



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 9, 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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

arr. Adcock

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

Zachary Derr

Let us keep your Word in mind,
and meditate on it day and night,
standing firm, watching and praying.
Give us real knowledge of what we read.
Show us not only how to understand it,
but how to live it,
so we might live in Spirit and in truth.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Hymn 48**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Genesis 3:6-9

Pastoral Prayer

Sarah Laurence

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

Hymn of Promise

arr. Ferguson

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds a mystery, unrevealed until its season something God alone can see. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt, there is believing; in our life eternity. In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Celebration of Giving

Christian Burton

Offertory

We Gather Together

arr.Hayes

*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

Matt Waller

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.*

Acts 9:1-9

***Hymn 640**

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

SHOWALTER

Words for the Journey

In Our Failure

John Carroll

***Hymn 159**

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

*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

Majestic Largo

Lorenz

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, August 9

8:30 am - Church Council Meeting
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Missions Committee

Wednesday, August 12

5:15 pm - Kick Off Event
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, August 13

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, August 14

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

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am - Bereavement Team
8:30 am - Finance Committee
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

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.



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.



Emily Berry Celebration -

Join us for a drop-in on Saturday, August 15, 4:30 - 6:30 PM, at Good Girl Brewing Co.

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.**



Women in Missions -

Join us Monday, August 24, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a light dinner and meeting! **Please RSVP by August 20.**



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.



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