Visionary
OCTOBER 2026
OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST NETWORK
"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me ..." Acts 1:8

ANNUAL FALL MEETING

October 18, 2026 | 6:00 p.m.
Old Fellowship Baptist Church
(5526 U.S. Highway 80, Brooklet)
Worship led by Lee Hill
Special Guest: Dr. Thomas Hammond, Exec. Dir., Georgia Baptist Mission Board

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Preceded by the "No Sweat Evangelism" training from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the same location.
NO Cost … Everyone Welcome!

ACP's are DUE…
If your church's not completed, please do so by Monday, Oct. 5th!

GREETINGS FROM OUR MISSIONARY

One of the many highlights across the Network in recent days has been the willingness of churches to partner together for ministry. The partnership and cooperation between churches is not only biblical, but it also has the effect of sharing in the Kingdom work and spreading the Gospel wider and farther than any one church could do on its own. Here are just a few examples of partnership and cooperation that have taken place or are currently ongoing across our Network:

¨ **Practical Preaching Workshop:** Middle Baptist Association, Tattnall-Evans Baptist Association, Ogeechee River Baptist Network, and Guido Bible College partnered together to provide an eight-week training opportunity for pastors and those wanting to grow in their Bible teaching skills. Approximately 15 men completed the workshop.

¨ **Brooklet Harvest Fest:** First Baptist Brooklet and Leefield Baptist Church have partnered together to provide a fun, family-oriented, Gospel-centered Halloween alternative for the Brooklet community on Saturday, October 31. (Volunteers are still needed to help. If your church is interested in serving, please contact Scott Redding or Patrick McElveen.)

¨ **Encounter:** Three Network churches—FBC Metter, Cedar St. Baptist, and New Life Baptist—in partnership with the Christian Learning Center and other like-minded churches in the area, are working together to intentionally reach students with the Gospel. Two worship nights and an event for Summer 2027 have been planned.

¨ **Baby Comfort Station at the Kiwanis Ogeechee Fair, October 19–24:** 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. This year, approximately eight churches, in cooperation with the Network Women's Ministry, are working together to serve families visiting the Kiwanis Fair.

In the days ahead, there will be even more opportunities for churches to join together in cooperative ministry. Begin praying about how your church can be a part of the Kingdom work taking place across your Network.

In Christ,
Jeff

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES



BROOKLET SOCCER FIELD
OCTOBER 31st **6:00-8:00 p.m.**

BROOKLET FBC & LEEFIELD—Sat., 10/31 | 6-8 pm: *1st Annual Brooklet Harvest Fest!* Our two churches are hosting this event 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!

EASTERN HEIGHTS—Sat., 10/24 | 7-9 pm: : *It's a FAMILY AFFAIR!* Free event … Confronting the Family Skeletons: How Our Past Affects Everyone, and How We Can Respond. (*see insert)

EMIT GROVE—Mon., 11/16-Mon.,11/23: *Operation Christmas Child!* We are a Bulloch County drop-off location for OCC Shoeboxes. Times will be posted on the website [*https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/*] in early October.

EXCELSIOR—Wed., 10/28 | 5-8 pm: *Fall Festival!* Everyone welcome.

FRIENDSHIP—Sun., 10/25 | 5-7 pm: *Fall Festival / Truck-or-Treat!* Food. Fun. Games. Inflatables.

OLD FELLOWSHIP—(1) **Sun., 10/18 | 4:30-5:30 pm:** *No Sweat Evangelism training!* No cost. Everyone welcome! (2) **Sun., 10/18 | 6:00 pm:** *ORBN's 103rd Annual Meeting!* (*see insert)

NEW LIFE—Mon., 11/16-Mon.,11/23: *Operation Christmas Child!* We are a Candler County drop-off location for OCC Shoeboxes. Times will be posted on the website [*https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/*] in early October.

GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

One-day Evangelism Conference >> Annual Meeting at Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins, is scheduled for November 9, 2026. This will be a powerful day of equipping and encouraging our pastors, church staff, and church volunteers for the work of the Gospel.

What to Expect:

- 15 breakout sessions, offered twice across two sessions — each attendee has a chance to choose 2 breakouts
- Topics cover evangelism & outreach — including student / children's / women's / personal evangelism, and more
- Powerful, Christ-centered worship
- Three outstanding keynote speakers

Breakout leaders/topics and Keynote Speakers can be viewed & registration completed at https://gbcevangelismconferences.com/

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

January 28-30, 2027
Chattanooga Convention Center

A training conference to equip and rejuvenate your youth ministry team. For more info, go to https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/conclave27/631901

POSITION AVAILABLE

Excelsior Baptist Church

Seeking a **Children & Youth Director.** Duties mainly assigned to Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Compensation TBD. Anyone interested, please contact Pastor Jeff Hicks via email (brojhicks@hotmail.com) or cell (731-307-8280) to discuss further.

Foundations Resource Center will host its 6th annual **Gingerbread House Market** on **Tuesday, November 17th, from 5-7 PM at The Foxhall in Statesboro.** Please note that this is a change from the event's usual date and location!

The community is invited to enjoy an evening of holiday festivities, including shopping, live music, and more, with all proceeds benefiting FRC's mission of walking alongside local families.

FRC is currently seeking local individuals and businesses to donate items for the market, including arts and crafts, baked goods, gift baskets, and other unique items. If you are interested in donating, please contact Jessica at **(912) 515-8576**.



Middleground Ladies Bible Study Groups is established through JESUS ROCKS Ministries, a mission ministry of Eastern Heights Baptist Church. JESUS ROCKS Ministries focuses on reaching those outside the walls of the church. *(Some previous events of this ministry include VBS & Bible Clubs at the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, and Seeds of Love—sharing God's love in various small ways throughout the community, such as laundry mat outreach & bringing treats to the fire department, etc…)*



ALL are WELCOME! Currently attending are members from Eastern Heights Baptist Church, Clito Baptist Church, FBC Statesboro, a Baptist church in Eastman, and a few "unchurched" at the moment.

To everything there is a season, / A time for every purpose under heaven: *Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NKJV)*

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



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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11	Josiah McDaniel
13	Debbie Hodges
22	Helen Huffingham
22	Taek Kang
26	Greg Abercrombie
26	Brady Boyett



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CALENDAR

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 p.m.
Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
25 Student Baptism Sunday

NOVEMBER *(Focus on Christian Compassion)*

1 Daylight Saving Time Ends
1 Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
8 Orphans & Widows Sunday
9-10 GBC Annual Meeting, Second Baptist Church, Warner Robins
11 Veteran's Day
12 Network Administrative Team Meeting, ORBN Office | 9 a.m.
12 Network Executive Council Meeting, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
19 Third Thursday Roundtable, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
25-27 Thanksgiving Holiday, Office Closed
29- Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering

DECEMBER *(Focus on International Missions)*

-6 Week of Prayer for International Missions & Lottie Moon Offering
10 Network Executive Council Meeting, ORBN Office | 10 a.m.
22-25 Christmas Holiday, Office Closed (reopen January 4, 2027)
Christmas Day

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

OGEECHEE RIVER BAPTIST NETWORK

Baby Comfort Station Seven-Day Prayer Guide

Day 1 — God's Purpose
Proverbs 16:3 "Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established."

Pray for: *God to use the Baby Comfort Station for His glory and to make it a visible expression of Christ's love and compassion in our community.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for the opportunity to serve families in Jesus' name.*

Day 2 — Parents & Caregivers
Isaiah 66:13 "As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."

Pray for: *Mothers, fathers, grandparents, guardians, and all caregivers who nurture and care for children. Ask God to give them wisdom, strength, patience, and encouragement as they fulfill the responsibility of caring for those entrusted to them.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers who faithfully provide love, protection, nurture, and care for children.*

Day 3 — Babies & Children
Scripture — Matthew 19:14 "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

Pray for: *The health, safety, and well-being of every baby and child, and that they would grow up surrounded by loving families and godly influences.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for the precious gift of life and for Jesus' special love for children.*

Day 4 — Families
Joshua 24:15 "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Pray for: *Marriages and families encountered through this ministry. Ask God to strengthen parents, encourage caregivers, and bring healing where families are struggling.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for the families in our communities and for the church's opportunity to encourage and strengthen them.*

Prayer Guide Continues on Back

Day 5 — Volunteers & Churches
Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”

Pray for: *Every volunteer and church involved in the Baby Comfort Station. Ask God to give them joy, patience, compassion, and unity as they serve.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for faithful volunteers, cooperating churches, and the opportunity to work together for the sake of the Gospel.*

Day 6 — Gospel Opportunities
Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”

Pray for: *Open doors for meaningful conversations and opportunities to demonstrate and share the love of Jesus with families who visit the station.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God that simple acts of kindness can become opportunities to build relationships and point people to Christ.*

Day 7 — Our Community & The Future
Jeremiah 29:7 “But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

Pray for: *The communities served by the Ogeechee River Baptist Network. Ask God to use the Baby Comfort Station to build bridges between churches and families and open new doors for ministry.*

Give Thanks: *Thank God for the opportunity to serve our community today while investing in the spiritual future of the next generation.*

“Let all that you do be done in love.” — 1 Corinthians 16:14
Pray. Serve. Encourage. Connect. Point people to Jesus.

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JOIN US FOR

ANNUAL MEETING & CELEBRATON

SUNDAY

OCT. 18 2026

6 P M

Worship Led by Lee Hill

Special Guest:
Dr. Thomas Hammond
Executive Director
Georgia Baptist Mission Board

NO SWEAT EVANGELISM

4:30-5:30 P M
NO COST/
EVERYONE
WELCOME

HOSTED BY:

Old Fellowship Baptist Church
5526 US 80
Brooklet, GA 30415



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IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR
Confronting the Family Skeletons: How Our Pasts Affect Everyone, and How We Can Respond

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT
Hosted by: Celebrate Recovery & Eastern Heights Women's Ministry
SATURDAY Oct. 24, 7-9 PM, Childcare available for birth to 5th grade
EASTERN HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH 23805 US Hwy. 80 East, Statesboro, GA
PRESENTERS: JONATHON M. SEIDL AND CAROLINE BEIDLER, MSW

Caroline Beidler, **MSW**, is an author and recovery advocate and the Managing Editor of Recovery.com, a company that combines research with expert guidance on addiction and mental health treatment. She is the author of three books: *Downstairs Church*, *You Are Not Your Trauma*, and *When You Love Someone in Recovery: A Hopeful Guide for Understanding Addiction*. Caroline has built a global community of recovery supporters through her newsletter, Circle of Chairs and co-leads a global research initiative on family recovery.

Jonathon M. Seidl is a bestselling author, speaker, storyteller, and founder of Veritas Recovery, a nonprofit ministry focused on faith, addiction recovery, and mental health. He is the Life Recovery pastor at Rockhill Baptist Church in Brownsboro, TX. Author of two books*: Finding Rest: A Survivor's Guide to Navigating the Valleys of Anxiety, Faith, and Life* and *Confessions of a Christian Alcoholic.*

We all have something. Something we hide. Something we wish we could change, but may not be ready to admit. Something we use to cope. But whether we turn to alcohol or other drugs, approval, control, achievement, relationships, or something else, we all have ways of escaping what we don't want to face.

In two candid and complementary talks, Jonathon Seidl and Caroline Beidler explore both sides of honest struggle: finding the courage to admit when something has a hold on us and learning how to love someone who struggles.

In **"Confronting Your Past, in Your Present, for a Better Future,"** Jon will draw from his own experiences with family dysfunction, mental health issues, and the unhealthy ways he learned to cope, Jon shows how the parts of our stories we refuse to confront continue shaping our relationships, choices, and futures.

In **"How to Love Someone Who Struggles,"** Caroline will turn the focus toward what happens when another person's struggle affects us. How do we respond and what can we do when someone we love refuses—or simply is not yet able—to recognize that anything is wrong?



Together, these talks remind us that struggling people are not a separate category of people. We all struggle, and we will all love someone who does. Jon invites us to become honest about what is ours; Caroline shows us how to respond wisely to what someone else carries that affects us.

Topics:

- Recognize both the obvious and socially acceptable ways we hide, cope, escape, and seek control.
- Admit when a pattern, pain, or behavior has more influence over us than we want to acknowledge.
- Understand how family dysfunction, mental health, and past experiences can shape our present without using them to excuse our choices.
- Respond with wisdom and compassion when someone admits they are struggling.
- Know what to do when a loved one refuses/is not yet ready to acknowledge that they have a problem.
- Offer support without enabling, controlling, shaming, or abandoning healthy boundaries.
  Help create relationships in which honesty is met with both grace and truth.

JOIN US! This event is for everyone because all have something.

JUDGEMENT DAY 2026



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SPIRITUAL WARFARE

WHEN:
OCTOBER 25-29
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM DAILY

WHERE:
WEST MILLEN BAPTIST CHURCH
549 US HWY 25
MILLEN, GA 30442

Free admission

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