



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Welcome to Aiken's First Baptist Church! Because we are a community called to radically pursue loving like Jesus, you are welcome here no matter who you are and where life has taken you.

Whether you are just browsing, are not sure how you found your way here, or have heavy questions that need thoughtful answers. Whether you are single, married, divorced, searching, or done searching. Whether 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 ingles, are over 60 and not grown up or a teenager growing up too fast. You are welcome here!

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.

You are welcome here!

120 Chesterfield St. N
Aiken, SC 29801
803-648-5476

 fbcaiken.org
 aikensfirstbaptistchurch
 aikensfbc



Let us know you are
visiting today or share
information here.

Order of Worship

Prelude

"Air" from Water Music

Handel

Chiming of the Trinity

Entering worship, we step into a time that is not ours, but God's.

Welcome and Announcements

Josiah Carroll

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

Charlotte McComb and Catherine Loxton

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

In our times of joy and our seasons of sorrow, God is with us.

God has made everything beautiful in its time, and has set eternity in our hearts.

Let us worship the One who holds all of our times in His hands.

Come, let us praise our Creator, who guides us through every season of life.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn 473

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

Hebrews 12:1

Bennett Derr

Pastoral Prayer

Evan Crooks

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.

Anthem

O Most High

Jeffries

O Most High, reveal yourself this day. O Most High, be with us now we pray.

All on earth that is comes from you. Sea and mountain rise to proclaim the glory of your name,

O Most High. O Most High, your faithfulness endures. O Most High, your love for us is sure.

All the wonders you have displayed show your mercy day after day.

Creation calls your name, O Most High.

Matchless in beauty, power and might; grant us your righteousness.

Story of Impact

Ansley Finch

Offertory

Summer Share Slideshow

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

Cooper Pniewski

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.*

Micah 6:8

Words for the Journey

Summer Share

***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.*

Promotion and Bible Presentation

Litany of Blessing

We celebrate with you this new Bible.

We give thanks

We celebrate its message of love and grace, healing and hope.

We give thanks

We celebrate the many ways we can respond and share this story with others.

We give thanks

As we go now, bless our times of study, prayer and worship, so that we may continue to grow
on this journey together.

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

Galleries ancien

Janzer

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, July 26

8:30 am - Deacons' Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Monday, July 27

1:00 am - Personnel
Committee

Thursday, July 30

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt
Ministry

Friday, July 31

8:00 am - Vanguard: A
Men's Study Group

Sunday, August 2

8:30 am - Discipleship
Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for July is cereal, oatmeal and grits. We have collected 320 so far. Our goal is 450 units.

Announcements

Church Office - The Church Office has been moved into the new 2nd floor office space. Please call 803-648-5476 to visit or make a drop off until the intercoms are connected. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

Deacon Nominations -

The Deacon Nominating Committee is receiving nominations for deacons who will serve our church beginning January 2027. You are encouraged to prayerfully submit a name to any committee member: Sam Jordan, Gigi Talbert, Francine Alsbrooks, Elise Faulkner, or Mary Kilmer.

Quarterly Business Meeting - Wednesday, August 5, at 6pm.

New Small Group: Empty Nesters -

All who find themselves in or approaching an empty-nester or a not-yet-retired phase of life are encouraged to gather for dinner and fellowship on Friday, August 21, at 6 PM at Good Girl Brewing Co!
RSVP by August 19.



Wednesday Night Kick-Off -

Join us on August 12 beginning at 5:15 PM for dinner, intergenerational activities and games, and a chance to learn more about our upcoming Wednesday night activities. Kick-off night is free, but we do request an RSVP for planning purposes.



Joint Red Cross Blood Drive with Second Baptist to benefit Teen Center -

Sunday, August 30, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, at Second Baptist GED Center. Donors will receive a \$20 gift card, which you are encouraged to give to the Teen After School Program for them to use for their programming and needs. Use the QR code to sign up.



Ministry Team



Get Our App



Give Here

Rev. John Carroll
Senior Pastor

Rev. 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

Gail Floyd
Financial Secretary

LeAnne Jolley
Administrative Assistant