OGEECHEE RIVER
BAPTIST NETWORK

VISIONARY

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

AUGUST 2026

Greetings From Our Missionary

Welcome to August!
Did you blink? If so, you may have missed summer! While the thermometer still has plenty to say about the season, we all know that a new church year is just around the corner. As you and your church prepare for the fall and beyond, here are a few dates and opportunities to add to your calendar.

Host a Church Presentation
Know Your Network
This 35–40 minute presentation explains why Baptist associations and networks exist, the important work they do, and how your church can become more actively involved.

Leading Your Church in Renewal
This 35–40 minute presentation explores the biblical process of church renewal and explains how and why every church should respond to God's invitation to renewal.

Contact Jeff at the Network office to schedule one or both presentations for your church.

Third Thursday Minister Roundtable
August Topic: *Difficult Conversations*

Roundtables are open to pastors, church staff (paid or volunteer), and ministry leaders for fellowship, prayer, encouragement, and peer-to-peer learning.

Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 PM – Network Office
and
Thursday, August 20, 10:00 AM – Network Office

Student Worship Night
Sunday, September 27, 5:30 PM
First Baptist Church, Statesboro

Baby Comfort Station at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair
October 19–24 | Fairgrounds
Each year the Ogeechee River Baptist Network provides a clean, safe, family-friendly Baby Comfort Station where parents can change diapers, nurse infants, and care for young children while enjoying the fair.

Would your church consider serving one evening by providing a volunteer team to staff the Baby Comfort Station? This simple act of hospitality allows us to demonstrate the love of Christ to hundreds of families in our community.

Network Annual Meeting
Sunday, October 18 | Old Fellowship Baptist Church
4:30 PM – No Sweat Evangelism Training
Learn a practical strategy to equip and mobilize your church for personal evangelism. This workshop is free and open to everyone.
6:00 PM – Annual Meeting
Our guest speaker will be **Dr. Thomas Hammond**, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board. Worship will be led by **Lee Hill**. We look forward to seeing you as we celebrate what God has done through our Network and look ahead to the opportunities He has prepared for us.

Jeff
Your Network Missionary

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be My

SAVE THE DATE!

STUDENT Worship Night Sun., 9/27/2026

Location: FBC Statesboro
Time: 5:30 p.m.
More info coming soon!!!

News from the Churches

LEEFIELD—Wednesdays, beginning 9/2 | 6-7:15 pm: *Legacy Lights!* New youth & children's program. **See ad on next page.*

NEW LIFE—Sat., 8/8 | 6 pm: *Tribute Quartet in Concert!* No tickets required, but a love offering will be taken. Come and bring a friend.

Position Available

PINE GROVE MISSIONARY BC

Children's Director: Modest weekly salary. Anyone interested, please contact Pastor Michael Carroll via email (michael.3.carroll@jci.com) or cell (912-650-0263) to discuss further.

Baby Comfort/Changing Station Meeting

Every Fall, during the school break, Bulloch County enjoys the festivities, food, and fun of the Statesboro Kiwanis Fair. This year the fair is scheduled for ***Monday, October 19 - Saturday, October 24***. One of our network's ongoing ministries is to host the Baby Comfort/Changing Station at the fair, providing a much appreciated safe/clean place for parents to tend to the needs of their young ones. Our network's WMU ministry is now pulling the BCS up under its wings with the goal to utilize it at many more venues.

Some churches have already been in contact with Yvonne Parker, our WMU director, about serving at the fair this year. As we seek to expand this ministry, our aim is to make it an even more productive way of witnessing to others about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With that in mind, there is a Training & Organizational Meeting scheduled for ***Thursday, August 20th at 5:30 p.m.*** Representatives from the churches planning to serve will meet in the ***Averitt Room at FBC Statesboro***.

Questions? Interested in learning more? Contact Yvonne Parker at 912-481-2503.

Member Churches & Missions

Agape
Bethel
Blitchton FBC
Brooklet FBC
Cedar Street
Christ
Clito
Eastern Heights
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
Southbridge Community
Statesboro FBC
Statesboro Korean Mission
Statesboro Mision Bautista
Bethel
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union

2026 CAMP "I AM"

The Storyteller: Life-changing Parables of Jesus was our theme this year for ORBN's 24th annual Camp "I AM" event! There were many NEW adventures—first time at our new location 7th Mile Farm, new sessions with the loss of some beloved activities, all of JR camp only 1 night, SR camp schedule altered, as many new staff members as veterans, reduced kitchen staff with church groups providing in many ways, initiation of new co-directors … Whew! Lots of changes, but overall … it was … AMAZING!!!

Praise the Lord! Children from at least 8 ORBN churches invited friends from at least 5 non-ORBN churches, and with 70 campers and 50 staff members, 2 decisions for salvation were made.

We're already beginning plans for next year's camp so mark your calendars … July 15-23, 2027!

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SAVE THE DATE!

ORBN Annual Meeting Sun., 10/18/2026

Location: Old Fellowship Bapt. Church
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Preceded by No Sweat Evangelism Training from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

August Birthdays

Debbie Marotte	1
Tom Osborne	1
Debbie Vallejo	1
Amy Fowler	3
Azure McDaniel	4
Julian Ward	4
Fred McCoy	8
Don Berry	13
Jeff Parmer	14
Cyd Pagliarullo	18
Jeanie Jewell	25
Sandra Parmer	27
Cathy Tarver	30

August Anniversaries

Chris & Jessica Bryan	6
Tim & Joy Traywick	9
Chris & Amy Fowler	15
Jeff & Sandra Parmer	22
Larry & Connie Saunders	22
Jim & Shelley Savage	23

August Calendar *(Focus on Christian Service)*

2	Send Relief Sunday
9	SBC Serve Sunday
13	Network Administrative Team Meting, ORBN Office | 9 a.m.
18	Third Tuesday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 6 p.m.
20	Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
23	Global Hunger Sunday

September Calendar *(Focus on Next Gen Ministries)*

7	Labor Day, ORBN Office Closed
10	Network Administrative Team Meting, ORBN Office | 9 a.m.
	Network Executive Council Meeting, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
15	Third Tuesday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 6 p.m.
17	Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
19	Children's Missions Day
27	Community-wide Youth Worship Night, FBC Statesboro | 5:30 p.m.
	Caring Well Sunday

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

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Weekly Prayer Guide

Sunday – Worship, Thanksgiving & Spiritual Renewal

Prayer Focus: Thank God for His faithfulness to the Ogeechee River Baptist Network and pray for spiritual renewal across every church. (Psalm 100:1–5 & Psalm 95:1–7)

Pray:

- Thank God for His faithfulness to our Network through the years.
- Thank God for the churches that faithfully proclaim the Gospel.
- Pray for Christ-centered worship and faithful preaching.
- Pray for revival and spiritual awakening throughout our churches.
- Pray that every believer would walk closely with Christ.

Monday – Pastors, Current Leadership & Ministry Teams

Prayer Focus: Thank God for those He has called to lead our Network and pray for pastors, ministry teams, and future leaders. (Hebrews 13:7 & James 1:5)

Pray:

- Thank God for the pastors faithfully shepherding our churches.
- Thank God for the current leadership of the Ogeechee River Baptist Network and ask God to continue giving them wisdom, humility, and courage.
- Pray for the Executive Council and other Network leaders as they make decisions.
- Pray that God would raise up gifted leaders to serve on Network ministry teams
- Pray for spiritual, emotional, and physical health for pastors and ministry leaders.
- Pray for unity and encouragement among those who serve.

Tuesday – Evangelism & Missions

Prayer Focus: Pray that every church would intentionally make disciples locally, across Georgia, North America, and around the world in fulfillment of Acts 1:8 and the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:18–20 & Acts 1:8)

Pray:

- Thank God for churches actively engaging in missions and evangelism.
- Pray for boldness the share the Gospel
- Pray for open doors for community ministry
- Pray for current and future mission partnerships throughout the Network

Prayer Guide Continued on Back

Wednesday – Church Health, Revitalization & Church Planting

Prayer Focus: Pray for healthy churches, renewed congregations, and future church plants that will faithfully proclaim the Gospel throughout our region. (Ephesians 4:11–16 & Revelation 2:4–5)

Pray:

- Thank God for churches that are being faithfully obedient to The Great Commission and The Great Commandment.
- Pray for churches in transition and those needing renewal.
- Pray for future church planters, renewal & ministry leaders.
- Pray for new Gospel-centered churches to be established.

Thursday – Equipping & Leadership Development

Prayer Focus: Pray that God would continue developing leaders throughout every church and every ministry of the Network. (2 Timothy 2:2 & Ephesians 4:11–13)

Pray:

- Thank God for those God is using to equip and train church leadership
- Pray for wisdom for team leaders as they coordinate ministry opportunities.
- Pray for volunteers with willing hearts to serve.
- Pray for effective training that equips churches for ministry.

Friday – Thanksgiving for Partnership & Cooperation

Prayer Focus: Give thanks for the unity and cooperation God has established among the churches of the Ogeechee River Baptist Network and pray that it continues to grow. (Psalm 133:1 & Philippians 1:3–5)

Pray For:

- Thank God for the spirit of partnership and cooperation among our churches.
- Thank God for churches that generously support one another and the Network
- Pray that our unity would always be centered on the Gospel.
- Pray for wisdom as churches work together in missions, training, and ministry.
- Pray that our cooperation would become an even stronger testimony to our communities.

Saturday – The Next Generation & Future Ministry

Prayer Focus: Pray for the next generation of believers to know Christ and faithfully follow Him. Pray that future ministry opportunities remain aligned with the Network's mission and vision. (Deuteronomy 6:4–9 & Psalm 78:4–7)

Pray For:

- Thank God for Camp I AM and its Gospel impact upon children and families.
- Pray for future ministry opportunities that strengthen cooperation among our churches.
- Pray that God would continue raising up the next generation of leaders for the Network.
- Pray for the Baby Comfort Station at the Kiwanis / Ogeechee Fair