



Auburn First Baptist Church

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Building Community, Serving Community

March 1, 2023

WORSHIP

Global Ministries Offering 2023-2024

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March 5th

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

John 3:1-17

Laura Edgar Preaching

March 12th

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7

John 4:5-42

Lay Worship Leader for March:

Harrell Day

In January, the congregation approved our Global Ministries Offering Budget for 2023-2024, which begins in March and extends to the following March. On Sunday, February 26, we celebrated GMO Sunday, giving thanks for the steadfast love of God all around us and considering how we can extend it to others. The GMO is our annual special offering, which is over-and-above our general budget, focusing on the local, regional, and global needs of others.

Locally, we extend the love of God by supporting the We Help Coalition and Habitat for Humanity, building houses for others. We give to the Community Market, where our neighbors go when they are food insecure. We build wheelchair ramps, and we offer Conversational English classes.

Regionally, and nationally, we extend our reach by supporting Sowing Seeds of Hope and Together for Hope, serving people living in persistent rural poverty. We support students in seminary, and we give to the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. We also reach out by joining our hands with others, caring for people who need disaster relief.

Globally, we are able to do more with others than we are by ourselves by partnering with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We support field personnel around the world, serving people's needs in different capacities. They serve in about twenty different countries and regions, fostering the beloved community, bearing witness to the love of Christ, and transforming people's lives for the better.

We are thankful for all these opportunities! It is difficult to list everything in the GMO. We list some of these items in order to say that we are called to extend the love of God to others.

Any time we take two steps towards scripture, we take two steps towards the needs of others. As it says I John 3:18, "Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." When we take two steps towards the love of God, we take two steps towards the love of neighbor.

REMINDERS

Global Ministries Offering

GMO Sunday is over but your opportunity to participate is not!

Gifts can be brought to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

Our goal is \$24,250. We have received \$4,220 in pledges and \$2,300 in unpledged gifts.

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 12

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour!

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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 5.*

“Faith’s Impact on My Vocation and Volunteerism”

Led by Lucas Dorian, Alabama CBF
March 12 & 19

“Honoring Anxiety, Grief, and Joy
in Older Adulthood”

Led by Lyndsay Deal
March 26 & April 2

Connecting Faith and Family

*Sundays, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Fishers’ Classroom
Not Meeting March 5.*

We are reading *Dusk, Night, Dawn: On Revival and Courage* by Anne Lamott. For those interested in participating in Connecting Faith and Family, email Leah Duzy at aduzyofalife@gmail.com. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP

PrimeTimers March Gathering

Tuesday, March 21, 11:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

“Money Talks”

Led by Brian Ledbetter

Lunch will be provided.

CBF General Assembly Registration

Atlanta, GA
June 28 - 30

Registration: www.cbf.net/assembly

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 *Friday, April 8th*. The cost is \$10 per plant.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

LENT

Lenten Lunches

*Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall
“Walking with Jesus: Friend, Teacher, Savior,
Lord, Way, and Presence”*

Each Wednesday during Lent from February 22 to April 5 (not meeting March 8), we will gather for a Lenten Lunch. Lunch will be provided for \$5.00, or you can bring your own lunch.

We will walk with Jesus, as Diana Butler Bass writes, as our Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence.

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

Weekly Schedule

March 1 – Teacher

March 8 – *Not Meeting, Spring Break*

March 15 – Savior

March 22 – Lord

March 29 – Way

April 5 – Presence

COLLEGE

Spring Break Mission Trip

Lake Nixon Outdoor Center

Little Rock, Arkansas

Depart - Sunday, March 5

Return - Friday, March 10

Meals for Tuesday Night Bible Study

If you are interested in sponsoring a dinner or preparing a home-cooked meal 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., Activities Building

Fellowship. Service. Special Activities.

YOUTH

Youth Choir
Sundays, 5:00 p.m.
Choir Room
Not Meeting March 5.

Youth Sunday Nights
Sundays, 6:00 p.m.
Youth Room
Not Meeting March 5.

Youth Prayer Breakfast
Thursday, March 2, 7:00 a.m.
Panera Bread Company

Youth Dinner Out
Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
TBA

VBS

VBS Volunteers Needed! “God’s Superheroes”

Join us June 5-8 (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 Katie Murrah (kmurrah@auburndayschool.com), Laine Adams (laine.b.adams@gmail.com), or Gwynne Lovelady (gslovelady@bellsouth.net) if you would like to help!

CHILDREN

PassportKids Camp *July 16-19, 2023*

Rock Eagle 4H Center
Eatonton, Georgia
Students 3rd-5th grade

Deposit: \$50 Total: \$350 (includes deposit)
Email kristina@auburnfbc.org to sign up!

Children’s Choirs (3* year olds – 5th Grade)
Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Education Building
*We ask that all attendees be potty trained.
Not Meeting March 5.

Bible Encounter (1st – 5th graders)
Sundays, 6:00 p.m., Education Building
Not Meeting March 5.

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.

Wednesday - 1st

Conversational English.....	Activities Building	9:00 a.m.
Lenten Lunch.....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Conversational English.....	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 2nd

Youth Prayer Breakfast	Panera	7:00 a.m.
First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.

Sunday - 5th

College Mission Trip Depart	Gay Street Lot	12:00 p.m.
<i>No Evening Activities</i>		

Wednesday - 8th

Conversational English.....	Activities Building	9:00 a.m.
Conversational English.....	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.

Thursday - 9th

First Bells	Choir Room	12:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	6:30 p.m.

Friday - 10th

College Mission Trip Return	Gay Street Lot	5:00 p.m.
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Sunday - 12th

Children’s Committee Mtg	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Children’s Choir	Education Building	5:00 p.m.
Youth Choir.....	Education Building	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 Night	Activities Building	6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 14th

Tuesday Night Bible Study.....	Activities Building	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday - 15th

Conversational English.....	Activities Building	9:00 a.m.
Lenten Lunch.....	Fellowship Hall	12:00 p.m.
Conversational English.....	Activities Building	5:30 p.m.
CDC Committee Meeting.....	Library	5:45 p.m.

Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy

We will participate in the Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Advocacy, inviting Andrea Johnson to preach on Sunday, March 19. Andrea Johnson is a student at McAfee School of Theology. She is a CBF of Georgia Lancaster Scholar, and the winner of the 2022 John R. Claypool Excellence in Preaching Award. She serves with CBF Global as the Suzii Paynter March Advocacy Fellow, dedicated to advocacy in public education. She and her husband, Norm, and their two children, Aaron and Leah, reside in Villa Rica, Georgia. Auburn FBC has a long history of recognizing the calling of women to leadership and ministry, ordaining its first woman, Leland Cooper, as a deacon in 1974.



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GMO

Global Ministries Offering Update

Goal: \$24,250.00
Pledged: \$4,220.00
Given toward pledge: \$1,900.00
Given unpledged: \$2,300.00

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/GMO23.

Gifts can be placed in the offering plate or made online (AuburnFBC.org/Give).

MISSION MOMENTS

A few years ago, the Missions Committee wanted to do something for the new Habitat Home Owners and voted to provide a vacuum cleaner to each new house that Auburn-Opelika Habitat for Humanity (AOHFH) builds. A member of the Missions Committee presents this to the owner at the dedication of the new house. All are invited to the dedication ceremonies. If you have other AOHFH questions, feel free to ask. Contact Mark Grantham, AOHFH Executive Director, mark.a.grantham310@gmail.com, to receive emails with Habitat volunteer opportunities and updates.

AFBC Mission Committee Ministries ongoing:
Habitat for Humanity – John Jones
Conversational English – Karen Day
Jail Ministry Bible Study – Laura Edgar
Brotherhood/Building Projects – Mike Bumgardner
Loaves and Fishes (support financially) – Gina Austin

Serving the Month of March

Greeters: Anne Adrian, Jeannie Bumgardner, Mike Bumgardner
Sound & Light: David Sutton, Chad Parish, Gary Cantini
Visitors: Carolyn Grimes

Serving March 5, 2023

Counters: Merle Bass, Wally Ridgway, Carolyn Grimes
Extended Session: Suzanne Parish, Ruthie Spiers, Anna Coxwell, Felicia McInnis, Ashley Randle

Serving March 12, 2023

Counters: Bill McIntyre
Extended Session: Charlotte Sutton, elaine ridgway, Laine Adams, Ryan Thompson, Anne Randle

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