



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Dedication

By: Tripp Martin

February 7th

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
Isaiah 40:21-31
Mark 1:29-39

As we continue to turn the page into a new year, we are deeply thankful for the commitment of the congregation. We have seen committees navigate the circumstances of a pandemic and ministries make necessary adjustments. We have also witnessed the dedication of the congregation!

February 14th

Transfiguration of the Lord
Mark 9:2-9
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

We entered 2020 with a deficit of about \$30,000 after finishing the previous two years slightly behind, and we did not know that a pandemic would affect our gatherings and ministries. Throughout the year, the congregation demonstrated a commitment to its giving. There were only a few months where our expenses were higher than our contributions.

Lay Worship Leader for February:

Felicia McInnis

Our end of the year giving was also positive, and we finished the year with a significant surplus of about \$105,930. Our expenses were lower in 2020 because of the restrictions related to gathering, but our overall contributions were also higher than previous years. We are thankful for the dedication of the congregation!

The Stewardship Committee and Deacons have approved recommendations for allocating the surplus, allowing the church to plan for major projects in the future. We will need to replace heating and air conditioning units and aging roofs. We also need to replace the carpet in the sanctuary this spring. The congregation will vote on these recommendations in a virtual Business Meeting this month.

REMINDERS

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

In addition to this surplus, the congregation also gave more to missions in 2020 than previous years. Including our mission giving through the church budget, additional gifts by church members, and the Mission Trust Fund, the church gave more than \$171,000 to missions. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve others and support our partners in ministry.

Midweek Reflections

Bread for the Traveler

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We give thanks for the dedication of the congregation and the benefit it has on the church's long-term financial health. We celebrate the church's dedication, and we look forward to another year of ministry together!

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

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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

Led by Tripp Martin

“Faith and Dementia”

February 7, 14, & 21

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.

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

February 14th: 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

Bread for the Traveler: Wisdom from the Psalms

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

Led by Tripp Martin

The journey of life and faith causes us to experience every emotion possible. The psalms reflect the experiences and emotions of the people of God throughout history. We find strength and wisdom in them for our journey!

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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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

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.

Super Bowl Party

February 7

Laura's house or Fellowship Hall

Fat Tuesday

February 16

While we will miss gathering in person for our Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper, our college ministry is excited to prepare at-home Fat Tuesday kits! We love the pancake supper tradition we share with our church family, so we invite you to enjoy pancakes at home before we all get ready for the season of Lent.

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

Super Bowl Party
February 7
Activities Building
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
*Location will alternate between the AFBC Court-
yard and Zoom.*

February 7th: Super Bowl Party, Activities Building
February 14th: Zoom

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.

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

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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.

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



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GMO

Global Ministries Offering

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 \$17,122.00 to the current GMO budget, and our goal is \$23,500.

BUSINESS MEETING

As we continue the ministry of the church during this season of life, Committees and the Deacons will present Business Meeting agenda items to the congregation. In the coming weeks, an email will be sent to the congregation, presenting these items. An opportunity for questions will take place over Zoom, or on a conference call.

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.

ACCESSIBLE WALKWAY

In the recent years, the Aesthetic and Functionality Committee has discussed constructing an accessible walkway from the Gay Street parking lot to the courtyard, allowing access to the doors beside the Library. The church has been allocating funds for this project.

At the end of 2020, Betsy Jordan recommended the project to the Perry Foundation, a charitable organization. After reviewing the church's proposal, the Perry Foundation awarded Auburn FBC \$10,000 for the project. The church is working with Lett Construction to create a proposal, which will be recommended to the Deacons. We are thankful for this grant, and we look forward to this project!