

Ogeechee River Baptist Association

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New Website !!!

W.W. Mann Retreat Center

2171 Prather Road
Statesboro, GA 30461
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Website: www.mann-center.org
Director: Michael Sparks
Email: bradwellalum69@yahoo.com

On Mission Possibilities: Adopt a school ...

- At the beginning of the school year here are some ways to impact your local school.
1. Prayer Walking: Encourage your folks to gather on a Sunday afternoon/evening before school starts. Meet at a designated location on campus, hand out some prayer guides, and send folks out to walk around the campus.
 2. Prayer Notes: Get a list of names of teachers, faculty, and staff in your local school. Get your folks to write short notes committing to pray for each school employee. Have the school "deliver" these notes to teachers boxes.
 3. Provide a Meal: During preplanning or teacher workdays, deliver and serve a meal at the school.
 4. Appreciation Notes: During the school year write short notes of appreciation to each employee. Send creative cares with candy bars or other small "gifts."

Annual Church Report/Profile
ACR aka ACP info has been sent
out by the GBMB this year, and
they ask that you file by Nov. 15th.

HOWEVER ...
for me to get our Annual Book of
Reports updated for our Annual
Meeting in October, PLEASE file
all info no later than Monday,
September 9th! Thank You!!!

Upcoming Events:
Season of REVIVAL
September/October 2024

* PASTOR SUPPLY LIST *
WWW.ORBALIFE.ORG

Thrift Store:
122 E. Parrish St., Statesboro

Ministry Office &
Food Pantry Warehouse:
31 N. Zetterower Ave., Statesboro

~ ASSISTANCE: by appointment only; call 912-489-2407
~ FOOD PANTRY: Open 8 a.m.-noon...2 Mondays per month-August dates > 12th & 26th
*Please bring us your used Sunday school literature for use with clients.

THANK YOU for your support!!!

"Helping others in need... In the name of Jesus!"

Mission Statement of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association:
We exist to help our churches in fulfilling the Great Commission.

Christion Social Ministries (CSM)

Director: John Long (912-512-0107)
(jlong@christiansocialministry.org)
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2416, Statesboro, GA 30459

CALENDAR

August

(FOCUS on Christian Service)

- 4 SEND Relief Sunday
5 Associational WMU
Team Meeting, @Sue
Page's home, 6:30 p.m.
24 Annual Associational Day
of Celebration at the
W.W. Mann Center...AND
Voting for New ORBA
Missionary

September

(Season of Prayer for Mission GA
& Offering) *Season of REVIVAL

- 2 Labor Day, ORBA
Office closed
26 Associational Executive
Council Meeting, @ORBA
Office, 9:00 a.m.

October

(FOCUS on Cooperative Program)
*Pastor Appreciation

- 1 Senior Adult Fall Festival,
@Friendship BC, 11 a.m.
6 Cooperative Program Sunday
& Personal Evangelism
Commitment Day
13 Pastor Appreciation Day
13 ORBA Annual Meeting,
@Cedar Street, 6-8 p.m.
14 Columbus Day
29 Associational WMU
Meeting/Banquet, at
Statesboro FBC, 6:30 p.m.

Ogeechee River Baptist Association—A Family of Churches Making Christ Known

Ogeechee Missions
Visionary



"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me..." Acts 1:8

AUGUST 2024

Back to School Edition

Visionary Spotlight: Camp "I AM"

THEN

Member Churches
and Missions

Agape
Bethel
Blitchton FBC
Brooklet FBC
Cedar Street
Christ
Clito
Eastern Heights
Eldora
Elmer
Emit Grove
Excelsior
Fletcher Memorial
Friendship
Iglesia Cristiana Hispana
Lawrence
Leefield
Lighthouse
Macedonia
Merrywood
Metter FBC
New Life
Oak Grove
Old Fellowship
Olive Branch
Pine Grove
Portal FBC
Pulaski
Register
Salem
Southbridge Community
Statesboro FBC
Statesboro Korean Mission
S'boro Mision Bautista
Bethel
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union



NOW



Once again, we had a wonder-
ful two weeks out at the W.W.
Mann Center!

There was Bible study, worship
and devotions. *That goes without
saying.* However, we also enjoyed
Archery & B.B. guns, Arts &
Crafts, Drama, Etched Glass, Fish-
ing, Hiking, Horseback Riding,
Line Dancing, Outside Games,
Rocketry, Water Games, Rec-
time, Competitions (tug o' war,
shaving cream war, Bible Wall,
Bible Trivia) and so much more!!!

Camp "I AM" has been a suc-
cessful ministry of ORBA for over
20 years. I hold dear the honor of
being a part of the team that orga-
nized this amazing camp. Meet-
ings began in 2001, and the first
event was held June 10-15, 2002
with JoBeth Greene as director

and her husband (a former ORBA
pastor) Bob Greene as co-director.
Many dear, faithful servants (Nancy
Brisendine, Pam Baker, Norman &
Rachel Schmidt—to name only a
few) sacrificed their time and effort
to get it off the ground. The name
of the camp took a great deal of
prayer and discussion. We wanted
to chose a name that would not
only glorify our Creator, but one
that would be memorable and have
meaning for campers/parents/staff
for years to come. To that beloved
group, wherever they all may be
now, I would say this goal was
accomplished.

To JoBeth and all the voting
members of ORBA who entrusted
me with the privilege of taking up
the mantle and leading the camp
forward from that second year on-
ward, I offer a heartfelt "Thank

you!" I never imagined it could be such a
huge influence over anyone's life, much
less my own.

No, not everything has gone smooth-
ly over the years, but our heavenly Fa-
ther has blessed ORBA with an exciting
children's camp that teaches God's
Word and spreads love to the all those it
touches! I got involved when my son
was in the 2nd grade, and this year I
was rewarded with the 3rd summer of
camp with my grandson. It is with a deep
love and respect for this ministry, and,
yes, a great deal of sadness that I now
step aside for the next director and her
team to take it to the next level.

Please note: the Executive Council
has not kicked me out of the ORBA of-
fice yet. I look forward to being involved
with many ORBA ministries in the future.
So, thank you again to all the campers,
parents, staff, church & ORBA members
who have dedicated their time to this
ministry that holds such a very special
place in my heart!



Prayer Requests (1 Thes. 5:17 & Eph. 6:18)

- Churches** - To live by Col. 1:9-18, 3:17 & Rom. 12:1-2
Families - To keep God in the center of everything
Schools - Students, Teachers, Administration, Other Staff
Our Nation - For EVERYONE of us to REPENT, SEEK GOD FIRST & Humbly serve HIM & others!!!

August Anniversaries

- 9 Tim & Joy Traywick
- 15 Chris & Amy Fowler
- 21 Harold & Jimmie Lou Smith
- 22 Larry & Connie Saunders

August Birthdays

- Mary Horne, Debbie Marotte, Tom Osborne & Debbie Vallejo 1
- Amy Fowler 3
- Azure McDaniel & Julian Ward 4
- Fred McCoy 8
- Don Berry 13
- Cyd Pagliarullo 18
- Cathy Tarver 30



On Saturday, August 24th, we're having an Association-wide Celebration of the Mann Center. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by a Q & A time for our candidate to be the new missionary. After voting on the missionary, we'll turn the focus on celebrating the amazing ministry that God has provide us in the W.W. Mann Retreat & Conference Center. Afterwards, church families are welcome to enjoy the playground, pond & beach area, spending time together in Godly fellowship! Statesboro FBC is catering the lunch for only \$5 per person. Please RSVP Debbie at 912-531-3835 or orbaoffice@orbalife.org by Friday, August 16th so we'll have enough for everyone! See y'all there!!!

Clinical Pastoral Education Course

Enrollment for Fall 2024 Clinical Pastoral Education is OPEN.
Deadline for Application is August 5, 2024. Semester begins on September 2, 2024.

Ogeechee Area Hospice is working with Clinical Pastoral Education International (CPEI), to offer opportunities for local pastors, ministers & lay-leaders to participate in CPEI's CPE training program. CPEI is affiliated with the American Association of Christian Counselors (aacc.net). Chaplain Nick Spletstoser (MDiv, MS, BCC), of Ogeechee Area Hospice, serves as the Supervisor Educator for OAH's CPE program, and we are currently enrolling students for the Fall Semester. Internship sites can include your location of ministry. High School diploma required. Master's Degree in ministry required for Board Certified Chaplain (BCC).

To learn more about CPEI and our training program visit <https://cpe-international.org> .

To learn more about this opportunity to expand your pastoral counseling and care skills and certification, contact Nick Spletstoser at 912-764-8441 or nspletstoser@oahospice.org .

FAMILIES4FAMILIES

Ever wanted to help and care for Foster Children and want to have Christ at the center of your efforts? Families4Families is a Faith-based Foster Child Placement Agency that is contracted with the state of Georgia to train and license Faith-based families to Foster Children in the Georgia Foster Care System.

- ~ Schedule a Sunday Awareness Session to allow faith-based families to hear about the needs in the GA Foster Care System.
- ~ Schedule a 2-hour Information Session to allow faith-based families the opportunity to begin the process of becoming a licensed foster family.
- ~ Identify a Church Leader to help us communicate with your church how you can serve and support foster families with our agency in your church or area.

Please feel free to reach out to Shannon Ramsey, the area Director for the South Central Office for more information at 470-469-7766 or shannon@families4families.cc .

Pastors' Prayer Lunches

This month, our pastors will begin meeting for prayer and lunch at 11:45 a.m. on Mondays. For now, these will be Bi-monthly. Our August LUNCHES are: on the 5th at Bites (1302 Statesboro Place Circle, Statesboro) on the 19th at McAllisters (1100 Brampton Avenue, Statesboro)

To ALL of our ministers who can take advantage of these times of prayer and fellowship, call Scott Redding (912-536-2046) for more info.

Mann Center News

Choices of the Heart Pregnancy Resource Center
Exec. Director: Mandy M. Perkins
(912-764-4303) (choicesoftheheart@gmail.com)
Physical Address: 425 E. Grady St., Statesboro
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 2073, Statesboro, GA 30459



40th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraising Gala
will be a night to remember!

Please join us on Oct 8th @ 6:30pm
more details coming soon on purchasing tickets.

Invite a friend and enjoy a night of God's Greatest Gift - Life!



The summer just flew by!
We enjoyed many camps, retreats, family and other gatherings. Also, our renovations and upgrades continue. Brooklet FBC has completed the shelter over our fountain and a WMU group from Statesboro FBC has added some

special touches to the WMU Cabin.

GOD is good, no GREAT!!!

We're looking forward to our Association wide Celebration and Missionary vote starting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 24th. See y'all then!



Register now!
www.thesparkconference.com

SPARK
CONFERENCE

Southeast
Region

KEYNOTE:
Dr. Mac Brunson
-
First Baptist
Church
Brunswick, GA
Sun, Sept 8

Foundations Resource Center (Crisis Pregnancy Center)
(912-259-9596) (info@foundationsresourcecenter.org)
Physical Address: 418 S. Main St., Statesboro
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 774, Statesboro, GA 30459

HI FRIENDS!

~ As we previously announced, our beloved sonographer, Jane Hodges, will be retiring at the end of August. To celebrate her and this new chapter of her life, we invite you to join us for a reception in her honor!

WHEN: Thursday, August 22nd (Drop in from 12 - 3 PM)
WHERE: Foundations Resource Center (418 S. Main St.)
Light refreshments provided. ... Cards & Hugs are welcome!
Please join us in showing Mrs. Jane just how loved and appreciated she is!

~ Once again ... THANK YOU ... for being a vital part of the Foundations family. Your generosity and support are truly making a difference in the lives of the families we serve. Together, we will continue to empower, support, and bring the Gospel to families in our community.