

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 17
8:30 am - Deacons Meeting
8:30 am - Finance Committee Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - More Than Sunday Q&A
4:00 pm - Safety First Training
5:00 pm - VBS Training and Dinner

Monday, May 18
11:30 am - Thriving Congregations Meeting
12:00 - Personnel Committee Meeting
5:30 pm - Small Group Planning

Wednesday, May 20
7:00 - Sanctuary Choir Practice.

Thursday, May 21
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, May 22
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group

Sunday, May 24
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. So far, we have collected 158 jars.

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

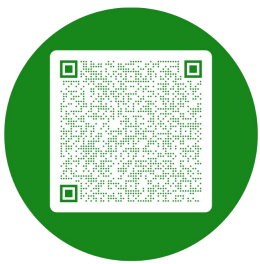
Anna Derr
Communications Specialist/Organist

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Sunday, May 17, 2026

Order of Worship

Prelude

A Gothic Prelude

Young

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

Matt Waller

Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life!
We offer every part of ourselves to Him as instruments of righteousness.
For sin shall no longer have dominion over us.
We are not under the law, but under grace! Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn 2

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

Colossians 3:5-11

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 43

Grace Alone

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Celebration of Giving

Zachary Derr

Offertory

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Huggins

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

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

Romans 6:12-14

Anthem

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

Kaiser

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me, He gave His life, what more could He give? Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh, how He loves you and me.

Words for the Journey

Pursue Holiness

John Carroll

*Hymn 33

Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

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

Majestic March

Perry

*Please stand as you are able.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

No Wednesday Night Services until August.

VBS Volunteers - Join us for our VBS volunteer meeting and dinner this afternoon at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will also have a Safety First training at 4:00 PM for those who have not received it already. Volunteers for VBS are still needed! Contact Matt Waller at mwaller@fbcaiken.org if interested.

Books Available – As we prepare for the next phase of renovations, we encourage those interested to take books home from the tables outside of the parlor, by May 18.

Graduation Sunday - May 24, 2026 at 11:00 am.

AFBC Yard Sale - Our next Yard Sale will be Saturday, May 30, from 7:30 to 12:00. This one will have spots open to the public, and there will also be no fee for a spot! Sign up using the QR code to reserve your spot.

Youth Parent Meeting - Sunday May 31 at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be provided, so please use the QR code to register by Wednesday, May 27!

Mission: HERE – On May 30, we'll provide shuttle service for a community event. Use the QR code for more info and sign up.

Children & Youth Families GreenJackets Game – Join us June 3! Use the QR code for more info and register by May 19.

Mission: THERE - Join us June 1-5 for our next trip to the Asheville area for Hurricane Helene rebuilding. Use the QR code for more information and registration.

Vacation Bible School - June 8-11 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Use the QR code for more information.

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.