

“Mann UP!”

**Funding the
Future for ORBA’s**

W.W. Mann Conference and Retreat Center



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For Now, AND later!”**

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Who is ORBA?

Currently, thirty-nine churches make up the body of followers of Christ known as the Ogeechee River Baptist Association (ORBA). These missionary Baptist churches are located in Bulloch, Candler, and northern Bryan counties. They have voluntarily banded together to reach a unity and effectiveness in ministry that would have most likely eluded them if sought as individual congregations. The Purpose of ORBA is clear and directive. “We exist to help our churches in fulfilling the Great Commission.” This Great Commission is Christ’s charge and command: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20

What is the WW Mann Center?

The WW Mann Conference and Retreat Center is a 75 acre campground owned by ORBA and located near Brooklet, GA, in rural Bulloch County. The Center is designed to provide a serenely rural, semi-isolated, worshipful atmosphere for groups who want to think and pray, recharge their emotional and mental engines, and/or have opportunities to “grow deeper” in their walk with Christ. It is a prime location where folks can get away from the “hustle and bustle” of everyday life and relax, meditate, pray, and “recoup” from the stress and strain of our “fast-paced” society. The Center has overnight cabins that sleep up to 25 people each, a small dining hall/meeting room, a larger dining hall/meeting room, a chapel that seats approximately 100, a lodge with private rooms, a gazebo, and an amphitheater.



Who can use the Mann Center?

The Mann Center rents out facilities to church groups, school groups, private citizens, and others, as long as they adhere to our policy of making sure their actions glorify God. Small group retreats, teaching conferences, and weekend gatherings find the Mann Center a great venue for their purposes. Annually, ORBA sponsors two weeks of children’s summer camp known as “Camp I AM.” Life-changing decisions for Christ form a staple in the fabric of “retreat and camp life.”

How is the Mann Center maintained and operationally funded?

The vast majority of the Mann Center’s annual budget comes from fees paid by groups and individuals who use the facility. This income each year is barely enough to fund required facilities and grounds upkeep and maintenance, minor repairs, and workers’ salaries. This income resource certainly cannot fund major repairs and improvements, or the purchase of needed, new equipment. In the early years of the Mann Center’s existence, churches built buildings, worked with landscaping, and offered help with minor maintenance and repairs. The passing of time has taken its toll. Now is the time for a major facelift and updating.

Why is the Mann Center unique in Georgia and important to ORBA?

Though camp grounds like the Mann Center were once found liberally scattered across the state, only about a dozen are still functioning today. In its 43rd year, the Mann Center has been transformed from the farmland it was when it was gifted to the Association. Over the decades, the churches of ORBA have prayed together, planned and developed a unique camping vision, given financially, and worked cooperatively to develop this wonderful facility. Now it is time for us to re-think, envision anew, and stand up once again with our support for this worthy cause.

**IT IS TIME FOR US... ALL OF US TOGETHER,
TO MANN UP! TO THE TASK!** Please turn this brochure over to discover three ways you and your church can help us Mann UP for the WW Mann Center.

THREE WAYS WE MUST FINANCE THE FUTURE OF THE MANN CENTER

GIFTS IN KIND”...

“Gifts In Kind” provide a great hands-on opportunity for the people of your congregation to get involved, find their place of service, and invest personal “sweat equity” in the Mann Center. These commitments can match a specific work project, clearly described and defined, so a church can gather together, work and serve together, and experience the wonder of successful investment in a worthwhile service for others. All “In Kind” work of volunteers will be under the direct, onsite supervision of their church’s team leader, who will coordinate these effort with and under the direction of the Mann Center Director.

CASH GIFTS FOR IMMEDIATE USE...

“Cash Gifts” are always welcome. These gifts fund the employment of professional maintenance services, paying for “major” repairs, and/or the purchase of needed new or replacement equipment. These funds are to be used at the discretion of those who have been tasked with the running and upkeep of the Center.

BUILD THE “WW MANN CENTER” TRUST FUND...

“Trust funds” are a major long-term investment in the support of the Mann Center. The corpus of the Trust is held for ORBA by the Georgia Baptist Foundation, and only the annual interest that is accrued by the fund can be used by ORBA, and only for direct support of the Center. The Trust Fund is a long term investment and support in behalf of future generations of the ORBA family.

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"GIFTS IN KIND"...

The leadership of the Mann Center has worked diligently to develop a list of the top 25 "Gifts in Kind" projects that are currently needed. More than that, they have given a careful description of each project and prioritized them in the order that they are needed... TODAY. Here are your top _ opportunities!

1. New LED lighting in Sarah Miller Cafeteria ...

Estimated value = \$ 1,500.00
12 light fixtures >> AntLux 4ft., Flush Mount, Puff Lights >> neutral white >> 48in. Linear Kitchen Ceiling lighting (\$39.99 ea. on Amazon + tax > est. cost \$520) [2 people, approx. 16 hours]

2. Maintenance/repair of Ginn Lodge ...

Estimated value = \$4,000.00
8 Doors replaced >> Steel, exterior doors (approx. \$140 ea.) >> painted white, [4 people, approx. 8 hours]
Redo siding (with vinyl would be best) Restrooms repaired

3. New LED lighting Morris, WMU & Brotherhood cabins

Estimated value = \$3,000 (\$1,000 per bldg.)
10 fixtures per building >> AntLux 4ft., Flush Mount, Puff Lights >> neutral white >> 48in. Linear Kitchen Ceiling lighting (\$39.99 ea. on Amazon >> est. cost \$1,256) [2 people, approx. 14 hours - per building] estimated cost per building = \$432

4. Rebuild Sarah Mann Amphitheater ...

Estimated value = \$6,400.00 50 benches (1 board wide) >> 2in. x 10in. x 16ft. Prime Pressure Treated Lumber (\$39.57 ea. at LOWE's) Bases using 4"x4" post & 2"x4" boards >> 50 (4x4x12 Prime Pressure Treated cut into 3) \$16.98 ea. & 50 (2x4x12 Prime Pressure Treated cut into 6) \$8.88 ea. Paint >> Valspar Barn & Fence Flat Red Exterior 2 (5gal. = \$78 ea.) (exact amount of hardware/brushes/paint pans etc... unknown). Est. cost \$3,300 [6 people, approx. 3 days]

5. New electric motor for fountain

Estimated value = \$600.00
1 motor >> Baldor-Reliance motor, JSL525A, 1 hp, 3450 rpm (\$336.26 at Global Industrial) [1 person, approx. 3-4 hours]

6. Outside maintenance/repair of Chapel

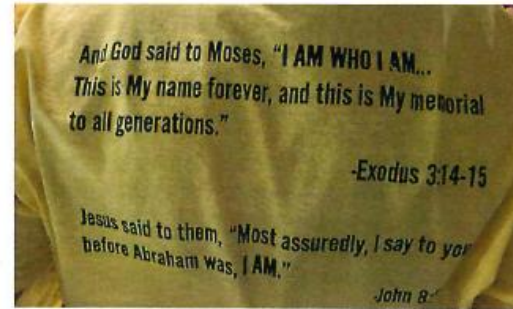
Estimated value = \$2,500.00
Painting: Valspar Barn & Fence Flat White Exterior paint for trim Valspar Barn & Fence Flat Red Exterior paint for structure, handrails & security lights (\$78 per 5 gal. >> est. amount 2 white & 4 red, 3 people, approx. 2 days] will need a lift)

Please see the full list of all 25 Opportunities. Now you can take a list of options for local mission projects home to your church family. Choose well, but please DO CHOOSE... AND SOON! Thank you!

CASH GIFTS FOR IMMEDIATE USE.....

"Cash Gifts" for immediate use are always a great blessing to any ministry. Why? Let us help you count some of the ways:

- ◆ They make it possible for pay for needed professional services... especially those that are unexpected, such as HVAC repairs and replacement, and furnishing upgrades.
- ◆ They allow administrators to set schedules and fund maintenance projects and upkeep plans.
- ◆ Administrators and directors are freed to make decisions as specific needs and circumstances shift and change.
- ◆ When these cash gifts are added to the rental fees paid by groups that use the Center, there is a new freedom to make needed adjustments... such as possible increases in salaries for workers, OR a decrease in the amount charged to ORBA churches when they make reservations for use of the Center, OR possibly BOTH!



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The funds in the Trust will actually be property of the Ogeechee River Baptist Association. They will be held by the Georgia Baptist Foundation (GBF). The GBF holds and invests millions of dollars in trust funds for various groups. Because they invest such large sums, they have access to prime interest return rates.

Only the annually accrued interest from the Trust can be used for upkeep and development of the Center. The principal of the Mann Trust Fund is never to be invaded or reduced. Therefore, these monies will continue to produce needed revenue for many years, and even decades to come.

Investment in the Trust fund should be activated by the donor in consultation with an authorized representative of the Georgia Baptist Foundation. They will be happy to assist you in your efforts to both plan and give generously to your Mann Center. They can be reached by calling the Georgia Baptist Foundation at 770-452-8338.

All other contributions should be sent to: ORBA, 17 North College Street, Statesboro, GA, and noted for "WW Mann funds." Thank you!

SOME WHO HAVE BEEN BLESSED AT THE WW MANN CENTER:

"Over the past 20 years, I have been privileged to witness our merciful, loving Creator change the lives of countless children, teens and adults during camp held at the Mann Center. It is a beautiful, special place which God has gifted our association for His purpose and glory!"

-Debbie Marrotte, Director, "Camp I AM,"
Leefield Baptist Church

"This summer I spent two weeks working with "Camp I," am JR and SR (weeks). What a true joy to see this Camp in action. What a great benefit we have in the Mann Center that hosts these camps for ORBA. This camp and surrounding areas are a major blessing and benefit due to the proximity and of all the activities that are found on the property. When you're there, you just know there is something special about this place. What a great benefit area churches have through the WW Mann Center."

— Pastor Tommy Smith,
First Baptist Pembroke

"Camp Mann... we loved it. It has been a great blessing to the young men we seek to help find a better life in God. Just the existence of the camp, its peaceful nature and beauty, helps our guys as they struggle to make positive decisions in their lives."

—Cliff Williams, Journey To
Sober Living

