

Ogeechee Missions Visionary

“Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me...” Acts 1:8



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
Metter FBC
New Life
Oak Grove
Old Fellowship
Olive Branch
Pine Grove
Portal FBC
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Register
Salem
Sonlight Community
Southbridge Community
Statesboro FBC
Statesboro Korean Mission
S'boro Mision Bautista Bethel
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union

Greetings From Our Missionary

“Unprecedented. Uncharted. Unparalleled. These are just some of the words that were repeatedly used to describe our lives amid the global COVID-19 pandemic. One moment we were living as usual, and the next, everything we knew had changed. Schools and churches closed, vacations and weddings were canceled, our state came under a “shelter-in-place” order, and life continued to evolve daily. “Normal” changed—and we still don’t know for how long.”

I wrote that paragraph approximately five years ago, near the beginning of the events surrounding the pandemic. While it may feel, in some ways, as if those events belong to a distant past—a specter from another time—the reality is we are only half a decade removed from that seismic shift in our world.

The purpose here is not to reopen old wounds or delve into the political, financial, relational, cultural, or spiritual ramifications of the pandemic. There are appropriate

times and places for those conversations. Rather, the point is this: our lives, even apart from a global crisis, are often under immense stress. As pastors, staff, and ministry leaders, we must take intentional steps to care for our own spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being.

If you’ve ever flown on a commercial plane, you’ve heard a familiar instruction during the pre-flight safety briefing: *“In case of a loss of cabin pressure, put on your own oxygen mask first before assisting others.”* The principle is simple: before we can effectively and compassionately serve others, we must first care for ourselves and be God-honoring stewards of our own lives and bodies. Here is a short list of practices and principles you may consider to reset and recalibrate your life:

- **Make an appointment with your primary care provider** for a wellness or annual physical. Be honest about any issues you’re experiencing, including stress or fatigue.
- **Place your calendar under the lordship of Christ.** Jesus is to have preeminence in all things, including your schedule. If you don’t take control of your time, someone else will.
- **Examine your heart and life** for areas that have not been fully surrendered to God and His plan—including the abandonment of Sabbath rest. If confession and repentance are needed, pursue them, so you may experience the refreshing grace and mercy of the Lord. **Praying and cheering for you—today and always.**

Jeff

- **Ask your spouse or a trusted godly friend** to offer an honest evaluation of your life, schedule, and current situation. Listen with humility—without defensiveness or preconceived notions.

Birthdays

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



Foundations Resource Ctr.

(418 Main St., Statesboro 30458)

Thank you for all the prayers & support as we strive to save unborn lives and their families!

We are close to reaching our 100K goal for this year’s fundraiser to work towards saving many more lives in the upcoming year.

If you would like to get involved in this amazing “ministry,” call us at (912) 259-9596 or text us at (912) 500-5318.

Anniversaries

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



PUBLIC READING OF GOD’S WORD ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN AND COMMUNITY PRAYER WALK (OR RIDE!)



God’s Word, Community Choir, National Day of Prayer

- The Boro community is again hosting the Public Reading of God’s Word on the Courthouse Lawn from April 30 to May 2.
- All are invited to come and listen as Scripture is read until 8pm daily.
- A special performance by the Boro Community Choir will take place on April 30, from 12 - 12:30 pm
- A community-wide celebration of the **National Day of Prayer** will be held on May 1, from 12-1 pm

Community Prayer Walk Information

- Prayer walking (or riding!) will be taking place around the Boro from Sunday, April 27 through Friday, May 23.
- This is an extension of the Public Reading of God’s Word. The reading of God’s Word and prayer go together!
- Join to pray for our nation, our city, and our neighbors
- An idea guide will be provided to lead you in focused prayer
- Gather with at least one other person for any amount of time
- Choose any location - consider walking or riding through the GSU campus, the mall, downtown, local neighborhoods or schools


Register Here:




Wednesday, April 30th
8am-11am
1pm-8pm

Thursday, May 1st
8am-11am
1:30pm-8pm

Friday, May 2nd
8am-8pm




Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119:105

Location
Bulloch County Courthouse Lawn
Statesboro, GA

 mperkins2005@yahoo.com

 (912) 687-1447 cell



Ladies Paint Party!

Middleground Community Center
Monday, May 12 6pm

Rock & Cross Painting
Worship & Sharing a few scriptures
about our Rock, the Lord Jesus

RVSP if possible
You may bring a finger food
to share if desired.



The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my savior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. Psalm 18:2

RSVP/more info: Tracey Radney 912-690-6561

News From Our Churches

FRIENDSHIP—Sun., 5/4; 11a: 155th Homecoming Celebration. Come celebrate with us & stay for our dinner-on-grounds fellowship following.

LEEFIELD—Mon., 6/16-Thurs. 6/19; 5:30-8:30p: Vacation Bible School. Dinner will be served.

LIGHTHOUSE—(1)Sat., 5/10; 9a-3p: Open House. Pancake breakfast at 9a & lunch at noon. (2)Mon., 6/16-Sat. 6/21; 5-8p: Vacation Bible School. Dinner will be served.



News From Camp “I AM”

Camp I AM plans are in full swing. We are getting our workers together but could still use some male volunteers to serve as group leaders and cabin leaders. We also are in need of a church van and driver for July 8-10 from about 9:30a until 12:00p each of those days. Lastly, we have a wish list on Amazon for items we want/need for camp. We would appreciate any help individuals or groups could give us with these items as we get closer to camp time. If you have questions or need more information please contact Jeanie Jewell at 912-682-8621 or email campdirector@orbalife.org.

Christian Social Ministries (CSM)

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Stores in Statesboro:
122 E. Parrish St. (Thrift Store)
307 N. Zetterower Ave. (Used Furniture & More)
2429 Northside Dr. W. (at Walker's Pharmacy)

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) **May dates >> the 12th & 26th**

“Helping others in need in the name of Jesus!”

Associational Missions Week

May 11-18 is Associational Missions Week, which is a time set aside to pray for the ministers and churches of the Association and special ministries. The name chosen for our Special Offering is “The Page Week of Prayer for Associational Missions – Missions at Home,” in honor of our first Director of Missions, Ted Page, and his wife, Sue, who has worked with missions for many years.

Your prayers are urgently needed that God may lead us to do His will and that we be willing followers.

We have not set a specific offering goal this year, but we encourage you to give. You may designate how your gift may be used, or you may choose to allow the Executive Council to allocate it toward the greatest needs at the time. In past years it has been designated to worthy causes

such as our children's camps, WW Mann Center, books for the Baby Comfort Station at the fair, our annual mission trip to our partner churches in Cincinnati, and other ministries. With the growth in our ministry area, there's lots to do for the Lord!

Thank you for your prayers and support as we attempt to be creative in reaching our community and beyond for Christ.

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

*Choices of the Heart's
Baby Bottle Boomerang*

Every Penny Counts!
Your donations provide
these services at No Charge



\$25 Pregnancy Test
\$100 Option Counseling
\$300 Ultrasound of the unborn baby
Love & Support Free

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Choices Baby Bottle Boomerang!
Contact us TODAY and schedule
your church to participate.
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ENDS
NEXT
MONTH

Calendar



What is Memorial Day?
It's a day to remember
those who have died
while serving our country.
On this day let us
remember those who
so valiantly fought and
died for the cause of
freedom. ~ May 26th

MAY (Focus on Christian Education)

- 1 National Day of Prayer [SBC] NDP Webinar
- 1 [GBMB] Worship & Music Large Church Network Gathering
- 4 [SBC] Seminary Sunday
- 10 [GBMB] Ethnic Missions Summit
- 11-18 **Associational Missions Emphasis/Page Associational Offering**
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 **Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting; ORBA Office, 7:00 p.m.**
- 16 **Pre-Registration for Camp "I AM" Ends (Registration Continues Until All Spaces Filled)**
- 18 [SBC] Children's Ministry Sunday
- 22 **Associational Executive Council Meeting; ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.**
- 26 Memorial Day, **ORBA Office Closed**

JUNE (Focus on Local & State Missions & Ministries)

- 1 [SBC] Disaster Relief Sunday
- 2-6 [GBMB] IMPACT Student Camp; Shorter University, Rome
- 8-9 [SBC] WMU Missions Celebration & Annual Meeting; Dallas, TX
- 10-11 [SBC] Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting; Dallas, TX
- 10 **Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting; ORBA Office, 7:00 p.m.**
- 14 Flag Day
- 15 Father's Day
- 22 [SBC] Mission: Dignity Sunday
- 30- **Camp "I AM" Junior; W.W. Mann Center**

JULY (Focus on Christian Citizenship)

- 3 **Camp "I AM" Junior; W.W. Mann Center**
- 4 Independence Day, **ORBA Office Closed**
- 6 [SBC] Religious Liberty Sunday
- 7-11 **Camp "I AM" Senior; W.W. Mann Center**
- 22 [GBMB] Associational WMU Leadership Training