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WORSHIP

Welcoming A New Year

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January 3rd

Epiphany of the Lord
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 10th

Baptism of the Lord
Mark 1:4-11
Acts 19:1-7

Lay Worship Leader for January
Chuck Isbell

We begin this year with a vision towards renewal! As with any year, we do not know what the days ahead will hold, but following the ups and downs of 2020, we strive towards renewal. We continue to keep the efforts of healthcare workers and the distribution of a vaccine in our prayers. We also look forward to the return of gatherings and worship in the months to come.

As we look forward to renewal, we continue to maintain the life of the church. During this time of year, we usually gather for Committee Night, where each committee will meet, discuss its ministry for the year, and elect officers. Since we cannot meet in person for Committee Night, the Committee on Committees has arranged for committees to meet on Zoom.

Each minister will contact its committees to convene Zoom meetings, where officers can be elected and committee members can connect. These meetings will take place over the course of the month of January.

We are thankful for the work of committees and the lay leadership of the congregation. In ways which are recognizable as well as in ways which go unnoticed, the lay leadership of the church continues to invigorate the ministry of Auburn FBC.

We give thanks for the gift of collective wisdom, the strength of community, and the ministry of empathy through our lay leaders. We are thankful for the shared journey of faith! Whenever these recent months have felt overwhelming, we have been able to draw strength from one another.

During these weeks of not gathering, the grace of God, which binds us together, has sustained us, reminding us that we are never alone. We have received a note in the mail. We have received cookies at the front door. We have received a phone call from a familiar voice.

Through creativity and commitment, the congregation has continued to minister to one another and to the needs of our surrounding community. We continue to seek renewal as a community of faith!

REMINDERS

Worship

Our worship service is live streamed on the website each week.

AuburnFBC.org/Live

Midweek Reflections

Bread for the Traveler
Resumes January 6

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Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

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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

Sunday School

During this time of social distancing, Sunday School classes are finding ways to remain connected. Teachers are sharing lessons, and classes are meeting virtually. We are thankful for these connections!

The Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

Led by Tripp Martin

“A Reading List for 2021”

January 10

“Faith and Dementia”

January 24, 31, and February 7, 14, & 21

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVIJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays

Location will alternate between AFBC and Zoom.

We will discuss *Be the Bridge* by Latasha Morrison on the weeks that we meet at AFBC. The weeks that we meet via Zoom, we will chat about parent/faith related topics. Contact Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com for more information.

January 24th: AFBC Courtyard; 6:00-7:30 p.m.

January 31st: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

Baptist Women in Ministry Day of Preaching

We will participate in the Baptist Women in Ministry Day of Preaching, inviting Lauren Hooie to preach on Sunday, January 31. Lauren was active in the college ministry at Auburn FBC, and she will graduate from the McAfee School of Theology this semester. BWIM Day of Preaching celebrates the historic ministry of preachers like Martha Stearns Marshall, Ella Pearson Mitchell, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and Edna Lee de Gutierrez. Auburn FBC has a long history of recognizing the calling of women to leadership and ministry in Baptist life, ordaining its first woman, Leland Cooper, as a deacon in 1974.

MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Bread for the Traveler: Wisdom from the Psalms

Each Wednesday, posted at 12:00 p.m.

Led by Tripp Martin

Begins January 6

The journey of life and faith causes us to experience every emotion possible. The psalms reflect the experiences and emotions of the people of God throughout history. We find strength and wisdom in them for our journey, as we experience them as well!

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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

There will not be a meeting in January. Our schedule remains to be determined.

COLLEGE

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. In these unprecedented times, keeping students connected in safe ways is vitally important. We are planning to meet outside and to purchase meals during the fall semester in order to minimize contact while still promoting a sense of community.

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or preparing a dessert for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this fall, 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. in the AFBC Courtyard

Resumes January 12

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Thursday Nights
Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir
Not Meeting

Spring Semester Kickoff

January 17

Cost: \$15 per person

Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

Youth Sunday Nights

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

Resumes January 24

January 24th: AFBC Courtyard

January 31st: Zoom

Passport Youth Camp

July 5-10, 2021

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

CHILDREN

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2021

Rock Eagle 4H Center, Eatonton, Georgia

Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit)

Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

Children's Bible Study

Each week we will post a weekly Children's Bible Study, which will be compiled by several church members. It can be watched on Sunday morning or afternoon, or even during the week.

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Children's Choirs & Bible Encounter

Not Meeting

Spark Adventure

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

Not Meeting

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.

The church office remains closed as our staff is working from home. The email addresses for the staff are found in the newsletter and website. If you need to contact the ministerial staff, Tripp Martin (334-332-4100), Morris Driggers (864-981-0963), or Laura Edgar (334-233-2267).

Social Media

Facebook: Facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist

YouTube: YouTube.com/AuburnFBC

Twitter: @AuburnFBC

Apple Podcasts: AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod

Google Play: AuburnFBC.org/GooglePod

RSS: AuburnFBC.org/FeedPodcast

Serving in January

Our Counters, Sound & Light, and Extended Session volunteers remain to be determined.

COMMITTEE NIGHT

Committee Night

Due to the limitations and health concerns of gathering in person, we will not have our traditional Committee Night. The Committee on Committees has developed a plan for 2021. Each committee is assigned a ministerial liaison, and during the month of January, the minister will convene a meeting of each committee over Zoom in order to elect officers for the year and tend to important agenda items. We are thankful for the lay leadership of the congregation!

DEACON ORDINATION

Deacon Ordination

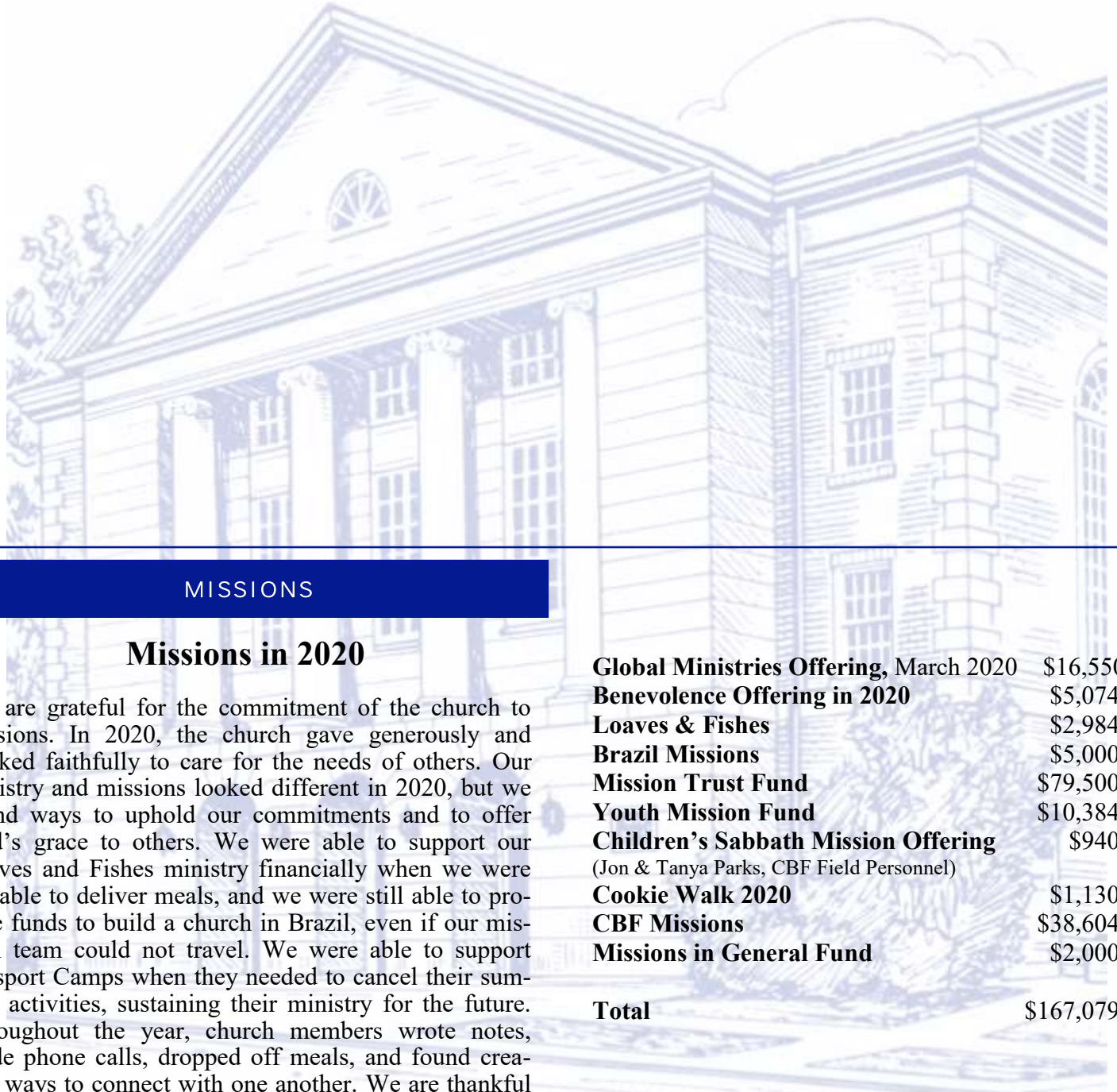
The congregation has elected new deacons, and in January, we usually look forward to an ordination service. Since we cannot gather in person and have the traditional laying on of hands for our new deacons, we are postponing the ordination service. The deacons discussed these plans, and they decided to postpone the service, so new deacons will not miss this experience. We will reschedule the service when we can gather together again!



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MISSIONS

Missions in 2020

We are grateful for the commitment of the church to missions. In 2020, the church gave generously and worked faithfully to care for the needs of others. Our ministry and missions looked different in 2020, but we found ways to uphold our commitments and to offer God's grace to others. We were able to support our Loaves and Fishes ministry financially when we were not able to deliver meals, and we were still able to provide funds to build a church in Brazil, even if our mission team could not travel. We were able to support Passport Camps when they needed to cancel their summer activities, sustaining their ministry for the future. Throughout the year, church members wrote notes, made phone calls, dropped off meals, and found creative ways to connect with one another. We are thankful for the cookies and creativity, which offered the love of God in important ways. We could never name everything that took place through the missions of the church, but we are grateful for the work that took place behind-the-scenes as well as the ministry that was noticed.

Global Ministries Offering, March 2020	\$16,550.00
Benevolence Offering in 2020	\$5,074.70
Loaves & Fishes	\$2,984.50
Brazil Missions	\$5,000.00
Mission Trust Fund	\$79,500.00
Youth Mission Fund	\$10,384.22
Children's Sabbath Mission Offering (Jon & Tanya Parks, CBF Field Personnel)	\$940.00
Cookie Walk 2020	\$1,130.00
CBF Missions	\$38,604.31
Missions in General Fund	\$2,000.00
Total	\$167,079.78

Helen W. Brown Jail Ministry

We are thankful to Teresa Vest and others, who made sure we were able to keep our commitment to the Jail Ministry, delivering Christmas shoeboxes, or rather "bags", to the jail. The project looked different, as have many things in the recent months, but we give thanks for meaningful ministry, which continues to take place!