



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

March 16

Second Sunday in Lent
Luke 13.31-35
Psalm 27

March 23

Third Sunday in Lent
Psalm 63.1-8
Luke 13.1-9

March 30

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Romans 12.4-8
Mia Cellino Hong preaching

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Charlotte Sutton

One Foot Raised

By: Tripp Martin

As we continue to walk down the forty-day path of Lent, the prayerful sentence of St. Ignatius keeps coming to mind, "We are to live with one foot raised." It seems, though, if we live with one foot raised then we would be constantly off balance. We would have to focus our energy on not falling because we are standing like a pink flamingo lawn ornament.

St. Ignatius wrote about a readiness and openness towards God. He was a Spanish priest, who founded the Jesuits, a Roman Catholic order focused on missions. When we live with one foot raised, we place an emphasis on action! We are ready and open to respond to God's calling and to the needs of our neighbor. We live with one foot raised in order to care for others.

Lent invites us, though, to pause and to reflect. It invites us to practice our faith in such a way that we can reflect upon the meaning of it. During Lent, we reflect on the character of the steadfast love of God, so when we are living with one foot raised, we know when to respond. We receive more clarity on when to offer compassion, support, and kindness.

There are so many needs in this world that if we tried to respond to every one of them we would never focus long enough on any of them to be much help. We live with one foot raised, but we need to know when to take the first step. We cannot respond to every need, but we can respond to some needs.

Throughout Lent, we can consider our response to the needs of this world. It might be our relationship with our neighbor. It could be the connections we foster in our local community. We might consider the needs of the most vulnerable where we live. We can reflect on these needs, as we foster a readiness and openness to God, so we can live with one foot raised.

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!

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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

“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.

“Our Worship Traditions”

Dale Petersen

March 23

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)

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY

Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy

We will participate in the Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy, inviting Mia Cellino Hong to preach on Sunday, March 30. Mia is a student at the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia and will be graduating in May. She won the John Claypool Preaching Award in 2024. She serves as a teacher and worship leader, dedicated to both the classroom and the church. Auburn FBC has a long history of recognizing the calling of women to leadership and ministry, ordaining its first woman, Leland Cooper, as a deacon in 1974.

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

Dinner and Bowling Night

Monday, March 24

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Good Times

Prayer Breakfast

April 3, 2025

7:00 a.m., Panera

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!

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Sunday, March 30, 12:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

LENT

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 - 16th

Youth Committee Mtg	Activities Building	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.

Wednesday - 19th

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 - 20th

Stewardship Committee Mtg.....	Fellowship Hall	5:00 p.m.
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No Thursday Evening Activities

Sunday - 23rd

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.

Monday - 24th

Youth Bowling Night.....	Good Times	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday - 25th

Deacons' Meeting	Fellowship Hall	6:30 p.m.
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Wednesday - 26th

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 - 27th

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.
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No Thursday Evening Activities

Sunday - 30th

VBS Volunteer Mtg	Activities Building	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.



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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.

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 16, 2025

Extended Session: Emily Wilkins, Felicia McInnis

Serving March 23, 2025

Extended Session: Ryan Thompson, Lee McInnis, Kelly Meeks

Serving March 30, 2025

Extended Session: Zach Deal, Betty Tatum

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).*

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