OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST NETWORK

# Visionary

JUNE 2026

**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
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

**"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me..." Acts 1:8**

## Greetings From Our Missionary

Welcome to Summer!

Okay, I know summer has not officially begun yet (that does not happen until June 21), but school is out, Memorial Day has come and gone, and the calendar is soon to turn to June. Right now, many of our churches are moving into one of their busiest seasons of the year. Vacation Bible Schools, summer camps, and mission trips are filling the calendars of churches across our Network.

Many ministries during the summer months are focused on children and students, and rightfully so. According to the North American Mission Board, 83% of Christians commit to Christ between ages 4 and 14. Research consistently shows that most people who come to saving faith do so before adulthood. Some studies suggest that nearly two-thirds to three-fourths of Christians and Evangelicals came to faith before the age of 18.

Children's and student ministry are more than simply another "program" on the church calendar. They often serve as a primary witness to children who do not know Christ and provide an open door for unchurched families to connect with the life of the church.

Over the past thirty years, I have seen churches invest in all kinds of creative ministries to reach kids. One church began a "Saturday School" filled with games, food, and Bible stories for children in their neighborhood who would not come to church on Sunday. Another church took Vacation Bible School into neighborhoods throughout their community on Saturday mornings. Another church organized sports camps for children in their town. These are just a few examples of churches being intentional about reaching the next generation.

The next generation will be discipled by someone. The question is whether the church and the home will pursue them intentionally enough to shape them for Christ.

In Christ,
Jeff

***Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.*** *Joel 1:3*
"This Old Testament Bible verse admonishes fathers to pass on their experiences, stories and lessons of faith to their offspring. The lessons and legacies of the past can only be continued if they are shared with future generations. Wise words are not lost on younger generations, even when they do not seem to be listening." *Linda Ann Nickerson*

*Happy Father's Day!*

# News from our Churches

**CLITO**—**Sun., 6/7 - Wed., 6/10:** *VBS!* The Link to register is on our Facebook page.

**EMIT GROVE**—**Mon., 6/1 - Fri., 6/5 | 5:30-8:30p nightly:** *VBS!* Classes for 2 yrs. old through adults. A meal will be served at 5:30 each night. Come join us! Check out our website to pre-register.

**EXCELSIOR**—**Fri., 6/12 | 5-8pm, Sat., 6/14 | 10a-1p, Sun., 6/14 | 11a:** *VBS-"Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love!"* Classes for ages 3-16. Celebration during the 11a church service followed by Food Truck! A meal will be served each day at no cost.

**FRIENDSHIP**—**Sun., 6/7 - Wed., 6/10 | 5:15-8p nightly:** *VBS-"Illumination Station!"* Classes for preschool through 5th grade. A meal will be served each night. Share the dates and invite someone to join you!

**LEEFIELD**—**Sun., 6/7 - Wed., 6/10 | 6-8:30p nightly:** *VBS-"Gone Fishin': The Miracles of Jesus!"*

**NEW LIFE**—*(1)***Mon., 6/1 - Tues., 6/2:** *VBS-"It's a Surprise Party!" (2)***Wednesdays, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24:** *Kid's Camp Bible Study-"Armor of God!"*

**REGISTER**—*(1)***Weekly:** *Early morning Bible study at 9am; Sunday School at 10am; Traditional service at 11am; Wednesday prayer meeting at 6pm & Wednesday Awana/youth at 6pm. (2)***Sun., 6/7 - Thur., 6/11 | 6-8:30p nightly:** *VBS!* Classes for 3yrs. through 11th grade. Commencement on Fri., **6/12 | 6**pm. Supper provided every night.

Flag Day—June 14, 2026
*Commemorating the adoption of the flag of the United States of America*

# Notes & News

**Church Presentations – Contact Jeff to schedule**

**Know Your Network**

This 35–40-minute presentation explains why we have Baptist associations and Networks, the work of Baptist associations and Networks and how your church can become involved.

**Leading Your Church in Renewal**

This 35–40-minute presentation defines the renewal process and how and why a church should respond to the invitation to renewal.

**Becoming a Disaster Ready Church**

The second half of this training will be rescheduled. Date TBA.

**Third Thursday Minister Roundtable**

Thursday, August 20| 10:00 AM | Network Offices. All roundtables are open pastors, staff (paid or volunteer), and ministry leaders for fellowship, prayer, and peer-to-peer learning.

**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 equip participants to develop, deliver, and evaluate biblically grounded sermons. Only 2 spots remain. See the attached flyer for details.

**Baby Comfort Station @ Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair**

October 19 – 24 | Fair Grounds

Each year the Ogeechee River Baptist Network provides a clean, safe, family-friendly baby changing and nursing station tent at the fair. Would your church consider having a team to staff and serve the Baby Comfort Station this year?

**Network Annual Meeting**

Sunday, October 18 | Old Fellowship Baptist Church

4:30 PM – No Sweat Evangelism Training: This is a system to teach, train and activate your church in personal evangelism. Everyone is invited to attend this FREE workshop.

6 PM – Annual Meeting with Dr. Thomas Hammond, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board as our guest speaker. Lee Hill will be leading worship.

# Ministry Missives

We at Ogeechee River Baptist Network (ORBN) are here to serve our member congregations, working with you in ministry, … *"just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."* (Matt. 20:28)

To that end, we have 4 main Missions & Ministry Teams:

1. Fulfilling Acts 1:8
2. Church Planting & Replanting
3. Supporting & Encouraging Ministers
4. Training & Equipping Church Leaders

To meet the goals of these teams, we have:

- ⇒ Ongoing ministries
  - ⇒ Baby Comfort Station *(see Notes & News)*
  - ⇒ Camp "I AM" *(see below)*
  - ⇒ WMU … Women on Mission
- ⇒ Ideas/plans for Mission trips/partnerships
- ⇒ Training opportunities *(see Notes & News as well as Guido Bible College articles)*

As you dig into the details of carrying out your summer ministries, perhaps the Network can help with ...

- ⇒ Background checks & Child Safety Training *(through Protect My Ministry)*
- ⇒ Items needing NOTARIZED

Email Debbie (orbaoffice@orbalife.org) or call (912-764-3620). We look forward to serving the Savior with you!

## Guido Bible College

**JUNE 1 - 25 *(Classes offered)***

~ Psalms and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament, taught by Don Berry

~ Contemporary Issues in Family Life, Thad Harvey

**JUNE 6 - 30 *(Classes offered)***

~ The Prophets, taught by Jeff Parmer

~ The Christian Family, taught by Joseph Gomez

## Camp "I AM" 2026

**at 7th Mile Farm**

***(7200 GA Hwy. 46, Statesboro)***

*The Story Teller: Lessons from the Parables of Jesus*

Camp "I AM" Junior *(1st - 3rd grades)*
July 19-20

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Camp "I AM" Senior *(4th - 6th grades)*
July 20-24

Registration: **ENDS** on June 30th.
*[Register on-line at orbnetwork.org OR through the ORBN office OR one of our ORBN-member congregations.]*

Cost: Junior - $30
Senior - $175

If you would like to help with this year's adventure in any capacity, our final planning meeting is at 6:30 p.m. in the ORBN office on Thursday, June 11th. If you want to help but can't make this meeting, call Debbie (912-764-3620) for more info.

## June Anniversaries

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| 4 | Nicky & Amanda McCreary |
| 6 | Josh & Lindsay Boyett |
| 15 | Julian & June Ward |
| 17 | Art & Cathy Tarver |
| 20 | Tommy & Ginger Crocker |
| 20 | Josiah & Azure McDaniel |

## June Birthdays

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| 3 | Paula McElveen |
| 8 | Angie Long |
| 8 | Joy Traywick |
| 11 | Bo Fulginiti |

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# "Songs in the Garden"

**Join us for a special FREE concert featuring the "Men of Praise," Sunday, June 7th at 7 PM outside in beautiful Guido Gardens!**

## *Calendar 2026*

*Items in Black & Highlighted are Ogeechee River Baptist Network events.* *Black - Holidays.*
*Blue - Southern Baptist Convention events.* *Orange - Georgia Baptist Mission Board events.*

JUNE *(Focus us on Local & State Missions & Ministries)*
Camp Pinnacle, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA *[for dates go to camppinnacle.com]*

6 Crossover Orlando
7-8 WMU Missions Celebration, Orlando, FL
9-10 Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
11 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office, 9:00 a.m.
Camp "I AM" Planning Meeting, ORBN Office, 6:30 p.m.
14 Flag Day
21 Father's Day
28 Mission: Dignity Sunday
30 FINAL Registration for Camp "I AM" ENDS

JULY *(Focus on Christian Citizenship)*
Camp Pinnacle, Pinnacle Retreat Center in Clayton, GA *[for dates go to camppinnacle.com]*

3 Independence Day observed, Office Closed
5 Religious Liberty Sunday
9 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office, 9:00 a.m.
Network Exec. Council Budget/Calendar Meeting, ORBN Office, 10:00 a.m.
19-20 Camp "I AM" Junior, 7th Mile Farm (on GA Hwy. 46)
20-24 Camp "I AM" Senior, 7th Mile Farm (on GA Hwy. 46)

# PRACTICAL PREACHING WORKSHOP

ONLY **$30** PER PERSON
LIMITED TO THE FIRST **20** REGISTRANTS

Discover and develop the resources and skills to prepare and preach biblical sermons.

*A ministry provided by the Ogeechee River Baptist Network, Middle Baptist Association, Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association & Guido Bible College*

## Who Is This For?

- Those who are exploring a call to ministry
- Experienced pastors with formal training
- Experienced pastors with no formal training
- Those who want to mentor those aspiring to ministry
- Those who don't sense a call to ministry but may occasionally teach or preach

**Scan the QR code to register:**

Monday Nights, 6 - 8 PM

## AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2026

*600 N. Lewis St., Metter, GA,*
*Guido Bible College*

For more information:
Jeff Parmer 229-425-9726

# ANNUAL TRUCKLOADING

benefitting

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

## The Ogeechee River Baptist Network is collecting:

- BBQ Sauce
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Whole Potatoes
- Cooking Oil
- Individually Wrapped Snacks *(chips, cookies, crackers)*
- Aluminum Foil
- Dish Detergent
- Fabuloso Cleaner
- Laundry Supplies
- Non-Aerosol Cleaners
- Paper Products *(towels, bath-room tissue)*
- Trash Bags
- ◊ Back-2-School supplies

Gift Cards are Always Welcome!

## Drop-Off Dates / Time & Location:

**July 1-29, 2026**

***(Monday-Thursday, 10am-1pm)***

Friendship Baptist Church
4025 Friendship Church Rd
Statesboro, GA 30458

**Contact Info/Questions?**
**Please contact Martha Brown 912.865.4165; friendshipbaptiststatesboro@gmail.com**