

# 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, May 11

9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship

### Monday, May 12

3:00 pm - Missions Committee Meeting  
5:30 pm - Bold Faithfulness Building Executive Committee  
7:00 pm - International Mission Trip on ZOOM

### Tuesday, May 13

10:30 am - Caregiver Support Group  
5:30 pm - Finance Committee  
6:30 pm - Young Adult Gathering

### Wednesday, May 14

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study  
5:15 pm - Church Wide Picnic at Gem Lakes

### Thursday, May 15

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

### Friday, May 16

8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group  
5:30 pm - Young Adult Cook Out

### Saturday, May 17

8:00 am - Community Yard Sale

### Sunday, May 18

8:30am - Deacons Meeting  
9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship- Graduation Sunday  
4:00 pm - Safety First Training and VBS Volunteer Dinner

## Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for May is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 units. So far we have collected 90.

# 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

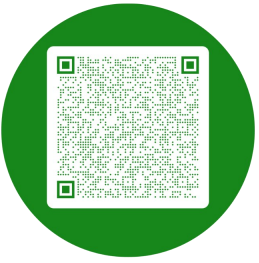
**Gail Floyd**  
Financial Secretary

**Darin Floyd**  
Building Maintenance Specialist

**LeAnne Jolley**  
Administrative Assistant



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# Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 11, 2025

# Order of Worship

Prelude Plaza Las Glorias Janzer

Chiming of the Trinity  
*Entering worship, we step into a time that is not ours, but God's.*

Welcome and Announcements

Business Meeting

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation Zachary Derr

We've come to worship God,  
**who loved us before we were yet born,**  
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,  
**whose presence never leaves us,**  
and whose love for us never ceases.  
**This is our God. Let's worship together!**

\*Hymn 318 For All the Love ENGLEBERG

Mark 9:33-37

Baby Dedication Cameron Charles Joehnk

**The fruit of love, this gift of life, we place, O God, within your care,  
To know your grace and guiding hand  
in years to come is now our prayer.  
This tender one is known by you, inclined to truth and evil too.  
Would you protect this one we love  
from sin and harm their whole life through?**

**Minister:** We are here today to present this child to the church for dedication and affirmation. Parents, you hold in your arms a marvelous incarnation of love, entrusted to your care, and fully loved by God. Do you promise to bring him up in God's love?

**Parents:** We do.

**Minister (to congregation):** What do we affirm about this child?

**Congregation: He is made in the image God. God loves him and made him uniquely for His world.**

**Minister (to parents):** Will you take the primary responsibility in teaching, loving, and training this child in the Christian faith?

**Parents:** We will.

**Minister (to congregation):** And will you partner with them in telling this child about God's love? About our wonderful Savior, Christ the Lord? Will you teach, love, and encourage her as she grows?

**Congregation: We will!**

**Minister:** God be with us. We commit ourselves to love and care for this child.

**All: We come together as a community of faith to proclaim: Thanks be to God for the blessing of this child!**

\*Hymn 685 Children Are a Gift from Heaven HARLAN

Offertory Jesus Loves Me Medley arr. Wilkinson

*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 Tim Hasty

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

Galatians 5:13-15

Anthem Hymn of Promise Sleeth

*In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody. There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future, what is holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity, in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*

Words for the Journey Love Serves John Carroll

\*Hymn 440 Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire GIFT OF LOVE

*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 "Gigue" by Telemann arr. Simons

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

## Upcoming Events & Announcements

**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 13.**

**Summer Choir Schedule –** Summer Choir will meet at 7:00 pm on some Wednesdays during the summer beginning May 21. This is a great chance to try it out!

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** - May 18 at 11:00 am.

**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 tomorrow** 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!



**Lost in the Garden** - Join us for a study on Genesis 2-3 led by Ray Barrow. We'll meet on Wednesdays June 11, 18, 25, and July 2 at 6:30 PM in the Roberts Building.

**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:

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.