



# FIRST BAPTIST ST. MARYS, GA

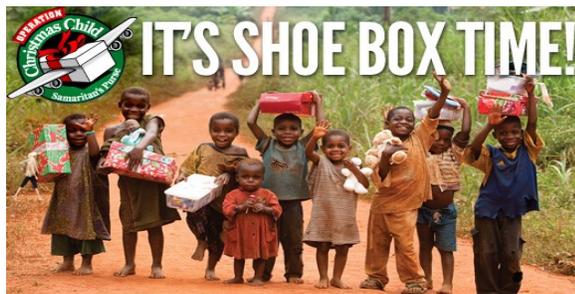
HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS

## NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



### Collection Days and Times:

#### Collection Place: White Lundin Chapel



- Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> - 9am - 11am & 4pm - 6pm
- Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 12pm
- Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> - 10am - 12pm
- Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> - 4pm - 6pm
- Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> - 9am - Noon
- Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9am-12noon & 4pm - 6pm
- Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - 2pm-5pm
- Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> - 9-11am

First Baptist will be a collection site again this year! The collection hours are listed above and is staffed with volunteers. A volunteer sign-up sheet is located in the foyer of the church as well as the hall behind the sanctuary going out to the Children’s Building. Shoeboxes, Labels & Directions to pack a box are also located on the table.

Thank you for volunteering to help, we could not do this without **YOU!**



**Church Work-day**  
**Saturday, November 23rd**  
**8am - Noon**



First Responders Thanksgiving Meal  
Thursday, November 28th  
2pm - 6pm

FBC will be hosting first responders and their families for Thanksgiving Dinner. We will need side dishes for this endeavor.

Often first responders are not able to eat Thanksgiving meal with their families, so we are opening our fellowship hall for them to be able to do that. Please think about fixing a dish or lending a hand serving. See Ashli Shaw for more information.

## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

As we enter the month of November, our hearts are drawn toward the theme of gratitude. It's a season where we intentionally pause to reflect on the many blessings God has given us, and to remind ourselves of the importance of living with thankful hearts. After all, **"An attitude of gratitude will prevent a multitude of sins."** When we focus on God's goodness and practice thanksgiving daily, it helps us avoid the traps of negativity, comparison, and selfishness.

This November, we have several wonderful opportunities to gather in thanksgiving and serve our community. On **Sunday, November 17th at 4:00 PM**, FBC St. Marys will join with other local churches for a Community Thanksgiving service at **Howard Gilman Waterfront Park**. This is a special time for us to come together as the body of Christ, united in our gratitude to God. We encourage everyone to attend and invite friends and neighbors to join us as we give thanks as a community.

We are also excited to once again participate in **Operation Christmas Child**, a ministry that brings the love of Christ to children around the world through the simple gift of a shoebox. Our **ingathering of shoeboxes will take place on Sunday, November 24th during the morning service**. Let's make this a great year of generosity and spread the joy of Christ to children in need.

In addition, we are looking for **volunteers to help receive and sort shoeboxes** from local churches during the week of **November 18-25**. If you can serve in this way, please contact **Ashli Shaw** to sign up. Your help is crucial in ensuring these gifts make it to children around the world in time for Christmas.

Also, on **Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, from 2:00-6:00PM**, our church is preparing and hosting a Thanksgiving meal for our community's first responders here at the church. We are smoking turkeys, and we are asking for our members to prepare a side dish so that our police and fire fighters and emergency responders who are serving our community that day, can meet their families here on their dinner break for a Thanksgiving meal. Please consider preparing a dish, and if possible, plan to help serve that day. Please contact **Ashli Shaw** for more information.

Let's continue to walk in gratitude, serve with joy, and share the love of Jesus with our community and beyond this Thanksgiving season. And remember, "We shouldn't come to church to worship, we should come to church worshipping!"

In Christ,  
Pastor Gary

**RA's, GA's &  
RA's/GA's Campout/Youth  
Cumberland Island National Seashore  
November 15th , 4:00pm**



**Returning November 17th, 11:45am**

Cost: \$10/camper, Deadline: Sign-up and pay the camping fee is **TODAY**. **After this date, there will not be transportation to the island provided for you.** Children 3rd grade and under must have an adult guardian camping with them. All other ages, parents attending is optional. You will need your own tent and camping gear. (Or source a buddy to camp with them in their tent. Work clothes will be needed as service project on the island will be required for a couple of hours or so. If you need any additional information, please see David Thorpe.



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



### **FBC Worship Choir**

Choir rehearsals are Sundays at 6:30pm. If you would like to join, then come to the rehearsal and see Mike Gaskin.



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)

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



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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

<u>UNDESIGNATED</u>	
Budgeted – Need to Date	\$328,922.71
Giving – Received to Date	\$334,056.30
Monthly – Budgeted Need	\$30,597.46
October - Giving Received	\$31,580.66

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 Thank you for your faithfulness!



**SUNDAY - November 3**

- 8:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship Service/Kidz Church
- 1:00 pm Kids Leave for Incacheetoo Petting Zoo/Waverly
- 4:30 pm Griefshare/Young Couples Class
- 5:30 pm Evening Worship
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

**MONDAY - November 4**

- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary

**TUESDAY - November 5**

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - November 6**

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

**THURSDAY - November 7**

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

**SUNDAY - November 10**

- 8:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship/KIDZ Church
- 4:30 pm Grief Share/Young Couples Class
- 5:30 pm Evening Worship
- 6:30 pm Worship Choir

**TUESDAY - November 12**

- 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY - November 13**

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

**THURSDAY - November 14**

- 9:30 am Ladies Bible Study

**FRIDAY - November 15**

- 5:30 pm RA's/GA's leave for Cumberland Island

**SUNDAY - November 17**

- 8:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship
- 4:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service/Waterfront

**MONDAY - November 18**

- 9:00 am OCC Drop-off
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor at Hog-n-Bones
- 4:00 pm OCC Drop-off

**TUESDAY - November 19**

- 10:00 am OCC Drop-off
- 4:00pm OCC Drop-off

**WEDNESDAY - November 20**

- 10:00 am OCC Drop-off
- 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
- 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/RA's & GA's/Youth Bible Study

**THURSDAY - November 21**

- 4:00 pm OCC Drop-off
- 6:00 pm Senior Adult Dinner

**FRIDAY - November 22**

- 9:00 am OCC Drop-off

**SATURDAY - November 23**

- 8:00 am Church Work-day
- 9:00 am OCC Drop-off
- 4:00 pm OCC Drop-off

**SUNDAY - November 24**

- 8:45 am Coffee Fellowship
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship
- 2:00 pm OCC Drop-off
- 4:30 pm Griefshare/Young Couples Class
- 5:30 pm Evening Worship
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice

**MONDAY - November 25**

- 9:00 am OCC Delivery
- 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Hog-n-Bones

**THURSDAY - November 28 Happy Thanksgiving**

- 2:00 pm First Responders Thanksgiving Lunch/Dinner

**FRIDAY - November 29 Church office closed**