

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, March 9

8:30 am - Church Council
9:45 am - Sunday School
9:45 am - Seekers Children's Class
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Retirement Reception for Debra Haney

Tuesday, March 11

6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, March 12

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, March 13

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, March 14

8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

Sunday, March 16

8:30 am - Deacon Executive Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
9:45 am - Seekers Children's Class
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Nominating Committee
4:00 pm - Women in Missions

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for March is canned vegetables. Our goal is 450 units. We have collected 53 cans so far.

Ministry Team

Rev. John Carroll
Senior Pastor

Zachary Derr
Director of Music and Worship

Debra Haney/Christian Burton
Director of Administration

Rev. Sarah Laurence
Minister of Youth and Pastoral Care

Rev. Matt Waller
Minister to Children and Families

Kim Mitchell
Preschool Director

Anna Derr
Communications Specialist/Organist

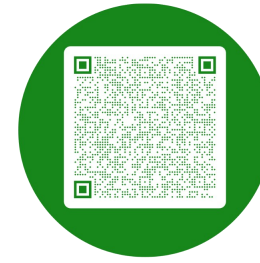
Gail Floyd
Financial Secretary

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Sunday, March 9, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude Reverie Higgins

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 Christian Burton

When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself. **We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well-being of others.** Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if he accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him. **In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God.** May our commitment be as strong. **May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey.**

***Hymn 339** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name CORONATION

Isaiah 53:1-9

Pastoral Prayer John Carroll

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.

***Hymn 171** What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

Stories of Impact

Offertory Trust and Obey Harlan
Francine Alsbrooks, piano

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 Debra Haney

Children's Moment Tim Hasty

At this time, children ages 1st Grade and below may follow our volunteers out for Children's Church.

Luke 23:32-38

Anthem Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me Scott

Words for the Journey Father, Forgive Them John Carroll

Celebration of Communion

***Hymn 587** Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound NEW BRITAIN

*Our worship of God entails response. You may:
Light a candle in recognition of Christ's light at the front left,
dip your hand into water as a reminder of your baptism at the front right,
kneel and offer a silent prayer at the back of our sanctuary,
speak with one of our ministers about a decision or need at the front,
or sing and pray where you are.*

*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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. Fields

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -

Chili, Cornbread
Salad and Dessert

Reception Honoring Debra Haney

Join us for a reception honoring Debra Haney and her 5+ years of service, today following worship in the Church Parlor.

Seekers' Class -

This is a class for children asking big questions about baptism, communion, and what it means to follow Jesus. Seekers' Class will be offered for the next four Sundays during Sunday School (March 9, 16, 23, and 30) in the children's hallway upstairs.

The Humility of Christ -

How many ways did Christ exhibit humility by emptying himself and serving others? How should that inform the way we live? Join us Wednesday, March 12 - April 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a study led by John Carroll.

Mission: HERE -

Volunteers needed for a Mission: HERE opportunity with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 15! Contact church office or David McGuire at davidmcguire0802@att.net

Parent Discipleship Training & Fellowship Night -

Parents are invited to a workshop on Sunday, March 23, 2025 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Roberts Building (optional group dinner in town afterwards). Scan the QR code for more info and sign up.



Save the Dates! -

Vacation Bible School -

June 16th-19th.
More information to come!

Passport Children's Camp -

July 7th - 10th.
Use the QR code to register.



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.