

APRIL 2024

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH

OF THE NAZARENE

Not Brawny,
BUT MY GOD IS



Sunday Services @ 9am, 10am, and 11:15am

DEVOTIONALS
AVAILABLE AT
AFC BOOKSTORE
\$10

We are headed into a new sermon series with a companion devotional. This devotional will cover 8 weeks. This study, "NOT BRAUNY BUT MY GOD IS", is going to lead you through the journey of Joseph in the Old Testament. I believe he is best remembered by this scripture found in Genesis 50:20, "As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Sometimes we preachers focus on that scripture and truth from Joseph's life and forget the journey that brought Joseph to say those incredible truths that are still quoted all over our world today. What if at your funeral they remembered just one truth from your life? That would be disappointing, right? The truths found in the life of Joseph point directly to being mentally strong, determined, and laser focused on keeping God at the center of all aspects of our lives, so that we can stand in the shadow of our brawny God. He becomes our strength. His strength is our strength. Do you find yourself needing strength in times of great praise and in times of great trials? Then this is the study for you! God has a way of giving us strength, wisdom, ability, and tools to face every day, no matter the make-up of that day.

There is a reason that in Genesis, Moses spent the most time retelling the life of Joseph. He spent more time making sure we understood the life of Joseph than he did Abraham... yes, THE father Abraham. The reason for this will become more evident as you watch, read, and look at the great journey of faith that Joseph lived out so well. It will prayerfully become an inspiration to you to live in the strength and shadow of our brawny God. He is ready for you to rest in Him and rise up in your life circumstances, giftings, talents, and so much more. Take this journey so that at the end you can say what Joseph said, "I am not brawny, but MY GOD SURE IS, and He is holding me up and guiding me every step of the way!"

APRIL birthdays!

1: Dave Frisbie, Gotham Ramsey, Teresa Wrin

2: Kim Gallagher

3: Silas Lessing

5: Charlotte Dagostino, Linda Ellis, Bennett Jones, Kelsi Jones, Terry King, Zelesteno Moreno, Whitney Richwine, Andrew Wilson

6: Christian Muench, LaTreacha Watkins, Weston Yoder

7: Deklyn Brown, Harper Price, Blayklee Stanley

8: Malachi Byrge, Mark Dill

9: Chris Torres

11: Carter Cunningham, Brady Heskett, Justina Pfeffer

12: Abby Adkins, Darys Douglas, Holden Stephens, Alani Yanez

13: Leo Myers, Whitney Wright

14: John Williams

16: Kayden Hoesli

17: Don Mason, Allanzo Moreno, Evie Steele

18: Clayton Stephens, Sophie Beardsley

19: Tim Cox, Ella Martin

20: Colby Bendes, Coral Heaps

21: Jeff Bolt, Alden Claus

22: Marilyn Creel

23: Collin Bauer, Saoirse Purcell

25: Coleman Oakley

26: Dameon McCoy, Jack Reed

28: Hannah Ball, Natalie Beacham, Jon Karel, Ana Yanez

30: Savannah Richwine

Are we missing your birthday? Please contact the church office at office@andersonfirstchurch.org or 765.643.3137 and let us know. You can also update yourself on the church directory on the AFC app. Thanks!



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**MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BE
SPRINKLED WITH FUN AND
FILLED WITH LOVE!**

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IF I SPEAK IN THE TONGUES OF MEN AND OF ANGELS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM A NOISY GONG OR A CLANGING CYMBAL. AND IF I HAVE PROPHETIC POWERS, AND UNDERSTAND ALL MYSTERIES AND ALL KNOWLEDGE, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I HAVE ALL FAITH, SO AS TO REMOVE MOUNTAINS, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I AM NOTHING. IF I GIVE AWAY ALL MY POSSESSIONS, AND COVER UP MY BODY TO BE BURNED, BUT HAVE NOT LOVE, I GAIN NOTHING. LOVE IS PATIENT AND KIND. LOVE DOES NOT BOAST; IT IS NOT ARROGANT. LOVE DOES NOT INSIST ON ITS OWN WAY; IT IS NOT IRRITABLE. LOVE DOES NOT REJOICE AT WRONGS. LOVE REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH. LOVE BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS.




**LAMORRIS+
MEGAN CRAWFORD**
WITH
**JOE + ASHLEY
DAGOSTINO**

**UNLEASH
JESUS
OVER OUR MARRIAGE**


SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2024
FROM 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC
2301 MERIDIAN STREET, ANDERSON, IN 46016

BREAKFAST
LUNCH
RESOURCES
TOOLS
CHILDCARE
...AND MORE

\$45
ALL-INCLUSIVE

REGISTER TODAY AT ANDERSONFIRSTCHURCH.ORG/MARRIAGE

Victories are something that we all hope for in our journey. Victories are exciting! Victories in our marriages are not just isolated to our marriages. When we see victories happen in our marriages, it not only impacts us, but it has the ability to impact our children, those around us, the people we love, our churches, etc. AFC has experienced so many victories in the lives of people because they have made the choice to unleash Jesus over the entirety of their lives. So, we expect the same result when a couple decides to allow the presence of Jesus to be unleashed over their marriage. We believe there will be victory in their marriage. Come experience that victory!




also this month

- 2: Children's Council meeting / 7pm
- 13: Kids Quiz / Shiloh Park, Marion / 10am
- 14 & 28: Small Groups
- 16: Community Center Board Meeting 6pm
- 28: VIP Luncheon for Children's Dept volunteers

ADULT MINISTRIES



what's the big deal anyway?



WOMEN'S WALKING TOGETHER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
APRIL 14-MAY 19
10:20AM / CLASSROOM #3



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FICTION

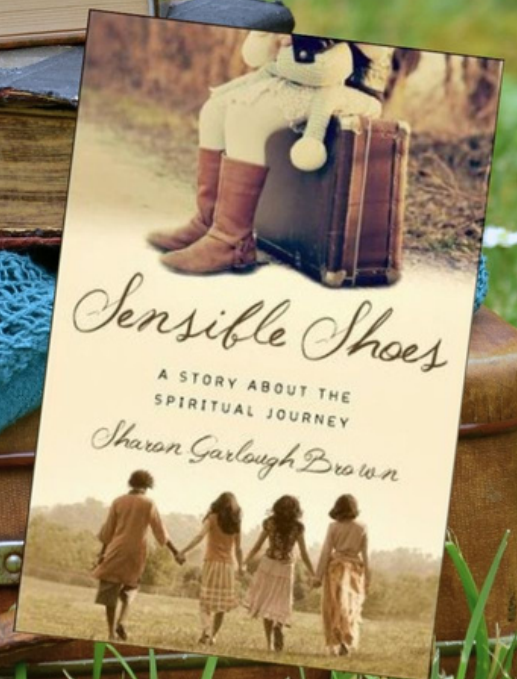
Book Club

Thursday, April 18

6:30pm

read "Sensible Shoes"
by Sharon Garlough Brown

We meet every 2 or 3 months and discuss a different book each time! Join at any time!



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Lunch

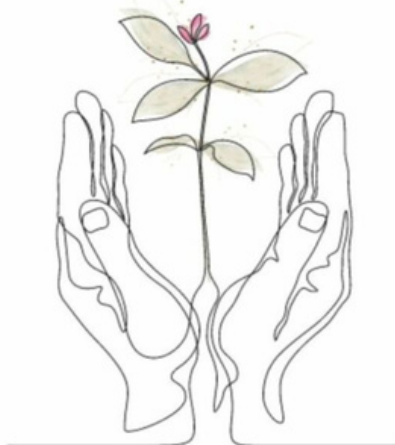
TUESDAY, APRIL 16 / 11:30AM

WICK'S

WANT TO RIDE THE BUS? MEET AT THE
CHURCH AT 10:30AM



NEI DISTRICT WOMEN'S EVENT / DETAILS & SIGN UP ONLINE



Flourish

FELLOWSHIP. SPIRITUAL FORMATION. PRAYER.

APRIL 26-27

SHILOH PARK RETREAT CENTER



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

GAL PALS

MOVIE TIME

13 APRIL

TIME ANNOUNCED UPON THEATRE POSTING

HAMILTON TOWN CENTER THEATRE

MOVIE: SOMEONE LIKE YOU / BASED ON KAREN KINGSBURY'S BOOK



UNLIKELY HEROINES OF THE BIBLE

HOW GOD USED BROKEN + IMPERFECT WOMEN
TO DO HIS AWESOME WORK



put yourself in their shoes!

A SUMMER STUDY FOR WOMEN
THURSDAYS IN JUNE!



ADULT MINISTRIES



date YOUR *mate*

THE ONCE A MONTH
**DINNER OUT
COUPLES GROUP**

APRIL 13 / DESTINATION:
AMAZING JOE'S, MUNCIE / 4PM



MEN'S BREAKFAST!



FRIDAY, APRIL 26 7AM MADE WITH LOVE CAFE



BABY DEDICATION CLASS

SUNDAY,
APRIL 14TH
@ 12:45 PM



scan to register 



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR
FAMILIES WITH KIDS

the Kids corner

SPRING DATES:
APRIL 25
MAY 2, 16, 30
4:30-6PM

FREE! AFTER SCHOOL SNACK AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED!





Preschool Playdate

Story, Snack and play-doh time

Join us for a Play-doh playdate
We will provide the play-doh and tools, just
bring your imagination.

Ages 0-4 (Siblings welcome)



April 18th at 5:00
April 19th at 10:30



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

DONUTS WITH GROWN UPS

APRIL 20

AT 10:30 A.M

IN THE PLAYZONE





BRAINS & BRAWN NIGHT

APRIL 17, 2024



COMMUNITY



FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!



TUESDAY, APRIL 16 / 4:30-6PM

TAG TEAM TUESDAY



COMMUNITY CENTER

CLOSED FOR
SPRING BREAK

APRIL 8-13

VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION!



MIDWEEK



HOME SCHOOL WEDNESDAYS!

ELECTIVE CLASS OPTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 10AM

EACH
WEDNESDAY
10:00AM
HOME SCHOOL ELECTIVES
11:00AM
CHAPEL & HOME SCHOOL HOUR



OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

- Home School Elective / 10am
- Live from ONU
- Community Chapel
- Live Worship
- Jr High Small Group option
- For students grades 6-12

AFC KIDS



- Home School Elective / 10am
- Bible lessons
- Activities
- Crafts
- For students grades K-5
- Fun for Pre-K & under as well!

EACH
WEDNESDAY
12:00PM
HOME SCHOOL FAMILY LUNCH
12:00-2:00PM
HOME SCHOOL PLAYZONE

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE & THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC / 2301 MERIDIAN ST, ANDERSON

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MIDWEEK

something for everyone!

FOR KIDS

- 5:00-6:00PM: PLAYZONE OPEN
- 6:15-7:15PM: BIBLE QUIZZING OPTION
- 6:15-7:15PM: NURSERY
- 6:15-7:15PM: PRE-K & K CLASS
- 6:15-7:15PM: GRADES 1- 5 CLASS OPTION

FOR YOUTH

- 5:00-6:00PM: WORSHIP REHEARSAL
- 6:15-7:15PM: YOUTH SERVICE
- + MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS
- + HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS
- 7:15-8:15PM: BIBLE QUIZZING

FOR ADULTS

- 6:15-7:15PM: BIBLE STUDIES
- 6:15-7:15PM: YOUNG ADULTS
- 6:15-8:00PM: GRIEF SHARE
- 7:15-8:15PM: LIFE RECOVERY
- 7:15-8:15PM: CHOIR REHEARSAL
- 7:15-8:15PM: GATHERING REHEARSAL

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH

ALL CHURCH DINNER / 5-6PM
LUNA COFFEE OPEN UNTIL 6PM

2301 MERIDIAN ST, ANDERSON

SPRING SESSION
NOW-MAY 15

THROUGH THE VALLEY

Grief & Share®

SUPPORT
GROUP

WEDNESDAYS / 6:15-8pm

CLASSROOM #6

THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC
2301 MERIDIAN ST, ANDERSON



THERE IS HOPE!

Do you struggle to move forward in your life due to past failures?

Do you feel as if you're not fulfilling your purpose?

A 12 step

LIFE CHANGING JOURNEY

LIFE
RECOVERY
group

Do you suffer from:

addictions ◀

food ◀

depression ◀

anxiety ◀

relationships ◀

The topics addressed aren't just for people with alcohol or drug addictions but for anyone who wants to move from the pain and struggles of the past toward a healthy, happier future.

Wednesdays at 7:15pm



COMMUNITY WIDE

CHAPEL SERVICE

LIVE STREAMED FROM



WEDNESDAYS AT 11AM



COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	1 FIREFLY KICK-OFF EVENT 4-6pm OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	2 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM RISE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY 9:30AM	3 OPEN FOR ONU CHAPEL, HOME SCHOOL HOUR, MIDWEEK SERVICE 6:15PM GRIEF SHARE 6:15PM LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	4 PLAYZONE 10-4	5 PLAYZONE 10-4 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM	6 CLOSED
7 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	8 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	9 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	10 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	11 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	12 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK	13 CLOSED FOR SPRING BREAK
14 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	15 PRESCHOOL FIELDTRIP 9:15 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	16 PRESCHOOL FIELDTRIP 9:15 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM	17 OPEN FOR ONU CHAPEL, HOME SCHOOL HOUR, MIDWEEK SERVICE 6:15PM GRIEF SHARE 6:15PM LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	18 PLAYZONE 10-6 PRE-SCHOOL PLAYDATE 5:00PM WOMEN'S BOOKCLUB 6:30PM	19 PLAYZONE 10-4 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM PRE-SCHOOL PLAYDATE 10:30AM	20 PLAYZONE 10-1 DONUTS WITH GROWN UPS 10:30AM ICA SERVICE DAY
21 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	22 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	23 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM	24 OPEN FOR MIDWEEK SERVICE 6:15PM GRIEF SHARE 6:15PM LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	25 PLAYZONE 10-6 KID'S CORNER ARTS & CRAFTS 4:30PM	26 OPEN FOR FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE	27 OPEN FOR MARRIAGE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
28 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	29 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	30 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-3PM	1 SEE MAY CALENDAR	2 SEE MAY CALENDAR	3 SEE MAY CALENDAR	4 SEE MAY CALENDAR
OPEN FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE	PRIOR/NEXT MONTH	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY / VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION		