

GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW MISSIONARY

Wow! In a word, this sums up how Mrs. Sandra and I have felt over the past few weeks. We have made our move to Bulloch County and are now attempting to settle into a new house, a new community and a new ministry role. We are excited for this new season of life and for the opportunity to come alongside and serve the churches of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association. We have just begun visiting the churches in the association, and if we haven't gotten to yours, hold on, we are headed that way. My cell phone number is 229-425-9726. If there is any way I can assist you, your staff or your church, do not hesitate to call. I am looking forward to all the ways our churches can work together to support one another, share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to advance the Kingdom of God.

While I believe the future holds many opportunities for the churches of ORBA to cooperate, I want to take a few moments to look at some of the events and ministries that are right before us. The first of these events is our associational annual fall meeting, Sunday October 13, 6 – 8 PM at Cedar Street Baptist Church, Metter, GA. The annual meeting will be a time of celebration and inspiration for all our churches. We are honored to have Dr. Kevin Ezell, President of the North American Mission Board as our special guest preacher for this evening. Make your plans to join us as we renew old friendships and build new ones.

The second event is the Georgia Baptist 2024 Annual Meeting, hosted by First Baptist Church, Statesboro. Highlights of this year's annual meeting include the "Love Your Neighbor" outreach, Saturday, November 9 (more information to come); Inspirational Meeting, Sunday, November 10, 6 – 7:30 PM; and the Preaching Conference, Monday, November 11, 1 – 4 PM. The annual meeting itself begins Monday November 11, 6 PM and concludes Tuesday, November 12, 5:30 PM. If you have never attended an annual meeting or haven't been to one in quite a while, I encourage you to be at this year's meeting and see what God is doing across our state and our convention.

The annual Kiwanis Fair in Statesboro is Monday, October 14 – Saturday October 19. Each year ORBA operates a baby changing & nursing mothers comfort station at the fair. This is a great opportunity to share the Gospel and to minister and serve people at the point of their need. Anyone wishing to serve may contact the ORBA office for more details and to sign up to volunteer.

Finally, October is Pastor Appreciation Month. As you consider the many ways you and your church can express your appreciation and gratitude to your pastor, I strongly encourage you not to forget his wife, children and the other staff members that serve with him. While your pastor is "the guy" he relies upon his family and the other ministry staff to serve and lead well. Here are a few ways to say "Thank You":

Financial gifts: No, he doesn't do what he does for money, but when it costs more for you at the store, it costs more for him and his family.

Gift Cards: Some may consider this impersonal, but it frees him up to purchase what he and his family may need.

Invite church members to sign up for a day, and ask them to provide a service, drop off a gift or have a meal delivered for the pastor and his family. This would allow all members of the church to be directly involved in the appreciation efforts.

Be creative: Does his office need an upgrade? Does his car need to be washed? One church I know would provide a clothing stipend each year.

Whatever way you choose to honor your pastor, his family and other staff members, be sure that it doesn't end when the calendar changes. He needs your encouragement every day.

Jeff

P.S.

If your church produces a weekly or monthly newsletter, please add ORBA to your mailing list. Our physical address is 17 North College St., Statesboro, GA 30458. Send electronic versions to orbamissionary@orbalive.org. Thank you.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING



October 13, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cedar Street Baptist Church in Metter
(255 Cedar Street; Metter, Georgia)

Speaker: Kevin Ezell, President of the North American Mission Board

Pastors, encourage your messengers, leadership, and all members to attend. There is no reason why we can't have representation from all of our churches as we do a little business and then worship and fellowship together!

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The voting members of the annual associational meeting are the messengers chosen by their churches.

Each church of the association that supports the association with at least \$150 annually shall be entitled to three (3) messengers for the first fifty (50) members, and one (1) messenger for each additional fifty (50) members, provided that no church shall have more than ten (10) messengers.

FOUNDATIONS
resource center

Pack the
GINGERBREAD
HOUSE

SHOPPING . MUSIC . COFFEE

TUESDAY | 3 | DECEMBER

DROP IN 4:30-7 PM
Foundations Resource Center
418 S Main St Statesboro

It takes a village!

Annual Book of Reports ...

Will include contact information from the 2024 ACR's that were completed by October 7th. These Report Books will be available at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 13th. Afterward, you can get your copy by contacting Debbie at the ORBA office.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...

~Ephesians 5:25 (NKJV)

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES

CEDAR STREET—Sun., 10/13; 6-8pm: ORBA's ANNUAL MEETING! Everyone invited—messengers & all church members. Kevin Ezell, president of the North American Mission Board will share a message following the business portion. Refreshments following the message. (*See above.)

CHRIST Baptist—Old Fashioned, Community-wide TENT REVIVAL! Wed., 10/9 - Fri., 10/11; 7pm. Come worship with us!

CLITO—Sun., 10/6; 11am: He HOMECOMING! Lunch following worship service. Come celebrate with us!

FRIENDSHIP—GBCH ANGEL TREE! The Baxley Children's Home is in need of clothing and shoes for their 26 resident children. If you would like to help out, contact Martha Brown at 912-865-4165 or email friendshipbap-

tiststatesboro@gmail.com or marthajbrown1642@gmail.com. This could be a personal/individual act of kindness or a group/church effort. She will provide you with the name and info of an "angel" for you/your group to buy for. Then you drop off your labeled items at **Friendship Baptist Church ?? Any Monday - Friday in October & November; 9:30am-3pm.** All gifts will be sent to the GA Baptist Children's Home in Baxley in time for Christmas.

LEEFIELD—Sat., 11/9; 3-5pm: Fall In Love with Jesus: Fall Festival! Hot dogs, sausage dogs, corn dogs, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn, cake walk, hay ride, face painting, bingo, silent auction, and fun games. Come on out and join us at 5294 Brooklet-Leefield Rd., Brooklet.

LIGHTHOUSE—Sat., 10/26; 4-7pm: He Is Enough: Harvest Festival! (*See insert.)

MERRYWOOD (now SONLIGHT)

—(1)Thurs., 10/10 - Sat., 10/12;
7pm: Acts REVIVAL: Heirs to the Kingdom! (*See insert.) (2)Sat., 10/19; 6-10pm: SCC Movie Night! (*See insert.) (3)Fri., 10/25; 4-8pm: Fall Bake Sale: Fundraiser! (*See insert.) (4)Sun., 10/31; 7pm: Holy Communion Service!

METTER FBC—Wednesdays; at 6pm: Lighthouse Kids! Message, music, crafts & snacks.

STATESBORO FBC—(1)Sun., 10/13; following 11a service: Acts 1:8 Next Gen Missions Lunch! College & High School Seniors, join us in the Perry Fellowship Hall to discover many current mission opportunities! (*See insert.) (2) Sat., 9/28; 1:00-4:00pm: Georgia Baptist Convention! To register or for more info go to <https://gbcannualmeeting.com/>

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me." . . .

*And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."
~Matthew 25:34-36, 40 (NKJV)*

GBMB DISASTER RELIEF

After Hurricane Debby and, now, following Hurricane Helene, our GA Baptist Mission Board's Disaster Relief sent a team to Southbridge Community Church to assist in the areas of our Association.

If you would like to help with the disaster relief efforts but are not disaster relief trained, what can you do to help?

~ 1st, your church can put together a team to run a chainsaw/clean-up. 1st you can help with minor issues within your church body, taking some of the minor jobs "off the plate" of disaster relief.

~ 2nd, if you have capacity beyond your church needs, reach out to Kimberly Daly at Southbridge (admin). She can help coordinate minor job sites that need assistance.

**(Disaster Relief will prioritize roof issues and elderly. We can help fill in the gaps of more minor clean-up.)*

*** (For an update on all the Disaster Relief teams have done and are doing, see the enclosed insert.)*



Members from Brooklet FBC, Leefield & Lighthouse teamed up on Wednesday, October 2nd at Brooklet FBC to help feed the community.



**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~~ (renamed Son-
light Community Church)
Metter FBC
New Life
Oak Grove
Old Fellowship
Olive Branch
Pine Grove
Portal FBC
Pulaski
Register
Salem
Southbridge Community
Statesboro FBC
S'boro Mision Bautista Bethel
Statesboro Korean Mission
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

11 Josiah McDaniel
13 Debbie Hodges
21 John Stansbury
22 Helen Huffingham
22 Taekgoo Kang
26 Greg Abercrombie
26 Brady Boyett

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**PASTORS' LUNCHEON SCHEDULE FOR
OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2024**

ORBA provides an opportunity for our pastors to get together each week. Currently the gathering time is on two Mondays per month at 11:45 a.m. Pastors, please join when you can.

October 7th	Nonna Picci (807 S. Main St., Statesboro)
October 21st	Ruby Tuesday (195 Northside Dr. E., Statesboro)
November 4th	Bevericks (1055 Fortner Rd., Metter)
November 18th	Bites (1302 Statesboro Place Cir., Statesboro)
December 2nd	El Sombrero (406 Fair Road, Statesboro)

NO MORE LUNCHESES UNTIL 2025 (Christmas Break)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

CALENDAR

OCTOBER (Focus on Cooperative Program & Pastor Appreciation)

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, Statesboro FBC, 6:30 p.m.**

NOVEMBER (Focus on Christian Compassion)

3 Daylight Saving Time Ends
3 Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
4 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
11 Veteran's Day
10 Orphans and Widows Sunday
11-13 GBC Annual Meeting, TBA
21 **Associational Executive Council Meeting, ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.**
27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed

DECEMBER (Focus on International Missions)

1-8 Week of Prayer & Mission Study for IMB/Lottie Moon Offering
2 **Pastors and Wives Christmas Banquet**
23-31 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed (reopen January 2)
25 Christmas Day