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WORSHIP

Holy Week

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March 21st

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

March 28th

Palm Sunday
Mark 11:1-11
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Lay Worship Leader for March:
Blake Knight

As the journey of Lent unfolds, we walk closer to the events of Holy Week, which was called “The Great Week” in the fourth century. It is the week, which brings into focus the steadfast love of God and the solidarity of the ways of Jesus. It moves from shouts of joy on Palm Sunday, to the cries of despair on Good Friday, to the silence of Holy Saturday, and to the surprise of Easter morning.

When we heard that Jesus would be born and his name would be “Emmanuel,” or “God is with us,” we did not anticipate how the events of Holy Week would reveal the depths of his name’s meaning. God is with us on the mountaintop and in the valley! Even when we cannot see the light, it emerges from the darkness, surprising us yet again.

We are thankful that this is a shared journey! We do not have to face the events of Holy Week alone. It was about a year ago when the pandemic of Covid-19 started altering our gatherings. In the last year, the congregation has remained connected, reaching out to one another and sharing this journey.

REMINDERS

Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

AuburnFBC.org/Give

Worship

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

AuburnFBC.org/Live

As we enter Holy Week, we are thankful for one another, for this week is full of ups and downs, twists and turns. We find Mary anointing and Judas betraying, Peter denying and Pilate avoiding. Jesus is washing feet, embracing suffering, and standing alone, so that we never have to stand alone.

We will worship on Palm Sunday, both in-person and over livestream, connected by our “Hosannas.” We will have a gathering on Maundy Thursday on Zoom, celebrating the bread and cup as widely as we can. On Good Friday, we will worship in the sanctuary and virtually, facing the darkness together, which precedes the Light of the World on Easter.

We are grateful for the events of Holy Week, as they usher us again into God’s steadfast love. We are also thankful for each step we take, transitioning from being apart to gathering again! We will remain cautious, as we give thanks for sharing this journey with one another!

Midweek Reflections

Abiding Love: A Lenten Journey

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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 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

“Jesus”

March 21 and 28

Led by Dr. Fisher Humphries

“And God Said...What? A look at the 10 Commandments”

April 11, 18, & 25

Led by Mike McClanahan

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.

March 21st: AFBC Courtyard

March 28th: Zoom; 8:30 p.m.

Gratitude

During this year, we give thanks for Bryan King, who has served as our organist for over twenty years. Bryan has served Auburn FBC diligently and with tremendous skill. After so many years of faithful service, Bryan has decided to retire later this year. We will look forward to celebrating with him and offering our gratitude at the appropriate time. Due to the limitations of the pandemic, the timeline for our celebration will remain open-ended. Bryan has been an important part of our family of faith, providing music for our worship. The church will begin the process of searching for an organist in the weeks to come.

Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

Each week, the church office will email a sign-up list for up to 20 individuals to attend worship. Those without access to email can call the church office and leave a message, requesting to be added to the list. If no slots are available, those names will be carried forward to the next week. If the level of cases in Lee County rises significantly prior to the worship service, in-person attendance will be postponed. Masks and physical distancing will be required, and those in high-risk categories are encouraged to continue watching worship via livestream unless they have been fully vaccinated.

The committee remains hopeful that case numbers will continue to improve, and this is the first step towards a larger scale return to gatherings at the church. We also remain grateful for the congregation's patience and resilience.

CHILDREN

Easter Egg Hunt

Preschool and Children's Ministry

Saturday, March 27 at AFBC Courtyard

10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

We will wear masks and practice social distancing. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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

YOUTH

Thursday Nights
Youth Hang Out Time
Not Meeting

Youth Choir
Not Meeting

Youth Day of Service
Saturday, March 20, Storybook Farm
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We will meet at Storybook Farm. Lunch will be provided. Please let Laura know if you're planning to attend.

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.

March 21st: AFBC Courtyard
March 28th: Zoom

Passport Youth Camp
July 5-10, 2021
Furman University, Greenville, SC
Total: \$450
Email laura@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

COLLEGE

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

If you are interested in sponsoring a meal or preparing a dessert for our College Tuesday Night Bible Study this spring, 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

Fellowship. Service. Special 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.

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](https://www.facebook.com/AuburnFirstBaptist)
YouTube: [YouTube.com/AuburnFBC](https://www.youtube.com/AuburnFBC)
Twitter: [@AuburnFBC](https://twitter.com/AuburnFBC)
Apple Podcasts: [AuburnFBC.org/ApplePod](https://www.auburnfbc.org/applepod)

Serving in March

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

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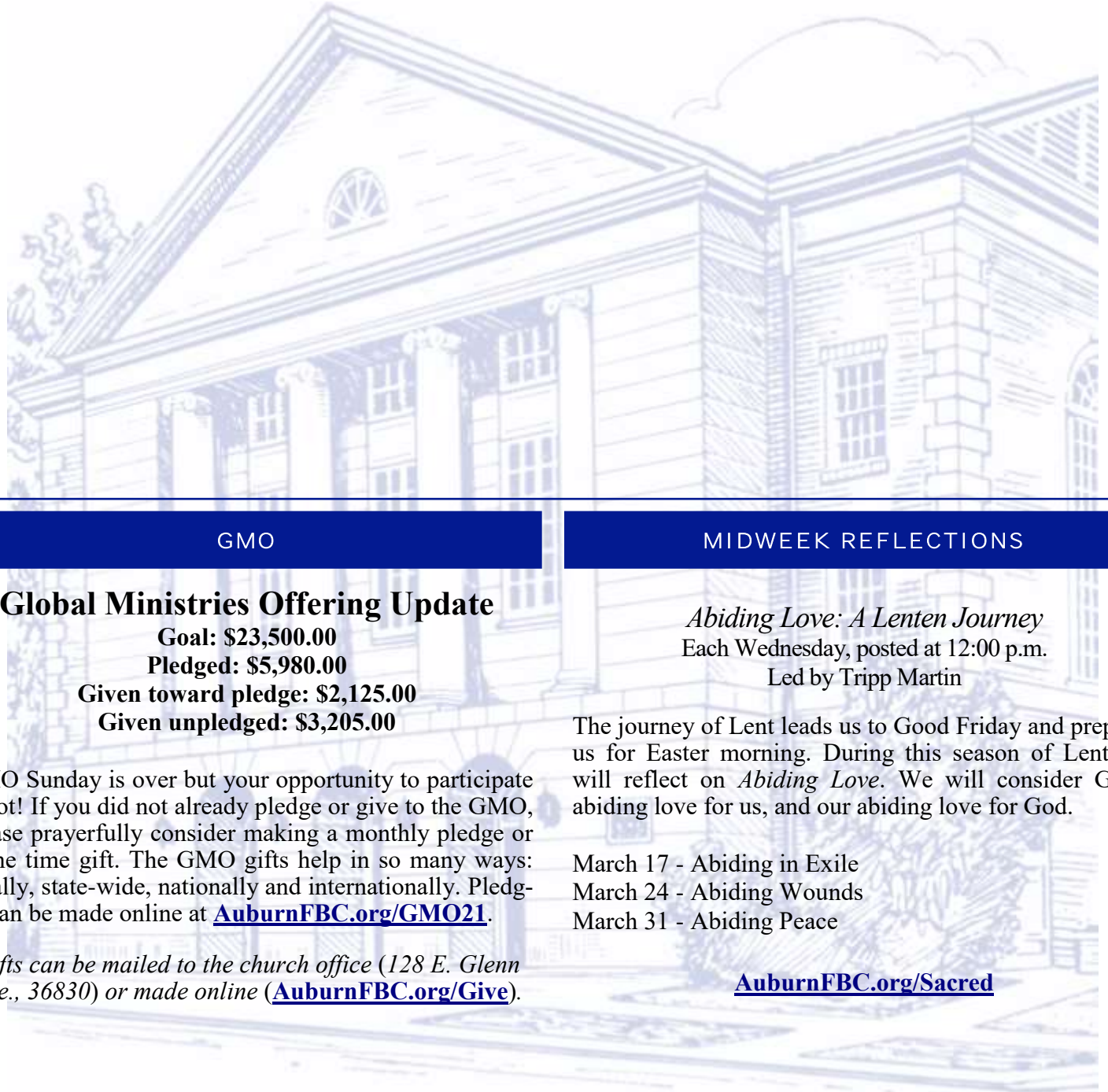
*Listen to the service Sunday mornings
at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*



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GMO

MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$23,500.00

Pledged: \$5,980.00

Given toward pledge: \$2,125.00

Given unpledged: \$3,205.00

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 AuburnFBC.org/GMO21.

Gifts can be mailed to the church office (128 E. Glenn Ave., 36830) or made online (AuburnFBC.org/Give).

Abiding Love: A Lenten Journey

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

Led by Tripp Martin

The journey of Lent leads us to Good Friday and prepares us for Easter morning. During this season of Lent, we will reflect on *Abiding Love*. We will consider God's abiding love for us, and our abiding love for God.

March 17 - Abiding in Exile

March 24 - Abiding Wounds

March 31 - Abiding Peace

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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move

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