

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 20
8:30 am - Deacon Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 am - Easter Pancake Breakfast And Egg Hunt
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service

Monday, April 21
Church office will be closed today.

Tuesday, April 22
5:30 pm - Special Church Council Meeting
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, April 23
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm - Dinner
5:15 pm - Thriving Congregations
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, April 24
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, April 25
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

Sunday, April 27
8:30 am - Deacons Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Communications Committee
4:00 pm - Bold Faithfulness and our Facilities

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for April is canned complete meals (spaghettios, chunky stews etc.) Our goal is 450 units. So far, we have collected 207 cans.

Ministry Team

Rev. John Carroll
Senior Pastor

Zachary Derr
Director of Music and Worship

Rev. 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

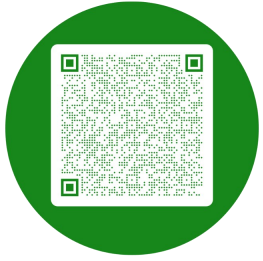
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Financial Secretary

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Sunday, April 20, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude Fanfare on “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” arr. Phillips

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 Sarah Laurence

The darkness is banished!
The brightness of God's love floods in on us!
Christ is risen from the dead!
Christ is alive forevermore!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

Introit Fanfare for Easter Day Harlan

***Hymn 194** Christ the Lord is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

Psalms 106:1-6

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 200** In the Garden GARDEN

Stories of Impact Vicky McCullough

Offertory Lift High the Cross arr. Bock

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 Christian Burton

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.

Luke 23:39-43

Anthem Resurrection Alleluias arr. Stan Pethel

Words for the Journey Today John Carroll

***Hymn 207** Low in the Grave He Lay CHRIST AROSE

*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 Galeries ancien Janzer

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -
BBQ, coleslaw, potato salad, chips, buns and dessert.

CBFSC General Assembly-
Friday, April 25th at First Baptist Church in Greenville, SC.

Congregational Conversations -
On April 27 at 4:00 PM, we will receive a final, combined report from the Bold Faithfulness Lead Team and Facilities Task Force about the needed improvement and changes to our facilities. On May 4, we will have the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, and offer feedback about the proposed plan.

Quarterly Conference -
Wednesday, May 7 at 6:30pm.

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!**

Vacation Bible School will be June 16-19 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm each day. This year's theme is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Use the QR code to sign up kids or volunteer.

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.