



# FIRST BAPTIST ST. MARYS, GA

HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS

## JULY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Vacation Bible School  
July 14th - 18th  
Come learn about Joseph  
and his life in Egypt.  
Invite any friends or

neighbors to VBS week. It is always a fantastic time of fun and learning more about the love of God.

You can use this QR code to  
register your  
child for VBS.



Also, Volunteers will need to  
register here as well.



Sunday, July 13th, we will have VBS Kick-off with  
Water slides, Bounce House,  
Snow cones and much more.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
KICK-OFF!**



Friday the 18th we will have our Family Night. Come and see  
what your children learned during the week. We will also have  
a family fellowship after the service to rap VBS up.



### Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers on July 4th to hand out invites to VBS with a cold bottle of water. We will be set up on the sidewalk during the annual 4th of July Parade. Contact Christy Carrington if you have any questions 912-409-2449. Also, our children's department will be riding in the parade passing out VBS information. See Ashli for details and getting your child signed up to ride.



### VBS Food Donations

Our VBS kitchen donation list will be placed on a clipboard on the table in front of the pulpit this week.

If you can donate, please sign up. All items (except bread) are needed by Sunday, July 6. The bread is needed by Sunday, July 13 so that it will be fresh.

All VBS items can be dropped off on a table in the large pantry/freezer room.

We greatly appreciate your help!

\*\*\*The VBS kitchen crew\*\*\*

## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

Hello Church Family,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the year—and summer is in full swing! I know this time of year brings travel, beach days, cookouts, and family time (and praise the Lord for all of that!), but I want to encourage you to stay faithful in worship and connected with your church family. Don't forsake intentional gathering.

We've got some great opportunities this month to love our community and grow in our faith. One of those is the July 4th Parade. Our children will be participating in the parade again this year, proudly representing FBC St. Marys! We'll be handing out cold water bottles and Vacation Bible School invitations to people at the parade. If you can help with this outreach, we could really use a few extra hands and smiling faces. Let Christ's love shine through us in something as simple as a cup of cold water (or in this case, a bottle)!

Speaking of Vacation Bible School, mark your calendars—VBS kicks off July 14th! Please be in prayer now for the children who will attend, the volunteers who are preparing, and the gospel seeds that will be planted in young hearts. VBS is one of our biggest outreach efforts of the year, and your prayers make a difference!

Sharon and I will be taking a special trip later this month to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We're so grateful for the love and support of our church family—it means the world to us! While we're away, Dr. Rick Marks will be preaching for us on Sunday, July 27th. You won't want to miss it—Rick will bring a powerful, practical word, and I know you'll be blessed.

Let's keep loving Jesus, loving one another, and intentionally being a light to our city this summer. I'm grateful for each one of you.

In Christ,  
Pastor Gary



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*thank you*

God is blessing First Baptist,  
Thank you for your faithfulness!



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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)



**FBC Worship Choir**  
Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 6:30pm. If you would like to join, then come to the rehearsal and see Pastor Gary



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Gary Smith, *Senior Pastor, Music Ministries*  
Roland Norris, *Look to the Nations, Missionary*



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**

Budgeted – Need to Date  
\$239,229.33

Giving – Received to Date  
\$209,728.69

Monthly – Budgeted Need  
\$47,845.87

June - Giving Received  
\$32,539.60



**SUNDAY - July 6**

- 8:45 am Coffee Time
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship/KIDZ Church
- 5:30 pm Evening Worship/Youth
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

**MONDAY - July 7**

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost

**TUESDAY - July 8**

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - July 9**

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

**THURSDAY - July 10**

- 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study

**SUNDAY - July 13**

- 8:45 am Coffee Time
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship, Kids Attend Worship
- 5:00 pm VBS Kick-Off Celebration

**MONDAY - July 14**

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost
- 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

**TUESDAY - July 15**

- 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

**WEDNESDAY - July 16**

- 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

**THURSDAY - July 17**

- 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School

**FRIDAY - July 18**

- 5:30 pm Vacation Bible School Family Night

**SUNDAY - July 20**

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

**WEDNESDAY - July 23**

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

**SUNDAY - July 27**

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

**WEDNESDAY - July 29**

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

