

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, May 4
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 pm - Congregational Conversation- Bold Faithfulness and our Facilities
5:30 pm - Bold Faithfulness and Facilities Team Meeting

Tuesday, May 6
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, May 7
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - Group Games and Popsicles
6:30 pm - Quarterly Conference
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 8
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, May 9
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

Sunday, May 11
8:30am - Church Council
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for May is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 units.

The ACTS collection item for April was canned complete meals. We collected a total of 485 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

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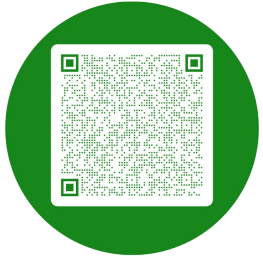
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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude Prelude In G Major Harris

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

How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!
For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.
God makes us new in God's Spirit!
Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to us.
Come, let us worship and be thankful.
Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God.

***Hymn 26** God of Creation, All-Powerful SLANE

Ephesians 4:30-32

Pastoral Prayer Christian Burton

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 694** Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive MORNING SONG

Stories of Impact

Offertory The Blessing arr. Kingsmore

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 Matt Waller

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.

Matthew 18:21-35

Anthem I Will Bless the Lord Bortniansky

I will bless the Lord my Saviour at all times. His praise shall always be in my mouth. Come taste the celestial bread and the chalice of life, and learn how good is the Saviour. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Words for the Journey Forgiveness Frees John Carroll

***Hymn 680** I Then Shall Live FINLANDIA

*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**

**He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Postlude Classical Postlude Chesterton

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu -

Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, baked beans and ice cream sandwiches.

Congregational Conversation -

Today at 4:00 PM, we will have the opportunity to ask questions, seek clarification, and offer feedback about the proposed plan presented by the Bold Faithfulness Lead Team and Facilities Task Force last week. Scan the QR code to read the 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. **This will be the last Wednesday night activity until August.**

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.

AFBC Yard Sale - We'll have a yard sale in the church parking lot on May 17 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm to sell excess church furniture and equipment and also for members to set up tables to sell outgrown clothes and other items. FBC & Preschool members can purchase spaces for \$25 with a limit of 35 spaces. Use the QR code or contact the church office to sign up!



Vacation Bible School -

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:

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.