



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 2, 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.

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

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

John Carroll

Healing God, we come together in our brokenness,
to call to you in your mercy, to make us whole again.

Wholeness—giving God, listen to our prayers, we pray.

Restoring God, we gather to worship you, even as
we hopefully seek to be renewed and restored again.

God, our quiet center, listen to our prayers this day.

Foundational God, we come to praise and thank you!

In the depths of your Holy Being we find peace and rest.

God – our beginning and our end, we hope always in you.

***Hymn 332**

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Proverbs 31:8-9

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.

Anthem

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

arr. Thomas

Celebration of Giving

Helen Vaughan

Offertory

The Blessing

arr. Kingsmore

*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.*

Matthew 9:18-22

***Hymn 500**

Just As I Am

WOODWORTH

Words for the Journey

Reaching from the Shadows

Zachary Derr

***Hymn 274**

As Grain on Scattered Hillsides

MERLE'S TUNE

*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**

**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

Rondo in C

Bull

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, August 2

8:30 am - Discipleship
Committee

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

Tuesday, August 4

10:30 am - Caregiver Support
Group

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 pm - Quarterly Business
Meeting

7:00 pm - Sanctuary Choir
Practice

Thursday, August 6

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt
Ministry

Friday, July 31

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

Sunday, August 9

8:30 am - Church Council
Meeting

9:45 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

12:00 pm - Missions
Committee

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection
item for August is
canned meat. Our
goal is 450 units.

Announcements

Church Office - The Church Office has been moved into the new 2nd floor office space. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.

School Supply Donations - We're collecting school supplies for Brothers and Sisters and the Teen After School Center. You can put items in the white cabinet in the Trinity Building that is labeled Brothers & Sisters. To make a monetary donation, please designate it for "neighborhood school supplies". Scan the QR code for a list of needed items.



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



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