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WORSHIP

Sabbath Study Leave

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March 1st

First Sunday of Lent
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Matthew 4:1-11
GMO Sunday

After every six years of ministry, Auburn First Baptist offers its ministerial staff the opportunity to take a Sabbath Study Leave. It is a kind and thoughtful gift, providing support for study and renewal. I am thankful to have the opportunity for a Sabbath Study Leave this summer.

March 8th

Second Sunday of Lent
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
John 3:1-17

In conversations with the Personnel Committee and the Deacons last year, they approved my Sabbath Study Leave for this May 25-July 27. I will focus on reading about a theology of creation as well as the changing religious landscape around us. In order to enrich this reading, we will travel to Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana, visiting National Forests and Parks. I will also work with Dr. Bruce Gourley, who has his Ph.D. from Auburn University, attended Auburn FBC while he was here, and now lives in Bozeman, Montana. Dr. Gourley teaches and works for Nurturing Faith, formerly Baptists Today.

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Annalee Isbell

With a connection to Auburn's roots, pairing education with a focus on agriculture, I am studying a theology of creation, where there are intersections with our context. In addition to this reading, while I am in Montana, I will meet with different ministers and leaders about the changing religious landscape by engaging in conversations with ministers who serve in that context and people who do not have a connection to a church. With the rising number of people not connected to a church, even in the South, listening to people's stories can make us more sensitive to their experiences and kind in our response to their needs.

REMINDERS

Global Ministries Offering **Sunday** *March 1*

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

Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, March 1
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Our youth are joining with First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal Churches.

PrimeTimers on the Move

Tuesday, March 17th
Civil Rights Memorial Museum
See back page for details.

I am also thankful for the Center for Congregational Resources at Samford University. I applied and received the James A. Auchmuty Congregational Leadership Fellowship, which is named after Dr. James Auchmuty, Pastor Emeritus of Shades Crest Baptist Church in Birmingham. The grant will help with our travel and lodging.

Over the next few months, I will be preparing for my Sabbath Study Leave, finishing certain tasks before the summer arrives. I am also grateful to the staff and our committees, for the work they will do while I am gone. I am thankful to the congregation for providing this opportunity and for its support, as time for study and renewal is such a profound gift!

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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 March 1 & 8

*“People of God: Old Testament Lessons on
God’s Hope for Our Lives”*

March 15, 22, & 29

Led by Dr. Dee Bratcher

Professor, Mercer University

Connecting Faith and Family

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

Not meeting March 1 & 8

Discussion and support about parenting and personal spiritual growth. We are discussing *How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. All are welcome!

LENT

Lenten Lunches

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

“Were You There?: Lent and the Spirituals”

Each Wednesday during Lent from February 26 to April 8 (not meeting March 11), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch. We will provide a sandwich lunch from Amsterdam Café for \$5.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

If you would like the meal from Amsterdam Café, please RSVP by noon on Monday to the church office, kristina@auburnfbc.org, so we can plan accordingly.

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: _____

GMO

GMO Celebration Dinner

Thursday, March 5 at 5:15 p.m.

The Mission Committee is planning a Celebration Dinner for our Global Ministries Offering. This offering is our annual, special offering over-and-above our church budget, which supports our ministry partners. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate this work!

We will learn about the ministries supported in the GMO Budget 2020-2021, and we will also welcome Ralph Foster as our speaker, a Board Member of Alabama Possible.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Atlanta, GA, June 22-26

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall, Brown Bag Dinner

Not meeting March 12

“Creating Sacred Space in Our Lives”

Led by Tripp Martin

COLLEGE

Spring Break Mission Trip

Lake Nixon Outdoor Center

Little Rock, Arkansas

Depart - Saturday, March 7th

Return - Friday, March 13th

College Sunday

March 29

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
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Rise Against Hunger

Sunday, March 1st, 4:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

We will be joined by youth from First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal Churches.



March 20-22

Carrollton, Georgia

Depart - Friday, March 20th, 4:00 p.m.
Return - Sunday, March 22nd, 12:00 p.m.

CHILDREN

Parents Night Out

Saturday, March 21st, TBA
340 Yukon Drive, 36832

Parents of children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to enjoy dinner and games on Saturday, March 21 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Patrick & Amelia White's house. Childcare will be provided at the church beginning at 4:45 p.m. A snack supper will be provided for children. Please let the church office know by Wednesday, March 18 if you and your family will attend. Email kristina@auburnfbc.org, or call 334-887-8506. Please bring a dish or appetizer for a potluck dinner as well as your favorite board game.

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 5th: Mary Joe Howard & Katharine Martin

March 12th: No Evening Activities

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.
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Sunday - 1st

Rise Against Hunger	Fellowship Hall	4:30 p.m.
Children's Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 3rd

College Bible Study	College Room	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 4th

Conversational English	Education Building	9:00 a.m.
Lenten Lunch	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.

Thursday - 5th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
GMO Celebration Dinner	Fellowship Hall	5:15 p.m.
Spark Adventures	Education Building	5:50 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

Sunday - 8th

No Evening Activities

Tuesday - 10th

Dayfriends	Newk's	11:45 a.m.
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Thursday - 12th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Mtg ...	Library	5:00 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:45 p.m.

No Evening Activities

Sunday - 15th

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	Fishers' Room	5:00 p.m.
Bible Encounter	Education Building	6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday Nights	Youth Room	6:00 p.m.

VBS

VBS Volunteers Needed!

“Renew”

Join us June 1-4 (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 Cathy Summers (catherine.summers@gmail.com), Sue Walker (auburnjams@gmail.com), or Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help!



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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 1 from 4:30-6:30 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 the youth groups at First Presbyterian and Holy Trinity Episcopal Churches for this event!

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.*

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Gina Cantrell & Felicia McInnis

Visitors: Mary Lynn Porter

Offering: Youth

Loaves & Fishes: Pilgrims

Serving March 1, 2020

Counters: Flarcie Hopkins, Ted Thompson, Bill McIntyre

Sound & Light: David Sutton

Extended Session: Cindy Cleveland, Suzanne Parish, Amber Berry-Moore, Anna Coxwell, Cathy Summers, Felicia McInnis

Serving March 8, 2020

Counters: Wallace Baldwin, Merle Bass, Hazel Lee

Sound & Light: Chad Parish

Extended Session: Kelly Meeks, Alex Ritenbaugh, Marcie Smith, Amanda Oliver, Candy Enkeboll, Jason Summers

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

*Tuesday, March 17th, 8:00 a.m.
Civil Rights Memorial Museum*

PrimeTimers cordially invites you to participate in a fun and meaningful trip to the new Civil Rights Memorial Museum in Montgomery on Tuesday, March 17. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. in the Gay Street lot and board the church bus, departing around 8:15 a.m. Tickets for the museum are only \$2 per person. We will enjoy a one-hour guided tour of the memorial, then will have a brief break before boarding the bus to make our way to Dreamland BBQ, where we have reservations for a Dutch Treat lunch. (An 18% gratuity will be added to each check since we are a large group.) Space is limited, so please call the church office to sign up as soon as possible.

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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*