

Auburn First Baptist Church

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WORSHIP

April 17th

Easter Sunday Isaiah 65:17-25 Luke 24:13-35

April 24th

Second Sunday of Easter Psalm 118:14-29 John 20:19-31

Lay Worship Leader for April: Mikel Zugazaga

REMINDERS

Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday Communion Service April 14, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Tenabrae Service The Sanctuary Choir April 15, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 17, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary (No Evening Activities) Building Community, Serving Community

April 15, 2022

Medical Debt Forgiveness

By: Tripp Martin

One of the projects the Life is Calling Committee has been planning is on the impact of medical debt in people's lives. Thousands of families in our community are burdened by insurmountable medical debt, contributing to other dilemmas such as ruined credit, bankruptcy, and homelessness.

On Sunday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m., the Life is Calling Committee will host a panel discussion on this dilemma. It will be a bridge event, building connections with our surrounding community, as we publicize this opportunity to others.

In 2019, we started a discussion with East Alabama Medical Center and other churches about the possibility of a Medical Debt Forgiveness Project. The conversations were interrupted by the pandemic, but we started them again in the fall 2021. EAMC identified 2,630 families with the burden of medical debt, living well beneath the federal poverty line. Each family did not have health insurance and were self-payers.

The combined debt of these families is about 17.9 million dollars which encompasses a six-year period. East Alabama Medical Center agreed to receive 2% of these funds through donations, and they would forgive the remainder of the debt. Several churches have participated in this effort to raise about \$358,000 in order to forgive the medical debt.

Through our Mission Committee, Auburn First Baptist contributed \$15,000 to this effort, which forgives \$750,000 in medical debt. The families will receive a letter notifying them that their debt is forgiven.

The committee felt this project was significant, so they have planned a panel discussion on medical debt with health care professionals. We will welcome these panelists:

- Frances Ford Perry County Health Care Coordinator & Executive Director of Sowing Seeds of Hope
- Dr. Gwen Cattledge Professor, Department of Public Health, Mercer University
- Sutricia Johnson Director of Case Management, East Alabama Medical Center

We will also welcome Reverend Laura Eason, Chaplain at EAMC, to share an update about the Medical Debt Forgiveness Project. We are thankful to have partnered with others in our community to support families suffering from medical debt, and we look forward to learning more about this dilemma.

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Easter Lilies

The lilies placed in our sanctuary and throughout the church for Easter are placed in memory or honor of those listed.

<u>In Honor of:</u> Chris Boylen Tripp & Katharine Martin J.D. & Hunter Martin Gerald & Nadine Johnson The Church Staff

In Memory of: Dorothy Flynt Homer & Mae Ellis Flynt Rev. & Mrs. W. Albert Smith Paul E. & Clois Shoffeitt J.W. Bearden Lamar & Grace Casey Dartie Flynt Laura O'Brien Betty Patterson Catherine Smith **Betty Peters** Helen Brown Ronald Vaughn O.N. Andrews Mignon Andrews Olin "Bill" Andrews, III Bob Boylen Danny Sue Conner Parents & Brother Robert Earl & Edna Christmas Inez & Walter Sowell My brother, David Potts John & Jeanette Jeffers Our Parents, Charles & Louise Peterson and Earl & Louise Potts <u>Given by:</u> Wayne Flynt Milton & Kathy Martin Pops & Kaki In Appreciation Lily Cobine

Given by: Wayne Flynt Wayne Flynt Wayne Flynt Jean, Paul, & Mary Helen Bearden Candy Enkeboll A church member **Olin** Andrews **Olin Andrews Olin Andrews** Chris Boylen Special Friends Mary Ann Dell Edna Earl Christmas Their Family His sister, Libby Potts Libby & Dale Peterson

Libby Potts & Dale Peterson Kappa Kappa Gamma Epsilon Eta Chapter

Hailey Johnson

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Connecting Faith and Family

Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers Classroom Not Meeting April 17.

We are reading *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at <u>aduzyofalife@gmail.com</u>. All are welcome!

THURSDAYS

Thursday Evening Activities

5:45 p.m., Fellowship Hall *Resume April 21.*

"Jesus at the Table" Led by Tripp Martin Available on podcast on website.

We will visit the moments Jesus gathered with others for a meal and consider what it means for our lives.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 5:15 p.m., Fellowship Hall Potluck

Please bring a dish to share (meat, side, or dessert) for this potluck meal. The drinks and paper products will be provided.

The following items will be on the agenda: Recommendation of members to the Deacon Nominating Committee and the Committee on Committees.

COLLEGE

College Graduate Recognition

Sunday, April 24

Bonfire at Randle Farms

Tuesday, April 26 Meet in the Gay Street lot at 6:30 p.m.

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

Youth Sunday Nights Sundays, 6:00 p.m. Youth Room Not Meeting April 17.

Senior Recognition May 1 7:00 p.m. in the Courtyard

End of School Event May 15



Berea College Berea, Kentucky July 11-16, 2022

CHILDREN

Family Picnic at Randle Farms

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Randle Farms All children and families are invited.

Bring a picnic dinner and blanket, and enjoy an evening of fun outdoor activities at Randle Farms. RSVP by email at <u>kristina@auburnfbc.org</u> or call 887-8506.

PassportKids Camp

July 17-20, 2022 Rock Eagle 4H Center Eatonton, Georgia Students 3rd-5th grade Deposit: \$50 Total: \$300 (includes deposit) Email <u>kristina@auburnfbc.org</u> to sign up!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Every Sunday Every Thursday Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Brown Bag Dinner 5:15 p.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Prayer & Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Friday - 15th Good Friday ServiceSanctuary 7:00 p.m. Sunday - 17th No Evening Activities Tuesday - 19th Deacons' Meeting.....Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. College Bible Study.....Activities Building 7:00 p.m. Thursday - 21st Quarterly Business MtgFellowship Hall 5:15 p.m. Spark AdventureEducation Building 5:50 p.m. Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m. Sunday - 24th Children's Committee Meeting .. Fellowship Hall 12:00 p.m. Youth Committee MeetingYouth Room 12:00 p.m. The Round TableFellowship Hall 5:00 p.m. Connecting Faith & FamilyFishers' Room 5:00 p.m. Youth Sunday NightActivities Building 6:00 p.m. Tuesday - 26th College Bible Study.....Randle Farms 7:00 p.m. Thursday - 28th Sanctuary Choir RehearsalChoir Room 6:45 p.m.

SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Round Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall Not Meeting April 17.

"Past Due: How Medical Debt Impacts Family and Community"

> Hosted by Life is Calling Committee Panel Discussion April 24

Dr. Gwen Cattledge– Professor, Department of Public Health, Mercer University Frances Ford– Perry County Healthcare Coordinator and Executive Director of Sowing Seeds of Hope Sutricia Johnson: Director of Case Management, EAMC



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FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers on the Move Tuesday, April 19, 10:00 a.m., Town Creek Park

Join us for a time of fellowship at Town Creek Park. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship, light snacks, and even 'a walk in the park' for those who wish. Don't forget your chair or blanket. In the event of rain, we will meet in the church fellowship hall.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Dallas, TX and Online June 28 - 30 Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

Serving the Month of April

Greeters: Candy Enkeboll, Dale Peterson Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini

Visitors: Ray & Shirley Brown

Serving April 17, 2022

Extended Session: TBA

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Extended Session: Anna Coxwell

MISSIONS

IT'S A BABY SHOWER!!

Sunday, May 8, 12:00 p.m. AFBC Courtyard

The Community Market always needs baby food and cereal, diapers (especially size 4), wipes, lotion, baby wash, baby oil and any other baby items. Financial gifts are also welcome. This event will be moved to the Coleman Fellowship Hall in the event of inclement weather. **This will be a gathering moment after worship.**

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