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OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

- Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Saving Time Starts**
 - 9:30 AM Worship/Baptismal Service
 - 10:30 AM Sunday School
 - 5:00 PM Youth Group
- Monday, March 13**
No School for Students
 - 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, March 15**
 - 5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open
 - 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 - 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group
 - 6:05 PM Bible Study
 - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 16**
 - 12:00 PM Third Thursday Senior Adult Ministry
- Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day**
- Saturday, March 18**
Church Work Day
- Sunday, March 19**
 - 8:45 AM Celebration of Chrys Marett/Fellowship Hall
 - 9:30 AM Worship
 - 10:30 AM Sunday School
 - 5:00 PM Youth Group
- Monday, March 20**
 - 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, March 22**
 - 5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open
 - 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (above the Chapel)
 - 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group
 - 6:05 PM Bible Study
 - 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MEMBERS IN ACTION

- March 12**
Deacons of the Week:
Anne Whitney, Offertory Prayer
Dale Ellenburg, Visitor Outreach
Security: T. J. Fusco and Chad Waters
- March 19**
Deacons of the Week:
Sonny Reed, Offertory Prayer
Susan Reed, Visitor Outreach
Security: Dean Cate and Thomas Roach

CONDOLENCES

- Martha Sue Brown and family on the passing of her husband, Donald Brown, on February 22, 2023
- Patti Strickland and family on the passing of her husband, Marion Strickland, on February 23, 2023
- Charlie Campbell and family on the passing of his mother, Iva Campbell, on February 26, 2023
- Joe Payne and family on the passing of his wife, Diane Payne, on March 7, 2023

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG AND
CBF MISSIONS OFFERINGS**
Through the Month of March

YOUTH DNOW (Discipleship Now) WEEKEND
Jesus' sermon on the Mount and what those words mean for our lives.
March 31 - April 2
Friday at 6:00 PM to Sunday morning (pickup after Sunday School). Please let Naomi know if you plan to attend by Wednesday, March 15th.
naomi.blackbass@andersonfbc.org

BAPTISM
This Sunday, March 12th

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY
advocating • connecting • networking

Join us as we continue to celebrate the rich contributions of women to ministry through the month of March.

Next Sunday, March 19
Rev. Naomi Black-Bass, Minister of Youth and Connections

March 26
Rev. Cara Morgan, Minister of Children and Senior Adults

Journey to the Cross
SATURDAY, APRIL 1
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us to experience the road to Calvary and the path to the empty tomb in this hands-on event. As they travel through the events of Holy Week, families will touch, taste, smell, see, hear, and experience Bible events in real and memorable ways.

The event will begin and end in the Pavilion (in case of inclement weather: gym). Register your family at andersonfbc.org/community. Please register by March 24.

A number of volunteers are needed to help with this event! If you are interested, please reach out to Cara Morgan for more information.

From One Minister to Another...

First Light

As some of you know, back in October I was afforded the immense privilege to be offered a seat on the Board of Directors of the Foothills Alliance. This wonderful organization has had some form of a presence in Anderson since 1989, but in July of 2001, Foothills, as we know it today, was formed from the merger of three organizations, and established itself as committed to serve three distinct yet related areas: victims of sexual trauma, Child Advocacy, and preventing child abuse. After 22 years as the Foothills Alliance, I had the honor of attending a ceremony in which Foothills was re-introducing itself to the community and people it has so lovingly and faithfully served, not as the Foothills Alliance, but as First Light.

First Light continues to offer a 24 hour-7-days-a-week crisis hotline for victims of abuse and sexual assault. They are ready at a moment's notice to take needed supplies to victims in the Emergency Room, and walk with victims of sexual trauma, some as young as 3 or 4 years old, through forensic interviews with law enforcement and continue to provide support for victims and their families as long as support is needed. That support may include ongoing counseling, or advocacy in the form of standing beside victims in court, so they know they have an ally with them at an extremely stressful time in their lives. It might mean spiritual help through Theresa Platt, First Light's resident chaplain. First Light is one of only 6 or 8 advocacy centers in the nation with a full time chaplain on staff to help victims begin to understand how what has happened to them is in no way a reflection of God's displeasure towards or abandonment of them; that they are still and will always be deeply loved by their Creator. Truth be told, maybe the biggest reason I love the name change to First Light is because of how that name resonates in my soul. So many of us take hope from the prologue to the Gospel of John: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." For victims of sexual abuse & trauma, it very well may feel like the darkness has been overwhelming. An encounter with First Light may be the first time they feel there is hope in their life to overcome all that has happened to them; that indeed the darkness will not have the final say in their lives.

Through First Light's work in our community, countless people have found hope, love, and a new day dawning in their lives. I'm honored to serve on the Board and be a part of their work and mission. I'm grateful our congregation supports their work as well. This kind of work is not easy to hear or talk about. But it is vital work. It is work that is desperately needed. Above all, it is Jesus work. Thank you for the ways you support that work, and if you are interested in getting more involved or learning more about this wonderful organization, please come see me. I'd love to talk about it more with you.

Grace and Peace,
Chris

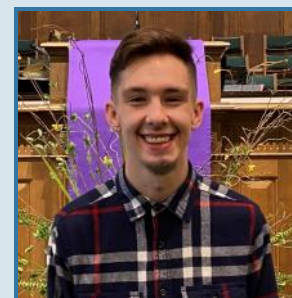
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Tami and Terry Atkins



Steven and Layne Putnam



Chase Putnam



Sydney, Taylor, and Emerson Sato

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

GRACE "Gracie" EMILY IRWIN

February 23, 2023

8 lbs. • 14.3 oz. • 20.5 in.

Proud Parents:

Steven and Haley Irwin

Grandparents:

Al and Anne Whitney

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THIRD THURSDAY

How Can We Better Serve Our Neighbors?

Thursday, March 16 at Noon

Menu: Chicken Salad Croissants, Pasta Salad, Romaine/Mandarin Orange Salad with Vinaigrette dressing, Yeast Roll, and Chocolate Drizzle cake. Cost \$10

Rev. Kurt Stutler of the South Main Chapel and Mercy Center will be our guest speaker, giving practical guidelines of how to serve, help, and interact with our homeless brothers and sisters. Reservations are required by March 10th at 3PM.



NEXT SUNDAY!!!

**Celebration of Chrys Marett
and her service to FBC**

March 19 — 8:45-9:30 AM
in the Fellowship Hall

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Join us for our next Women's Fellowship event:
A SPRING CLEANING OF THE HEART AND SOUL

Sunday, March 26 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Benson Room at The Bleckley

Dinner will be provided and the wonderful
Boo Sheppard will provide our entertainment.
Ladies can sign up by calling the church office or
filling out the sign up sheet in Sunday school.

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, March 28, 2023,
10:00 AM, Room 212

Our Mission Focus for March is The Calvary
Home for Children. For more information
contact Judith Wright or Emmie Hazle

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 2 - 9:30 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION

April 6 - 7:00 PM

(child care will be provided)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9

7:00 AM - Sunrise Service

followed by Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM - Easter Sunday Worship

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Margaret Williams Bible Study Circle,

I would like to personally thank you for your donations to the Child Development Center in February. We're honored you would bless us with your generosity. With these donations we were able to replenish some much-needed items in our center! Thank you again for your support of this ministry.

Sincerely,
Shannon Griffin, CDC Director