

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

Every year Auburn First Baptist Church comes together by reaching out, partnering with ministries both near and far in order to serve the needs of others. The Global Ministries Offering is our special, annual offering, which is beyond and above our giving to the church's budget, in order to broaden the reach of our ministry. We come together by reaching out.

In the GMO budget, we partner with other ministries, which extends our reach and furthers our efforts. It is one way we can participate in the work of the Spirit of God. This work might focus on feeding the hungry, providing clean water, taking a mission trip, supporting theological education, responding to disasters, or visiting the prisoner. The tasks range in size, but not in importance, as we offer others the grace of God in tangible ways.

The GMO budget for 2017-2018 is \$24,500, which was approved by the church on March 9. Our budget for 2016-2017 was \$24,000, and we received contributions of \$16,730 for which we are grateful. In the midst of the Building Sanctuary capital campaign last year, we are thankful for all of the contributions to the Global Ministries Offering.

The GMO budget stretches from March 2017-2018. After March each year, the funds are dispersed to each ministry within the GMO budget. If we are unable to meet the budgeted goal, the funds are dispersed on a pro-rated scale, and if we collect more than is budgeted, they are pro-rated as well.

Since the budget year for the GMO stretches from March to March, this annual offering falls within the year, which might raise a question about how to give. John Jeffers used to suggest contributing a gift equal to an extra month's offering, which can be helpful guidance, but there might be other variables to consider. We must remember the amount of the gift is not as important as the opportunity. Even a small gift is valuable. The GMO allows us to come together by reaching out. It is one way we can join hands with each other and with ministries beyond our walls as we benefit the needs of this world. Through each and every gift, we join our hands together in order to reach out.

-Tripp

Global Ministries Offering Day

Sunday, March 19th

Pledge cards are available

online or in the pews.

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.

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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.



On Sunday evenings, our first through fifth graders gather after children's choir for Bible Encounter. During this time, they are learning about the Bible, reading its stories, learning about its books, and studying its verses. The room is usually full of energy and

questions, as they take an adventure through the Bible each week.

I walked into Bible Encounter a couple months ago to see the children of the church learning how to read Hebrew. They were not memorizing Hebrew vocabulary words or translating any verses, but they were learning that the Hebrew language is read from right to left instead of left to right. They were looking forward to teaching their families about Hebrew when they got home. You could hear the excitement in their voices.

By learning about the Hebrew language, they were learning about the Old Testament. They were building a foundation, which will help them read scripture thoughtfully and insightfully. They were cultivating curiosity, not only for reading scripture, but also for studying it. They were even fostering an enjoyment of scripture and maturity towards it. They were encountering the words, which have shaped the Church for centuries, and learning how to find guidance within them.

Thursday Evening Activities

No Evening Activities Thursday, March 16th.

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

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

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

“Those Confronting Jesus” - Led by Tripp Martin

During the season of Lent, we will be listening to the groups of people throughout the gospels, who were confronting Jesus. Some of them came with genuine questions. Others came with spite. Some were seeking answers and chasing curiosity. Others were trying to put Jesus in his place. Throughout these confrontations, whether people were confronting Jesus or confronted by him, we discover insights into the meaning of his ministry and the reasons people followed him, but also why others rejected him. These conversations unveil the dynamics surrounding his ministry and the crucifixion.

Sunday Evening Activities



Discipleship Training Guest Speaker: Dr. Loyd Allen

March 19th - 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.

Connecting Faith and Family

5:00 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DayFriends

Tuesday, March 21st, 11:00 a.m., Acapulcos

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m., Seekers' Classroom

Senior Adult Luncheon

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

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, March 29th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

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

Senior Adult Luncheon at Sunny's Home Cooking

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

All Senior 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 each other. (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.

AFBC Brotherhood

AFBC Brotherhood wants you to know that we are available throughout the year to assist you in small home repairs and projects. Please let us know how we might help you. Please contact Lavaughn Johnson at vonnpeg@charter.net.

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



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 23 - Oyette Chambliss

March 30 - Cathy Summers



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.



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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.

Thursday - 16th

No Evening Activities

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 19th

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 - 21st

Youth Prayer Breakfast Chick-Fil-A 6:45 a.m.
DayFriends Acapulco's 11:45 a.m.
Senior Adult Luncheon Leave AFBC 10:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting Seekers' Room 6:30 p.m.
TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 22nd

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Thursday - 23rd

Handbells Choir Room 12:30 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 - 26th

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 - 28th

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 29th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out Good Ol' Boys 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 30th

Handbells Choir Room 12:30 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.

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Dee Williams, Todd Miller
Visitors: Oyette and Brenda Chambliss
Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims
Offering: Youth

Serving March 19, 2017

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols
Sound & Light: Gary Cantini
Extended Session: Beth Smith, Kellie Wilson, Amber Berry-Moore, Tiffany Myrick, Victoria Eden, Terri Wood, Mary Lynn Porter

Serving March 26, 2017

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot
Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby
Extended Session: Mary Ann Dell, Patrick White, Lesley Odom, Joan Layne, Benjamin Wilson, Chad Parish, Katharine Martin

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