



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

Forty Days

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February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Psalm 25:1-10

Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Mark 8:31-37

College Sunday

Lay Worship Leader for February:

Mary Claire Stanton

We embark on a forty-day journey each year from Ash Wednesday to Easter morning. Lent is the forty days, which begins on Ash Wednesday, but if we count carefully the days on the calendar until Easter, we exceed forty days. This is because Lent is a season for fasting, so Sundays are not included in the forty days of Lent.

We refer to the *First Sunday in Lent* instead of the *First Sunday of Lent* because Sundays are feast days and Lent is for fasting. Sundays are for celebrating the grace of God and the love of Christ. Each Sunday is like a little Easter, so Sundays do not “count” in the forty days of Lent.

Since the season of Lent is for fasting, focusing our attention on God, people have traditionally given something up for Lent. It can be many things. People give up chocolate or caffeine, social media or gossip, judging others or resentment. It is a way to practice something for a short term, which shapes us in the long term!

The wisdom behind the fasting is about reclaiming what matters the most. As one writer says, we should only love what can love us back. Lent calls us to turn away from what cannot love us back and refocus our attention on God, who always loves us in return!

It is a misconception that Lent is simply a holding pattern before the joy of Easter. It is also a life-giving time, albeit difficult at times; but it draws us closer to God. We learn again to love God, who always loves us in return. It is aligning our treasure with our heart, as we give thanks for simplicity, contentment, and fulfillment in the grace of God.

REMINDERS

College Sunday

February 25, 11:00 a.m., Worship

GMO Sunday

GMO Sunday is over but your opportunity to participate is not!

www.AuburnFBC.org/GMO24

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.,

Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by noon on Monday,

angela@auburnfbc.org.

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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

Round Table

Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

“A Child Shall Lead Them:
Theology of Children’s Books”

Led by Tripp Martin
February 18

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace”

Led by Jeff Damron
February 25

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom

We are reading *Practicing Changing Yourself to Change the World* by Kathy Escobar. If you would like a book, please email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP

Building Hope Weekend

February 16-18

Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Together for Hope are partnering with Alabama Rural Ministry for a weekend of serving in Macon County. The Building Hope weekend is an opportunity for us to serve our neighbors. Our church will host some of the meals and a worship service for all participants. Please make plans to participate in this exciting weekend! We need volunteers from our church to help with our hosting responsibilities – contact Laura Edgar if you’d like to help. We also need volunteers from our church to register for the event. Here’s the link to register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjNirFfhoJnYc1VheL3j5IJDdQ-3p4q19Yx2zTckWqoT-dFQ/viewform>

PrimeTimers

*Tuesday, February 20, 11:00 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

Join us for fellowship, food, and fun by joining everyone for a Potluck and Bingo. Please bring a dish to share (preferably sandwiches, salad, or something sweet); drinks and paper goods will be furnished. Let's kickoff the new year by enjoying our time together and playing some Bingo!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Resumes April 4

LENT

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
“Fool Me Once: Shame, Grace, and Jesus”

Each Wednesday during Lent from February 14 to March 27 (not meeting March 6), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch. Lunch will be provided for \$5.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

We will reflect on the repentance of Lent, the burden of shame, and the work of grace.

If you would like the meal, please RSVP by noon on Monday to the church office, frontdesk@auburnfbc.org and angela@auburnfbc.org so we can plan accordingly.

COLLEGE

College Sunday

Sunday, February 25, 11:00 a.m., Worship

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal 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., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Youth Choir **Youth Sunday Nights**
Sundays, 5:00 p.m. *Sundays, 6:00 p.m.*
 Choir Room Youth Room
Not Meeting February 18

Passport
Converse University, Spartanburg, SC
June 30 - July 5, 2024
 Cost: \$500
 Let Laura know if you'd like to register!

Building Hope Weekend
February 16-18

CHILDREN

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

VBS

VBS Volunteers Needed!
“Operation Restoration”

Join us June 3-6 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we learn about Bible stories and about missions. 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 Katharine Martin (katharineymartin@gmail.com), Emily Wilkins (wallaby137@hotmail.com), or Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help!

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Health Committee has incontinence pads in the Parish Nurse Office. If you know of anyone who could use them, please contact Lynn Eden (sleden6@gmail.com), Chair of the Health Committee, or Pat Randle (patrandle73@gmail.com), Parish Nurse.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday	Every Thursday
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.	Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.	Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 18th

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	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 20th

PrimeTimers	Fellowship Hall	11:00 a.m.
Deacon's Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 21st

Lenten Lunches.....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
CDC Meeting.....	Library	5:45 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.

Sunday - 25th

College Sunday	Worship	11:00 a.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	Seekers Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Night	Activities Building	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 27th

College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 28th

Lenten Lunches.....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
First Bells.....	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.



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GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$25,000.00

Pledged: \$9,856.00

Given toward pledge: \$3,412.50

Given unpledged: \$1,010.00

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 www.AuburnFBC.org/GMO24.

Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online (AuburnFBC.org/Give).

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 *Friday, April 8th*. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Serving the Month of February

Greeters: Jeannie & Mike Bumgardner and Julia Morgan

Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving February 18, 2024

Extended Session: Marcie Smith, Zach Deal, Ruthie Spiers

Serving February 25, 2024

Extended Session: Laine Adams, Anna Coxwell, Lee McInnis

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