OGEECHEE MISSIONS VISIONARY

"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me" (Acts 1:8) OCTOBER 2025

GREETINGS FROM OUR MISSIONARY

October has arrived, and with it comes important ministry, training, and worship opportunities for the churches of our association. But before we get into those…
October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
Here are a few meaningful ways your church can honor your pastor and staff this month:

- **Special Recognition Service with a Surprise Fellowship Meal** – Dedicate a Sunday service to express gratitude, including testimonies, prayers, and a presentation of gifts from the congregation.
- **Handwritten Notes & Cards** – Encourage members (including children) to write personal notes of encouragement, sharing how the pastor's ministry has impacted their lives.
- **Gift Basket or Care Package** – Fill a basket with the pastor's favorite snacks, books, or gift cards to restaurants, coffee shops, or bookstores.
- **Family Weekend Getaway** – Collect funds to send the pastor and their family on a retreat or short vacation for rest and refreshment.
- **Acts of Service** – Organize a "Love Your Pastor Day," where members volunteer to help with yard work, car care, house cleaning, or other tasks to lighten the pastor's load.
- **Personalized Gift** – Present something meaningful, such as a framed Scripture verse, artwork, or a book signed by church members.
- **Financial Blessing** – Collect a special offering to bless the pastor and family in a tangible way.
- **And Most of All: Pray for Your Pastor and Staff** – Dedicate the month to intentional prayer for your leaders and their families. Consider creating a prayer calendar with specific requests for each day.

Ministry, Training, and Worship Opportunities
102nd Annual Meeting of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association
Sunday, October 19 | 6–8 PM | First Baptist Church, Statesboro
The Annual Meeting is a time of inspiration and encouragement for all the congregations of our association. This year, you'll hear updates from several ministries we support, share in a dedicated time of worship, and receive the report and proposal of our Strategy Development Team for approval by the messengers. Everyone is encouraged to attend, but only those designated as messengers by your church may vote. (For the number of messengers allotted to your church, please contact the associational office.)

Mission Georgia Weekend
October 10–11 | Cedar Street Baptist Church, Metter, GA
In partnership with the Ogeechee River, Middle, and Tattnall-Evans Associations and the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.
Training Opportunities:

- **ESL (English as a Second Language):** Friday, 5–9 PM & Saturday, 8 AM–4:30 PM
- **Read Georgia:** Saturday, 10 AM–12 PM

Mission Georgia reminds us that when we see our neighbors in need, we step in—because Georgia is our home, and God calls us to love and serve.
Register at: missiongeorgia.org/events

Baby Comfort Station at the 63rd Annual Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair
Monday, October 13 – Saturday, October 18
For several years, our association has provided the Baby Comfort Station at the fair—a clean, safe space for nursing moms and changing stations for babies. This is a wonderful opportunity for a Sunday School class or small group to be "on mission" in our community. To sign up or learn more, please contact our Ministry Assistant, Debbie, at the associational office.

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Send Network One Day – Middle Georgia
Tuesday, October 28 | 9:15 AM – 2:00 PM | Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, GA
This event will inspire and equip pastors, church planters, and believers to multiply disciples and plant churches. Through worship, teaching, and encouragement, we will be renewed with vision for Kingdom expansion.
Praying and cheering for you!
Jeff

News from Our Churches

BETHEL—EVENTS: **Sat., 10/11; 4-6pm:** *Fall Festival!* NEWS: We recently replaced the metal fold up chairs in our social hall. If you are interested in getting any, call Blaine at 912-481-0677.

EASTERN HEIGHTS—**Sat., 10/18; 7 - 9pm:** *Celebrate Recovery!* FREE Community event *(*see ad on p.3).*

FRIENDSHIP—**Sun., 10/26; 5-7pm:** *Fall Festival! (*see ad on p.3)*

LEEFIELD—**Sat., 11/8; 1-3pm:** *Fall Festival! (*see ad on p.3)*

LIGHTHOUSE—*(1)***3rd Friday each month; 6:30 pm:** Join us for dinner, fellowship & conversation. *(2)* **Fri., 10/25; 4-7 pm:** *"He Is Enough" Harvest Festival!* Games/prizes, cook-off, food/drinks, hayride, cakewalk, story time, tug-of-war, costume contest, bounce house & free dinner. *(*see ad on p.3)* Call 912-515-4568 or email church-info1020@gmail. com for info on any Lighthouse event. *(3)***Wed., 12/24; 6 pm:** *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!*

METTER FBC—Join with us in welcoming our new Student Pastor Drew McIlrath. He can be contacted at fbcmetterstudents@gmail.com or 912-675-6346.

REGISTER—EVENTS: *(1)* **Sun., 10/26; 10a-noon:** *Homecoming!* Lunch on the grounds following service. (No early service or Sunday school on this day.) *(2)***Sat., 11/8; 9a-3pm:** *"Pressed But Not Broken: Persevering Like Biblical Women."* A day of ministry for women. Call 912-690-2787 for more info. *(3)* **Sun., 11/23; 11am:** *"A Day of Thanks!"* Worship with dinner on the grounds following the service. NEWS: *(1)Weekly Services:* **Sundays -** (early service) 9am, (Sunday school) 10am, (traditional service) 11am, (youth) 4pm every other Sunday. **Wednesdays -** (supper) 5:30pm, (Awana) 6-7pm, (Bible study) 6:15-7pm, (choir practice) 7pm. *(2)Monthly Services:* **Wings -** (Women in God's service) 10am on last Sunday of each month, **Men's Bible study -** 6pm on the 2nd Monday of the month.

STATESBORO FBC—**Sun., 10/19; 6-8 pm:** *ORBA's 2025 Annual Meeting!* All members of all ORBA churches welcome, though only messengers may vote.

October Birthdays

Josiah McDaniel	11
Debbie Hodges	13
Helen Huffingham	22
Taekgoo Kang	22
Greg Abercrombie	26
Brady Boyett	28

WMU ... Women On Mission

This thought keeps coming to my mind from John 15:16: We are chosen to bear Kingdom fruit!
Because of this reminder from the Lord, I celebrate the opportunity to serve ORBA as WMU Director for the 2025-26 year.

It has been a great joy for Dave and me to settle once again in Statesboro in recent years after retirement from both pastoral and international mission service. We love churches, especially as they obey our Great Commission calling! And as I have gotten to know Women on Mission in many of our congregations, it has been a delight to see the varied ways they are being the hands and feet of Jesus in our local communities.

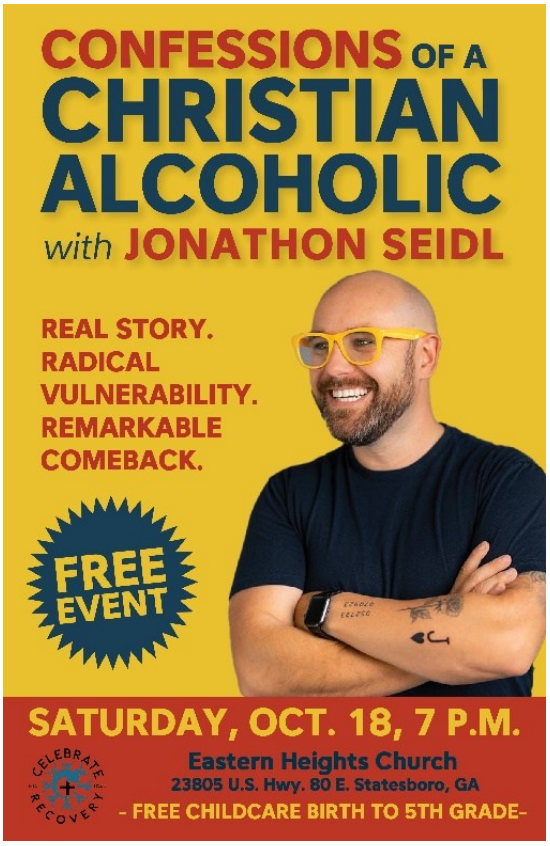
A newly formed Women on Mission Lead Team is making plans for our upcoming ORBA Women on Missions Fall Celebration. This WOM Lead Team includes a wonderful mix of both older and younger women from our churches who have a heart for sharing the Good News of Jesus. It is a joy to see their excitement overflow as they seek to be women who serve, pray, give, and go, bearing fruit that endures.

Our 2025 ORBA Fall Missions Celebration is scheduled for October 28th at 6:00 PM at Emit Grove Baptist Church. Plans are being made to invite women from our ORBA churches to come in small groups, decorating the table where they will sit with objects that represent the ways they have been "on mission" in recent months and years. Chelsea Eubanks, who has recently returned from a volunteer mission trip working with IMB missionaries in Mexico, will be our speaker.

We Women on Mission ask you to join us in prayer as we seek a shared Great Commission awakening in our ORBA churches. Watch for your Fall Mission Celebration invitation to come from our WOM Lead Team to each church's pastor and missions contact. May there be joy in the Lord as we gather, celebrating the ways the Lord is using us to bear fruit that endures!

Blessings!

Yvonne Parker
ORBS WMU Director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SATURDAY, OCT. 18, 7 P.M.
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- FREE CHILDCARE BIRTH TO 5TH GRADE-

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FESTIVAL
FREE EVENT
TRUNK OR TREAT - FOOD - BOUNCE HOUSES - GAMES
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5:00-7:00pm
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4025 Friendship Baptist Church Rd
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November 8 2025
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Calendars

OCTOBER *(Focus on Cooperative Program & Pastor Appreciation)*

5	[GBMB] Missions Summit
5	[SBC] Cooperative Program Sunday
7-9	[GBMB] ReCharge Ministry Couples Retreat
10-11	**Mission GA Weekend; Cedar Street Bapt. Church, time TBA**
10-12	[GBMB] Worship & Music/Next Gen Retreat
12	Pastor Appreciation Day
13	Columbus Day
16	**Third Thursday Roundtable; ORBA Office, 10:00 a.m.**
16	[GBMB] Accelerate Conference
19-21	[GBMB] CONFLUENCE; Eagle's Landing, FBC McDonough
19	**ORBA Annual Meeting; FBC Statesboro, 6-8 p.m.**
19	[SBC] Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
20	[GBMB] Pastor Wellness Golf Fellowship; Curahee Club, Toccoa
28	[GBMB] SEND Network 1-Day - Middle GA; Second Baptist Church Warner Robbins, 9:15am - 2pm
28	[GBMB] Transitional Pastor Training

NOVEMBER *(Focus on Christian Compassion)*

2	Daylight Saving Time Ends
2	[SBC] Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
7-8	[GBMB] Hispanic WMU Fall Event
7-8	[GBMB] Mission GA Event
9-11	[GBMB] GBC Annual Meeting; FBC Atlanta
9	[SBC] Orphans and Widows Sunday
10	[GBMB] Evangelism Conference; FBC Atlanta
11	Veteran's Day
20	**Associational Executive Council Meeting; ORBA Office, 9:00 a.m.**
20	**Third Thursday Roundtable; ORBA Office, time TBA**
26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday; **ORBA Office Closed**
30-	[SBC] Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

DECEMBER *(Focus on International Missions)*

-7	[SBC] Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering
1	**Pastors and Wives Christmas Banquet**
6	[GBMB] Hispanic WMU Christmas Mission Celebration
23 -	**Christmas Holiday; ORBA Office Closed (reopen January 5)**
25	Christmas Day
28-29	[GBMB] MOVE Conference; Wild Adventures Theme Park, Valdosta