Auburn First Baptist Church

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WORSHIP

April 6

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43.16-21
John 12.1-8

April 13

Palm Sunday
Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29
Luke 19.28-40

Lay Worship Leader for April:
Elizabeth Summers

REMINDERS

GMO Sunday

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

www.AuburnFBC.org/GMO25.

Lenten Lunches

Wednesday, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP by noon on Monday,
frontdesk@auburnfbc.org

Grounds Work Day

Saturday, April 5, 9:00 a.m., Courtyard

We'll aim to be wrapped up by noon. If you have gardening gloves & tools, you are welcome to bring them!

Holy Week

By: Tripp Martin

We have another week or two on this journey of Lent, and then we will enter Holy Week. It is the week that redefines every other week. It is a week, which should stand out to us, slowing us down and grabbing our attention!

When we gather each Sunday for worship, we keep time differently. Our daily routine is interrupted by gathering in the sanctuary. Worship feels and sounds different than our other days. We shift our focus on the Lord's Day, paying attention to the love of God and its bearing upon our lives.

We can approach Holy Week in a similar manner. We can allow it to interrupt our lives, calling us again to pay attention to the steadfast love of God. We can ponder what happened during this week. We can reflect on its meaning for our lives. We can gather and worship, remember and give thanks, together!

It is why we gather at different times and for specific reasons during Holy Week. We begin by waving palms and shouting "Hosanna in the highest!" on Palm Sunday. We will then gather like the disciples did on Maundy Thursday, partaking of the bread and the cup, as we remember Jesus washing the disciples' feet. On Good Friday, we will witness the light of Christ go out, as we feel the weight of that solemn moment.

On Holy Saturday, we will not gather because we will only hear silence. But on Easter, we will rise to give thanks for the risen Lord! We will gather to sing hallelujah and to celebrate the grace of God.

We gather at different times and for specific reasons to walk through the events of Holy Week together, so that on Easter, our hallelujahs are full of the joy of God's steadfast love!

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Not Meeting April 20

"Paul the Progressive: Reclaiming the Apostle as a Friend"
Led by Jeff Damron
April 6

"Reimagining Easter"
Led by Mike McClanahan
April 13 & 27

Connecting Faith and Family
Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Seekers Classroom

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)

Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck
Thursday, April 24, 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 and Recommendation from the Bylaws Committee.

CBF General Assembly Registration
St. Louis, MO
June 24 -26
Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

COLLEGE

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
April 3, 2025
7:00 a.m., Panera

CHORALE CONCERT

The East Alabama Civic Chorale Spring Concert
Sunday, April 6, 3:00 p.m., Sanctuary

On Sunday, April 6 at 3:00 p.m., Auburn First Baptist Church will host **The East Alabama Civic Chorale** in their Spring Concert. The 70-voice Choir is directed by Dale Peterson, and Liza Weisbrod serves as collaborative pianist. Guest artist for the concert is Dr. Joshua Coble, organist. This concert will conclude the Chorale's musical season with the program, ***Great Hymns of the Church.*** This is the final concert in which Dale Peterson, our Minister of Music Emeritus, will serve as the Chorale's Music Director/Conductor. You are sure to enjoy this hymn-based concert! All are cordially invited.

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

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers

Tuesday, April 15, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Please join us for our Habitat for Humanity event scheduled for Tuesday, April 15th at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the AFBC Fellowship Hall where coffee and breakfast pastries will be served. Mark Grantham, the Habitat for Humanity Executive Director of Lee County, and our own John Jones will give us an informative talk about this nonprofit organization and its mission. If time permits, transportation will be provided to visit ongoing activities of Habitat for Humanity in our area.

Choir Recognition and Dessert Fellowship

Sunday, April 27, 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!

LENT

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

"The Passion of Christ"
Final Meeting, April 16

Each Wednesday during Lent, 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.

Tuesday - April 1st		
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - April 2nd		
Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
First Bells	Choir Room	12:45 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
Thursday - April 3rd		
Youth Prayer Breakfast	Panera	7:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.
No Thursday Evening Activities		
Saturday - April 5th		
Grounds Work Day	Courtyard	9:00 a.m.
Sunday - 6th		
Civic Chorale Concert	Sanctuary	3:00 p.m.
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 - April 8th		
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 9th		
Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
First Bells	Choir Room	12:45 p.m.
Conversational English	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
CDC Committee Mtg	Library	5:45 p.m.
Thursday - 10th		
Stewardship Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.
No Thursday Evening Activities		
Sunday - 13th		
Children Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
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 - 15th		
Deacons' Meeting	Seekers Classroom	6:30 p.m.
College Bible Study	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.

VBS

VBS Registration
"Road Trip"

Registration from March 30 - May 25.

VBS will be on June 2-5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. for children ages 3-5th grade (3 year-olds must be potty trained).

AuburnFBC.org/VBS25

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MISSIONS

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!

Sunday, May 11, 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.**

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 13, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

Communion Service

April 17, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday

Tenebrae Service

April 18, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary

No Evening Activities

Serving the Month of April

Greeters: Julia Morgan, Belinda Wright, Drew Smith

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

Visitors: Julie & Mike McClanahan

Serving April 6, 2025

Extended Session: Ashley Aston, Lynn Eden, Lee McInnis

Serving April 13, 2025

Extended Session: Ronda West, Emily Wilkins, Marcie Smith

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