

WORSHIP

March 17th

Second Sunday of Lent
Philippians 3:17-4:1

March 24th

Third Sunday of Lent
Isaiah 55:1-9
Luke 13:1-9

March 31st

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Jan Thornton

REMINDERS

Global Ministries Offering
GMO Sunday is over but your opportunity to participate is not! Gifts can be brought to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Special-Called Business Meeting

Thursday, March 28th
Fellowship Hall, 5:45p.m.

Youth Sunday

April 7th

Egg-stravaganza
April 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Sam Harris Park

Making Room

By: Tripp Martin

After two weeks of Lent, the cross-shaped ashes on our foreheads have fallen off. When we look in the mirror, we no longer see the smudge of ashes, claiming us in such a unique way. We remain, though, on the journey of Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday.

Even though the cross is no longer visible, its impression is lasting. It is one of the reasons we might have chosen to give something up for Lent. This is not a return to a rigid, ascetic form of faith, restraining our lives. It is not a commitment to an unbending discipline, promising to produce a faithful life. Instead, the giving up does not restrain us; it sets us free.

Over the last two weeks, I have read about many ways people are giving something up during Lent. In an abbreviated list of suggestions for these forty days, it says:

1. Don't buy anything you don't need.
2. Throw away forty things for forty days.
3. Give up gossiping.
4. Give up soft drinks.
5. Don't eat out.
6. Replace thirty minutes of television with reading, reflection, and prayer.
7. Do not criticize or complain.
8. Give up caffeine.

We can debate the merits of each suggestion, but each practice is not valuable for what we give up. It is valuable for the room it makes. We give something up during Lent in order to reclaim what it means to make room in our lives for something more.

Faith is a journey of making room! We make room for God. We make room for our deepest calling. We make room for the church. We make room for the stranger. We make room for discovery.

Lent calls us back to the foundation of our faith. It begins with ashes, where we return to the practice of repentance, remembering that God always makes room for us. Forgiveness is God making room for us!

As we journey from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week, let us make room for more. If we have given something up, every time we think about it, let it remind us of the room we are making in our lives for others and for God.

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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*5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall*

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on
Tuesday of each week.

Stories of Faith: Hymns and Anthems

March 21 - Edzard van Santen

March 28 - Leigh Anne Armstrong

April 4 - Amelia White

April 11 - Not Meeting; Campus Kitchens Dinner
on Monday, April 8.

LENT

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

Each Wednesday during Lent from March 6 to April 17
(not meeting March 13), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch.
We will provide a sandwich lunch from Amsterdam's for
\$5.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

*If you would like the meal from Amsterdam's, please RSVP to
the church office by Tuesday morning, kristina@auburnfbc.org,
so we can plan accordingly.*

*March 20 – The More Things Change**March 27 – The Silence of Saturday**April 3 – A Radical & Balanced Life**April 10 – The Sacredness of Each Day**April 17 – The Surprise of Resurrection***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 *Thursday, April 11th*. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
“Christianity in the United States Today”
March 17, 24, & 31, April 7
Led by Dr. Fisher Humphries

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
Discussion and support about parenting and personal spir-
itual growth. We will discuss *More Than Words, 10 Val-
ues For The Modern Family* by Erin Wathen. All are wel-
come!

Senior Adult Lunch

Due to Lenten Lunches on Wednesdays, we will not be
meeting March 19th for Senior Adult Lunch. We invite
you to join us for Lenten Lunch on March 20th!

MUSIC

AFBC First Bells Seeking Ringers!

The AFBC First Bells (handbell group) is making great
progress toward a brilliant contribution to the music for
Easter morning; but we're a little short-staffed and could
use a hand – well, *several* hands, actually. With 5 octaves
of bells, we should ideally have 13-14 ringers ... we have
11. We need at least one more ringer on the little bells up
high, and two more on the big bells down low (strength
is required for those).

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in
the Choir Room. If that time works for you, and if you've
ever rung in the past (or already read music and are just
curious), I'd love to talk with you!

COLLEGE

Upcoming Dates:

April 2 – Cookout in the Courtyard, 7:00 p.m.

April 8 – Campus Kitchens Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Breakfast

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.**College Room (Activities Building)*

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner

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

Upcoming Dates:

March 31 – Youth Sunday at Holy Trinity, 9:00 a.m.

April 7 – Youth Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

April 7 – Youth Parents’ Night, 6:00 p.m.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Birmingham, Alabama

June 19-21

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

Volunteers Needed

Since AL CBF is hosting General Assembly in Birmingham, volunteers from Alabama will be needed. To sign up to volunteer for a limited shift: <https://cbf.net/volunteer-at-generalassembly>.

CHILDREN



Preschool & Children’s Egg-stravaganza

April 6th, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sam Harris Park

Join us for an egg hunt! Sam Harris Park is located at 850 Foster Street in Auburn.

Children’s Choirs (3* 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., Education Building

Helpers:

March 21st: Carolyn Grimes

March 28th: Stephanie Renuart

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 17th

Children’s Committee Meeting..... Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Senior Adult Committee Mtg..... 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 & Family Fishers’ Room 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 19th

Dayfriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.

Deacons’ Meeting..... Seekers’ Room 6:30 p.m.

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 20th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Lenten Lunch Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:45 p.m.

Thursday - 21st

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 - 24th

Youth Committee..... Youth Room 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 & Family Fishers’ 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 26th

Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

TNBS College Room 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 27th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Lenten Lunch Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Thursday - 28th

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 - 31st

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 & Family Fishers’ 5:00 p.m.

Bible Encounter Education Building 6:00 p.m.

YSN Youth Room 6:00 p.m.

VBS

VBS Volunteers Needed!

“Water U Doing?”

Join us June 3-6 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we learn about Bible stories and learn about *Watering Malawi*. 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 Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help! Our Directors will be Cathy Summers and Sue Walker.



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MISSIONS

Dinner for Campus Kitchens

*Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Potluck Supper*

The Campus Kitchens at Auburn University is an organization comprised of students, collecting unserved food from campus and distributing it to those in need. We will celebrate this work with a churchwide potluck. The students will join us in the Fellowship Hall. Bring food to share!

Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2019 Brasil Mission Trip. This will be the 32nd annual trip for members of Auburn FBC, from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in going! The dates are July 6-20. We will also offer dates of July 6-14 for those who cannot stay the entire time. The total cost should be about \$2000.

If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin or Mike Bumgardner. *Also, we need used suitcases donated to the team to carry supplies.*

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Daniel & John Udochi
Visitors: Franklin & Anne Randle
Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims
Offering: Youth

Serving March 17, 2019

Counters: Charles Segrest, Bill Webster, James Nichols
Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby
Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Cindy Cleveland, Lesley Odom, Amanda Oliver, Ella Boone, Mark Wilson, Candy Enkeboll

Serving March 24, 2019

Counters: Dwayne Beckett, Lois Graves, Bill Faurot
Sound & Light: Lynli Cantrell-Wright
Extended Session: Amelia White, Alex Ritenbaugh, Ruthie Spiers, Anna Coxwell, Felicia McInnis, Mary Lynn Porter, Terri Wood

Serving March 31, 2019

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre
Sound & Light: David Sutton
Extended Session: Beth Smith, Ashley Aston, Jeannie Bumgardner, Cathy Summers, Patrick White, Leah Duzy, Sue Walker

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$24,500.00
Pledged: \$12,210.00
Given toward pledge: \$1,860.00
Given unpledged: \$1,325.00

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 Auburn-FBC.org/GMO19 or via pledge cards available in the sanctuary.

Loaves and Fishes Volunteers Needed

The Loaves and Fishes program ministers to people in our community by furnishing hot meals every Tuesday to recipients selected by the Salvation Army, our partner in this ministry. If you would be willing to take a week or two and prepare 16 meals for the Loaves and Fishes Ministry, please contact the church office. We currently need volunteers for Tuesdays in *May and July*.

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