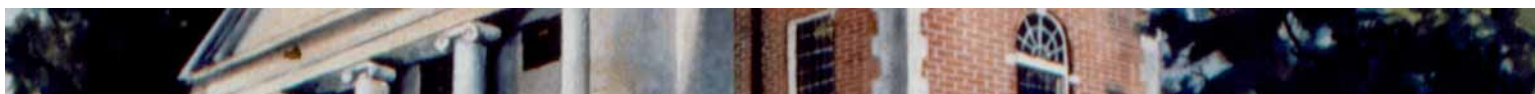


AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS *by Tripp Martin*

Along with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world, we will begin the journey of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 1. We will begin the journey this year by joining in worship with our friends from First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal, turning our eyes towards the events of Jesus' life, which lead us to Holy Week and eventually, Easter morning. We will remember the significant events that shape Jesus' life and also ours.

Beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent is a forty-day journey towards Easter. These forty days do not include Sundays. Lent has traditionally been a time of preparation. Throughout the history of the church, it has been a season, where new members of the church would prepare for baptism. For us, it is a time of reflection and study, repentance and discipleship. It is a time to reclaim aspects of our faith, practicing them together, which prepare us for the joy of Easter.

Lent lasts forty days, which is reminiscent of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism and before his ministry. It was a time of preparation. Since Lent is bound to the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, it has been a time of fasting, or giving something up. People have given up small things, like chocolate or soft drinks, so that when they feel the urge to have them, it is a reminder of the focus of Lent, which is the never-ending love of God.

During Lent, some people who do not give something up decide to add something to their days. For forty days, we could read one of the gospels. We could take time to remember what was important to Jesus, even making a list as we read the gospel. We could also spend time in prayer by taking a walk in the evenings. We could take time each week to write one letter of gratitude, sharing our thanksgiving for a friend, former teacher, or family member. We might also set aside time to volunteer at the Community Market or Habitat for Humanity. We can find one way to reclaim certain aspects of our faith, as we prepare for the good news of Easter.

The journey of Lent does not require any of this from us. It is simply an opportunity. We can embrace that opportunity in small ways whether we give up something, add something, or something else altogether. It is an active way to tie a string around our finger for forty days in order to remember the events of Jesus' life, which lead us to Easter and the surprise of the grace of God.

Special Called Business Meeting

Thursday, March 9th, 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Agenda: 2017-2018 GMO Budget

We are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually we encourage members to pledge an additional **Global Ministries 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. A copy of the proposed GMO budget is available throughout the church or at the church office.

-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.

Senior Adult Luncheon at Sunny's Home Cooking

Tuesday, March 21st, leaving at 10:00 a.m.

All Seniors Adults are invited to Sunny's Home Cooking on March 21st for a buffet-style luncheon. We are asking that everyone take personal vehicles or carpool with another senior adult. (Maps and directions have been placed in the Sunday School Classrooms. Sunny's Home Cooking is located at 7380 Fairfax Bypass in Valley.)

Sunny's buffet is \$6.99 (including drink) for Seniors. The restaurant will have a special area set aside for our group so when you arrive let them know you are with the AFBC Senior Adults. If you do not have a ride, please call the church office, 887-8506, before March 20th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ash Wednesday Worship

*Wednesday, March 1st, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Joint worship with First Presbyterian
and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

No Thursday Evening Activities

Thursday, March 2nd

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Sunday, March 5th, 12:45 p.m., Venditori's

Dayfriends

*Tuesday, March 7th, 11:45 a.m., Acapulcos
Please call the office by noon
on Monday if you need childcare.*

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

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

Brotherhood Breakfast

Sunday, March 12th, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Thursday Evening Activities

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

6:00 p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study

"What They Saw" - Led by Tripp Martin

No Evening Activities Thursday, March 16th.

The Sanctuary Choir will still rehearse at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday Evening Activities



Discipleship Training Guest Speaker: Dr. Loyd Allen March 5th - 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall The Protestant Reformation Then and Now

On October 17, 1517, the German monk, Martin Luther, nailed Ninety-five Theses to the church door in Wittenberg. He meant them to spark a discussion in his university about God's ways with humanity. Instead they sparked a firestorm of protest which eventually changed the face of European and American history and of the Christian faith forever. During this 500th anniversary year of this watershed event, Dr. Loyd Allen, Professor of Church History at Mercer University, will give three presentations on the Protestant Reformation: why it happened, what happened, and why it matters today. Dr. Allen will teach on the Sunday evenings of March 5 and March 19.

Connecting Faith and Family

5:00 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth.

Church Recreation Team

Deadline March 6th

It's almost kickball season! We had a great time playing last year and hope to improve on our record this year. Games will be on Wednesday evenings starting March 22nd. If you are interested in playing, please email Laura (lauraedgar@mindspring.com). 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!

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

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____



Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Brown Bag
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Sunday Nights

Youth Choir

5:00 p.m., Choir Room

Bible Study

6:00 p.m., Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday, March 21st, 6:45 a.m., Chick-Fil-A



July 2-7, 2017

Greensboro College, Greensboro, NC
Total Cost \$425.00

VBS Volunteers Needed!

Join us June 5-8 (Monday - Thursday) 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 Tiffany Myrick if you would like to help! tiffany.m.myrick@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

Mondays, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

College Sunday

Join us for College Sunday on March 5th as our college students lead in worship. Our college ministry is grateful for the love and support of this church. You have invested in the lives of college students by preparing meals for Tuesday nights, providing a place of welcome, greeting them on Sunday mornings, and more. Through College Sunday, we invest in our students in another way: empowering them to plan and lead worship, to share from their faith journeys, to find their voices as future leaders. Our students will invest in the life of our church as they share their gifts and stories with us. It will be a special day of worship.



Drive-In Movie

Who: Preschool Families and Friends

Where: Fellowship Hall

When: Friday, March 2nd, 5:30 p.m.

What: Bring your pillows, blankets, and kiddos for a drive-in style showing of Trolls in the Fellowship Hall.

Pizza, popcorn, and other snacks will be bountiful.

See you there!

Questions? Contact Alex Ritenbaugh at smithalex43@gmail.com



PASSPORTkids!

July 9th-12th, Converse College

Total Cost \$275

Children's Choir(2* year olds - 5th Grade)

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.

Bible Encounter (1st - 5th graders)

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building

Spark Adventure

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

March 2nd: Kelly Meeks

March 9th 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.

Wednesday - 1st

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Ash Wednesday Service Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Thursday - 2nd

Handbells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
No Evening Activities

Friday - 3rd

Preschool Drive-In Movie Fellowship Hall 5:30 p.m.

Sunday - 5th

Ladies Lunch Bunch Venditori's 12:45 p.m.
Children's Choir Education Building 5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Choir Room 5:00 p.m.
Discipleship Training Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Connecting Faith & Family Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.
YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 7th

DayFriends Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 8th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 9th

Handbells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Senior Adult Committee Mtg Library 4:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg Library 5:00 p.m.
Youth Hangout Time Youth Room 5:45 p.m.
Spark Education Building 5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 12th

Brotherhood Breakfast Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.
No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 14th

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Dee Williams, Todd Miller

Visitors: Oyette and Brenda Chambliss

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Offering: Youth

Serving March 5, 2017

Counters: Flarice Hopkings, Alice Lumpkin, Lavanghn Johnson

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Alison Crosby, Kathleen Sabo, Amelia White, Jason Summers, Anna Parish, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

Serving March 12, 2017

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Addidon Meeks

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Jay Spiers, Shane Dunn, Katharine Martin, Addison Meeks, Cynthia Smithart, Sue Walker

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