

The Mars Hill Group

In the summer of 2007 an open discussion meeting was started at Faith Presbyterian Church in Watkinsville (2191 Mars Hill Rd.). The meeting was set for Thursdays at 7:00 pm and has remained unchanged. The founders of the meeting initially consisted of Mike H., Rick G., Rob H., and a couple more. After a couple of months, attendance dwindled considerably and it was decided to stop having the meeting. Just a couple of months after that, some of the founding members along with a few more decided to start the meeting back up. Some of the new people were John M., Sally M., and Greg L. The meeting really took off after a few months and attendance went from 4-5 to 15-20.

Mars Hill officially became a group in September of 2011. This was due in large part to a redistricting vote that took place at GSSA in September of 2011. The redistricting vote moved Oconee County from district 11A to 16B. Sally M. was the first GSR of the Mars Hill group. She was very dedicated to the group and played a vital role until she moved away. The name was chosen simply based on its location. The group continues to do well and has about 15 members ranging from a few 24 hours sober to a few decades.