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JANUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



WOMEN OF WORTH BIBLE STUDY
ENOUGH By Sharon Jaynes
 "Silencing the Lies that Steal Your Confidence"
 First evening class: Tuesday, 1/14/2025, 6:30pm
 First morning class: Thursday, 1/16/2025, 9:30am
 Meeting room: Heaven Bound Sunday school class
 We welcome newcomers, women of all ages.
 Purchase book: Amazon.com or Christianbook
 Read chapter 1 for the first class.
 Please contact Phyllis Milstead at (207)607-9617 or writenstamp@gmail.com if you plan to join us or have questions.
 (Please be in touch well in advance if you need childcare.)

FBC Youth Event
Winter Jam 2025
 January 12, 2025
Jacksonville Vystar Veterans Memorial Arena
 If you would like information, please contact Tim Griffis. Thanks!

WE APPRECIATE YOU

Children's Ministry
Teacher Appreciation Dinner
Saturday, January 11th at 6:00pm
 Come to dinner and let us celebrate YOU for all you do for our children.



FBC Youth are collecting items for an upcoming yard sale fundraiser. If you have some great stuff you are tired of stepping over please consider donating. We have a place to store your donations so just let me know and we will make arrangements. Contact Tim Griffis FBC Youth Director, his number is 912-552-2258. Thanks!



RA's & GA's



On Wednesday, September 4th we will be offering Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action to children, 1st - 5th grades on Wednesday evening at 6:30pm. Bring your child and let FBC teach them about Missions. They will love it.



Senior Adult Covered Dish Dinner
November 19th at 6:00pm
 Bring a dish to share and enjoy some time together.



Every Monday at Noon, come and have lunch with Pastor Gary at Hog-n-Bones, Everyone is welcome, and it is a great time of food and fellowship!

From the Heart of the Pastor

As we step into a brand-new year, my heart is filled with gratitude for all that the Lord has done in and through our church in 2024. This past year has been a testament to His faithfulness, His provision, and His abundant blessings.

Together, we have witnessed God's hand at work in our church family. From the sweet fellowship of Homecoming to the outreach opportunities through the Fall Festival, we have seen lives touched and hearts encouraged. The joy of our Christmas celebrations, from the choir program to the candlelight service, reminded us once again of the hope we have in Christ. Through every event, every ministry effort, and every worship service, God has been faithful.

As we reflect on these blessings, let us also remember the lives transformed by the Gospel. Whether through the faithful teaching of God's Word, the prayers of His people, or the witness of His saints, seeds of faith have been planted, watered, and nurtured. We have so much to be thankful for, and I praise God for the privilege of serving alongside each of you as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and beyond.

Now, as we turn the page to 2025, I want to challenge each of us to be **intentional** in our walk with Christ. I have chosen, "**Intentional**" as our word for this year. The new year brings new opportunities to grow in our faith, to deepen our prayer lives, to serve with greater passion, and to share the hope of the Gospel with those who desperately need it. Let us not simply make resolutions that fade with time, but let us resolve to live intentionally each day for the glory of God, walking in obedience to His Word and trusting in His promises.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13-14, "*But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*" As we press on into this new year, may we be intentional to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. May we be a people who seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, knowing that all we need will be provided by our loving Heavenly Father.

In 2025, let us commit to loving God intentionally with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and to loving our neighbors as ourselves. Let us look for ways to grow as disciples of Christ and to make disciples wherever God leads us. May our worship be genuine, our fellowship be sweet, our service be sacrificial, and our witness be bold.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the days ahead. Let's intentionally step into this new year with faith, hope, and joy, trusting that the One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Happy New Year, church family! Let's press on together for the glory of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Gary



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 and she will get you plugged in. For more info, check the site out at www.rightnowmedia.org

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



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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*
 Mike Gaskin, *Interim Music Director*
 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
 Don't forget about Sunday School!
 Sunday Morning's at 9:15am

UNDESIGNATED	
Budgeted – Need to Date	\$397,767.00
Giving – Received to Date	\$410,976.81
Monthly – Budgeted Need	\$38,246.83
December - Giving Received	\$43,036.23

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 Thank you for your faithfulness!**

SUNDAY - January 5

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

MONDAY - January 6

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary/TBD

WEDNESDAY - January 8

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/RA's & GA's/Youth Bible Study

SATURDAY - January 11

- 6:00 pm Children's Ministry Appreciation Dinner

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

MONDAY - January 13

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary/TBD

TUESDAY - January 14

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study/Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY - January 15

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/RA's & GA's/Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY - January 16

- 9:30am Ladies Bible Study

SUNDAY - January 19

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

MONDAY - January 20

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary/TBD

TUESDAY - January 21

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study/Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY - January 22

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/RA's & GA's/Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY - January 23

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

SUNDAY - January 26

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

MONDAY - January 27

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary/TBD

TUESDAY - January 28

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study/Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY - January 29

- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/RA's & GA's/Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY - January 30

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

