



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

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WORSHIP

A Different Schedule

By: Tripp Martin

March 15th

Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 17:1-7
John 4:5-42

March 22nd

Fourth Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13
John 9:1-41

March 29th

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Annalee Isbell

With both unprecedented and changing circumstances before us regarding the concerns of the Coronavirus, we are unable to foresee what the schedule of the church will look like in the short-term. Throughout this newsletter, our plans remain subject to change, but we will continue to communicate updates to the congregation.

It is difficult not being able to gather because we rely on our gatherings. We find strength in one another, so we remember that the church is not defined by a building, but by its people. We remain connected to one another by the grace of God. We seek ways to stay in touch with one another.

We are working on streaming options for worship. Once we develop that option, we will update the congregation. It will enable us to remain connected to this place as we are apart. The church office will remain open, so please let us know if you need anything. Let us also remember to send our offerings, which can be mailed to the church office, enabling us to continue our collective ministry.

As we practice social distancing, we can also practice our faith in these different circumstances. We can hold the concerns of the congregation and the world in our prayers. During this time, I will adopt a practice borrowed from a friend, praying through the church directory each week from Alford to Zugazaga. We can keep each other close through our prayers.

We can also take walks around our neighborhood. Walking has long been a spiritual practice, noticing our surroundings, getting to know our neighborhood, and allowing it to guide our prayers and actions. We can find God in the place where we live.

We will continue the ministry of the church in these changing circumstances. We are grateful to the congregation. We rely on one another even from a distance. Our connections to one another are not contingent on proximity. We are held by the fellowship of the Spirit, which binds us together and sends us forth into the world to share the grace of God.

REMINDERS

Global Ministries Offering

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

Gifts can be brought to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Our goal is \$23,000. We have received \$9,720 in pledges and \$1,845 in unpledged gifts.

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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 at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Not Meeting

Once we are able to meet again, we will update our schedule of speakers. We will try and reschedule our out of town speaker for the fall.

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom
Not Meeting

GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$23,500.00

Pledged: \$9,720.00

Given toward pledge: \$2,400.00

Given unpledged: \$1,845.00

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 Auburn-FBC.org/GMO20 or via pledge cards available in the sanctuary.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Atlanta, GA, June 22-26

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

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 *Thursday, March 19th*. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Brown Bag Dinner
Not Meeting

“Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives”
Led by Tripp Martin

We will resume our conversations about “Creating Sacred Space in our Lives” once the church is able to meet again. In the meantime, we will create sacred space in our homes and neighborhoods. We will practice prayer, enjoy time with our loved ones, and stay connected to those who live alone. We can write letters and make phone calls. We will find ways to stay connected to one another.

MISSIONS

Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2020 Brasil Mission Trip. This will be the 33rd annual trip for members of Auburn FBC, from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in going! The dates are July 4-18. We will also offer dates of July 4-11 for those who cannot stay the entire time. The total cost should be about \$2000.

If you are interested in being a part of the team, contact Wallace Baldwin or Mike Bumgardner. *Also, we need used suitcases donated to the team to carry supplies.*

COLLEGE

College Sunday

March 29

Bible Study & Breakfast

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

College Room (Activities Building)
Not Meeting

College Tuesday Night Bible Study

7:00 p.m., Activities Building

Not Meeting

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights

5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Youth Hang Out Time

Youth Choir

Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room

Youth Committee Meeting

Sunday, April 5th, 12:00 p.m., Youth Room

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 19

LENT

Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
"Were You There?: Lent and the Spirituals"

While we are unable to gather with one another, we will post videos on the church's website of Lenten Reflections, thinking about what the Spirituals have to teach us in this season of Lent.

CHILDREN



Preschool & Children's Egg-stravaganza

Our Egg Hunt has been cancelled.

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
Not Meeting

Spark Adventure

Thursdays, 5:50 p.m., Education Building

Helpers:

March 19h: Not Meeting

March 26th: To Be Determined

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.

Thursday - 19th

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 22nd

No Sunday Activities

Thursday - 26th

Schedule To Be Determined

Sunday - 29th

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Serving the Month of March

Greeters, Visitors, Offering, and Loaves & Fishes are all to be determined when we start meeting again.

Serving March 22, 2020

Sound & Light: Gary Cantini

Serving March 29, 2020

Sound & Light: Lindsay Crosby

Extended Session: TBA

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*Listen to the service Sunday mornings
at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*