SEPTEMBER 2026

"YE SHALL BE WITNESSES UNTO ME..." ACTS 1:8

OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST NETWORK

Visionary

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
Primera Iglesia Bautista Bethel
Pulaski
Register
Salem
Southbridge Community
Statesboro FBC
Statesboro Korean Mission
Temple Hill
Trinity
Union

Greetings From Our Missionary

It is difficult to believe, but this month marks my second anniversary of serving as the Missionary of the Ogeechee River Baptist Network. As I look back over these past two years, I am amazed at how far we have come and all that we have seen God do through His people and our Network. We have completed and implemented a new strategy development plan; we are seeing churches partner together for Gospel-centered ministry; and we are seeing churches strengthened as leaders are trained and equipped for ministry. While we celebrate all that God has done, we keep our hands to the plow (Luke 9:62), knowing that much work remains.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, several dozen volunteers gathered on a Saturday to work together in cleanup efforts across our community. It was an exciting time as we witnessed people from different churches, different parts of the state, and with different skill sets partner together to serve and bless those in need. It took everyone working together to accomplish the task at hand.

That same principle of partnership and cooperation is essential if we are to carry out the Great Commission. No one can do it alone; no church can do it alone. We need one another, and we need you.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Missionary. I am grateful for what God has done, excited about what He is doing, and expectant about what He will continue to do through His churches working together.

Check out some of the opportunities below and make your plans to join us. Together, let's continue keeping our hands to the plow and faithfully pursuing the mission God has given us.

In Christ,
Jeff

Minister Roundtables
September Topic: *The Speed of Trust*

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

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 PM – Network Office
and
Thursday, September 17, 10:00 AM – Network Office

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

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.

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.

September Birthdays

7 Gerald Jones
9 Carolina Sontay
Cynthia Waters
17 Tara Feldkamp
22 Albert Hodges
24 Mike Howard
30 Patrick McElveen

September Anniversaries

11 Gerald & Janice Jones
18 Taekgoo & Mi Ra Kang
20 Dave & Yvonne Parker
30 Steve & Regis Kimbrell

News from Our Churches

EMIT GROVE—Sunday, 9/20: *Homecoming!* Emit Grove Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming with dinner on the grounds following the morning worship service.

FRIENDSHIP—Mondays, beginning 8/24 | 6 pm: *Ladies Monday Night Bible Study!* Will be held in the Student Building. For more info, contact Lori Spence at 912.865.4165. All ladies welcome!

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

NEW LIFE—*(1)***Sat., 9/12 | 9-11 am:** *Operation Christmas Child Project Leader Workshop! (2)***Sun., 9/27:** *Operation Christmas Child Kick Off! **See added info on page 3.* Drop-off schedule will be posted soon.

ORBN CHURCHES WORKING TOGETHER ...

1st Annual

BROOKLET HARVEST FEST 2026

October 31, 2026

Brooklet Harvest Fest is being hosted by Brooklet First Baptist Church and Leefield Baptist Church as a way to serve and love our neighbors. We want to bring everyone together for a night of fun and provide opportunities for community involvement in a safe environment. Everyone welcome to join us for this alternative to Halloween!

More information coming soon ...

... TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL

LADIES ... Take some time away with the Lord and like-minded women to refocus on His calling to a singular pursuit. Join other Georgia Baptist Women as we worship the Lord together and be equipped to stand firm, strive together, and walk in a manner worthy of the gospel every single day. For more info & registration go to https://georgiabaptistwomen.org/womenseries/

For more info, go to https://www.thesparkconference.com/2026_dates

GA Baptist Children's Home, Baxley Campus

The ORBN Office received a letter from the Children's Home in Baxley thanking the network's churches for the much-appreciated donations of gift cards, checks, grocery and household items given during this year's drive. Your associational leadership also thanks you, our churches, for your generosity to this worthy ministry.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

To join in the gift-giving ...

1 - **Use** regular-sized shoeboxes or special OCC box
(If you wrap it, do lid & box separately.)
2 - **Label** your gift with BOY or GIRL (*ages: 2-4; 5-9; 10-14*)
(Can print labels from website.)
3 - **Fill** with gifts (*website has suggestions in "How to Pack" section)*
4 - **Pray** for God to use your gift to bless the child who will receive it
5 - **Include** $10 donation per box gifts (*for shipping & other costs)*
6 - **Drop off** (*Collection week: November 16 - 23, 2026. Our Network drop-off locations are Emit Grove in Bulloch County and New Life in Candler County. Dates and times will be shared soon.*)

** For more info go to: https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ OR to OCC's new Amazon storefront: https://www.amazon.com/shop/operationchristmaschild

No Sweat Evangelism Training

October 18
4:30 p.m.

(Prior to Annual Mtg.)

Old Fellowship

Associational Annual Meeting

October 18
6-8 p.m.

Old Fellowship

MOVE Conference

January 1-2, 2027
Wild Adventures,
Valdosta, GA

A conference focused on youth evangelism and spiritual growth for middle and high school students. For more info, go to https://moveconference.com/

CONCLAVE

A training conference to equip and rejuvenate your youth ministry team. January 28-30, 2027 Chattanooga Convention Center. For more info, go to https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/conclave 27/631901

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Ministry Missives

Just a few administrative items prior to the Annual Meeting:

⇒ ACP Contacts ... Please get the Church Reports and Leadership Profiles completed by 9/30, along with emailing me names for the Memorials.

⇒ Ministry leaders ... If I've requested a report for the Book of Reports from you and you have not already done so, please get that to me by 9/25.

⇒ Pastors ... If you haven't already, please return an updated Minister Profile Sheet to ORBN office

For more information contact Tracey Radney at Eastern Heights (912) 764-9151.

Calendar

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

SEPTEMBER *(Focus on Next Gen Ministries)*

7 Labor Day, Office Closed
10 Network Administrative Team Meeting, 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
30 ACP's Due

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

TBD Network's WMU Fall Event
4 Cooperative Program Sunday
8 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office | 9 a.m.
11 Pastor Appreciation Day
12 Columbus Day
15 Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
18 "No Sweat" Evangelism Training, Old Fellowship BC | 4:30 p.m.
ORBN Annual Meeting, Old Fellowship BC | 6-8 p.m.
Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
25 Student Baptism Sunday