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Jack Abraham and family on the passing of his son, Jackson Abraham on 4/9/2021

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Access the FBC Prayer Guide here:
andersonfbc.org/prayer-guide



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING CHILD CARE PROVIDED IN ROOM 329

Parents please remember to make a reservation for children 4 years and younger by Friday each week.

To make a reservation please visit

andersonfbc.org/community and click on the "Reserve Child Care" button or look for the link in First Glance.

A reservation is not required for visiting families with children. Please see an usher for assistance.

MUSIC AND MISSIONS CLASS VIA ZOOM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

The Zoom link will be sent to parents' emails and for security reasons, cannot be shared publicly.

Contact Cara at cara.morgan@andersonfbc.org

for additional information or questions.

We hope to see your kids there!

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP

Sundays from 4:00 to 5:30 PM

Meet in the Pavilion

DEACONS' MINISTRY

DEACONS' MEETING

Sunday, April 18 - 11:30 AM

Meet in the Sanctuary and on Zoom.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAYS - 9:30 AM

JOIN US IN-PERSON

Or WATCH LIVE:

andersonfbc.org/watch-live/

[Facebook.com/firstbaptistanderson](https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistanderson)

SUNDAYS - 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAYS - 7:00 PM

ON THE RADIO

104.7 FM and 1020 AM



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With Gratitude for the Ministry of Rev. Amy Brown



From One Minister to Another...

I received a wonderful summons recently. A friend of mine was clearing out his library, which was replete with biblical commentaries, books on church history, and works by renowned theologians. He was offering an opportunity for me to go through his collection and take what I needed from what he had.

Needless to say, I availed myself of this gracious opportunity. One of the books I grabbed to take was *The New English Bible*. Looking around my office bookshelves, my son has asked me, "How many Bibles do you really need?" It's a fair question, but my seminary professors advised my classmates and I to read multiple translations of a passage of scripture, noting the differences in words.

So recently, as I was thinking about God's calling (To me. To our church. To Amy.), I opened up my *New English Bible* and read one of the more famous call stories in Scripture. God was calling Jeremiah to important and difficult work. As Jeremiah was being called, the dominant world power, Assyria, descended into civil war. As the Assyrians began to lose their power, Babylon and Egypt sought to occupy the power vacuum that the Assyrians would leave.

In the midst of this political turmoil, God calls Jeremiah. His job work was to warn of the coming Babylonian invasion and encourage the people to endure until the restoration that would follow their exile. But before Jeremiah accepted his calling—before he became "the weeping prophet"—Jeremiah was hesitant, and he let God know it.

God offers some encouragement and reassurance to the one being called. "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations," He said. (Jeremiah 1:5)

And then God issues the marching orders (Jeremiah 1:17), which are uniquely and pointedly translated in the NEB: "Brace yourself; stand up and speak to them. Tell them everything I bid you." The lesson seems clear and the application is poignant for us.

We celebrate Amy's calling to us and God's continued work through her in Houston, TX. As she leaves us, she braces herself for new challenges and adventures. We will offer gratitude to God for Amy's ministry among us this coming Sunday in worship.

We brace ourselves, too, as we prayerfully discern God's purpose for our congregation in downtown Anderson. The work before us is challenging, but God is able.

As a people called—a people set apart—may we all commit ourselves to the work God has given us, wherever and however He leads us.

Peace of Christ,



CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY



**APRIL
BICENTENNIAL
CHALLENGE**

Our monthly Bicentennial Challenges celebrate the legacy of service and discipleship that members of First Baptist have embodied for our church's 200 years. For the month of April, our Bicentennial Challenge is to memorize a passage of scripture each week. The passages focus on ways to understand and live a godly life.

Week 1: Matthew 5:2-12
Week 2: Isaiah 41:10
Week 3: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14
Week 4: Matthew 11:28-30

STRENGTHENING FIRST BAPTIST'S PRAYER MINISTRY

In addition to the prayers for our church in Sunday School classes and by lay leaders and in addition to the prayer needs we share in our weekly prayer list, our church is seeking to deepen our church's prayer ministry with an Intercessory Prayer Team. Volunteers agree to come to the church to spend at least one hour each week—at a time and day of their choosing—in prayer for those who are in crisis, are sick, or are experiencing other needs. We have a room dedicated for this purpose. There, volunteers can pray, make phone calls, and write cards to those for whom they are praying. Contact the church office to find out more about the Intercessory Prayer Team ministry or to sign up for a time to participate. Would you like the team to pray for your needs? Contact the church office or use the "Contact Us" link on the

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The church will gather for its regular quarterly business conference on Sunday, April 25, at 11:30 AM in the sanctuary. The conference will also be livestreamed on the church website and Facebook Page.

The church will elect members of the Nominating Committee on Committees, Nominating Committee on Deacons, and a Search Team for Youth Minister. An online ballot will be made available to those participating remotely during the meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Amy Brown, who has been named Baptist Woman of the Year by South Carolina's Baptist Women in Ministry. Jay Kieve, Coordinator of South Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, shared the news with her this week and presented a gift on behalf of South Carolina Baptist Women in Ministry.