OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST NETWORK

Visionary

MAY 2026

"Ye shall be witnesses unto me…" ~Acts 1:8

Greetings From Our Missionary

Several years ago, our Network established the second week in May as the "Ted and Sue Page Associational Missions Week of Prayer." Included in this week is the Page Associational Missions Offering, which supports the ongoing work and strategic vision of your Network. While much has changed since the establishment of both the Week of Prayer and the offering, one thing has remained the same: to be **a network of churches working together to fulfill the Great Commission.**

You see, your Network and your church share the same command from Christ—and no single church or network can accomplish it alone.

Cooperation and partnership have been part of God's design since the Garden of Eden. Whether in the conquest of the Promised Land, the faith of those who brought the lame man to Jesus (Mark 2), or the spread of the Gospel throughout the New Testament, these twin principles—cooperation and partnership—are consistently present wherever God's people are at work.

As we approach our Week of Prayer for Associational Missions, I would ask you to consider the following:

1. **Pray** for your Network. Below you will find a short but specific list to guide your prayers.
2. **Give** a one-time special offering to support your Network. This could be done through your Sunday School class, small group, men's or women's ministry, Vacation Bible School, or as a church-wide effort.
3. **Invite** me to speak at your church—on a Wednesday or Sunday evening, or with a ministry group—about the Network. "Know Your Network" is a 35–40 minute presentation that explains the purpose and value of a Baptist association and how individuals and churches can partner in ministry. All I need is an invitation and access to a TV with an HDMI connection.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your missionary with the Ogeechee River Baptist Network. Our staff is here to serve you and your church, and we look forward to the ways we will partner together for the glory of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Jeff

Prayer Guide for Week of Prayer for Associational Missions:

Sunday, May 10 – Pray that God will raise up leadership for the Ministry Teams of the Network (Acts 1:8, Church Planting & Revitalization, Training and Equipping Church Leaders, & Supporting and Encouraging Ministers).

Monday, May 11 – Pray for the churches in the Network without pastors and that God will align each church with the man He has prepared to serve in each church.

Tuesday, May 12 – Pray that God would bring renewal of churches across the Network.

Wednesday, May 13 – Pray for God to bring partnerships between churches of the Network for ministry and renewal.

Thursday, May 14 – Pray for Camp I AM (Network children's camp, July 19-24).

Friday, May 15 – Pray for the Baby Comfort Station ministry at the Kiwanis Fair in October. Pray for volunteers to serve and for the leadership of the Women on Missons.

Saturday, May 16 – Pray for the Practical Preaching Workshop, August – September 2026.

Sunday, May 17 – Pray for the staff, leadership and pastors of the Network churches.

"You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. ... Do you not know that friendship with

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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

News From the Churches

CHRIST BC—**Sat., 5/2 | 8am-noon:** *Church Yard Sale!* (Located at 104 Waters Circle, Pembroke. Across from Bryan County Schools.) All proceeds go toward our new building.

FRIENDSHIP—*(1)***Wed., 5/13 | 5:15-7pm:** *Kids' End-of-School Year Event!* Food, fun, & fellowship. *(2)***Sun., 5/17:** *Homecoming Celebration!* Dinner-on-the-Grounds immediately following morning worship. Everyone invited to celebrate with us!

LEEFIELD—*(1)***Sat., 5/2 | 7am-noon:** *Yard & Bake Sale!* **>>>** *(2)***Sun., 6/7 - Wed., 6/10 | 6-8:30 nightly:** *VBS-"Gone Fishing": The Miracles of Jesus!*

MACEDONIA—**Sun., 5/17:** *Homecoming Celebration!* Singing will begin at 10:30 am followed by worship at 11. Covered dish dinner will be held after the service.

NEW LIFE—*(1)***Fri., 5/15 | 7pm:** Joining us from Savannah, TN; we'll be hosting *The Isbel Family in Concert!* No ticket needed. Love offering will be taken up.

*(2)***Sun., 5/31 - Tues., 6/2:** *Vacation Bible School!*

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., 5/3 | 10:30am:** We will host *"Biker Sunday!"* Dinner on the grounds will follow the service. Kings Cross will be in concert; be sure to vote on your favorite motorcycle! *(3)***Sat., 5/16 | 10am-5pm:** In conjunction with the town of Register, we will host the 4th annual Pecan Festival. There will be vendors, kids' activities, entertainment, food, and much more! Come out and join us for a day of family fun!

TEMPLE HILL—**Sat., 5/16 | 4-7pm:** *Karaoke Evening.* Come join us (2011 Metts Rd., Statesboro; in Social Hall) for a lot of fun, finger food and lots of good singing.

Camp "I AM" - The Story Teller: Lessons from the Parables of Jesus

When: (JR / 1st-3rd) July 19-20
(SR / 4th-6th) July 20-24
Where: 7th Mile Farm (7200 GA Hwy. 46, Statesboro)
Cost: Junior - $30 Senior - $175
Registration: FINAL REGISTRATION 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.]

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, May 14th. If you want to help but can't make this meeting, call Debbie at the ORBN office (912-764-3620) for more info.

This 4-session Bible study is part video & part discussion. First session—Mon., 5/4 @6pm, then Mon., 6/8, 6/13 & 8/10. All at 6 pm at the Middleground Community Center. All ladies are welcome!

the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." - James 4:3&4

Notes and News

Church Presentations – Contact Jeff to schedule

Know Your Network

This 35–40-minute presentation explains the purpose and value of a Baptist association and how individuals and churches can partner in ministry.

Leading Your Church in Renewal

This 35–40-minute presentation explains the life cycle of churches and how churches can enter an intentional process of renewal. With approximately 80% of churches across the United States plateaued or declining, the need for renewal is clear.

Becoming a Disaster Ready Church – CHANGE OF DATE

May 26 | 6–9 PM | Eastern Heights Baptist Church

Due to the ongoing response of Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief to the wildfires across our state, our second meeting of Becoming a Disaster Ready Church has been rescheduled.

Third Thursday Minister Roundtable

Thursday, May 21| 10:00 AM | Network Offices

Approximately every 7 to 10 years churches need to enter a process of renewal. During our Minister's Roundtable, Jeff will be sharing "Leading Your Church in Renewal". 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 7 spots remain. See the attached flyer for details.

WMU … Women on Mission

On Saturday, April 25th volunteers from ORBN churches joined together for a great day of fun and fellowship at the **Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Baxley**. Keeping with our message theme "Hitting the Mark," we had archery and cornhole competitions set up. The afternoon wrapped up with pizza and the giving of "backpacks" made by FBC Statesboro's *Caring Threads.* Please remember these youngsters and this amazing ministry in your prayers.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next Missions Event!

GEORGIA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST BAPTIST NETWORK

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CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Registration for the 12-week intensive CPE summer course is closing soon.
Application deadline is May 4, 2026.
Class start date is June 1, 2026.

If you want, or know someone that may be interested in CPE, we have flexible group meeting times with about 100 certified CPE Supervisors and Educators across the country.

My CPE group affiliate is the Community Chaplain Network and potential students can register at https://communitychaplainnetwork.org/
Military discounts are available.

Blessings,
Nick Spletstoser / Senior Hospice Chaplain, MDiv, MSCC
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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.

MAY *(Focus on Christian Education)*

1 FINAL registration for Camp "I AM" BEGINS
[Forms available on website or at ORBN Office]
3 SBC Seminary Sunday
7 National Day of Prayer
10-17 Associational Missions Emphasis/Page Associational Offering
10 Mother's Day
14 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.
17 Children's Ministry Sunday
21 Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office, 10:00 a.m.
25 Memorial Day, Office Closed
26 Becoming a Disaster Ready Church Training,
Eastern Heights, 6-9 pm.
31 Disaster Relief Sunday

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

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

URGENT NEEDS FOR

COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY WILDFIRES

ITEMS NEEDED:

FOOD:

- Electrolyte drinks (Gatorade, Powerade, packets)
- Protein bars / energy bars
- Trail mix / nuts / jerky
- Coffee (ground, K-cups, bottled)

PERSONAL CARE & HYGIENE:

- Baby wipes / body wipes / wet wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Lip balm
- Sunscreen (SPF 30+)
- Deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Hygiene products
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers (baby & adult)

GEAR SUPPORT & COMFORT

- Work gloves
- Moisture-wicking socks
- Bandanas / neck gaiters
- Cooling towels
- Safety glasses
- Boot insoles
- Flashlights / headlamps
- Batteries (AA, AAA)
- Bug spray/Dryer sheets
- Tarps

MEDICAL & REHAB SUPPLIES:

- Electrolyte tablets
- Instant ice packs
- Burn gel / burn cream
- Basic first aid kits
- Eye wash solution/drops
- Saline spray

MORE INFORMATION

DELIVER ITEMS DIRECTLY TO:
Christian Social Ministries
31 N. Zetterower Ave.
Statesboro, ga.

Bins for drop-off are in the covered area in the parking lot.

Gift Cards are also needed. These can be placed in the large black mailbox next to the drop off location.

For more information, call:
912-512-0107 **OR**
229-425-9726

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Public Reading of God's Word on the Courthouse Lawn

The Statesboro, Bulloch County Community is excited to announce the Public Reading of God's Word on the Courthouse Lawn for 2026!

Starting on Wednesday, May 6th at 8:30 a.m. and ending on Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. we invite everyone to join us for this special time of reading God's Word. Please bring a friend and stay as long as you like while listening to the reading of God's word. This is a very special time as we look ahead to the 250 Year Celebration of the founding of our country. God's word was honored then, let us honor it now. A special event is also taking place in Washington, D.C. on April 18th, "America Reads The Bible." One Week, One Nation, One Book. The Opening Celebration will be April 18, 2026 followed by "America Reads The Bible" from April 19-25, 2026. This event will be available by live stream.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:105

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, May 6th	8:30-12:00 pm	Reading of God's Word
	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Performance by the Boro Community Choir
	1:00 - 8:00 pm	Reading of God's Word
Thursday, May 7th	8:30 - 11:00 pm	Reading of God's Word
	12:00 - 1:00 pm	National Day of Prayer
	1:30 - 8:00 pm.	Reading of God's Word
Friday, May 8th	8:30- 8:00 pm	Reading of God's Word

Ted & Sue Page Associational Missions Week of Prayer

May 10 - 17, 2026

Prayer Guide

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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

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