



Austin Karen Baptist Church (AKBC)

Karen people: One of the eight major ethnic groups in Myanmar within which there are 135 sub ethnic cultures and languages. As a result of the Baptist missionary Adoniram Judson, the vast majority of the Karen people are Baptists.

Most arrived to the USA in the mid-2000's from refugee camps located just across their border in Thailand where they lived for an average of 12 years.

AKBC start: May 7, 2009. Met Thursday evenings at North Austin Christian Church through the blessing of Pastor Rick Banda.

AKBC legal status: Certificate of Formation approved by Texas Secretary of State in October 2011. Affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas since November 2011.

AKBC Pastors: Pastor Boun, May 2009- December 2009 (came from San Antonio)
Pastor Moe Eh, January 2010- March 2019 (passed away)
Pastor Hser Gay, currently serving

AKBC Baptisms: First baptism was June 11, 2009; over 50 baptisms since.

AKBC Locations: North Austin Christian Church, May-November 2009
Austin Baptist Church, November 2009- September 2012
Skyview Ministry Center, September 2012- December 2021
Gateway Baptist Church, January 2022-present

AKBC Congregation: 60 average total with 30 adults, 15 youth, and 15 children meeting at 3:00 p.m. Sundays at Gateway Baptist Church located at 7601 Guadalupe Street in Austin. The vast majority of the AKBC congregation are now US citizens.

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Sponsors: Crestview Baptist Church, Georgetown; Austin Baptist Church; Austin Baptist Association; Baptist General Convention of Texas

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