OGEECHEE RIVER
BAPTIST NETWORK

VISIONARY

A Network of Local Churches Working Together to Fulfill the Great Commission

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

MARCH 2026

Greetings From Our Missionary

When our Network approved the mission, vision, values, and strategy last October, I must confess that I was somewhat naïve about the work and process required to move from ideas on paper to ministry in practice. However, I'm glad to report that we are making meaningful progress and taking intentional steps every day to implement God's vision for His Network.

Two of our Network's key ministry objectives are **Training and Equipping Church Leaders** and **Supporting and Encouraging Ministers**. Below are several opportunities designed to help you and your church participate in and benefit from these priorities:

◆**Becoming a Disaster Ready Church – Interest Meeting**
Thursday, March 5, 6:00 PM, Network Offices

This meeting is for pastors (or a representative) and one additional church leader. Disaster Ready Church equips congregations to respond with clarity, confidence, and compassion when — not if — crisis affects your community. This training helps churches evaluate their readiness, assess their community and facilities, and develop a practical plan of action to be the hands and feet of Jesus when the unexpected happens.

To help determine whether this training will be brought to our Network, your church is encouraged to sign up and attend the interest meeting on **March 5**. For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact the Network office at **912-764-3620** by **March 1**.

◆**Vacation Bible School Jumpstart**
Sunday, March 15, 2:30-5:00 PM, Network Offices

Join Georgia Baptist Mission Board VBS leaders **Cyd Pagliarullo** and **Susan Allen** for a practical and encouraging session designed to help you jumpstart your VBS planning. You'll gain helpful tools and ideas for leading an unforgettable week of sharing the Good News of Jesus with children.

Please register by **March 12** by calling the Network office at **912-764-3620**.

◆**Third Thursday Minister Roundtable**
Thursday, March 19, 10:00 AM, Network Offices

These roundtables are open to all pastors, staff (paid or volunteer), and other ministry leaders. They provide intentional space to fellowship, pray, and learn together in a peer-to-peer setting.

◆**Practical Preaching Workshop**
Monday nights, August-September 2026

In partnership with Middle Baptist Association, Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association, Guido Bible College, and ORBN, this workshop will provide practical tools for developing, delivering, and evaluating biblically grounded sermons.

Who Is This For?

- Those exploring a call to ministry
- Experienced pastors with formal training
- Experienced pastors without formal training
- Those who want to mentor aspiring ministers
- Those who may occasionally teach or speak in churches

The cost will be minimal, but the benefit will be substantial.

Lastly, if your church needs someone to assist with missions, men's ministry, women's ministry, senior adult gatherings, or other ministry events, I would welcome the opportunity to serve you. I am also available for pulpit supply and consultation.

I look forward to partnering with you in 2026 and beyond as we work together to advance the Kingdom of God.

Jeff

Ministry Positions Available

We have 3 congregations without a Senior Pastor:

Pastor

FBC Blitchton (Bryan)

Excelsior Baptist Church (Candler)

Pulaski Baptist Church (Candler)

Minister to Families & Children

FBC Statesboro (Bulloch)

Annie Armstrong was an advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, a tireless servant of God.

News from the Churches

BETHEL—*(1)***Sun., 3/15 - Tue., 3/17 | 6pm:** *REVIVAL!* Chris Reynolds preaching & Kenny Green leading music.

BROOKLET FBC—*(1)* **March Mondays | 6:30pm:** *March Gladness REVIVAL!* Preachers are: 3/9-Scott Redding, 3/16-Todd Wiggins, 3/23-Bo Fulginiti & 3/30-Jeff Parmer. *(2)***Sun., 6/14 - Fri., 6/19:** *Vacation Bible School!* More info coming soon.

LEEFIELD—**Sat., 3/28 | 11am:** *Easter Activities!* All are welcome to join us for the food, fun and fellowship, including the Resurrection Story and an egg-hunt.

TEMPLE HILL—**Sat., 3/21 | 3-6pm:** *Karaoke Evening.* Come join us for an evening of fun, finger foods, and lots of good fellowship. All are welcome, even if you can't sing.

Camp "I AM"

Theme:	The Story Teller *(Lessons From the Parables of Jesus)*
Where:	7th Mile Farm (7200 GA Hwy. 46, Statesboro)
When:	(Jr.) July 19-20 (Sr.) July 20-24
Registration:	Early registration begins March 1st and ends April 30th. Final registration begins May 1st and ends June 30th. *[Register on-line at orbnetwork.org OR through the Ogeechee River Baptist Network office or one of our ORBN-member church congregations.]*
Cost:	Junior - *(early)* $25, *(after 4/30)* $30 Senior - *(early)* $150, *(after 4/30)* $175

If you would like to help with this year's adventure in any capacity, our next planning meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the ORBN office on Thursday, 3/12. If you want to help but can't make this meeting, call Debbie at the ORBAN office (912-764-3620) for more info.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO)** is the primary way **Southern Baptists** fund missions across **North America**. Every dollar given goes directly to the field, supporting more than **3,000 missionary families** serving in the U.S. and Canada and their territories.

Week of Prayer: March 1–8

Missionaries are bringing the Gospel to **unreached communities** across North America. Please pray that God will open hearts and empower these missionaries to disciple new believers.

This year's national offering goal is $80 million. Your gifts help make this possible!

For more information, visit: anniearmstrong.com

Ministry Missives

REMINDER: This section is for me to pass along info (FYI/requests/needs) this "office" has to share.

⇒ REMEMBER: beginning last month Newsletters are PRIMARILY ON-LINE, via EMAIL and our website. *(Snail mail copies will only be sent at special request.)*

⇒ New to our WEBSITE …

◊ Online CAMP REGISTRATION - Go to orbnetwork.org. Hover over "Resources" tab. Click on "Camp 'I Am.'" Scroll down to "More Information" and click the correct button(s). Pay on-line when registration form is completed or pay later.

⇒ New service offered free of charge to members of ORBN church congregations … Debbie is now a Notary Public.

Mission and Vision of the Ogeechee River Baptist Network

Mission: We are a network of local churches working together to fulfill the Great Commission.

Vision: Ogeechee River Baptist Network is a Christ-centered partnership of churches working together to fulfill Acts 1:8, transforming communities through missional partnerships, leadership development, and church planting and revitalization.

Georgia Baptist Ministry Assistants are headed back to St. Simons Island for 2026

Article from The Christian Index - Posted Monday, February 9, 2026 3:00 pm

The Georgia Baptist Association of Ministry Assistants will hold its 2026 conference at Epworth by the Sea from April 22-24.

Ministry Assistants—such as church secretaries, administrative assistants, and financial secretaries—are welcome. The group has been established for over 50 years.

The retreat is your opportunity to step away from the daily demands, sharpen your skills and connect with others who understand the unique calling of ministry support work.

For more information and/or to register go to https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/gbama-conference-2026/620024/

For more from The Christian Index, "The voice of Georgia Baptists," go to christianindex.org .

1 John 1:5 - 2:2

...God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

...these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

March Anniversaries

5 Joe & Nancy Eason
10 John & Cynthia Waters
11 Albert & Debbie Hodges
20 Scott & Thena Redding

March Birthdays

1 Bob Green
1 Tripp Pagliarullo
3 Jim Savage
15 Bobbie Jo Nasworthy
16 Jordan Bryan
18 Nancy Eason
20 Lydia Fowler
22 Charlotte Pagliarullo

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Save the Date!!!

APRIL 25, 2026

ORBN's WOM/WMU Lead Team
is planning a Ministry Day
at the Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Baxley

Be **O**n the **L**ook **O**ut ...
More info coming soon

Change your clocks before going to bed March 7th.

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

MEMBER CHURCHES & 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
Statesboro Korean Mission
S'boro Mision Bautista Bethel
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union

Calendar

Items in black & highlighted are our local associational events.
Items in black … holidays. Blue - Southern Baptist Convention events.
Orange - Georgia Baptist Mission Board events.

MARCH *(Focus on North American Missions)*

-1 DNow, BCM@GSU & Statesboro FBC
1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Offering
1 Early registration for Camp "I AM" BEGINS
[Forms available on website or at ORBN Office]
5 Becoming a Disaster Ready Church Interest Mtg., ORBN Office | 6:00 p.m.
8 Daylight Saving Time Begins
12 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office | 9:00 a.m.
Network Executive Council Meeting, ORBN Office | 10:00 a.m.
Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBN Office | 6:30 p.m.
15 VBS Jumpstart, ORBN Office | 2:30-5:00 p.m.
19 Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10:00 a.m.
22 Church Planting Emphasis Day
29 Palm Sunday

APRIL *(Focus on Christian Evangelism)*

3 Good Friday, Office Closed
5 Resurrection Sunday (Easter)
5 Georgia Baptist Women's Hispanic Spring Event, TBD
9 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office | 9:00 a.m.
Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBN Office | 6:30 p.m.
12 Baptism Sunday
16 Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10:00 a.m.
18 Georgia Baptist Women's Spring Event, FBC Jonesboro
25 WOM/WMU Ministry Day, GA Bapt. Children's Home in Baxley | time TBD
30 **Early** Registration for Camp "I AM" ENDS
[Registration Continues Until June 30th]

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VBS JUMPSTART

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2:30-5:00 PM
@ ORBN Office
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Statesboro, GA 30458

VBS Leaders-
Join your Georgia Baptist Mission Board VBS Leaders, Susan Allen and Cyd Pagliarullo to learn how you can jumpstart your VBS planning to ensure an unforgettable week of sharing the gospel with children.

** We will also look at Lifeway VBS curriculum- *Illumniation Station*

Register by March 12 to Debbie at
ORBN office (912) 764 – 3620
orbaoffice@orbalife.org

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

I just wanted to make sure that if your ministry teams are looking for ways to continue to grow your pastoral care ministry, we have training and courses available.

Option 1: Clinical Pastoral Education *(5 slots available at OAH for the summer)*
Enrollment open. We have two course offerings for flexible schedules.
Traditional: 16 Week Course
Application deadline: April 6, 2026
Start Date: May 4, 2026
Intensive: 12-Week Course
Application deadline: May 4, 2026
Start Date: June 1, 2026
We have over 100 CPE Supervisor Educators that meet at various times of the day and week. There is one that will fit your schedule.
Cpei.edu

Option 2: Pastoral Training Workshops through an affiliate
The Community Chaplain Network, an affiliate of CPEI, provides targeted pastoral care and leadership training.
https://communitychaplainnetwork.org/
We also offer CPE training through CCN.
Assist with establishing Chaplain programs within healthcare and businesses.

Attend Clinical Pastoral Training Workshops at Ogeechee Area Hospice *(In-person or virtual-live)*
I will be conducting Caregiving Community Workshops every couple of months. Certificates are provided for Continuing Education. They are not denominational specific and are effective for even helping bi-vocational pastors, elders, and deacons sharpen their skills of providing pastoral care and leadership to the religious community.
If you wish to request a workshop to be conducted for your church's leadership, feel free to reach out to schedule a training.
Pastoral care and counseling Approaches
Active Listening skills training
The Ministry of Presence workshop
Pastoral Care for Suicide (Intervention, Prevention, and Post-vention)
Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale
Suicide Assessment Five-step Evaluation & Triage (SAFE-T)
Trauma Informed Pastoral Care
Conducting Critical Event Debriefing workshop
Caring for the Caregiver: Pastors, Spouses, and ministry teams
5 Love Languages (Chapman) workshop
7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Franklin-Covey) workshop

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out at any time.

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