



Aiken's First Baptist Church

Sunday, September 20, 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

Waltz in F Minor

Schubert

Chiming of the Trinity

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

Welcome and Announcements

Matt Waller

Call to Worship and Prayer of Invocation

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When fears press in and the path ahead looks dark, we do not walk alone.

God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way or our hearts grow weary.

We wait for the Lord; be strong and let our hearts take courage as we worship Him together.

*Hymn 425

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

Matthew 2:7-12

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

For the Beauty of the Earth
Sanctuary Choir

arr. Davis

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Alleluia!

Story of Impact

Josh Pniewski

Offertory

Great Are You, Lord

arr. Ware

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

Sarah Laurence

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 1:15-22

***Hymn 400**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Words for the Journey

Courage Without Power

John Carroll

***Hymn 285**

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

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

Postlude on a Theme by Mendelssohn

Lorenz

**Please stand as you are able.*

This Week

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am - Finance Comm.
9:45 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Missions Comm.

Tuesday, September 22

10:00 am - Staff Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 am - Women's Bible Study
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

Thursday, September 24

10:00 am - Prayer Quilt Ministry

Friday, September 25

8:00 am - Vanguard: A Men's Study Group
Youth Fall Retreat begins.

Sunday, September 27

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

Missions & Donations

The ACTS collection item for September is boxed pasta/ spaghetti. So far, we have collected 181 items this month.

Announcements

Please pray for our youth, chaperones, and leaders who depart for Fall Retreat at Asbury Hills this Friday.

Wednesday Night Menu- chicken strips, mac 'n cheese, green beans, apple crisp

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.

Women's Bible Study - The Aiken's First Baptist Church Women's Bible Study will begin the morning of Wednesday, September 23rd at 10:00 AM in the Adult IV Sunday School Classroom in the Trinity Building on the first floor. We meet every week, and the sessions usually last between 1-1 1/2 hours. Please email Beth Daniel at bethdaniel2019@yahoo.com or call 803-645-0634 and let her know is you are interested.

Chili Cook-Off & Cornhole Tournament - Sunday, October 11, from 12:30-3:00 PM. Scan the QR code for more information and to sign up.



Children's Hallway Grand Reopening - Come drop in to check out the newly renovated children's hallway on Sunday, October 18, between 3:30 and 6:00 pm! Children, families, teachers, and more are welcome to try out the new space and enjoy some light refreshments! There will even be some mini projects that the children can take part in to help make the hallway their own!

Unity Sunday at Second Baptist Church - We will have combined worship at Second Baptist Church on Sunday, October 18, at 10:15 AM.

Ministry Team



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