



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

April 7

Easter 2
Acts 4.32-35
1 John 1.1-2.2

April 14

Easter 3
Luke 24.36b-48
Psalm 4

Lay Worship Leader for April:

Olivia Parish & Madison Tausch

REMINDERS

Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture Series

*Sunday, April 21, 9:00 a.m.,
Fellowship Hall*

with Dr. Mary Foskett

*"Being Christian Without Being
Anti-Jewish: Re-thinking How We
Read the New Testament"*

*Please bring your favorite brunch
dish to share as we gather!*

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, April 25, Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m.

Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

VBS Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 12:00 p.m.

Activities Building

Light snacks provided.

April Showers

By: Tripp Martin

As people say, "April showers bring May flowers." We enter the month of April with the expectation that the last freeze of winter is behind us, but we also anticipate the soggy, rainy weather of this month. The rain, though, makes way for the bright blooms and colorful flowers of spring!

We begin to anticipate the joy which follows the preparation, as the rain prepares for the flowers. First, there is sowing; then, there is reaping. We lean into the preparation, so we can enjoy the blooming!

The showers of April, though, take place during the season of Easter, which creates confusion. The season of Easter is supposed to be a time of blooming, not a time of preparation. Lent was to prepare us for the season of Easter, but since it falls during the April showers, we are confused. But the confusion is also clarifying!

The cause and effect of April showers and May flowers should not limit our experience of grace. We might find grace in the preparation as well as in the blooming. We do not have to prepare in order to experience it. We might experience it along the way!

In April, we will prepare and celebrate! We will prepare for our Moore Lecture Series with Dr. Mary Foskett on April 21, which is rescheduled from last fall, as we also celebrate this annual opportunity for study. Our youth will prepare for Youth Sunday on April 28, as we also celebrate their leadership. Our children will prepare for Choir Recognition on April 28, as we also celebrate them at the Dessert Fellowship.

A life of faith always involves preparation and celebration. We can find joy in both! There are Sundays, where worship feels more like preparation for the week ahead, but there are also Sundays, where worship feels like a celebration of the week behind us. We give thanks for both, for the grace of God is in the showers and in the blooming.

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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

“Wonder and the Soul”

Led by Rev. Nick Reed, Co-pastor

First Presbyterian Church

April 7 & 14

Connecting Faith and Family

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

FELLOWSHIP

Choir Recognition and Dessert Fellowship

Sunday, April 28, 6:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Our Children and Youth choirs will share the music they have been preparing.

Please bring your families' favorite dessert to share!

Claude H. and Mary Virginia Moore Lecture Series

Sunday, April 21, 9:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

“Being Christian Without Being Anti-Jewish:

*Re-thinking How We Read the New
Testament”*

During the Sunday school hour, all youth, college and adult classes will be invited to join together to hear Dr. Foskett teach in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Foskett will also join us during the worship service as the guest preacher.

Mary Foskett is the Wake Forest Kahle Professor of Religious Studies, John Thomas Albritton Fellow, and Chair of the Department for the Study of Religions at Wake Forest University, where she has been teaching in the area of New Testament studies for 26 years. Her scholarship focuses on a range of topics, including Mary, the mother of Jesus, extracanonical Christian literature, and feminist and contextual interpretation of the New Testament. She resides in Winston-Salem, North Carolina with her husband, Scott Hudgins, and is a member of First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, on Fifth Street.

*Please bring your favorite brunch dish to share as we
gather.*

Brunch is at 9:15 a.m.

COLLEGE

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.

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

YOUTH

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.

Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Youth Room

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 28, 11:00 a.m., Worship

LIBRARY RENOVATION

In the fall of 2023, the congregation approved the proposed projects for the additional grant the Life is Calling Committee received from the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. One of the main projects is renovating the Library. Instead of a functioning Library, it will be an aesthetic Library. There will be less shelf space. The committee will keep reference materials, books authored by church members, and other relevant materials, but the remaining books will be available to the congregation. During the month of April, the congregation can take home any of the books on the shelves in the Library.

Vacation Bible School

Join us for "Operation Restoration"
June 3-6

Rising 4k through Rising 6th grade

Registration from April 15 - May 25

Check AFBC website to register!

Bring a friend, grandkid, a neighbor - open to all!
Crafts, bible stories, songs, snacks, and more!

VBS Volunteers Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 12:00 p.m., Activities Building

Light snacks provided.

We will hand out curriculum, give everyone the overview of the theme, scripture passages, and schedule.

Childcare will be provided for infants and preschool.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Resumes April 4

"Questions God Asks Us"

Led by Tripp Martin

We will look at the questions God asks throughout scripture.

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck

Thursday, April 25, Fellowship Hall

Dinner at 5:15 p.m., Business Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda:

Quarterly Financial Report and Recommendation of members to the Deacon Nominating Committee and the Committee on Committees.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Greensboro, NC

June 19 - 21

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

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.

Tuesday - 2nd

College Bible Study Activities Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 3rd

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
Conversational English Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 4th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 7th

Youth Committee Meeting Youth Room 12:00 p.m.
Children's Choirs 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 - 9th

College Bible Study Activities Building 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 10th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting Library 5:45 p.m.
Conversational English Activities Building 5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 11th

Stewardship Committee Mtg ... Library 5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 14th

Children's Choirs 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.

BRAZIL MISSION TRIP

We will be coordinating with the team from the First Baptist Church of Garland, Texas to build a new church in the beach community of Ponta de Pedras. The dates are approximately June 30 until July 12 (depending on price and availability.) Some participants might choose to limit their trip to one week, and we should be able to work that out. The total price of the trip can be determined after ticket prices are known. Last year the cost was \$2200 and has been as much as \$2600 in previous years.

Please note that along with a current passport Brazil now requires a visa for entry of US citizens. We will look into the best ways to obtain the visa.

We need a commitment by **April 25** from anyone who wishes to participate. Please send your contact information along with your full name as shown on your passport, passport number, expiration date, and a \$200 deposit to the church office. (frontdesk@auburnfbc.org) Mike Bumgardner is the point-of-contact for questions. (auburnnow@yahoo.com or 334-329-8025)



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MISSIONS

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!

Sunday, May 12, 12:00 p.m., AFBC Courtyard

The Community Market always needs baby food and cereal, diapers, wipes, lotion, baby wash, baby oil and any other baby items. Financial gifts are also welcome. This event will be moved to the Coleman Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather. **This will be a gathering moment after worship.**

LIFE IS CALLING

A Concert of Sacred Music

Sunday, May 19, 4:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Featuring Khari Allen Lee, Saxophonist

Sponsored by Auburn First Baptist Church and True Deliverance Holiness Church

Khari Allen Lee will be joined by Scarlett Sheils, organist; Precious Hill, soloist; and David Foley, accompanist.

We will have a reception with True Deliverance following the concert. This event is hosted by the Life is Calling Committee.

Serving the Month of April

Greeters: Dale Peterson, Jeannie & Mike Bumgardner

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

Visitors: Gwynne Lovelady

Serving April 7, 2024

Extended Session: Ashley Randle, Leah Duzy, Charlotte Sutton

Serving April 14, 2024

Extended Session: Jay Spiers, Lyndsay Deal

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