

# AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## REFLECTIONS...

### *A Lenten Journey*

by Tripp Martin

Rather soon, we will enter the season of Lent, which is the journey the church takes every year to Good Friday and Easter morning. It originated in the fourth century as the early church was considering how to keep time with the life of Jesus. It is one way we remember the significance of Jesus' days and how they speak to our days.

Lent takes place over forty days, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter morning. It has traditionally been a time of preparation, focusing our thoughts on the life of Jesus, centering our hearts on the steadfast love of God, and responding with our lives, as we practice our faith. During this season of Lent, we will gather for Lenten Lunches, reflecting on our faith at 12:00 p.m. every Wednesday (except March 14).

The forty days of Lent corresponds to the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism as he prepared to begin his ministry. Lent is a time when we return to the heart of our ministry as the body of Christ. It has been a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Since these days are marked in this way, the day before Ash Wednesday has been known as Shrove Tuesday, or popularly, "Fat Tuesday." It is the festival before the fast. We will celebrate "Fat Tuesday" this year with a pancake breakfast provided by our college students at 6:00 p.m. on February 13.

Churches of all traditions observe Lent around the globe, connecting us to one another and to the heart of our faith. We will mark these connections by gathering with First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal for an Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal.

The journey of Lent helps us center our faith again, renewing our hope in God. It will take us through the events of Holy Week, beginning with waving palms and celebrating the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, gathering with the disciples for the Last Supper, and facing the darkness of Good Friday. On Easter morning, we will celebrate the surprise of God's grace, providing life and life anew. We will remember how the darkness of Good Friday was seen as foolish because of the light of Easter morning.

## Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays at 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Beginning February 14th  
Fellowship Hall

### "The Journey to Jerusalem"

Each Wednesday during Lent from February 14 to March 28 (not meeting March 14), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch, reflecting on the meaning of Lent and our journey to Jerusalem. Lent is a time of reflection and preparation as we look towards the meaning of Easter morning. We will provide a sandwich lunch from Amsterdam's for \$3.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

If you would like the meal from Amsterdam's, please RSVP to the church office, [kristinahickman@mindspring.com](mailto:kristinahickman@mindspring.com), so we can plan accordingly. We will limit our time together to the lunch hour, finishing in time for everyone to return to work. Please feel free to bring a co-worker or friend!

### Weekly Schedule

February 14 - Ash Wednesday: Beginning with the End  
February 21 - Road Trip: Galilee to Jerusalem  
February 28 - Habits of our Faith  
March 7 - Telling Stories: Jesus' Parables and Our Story  
March 14 - Not Meeting, Spring Break  
March 21 - Looking at Holy Week with Zacchaeus  
March 28 - Good Friday and Easter

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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.

## Thursday Evening Activities

“Rediscovering the Apostle Paul”

*February 1 and 8*

Led by Tripp Martin

Many of the earliest writings about the life of Jesus are the letters of the Apostle Paul. Paul was writing to churches as they strived to follow the ways of Jesus together. We will look at Paul’s life, letters, and theology, which will help us rediscover what the early church experienced.

## Accessibility in the Sanctuary

The Ad Hoc Committee for Accessibility in the Sanctuary (seating) made a recommendation last fall to the Deacons and the congregation for providing seating for those using wheelchairs. The deacons and congregation approved the recommendation and the work has been completed. We are thankful for the committee and for those who made the adjustments in the sanctuary. There is now a space in the front, where people can sit as part of the congregation when we worship.

## The Round Table

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m.*

“Spiritual Disciplines for Baptist Like Us”

*Led by Mark Wilson*

February 11 and 18, March 4 and 18

Christian history is filled with colorful characters, spiritual innovators, and outcasts who sought the Spirit in creative and meaningful ways. We will discover the Desert Mothers and Fathers, Benedict of Nursia, Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila and others, as we practice some of the disciplines they developed and taught.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Sunday School Workshop

*Saturday, February 3rd, 8:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall*

### Parents’ Workshop

*Saturday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.*

### Ladies Lunch Brunch

*Sunday, February 4th, 12:30 p.m., Mason Jar*

### DayFriends

*Tuesday, February 6th, 11:45 a.m., Fratelli’s*

### CDC Committee Meeting

*Tuesday, February 13th, 5:00 p.m., Library*

### Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Tuesday, February 13th, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

### Joint Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, February 14th, 6:00 p.m.,  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

## J-Term Class

“Words Shape Worlds: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.”

*Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m.*

Led by Tripp Martin

## Connecting Faith and Family

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers’ Classroom*

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will use *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Wendy Mogel to facilitate discussion topics. All are welcome.

## Rise Against Hunger

February 25 is Youth Sunday. Join us for worship that morning as our youth lead us. As a continuation of our worship, our youth and the Missions Committee are hosting a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on that evening from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This event gives us the opportunity to serve people in places far from us as we meet needs of hunger and nutrition. Our youth look forward to joining with our church family for this great day of worship and service.

## Global Ministries Offering

Each year, 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, supporting global missions, providing shelter, addressing local and world hunger, cultivating theological education, and assisting with disaster relief.

The Global Ministries Offering Sunday will be on March 4. This will begin the 2018-2019 GMO budget.

The current GMO budget for 2017-2018 is for \$24,500. We have currently received \$20, 580. We will receive gifts for this budget through February.

## Ash Wednesday Service

*February 14 at 6:00 p.m.*

*Holy Trinity Episcopal Church*

Last year we gathered at Auburn FBC on Ash Wednesday for a *joint worship service* with Holy Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, which is a season that helps us prepare for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter morning. We will join again with our friends from Holy Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian to begin this season with the imposition of ashes. We are thankful to Holy Trinity Episcopal for hosting the service this year.



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

**Youth Sunday Nights**  
Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

**Youth Choir**  
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Choir Room

**PASSPORTchoices.**

July 8-13, 2018  
\$50 deposit due now

**Upcoming Dates:**

February 4: Youth Lunch after Church, Activities Building,  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

February 25: Youth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

February 25: Rise Against Hunger, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**VBS Volunteers Needed!**

Join us June 4-7 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we explore "Under Construction", learning Bible stories and how we can serve today. 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 Suzanne Parish ([suzannedparish@gmail.com](mailto:suzannedparish@gmail.com)) or Gwynne Lovelady ([gslovelady@bellsouth.net](mailto:gslovelady@bellsouth.net)) if you would like to help!

**Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study**

Thank you to all who volunteered to bring supper for the college students during the Fall semester! Your acts of service and caring made each Tuesday night a wonderful time for our college group. It's hard to believe, but it's already time to sign up for the Spring semester. Please support our college ministry by signing up to bring a meal for our students one Tuesday night this Spring.

If you are interested in preparing a home cooked meal for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this Spring, please email Laura at [lauraedgar@mindspring.com](mailto:lauraedgar@mindspring.com).



**Bible Study & Breakfast**

Sundays, 9:45 a.m.  
College Room (Activities Building)

**College Tuesday Night Bible Study**

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

**Preschool and Children's Sunday School Teacher Workshop**

Saturday, February 3, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Breakfast and Lunch Included

As a way to support and encourage our teachers, we will gather for a workshop with Becky Caswell-Speight, Minister to Families with Children at Smoke Rise Baptist Church in Atlanta. She will discuss the various ways children learn, looking at different learning styles and the best practices for using them. We are grateful for the Children's Committee providing this opportunity!

If anyone is interested in teaching preschool or children's Sunday School in the future, you are also welcome to join the workshop.

**Opportunity for Parents with Children**

Saturday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.  
Discussion on Faith and Family

After the Sunday School Workshop, Becky Caswell-Speight will remain after lunch to gather with parents to talk about faith formation in our daily lives. Becky will talk about how the various ways of learning can enliven the practice of faith at home.



**Preschool Valentine's Dance Party**

Saturday, February 17  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall  
Join us for food, fun, and dancing!

**Passport Kids Camp**

July 7-10, 2018  
Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Students 3rd-5th grade, Deposit: \$75  
Total: \$275 (includes deposit)  
Email church office to sign up!  
[kristinahickman@mindspring.com](mailto:kristinahickman@mindspring.com)

**Children's Choirs (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.

**Helpers:**

February 1: Carolyn Grimes

February 8: Stephanie Renuart







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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- 1st**

First Bells ..... 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.

**Saturday - 3rd**

Sunday School Workshop ..... Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.  
 Parent Workshop ..... Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m.

**Sunday- 4th**

Youth Lunch ..... Activity Building 12:00 p.m.  
 Ladies Lunch Brunch ..... Mason Jar 12:30 p.m.  
 Children's Choir ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.  
 Youth Choir ..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.  
 J-Term Class ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.  
 Connecting Faith and Family ..... Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.  
 College Group Gathering ..... Laura's House 5:00 p.m.  
 Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday- 6th**

Dayfriends ..... Fratelli's 11:45 a.m.  
 TNBS ..... College Room 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday- 7th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.

**Thursday- 8th**

First Bells ..... Choir Room 12:30 p.m.  
 Stewardship Committee Mtg ..... Library 5:00 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- 11th**

Children's Choirs ..... Education Building 5:00 p.m.  
 Youth Choir ..... Choir Room 5:00 p.m.  
 The Round Table ..... Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.  
 Connecting Faith and Family ..... Fishers' Room 5:00 p.m.  
 Bible Encounter ..... Education Building 6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday Nights ..... Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

**Tuesday- 13th**

CDC Committee Meeting ..... Library 5:00 p.m.  
 Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper ..... Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ..... Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

**Wednesday- 14th**

Conversational English ..... Education Building 9:00 a.m.  
 Lenten Lunch ..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.  
 Joint Ash Wednesday ..... Holy Trinity 6:00 p.m.

**Thursday- 15th**

*No Evening Activities*

**Serving the Month of February**

**Greeters:** Nancy Roberts, Daniel Udochi

**Visitors:** Alan and Sue Walker

**Loaves & Fishes:** Adult IV

**Offering:** Pilgrims

**Serving February 4, 2018**

**Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre

**Sound & Light:** Chad Parish

**Extended Session:** Anna Coxwell, Carolyn Thompson, Ruthie Spiers, Tiffany Myrick, Victoria Eden, Katharine Martin, Terri Wood

**Serving February 11, 2018**

**Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Donna Bennett, Hazel Lee

**Sound & Light:** Addison Meeks

**Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Jay Spiers, Amelia White, Joan Layne, Ella Boone, Alan Walker, Jo Jones

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