

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 24**
8:30 am - Graduate Sunday
Pancake Breakfast
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
- Monday, May 25**
Church office closed for Memorial Day.
- Wednesday, May 27**
7:00 - Sanctuary Choir Practice.
- Thursday, May 28**
10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry
- Friday, May 29**
8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group
- Saturday, May 30**
9:00 am - Project Refresh at AFBC
7:30 am - AFBC Yard Sale
- Sunday, May 31**
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:15 pm - Youth Parent Meeting

Missions & Donations

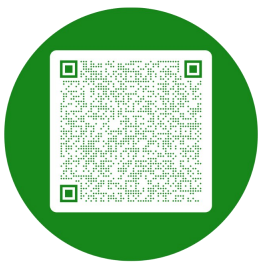
The ACTS collection item for May is peanut butter and jelly. Our goal is 450 jars. So far, we have collected 158 jars.

Ministry Team

- Rev. John Carroll**
Senior Pastor
- Kim Mitchell**
Preschool Director
- Zachary Derr**
Director of Music and Worship
- Alison Heenan**
Assistant Preschool Director
- Rev. Christian Burton**
Director of Administration
- Anna Derr**
Communications Specialist/Organist
- Rev. Sarah Laurence**
Minister of Youth and Pastoral Care
- Gail Floyd**
Financial Secretary
- Rev. Matt Waller**
Minister to Children and Families
- LeAnne Jolley**
Administrative Assistant
- Emily Berry**
Youth Family Intern



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Sunday, May 24, 2026

Order of Worship

Prelude The Gift of Love arr. Hopson

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 Christian Burton

Come away from the noise and the shifting ground of the world. Come and be planted in this place.
We come weary and hopeful, longing to be rooted more deeply in God's love.
When the pace is fast, and the soil feels thin, God invites us to sink our roots deeper.
We turn toward the Living Water, trusting God to nourish what cannot be seen.
May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith, strengthening us where we feel unsteady.
May we be rooted and grounded in love, held fast in the fullness of God.

***Hymn 23** All Things Bright and Beautiful ROYAL OAK

Ephesians 3:14-21

Pastoral Prayer Zachery Derr

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 31** Ancient Words ANCIENT WORDS

Celebration of Giving Matt Waller

Offertory Shine, Jesus, Shine Kendrick

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 John Carroll

Moment of Fellowship

Children's Moment Emily Berry

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

Jeremiah 17:5-8 NLT

Anthem All Things Bright and Beautiful Rutter

Words for the Journey Be A Tree Sarah Laurence

***Hymn 545** In The Bulb PROMISE

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.

Graduate Litany and Benediction

Leader: We stand in awe and humility, O God our Creator,
People: Of the good gifts that you have shared with us through these graduates.
L: You have instilled in them an insatiable curiosity. About your world, your people, and your earth.
P: This curiosity, this thirst for truth, Has led them here to this place,
L: And we are so grateful for the privilege to hold them close
P: As they grew, struggled, discovered, and flourished.
L: And now, as they go from here, We ask that you would graciously continue to fill them
P: With a deep and abiding knowledge of your love for them.
L: And we, who remain here, ask that you would fill us
P: With a deep and abiding love to continue loving them in their transitions.
L: Ansley, Connor, and Field...
P: As you move into your next chapter, know that we hold you in our hearts, and that you carry this community with you.
L: We commission you, through the Spirit and love of God,
P: To add beauty in this world.
L: May you be filled with imagination
P: So that you can see the hope of resurrection and let it shine through you.
L: We commission you to go forth from this place
P: As the light of the world and the salt of the earth.
L: You have formed us and we are a better community because of your presence.
ALL: As God sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost, God sends the Spirit with you to empower you, to strengthen your faith, and to comfort you in all that will come. Amen.

***Sung Congregational Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Postlude Celebration Chesterton

**Please stand as you are able.*

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Sanctuary Choir Practice will begin Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm during the summer.

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.

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.

Church Pews - This fall, renovations will begin in the sanctuary. Another church has expressed interest in receiving all of the pews we are able to provide. First, though, we want to offer them to our church members. A few sizes are available. If you are interested, please fill out the form to let us know by June 1. Pick up will be by the end of July.

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

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.