

# March Annoucements 2023

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions will be receive in March through Easter Sunday on April 9. Churchwide goal is **\$4,000**.

March 5 - Sunday - Shadrick Trio to sing in the Morning Worship.

March 5 - VBS Volunteer Enlistment meeting in the Sanctuary at the close of the Morning Worship.VBS dates are June 26 - 29.

March 9 - Women of Faith meet at 6:00 PM in the CLC

March 11 - Baptist Men's Breakfast and Meeting at 8:30 AM in the CLC. Guest Speaker: Gary Brittain. Gary is the Campus Minister and BCM Director at JSU.

March 12 - Daylight Savings Time begins. Set your clock ahead one hour!

March 12 - Coffee Truck at FBC Saks beginning at 8:30 AM. Coffee Truck will be located under the Drive Thru by the Main Office.

March 14 - GJ's Monthly Luncheon at 11:00 AM in the CLC. Guest Speaker: Barry Thompson from Edgewood Church. Everyone 55-up is invited! Bring a dish or a dessert to share and come join us.

March 16 - Widows and Widowers 5:00 PM ~ Chef T's

March 19 - Chili Cook-Off in the CLC following the Morning Worship. Please sign up in the church foyer to enter a pot of Chili. Categories will be: **Mild, Hot, and Specialty**. Donations will be received to support the Summer Program of our Children's Ministry Church will provide crackers, tea, condiments and dessert.

March 23 - Calhoun Baptist Association VBS Training at Parker Memorial 5:30-8:15. PM at Parker Memorial Baptist Church. All VBS Rotation Leaders and Volunteers are invited to attend. Dinner will be provided

March 29 - Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM in Church Sanctuary. AWANA's, Student Ministry, and Music Rehearsals are cancelled due to Spring Break.

March 30 - GJ's Trip to Mountain Parkway Grill in Leesburg, AL. Departure time is 10:00 AM.

## Spiritual Growth Opportunities

### Wednesday Night Study - "The Baptist Faith and Message"

The Baptist Faith and Message is the doctrinal statement of the Southern Baptist Convention. It contains 18 articles that explain what Baptists believe. This study will continue throughout the Spring. Join us as we look deep into the Scriptures to uncover why we believe what we believe. Led by Pastor Todd.

## SAVE THE DATE

Men's Gridiron Conference is June 16-17, 2023 in Huntsville, AL.

Guest Speakers this year include David Jeremiah, Robert Jeffress, Mike Pence, Mike Whitson, Rick Burgess, and Phil Waldrep. Worship Leader is Charles Billingsley.

Sign-up in the Church foyer by **March 19**.

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Todd Stewart, Lead Pastor  
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Austin Cline, Student Minister  
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**Sunday March 5  
10:00 A.M.**



**Sunday, March 19. following A.M. Worship**

Donations accepted will fund  
Children's Ministry Summer Program

Enter your favorite chili recipe  
Sign up in the foyer or call church office  
Church will provide crackers, condiments, etc.



**VBS is coming June 26-29  
PLEASE SEE ARK KIDS MINISTRY  
PAGE FOR IMPORTANT MEETINGS  
SCHEDULED IN MARCH**



**June 16 - 17 in Huntsville  
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Dr. Todd Stewart

A note from the pastor .....

Dear FBC Saks Church Family,

March provides an opportunity for us to focus our Sunday Sermons on Jesus and all that He has done for us. During March and April, I will be preaching a series of messages from John's gospel called "Journey to the Cross." We will look at 8 portraits of Jesus:

February 26 "The Servant" John 13

March 5 "The True Vine" John 15

March 12 "The Comforter" John 16

March 19 "The High Priest" John 17

March 26 "The Betrayed" John 18

April 2 "The Redeemer" John 19

April 9 "The Conqueror" John 20 (Easter Sunday)

April 16 "The Restorer" John 21

For those of you in Sunday School Classes that use "Explore the Bible," you will also be in John 12-21 for the Spring quarter. While there may be some overlap, I believe that our intense focus of looking at what Jesus does for us and has done for us will benefit our spiritual lives greatly. May God bless our intense study of this section of John's gospel.

Speaking of Easter Sunday, which is April 9, do you think we could reach a goal of 400 in Morning Worship. We haven't seen a number this high since way before Covid. Last year, we had 299 on Easter Sunday. I want to challenge each member of FBC Saks not only to be present but to bring someone with you. Invite your entire family to share worship together before enjoying your Easter lunch! We need kids, grandkids, neighbors, co-workers, and classmates. Let's work hard to pack our Sanctuary and see what God can accomplish in our lives. Our Worship Choir will be sharing some great Easter songs, and it will be an outstanding day of worship. Let's get started now inviting everyone we know to join us on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Beginning, Sunday, March 5, Alisa and I will lead "The Five Love Languages" at 5:00 PM in the CLC. This is a fun, exciting 7 Session study course to help all couples grow in their relationship with one another. There is still time to join us. Books have been ordered for those who signed up early, but you are still welcome to sign up and attend. You will have a blast with each other and fellowshiping with the other couples in the study.

Blessings,

Pastor Todd

From the Desk of Bro. David...

Director of Music and Outreach

WAIT ON THE ALTAR

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait on the Lord." - Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

I'm impatient. There, I said it. My wife won't believe I just admitted to that even though she tells me all the time that I am. When we are doing a project, I want it finished. When we order something, I want it right away. I hate waiting on my birthday, Christmas, pay day, or even breakfast! I found my Christmas gift from my mom and dad one October and had to wait until Christmas to get it. That one about did me in. That may also be the cause of why I hate to wait.

There was a man in our church who sang a song written by Ray Boltz titled, "The Altar." I absolutely loved the song; therefore, I bought the track so I could sing it in revival services or banquets, things like that. I especially loved the song's message; it really touched my heart the first time I heard it.

Shortly thereafter, I was asked to do a Sunday through Friday revival at Cropwell Baptist Church in Pell City, Alabama. Our evangelist for the week was Bro. Emmett Roper. I prepared songs to use with the choir, I prayed for the meeting, and I picked out my special music for each night. "The Altar" was my favorite song, and I was planning to do it Sunday night. However, the Lord said, "Wait." Monday night, Bro. Emmett had invited someone to sing the special. Tuesday night, I was asked to sing "Beulah Land," a song written by Squire Parsons. Wednesday night, the choir performed the special music. Thursday night, I felt led to sing something else. Finally, Friday night arrived, and it seemed to be the right time to sing it. I led the congregation and then prepared to sing "The Altar" right before the message. Before it was time for my special, the pastor introduced Bro. Emmett. Something began to happen; I sensed a strong move of the spirit upon me like I hadn't felt all week. I had prayed so hard for God to use my song, but He hadn't let me use it until right then. He told me to wait because He wanted the right people to be there at the right time. It wasn't about me; I needed to wait on him. When the introduction to "The Altar" began to play, people started coming to the church altar to pray and make decisions for God. When I finished singing, people were still praying. Bro. Emmett instructed me to sing it again. I sang "The Altar" four or five times that night as deacons, a staff member's wife, Sunday school teachers, boys and girls, and men and women were being saved. It was the most powerful move of God I had ever experienced. Bro. Emmett never got to preach that night, but lives were changed forever as the spirit moved in that service. After the service Bro. Emmett said, "I love it when the Big Preacher shows up and shows out." It has been years since I last saw Bro. Emmett. Every time I do he asks me, "Do you remember that night at Cropwell when you sang "The Altar" for an hour and people just kept getting saved?" Yes Bro. Emmett, I do. I will never forget it. Today's scripture reminds us to be strong, take heart (be encouraged), and just wait on Him. He is never late, and He is always on time. Look, He is here now, standing at the altar. Prayer: "Thank you, Lord, for your perfect timing in our lives. If I will just learn to wait on You, You will make it worth the wait."

Be Blessed,

David C. Gilmore

Student Ministry

Welcome to Austin and Emily Cline!

New Student Minister at FBC Saks

Phone-(256) 282-0610

Email-fbcsaks.students@gmail.com

Student Ministry continues each Sunday

Morning at **9:00 AM** in the CLC for

Sunday School

Student Ministry continues each Wednesday

Night in the CLC from **6:00-7:30 PM.**

This is a great time for all students and families to get involved in our Student Ministry. We look forward to planning many great activities for Spiritual Growth, fellowship, and outreach. More to come!

Women of Faith

All ladies are invited to come to the Women of Faith Bible Study, the 2nd of each month, at 6:00 PM in the CLC.

We are beginning a new book, Matchless - The Life & Love of Jesus by author, Angie Smith. The author is genuine, funny, and has a love for Jesus as an intimate friend not just an iconic figure. We would love to see you, Thursday, March 9, 6:00 PM.

Ministry Equipment Training

Saturday March 4, 10:00 AM

Training will be held at the Service Center/ Storage facility at 201 West Lenlock Lane. See CBA website to register to attend or call Pam at CBA. You must attend training in order to reserve or use equipment.

FBC of Saks

WORSHIP CHOIR

& Orchestra

Orchestra:

Wednesdays

6:00 PM In the

Orchestra

Rehearsal Room

Choir : Wednesdays 7:30 PM

meeting in the Library

WE GIVE *because* GOD GAVE FIRST

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... (John 3:16)

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Let's get connected.

Monthly Church Attendance

February	5	12	19	26	
Worship	183	175	226	-	
Sunday School	147	149	159	-	