

AUBURN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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REFLECTIONS...

Holy Week

by Tripp Martin

The final days of Lent are the days of Holy Week. They are the closing chapter of our Lenten journey, which takes us to Jerusalem, and they are also the beginning of something new, which we call Easter. The days of Holy Week begin on Palm Sunday, which is also known as Passion Sunday, because of all that will happen during this week. We celebrate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem by waving palm branches in the air and shouting, "Hosanna in the highest!"

There are many stories from Holy Week and Jesus' time in Jerusalem, but the three days we talk about the most are Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Within these three, short days, sadness will overwhelm us and joy will surprise us!

As we reflect on our regular days, where we live and work, hope and grieve, we find both sadness and joy. There are even times when we find both of these together. Holy Week is the week that redefines every other week because it speaks to our sadness and to our joy.

We discover the endurance of the steadfast love of God, which carries us through our sadness and surprises us with immeasurable grace. On any given day, Holy Week has something to say to us about the presence of God. We find Christ in the shadows of darkness and at the heart of the brightest light.

Holy Week prevents us from making a caricature of the world. Instead, it aids us in discovering purpose throughout the journey, whether we face the darkness or celebrate the light. We can find the presence of Christ wherever we are.

We enter this Holy Week, revisiting the final days of Jesus' life, but remembering that it also speaks to our lives now. We walk alongside Jesus this week, knowing that we are never alone. We walk into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, anticipating the week to come. There will be hope in the midst of darkness, and the light of God's love will shine forth yet again.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

March 25th, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

March 29th, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

March 30th, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 1st, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

(No Evening Activities)

VBS Volunteers Needed!

June 4-7, 2018

"Under Construction"

If you would like to volunteer, please notify
Gwynne Lovelady.

Brasil Mission Trip

July 6-20 (or 6-14), 2018

Cost is about \$2,000

If you are interested, contact Wallace Baldwin or Mike Bumgardner. If you have old suitcases you would like to donate to carry supplies, please drop them off in the Pilgrims classroom or the church office. **Sign up by April 1.**

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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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No Evening Activities

Thursday, March 15th

CDC Committee Meeting

Monday, March 19th, 5:30 p.m., Library

Senior Adult Luncheon

Tuesday, March 20th, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Dayfriends

Tuesday, March 20th, 11:45 a.m., Veggies To Go

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, March 20th, 6:30 p.m., Seekers'

Children's Committee Meeting

Sunday, March 25th, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Caring Hands

Tuesday, March 27th, 5:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Senior Adult Dinner Out

Wednesday, March 28th, 5:00 p.m., Good Ol' Boys

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, March 29th, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

Friday, March 30th, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

CBF Celebrating Excellence

Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

*The Regions Room at the Brock School of
Business, Samford University*

Alabama CBF is honoring several persons who have made significant contributions to Baptist life. Dr. Wayne and Dartie Flynt will be honored in this group. This event will also raise funds for Alabama CBF to continue this tradition and to support ministerial scholarships for young Baptists. The other honorees are Catherine Allen, Dr. Sigurd and Sarah Bryan, Dr. Bob Ford, and Joe and Frances Jones.

Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2018 Brasil Volunteer Mission Trip. This will be the 31st 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 6-20. We will offer dates of July 6-14 for those that cannot stay the total time. The total cost should be about \$2000. Sign up by April 1.

If you are interested in being part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin or Mike Bumgardner. If you have old suitcases you would like to donate to carry supplies, please drop them off in the Pilgrims classroom or the church office.

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$24,500.00

Pledged: \$12,487.50

Given toward pledge: \$3,487.50

Given unpledged: \$2,450.00

GMO Sunday 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 <https://form.jotform.com/80534441844153> or via pledge cards available in the sanctuary.

The Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

“Spiritual Disciplines for Baptists Like Us”

Led by Mark Wilson

March 18

Christian history is filled with colorful characters. We will discover the Desert Mothers and Fathers, Benedict of Nursia, Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila and others.

“World Religions”

Led by Dr. Rob Nash

March 25, April 8, 15, and 22

Dr. Rob Nash is Professor of Missions and World Religions at the McAfee School of Theology. He received his Ph.D. in Church History (1989) and his M.Div. (1985) from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, he completed both his M.A. (History) and B.A. degrees at Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. Prior to coming to McAfee, Dr. Nash served as Global Missions Coordinator at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (2006-2012) and as a professor in the religion departments at both Shorter College in Rome, Georgia (1994-2006) and at Judson College in Marion, Alabama (1992-1994).

March 25 – “Why Religions Matter”

April 8 – “The Way of Buddhism”

April 15 – “Islamic Origins and History”

April 22 – “Islamic Beliefs and Practices”

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will begin *The Price of Privilege* by Madeline Levine. All are welcome!



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

Youth Choir

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

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Youth Room

PASSPORTchoices.

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

Thursday Evening Activities

“Heretics”

Led by Tripp Martin

A “heretic” is a label that is earned through a lengthy, historic process. It begins with a question, and it is followed by discussion. The discussion turns into an argument, and then the argument rises to the level of a crisis. In the midst of the crisis, the church gathers in some formal way to make a decision. Heretics do not aim to create a crisis. They are simply asking hard questions. We will reflect on some of those questions, which led to various decisions. The questions can enlighten and enrich, deepening our understanding of our faith.

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“The Journey to Jerusalem”

We will limit our time together to the lunch hour.

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, so we can plan accordingly.

Weekly Schedule

March 21 - Looking at Holy Week with Zacchaeus

March 28 - Good Friday and Easter



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.

Caring Hands

Come join us! Caring Hands gathers twice a month to create handmade items designed to provide comfort and support to those in need, particularly those facing emotional or health issues. This ministry teaches participants how to make comfort beads as well as how to knit shawls or lap blankets. An added benefit is the fellowship among those meeting to participate with Caring Hands.

We meet on the second and fourth Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Coleman Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Nancy Webster at 821-0750, or Charlotte Sutton at 826-1172.

College Choir Reunion

May 25-27, 2018

Registration at www.auburnfbc.org

Help us spread the word, please!

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 work directly with the children or behind the scenes, we have a place for you. Contact Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net), volunteer coordinator, if you would like to help. We are grateful for Cathy Summers and Lynn Eden for directing VBS this year.



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

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

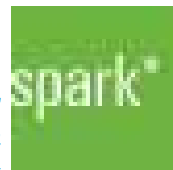
Thursdays, 5:50 P.M., Ed. Bldg.

Helpers:

March 15: No Evening Activities

March 22: Katharine Martin

March 29: Not Meeting





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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- 15th

No Evening Activities

Sunday- 18th

Children's Choir	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.
YSN	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Monday- 19th

CDC Committee Meeting	Library	5:30 p.m.
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Tuesday- 20th

Senior Adult Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Dayfriends	Veggies To Go	11:45 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers'	6:30 p.m.
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 21st

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.

Thursday- 22nd

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.

Sunday- 25th

Children's Committee Meeting	Library	12:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	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.
YSN	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday- 27th

Caring Hands	Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
TNBS	College Room	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday- 28th

Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Senior Adult Dinner Out	Good Ol' Boys	5:00 p.m.

Thursday- 29th

Communion Service	Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.
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Friday- 30th

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

Greeters: Brenda and Aaron Greene

Visitors: John and Jo Jones

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Offering: Youth

Serving March 18, 2018

Counters: Aaron Greene, Bill Webster, James Nichols

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Amber Berry-Moore, Charlotte Sutton, Kellie Wilson, Mark Wilson, Lynli Cantrell-Wright, Julie McClanahan, Alan Walker

Serving March 25, 2018

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot

Sound & Light: Addison Meeks

Extended Session: Leah Duzy, Carolyn Thompson, Ruthie Spiers, Jason Summers, Benjamin Wilson, Jo Jones, Pat Wade

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