

OGEECHEE MISSIONS VISIONARY

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

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

APRIL 2024

Visionary SPOTLIGHT: Redemption ...

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then God...created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female...Then God blessed them...Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed *it was* very good." (Gen. 1:1, 27-28,31)

The PROBLEM: "...the woman saw that the tree was good for food...it was pleasant to the eyes...a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband...and he ate.... [God] said, 'Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded...that you should not eat?'" (Gen. 3:6-7, 11)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23) & "...the wages of sin is death..." (Rom. 6:23a)

The PROMISE: "And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman, / And between your seed and her Seed; / He shall bruise your head, / And you shall bruise His heel." (Gen. 3:15)

"...to [those who received Him] He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name; who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." (John 1:12-13)

"...but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23b)

The FORESHADOWING: "Now the LORD spoke to Moses... 'On the tenth of this month every man shall take...a lamb ... keep it until the fourteenth day of the ... month. Then the whole assembly...shall kill it at twilight. And they shall take *some* of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and...lintel of the houses where they eat it. ...they shall eat the flesh...roasted in fire, with unleavened bread *and* with bitter herbs...It is the LORD's Passover.... For I will pass through the land...strike all the

firstborn...I will execute judgment...Now the blood shall be a sign for you...when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike..." (Ex. 12:1-13)

"And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission." (Heb. 9:22)

Jesus explained, *"An evil...generation seeks after a sign...no sign will be given...except... For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."* (Mat. 12:39-40)

The FULFILLMENT: "Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover...about the sixth hour. And [Pilate] said...'Behold your King!' But they cried out, 'Away with Him...Crucify Him!'... Then they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called the Place of a Skull...in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified Him...After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished...said, 'It is finished!'" (John 19:14-15, 16b-18a, 28a, 30b)

"Now when the Sabbath was past, [the women] bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him." (Mark 16:1) "Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. Now on the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they...came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb." (Luke 23:56-24-2)

"...I declare to you the gospel...by which also you are saved...Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures...He was buried, and...He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Cor. 15:1-4)



Member Churches and Missions

Agape Mission
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

News from Our Churches

FRIENDSHIP—Thurs., 4/11; 11a:
Sr. Adult Spring Fling. **See next page.

LEEFIELD—(1) Sun., 4/21-Wed.,
4/24; 6:30-8p: *Revival.* Pastor Bob
Crosby bringing the message each
night. (2) Sun., 6/9-Wed., 6/12; 6:30
-8p: *VBS.* More info next month.

LIGHTHOUSE—(1)Sundays;
10am: *Morning Worship Service.* (2);
6:30pm: *Mid-week Worship Service.*

METTER FBC—(1) Each Wed.
during school year; 6:00pm:
Lighthouse Kids! Bible study, music,
crafts & a snack for K thru 5th
graders. (2) Sun., 6/2-Wed., 6/5:
VBS. More info next month.

NEW LIFE—(1) Thur., 4/25; 7p:
Triumphant Quartet in concert.
Doors open at 6:30. Love offering
accepted. (2) Seeking a worship
leader. **See below.

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Please keep this ministry in your prayers as
Chris and his team reach out to college
students with the love & Word of God!!!

CHOICES of the HEART

Choices is a local ministry serving women facing
a pregnancy related crisis in Bulloch and sur-
rounding counties. Choices seeks to affirm the
value of life by providing pregnancy tests, ultra-
sounds, options counseling, resource referral &
post-abortion healing counseling at no cost to
the client. Thank you so much for your support!

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April Anniversaries

- 7 Tom & Cindy Osborne
- 8 Jim & Dianne Correll
- 13 Bill & Edna Vansant
- 21 John & Angie Long
- 26 Scott & Gena Howard



April Birthdays

- 7 Josh Boyett
- 11 Mi Ra Kang
- 17 Larry Saunders

Worship Leader Needed

New Life Baptist Church of Metter, GA is currently seeking a part-time Worship Leader to join our staff. The Worship Leader will be responsible for planning and coordinating the worship ministry of the church with a particular emphasis on blended worship. Will also work closely with the pastor to develop worship services that support and enhance the message of the week. The mission of New Life Baptist Church is to be a lifeline of hope to all that we come in contact with by making upward, inward and outward connections. Expect to put in 10-15 hours per week with salary based on experience. Further information may be obtained by contacting Pastor Rusty Rushing (912-604-0798) or the church (912-685-9700) and leave a message.

Clinical Pastoral Education Course

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) and is awaiting full Department of Education Accreditation. 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 Summer session. 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.

Camp News

Camp "I AM" Dates:

Junior (grades 1-3) is July 1-3

Senior (grades 4-6) is July 8-12

Early registration is open through May 17. Forms can be picked up at the association office (17 N. College St., Statesboro), or from the Camp "I AM" page of our website (orbaoffice@orbalive.org). Call Debbie Marotte (912-531-3835) for more info.

ORBA's Sr. Adult Spring Fling

PICNIC IN THE COURTYARD!!!

Friendship Baptist Church
(4025 Friendship Church Rd., Statesboro)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Join us for food, fun, games & entertainment. For more information contact Martha Brown at 912-865-4165.

News from the Mann Center

Well, spring is upon us, and Duane and I are transitioning from leaves and limbs back to grass cutting once again. Duane has all of our equipment in good working order for the busy days ahead on the mowers and using the weed eaters, hedge trimmers, and blowers.

During our prayer time before we start work each day, we have been praising our LORD and SAVIOR for all HE has been doing here at the Mann Center!! From increased facility usage, renovation projects being completed, increased inquiries for potential usage, and our consistent users, GOD has truly blessed us in this ministry.

Reservations are up from this time last year, and we still have all of our RV hook-ups rented, at least, until the end of this year. We are looking forward to the spring and summer months, especially, as Duane and I like all of the activity out here during that time of year. There's our very own Camp "I AM" in July along with a couple of other camps, plus weekend retreats, family reunions, weddings, and other activities already scheduled.

Feel free to stop by for a visit when you have time. We enjoy sharing this ministry with all our ORBA members. Just please call before you come, so we can make sure we are on the property to greet you.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers, and thank you for all of your support—financially and materially. We are continually blessed and grateful to be able to serve the association in the positions you have entrusted us with. GOD bless you all.

Mike Sparks, Director (cell #912-531-2946)
Duane Davis, Maintenance Supervisor
Jeremiah 32:17



Jordan Mathis, Executive Director

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Foundations is having our Spring Gala >>>>>

The theme is "Everyone Has a Story" and will feature real stories from real women we've served over the past few years.

The doors open at 6 PM with dinner starting at 6:30. Attire is "Semi-Fancy" (aka, wear anything from church clothes to formalwear!) Attendees must reserve a ticket before April 12th. No admission at the door. Tickets are \$50 and can be reserved now at givebutter.com/frcgala

For more info go to frcfriends.org

FOUNDATIONS RESOURCE CENTER

Spring Gala

EVERYONE HAS A STORY.
WELCOME TO OURS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

The Foxhall
81 S College St Statesboro, GA 30458

Mingle with Mocktails 6:00-6:30pm
Dinner 6:30 pm
Semi-fancy Attire



OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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Stores in Statesboro:

122 E. Parrish St. (Thrift Store)

307 N. Zetterower Ave. (Used Furniture & More)

Ministry Office & Food Pantry Warehouse:

31 N. Zetterower Ave., Statesboro

ASSISTANCE: by appointment only ...

Call 912-489-2407 to schedule appointment

FOOD PANTRY: Open 8 a.m. - noon

(2 Mondays per month)

April dates >> the 15th & 29th

"Helping others in need ...

in the name of Jesus!"

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50 In Honor of the Fallen Five-O

WALK begins at 3:30 p.m. on May 17th, leaving Connection Church.

MEMORIAL service is at NOON on May 18th at Connection

Church—the conclusion of the walk.

Calendar

APRIL (Focus on Christian Evangelism)

9 Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBA Office, 7:00 p.m.

11 Sr. Adult Spring Fling, Friendship, 11:00 a.m.

23 Associational WMU Meeting/Banquet, Statesboro FBC, 6:30 p.m.

26-27 Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event, Jonesboro, GA

MAY (Focus on Christian Education)

2 National Day of Prayer

5 Senior Adult Sunday

6 Associational WMU Team Meeting (Budget & Calendar), Sue Page's Home, 6:30 p.m.

12-19 Associational Missions Emphasis/Page Associational Offering

12 Mother's Day

14 Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBA Office, 7:00 p.m.

17 Pre-Registration for Camp "I AM" Ends (Registration Continues Until All Spaces Filled)

19 Children's Ministry Day

23 Associational Executive Council Meeting, ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.

27 Memorial Day, Office Closed

JUNE (Focus on Local & State Missions & Ministries)

9-12 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

9-10 WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

10-14 Camp Pinnacle Teen Week, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA

11 Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBA Office, 7:00 p.m.

14 Flag Day

16 Father's Day & Baptist Men's Emphasis Sunday

17-21 Camp Pinnacle Younger Girls Week, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA

20 World Refugee Day

24-26 Camp Pinnacle Mom & Me Two Nights, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA

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For Info about GA Baptist Events: Go to >>> gabaptist.org

For Southern Baptist Events: Go to >>> sbc.net