smith, Tiffany Myrick, Katharine Martin, Patrick White, Steven Eden, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

Serving February 28th

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Carolyn Thompson, Cynthia Smithart, Anna Coxwell, Anna Parish, Terri Wood, MaryLynn Porter

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM***