

WORSHIP

Practicing Lent

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March 3rd

Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 34:29-35
Luke 9:28– 36
GMO Sunday

The Lenten Road begins at the corner of Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, and it takes us to Holy Week, where we witness again the darkness of Good Friday, as we await the light of Easter morning. Fat Tuesday is the feast before the fast, and Ash Wednesday calls us to remember the sacredness of each and every day.

March 10th

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 1:1
Revelation 21: 1-6a
Wayne Flynt Preaching

During this Lent, we will gather each week on Wednesday, except for March 13, which is Spring Break, for a Lenten Lunch. We will talk about what it means to practice Lent, which is more than simply giving something up for this season. Lent calls us to return to the heart of our faith, clarifying our vision and reclaiming our purpose.

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Jan Thornton

Practicing Lent

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

We will limit our time together to the lunch hour.

Lunch from Amsterdam's Café, \$5.00

REMINDERS

GMO Sunday

March 3

The GMO Budget and Pledge cards are available around the church or in the pews.

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, March 3

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5th

Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 6th, 6:00 p.m.,

First Presbyterian Church

March 6 – The Sign of the Cross

March 13 – Not Meeting, Spring Break

March 20 – The More Things Change

March 27 – The Silence of Saturday

April 3 – A Radical & Balanced Life

April 10 – The Sacredness of Each Day

April 17 – The Surprise of Resurrection

We “practice” Lent because we are not focused on perfection. Practice does not mean perfect; it just means practice. We practice Lent because it deepens the meaning of our journey and widens our understanding of God’s presence.

Around the table with one another, we will explore the purpose of Lent and the questions it asks us. As we discuss these questions, which revolve around the life of Jesus, it will carry us along the journey, preparing us for the events of Holy Week. It will help us see again the meaning of Jesus’ life, which always informs our own.

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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.

VBS Volunteers Needed!

“Water U Doing?”

Join us June 3-6 (Monday - Thursday evenings) as we learn about Bible stories and learn about *Watering Malawi*. 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 Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help! Our Directors will be Cathy Summers and Sue Walker.

LENT

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

*Tuesday, March 5th,
Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.*

Ash Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, March 6th, 6:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church*

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, which is a season of the church that helps us prepare for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter morning. We will join again with our friends from Holy Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian to begin this season of Lent with the imposition of ashes. Childcare is provided. For those who can walk, you might consider parking at AFBC.

Lenten Lunches

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

Each Wednesday during Lent from March 6 to April 17 (not meeting March 13), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch. We will provide a sandwich lunch from Amsterdam's for \$5.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

If you would like the meal from Amsterdam's, please RSVP to the church office, kristina@auburnfbc.org, so we can plan accordingly.

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Remember to RSVP for dinner by noon on Tuesday of each week.
Not meeting March 7 & 14.

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Not Meeting March 3 & 10

“Christianity in the United States Today”

March 17, 24, & 31, April 7

Led by Dr. Fisher Humphries

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers' Classroom

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We will discuss *More Than Words, 10 Values For The Modern Family* by Erin Wathen. All are welcome!

Not meeting March 3 & 10.

MUSIC

AFBC First Bells Seeking Ringers!

The AFBC First Bells (handbell group) is making great progress toward a brilliant contribution to the music for Easter morning; but we're a little short-staffed and could use a hand – well, *several* hands, actually. With 5 octaves of bells, we should ideally have 13-14 ringers ... we have 11. We need at least one more ringer on the little bells up high, and two more on the big bells down low (strength is required for those).

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. If that time works for you, and if you've ever rung in the past (or already read music and are just curious), I'd love to talk with you!

COLLEGE

Upcoming Dates:

*March 3: College Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Library
March 9-15: Mission Trip - Middlesboro, KY*

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.

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

Upcoming Dates:

March 3: Rise Against Hunger, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.,
Fellowship Hall

March 9-15: Mission Trip - Middlesboro, KY

For Spring Break 2019, our older youth along with our college students are participating in a program called Appalachian Immersion. More than a mission trip, this week-long experience will provide opportunities to learn, listen, share, and serve in the heart of Appalachia. We'll travel to Middlesboro, Kentucky and be welcomed by First Baptist Middlesboro. We'll do projects during the week including reading clinics with children, senior adult food distribution, maintenance work at a settlement school, serving a community dinner, and more. We're excited to partner with the good work already happening in the region as we are immersed in the beautiful and challenging aspects of life in Appalachia.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Birmingham, Alabama

June 19-21

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

Volunteers Needed

Since AL CBF is hosting General Assembly in Birmingham, volunteers from Alabama will be needed. To sign up to volunteer for a limited shift: <https://cbf.net/volunteer-at-generalassembly>.

CHILDREN

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

Spark Adventure

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

Helpers:

March 7th: Not Meeting

March 14th: Not Meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Every Thursday

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - 3rd

College Committee Meeting Library 12:00 p.m.

Music Committee Meeting Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Rise Against Hunger Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 5th

Dayfriends Veggies to Go 11:45 a.m.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 6th

Conversational English Education Building 9:00 a.m.

Lenten Lunch Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m.

Joint Ash Wednesday Service First Presbyterian 6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - 7th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 10th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 12th

Caring Hands Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 14th

First Bells Choir Room 12:30 p.m.

Stewardship Committee Meeting .. Library 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Choir Room 6:45 p.m.

Pulpit Banner Brochure

We have created a brochure, which has every pulpit banner of the church, describing its meaning and connection to the season of the Church Year. We continue to be grateful to the Memorial Committee for providing these banners for our sanctuary. If you are interested in reading about the pulpit banners, the brochure is available throughout the church and in the church office.



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MISSIONS

Rise Against Hunger

Our youth and the Mission Committee are hosting a Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event on March 3 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. This event gives us the opportunity to serve people in places far from us as we meet needs of hunger and nutrition. Our youth look forward to joining with our church family for this great day of service!

Brasil Mission Trip

Plans are beginning for the 2019 Brasil Mission Trip. This will be the 32nd annual trip for members of Auburn FBC, from surrounding churches, and other states. We hope you are interested in going! The dates are July 6-20. We will also offer dates of July 6-14 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.*

Global Ministries Offering Sunday

Sunday, March 3rd, 11:00 a.m., Worship

The GMO Budget and Pledge Cards are available around the church or in the pews.

Habitat for Humanity

One of our long-term partnerships in ministry is Habitat for Humanity in Lee County. We partner with Habitat for Humanity through the We Help Coalition, a group of churches supporting this work. We support the construction of homes and the building of families through Habitat for Humanity.

If you would like to be added to the email listserv, notifying church members of opportunities to volunteer on building projects, please send your email address to Kristina Hickman at Kristina@auburnfbc.org.

Serving the Month of March

- Greeters:** Daniel & John Udochi
- Visitors:** Franklin & Anne Randle
- Loaves & Fishes:** Pilgrims
- Offering:** Youth

Serving March 3, 2019

- Counters:** Flarcie Hopkins, Helen Bearden, Bill McIntyre
- Sound & Light:** Michael Cline
- Extended Session:** Mary Ann Dell, Ruthie Spiers, Pat Randle, Jay Spiers, Lee McInnis, Cynthia Smithart, Jo Jones

Serving March 10, 2019

- Counters:** Wallace Baldwin, Hazel Lee
- Sound & Light:** Gary Cantini
- Extended Session:** Alex Ritenbaugh, Anne Randle, Charlotte Sutton, Franklin Randle, Anna Parish, Katharine Martin

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