

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.

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This Week

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

Tuesday, March 18

10:30 am - Caregiver Support Group
5:00 pm - Bold Faithfulness Building Committee
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, March 19

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm - Dinner
5:15 pm - Strategic Planning Committee
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 20

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, March 21

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

Sunday, March 23

8:30 am - Deacon's Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
9:45 am - Seekers Children's Class
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Thriving Congregations

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for March is canned vegetables. Our goal is 450 units. We have collected 233 cans so far.

Ministry Team

Rev. John Carroll
Senior Pastor

Zachary Derr
Director of Music and Worship

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

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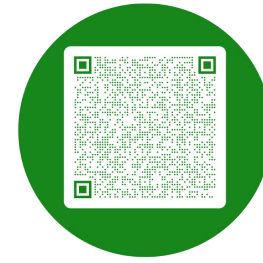
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Sunday, March 16, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude Meditation on the Cross Hallman

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Welcome and Announcements Christian Burton

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation Matt Waller

The Lord is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our life;
of whom shall we be afraid?**

We seek your face, O Lord.
Do not hide your face from us!

**Do not forsake us,
O God of our salvation!**

Make us strong,
and let our hearts take courage.

**We wait for the Lord.
Let us worship God!**

***Hymn 451** Come, Be Baptized COME, BE BAPTIZED

Baptism of Cody Funderburk

First, I ask you, congregation, as the gathered witnesses to this public profession of faith, to remember and affirm your own confession and act of commitment to Jesus as Lord. Brothers and sisters in Christ, what is your confession of faith?

Jesus is Lord.

Congregation, what is your encouragement to your new brother in Christ?

You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before all people that they may see your good works and give Glory to our Father in heaven!

In Christ Jesus we are all children of God through faith. As many of us as were baptized into Christ have clothed ourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus.

Luke 2:27-35

***Hymn 182** Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed AVON

Stories of Impact

Offertory He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought arr. Harmon

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 Sarah Laurence

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 19:25-27

Anthem To Love Our God Hayes

Words for the Journey Woman, Here is Your Son John Carroll

***Hymn 275** Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother KINDRED

*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 Trumpet Tune Davis

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans and Dessert

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 three Sundays during Sunday School (March 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.

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.



Mission: THERE Opportunity -

Our church will send a team for storm recovery in Western North Carolina June 1-7. We will stay at FBC Asheville, and the church will cover the cost of travel on the bus, so the only cost for the trip is meals. You can come for the whole week or part of the trip. If you do part of the trip, transportation will be on your own. Use the QR code to sign up by May 5!



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.