## Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist

Thank you for joining us this morning. We are glad that you are here and want you to know that you are welcome with us.

You are welcome here if you are single, married, divorced, searching, or done searching. We welcome you if you are filthy rich or dirt poor, work too much or don't work at all, are over 60 and not grown up or a teenager growing up too fast. And we extend a special welcome to all crying babies.

You are welcome here if you are just browsing, just woke up, are tired of organized religion and not sure how you found your way here, or have heavy questions that need thoughtful answers. We welcome you if you are a long-time faithful or a doubter, recovering or still addicted, inked or don't know what that means, black or white or no hablan inglés.

But above all, we welcome you if you could use a prayer right now, if you feel like rejoicing, if you're broken-hearted and need a safe space, or if you just need a place to sit in awe of all that is.

Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist Church.



## This Week

Sunday, February 23 8:30 am - Deacons Meeting 9:45 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - Worship 12:00 pm - Prayer Ministry Team 7:00 pm - Dessert Auction

Monday, February 24 1:00 pm - Personnel Committee Meeting 5:30 pm - Bold Faithfulness and Facilities Task Force Meeting

**Tuesday, February 25** 5:30 pm - PCDT Meeting 6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, February 26 10:00 am - Women's Bible Study 5:15 pm - Dinner 6:00 pm - Children's Choirs 6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship and Bible Study 6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and Bible Study 6:45 pm - Children's Missions Groups 7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, February 27** 10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry 7:00 pm - Jordan Feliz Concert

Friday, February 28 8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

### Sunday, March 2

9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - What God Really Wants: The Message of Hosea 11:00 am - Worship: Children's Sunday

12:30 pm - Thriving Workshop

# Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for February is pasta sauce (no glass). Our goal is 450 units. We have collected 185 units so far.

# **Ministry Team**

**Rev. John Carroll** Senior Pastor

Zachary Derr Director of Music and Worship

**Debra Haney** Director of Administration

**Rev. Sarah Laurence** Minister of Youth and Pastoral Care

**Rev. Matt Waller** Minister to Children and Families



Give Here

Kim Mitchell Preschool Director

Anna Derr Communications Specialist/Organist

> **Gail Floyd** Financial Secretary

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Sunday, February 23, 2025

# **Order of Worship**

Prelude Largo from Dvořák's "New World Symphony" arr. Beck

## Chiming of the Trinity

Entering worship, we step into a time that is not ours, but God's.

### Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation Debra Hanev Come and learn the ways of life. We have come to follow Jesus. Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you. We have come to follow Jesus. Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute YOU. We have come to follow Jesus. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We have come to follow Jesus. My Faith Has Found a Resting Place \*Hymn 584 John 11:7-16 **Pastoral Prayer** Sarah Laurence Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. \*Hvmn Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me ARR. GALBRAITH Verse 1: What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer There is no more for Heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom

## Refrain:

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

## Verse 2:

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior, He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

### Refrain

### Verse 3:

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future's sure, the price, it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

### Refrain

Stories of Impact		David McGuire
Offertory	How Sweet the Sound	Jordan Feliz
You may give in a variety of ways. Your gift may be given in the plate as it is passed, online at fbcaiken.org, or through the church app.		
*Doxology		
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
Blessing		Zachary Derr
Moment of Fellowship		
Children's Moment		Matt Waller
At this time, children ages 1st Grade and below may follow our volunteers out for Children's Church.		
John 20:24-29		
Anthem	For the Music of Creation	Price
Words for the Journey	Questions and Confessions	s John Carroll
*Hymn 159	Fairest Lord Jesus	CRUSADER'S HYMN
*Benediction		
*Sung Congregational Response		
Go gently, go lightly, go safe in the Spirit, live simply don't carry much more than you need: Go trusting God's goodness, go spreading God's kindness, stay centered on Jesus and where he will lead.		
Postlude	Agincourt Hymn	Dunstabel

\*Please stand as you are able.

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

Tomato Basil Soup Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit Cocktail/ Jello Salad

**Dessert Auction** -Join us tonight from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a fun night to support our youth! The cost is \$5/person at the door.

## Special Called Business Meeting -

Join us Wednesday, February 26, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall to elect a Building Committee.

Jordan Feliz will be performing at Aiken's First Baptist on Thursday, February 27 at 7 pm. Special guests will be Riley Clemmons and Jon. Tickets can be purchased online at www.wafj.com. We need help with equipment movement on the day of the concert, ushering, and merchandise sales. Please contact the office if you are willing to help!

## Message of Hosea -

Join us for a Lenten study led by Ray Barrow on Sundays from March 2 to April 13 at 9:45 AM in the first floor of the Trinity Building.

### Dill or No Dill AFBC Community Pickleball Tournament-Saturday, March 8 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or when tournament ends) in the Family Ministry Center. All skill levels welcome! Scan the QR code to sign up and read more info.

Children's Sunday- On March 2, our Children and Preschool will sing and lead in worship!

## Save the Dates! -

Vacation Bible School -June 16th -19th. Passport Children's Camp -July 7th - 10th. Registration and more information to come!

### Wednesday Night Menu -

### Praise God For That Tour-

## What God Really Wants: The



## Information Card

Name(s):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Address:

I am a Visitor

Change of Information

Add me to the Email List

I'm interested in following Jesus and ---- being baptized.

I'm interested in joining the church family.

I'm interested in learning more about our ---- ministries and ways to serve.

## Wednesday Night Sign-Up

\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_ Number of Kids

## **Prayer Requests**

Please keep confidential among the ministers.

Please tear off and place in offering plate