



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

April 1, 2021

WORSHIP

April 1st

Maundy Thursday
Worship on Zoom

April 2nd

Good Friday

April 4th

Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18

April 11th

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2
Youth Sunday

Lay Worship Leader for April:
Parker Draughon

Sabbath Study Leave

By: Tripp Martin

In anticipation of this summer, I am grateful to the Personnel Committee, Deacons, and congregation for the opportunity to have a Sabbath Study Leave. It had been scheduled for last summer, but the onset of the pandemic and its effect on the life of the church necessitated postponing it. I am thankful for this opportunity and the value that Auburn First Baptist places on study and renewal.

The dates of my Sabbath Study Leave will be May 24-July 26, 2021. Our family will be driving across the country, visiting several National Parks and National Forests. My study will focus on a theology of creation and the changing religious landscape around the church. I will reflect on the presence of God at work throughout the world!

We find connections to a theology of creation in our community with the work of Auburn University and the Alabama Extension service, speaking to our context in important ways. There is also an interest in discovering the divine in nature, for those who do not participate in the rhythms of a church. Studying a theology of creation can cultivate meaningful connections for ministry to our community.

I will also read about and reflect on the changing religious landscape around the church. There has been a rise in the “Nones,” or those who do not have a religious affiliation. The changing religious landscape is more pronounced outside of the South, but we find it in our context as well. I will spend time in conversation with religious and civic leaders, as they talk about the life of the church outside of the South, which can provide insights into serving our community as well.

We will spend time in Colorado and Wyoming as we drive to Bozeman, Montana, where we will spend most of the summer. I will work with Dr. Bruce Gourley, who has a Ph.D. from Auburn and is a church historian. He will help me cultivate conversations with religious and civic leaders.

I have a list of books to read along with reading portions of scripture related to a theology of creation. I will also focus on the gospels and the book of Acts, as I reflect on the life of the church and its ministry to others.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity! In the upcoming weeks, I will make preparations for this time away. I hope this time of study and renewal benefits my ministry with you and our shared journey together!

REMINDERS

Youth Sunday

April 11

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Maundy Thursday

Worship at 6:00 p.m., Zoom

Meeting ID: 83163121942

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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

Not meeting April 4th

“And God Said...What? A Look at the 10 Commandments”

April 11, 18, & 25

Led by Mike McClanahan

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVlJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

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 for more information.

April 4th: Not Meeting

April 11th: Zoom

Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

Each week, the church office will email a sign-up list for up to 75 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. 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.

In light of positive coronavirus trends and increasing numbers of members attending worship in person, the Personnel Committee, in consultation with the Worship and Gatherings ad-hoc committee, has recommended that the staff resume regular office hours beginning April 1.

The staff are returning with some guidelines that will also require your adherence should you choose to come to the church office for anything. They will be allowed to be un-masked while alone in their office, but will be required to wear a mask when leaving their office and while having face-to-face interactions with others. Masks will continue to be required for all people while in church buildings, therefore we ask that you wear a mask when coming to the church office. If you need a mask, please call ahead and one can be provided for you.

While we are hopeful current trends continue that will allow guidelines to be further relaxed, we ask your cooperation with these guidelines until that time.

Thank you,
Drew Smith, Chair
Personnel Committee

SAVE-THE-DATE

Vacation Bible School

“Renew”

June 21-24, 2021

We look forward to Vacation Bible School this year! We will learn about God’s creation and how faith grows in our lives. Our plans are to meet in person, but we will continue to monitor any concerns related to Covid-19. We will also have guidelines for a safe and fun VBS!

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 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
April 11th

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

April 4th: Not Meeting - Easter

April 11th: Not Meeting - Youth Sunday

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email 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 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

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.

Our weekly calendar will be determined by our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings. The tentative long-term plan is to begin our regular schedule in August. ***Promotion Sunday will be August 8.***

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)

Serving in April

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

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



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MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Practicing Our Faith

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

Led by Tripp Martin

Our faith is woven into our lives as we practice it throughout our everyday life. We will reflect on the different practices of our faith and the wisdom the church has gained over the centuries.

April 7 – The Practices of Our Faith

April 14 – Forgiveness & Justice

April 21 – Testimony & Stories

April 28 – Sabbath & Work

May 5 – Words & Speech

May 12 – Singing & Prayer

May 19 – Discernment & Decisions

May 26 – Creativity & Hope

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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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

MISSIONS

Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$76.

GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

March 2021 - March 2022

Goal: \$23,500.00

Pledged: \$5,980.00

Given toward pledge: \$2,125.00

Given unpledged: \$5,075.00

Total given: \$7,200.00