Auburn First Baptist Church

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WORSHIP

March 2

Transfiguration of the Lord
Luke 9: 28-36
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

March 5

Ash Wednesday
Isaiah 58.1-12
Psalm 51. 1-17
Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

March 9

First Sunday of Lent
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
Luke 4:1-13

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Charlotte Sutton

REMINDERS

GMO Sunday

GMO Sunday is over but it is not too late to give!

www.AuburnFBC.org/GMO25.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Daylight Saving Time

Sunday, March 9

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

A Lenten Journey

By: Tripp Martin

On Ash Wednesday, March 5, we will begin that long, arduous journey of forty days through Lent. The forty days of Lent, which do not include Sundays, mirrors the experience of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus wandered into the wilderness, where he faced questions of temptation, while also clarifying his calling. He emerged from the wilderness to begin his ministry of compassion, commitment, and concern for others.

Lent is a journey of reflection and repentance. We step into the wilderness, where we take time to listen to ourselves and to God, to survey the world around us, and to ask important questions about faith and life. This journey yields clarifying answers as we return to what is truly important and as we discover more of God's calling for our lives.

We venture into the wilderness because it is where we find Jesus. Jesus does not sit high without regard for the needs of others. Jesus goes to the places where there is need. We step into the wilderness to better understand our needs, and the needs of this world, which are brought into focus by God's grace.

This journey allows us to prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week and for the celebration of Easter. Lent is the fast before the feast! It teaches us and guides us, so we are open to the love of Christ, which surprises us on Easter.

We enter this journey together as we gather on Fat Tuesday for our annual Pancake Supper, Ash Wednesday for the imposition of ashes, and each Wednesday for our Lenten Lunches. Together, we will reflect on the Passion of Christ, as Jesus drew near to the suffering of others to provide comfort, healing, and forgiveness. It teaches us about the love of God, and enables us to share that love with others!

We begin this long, arduous journey, which slows us down and keeps us focused on the steadfast love of God!

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
Not Meeting March 9

"Traditions of Spirituality"
Led by Tripp Martin
March 2

"Walking as Spirituality"
5:00 p.m. at Arboretum
181 Garden Drive, 36849
March 16

We will meet at the Arboretum for a time of reflection, thinking about creation and ending in a short prayer service. Bring a tailgate chair. If it rains, we will meet in the Coleman Fellowship Hall.

Connecting Faith and Family
Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom
Not Meeting March 9

Sacred Self Care: Daily Practices for Nurturing our Whole Selves
by Dr. Chanequa Walker-Barnes

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities
Thursdays, 5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall

(Not meeting during Lent)

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers
Tuesday, March 4, 11:00 a.m.,
True Deliverance Holiness Church

We will gather for food and fellowship on March 4 at 11.00 a.m. at the True Deliverance Holiness Church at 936 N. Donahue in Auburn. Please join us as we see old friends, make new friends, enjoy a Mardi Gras inspired lunch and play Bingo. No need to RSVP but it would be helpful to let Teresa (334-444-9394) or Marcie (334-444-1052) know if you plan to be there and if you would like transportation.

COLLEGE

Spring Break Retreat
Friday, March 7 - Sunday, March 9
Lake Martin

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.

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

Thank you for always supporting our college ministry. This important mission and ministry of our church could not happen without the support of our entire congregation. One of the most meaningful things we do is offer students a meal and opportunity for fellowship to begin each Tuesday night. 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.

YOUTH

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, March 6, 7:00 a.m., Panera

Dinner and Bowling Night
Monday, March 24
6:00 p.m.. - 7:30 p.m., Good Times

CHILDREN

Preschool and 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!

"Road Trip"

Join us June 2-5 (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) or Emily Wilkins (wallaby137@hotmail.com) if you would like to help!

LENT

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Beginning on March 5

"The Passion of Christ"

Each Wednesday during Lent from March 5 to April 16 (not meeting March 12, Spring Break), 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 events of Holy Week and the Passion of Christ New Program. If you would like the meal, please RSVP by noon each Monday to the church office, frontdesk@auburnfbc.org, so we can plan accordingly.

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.

Sunday - 2nd

Preschool/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 - 4th

PrimeTimers	936 N Donahue Drive	11:00 a.m.
Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper	Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 5th

Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
First Bells	Choir Room	12:45 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday Service	Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.

Thursday - 6th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.

No Thursday Evening Activities

Friday - 7th

College Retreat	Lake Martin	TBD

Sunday - 9th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 11th

No College Bible Study - Spring Break

Wednesday - 12th

No Lenten Lunch - Spring Break

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

Thursday - 13th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.

No Thursday Evening Activities

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EASTER LILIES

Easter Lily Order Form

Given by:_____

In Memory of:_____

In Honor of:_____

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 March 28. The cost is $10 per plant.

GMO

Global Ministries Offering 2025-2026
Goal: $25,000

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/GMO25.**

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

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Dale Peterson, Belinda Wright, Mike Aston

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

Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving March 2, 2025

Extended Session: Anna Coxwell, Ronda West

Serving March 9, 2025

Extended Session: Elaine Ridgway, Jay Spiers, Anna Coxwell

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