

OGEECHEE MISSIONS VISIONARY

OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - A FAMILY OF CHURCHES MAKING CHRIST KNOWN

Visionary SPOTLIGHT: Camp "I AM"

"Jesus said... *I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*" (John 14:6)

We live in a world of turmoil, confusion and lies, a world that does not believe Christ's declaration from John 14:6. However, we are still tasked with bringing up our children in the "admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

"Be strong...of good courage; do not be afraid...the LORD...is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

ORBA takes our responsibility to the next generation very seri-

ously. Since 2002, we've developed a strong program that challenges our campers to grow physically, mentally, socially & (most importantly) spiritually. Camp "I AM" promises to impact campers through skill classes, camp-wide group and recreational activities, cabin devotions, Bible studies and worship.

If you have children, grandchildren, other family, friends, or neighbors that will be with you this summer, we pray you'll consid-

er Camp "I AM" as you plan their activities.

Camp "I AM" Junior (grades 1-3) is a 22-hour event, choose a session from July 1st-4th. The cost is \$25. Camp "I AM" Senior (grades 4-6) is a week-long camp July 8th-12th and costs \$100 (\$25 extra for horse-back riding).

Registration forms are available at the association office, your church, or our website. Call 912-764-3620 for more info.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



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

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.

Exodus 20:12

News From Our Churches

BETHEL—Wed., 6/19-Fri., 6/21: *VBS*.

ELDORA—NEWS: We welcome our new Pastor, Jeremy Anderson. He and his (musical) family have come to lead us through the Word of God. The preaching, singing & playing of musical instruments is truly a blessing. Come for a visit on Sundays at 11am, or “stay” and join our growing church family. God is blessing us, and

we’d like to share those blessings with you. You will not be disappointed!

EMIT GROVE—Mon., 6/3-Fri., 6/7; 5:30-8:30pm: *VBS: “Breaker Rock Beach.”* Ages 2 & up. Includes supper each night.

EXCELSIOR—Fri., 6/7-Sun., 6/9: *VBS: SCUBA.* *See flyer.

FRIENDSHIP—(1) Sun., 5/5; 11a: *HOME-COMING with the Ritch-*

ies! Everyone welcome! *See flyer. (2)GA Bapt. Children’s Home donations. *See below

LEEFIELD—(1) Sun., 5/19; 11am: *Graduate Recognition*, followed by lunch. (2) Sun., 6/9-Wed., 6/12; 6:30-8p: *VBS: “Celebrate the Savior Carnival.”* *See flyer.

LIGHTHOUSE—Sun., 6/9-Thur., 6/13; 6-8:30pm: *VBS: “Breaker Rock Beach.”* Open to rising kindergarten - rising 6th grade. Go to churchinfo1020@gmail.com *See flyer.

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., 6/23-Wed., 6/26; 6-

8pm: *VBS go to www.fbcmetter.org for more info.*

NEW LIFE— Seeking a worship leader. **See below.

OLIVE BRANCH—(1)Sun., 5/5; 3pm: *Sue Long Annual Tea Party.* Guest speaker: Abby Roberts from FBC Glennville. Please bring a finger food, wear your best dress & a tea party hat! (2); Sun., 6/9-Thur., 6/13: *VBS.* Visit church website (obbc-ga.com) for more info. (3)First Tues. each month; 6pm: *OBBC’s Men’s Ministry* meets. (4)Second Sat. each month; 10am: *OBBC’s Women’s Ministry* gathers.

Coming Up!!!

Pastors’ Roundtable

- Who? All ORBA & Middle Association pastors
- What? FREE Pastors’ Roundtable gathering
- Where? Statesboro FBC (108 N. Main St.)
- When? Thurs., May 9th from 10 a.m. until noon
- Other Details? Lunch is included. **PLEASE RSVP** no later than Friday, May 3rd (912-531-3835 or orbaooffice@orbalive.org)

Pastors’ Luncheons (Mondays at 11:45 a.m.)

- May 6th (Olive Garden-201 Henry Blvd, S’boro)
- May 13th (Locos-91 Briarwood Ln., Statesboro)
- May 20th (Locos-91 Briarwood Ln., Statesboro)
- May 27th through July ... **SUMMER BREAK**, we’ll begin meeting again in August.

Baxley Children’s Home “Fill-A-Truck” Event

- Where? Friendship Baptist (4025 Friendship Church Rd., Statesboro)
- When? July 1st - 26th
- Other Details? A flyer with items to be collected will be in next month’s newsletter.

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.

May Birthdays

- 4 Juan Vallejo
- 9 Cindy Osborne
- 21 April Collins
- 27 Art Tarver
- 31 Byron Twigg

May Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Martha Green
- 19 Raymond & Peggy Harbuck
- 20 Tony & Cyd Pagliarullo
- 24 Don & Christie Berry
- 26 Greg & Kay Abercrombie
- 29 Patrick & Paula McElveen
- 30 Rolando & Carolina Sontay

Some April Events in Our Churches

On Thursday, April 11th, we had a wonderful time of food, fellowship, & fun (games & entertainment) at ORBA's Senior Adult Spring Fling. Our picnic had to be moved inside due to the weather, but Friendship Baptist Church handled the change well!



From Sunday, April 21st through Wednesday, April 24th, Bro. Bob Crosby shared God's Word for a

Revival

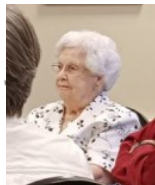
Leefield Baptist Church

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13

ORBA'S SPRING MISSIONS EVENT

Statesboro First's Perry Fellowship Hall
April 23, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Call to Prayer and Blessing –
MEAL



Introduction of Guests – Sue K. Page

Greetings from Georgia WMU – Wendy West and Lynn Gardner

PROGRAM – Missions in North America

Florida – Cedar Street Baptist Church
Jim & Shelly Savage

Ohio – ORBA 2023 Team
Patrick & Paula McEivren

Closing Remarks and Closing Prayer



Ogeechee River Baptist Association

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W.W. MANN RETREAT CENTER

2171 Prather Road
Statesboro, GA 30461
Phone: 912-842-2460
Fax: 912-842-2464
Director: Michael Sparks
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W.W. Mann Retreat and Conference Center

Support your Mann Center by:

- Praying for its staff (Mike Sparks & Duane Davis)
- Praying for its Advisory Team
- Praying that the Center will continue to be used to win souls to Christ
- Praying for users
- Scheduling events at the Center
- Providing offerings and other gifts
- Scheduling work days at the Center

Call: 912-842-2460 or 912-531-2946

Calendar

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 Full)**
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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JULY (Focus on Christian Citizenship)

- 1-5 **Camp "I AM" Junior, W.W. Mann Center**
4 Independence Day, Office Closed
8-12 **Camp "I AM" Senior, W.W. Mann Center**
8-12 Camp Pinnacle Younger Girls Week, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA
25 **Associational Executive Council Budget/Calendar Meeting, ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.**

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.

