

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:**  
12/14/25-12/20/25  
**Brad Jones**  
912-674-4684




**The flowers were placed in the Worship Center by:**  
Dustin & Sarah Nelson,  
in celebration of  
Callie's 16th birthday!




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

Babies - 23 Months.....	Erica Villanueva and Allison Perry
2 & 3 Year Olds.....	Kathie Branistareanu and Cheryl Stacy
Pre-K & Kindergarten.....	Remain in Sanctuary
1st & 2nd Grade.....	Remain in Sanctuary
3rd - 5th Grade.....	Remain in Sanctuary

**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

<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14</b>	<b>"THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT"</b>
8:45 am	Coffee Fellowship
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Christmas Cantata
5:30 pm	Evening Worship / Youth Worship
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>MONDAY, DECEMBER 15</b>	
12:00 pm	Lunch with the Pastor
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC 17</b>	
5:30 pm	Family Supper
6:00 pm	Young Couples Bible Study (Final)
6:30 pm	Evening Bible Studies (Budget Review)
<b>FRIDAY, DEC 19</b>	
5:30 pm	Young Couples Christmas Party <small>(Allison Perry's Home, 286 Natures Bounty Trail, St. Marys)</small>
6:00 pm	Youth Christmas Party (Fellowship Hall)
<b>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21</b>	<b>"FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT"</b>
8:45 am	Coffee Fellowship
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Morning Worship
12:00 pm	Congregation Mtg to Vote on Budget
5:30 pm	Christmas Caroling to Homebound
<b>WEDNESDAY, DEC 24</b>	
5:00 pm	Christmas Eve Service



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 14, 2025**

# Church in Worship

Sunday, December 14, 2025 • 10:30 AM

## Worship Through Songs

Prelude	Rick Lundgren
Baptismal Service	
Lighting of the Third Advent Candle	Bill and Cheryl Stacy
Welcome and Announcements	Alan Carrington
Lottie Moon Offering Video	
Children will remain in church for the Christmas Cantata	


## Worship Through Tithes & Offering

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

Presentation of Christmas Cantata  
(See Insert)

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!

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

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

**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








FRESH YOUNG COUPLES PRESENTS  
**UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER Party**  
BRINGING SNO WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT & A DISH TO SHARE  
5:30 - 7:30 PM  
FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER  
Childcare provided at church for ages 2+ 5-8pm  
280 Natural Beauty Trail, St. Marys, GA, 31558

**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  
FBCSM MEMBERS: \$20 PER COUPLE/2 PEOPLE  
NON-MEMBERS: \$100 PER COUPLE/2 PEOPLE  
CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED FREE FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO REALM OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE.

**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. DONATIONS OF CUPCAKES, FRUIT TRAYS, CHEESE TRAYS, VEGGIE TRAYS, JUICE BOXES, ETC. ARE APPRECIATED



**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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**Church Office Hours**  
Monday -Thursday  
8:30am- 2:15pm

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**FBC DEACONS**  
Alan Carrington, Bill Brown,  
Conrad Carlson, Tom Cochran,  
John DuBose, Brad Jones, Tim Griffis,  
Kris Imgrund, David Thorpe

**UNDESIGNATED**  
Budgeted – Need to Date  
\$478,458.65  
Giving – Received to Date  
\$415,972.30  
Monthly – Budgeted Need  
\$38,276.69  
Giving Received - \$8,617.15  
Lottie Moon - \$855.00

**ONLINE giving**  
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Text: 73256  
Keyword: FBCSM

OR

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