

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 3
8:30 am - Discipleship Committee
9:30 am - Adult 3 Fellowship Hall
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Wednesday, May 6
10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
5:15 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - Children's Choirs
6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship and Bible Study
6:30 pm - Quarterly Business Meeting
6:45 pm - Children's Missions Groups
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, May 7
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, May 8
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group
6:00 pm - Church Safety Training

Saturday, May 9
9:00 am - Safety Team Training

Sunday, May 10
8:30 am - 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 jars.

We collected a total of 464 cans of complete meals for April. Thank you to everyone who donated and our preschool!

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

Emily Berry
Youth Family Intern

Kim Mitchell
Preschool Director

Alison Heenan
Assistant Preschool Director

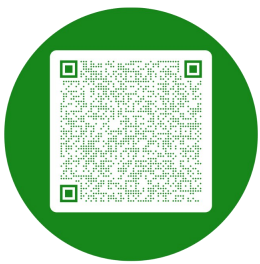
Anna Derr
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Sunday, May 3, 2026

Order of Worship

Prelude Prelude on “I Love to Tell the Story” Jordan

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

God's justice delivers us!
Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!
Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.
Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!
Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.
Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!
We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.
Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

***Hymn 366** O God Beyond All Praising THAXTED

1 John 3:16-18

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

A More Than Sunday Update

Offertory My Faith Looks Up to Thee arr. Spencer

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.

John 13:1-17

Anthem Restore My Joy Berry

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Thy love. Wash me from my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin and make me whole again. Accept the sacrifices that I bring, a broken spirit, a contrite heart. Cleanse me with hysop and I will be clean. Wash me and I will be whiter than snow. Hide Thy face from my sin, let me once again hear joy. Create in me a clean heart, O god, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, restore my joy. Then will I sing of Thy mercy, then will I teach transgressors Thy ways, I will sing of Thy righteousness, and my mouth shall show forth Thy praise. O Lord, have mercy. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and restore my joy.

Words for the Journey Love Always John Carroll

***Hymn 289** The Servant Song GILLARD

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**

Postlude Petite Marche Tritant

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu--
Hamburgers, chips, baked beans and dessert.

Construction Volunteers Needed -
The Build Team is looking for volunteers to assist with a few work activities in May. We will undertake installing a security camera system, refinishing existing wood doors, and installing shelving and bookcases. Flexible hours are available to include weekdays, evenings, or Saturdays. Please contact the church office to sign up.

Quarterly Business Meeting -
Our next Quarterly Business Meeting will be Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Joyseekers Outing -
Join us for Aiken County's free Agriculture and Art Tour of three small local farms on Saturday, May 9. Produce, flowers, food and crafts are featured. Contact the church office to sign up. We will carpool leaving at 9:00 AM. For additional info, visit www.agandarttour.com/aiken

Churchwide Picnic -
Join us Wednesday, May 13, from 5:15-7:30 PM at Gem Lakes Pavilion (Recreation Drive, Aiken). The church will provide an entrée and participants are invited to bring other entrées, sides, or desserts. Dress comfortably!

Mission: THERE -
Join us June 1-5 for our next trip to the Asheville area for Hurricane Helene rebuilding in partnership with FBC Asheville and NC Baptists on Mission! Use the QR code for more information and registration.



Vacation Bible School -
Join us June 8-11 from 9:00 AM -12:00 PM for Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God! Participants and volunteers are invited to sign up now.



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.