

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

The journey of Lent reminds us that we are bound to the Church around the world, so as we participate in our Global Ministries Offering, we participate in ministry that reaches far and wide. These partnerships in ministry are extensive and expansive. It begins here in Auburn with our Jail Ministry, Brotherhood, and the Community Market, and it extends well beyond our place in this world to the work of Watering Malawi, hunger relief, disaster relief, and our Brasil Mission Team. In the wake of our Global Ministries Offering Sunday, we continue to reflect on how we might contribute to this effort.

Lent also draws us closer to the bond we share as a congregation, so we look forward to this Youth Sunday, as our youth will lead us in worship. We are grateful for how the children of the church served us at SpudFest last week, and now we anticipate the youth serving the church through worship leadership. We value their voices, as they enliven our voice as a congregation. They have been preparing for this day for several weeks, so we prepare to gather with them on this Lord's Day.

Youth Sunday

March 6th

Join us for worship as our wonderful youth lead us in song, prayer and scripture.

For all the moments that take place within the walls of the Sanctuary, binding us to each other and to our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, we are grateful. If we attempted to measure them, we would fall short. They speak of grace and hope, while also marking many milestones of our journey. In the weeks to come, we anticipate several of those milestones, as we approach the final weeks of Lent.

We will enter some of the holiest days of the Church Year, beginning with Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, March 20, we will gather with the disciples and the crowds, watching Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey. We will wave palm fronds in the air and shout "Hosanna in the highest!" On Maundy Thursday, we will gather in the Sanctuary for communion like the disciples gathered with Jesus for the bread and the cup. On Good Friday, we will come together, remembering the grief and despair of the crucifixion, the solidarity of Jesus, and the width of the love of God.

All of these sacred gatherings will continue to prepare us for the joy of Easter, where we will give thanks for the fullness of life we find in Jesus the Christ. On Easter, we will sing anew, as we give thanks for the presence of God, which goes with us in these days, and stays with us for all of our days.

-Tripp

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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 Recreation Team

Deadline March 6th

The young adults would like to form a church softball or kickball team. Softball games are played on Thursday evenings and kickball games are played on Monday evenings. We would like the opportunity for the most people to be able to participate. If you are interested, please email Laura (lauraedgar@mindspring.com) or the church office (auburnfbc@mindspring.com) and let us know which one would be better for you. There is a \$10 registration fee per person, and the deadline to sign up is March 6th. It will be a great opportunity for fellowship and getting to know others in our congregation!

Communion

The deacons of Auburn First Baptist take communion to those who cannot be with us in worship, as we are all bound together by the grace of God. If you know of a church member who might benefit from this ministry, please contact the church office.

Musings

Two weeks ago I arrived on the scene at AFBC with disorganized office contents in desperate need to be unpacked and sorted — an apt metaphor for the contents of my head at the time as well. My mind was a-skitter with a list of questions as long as my right arm (and a deep awareness that there were other things that I needed to know that I didn't even know that I needed to know). I knew from the start that I would need to pay a lot of attention to listening and learning. As my third week at AFBC begins, I now have a list of answers to accompany my list of questions; but my list of questions seems to grow with every new answer. Though I don't yet know as much as I need to know, there are a couple of things I already know for certain: AFBC is a warm, caring community of faith; and our Sanctuary Choir is an absolute joy to conduct.

As I continue to listen and learn, I look forward to moving from just learning names and faces to actually learning people. I look forward to knowing how to get from one place to another without having to pull up the GPS in my phone. The most important thing I look forward to right now is the day that Dawn can join me here and enjoy the welcome I have already received. Many have asked how she is doing and have told me that she is in their prayers daily. It's not easy being apart, but she finally gets to come for a visit this weekend!

Grace and peace,

Morris

Big House Needs

Thanks to all of you that have donated to the BigHouse Clothes Closet! The Clothes Closet helps out so many foster families in Lee County. Please continue to donate gently used clothing for children whenever possible. The BigHouse is currently running a drive for "Prom-wear". BigHouse supplies formal gowns and accessories to teen foster girls for their proms and Spring Formals. If you have formal dresses, think bridesmaid dresses, or any jewelry or hair supplies or make up (new), please consider donating these items as well.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

March 20th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

March 24th, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

March 25th, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

March 27th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
(No Evening Activities)

Adult Sunday Evening Activities

No Evening Activities March 13th

Connecting Faith and Family

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

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

"Encountering God in Secular Writing" with Dr. Dick Graves
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.



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

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesdays, 6:30 a.m., Chick-fil-a

Thursday Nights

Brown Bag Meal Time

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

Youth Hang Out Time

5:45 p.m., Youth Rm

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

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Sunday, March 6th, 12:00 p.m., The Mason Jar

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 6th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

DayFriends

Tuesday, March 8th, 11:00 a.m., Acapulco's

Caring Hands

Tuesday, March 8th, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Stewardship Meeting

Thursday, March 10th, 5:00 p.m., Library

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, March 13th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Intergenerational Women's Sunday School Class

Join us on the 2nd floor of the Educational Building as we begin a new adventure, exploring Scripture together using the seasons of the Church as our tempo and discussion as our format. Please contact Tiffany Myrick (tiffany.m.myrick@gmail.com) or Leigh Anne Armstrong (leighannearmstrong@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag Meal Time

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Hyperbole: Serious Words about Faith

VBS Volunteers Needed!

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 (Activities Building)

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

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

Lunch On Campus

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



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:

Mar 3rd - Oyette Chambliss

Mar 10th - Mary Joe Howard





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<i>Every Sunday</i>		<i>Every Thursday</i>	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Meal Time	5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday- 1st			
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.	
Wednesday- 2nd			
Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.	
Thursday- 3rd			
Handbells 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- 6th			
Ladies Lunch Bunch	The Mason Jar	12:00 p.m.	
Children's Committee Meeting	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.	
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Sunday- 13th			
Brotherhood Breakfast	Fellowship Hall	8:00 a.m.	
<i>No Evening Activities</i>			

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Dee Williams
Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims
Offering: Youth
Visitors: McClanahans

Serving March 6th

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson
Sound & Light: David Sutton
Extended Session: Amber Berry-Moore, Dean Myrick, Kelly Meeks, Jay Spiers, Maggie Stoeckel, Kathleen Sabo, Leah Duzy

Serving March 13th

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee
Sound & Light: Chad Parish
Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Sue Walker, Amelia White, Lynn Eden, Addison Meeks, Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spiers

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