



# SARAH ANDERSON

Minister to Adults, The Baptist Church

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## PERSONAL VISION STATEMENT

I have been called and gifted by God to serve the church through pastoral ministry. At an early age, God granted me creativity, compassion, and a genuine concern for connecting people to Christ and one another. As an adult, a decade of local church ministry has shaped me into a collaborative leader and an enthusiastic preacher. My calling continues daily to compel me to use these strengths to guide Christian communities toward their future in faith.

## EDUCATION

### **Divinity School,**

*Master of Divinity*

Atlanta, GA, May 2005

### **Baptist University,**

*Bachelor of Arts in Religion*

Atlanta, GA; May 2001

## MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

- Licensed to Ministry at Small Baptist Church; Atlanta, GA, August 2005
- Ordained to Ministry at Bigger Baptist Church; Atlanta, GA, March 2007

<b>2007-Present</b>	<b>The Baptist Church</b> <i>Minister to Adults</i>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Lead and enhance the college and young adult ministry, facilitating Sunday School and special programs, developing pastoral relationships with young and median adults</li><li>▪ Recruit, enlist, and equip small group teachers and community leaders</li><li>▪ Identify and develop excellent teaching curricula</li><li>▪ Work with lay leadership to develop ongoing programs, special events, and retreats</li><li>▪ Provide pastoral care to the hospitalized, homebound, and bereaved</li><li>▪ Plan weekly worship services in collaboration with the music staff and other pastoral team members</li><li>▪ Preach regularly in pastor's absence and at local nursing homes and universities</li><li>▪ Lead regularly in worship, including celebrating the Lord's Supper and baptism</li><li>▪ Officiate weddings and funerals as needed</li><li>▪ Prepare and submit an annual budget and give direction to the disbursement of budgeted funds</li><li>▪ Staff Liaison to several committees</li></ul>	
<b>2005-2007</b>	<b>Bigger Baptist Church</b> <i>Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation</i>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Led and enhance the Sunday School ministry and educational programs</li><li>▪ Assisted in planning weekly worship services</li><li>▪ Contributed frequently in various committees, including deacon leadership, strategic planning council, and discipleship</li></ul>	
<b>2004-2005</b>	<b>Small Baptist Church</b> <i>Missions and Outreach Minister</i>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Developed, coordinated, and helped laity implement the missions ministries, including Habitat for Humanity and international mission projects</li><li>▪ Co-taught youth Sunday School and facilitated youth-initiated mission projects</li><li>▪ Assisted senior pastor with pastoral duties including worship leadership, communion services, and visitation</li></ul>	
<b>2004</b>	<b>Smaller Baptist Church</b> <i>Ministry Intern</i>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Participated in inner city ministries including ministry to the homeless</li><li>▪ Led youth Bible Study series</li></ul>	

**PUBLICATIONS**

- “Title,” Baptist Newspaper, June 12, 2016 (link)  
 “Different Title,” Baptist Newspaper, January 12, 2016 (link)  
 “This is What a Minister Looks Like,” Baptist Women in Ministry blog, January 02, 2014 (link)  
 “New Title,” Magazine, June 2013 (print only)

**RECENT SERMONS**

- “Interesting Title,” June 26, 2016—<https://vimeo.com/55555555>  
 “Even More Interesting Title,” May 2, 2016—<https://vimeo.com/77777777>  
 “The Best Title Ever,” March 3, 2016—<https://vimeo.com/99999999>  
 “A Perfectly Acceptable Title,” December 5, 2015—<https://vimeo.com/44444444>

**DENOMINATIONAL INVOLVEMENT**

- Baptist Organization of Georgia, Moderator (2013-2015)  
 Baptist Organization of Georgia, Board Member (2013-Present)  
 Progressive Baptists, Board of Director Member (2013-2015)  
 Baptist News Organization, Board Member (2013-2015)  
 Baptist Missions, Board Member (2010-2013)  
 National Baptist Organization, Steering Committee Chair (2006-2007)  
 National Baptist Organization, Steering Committee Member (2005-2008)

**HONORS**

- Baptist Award (February 2007)  
 National Baptist Leadership Scholar (2003-2004)  
 Student Representative, Divinity School (2002-2003)  
 Excellence Award, Baptist University (May 2000)

**REFERENCES**

<p><b>Dr. Bob Smith, Pastor</b>            Bigger Baptist Church            555 Peachtree Boulevard            Atlanta, GA 31144            555.555.5555            bsmith@biggerbaptist.org</p>	<p><b>Rev. Barbara Jones, Associate Pastor</b>            Medium-Sized Baptist Church            555 Alamo Street            San Antonio, TX 78200            555.555.5555            sjones@msbc.com</p>
<p><b>Rev. George W. Truett, Pastor</b>            First Baptist Church            100 Main Street            Dallas, TX 76111            555.555.5555            gtruett@heaven.org</p>	<p><b>Dr. Jane Davis, Professor</b>            The Divinity School            200 Peachtree Road            Atlanta, GA 30300            555.555.5555            professordavis@thedivinityschool.edu</p>