



# Auburn First Baptist Church

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## WORSHIP

*It Keeps Happening*

By: Tripp Martin

April 18th

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Psalm 4

Luke 24:36-48

We are thankful for the season of Easter, or Eastertide, as it stretches out the joy of Easter morning for more than one day. The season of Easter lasts for fifty days, leading us from Easter morning to the Day of Pentecost. During this season, we celebrate the new life of God's steadfast love!

April 25th

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

If we are not careful, though, we can leave Easter in the past. We might celebrate Easter, remembering the day of the resurrection, but if we are not intentional, we can accidentally leave it there. Easter is not just an event in the past! It happens over and over again, as we discover new life in God's grace.

Lay Worship Leader for April:

Parker Draughon

Easter can call us to see God's steadfast love at work, even today! It takes place when a teacher invests in a student, opening new doors for him or her to walk through in life. It might be renewed confidence or the opportunity to attend college. It could impact their future career and how they will use their gifts to serve others.

We might also discover it in the kindness of others, reaching out to a friend, who has been overwhelmed and ready to give up; but the voice of a friend changed the person's outlook. It gave them patience to endure what they could not avoid. On the other side of this difficult time, they realized the love of God was found in the love of a friend.

## REMINDERS

### Online Giving

Online giving is an additional option for supporting the church.

[AuburnFBC.org/Give](https://AuburnFBC.org/Give)

As we reach the end of the school year, we are thinking about our students, who have endured a year, which has not been like any other. They have adapted to new circumstances, and they have inspired us! We are also thankful for their teachers and administrators for prioritizing them during this time. We also recognize the kindness of friends and family, which carried them through it all.

### Worship

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

[AuburnFBC.org/Live](https://AuburnFBC.org/Live)

On Sunday, April 25, we will recognize our college graduates, giving thanks for them as they start a new chapter in their lives. On Sunday, May 2, we will celebrate our high school graduates, as they achieve a great deal and take their next step. We will celebrate them and offer our blessing on them!

### Midweek Reflections

*Practicing Our Faith*

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](https://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

As we celebrate, we will remember that God's steadfast love continues to go with us, as Easter did not just happen in the past. It keeps happening!

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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*

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

April 18 & 25

Led by Mike McClanahan

Zoom Meeting ID: 840 0651 7918

Passcode: 009937

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84006517918?pwd=aGNnMHc0bHlxVlJoUEZqeVpsbHlIdz09>

### 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](mailto:aduzyofalife@gmail.com) for more information.

April 18th: AFBC Courtyard

April 25th: AFBC Courtyard

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### Ad Hoc Committee Update for Worship & Gatherings

Each week, the church office will email a sign-up list for up to 75 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.

## SAVE-THE-DATE

### Vacation Bible School

“Renew”

June 21-24, 2021

We look forward to Vacation Bible School this year! We will learn about God’s creation and how faith grows in our lives. Our plans are to meet in person, but we will continue to monitor any concerns related to Covid-19. We will also have guidelines for a safe and fun VBS!

## MISSIONS

### Loaves and Fishes

We continue to serve the needs of others during this time by paying for the meals we would normally deliver each week for Loaves and Fishes. If a Sunday School class, or individual, would like to contribute to this effort, please contact Teresa Vest or Kristina Hickman. Each week costs about \$76.

## COLLEGE

### Bonfire at Randle Farms

*Tuesday, April 20*

Meet in the Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

### College Graduate Recognition

*Sunday, April 25*

We pray for our college students as they finish the semester this month.

### 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.

## YOUTH

**Thursday Nights**  
Youth Hang Out Time  
*Not Meeting*

**Youth Choir**  
*Not Meeting*

### **Youth Sunday Nights**

Sundays, 6:00 p.m.

*Location will alternate between the AFBC Courtyard and Zoom.*

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### **Senior Recognition**

May 2

### **Passport Youth Camp**

*July 5-10, 2021*

Furman University, Greenville, SC

Total: \$450

Email [laura@auburnfbc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

[AuburnFBC.org/CBS](http://AuburnFBC.org/CBS)

### **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.

Our weekly calendar will be determined by our Ad Hoc Committee for Worship and Gatherings. The tentative long-term plan is to begin our regular schedule in August. ***Promotion Sunday will be August 8.***

### **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 April**

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

#### Ministerial Staff

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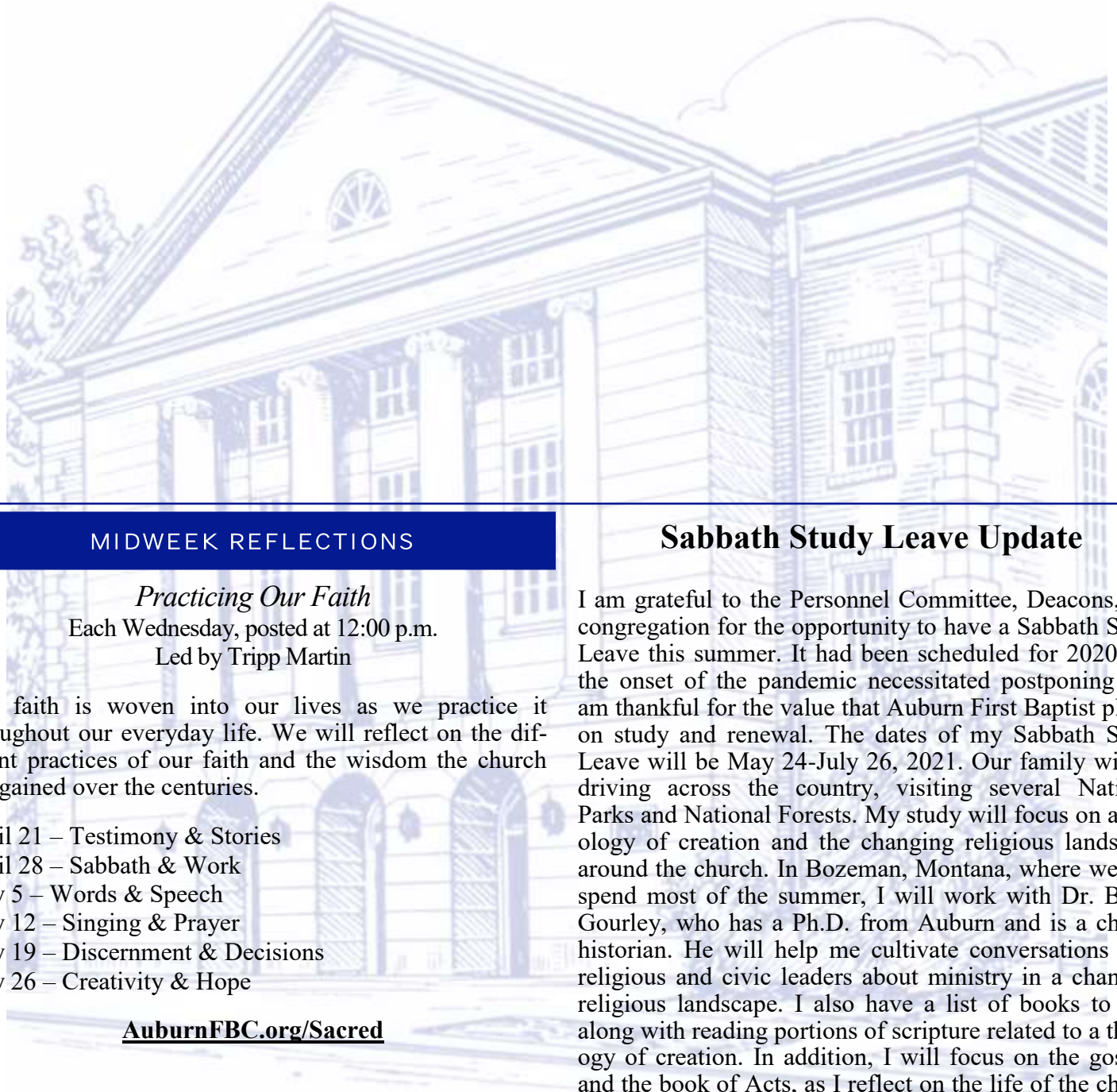
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at 11 am on WAUD 1230 AM*



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## MIDWEEK REFLECTIONS

### *Practicing Our Faith*

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

Led by Tripp Martin

Our faith is woven into our lives as we practice it throughout our everyday life. We will reflect on the different practices of our faith and the wisdom the church has gained over the centuries.

April 21 – Testimony & Stories

April 28 – Sabbath & Work

May 5 – Words & Speech

May 12 – Singing & Prayer

May 19 – Discernment & Decisions

May 26 – Creativity & Hope

[AuburnFBC.org/Sacred](http://AuburnFBC.org/Sacred)

## Sabbath Study Leave Update

I am grateful to the Personnel Committee, Deacons, and congregation for the opportunity to have a Sabbath Study Leave this summer. It had been scheduled for 2020, but the onset of the pandemic necessitated postponing it. I am thankful for the value that Auburn First Baptist places on study and renewal. The dates of my Sabbath Study Leave will be May 24-July 26, 2021. Our family will be driving across the country, visiting several National Parks and National Forests. My study will focus on a theology of creation and the changing religious landscape around the church. In Bozeman, Montana, where we will spend most of the summer, I will work with Dr. Bruce Gourley, who has a Ph.D. from Auburn and is a church historian. He will help me cultivate conversations with religious and civic leaders about ministry in a changing religious landscape. I also have a list of books to read along with reading portions of scripture related to a theology of creation. In addition, I will focus on the gospels and the book of Acts, as I reflect on the life of the church and its ministry to others. I am deeply thankful for this opportunity!

## FELLOWSHIP

### *PrimeTimers on the Move*

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