



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

*Abiding Love*

By: Tripp Martin

February 21st

*First Sunday in Lent*  
Psalm 25:1-10  
Mark 1:9-15  
*College Sunday*

On Wednesday, February 17, which is Ash Wednesday, we will join churches around the world, beginning the journey of Lent. It is a season of reflection, repentance, and preparation, leading us to Good Friday and preparing us for Easter morning. This season consists of the forty days prior to Easter, which does not include Sundays.

February 28th

*Second Sunday in Lent*  
Mark 8:31-38  
Romans 4:13-25  
*GMO Sunday*

The number forty echoes the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism and before his ministry. It also correlates with the forty days before the flood subsided and the ark reached dry land, the forty days the people wandered in the wilderness before crossing the Jordan River, and the forty days Elijah spent in the desert before hearing the voice of God. It is a period of time, which eventually gives way to something new!

Lay Worship Leader for February:  
Felicia McInnis

Our worship service on Ash Wednesday will be live streamed at 6:00 p.m. We will remember what the church says to us, "From ashes we have come and to ashes we shall return." It calls us to see again the gift of life and the grace of love. It invites us to see each day as a sacred opportunity.

## REMINDERS

### Global Ministries Offering Sunday

*February 28*

Gifts can be mailed to the church office or made online.

We would normally gather each week for our Lenten Lunches. Right now, we are unable to gather for a meal, but we will still reflect on the abiding love of God during Lent. Each Wednesday, we will post a reflection on *Abiding Love*, thinking about how the love of God holds us, how it engages this world, and how it transforms us.

### Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

Lent invites us to reflect on the heart of our faith, which is the love of Christ, standing in solidarity with us on Good Friday and restoring all of creation on Easter morning. As we reflect on *Abiding Love*, we will consider how we can *abide*. God abides with us, and we abide with God.

[AuburnFBC.org/Give](https://AuburnFBC.org/Give)

We also abide with one another! We remain connected. We continue to reach out. We stand firm together, even as we are apart!

### Worship

Our worship service is live streamed on the website each week.

[AuburnFBC.org/Live](https://AuburnFBC.org/Live)

### Midweek Reflections

*Abiding Love: A Lenten Journey*

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](https://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

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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.

## SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

### Sunday School

During this time of social distancing, Sunday School classes are finding ways to remain connected. Teachers are sharing lessons, and classes are meeting virtually. We are thankful for these connections!

### The Round Table

*Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom*

“Faith and Dementia”

February 21

Led by Tripp Martin

“Jesus”

February 28, & March 14, 21, and 28

Led by Fisher Humphries

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVlJoUEZqeVpsbHlldz09>

### Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays

*Location will alternate between AFBC and Zoom.*

We will discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison on the weeks that we meet at AFBC. The weeks that we meet via Zoom, we will chat about parent/faith related topics. Contact Leah Duzy at [aduzyofalife@gmail.com](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com) for more information.

February 21st: AFBC Courtyard; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

February 28th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

## LETTERS OF GRATITUDE

On February 15, 2021, Morris will mark his fifth anniversary as our Associate Pastor for Music, so the congregation is invited to write notes and to send letters of gratitude. We want to celebrate this anniversary, giving thanks for his gifts and commitment! These written words will be a gift, which he can revisit in the years to come. *These notes and letters can be mailed to the church office.*

We are grateful for Morris and Dawn, who offer such leadership to the music ministry and for all they mean to our congregation! We are thankful for the ways they lead us to faithfully sing and live. We want to express our appreciation for their ministry to the church.

## MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

### *Abiding Love: A Lenten Journey*

Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m.

Led by Tripp Martin

The journey of Lent leads us to Good Friday and prepares us for Easter morning. During this season of Lent, we will reflect on *Abiding Love*. We will consider God's abiding love for us, and our abiding love for God.

February 17 - Abiding in the World

February 24 - Abiding Love for Others

March 3 - Abiding in Community

March 10 - *Spring Break*

March 17 - Abiding in Exile

March 24 - Abiding Wounds

March 31 - Abiding Peace

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

## COLLEGE

### Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or preparing a dessert for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this spring, please email Laura at [laura@auburnfbc.org](mailto:laura@auburnfbc.org) or call her at 334-233-2267.

### Fat Tuesday

*February 16*

We'll miss seeing everyone on Fat Tuesday! We invite you to make pancakes at home as we celebrate "together" while we are apart.

### College Sunday

*February 21*

### Bible Study & Breakfast

*Sundays, 10:15 a.m.*

*College Room (Activities Building)*

### College Tuesday Night Bible Study

*7:00 p.m. in the AFBC Courtyard*

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

## YOUTH

**Thursday Nights**  
Youth Hang Out Time  
*Not Meeting*

**Youth Choir**  
*Not Meeting*

### **Youth Sunday Nights**

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

*Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.*

February 21st: AFBC Courtyard

February 28th: Zoom

### **Passport Youth Camp**

*July 5-10, 2021*

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email [laura@auburnfbc.org](mailto:laura@auburnfbc.org) to sign up!

## CHILDREN

### **PassportKids Camp**

*July 17-20, 2021*

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email [kristina@auburnfbc.org](mailto:kristina@auburnfbc.org) to sign up!

### **Children's Bible Study**

Each week we will post a weekly Children's Bible Study, which will be compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

[AuburnFBC.org/CBS](http://AuburnFBC.org/CBS)

### **Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter**

*Not Meeting*

### **Spark Adventure**

*Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building*

*Not Meeting*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

### **Every Sunday**

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

### **Every Thursday**

Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

The church office remains closed as our staff is working from home. The email addresses for the staff are found in the newsletter and website. If you need to contact the ministerial staff, Tripp Martin (334-332-4100), Morris Driggers (864-981-0963), or Laura Edgar (334-233-2267).

## Social Media

Facebook: [Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)

YouTube: [YouTube.com/AuburnFBC](https://www.youtube.com/AuburnFBC)

Twitter: [@AuburnFBC](https://twitter.com/AuburnFBC)

Apple Podcasts: [AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/ApplePod)

Google Play: [AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/GooglePod)

RSS: [AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast](https://www.auburnfbc.org/FeedPodcast)

## Serving in February

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Tripp Martin

Pastor

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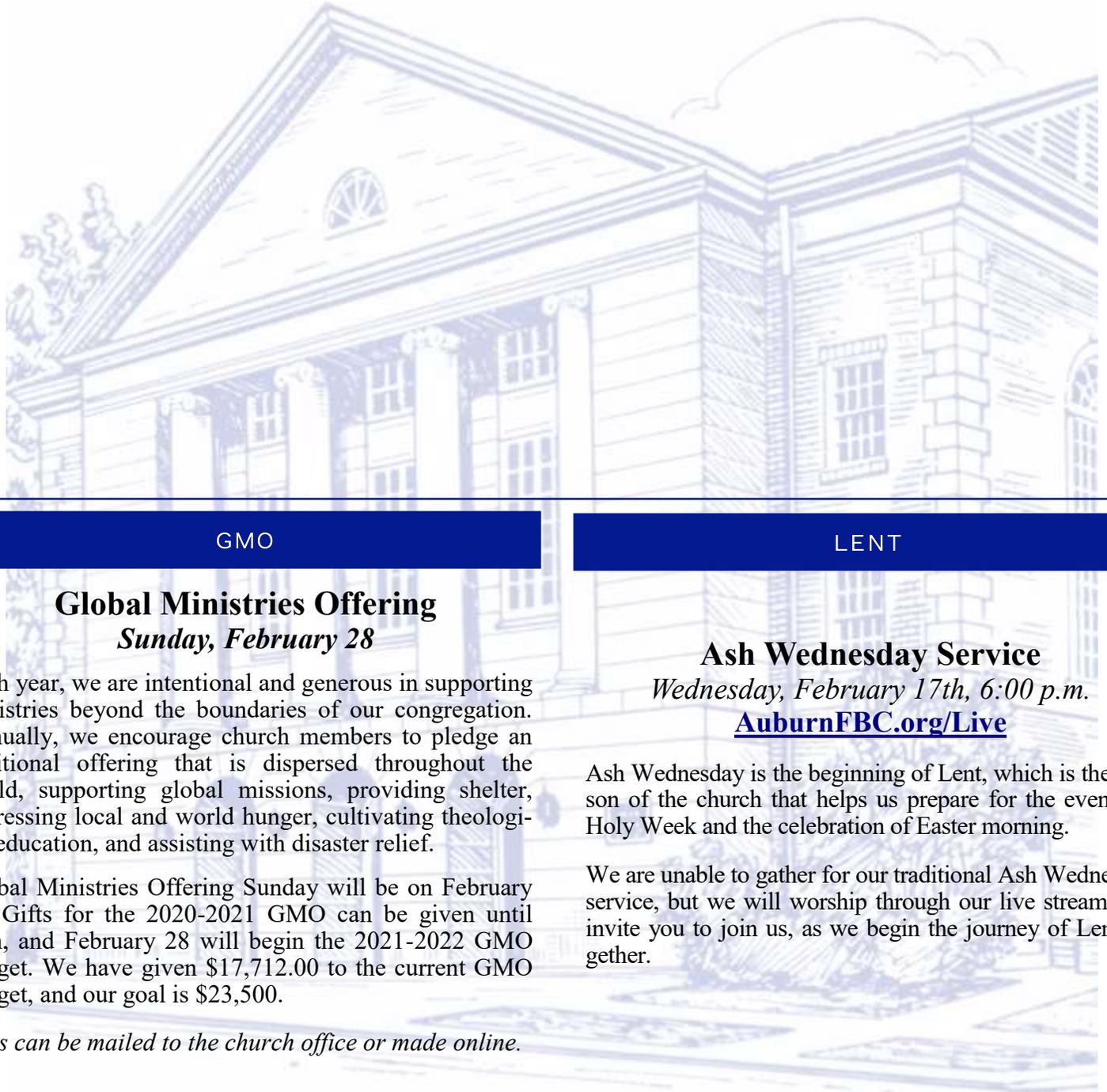
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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*



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## GMO

### **Global Ministries Offering** *Sunday, February 28*

Each year, we are intentional and generous in supporting ministries beyond the boundaries of our congregation. Annually, we encourage church 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.

Global Ministries Offering Sunday will be on February 28. Gifts for the 2020-2021 GMO can be given until then, and February 28 will begin the 2021-2022 GMO budget. We have given \$17,712.00 to the current GMO budget, and our goal is \$23,500.

*Gifts can be mailed to the church office or made online.*

## LENT

### **Ash Wednesday Service** *Wednesday, February 17th, 6:00 p.m.* [AuburnFBC.org/Live](https://www.auburnfbc.org/live)

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, which is the season of the church that helps us prepare for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter morning.

We are unable to gather for our traditional Ash Wednesday service, but we will worship through our live stream. We invite you to join us, as we begin the journey of Lent together.

## FELLOWSHIP

### ***PrimeTimers on the Move***

There will not be a meeting in February. Our schedule remains to be determined.