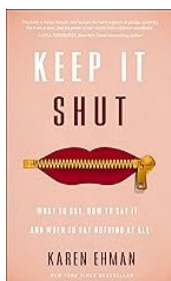




# FIRST BAPTIST ST. MARYS, GA

HELPING PEOPLE FIND & FOLLOW JESUS

## AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER



### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY *KEEP IT SHUT*

Please purchase the book *and* separate study guide, (available through [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com))

Begins August 12<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30pm or August 14<sup>th</sup> 10-11:30am

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL by August 5<sup>th</sup> :**

Phyllis (207)607-9617 or [writenstamp@gmail.com](mailto:writenstamp@gmail.com)

Childcare available with registration  
Have you ever said something you regretted? Wished you'd worded things differently? Got caught up in gossip? Karen is relatable and she directs us to God's words about our words. Learn what to say, how to say it and when to KEEP IT ZIPPED! Homework will include reading and workbook and classes will be 1 1/2 hours for 6 to 7 weeks.



**Parents Night Out**  
**Saturday, August 9th, 5pm - 8pm**  
Pizza, Games and Crafts  
So much fun!



**Vacation Bible School Appreciation Dinner**  
**Saturday, August 23rd at 6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
If you worked in VBS this year, this is for you. We want to show how much we appreciated you volunteering your time to help children learn more about Jesus' love. We could not have done it without you!



Every Monday at Noon, come and have lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost. Everyone is welcome, and it is a great time of food and fellowship!

**Note: There will not be a Pastor Lunch on Monday, August 11th.**



If you would like to have your name added to our prayer chain e-mail list, please send an e-mail to Ms. Avie Roesch at [aroesch1102@gmail.com](mailto:aroesch1102@gmail.com).



**\*\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\*\***

Sunday, September 7th  
Church in the Park at St. Marys Aquatic Center  
We will have the Pavilion from 4pm --6pm  
And we have rented the Aquatic Center from 6pm - 8pm. Come and bring a family member, friend or neighbor.  
It is always a great time.

## *From the Heart of the Pastor*

Hey First Family,

August is here! As we move into a new month, it's the perfect time to hit the "refresh" button on your calendar and your church commitment. Let's start the month strong by making faithful church attendance a priority. Sundays are sweeter when we worship together!

### **Choir Is Back!**

After a much needed summer break, our Worship Choir is tuning up and ready to praise the Lord again! Rehearsals resume Sunday evenings after the service, and we'd love to have you join us. Whether you sing like an angel or just enjoy making a joyful noise, there's a place for you. No auditions, no pressure, just fellowship and fun as we serve the Lord in song!

### **Canoes, Kayaks, and Youthful Energy!**

Calling all youth adventurers! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 2nd**—it's our canoe/kayak trip, and it promises to be a splash! Life jackets, laughter, and maybe a few water wars are all on the agenda as we enjoy God's creation together.

### **Parents Night Out – August 9th**

Attention parents: Need a night to breathe, eat dinner without cutting someone's food, or just take a quiet nap? We've got you! **Saturday, August 9th** is Parents Night Out. Kids will have a great time in a safe, fun environment while you enjoy some grown-up time. Church family, help us spread the word to parents in the community who could use a break!

### **Saying Goodbye and Saying Hello**

This month we celebrate the retirement of our wonderful church secretary, **Robin Bostic**. Robin has been a blessing to our church family in countless ways, and we are so grateful for her faithful service. Enjoy your retirement, Robin, you've earned every minute of it!

We also give a warm, heartfelt welcome to **Sarah Nelson**, who is stepping into the role of church secretary. Be sure to stop by the office and introduce yourself. Sarah is excited to meet everyone and begin serving alongside us!

August is full of opportunities to grow, connect, and serve. Let's embrace them with joy and anticipation. And don't forget, we shouldn't come to church to worship, we should come to church worshipping!

*Pastor Gary*

*thank you*

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



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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**FBC Worship Choir**  
Our church Choir is gearing up with practices beginning back Sunday evenings in August! If you would like to participate in Choir, please see Pastor Gary.



**Senior Adult Covered Dish Dinner**  
**Thursday, August 21st**  
**6:00pm**

Bring a dish to share and enjoy some time together.



School starts back Wednesday, August 6th  
Pray for our children and teachers as they start a new school year!



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 www.fbcstmarys.com

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

<u>UNDESIGNATED</u>	
Budgeted – Need to Date	\$287,075.19
Giving – Received to Date	\$252,129.59
Monthly – Budgeted Need	\$38,276.69
July - Giving Received	\$39,924.60



- SUNDAY - August 3**
  - 8:45 am Coffee Time
  - 9:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Morning Worship/KIDZ Church
  - 5:30 pm Evening Worship/Youth
- MONDAY - August 4**
  - 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost
- WEDNESDAY - August 6**
  - 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
  - 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Youth Bible Study/RA's & GA's
- SATURDAY - August 9**
  - 5:00 pm Parents Night Out
- SUNDAY - August 10**
  - 8:45 am Coffee Time
  - 9:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Morning Worship, Kids Attend Worship
  - 5:30 pm Evening Worship
  - 6:30 pm Worship Choir
- TUESDAY - August 12**
  - 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY - August 13**
  - 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
  - 6:30 pm Evening Bible Studies /Youth Bible Study/RA's & GA's
- THURSDAY - August 14**
  - 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- SUNDAY - August 17**
  - 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 Worship Choir
- MONDAY - August 18**
  - 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost
- TUESDAY - August 19**
  - 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY - August 20**
  - 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
  - 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Youth Bible Study/RA's & GA's
- THURSDAY - August 21**
  - 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
  - 6:00 pm Senior Adult Supper
- SATURDAY - August 23**
  - 6:00 pm VBS Appreciation Dinner
- SUNDAY - August 24**
  - 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 Worship Choir
- MONDAY - August 25**
  - 12:00 pm Lunch with Pastor Gary at Southern Roost
- TUESDAY - August 26**
  - 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study
- WEDNESDAY - August 27**
  - 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Supper
  - 6:30 pm Evening Bible Study/Youth Bible Study/RA's&GA's
- THURSDAY - August 28**
  - 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
- SUNDAY - August 31**
  - 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 Worship Choir