



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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*Building Community, Serving Community*

March 1, 2021

## WORSHIP

### *Global Ministries Offering*

*By: Tripp Martin*

March 7th

*Third Sunday in Lent*

John 2:13-22

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

March 14th

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

Lay Worship Leader for March:

Blake Knight

On Sunday, we celebrated our Global Ministries Offering Sunday. It is our annual offering above and beyond our general fund giving, where we support ministries locally, nationally, and globally. Through this offering, we are able to do more with others than we are able to do by ourselves.

The GMO enables us to feed the hungry, provide relief to the hurting, and to break the cycle of poverty. We join hands with other churches as we empower missionaries, or field personnel, serving the least of these around the world. Our gifts welcome the stranger and offer compassion to the prisoner. We are able to support ministers in seminary and religious liberty for all people.

Taking a thirty thousand view of Auburn FBC, we see how missions is woven into every aspect of our congregation. Our Sunday School classes, youth group, children's ministry, and college students are invested in missions. We give to missions through our general fund. We have trust funds dedicated to missions and plan specific projects throughout the year.

Our Global Ministries Offering allows us to come together as an entire congregation with the widest net of care and concern. It draws us closer to one another, as we reach out to others. It not only expresses our calling, but also is a celebration! We celebrate the shared effort and generous spirit of our congregation.

It is like walking onto a Habitat for Humanity site. Everyone is swinging a hammer and carrying building materials towards a common effort. One worker asks to borrow a measuring tape from another. Someone is asked to bring more nails as another's supply gets low. The frame of the house begins to take shape, as a family dreams of a new beginning. It is the sweat and joy of grace!

Once the house is finished and everyone gathers in front of it for a group picture, it is evident that something binds everyone together. It is the care and concern for others! It enriches our lives and creates community. We celebrate this experience in our Global Ministries Offering!

## REMINDERS

### **Global Ministries Offering**

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

Our goal is \$23,500. We have received \$5,080 in pledges and \$1,400 in unpledged gifts.

### **Online Giving**

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

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

### **Worship**

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

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

### **Midweek Reflections**

*Abiding Love: A Lenten Journey*

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

Not meeting March 7

“Jesus”

March 14, 21, and 28

Led by Dr. 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.

March 7th: Spring Break - Not Meeting

March 14th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

## Gratitude

During this year, we give thanks for Bryan King, who has served as our organist for over twenty years. Bryan has served Auburn FBC diligently and with tremendous skill. After so many years of faithful service, Bryan has decided to retire later this year. We will look forward to celebrating with him and offering our gratitude at the appropriate time. Due to the limitations of the pandemic, the timeline for our celebration will remain open-ended. Bryan has been an important part of our family of faith, providing music for our worship. The church will begin the process of searching for an organist in the weeks to come.

## Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

The Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings continues to meet as case numbers, hospitalizations, and deaths from COVID-19 maintain a downward trend in our area. The overall improvement is promising, and because of this, the committee has recommended a transition to in-person worship. Masks and physical distancing will be required, and those in high-risk categories are encouraged to continue watching worship via livestream unless they have been fully vaccinated.

Each week, starting **March 1<sup>st</sup>**, the church office will email a sign-up list for up to 20 individuals to attend worship. Those without access to email can call the church office and leave a message, requesting to be added to the list. If no slots are available, those names will be carried forward to the next week. If the level of cases in Lee County rises significantly prior to the worship service, in-person attendance will be postponed. We will continue in this manner until the committee meets again on March 15<sup>th</sup> to review and make further recommendations.

The committee remains hopeful that case numbers will continue to improve, and this is the first step towards a larger scale return to gatherings at the church. We also remain grateful for the congregation's patience and resilience.

## 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.

### 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.*

March 7th: Spring Break - Not Meeting

March 14th: 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 March

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

### Ministerial Staff

Dr. Tripp Martin

Pastor

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

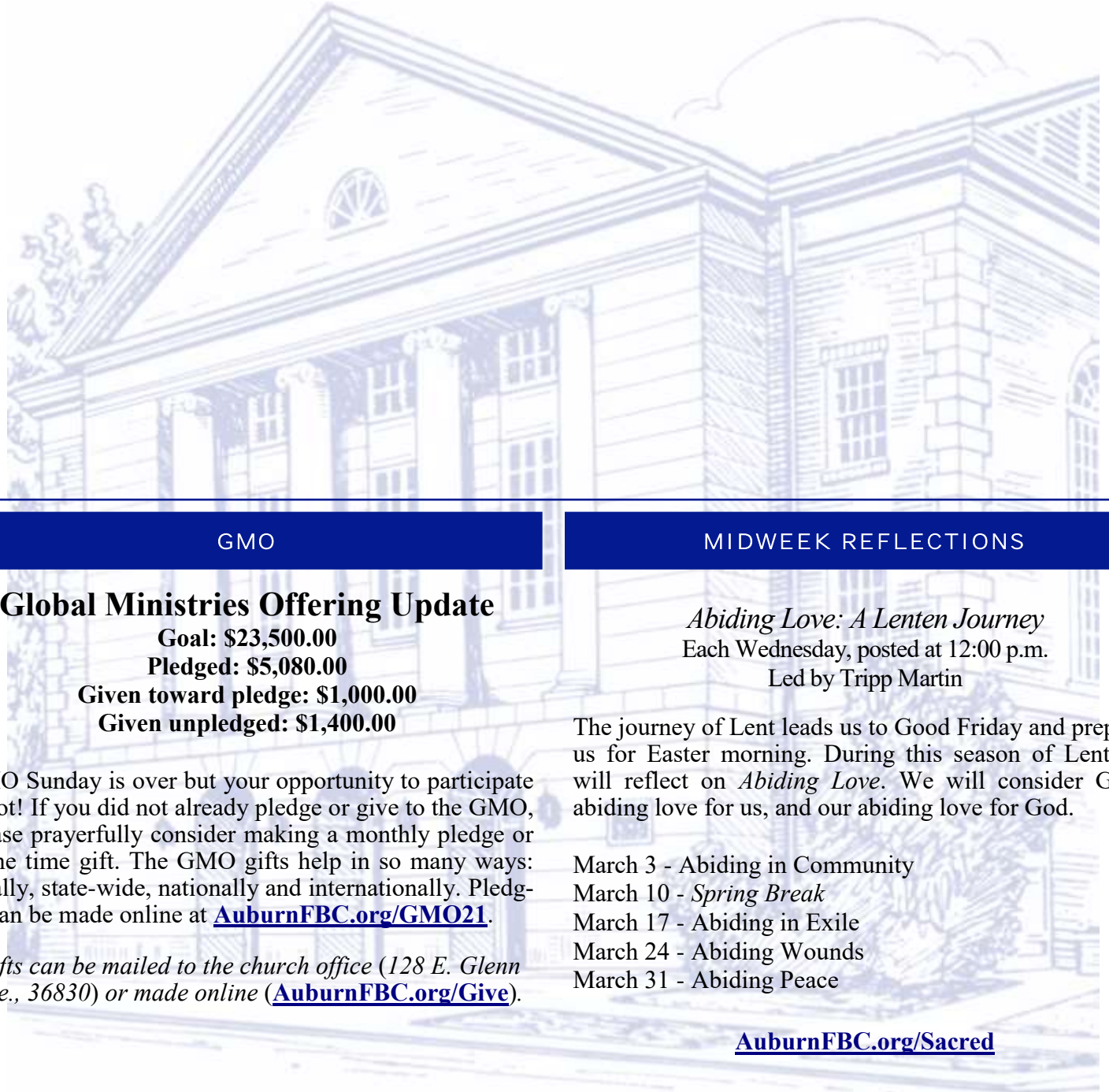




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## GMO

## MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

### Global Ministries Offering Update

**Goal: \$23,500.00**

**Pledged: \$5,080.00**

**Given toward pledge: \$1,000.00**

**Given unpledged: \$1,400.00**

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 [AuburnFBC.org/GMO21](http://AuburnFBC.org/GMO21).

*Gifts can be mailed to the church office (128 E. Glenn Ave., 36830) or made online ([AuburnFBC.org/Give](http://AuburnFBC.org/Give)).*

### *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.

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)

## FELLOWSHIP

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

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