



# FIRST BAPTIST ST. MARYS, GA

HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS

## MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



Easter Sunday, March 31st, 9:15 - SS, 10:30am - Morning Worship  
Come and let us celebrate the Risen Savior!



*Community Outreach*

### Outreach Opportunity

**Saturday, March 16, 5pm - 9pm**

The community will have an Easter Egg Hunt downtown at the waterfront. FBC will have a booth set up and will pass out glow sticks, our church information and most importantly a chance to talk to people and invite them to our church and church activities. They are expecting hundreds of people to be there so this will be a great opportunity for us to share Jesus with our community. We need volunteers to help set up, work the booth and break down. If we have enough volunteers, each person shouldn't have to stay the whole night. If you would like to volunteer, contact Christy Carrington, (912) 409-2449. Thank you!



### FBC Children's Easter Egg Hunt March 30th, 10:00am

There will be Egg Hunts for different age groups starting at 10:00am. We will have games, face painting, crafts, photo booth and a fun story time. A free hotdog lunch will be provided following the egg hunts and every family will be able to take home eggs to decorate.



### "Look to the Nations"

Bro. Roland and his team will be in our area in the April 1 - 5. He will be speaking March 10th. If you are interested in learning more about Roland and "Look to the Nations", you can go to their website [www.looktothenations.com](http://www.looktothenations.com). You can also email: [office@looktothenations.com](mailto:office@looktothenations.com). If you would like to support them you can go to the fund set up in Realm. <https://onrealm.org/fbcstmarys/give/roland>

You can also text "FBCSM Roland" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



Bro. Roland & Mary Norris

## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

I am so grateful for how God is blessing our church and the fellowship of believers here. We are seeing new members joining regularly, and we have seen several place their trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, and I am looking forward to having a baptismal service in the near future as these make their public profession of faith.

We have wrapped up our sermon series on "God's Road Map" and have begun a new series I call, "Truths for the Journey". In this sermon series we will look at some of the practical principles we can apply as we seek to walk in God's pathways. I refer to them as road signs along the journey to help us arrive safely and refreshed. I hope you are joining us on Sundays, either in person or online, as we encourage each other to move forward to the prize set before us.

I am looking forward to having Brother Roland Norris with us on March 10<sup>th</sup> in the morning service. Bro. Roland is a former staff member here at FBCSM and now serves as the director of "Look to the Nations", a mission organization serving in the Caribbean and in the United States. Our church supports this organization financially and we will be receiving a love offering on March 10<sup>th</sup> to bless Bro. Roland and assist in his mission endeavors. Our children have been collecting an offering for "Look to the Nations" and will be presenting it to Bro. Roland in the service that morning.

As we prepare for Easter at the end of this month, I pray that we will be intentional about inviting someone to church for Easter Sunday. Just the simple act of inviting someone to come and sit with you in the service can pay great dividends. Easter is one of those times that people are more open to accepting that invitation, so let's take advantage of this opportunity.

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM. This is another opportunity to connect your friends, family and neighbors with the faith family here at FBCSM. In preparation for this event, we will have a booth set up at the St. Marys waterfront on March 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:00PM. We will be handing out glow sticks for the children and information about our church and our Easter services. Please consider coming out to assist us.

Also, several churches are combining to hold Holy Week services during the week before Easter. These services will be held at the Methodist Church during the lunch hour, and will include music, a message, and lunch each day.

Just like the Apostle Paul, I always thank God for all of you, making mention of you constantly in my prayers. I covet your prayers for me as I seek to serve the Lord here at FBCSM. And remember, we shouldn't come to church to worship; we should come to church worshipping.

Pastor Gary



**Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser**  
This coming Sunday Morning  
the 3rd, Immediately following  
Morning Worship. Stay for  
lunch after the service and help send a youth  
to summer camp!



**Senior Adult Covered Dish Dinner**  
**March 21 at 6:00pm**  
**Bring a dish to share and enjoy**  
**some time together.**



**Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North  
American Missions is March 3rd - 9th, 2024**  
**National Goal: \$75 Million**  
**Our Church Goal: \$3500**



Our church has an account with this great resource. There are Bible studies, movies, books and all sorts of great material that you can access. e-mail Robin at [robin@fbcstmarys.com](mailto:robin@fbcstmarys.com) and she will get you plugged in. For more info, check the site out at [www.rightnowmedia.org](http://www.rightnowmedia.org)



**Global Youth Ministry**  
**Lake Swan**  
**Youth Summer Camp**  
**July 1st - 5th, 2024**

Our youth are trying to raise \$8800 for youth camp. They are having a fundraiser through Dominos right now. If you are interested in participating there are flyers around the church or you can talk with a youth or see Cindy Popa. You can also make a donation directly through Realm online at:

<https://onrealm.org/fbcstmarys/give/summercamp>

**Help a youth go to Summer Camp!**



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Gary Smith, *Senior Pastor, Music Ministries*  
Mike Gaskin, *Interim Music Director*  
Roland Norris, *Look to the Nations, Missionary*  
Jason Smith, *Pianist*



You can worship with us online!  
On YouTube go to FBC St. Marys

On Facebook go to our page FBCSM

These links are also be available on our church  
website -> [www.fbcstmarys.com](http://www.fbcstmarys.com)

Don't forget about Sunday School!  
Sunday Morning's at 9:15am

#### UNDESIGNATED thru February 27th

Budgeted - Need to Date  
\$61,194.92  
Giving - Received to Date  
\$72,283.82  
February - Budgeted Need  
\$30,597.46  
February - Giving Received  
\$40,937.97

#### January - Sunday School Numbers

2/4 - 93  
2/11 - 95  
2/18 - 82  
2/25 - 97



#### **SATURDAY - March 2**

8:30 am Skylark "Walk for Life"

#### **SUNDAY - March 3**

8:45 am Sunday Morning Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship Service/Kidz Church  
12:00 pm Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser  
5:30 pm Evening Worship/Youth/Kids Choir  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

#### **MONDAY - March 4 - Saturday - March 9, Week of Prayer for Annie Armstrong North American Missions**

12:00 pm Lunch at Hog-n-Bones

#### **TUESDAY - March 5**

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY - March 6**

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Team Kids/Youth Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY - March 7**

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

#### **SUNDAY - March 10**

8:45 am Sunday Morning Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School/Children's Pancake and PJ Party  
10:30 am Morning Worship/KIDZ Church  
5:30 pm Evening Worship with Roland Norris/Youth/Kids Choir  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

#### **MONDAY - March 11**

12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Hog-in-Bones

#### **TUESDAY - March 12**

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY - March 13**

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Team Kids/Youth Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY - March 14**

9:30 am Ladies Bible Sunday

#### **SATURDAY - March 16**

5:00 pm Downtown Outreach/St. Marys Waterfront

#### **SUNDAY - March 17**

8:45 am Sunday Morning Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
5:30 pm Evening Worship/Youth/ Kids Choir  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

#### **MONDAY - March 18**

12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor at Hog-n-Bones

#### **TUESDAY - March 19**

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY - March 20**

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Team Kids/Youth Bible Study

#### **THURSDAY - March 21**

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study  
6:00 pm Senior Adult Dinner

#### **SUNDAY - March 24 Palm Sunday**

8:45 am Sunday Morning Fellowship  
9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Morning Worship  
5:30 pm Evening Worship/Youth/Kids Choir  
6:30 pm Choir Practice

#### **MONDAY - March 25 - FRIDAY - March 29th Holy Week Services/NOON St. Marys Methodist Church**

#### **TUESDAY - March 26**

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAY - March 27**

5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Team Kids/Youth Bible Study

#### **SATURDAY - March 30**

10:00 am FBC's Easter Egg Hunt

#### **SUNDAY - March 31 Easter Sunday/Regular Morning Service No PM Service**