

WE INVITE YOU TO BECOME A  
PART OF THE FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH-ST. MARYS' FAMILY

At the close of each service, we give an invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to become a member of this church. We offer this opportunity during the singing of the invitation. If you wish to become a member of First Baptist Church, simply walk to the front while the hymn is being sung and tell the minister the decision you wish to make. This church receives members in the following ways:

BY PROFESSION OF FAITH AND  
BAPTISM

You receive Christ into your life as your personal Savior and Lord. You profess faith in Christ by publicly acknowledging that you have received Him, by being baptized as He directed, and by living for Him. You need to know the following to receive Christ:


1. God Loves You. John 3:16
2. God intends Abundant Life for You. John 10:10b
3. You Have Sinned. Romans 3:23
4. Sin Robs You of Life. Romans 6:23a
5. God Offers You Life in Christ. Romans 6:23, 5:8
6. You Must Believe and Confess. Romans 10:9-10

BY TRANSFER OF LETTER FROM  
ANOTHER BAPTIST CHURCH:

If you are already a member of another Baptist Church, we will write to them for a transfer of your letter.

BY STATEMENT OF FAITH AND  
NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM

If your membership is in another denomination, you may join this church upon your statement that you have previously trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior and have received baptism by immersion. If you have not been baptized by immersion to profess your faith in Christ, we would ask you to join us in that experience in becoming a member of this church.



Deacon of the Week:

12/7/25-12/13/25


John DuBose


912-227-2761



The flowers were placed in the Worship Center by:

The FBCSM Congregation, in honor of a wonderful Pastor and His Wife Sharon. We are truly blessed!






CHILDREN WILL START IN THE SANCTUARY AT 10:30 AM AND THEN BE DISMISSED FOR CLASS

Babies - 23 Months.....	Melodie Page and Susan Holcomb
2 & 3 Year Olds.....	Ryan and Jordan Thompson
Pre-K & Kindergarten.....	Piper Hand and Jocelyn Gomez
1st & 2nd Grade.....	Rhonda and Lindsey Dunn
3rd - 5th Grade.....	OPEN.....

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO THANK OUR VOLUNTEERS



Can't make it to church? We've got you covered!!!  
Go to [https://fbcstmarys.com/watch\\_live#content\\_start](https://fbcstmarys.com/watch_live#content_start)  
Or Scan the QR to watch the service wherever you go!



ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:45 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

"SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT"

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School

Morning Worship

Choir Practice

Children's Christmas Program

Ice Cream Social to follow program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:00 pm

Lunch with the Pastor

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

7:00 pm

DOWNTOWN ST MARYS EVENT

Live Nativity at Orange Hall till 9 pm

WEDNESDAY, DEC 9

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

6:30 pm

Family Supper

Young Couples Bible Study

Evening Bible Studies

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:45 am

9:15 am

10:30 am

5:30 pm

6:30 pm

"THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT"

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School

Christmas Cantata

Evening Worship / Youth Worship

Choir Practice



Did you know?. Everyone in our congregation can access biblical videos on topics like marriage, parenting, youth, recovery, leadership, finances, and so much more. For more information, call the church or email Sarah at [sarah@fbcstmarys.com](mailto:sarah@fbcstmarys.com)



SCAN THE QR CODE to setup your account today and explore the benefits!



WELCOME  
TO  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
ST. MARYS

*"An intentional life is a purposeful life"*  
Sunday, December 7, 2025

# Church in Worship

Sunday, December 7, 2025 • 10:30 AM

## Worship Through Songs

Prelude	Rick Lundgren
Baptismal Service	
Lighting the Second Advent Candle	Rolando and Valerie Capanna
Song	“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Song	“Angels From the Realms of Glory”
Welcome and Announcements	Alan Carrington
Lottie Moon Offering Video	
Song	“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
Song	“Christmas Offering”
Children will be dismissed for Children’s Church	

## Worship Through Tithes & Offering


Offertory Hymn	“We Wish You a Merry Christmas”
Offertory Prayer	John DuBose
Worship Through Tithes & Offerings	


## Message from God’s Word

Sermon	Pastor Gary
Invitation	“I Surrender All”

Have a Blessed Wee k!


**A Message For Our Visitors:**  
Thank you for spending your Sunday morning with us here at First Baptist Church St. Marys. If you would, please take a moment to fill out one of our connection cards located in the back of a pew or in the lobby. You can then drop the card in the offering plate during our service or join us in the lobby after the service to receive a small gift of gratitude to say, “Thank you for visiting and we hope to see you again soon!”



 **LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR**  
THIS MONDAY AT NOON AT SOUTHERN ROOST

 **FBCSM CHILDREN’S MISSION GROUPS**  
WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM  
PRE- K THRU 5TH GRADE  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED FOR BABIES - 3 YEAR OLDS




 **NEWS FLASH!!!!** FIRST WOMEN’S STUDY OF 2026  
Tuesdays with the choice of 10 AM or 6 PM.  
Come and discover effective, heartfelt conversational evangelism. Do you feel stuck?, *Worried about questions you can’t answer?*, Do you feel inadequate?, *Do you lack confidence?* We will learn how to share Christ with grace, the Spirit’s wisdom, patience, and love, as we develop trust, remain unoffendable, ask questions, listen well, and live Christ. A limited number of books will be available at a discount cost, so please text or call Phyllis Milstead (207 607-9617) to pre-order your book. More info coming!

**OKEFENOKEE CANOE TRIP**  
**DECEMBER 13TH**  
**OPTION #1** TOUR BOAT WITH GUIDE  
**OPTION #2** RENT CANOE (2 PEOPLE) \$20 / 2 HRS OR BRING YOUR OWN CANOE/KAYAK  
 **PARKING IS \$5 PER VEHICLE**  
**WWW.GEORGIASTATEPARKS.ORG**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE SEE BOB MITCHELL OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE

**YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 19TH**  
**6 TILL 8PM IN THE FBCSM FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**SEE MR. TIM FOR MORE INFO**

**YOUNG COUPLES STUDY**  
**Wednesdays 6-7:30 pm**  
**Dec 17th** will be the last study for the 2025 year  



 **JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**  
**JANUARY 11TH**  
**\$15 DONATION AT THE DOOR**  
**REGISTER ON REALM**


 **Christmas CANTATA** DEC 14th 10:30 AM



**--OUTREACH DONATIONS NEEDED--**  
**OUTREACH WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS TO PUT IN BASKETS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF PRUITT HEALTH ON DILWORTH. NEEDS INCLUDE:**  
**NON-SLIP SOCKS, LOTIONS, PUZZLE BOOKS & PENS, SMALL CHRISTMAS TABLE DÉCOR, CHAPSTICK, SMALL THROW BLANKETS, ETC.**  
**PLEASE PLACE DONATIONS IN THE LABELED BOX IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL BY DEC 14TH**

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**  
**STARTING JAN 11th, 2026**  
**EVERY SUNDAY FOR 9 WEEKS FROM 4:30-6 PM**  
“A BIBLICALLY BASED CURRICULUM THAT TEACHES US HOW TO HANDLE MONEY GOD’S WAY”- DAVE RAMSEY  
**CHURCH MEMBERS:\$20 PER COUPLE (OR 2 PEOPLE)**  
  
**MORE DETAILS AND REGISTRATION ON REALM**

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY**  
**WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY JAN 6TH**

 **HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE OCC SHOEBOX COLLECTION. WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL WITH 141 BOXES! AMEN!**

**SUNDAY, DEC 21ST FROM 9:30-11:30 AM**  
**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY WILL CELEBRATE**  
THE BIRTH OF JESUS WITH SONGS, FOOD, & CRAFTS. WE INVITE PARENTS & GUARDIANS TO ATTEND. WILL TAKE UP A MONETARY COLLECTION TO DONATE TO THE LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS FUND.  


 **Power of Prayer**  
If you would like to be added to our prayer chain e-mail list, please e-mail Ms. Avie Roesch at [aroesch1102@gmail.com](mailto:aroesch1102@gmail.com)

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**FBC DEACONS**  
Alan Carrington, Bill Brown,  
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Kris Imgrund, David Thorpe

**UNDESIGNATED**  
Budgeted – Need to Date  
\$468,889.48  
Giving – Received to Date  
\$405,742.00  
Monthly – Budgeted Need  
\$38,276.69  
November – Giving Received  
\$40,013.72  
December - Giving Received - \$3,125.96  
Lottie Moon - \$40.00

**ONLINE giving**  
**TEXT to GIVE**  
Text: 73256  
Keyword: FBCSM  
 OR **SCAN QR**  
