

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, April 6**
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
5:00 pm - Building Executive Committee
- Monday, April 7**
3:00 pm - Mission Committee Meeting
- Tuesday, April 8**
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering
- Wednesday, April 9**
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
No Wednesday night activities.
- Thursday, April 10**
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Friday, April 11**
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group
- Sunday, April 13**
8:30 am - Church Council
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Palm Sunday Worship

Missions & Donations

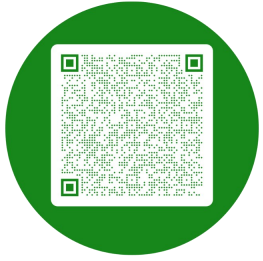
The ACTS collection item for April is canned complete meals (spaghettios, chunky stews etc.)
Our goal is 450 units.

Ministry Team

- Rev. John Carroll**
Senior Pastor
- Kim Mitchell**
Preschool Director
- Zachary Derr**
Director of Music and Worship
- Anna Derr**
Communications Specialist/Organist
- Rev. Christian Burton**
Director of Administration
- Gail Floyd**
Financial Secretary
- Rev. Sarah Laurence**
Minister of Youth and Pastoral Care
- Darin Floyd**
Building Maintenance Specialist
- Rev. Matt Waller**
Minister to Children and Families
- LeAnne Jolley**
Administrative Assistant



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Sunday, April 6, 2025

Order of Worship

PreludeBALM IN GILEAD, NEW BRITIANOwens

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 InvocationSarah Laurence

Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.
Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!
Come and let us worship with great joy!
Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!
God is about to do something new in our lives!
Let God's will become strong in our lives.

*Hymn 588I Know Whom I Have BelievedEL NATHAN

1 Peter 2:21-25

Pastoral PrayerMatt Waller

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 185The Old Rugged CrossOLD RUGGED CROSS

Stories of ImpactMike Epps

OffertoryMARTYRDOMFarley

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.**

BlessingChristian Burton

Moment of Fellowship

Children's MomentVicky McCullough

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

John 19:30-37

AnthemA Celtic Set for LentKeesecker

Words for the JourneyIt Is FinishedJohn Carroll

*Hymn 583Jesus Paid It AllALL TO CHRIST

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.**

PostludeFugue on "Lord Have Mercy"Couperin

*Please stand as you are able.

We welcome Ken Courtney as our guest organist this morning.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

No Wednesday night activities.

Easter Lilies -
Easter lilies are available to be purchased in honor or memory of someone special. Please return order forms to the office by **by Thursday, April 17.** You can also order online by this date. Lilies are \$17.00.

Easter Shop Donations -
We need your help! This year on Easter Sunday, kids will hunt for eggs and then trade them in for candy/treats at an Easter Shop. Please place candy and small toy/activity donations in the bin by the church office.

- Holy Week -**
- Palm Sunday 4/13 at 11:00 AM
 - Maundy Thursday 4/17 at 6:30 PM
 - Good Friday 4/18 at 7:00 PM
 - Easter Sunday 4/20 Pancake Breakfast and Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM
 - Easter Worship at 11:00 AM

Churchwide Picnic - Join us Wednesday, May 14 from 5:15 to 7:15 pm! This will be a fun night at the Gem Lakes Pavilion. Bring an entree, side, or dessert to share.

Joyseekers Outing - Friday, May 23, the Joyseekers are planning a trip to Columbia to tour the Capitol Building in the morning, have lunch at California Dreaming and then visit the SC State Museum. Contact the church office by May 12 to reserve your spot.

Mission: THERE Opportunity -
Our church will send a team for storm recovery in western NC 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!



Information Card

Name(s):

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Email:

Address:

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- ☐ 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.