

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



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REFLECTIONS by Tripp Martin

In another week, we will come to the end of the season of Lent, which is marked by the days of Holy Week. The days of Holy Week stretch from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, and they are the culmination of the season of Lent, containing the most significant days of the life of Jesus. Jesus travels to Jerusalem with his disciples at the beginning of this week, which will shape our journey of faith.

Palm Sunday, which falls on April 9, is full of celebration. We watch as two disciples bring Jesus a donkey, and he rides the donkey into Jerusalem surrounded by crowds shouting, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" We sing about the hope of redemption, as people place their cloaks on the ground in front of Jesus, waving palm branches in the air.

During the week, we ponder the meaning of Jesus' words and actions, where he continues to teach the disciples. He continues to tell parables about wedding banquets and talents. He is questioned about paying taxes, quotes the two greatest commandments, and denounces the scribes and Pharisees, who confront him. He even speaks of the destruction of the Temple.

On Maundy Thursday, April 13, we will gather around the Table of Communion with Jesus and the disciples. Judas will have already sealed his fate, and Peter will promise too much. After the Last Supper, Jesus took a towel and washed the disciples' feet, which illustrates the meaning of *Maundy Thursday*. The word *Maundy* comes from the Latin translation of John 13:34, using the word *mandatum*, or commandment, where Jesus says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another." We will remember the towel as a symbol of this commandment.

For Good Friday on April 14, we will come together for our Tenebre Service. Tenebre means "shadows" or "darkness." This is the heaviest day on the Church's Calendar because we will dare to remember how the light of Christ went out. We will stand in the shadows of Good Friday, mourning the loss and wrestling with the death of Jesus. We will step into these shadows in order to understand the power of the light. On Holy Saturday, we will sit in its silence and await the joy of Easter morning.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday
April 9th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday
Communion Service
April 13th, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service
April 14th, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday
April 16th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary
(No Evening Activities)

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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.

Youth Senior Banquet

Sunday, May 7th

Tickets are \$10 and are being sold by our Youth on Sunday mornings and Thursday nights or in the Church Office.

Last Day to Purchase Tickets is April 30th.

Thank You!

We are thankful that Trista Slaughter has served as our Office Manager at Auburn First Baptist Church. She has worked at AFBC for sixteen years, but she has recently taken another position, working at Auburn University. We are invited to bring cards by the church office to express our gratitude. On April 7, she will complete her full-time work, but she has agreed to help us tend to our financial records, as we search for an Office Manager. Through the Constitution and Bylaws, the Personnel Committee is charged with searching for and hiring all administrative staff. They have already met and started their work. For sixteen years, Trista has helped the church through major renovation projects, supported our committees, kept our financial records, tended to our communications, improved our facilities, and countless other tasks, which could never be quantified. She has sustained the ministry of the congregation through her work, and we are thankful. Our prayers and support go with her, as she begins another venture.

Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2017 Brasil Volunteer Mission Trip. This will be the 30th annual trip to Brasil for members of Auburn First Baptist, people from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in being a member of this team.

The dates for the trip are July 8-22. Total cost has not yet been determined, but the best estimate is about \$2,200.

If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin, Bob Stevenson or Mike Bumgardner.

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$12,030.00

Given toward pledge: \$5,850.00

Given unpledged: \$4,975.00

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

Sunday Evening Activities

Connecting Faith and Family

5:00 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth.

Discipleship Training

5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“The Natural History of Religion”

Led by Dr. Wayne Shell

This four week segment takes a look into the evolution of religion from a natural history perspective. Beginning with the establishment of our solar system, and using our understanding of the birth and death of stars, gravity, nuclear fusion, thermodynamics, embryology, neurology, genetics, metabolism, cognition and behavior, we will follow the evolution of religion from the early realm of spirits through Animism, Mother Gaia and Father Yahweh. Join us as Wayne Shell takes us on this journey as he addresses the rapidly growing uncertainty in all religions. Dr. Wayne Shell is Professor Emeritus in the School of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences at Auburn University and a long-time member of the AFBC.

Thursday Evening Activities

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

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

- Led by Tripp Martin

April 6th: “Those Confronting Jesus”

April 13th: Maundy Thursday Communion Service

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.

Easter Lilies - Deadline April 7th

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, April 4th, 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

- Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m.
- Decorating Days on Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, June 4



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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ladies' Lunch Bunch

Sunday, April 2nd, 12:30 p.m., Country's BBQ

Missions Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 2nd, 4:00 p.m., Library

DayFriends

Tuesday, April 4th, 11:45 a.m., Little Italy

Childrens' Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 9th, 12:00 p.m., Library

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 9th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

CDC Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 12th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Stewardship Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library



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.

April 6th: Sola & Adeola Ogundele

April 13th: Katharine Martin





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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 - 2nd

Ladies' Lunch Bunch	Country's BBQ	12:30 p.m.
Missions Committee Mtg	Library	4:00 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 - 4th

DayFriends	Little Italy	11:45 a.m.
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
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Thursday - 6th

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 - 9th

Children's Committee Mtg	Library	12:00 p.m.
Youth Committee Mtg	Youth Room	12:00 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 - 11th

TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 12th

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

Thursday - 13th

Handbells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg	Library	5:00 p.m.
Maundy Thursday Service	Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Friday - 14th

Good Friday Service	Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
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Serving the Month of April

Greeters: Jeannie Bumgardner & Todd Miller

Visitors: Kyle & Melissa Willian

Loaves & Fishes: Seekers

Offering: College

Serving April 2, 2017

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Alice Lumpkin, Lavaughn Johnson

Sound & Light: Andrew Yohn

Extended Session: Peggy Johnson, Lynda Weidenbach, Lee Alice Johnson, Cathy Summers, Steven Eden, Merle Bass, Stephen Lundy

Serving April 9, 2017

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Carole Zugazaga, Kelly Meeks, Carolyn Thompson, Suzanne Parish, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

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