

Ogeechee Missions Visionary

Member Churches and Missions

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- Lawrence
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- Merrywood
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- Statesboro FBC
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- Statesboro Korean Mission
- Temple Hill
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Greetings From Our Missionary

PLEASE PRAY: as I write this article on August 22 our Associational Administrative Assistant, Nancy Brisendine, has been in considerable pain and unable to walk for over three weeks. An MRI indicated issues with her spine. She will see a neurosurgeon next week. Please pray that God will show the doctor what needs attention and guide him in doing all that can be done humanly. Then ask God to touch Nancy with His healing hand, relieve her pain and restore her ability to walk. Debbie Marotte has been filling in for Nancy on a part-time basis and has been doing a great job.

September is the month Georgia Baptists focus on missions here in

our state through the Mission Georgia Offering. The theme this year is Ageless based on Ephesians 3:21, "to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." (NKJV) Our goal this year is \$1.75 Million, all of which will be used for missions here in Georgia. Please seek the Lord's leadership and support missions here in our state as He leads you.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has finished their work and we will mail a copy of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws along with the updated Policy and Procedures Manual to each church in the association by mid-

September. If you have any questions or concerns about either of

these documents we ask you to please contact a member of the committee or me as your Associational Missionary. A list of committee members and their contact information will be included in my cover letter which will be sent along with these documents.

Please remember our Associational Annual Meeting is October 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM at FBC Brooklet. Among other things we will be taking a vote on the adoption of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws along with the updated Policy and Procedures Manual. I hope your church will have several messengers there.

Serving alongside you,
Greg Abercrombie

Christmas BACKPACKS



Backpacks of Hope is now *Christmas Backpacks* and includes children/youth in Appalachia AND the children/youth in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia. This year's goal is 40,000, and all Georgia Baptist churches can help meet the physical and spiritual needs of these children/youth by participating in meeting this goal.

You will find the guidelines and basic information on the website, including registration . (<http://missiongeorgia.org/backpacks-of-hope/>) *Registration is required for the required printed materials to be sent and for planning and tracking.

LOCAL *Christmas Backpacks*. Same as above except going directly to the children/teens of Wheeler County, GA. You can drop off backpacks at the Annual Fall Celebration (FBC Lyons on 10/14 at 6PM) or during collection week (11/5-11/7 from 9AM-2:30PM). *PLEASE NOTE: backpacks should be clear as required by Wheeler Co. Schools.

You're Invited!

What: CONCERT
GOLD CITY QUARTET

Where: FBC Statesboro
108 N. Main St.
Statesboro, Georgia
(In the Worship Center)

When: Sunday, Sept. 16
At 6:00 P.M.

IN THEATERS:

Released on August 24th:
BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN

For two days only ...
September 13th & 15th:

MOSES

To be released on September 14:

UNBROKEN: Path to
Redemption

For ONE NIGHT only ...
October 30th:

RUSS TAFF: I STILL
BELIEVE

News From Our Churches

BROOKLET—Sept. Events: (1) We'll have a booth at the Annual Brooklet Peanut Festival (9/15); stop by & say "hello." (2) YOU'RE INVITED...5th Sunday Family & Friends Day—an ole' timey peanut boil, with hotdogs & ice cream; plus water slides for kiddos. It's all free! Sept. 30 from 4PM—7PM. (3) Titus 2 Ladies' Bible Study returns 2nd & 4th Mon. at 6:30PM. Supper & child care provided. Fall session starts 9/10. For more info call 912-655-3642. News from our Pews: (1) Baptized 12 new members into our faith family—all saved during summer VBS! (2) Hosted "Free Haircut Day" for families who may not have been able to afford that back-to-school luxury. RESULT>3

professional stylists cut 60 heads of hair; 90 book bags filled with school supplies were distributed; 1 teen gave his heart to Jesus; several prospective families including 7 new church bus riders were welcomed. (3) Prepared for revival with unbroken prayer chain: 58 hours of uninterrupted prayer. (4) The Lord greatly blessed our week-end revival event with 13 salvations, plus rededications, new members, new ministry started & several prospective families. (3) Homecoming for Brooklet First serving this community for 111 years.

EMIT GROVE—REVIVAL/HOMECOMING: Our homecoming is Sept. 16, and it will kick

off our Revival. Sun.—services at our regular times with dinner after morning worship and supper at 5PM prior to evening svc. at 6. Mon.(9/17)—Thurs.(9/20) services at 7PM with a meal at 5:45PM.

METTER—(1) We welcome Jason Kelley to our staff. Jason is our new Associate Pastor to Families. (2) Ladies' Exercise: Mon. & Wed. at 9AM. (3) Kicks for Christ (Tae Kwon Do): Mondays at 6:45PM in Fellowship Hall. (4) Youth Prayer Breakfasts: Tuesdays at 7AM. (4) Christmas BACKPACKS: mission trip to Early County for distribution 11/30—12/1.



Events of Interest ...

Sons of Jubal Concert (9/13)—at Warren Baptist Church, Augusta

Kids in the Word XTREME EVENT—an opportunity to connect kids to God's Word. This is a 1-day event for 1st-6th grade children & their leaders. It will include tracks for younger kids, older kids & leaders. Three to choose from: 9/15 @FBC Douglasville; 9/15 @ FBC Douglas & 9/22 @ FBC Hartwell. For more info (including cost) go to <https://gabaptist.org/event/kids-in-word-xtreme>

NAMB PASTER GATHERING (9/19—9/20) in Alpharetta, GA—Centered Around Family: For Pastors and Their Wives. Contact us: (phone) 770-410-6000, (toll free for continental US & Canada) 800-634-2462, or (email) info@namb.net.

Sons of Jubal Concert (10/4)—at Georgia Baptist Conference Center; Toccoa, GA

Jubalheir Concert (10/5)—at Macland Baptist Church; Powder Springs, GA

GO:21 (10/6—10/7) @ Pinnacle Retreat Center in Duluth, GA. GO:21 is a mission immersion weekend for middle & high school students sponsored by Georgia Baptist Women, Georgia Baptist Student Groups & Faith Development, and Northeast area missions. For more info go to GABAPTIST.ORG/GO21

Senior Adult Choir Festival (10/15—10/16)—at Georgia Baptist Conference Center; Toccoa, GA

Fall Homecoming with Senior Adult Choir (10/17—10/19)—at Georgia Baptist Conference Center; Toccoa

SURGE150—date changed to June 17-22, 2019—Surge is a summer music camp. For info call Judy Crumley (770)936-5264

Update from the BCM

Since Friday, we have given out almost 3000 flyers on campus as well as 1500 donut holes and 600 bottles of water to use as ways to start Gospel Conversations. We had our largest crowd in years for our first BCM Worship. It has been amazing! So many meaningful conversations have begun and are continuing.

On Saturday night, our student leaders and campus ministry staff attended Day One—several hours of free food and a wide variety of fun team games sponsored by the University—at the athletic fields. It is specifically for Freshmen. During the evening, I noticed a freshman girl who looked like a very sad, scared, lost puppy dog. I approached her and started talking with her. She said she didn't know anyone; she couldn't find her roommates and she didn't know what to do. As she talked, I realized everything she was looking for is covered by our BCM's purpose and mission's statement for being at GSU. As we talked, I saw several of the girls from the BCM, and I asked her if she was ready to meet some new friends. The BCM girls were so welcoming, taking her under their wing, walking around with her and introducing her to other BCMers. We invited her to come to church with us the next morning, and she

said she might but her grandmother and brother were coming into town to bring her some of her stuff. I told her they were welcome to join us. The three of them came and even attended the dinner provided by First Baptist after the worship service. The sat with some of the girls she had met the night before. The grandmother thanked the FBC staff for caring about college students, and when I talked with her she said our ministry was an answer to their prayers for her granddaughter. Since then, this girl has attended most everything we have done, even signing up for a freshman family group Bible Study. It was such a blessing to see her surrounded by and interacting with her new friends.

Today during the second seating of our luncheon, several students noticed that someone was trying to come into the luncheon through the handicap access door. The girl was using an electric wheelchair. One of our girls helped her go through the buffet and sat with her at a table. After the devotional, the BCM student continued to sit and talk with the girl. I went over and talked to her for a while. When I asked how she found out about the BCM, she said her dad had told her she should get involved, but she was

hesitant because of her disabilities. She's an upperclassmen who has passed our BCM Center for several years, but has resisted coming in every time. Today, however, she said something was drawing her in she could not resist. Both the BCM student and I talked with her a while longer. Later that afternoon, the BCM student came to me and shared a text she'd received from the new girl. Here it is: "Thank you for listening. I have no one to talk to so I end up holding stuff in. I hope I didn't bore you. People tend to avoid me because I am disabled but you guys at the BCM welcomed me, fed me, and let me talk. I have never had that before. I am still holding back tears of gratefulness."

Another amazing story: Last night, as the internationals returned from being taken to Walmart by BCM students, the Survival Daze Girls and Guys Night Out were beginning at the BCM. One of the international guys asked what was going on. He decided to stay—I'm not sure whether it was for the free food or to make friends. Several of the BCM guys were intentional in talking with him and explaining about the BCM ministry and why we're here at GSU.

SAVE-THE-DATE

What: Camp "I Am"
2019

Where: W.W. Mann Center

When: (CIA-Jr.) July 8-12
(CIA-Sr.) July 15-19



Our community is a mission field with many people who need to know that Jesus loves them and has a plan for their lives and that God's people care about them! There are many different ways you could serve year round in this community outreach mission that reaches out with VBS/Bible Club type outreaches in community locations such as the Boys and Girls Club. Volunteers are welcome throughout the year to lead or help with a craft, praise & worship, games, teaching a class, sponsoring Bibles, donating craft supplies, providing snacks, etc. We have seen 41 salvation decisions this year plus many rededications. There are many more children, youth, and families who are in need of the HOPE that JESUS provides and many who need to be disciplined. Will you be a part?

If you would like to help with this mission outreach in our community, please contact Tracey Radney at 912-690-6561 or traceyradney@gmail.com.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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1	Claire Pagliarullo	3	Joel David & Elizabeth Hoeger
2	Kenneth Green	7	Travis & Diane Moore
15	Nancy Kent	18	Taek & Mira Kang
18	Christopher Hodges	25	Alan & Nell McCoy
18	Donna Long		
22	Albert Hodges		
29	Ted Page		
30	Genia Crosby		



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for all of the donations & continued support.
"Your financial support helps us continue to offer great
summers and new beginnings to all the children in our care."

**Mission Statement of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association:
 We exist to help our churches in fulfilling the Great Commission.**



CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

- Hispanic Fall Retreat
- Season of Prayer for Mission Georgia and Offering
- 2 Single Adult Sunday
- 3 Labor Day - Office closed
- 14-15 WOM Series (formerly Prayer Retreat) - Pinnacle Retreat Center
- 16 Anti-Gambling Sunday
- 27 Executive Council - ORBA Office - 9:00 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 7 Personal Evangelism Commitment Day
- 14 Global Hunger Sunday
- 16 Boss's Day
- 21 Associational Fall Meeting - Brooklet FBC - 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Clint Sullens, Speaker
- 23 WOM Banquet/Meeting - Statesboro FBC - 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 5 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
- 6 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12-13 GA Baptist Convention Meeting - Warner Robbins
- 15 Executive Council - ORBA office - 9:00 a.m.
- 21-23 Thanksgiving holidays - Office closed

DECEMBER

- 2-9 Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Offering
- 20-Jan 2 Office closed for Christmas holidays
- 25 Christmas