

## Half Notes and Whole Rests

*"Walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma." Ephesians 5:2*

A friend of mine has a closet bulging with hats. He has baseball-style hats in a rainbow of colors with team names, sayings, companies, cities, and more. And while I have a few in my hall closet, mine aren't threatening to take over the house. Most of my hats are figurative, not literal. A new "hat" I have begun wearing identifies me as working with the Senior Adult Ministries here at FBC. I've been working with them since I first came here in early 2009, but now it is an official part of my position.

Having lots of hats is just part of working full time in the church. Some days I wear a hat that says Web Designer. Other days it says Maintenance. Another declares me the I.T. Director (at least until the problem is past). I have hats for Event Planning, Music, Software Education, and even a Chef's Hat sometimes. Every day is different, and every day is rewarding in its own way.

Having just turned 55 makes me one of the youngest seniors here. In that respect, I can identify with Timothy when Paul wrote to him, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity" (1 Tim. 4:12 NLT). I have a long ways to go before I could ever consider myself an "example," or at least, an example of what you *should* do. But someday I will get a crown, and I will gladly cast it at the feet of Jesus, the only true and worthy King.

Our Senior Adult Ministries (not just the Senior Choir) is looking ahead to a full year with lots of activities and events, designed to encourage participation by ALL the senior adults in the church. We have tried to design some events specifically for those who work and are unable to take advantage of weekday trips or outings. We have scheduled game nights, movie nights, movie matinees, a zoo trip, bowling, putt-putt golf, and lots more. If you are over 55 and not involved, I hope you will become involved in as much or as little as you are comfortable with. Wearing one of my other hats, I put a page on the church website for senior adult ministries here at FBC. Just go to <http://www.fbcstmarys.com/sam> (Senior Adult Ministries = SAM).

PS: Worship choir is at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, and Silver Saints choir practices Monday mornings at 10AM.

*Bro. Mike Z.*

### Vital Signs

BUDGET	JANUARY	YR TO DATE	
Requirements	\$34,000.00	\$34,000.00	
Budget Offering	\$35,891.80	\$35,891.80	+ \$1,891.80
Kingdom Building	\$ 792.00	\$ 792.00	
Lottie Moon Offering	\$ 560.00	\$ 560.00	\$7,846.00



**Congratulations** to Meghan Hatch on the birth of her daughter, Aubrey Ruth, on January 31. Aubrey Weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 inches long at the time of her birth. Tim & Cathleen Hatch are excited first-time grandparents and Patrick is now an uncle. We congratulate the family of this blessed and very healthy new life.

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#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To worship Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, by sharing His Word with the lost, training disciples to minister to others, while maintaining fellowship within the body of Christ.

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### Activities for February

<b>SUNDAY - February 5</b>	<b>Souper Sunday</b>
8:30 am	Men's Prayer Group/Chapel
8:45 am	Praise Team/Soloist
9:15 am	Sunday School/High Attendance Day
10:30 am	Worship Service/Lil'K
11:00 am	Children's Church/KIDMO
4:30 pm	<b>FBC Sunday Night Summit</b>
4:30 pm	AWANA & Discipleship Classes
6:30 pm	Worship Service
<b>MONDAY - February 6</b>	
9:00 am	Prayer Group
10:00 am	Silver Saints Choir
6:00 pm	Handbells/Middle School Praise Band
7:30 pm	TWB Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY - February 7</b>	
9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
6:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
7:00 pm	Finance Committee
<b>WEDNESDAY - February 8</b>	
	Regular Wednesday Schedule
7:30 pm	Deacons' Meeting
<b>THURSDAY - February 9</b>	
9:30 am	Women on Mission Meeting/Chester's Home
<b>SUNDAY - February 12</b>	
	Regular Sunday Schedule
<b>MONDAY - February 13</b>	
9:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
10:00 am	Silver Saints Choir/Coastal Assisted Living
6:00 pm	Handbells/Middle School Praise Band
7:30 pm	TWB Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY - February 14</b>	
9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
6:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study
<b>WEDNESDAY - February 15</b>	
	Regular Wednesday Schedule
<b>THURSDAY - February 16</b>	
6:00 am	Youth Depart for Ski Retreat
6:00 pm	Sr. Adult Covered Dish Dinner
<b>SUNDAY - February 19</b>	
	Regular Sunday Schedule
3:30 pm	Magnolia Manor
<b>MONDAY - February 20</b>	
9:00 am	Ladies' Prayer Group
10:00 am	Silver Saints Choir
6:00 pm	Handbells/Middle School Praise Band
7:30 pm	TWB Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY - February 21</b>	
9:30 am	Ladies' Bible Study
6:00 pm	Ladies' Bible Study

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# THE MESSENGER

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## NEW MESSENGER FORMAT

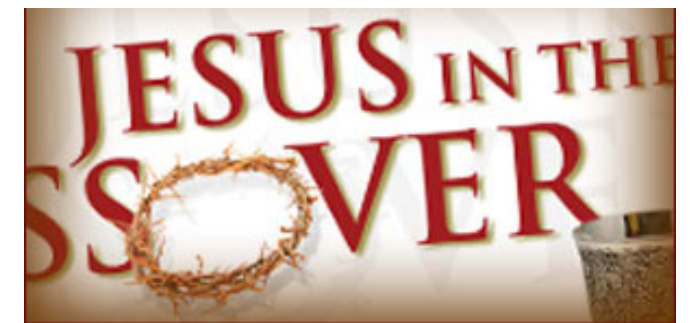
Beginning March 2012



If We Do Not Have Your Current E-Mail Address:  
Send an e-mail to [marie@fbcstmarys.com](mailto:marie@fbcstmarys.com);  
Go online <http://www.fbcstmarys.com/messenger> to sign up;  
Complete the section in Bulletin and Place in Offering Plate;  
OR Call the Church Office, 882-4250.

Hard copies of the Messenger and Calendar will be placed around the church for those who do not have an e-mail account.

Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Light of Messiah Ministries will present  
**"JESUS IN THE PASSOVER"**  
10:30 AM Worship/Lord's Supper



9:15 AM Testimonies and Instruction on Jewish Faith  
4:30 PM Question & Answer Time  
5:30 PM Family Night Supper  
6:30 PM Jesus in the Jewish Festivals

FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR:

**CHURCH THEME 2012**

**"Saved by grace...Go make a difference!"**

**Mark 16:15-18**

**STUDENT MINISTRY WINTER RETREAT FEB. 16-19**

Pray for our Students and their Leaders as they head to **Winterplace, West Virginia** for their **Winter Bible Conference and Ski Retreat**. They will be challenged by God's Word in three Worship and Bible Study sessions and enjoy two ski sessions at **Winterplace Resort**. Pray for their safety and for God to do a great work in their lives.

Thank you First Family for supporting all the fundraising efforts so this trip could be made possible. Your support is imperative as we seek to lead these youth at this time with our **lay leaders**. **We have a great bunch of students and their adult leaders are tops in my book!**

**LIGHT OF MESSIAH SUNDAY—FEB. 26**

You are going to be able to experience first hand a Jewish Passover Celebration and learn about the Jewish Festivals on the last Sunday of February. This will be unlike any other service you have ever been a part of and your knowledge of the Old Testament Festivals will be enhanced tremendously.

Bro. Mike Fountain of *Light of Messiah* Ministries will lead us Sunday Morning and evening in learning about the Jewish Celebrations of the Bible and how they impact our lives as 21<sup>st</sup> century Christians. The schedule will be as follows:

**9:15 a.m.—Adults and Youth will meet in Worship Center to hear personal testimonies and instruction on Jewish Faith**

**10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship Service with Older Children, Youth and Adults "Jesus in the Passover"**

**4:30 p.m.—Question and Answer Time about The Jewish Traditions**

**5:30 p.m.—Church-wide Supper**

**6:30 p.m.—Jesus in the Jewish Festivals**

This will be an experience that you will want to invite other believers to come and learn more about the Old Testament teachings regarding our Jewish brethren. **A LOVE OFFERING** will be received for **Light of Messiah Ministries** on this Sunday to encourage their evangelistic work to the Jewish people.

**BAPTISTS 4 HAITI**

Please pray that **One Hundred Georgia Baptist** churches will step forward and join First Baptist in **pledging \$1,000 next year** to support this work.

**Pray! Pray! Pray!**

**SOUPER SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY—FEB. 5<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to wear your favorite team colors this Sunday in **Sunday School** as **The Bulldogs** take on **The All-Stars** in our goal to have **300** in Bible Study at **9:15 a.m.** Prizes will be awarded to the preschooler, child, youth and adult that has the best team outfit in Sunday School. **ALSO**, please bring non-perishable food items for the community food banks at Salvation Army and Missions for Camden. There is a lot of need for the poor in Camden County. Let's be faithful to bring food for them.

See you Sunday with your **Bible** in hand as I preach a **Super Savior** message **"Am I a FAN or a FOLLOWER?"**


*In His Service,  
Bro. Steve*



**SOUPER SUNDAY**  
February 5, 2011  
Bulldogs vs. All-Stars


COME DRESSED IN YOUR FAVORITE TEAM COLORS!  
High Attendance Day in Sunday School  
Our Goal: 300

This is also an opportunity to help the needy in our community as we bring in non-perishable items to stock the pantry!



**"A.N.D.Y." Club**  
(Ain't Nearly Done Yet)  
Calendar (55 and Better!)  
**"Silver Saints" Choir**  
Mondays at 10:00 AM  
Followed by lunch at Sonny's.  
Monday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM  
Silver Saints at Coastal Assisted Living  
Thursday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM  
Sr. Adult Covered Dish Dinner

If you are over 55, and like to sing and fellowship, come join us!



**MISSION PROJECT**  
WOM are collecting items to help our local boys home that ministers to boys ages 12-19.

Items Needed: Bibles, paper notebooks, pens, pencils, personal hygiene products, socks, underwear, new or gently used shirts and jeans. Please drop off your items in the bin located outside the church office. They will be collecting items through the end of February.


**Senior Adult Mission Trip**

SENIOR ADULT MISSION TRIP TO NORTH GEORGIA...OCTOBER 2012  
Cost \$215/person  
\$25/person due the first Monday of each month through August, with remaining balance due September 2012.



OPEN DATES ON THE 2012 FLOWER CALENDAR

March 4; April 15, 22, 29; July 1, 15, 22; November 18; and December 3. If you would like to place flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on one of the above dates, please call (882-4250) or email the church office—marie@fbcstmarys.com.



Women On Mission Meeting  
The next WOM Meeting be Thursday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Barbara Chester, 295 Chase Ct. South, St. Marys. Ministry to Homebound Members, future fund raisers and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be discussed, as wells as, praying for our missionaries. All ladies of the church are invited and encouraged to join them. Childcare will not be available.

**REMINDER**

Finance Committee  
Tuesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Deacons' Meeting  
Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm

**TO LIVE AS CHRIST**  
The Evening Ladies' Bible Study will be finishing their Prayer Life Study on Tuesday. Their next Bible study will be Beth Moore's study on Paul, "To Live Is Christ" which will be starting in March. All ladies are invited to join this group and they can contact Rachel Atterbery at 510-9001 or 322-5566 to purchase their workbook.

**Deacon Nomination 2012**  
For the next three weeks you will find inserted in your Sunday bulletin a 2012 Deacon Nomination Ballot. Please be in prayer about who you feel God would have serve that meets the Deacon Qualifications. Deacons who are serving cannot be nominated. Nominations will be accepted through Sunday, February 26, 2012. You may turn in your deacon nomination during church services or to the church office.

**BAPTIST 4 HAITI MISSION OPPORTUNITY**  
We would like to take a team of 8 to Haiti March 24-31, 2012. Ministry Teams will do a variety of things from child evangelism, debris removal and site preparation, assistance to Haitian construction workers, construction of pews or pulpits, etc.  
Cost: \$1,300/person which includes airfare, housing and meals.  
Contact: Bro. Steve or the church office to get your application.



**Senior Adult Chick Pot Pie Fund Raiser**  
Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>  
Following Morning worship  
All Proceeds will go to fund Sr. Adult Ministries.



**FBC SUMMIT SUNDAY NIGHTS**

AWANA (2yrs-JV)  
High School LIT  
Adult DiscipleLife Classes  
**4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
Sunday Night Supper  
**5:30-6:20 p.m.**  
Cost: Adults & Youth \$3, Children \$1 \$12 Family Maximum  
Worship Service & AWANA Continues  
**6:30-7:30 p.m.**  
(Children join worship at 7 pm)  
Youth Drama  
**7:30 p.m.**