



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 23, 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!

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

Order of Worship

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. Purifoy

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

When our hearts ache and the road is dark,

God's steadfast love never ends.

His mercies do not fail. They are new every morning.

Even in the fire and the flood, our faithful Creator does not abandon us.

We put our hope in the Lord, for His strength is our shelter and our peace.

Let us worship the God who holds our tears and walks with us through every valley.

*Hymn 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Genesis 21:8-9

Pastoral Prayer

Zachary 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.

Anthem

Everything Good

Schlosser

Everything true, everything noble, everything right, everything pure, everything lovely, everything worthy, oh think about, think about everything good. And the God of peace will be with you.

Celebration of Giving

Tim Hasty

Offertory

God Cares Medley

arr. Wilkinson

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.*

Exodus 3:7-10

***Hymn 543**

Abide with Me

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Words for the Journey

In Our Pain

John Carroll

***Hymn 57**

Be Still, My Soul

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*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

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

arr. Wilson

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, August 23

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

Monday, August 24

1:00 pm - Personnel
Committee
6:00 pm - WIM

Wednesday, August 26

5:15 pm - Dinner
6:00 pm - Children's Choirs
6:00 pm - Youth Fellowship
and Bible Study
6:30 pm - Adult Prayer and
Bible Study
6:45 pm - Children's Missions
Groups
7:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir
Practice

Thursday, August 27

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt
Ministry

Friday, August 28

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

Sunday, August 30

9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Joint Red Cross
Blood Drive with
Second Baptist

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for August is canned meat. Our goal is 450 units. So far we have collected 201 cans.

Announcements

Wednesday Night Menu- Baked Ziti, Salad, Red Lobster Biscuits, Ice Cream Sundae. Please remember to either register online or with the church office before noon on Mondays.

Bold Faithfulness Aspirational Statements-



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.

Call for Prayer Pals - The Prayer Ministry Teams is seeking volunteers to be Prayer Pals for the school year. Praying for our students during the school year is an important ministry! If you are willing to bless the lives of our students by praying for them, please contact Marilyn Winn at 803-507-2357 or bilmarwinn@breezeline.net.

GED Program Volunteers Needed - The GED program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am -12:00 pm, and the greatest need is on Tuesdays. We're very flexible with schedules. If you're interested or have questions, call Mary McQuinn at 803-507-0551.

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.



All Youth Fall Retreat - September 25-27 at Asbury Hills. Cost is \$150. Sign up now!



Christmas Cantata Kickoff - All who like to sing are invited to participate in our December 13 choir cantata! Rehearsal kickoff will be Sunday, September 13, 3:00-6:30 pm, with dinner provided. Use the QR code to RSVP. Questions? Contact Zach Derr.



Ministry Team



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