

OGEECHEE MISSIONS VISIONARY

Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me (Acts 1:8)

A Word From Our Missionary

As summer quickly comes to a close, churches across our region are preparing for the new ministry year—planning events, training opportunities, and moments of intentional investment in their people. Equipping both leaders and laity is a vital part of strengthening the Church to serve Christ and His Kingdom more effectively.

Below are several training events designed to equip and encourage you in your calling. For more information or to register for SPARK, Mission Georgia weekend, Public Affairs or Send Network – One Day, visit

gabaptist.org and search for “events.”

Praying and cheering for you,
Jeff

Disciple-Making Bootcamp

Saturday, August 23

Location: First Baptist Church — Statesboro

Address: 108 N. Main St., Statesboro, GA

Time: 8:30 AM – 12 PM

Hosted by FBC Statesboro and led by Dr. Bill Wilks, this training is for anyone who is interested in making disciples. Registration will open on July 16th at <https://fbcboro.church>. The cost for the event is \$10 per person.

SPARK Conference – South East Region

Sunday, August 24

Location: Brewton-Parker Christian University

Address: 201 David Eliza Fountain Cir.

Mount Vernon, GA 30445

Time: 4:00 – 8:15 PM

The SPARK Conference is a total church equipping experience designed for anyone involved in ministry—regardless of role, background, or experience level. Whether you’re a pastor, Sunday School teacher, worship leader, or volunteer, SPARK has something for you!

Who is SPARK for?

Lay Leaders, Children’s Leaders, Women’s Ministry Leaders, Men’s Ministry Leaders, Missions

Coordinators, Student Pastors, Worship Leaders, Sunday School and Small Group Leaders, Pastors—anyone involved in equipping the church.

Main Session Speaker: Dr. Thom S. Rainer

Breakout Topics Include:

- Church Planting
- Collegiate Ministry
- Counseling Ministry
- Deacon Ministry
- Disaster Relief
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Mission Georgia
- Missions
- Ministry Administration
- Next Gen – Students
- Next Gen – Kids
- Pastor Wellness
- Public Affairs
- Women’s Ministry Worship & Music

Mission Georgia Weekend

Friday–Saturday, October 10–11

Location: Cedar Street Baptist Church

Address: 255 Cedar St. Metter, GA 30439

Time: TBA

A partnership between the Ogeechee River, Middle, and Tattnall-Evans Baptist Associations and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

Training Opportunities:

- **ESL (English as a Second Language)** – Friday night & Saturday morning
- **Read Georgia** – Saturday morning

Mission Georgia is about coming together to meet the needs of our communities. When we see our neighbors struggling, we step in—because Georgia is our home, and we are called to care.

AT THE W.W. MANN CTR. ...**For 2 weeks, starting June 30th!****CAMP "I AM" 2025****FEARLESS!****DATES:** (Grades 1-3) June 30 - July 3 (Grades 4-6) July 7 - 11

Please lift up in prayer all of the campers, workers, parents/guardians and church families of those participating. This amazing ORBA Ministry has been sharing the Gospel with families since that first summer in 2002, even before with the initial planning. Our mighty God has blessed so many through this camp, and He has great plans for this year's event!

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

News from the Churches**BROOKLET FBC—Mon., 7/14 - Fri., 7/18; 6-9pm:**

Youth Event - *Survivor!* A week-long event adapted from the TV Show, for rising 6th graders thru teens who've just graduated high school. Each evening includes worship, lesson, tribe challenges, snacks, fun & fellowship. Youth leaders, you're welcome to join us with your group. The cost is \$25, which includes a t-shirt, bandanna, meal & challenge material. Contact Bro. Billy Lane (912-678-2300 or email billylane757@gmail.com.)

CEDAR STREET—NEWS:

After many years of dedicated service, our secretary, Donna White, has moved. She was an enormous benefit to our staff and will be greatly missed. We are excited to welcome our new secretary, Elizabeth Kasper.

ELDORA—EVENTS: Each month-(1)*Fellowship Meal* following the service on **First Sundays**. (2)*The Lord's Supper* following the service on **Second Sundays**. (3)*Prayer & Breakfast* before the service on **Third Sundays; 10am**.

NEWS: Our secretary, Elvira Menut, is moving back to New Jersey to be near her grandchildren. She has served us faithfully, and she will be missed.

EMIT GROVE—Sun., 7/20;

6pm: Free Concert - *The Hodsdons!* (Love offering will be taken up.) >>>>>>>>

FRIENDSHIP—Tues., 7/1 thru Mon., 7/28: *Annual GA Baptist Children's Home Truck-loading!* [*see p.3 for more info]

LEEFIELD—Summer Schedule (June - August):

Sunday School 9am & Sunday morning worship 10am.

METTER FBC—(1)Sat., 7/19; 8:30a-1:30p: *1-day Vacation Bible School.* (2) *New FBC Metter Preschool opening in August 2025.* [*see p.3 for more info]



www.thehodsdons.com

The HODSDONS
In Concert

Where: **Emit Grove Baptist Church
1567 Emit Grove Road
Statesboro, GA 30415**

When: **July 20th at 6PM**

ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING

benefitting



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The Ogeechee River Baptist Association is collecting:
Can Corn, Individually Wrapped Snacks (Chips, Cookies, Crackers),
Cooking Oil, Paper Products (Towels, Bathroom Tissue), Laundry
Supplies, Trash Bags, Dish Detergent, Aluminum Foil, Fabuloso
Cleaner, Back-2-School supplies. Gift Cards are always Welcomed!



Contact Info/Questions?

Please contact Martha Brown 912.865.4165; friendshipbaptiststatesboro@gmail.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH METTER PRESCHOOL

NOW
ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS!

TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS

MUST PICK UP APPLICATION IN PERSON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH METTER
50 S. ROUNTREE STREET
METTER, GA
912-685-2208



Please Keep in Prayer:

- ◇ The Twigg Family & Clito Baptist Church
- ◇ Bro. Mel & Gayla Kelly & Union Baptist Church
- ◇ Ministries we support:
 - * the BCM, Choices of the Heart, Christian Social Ministries (CSM), Foundations Resource Center
- ◇ Vacation Bible Schools
- ◇ Summer camps (at home & away)
- ◇ Mission trips
- ◇ The Strategy Planning Team as they look at the needs of our association
- ◇ The Executive Council of ORBA
- ◇ Church leadership
- ◇ The health & service of all our church congregations
- ◇ State, national & world leaders
- ◇ Peace of Jerusalem & our Redeemer's imminent return!!!

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July Birthdays

- 5 Margie Griffith
- 6 Michael Williams
- 7 Gene Currin
- 14 Chris Fowler
- 17 Martha Brown
- 21 Joe Eason
- 22 Taek Goo Kang
- 28 Christie Berry



July Anniversaries

- 1 Gene & Mary Currin
- 9 Mike & Debbie Marotte
- 9 Juan & Debbie Vallejo
- 14 Jody & Bobbie Jo Nasworthy
- 21 Ricky & Susan Allen



Calendar

JULY (Focus on Christian Citizenship)

- 3 Camp "I AM" Jr.; W.W. Mann Ctr.
- 4 Independence Day, ORBA Ofc. Closed
- 6 [SBC] Religious Liberty Sunday
- 7-11 Camp "I AM" Sr.; W.W. Mann Ctr.
- 7-11 [GBMB] Camp Pinnacle Younger Girls Wk.; Pinnacle Retreat Ctr., Clayton, GA
- 22 [GBMB] Associational WMU Leadership Training

AUGUST (Focus on Christian Service)

- 3 [SBC] Send Relief Sunday
- 5 Associational WMU Team Mtg.; Location TBD, 6:30 p.m.
- 7 Associational Executive Council Budget/Calendar Meeting; ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.
- 9 [GBMB] Hispanic WMU Training
- 10 [SBC] Serve Sunday
- 16-17 [GBMB] GA Korean WMU Annual Conf.
- 18-20 [GBMB] Partner State Pastor Retreat
- 24 [GBMB] SPARK; Brewton-Parker College, Mt. Vernon
- 24 [SBC] Global Hunger Sunday

SEPTEMBER (Focus on Next Generation Ministries)

- 2 Labor Day, ORBA Office Closed
- 12-13 [GBMB] Women on Mission Retreat; Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA
- 14 [SBC] Student Baptism Sunday
- 20 [SBC] Children's Mission Day
- 25 Associational Executive Council Meeting; ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 [SBC] Caring Well Sunday

Jesus prayed ...

"I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them ... I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word ..."

~John 17:9-10, 20

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Public Affairs Training

Monday, October 27

Location: Brewton-Parker Christian University – Student Center (Garden Room)

Address: 201 David Eliza Fountain Cir, Mount Vernon, GA 30445

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM (Lunch included)

Theme: "Salt and Light: Your Role in the Public Square"

In a nation governed by its citizens, Christians have both the opportunity and the responsibility to influence the public sphere. This training will help you understand how to engage effectively and biblically in shaping laws, policies, and culture for God's glory.

Send Network One Day – Middle Georgia

Date: TBA

Time: 9:15 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: Second Baptist Church

Address: 2504 Moody Rd., Warner Robins, GA

Send Network One Day is a local event to inspire and equip church planters, pastors, and passionate believers to multiply disciples and plant churches. Through worship, teaching, and collaboration, you'll gain practical tools and a renewed vision for Kingdom expansion in your own community.