

MISSIONS

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February

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise host week is coming up on February 13 - 20.

The families continue to be housed at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church. The Day Center at Athens First Baptist Church will be back open during the day, so we only need to provide transportation, dinner, evening hosting and overnight hosting at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church..

Family Promise needs our help to continue this critical mission in our community during this time. Volunteers from Ashford Memorial, Union Christian and Watkinsville First Christian will be helping to fill hosting slots during February 13 - 20.

Please use the below link to offer your time or a meal to the families in this organization.

[2022 FPA Volunteer Signups](#)



Souper Bowl of Caring

The Missions Committee invites you to bring canned goods on Sunday, February 13th as Ashford observes a special missions emphasis called Souper Bowl of Caring. Helping people in our community by providing food is always critical - let's make a difference this month and support this effort generously. Drop your cans off in the fellowship hall as we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

All donated food items will be given to ***Our Daily Bread Community Kitchen***. Our Daily Bread Community Kitchen serves meals Monday through Friday for anyone in need. Annually, this program provides more than 75,000 nutritious meals with gracious hospitality to men, women and children in need and offers a gateway to other transformational services.

On Going Missions

Area Churches Together Serving

Thank you to our Ashford members who continue to volunteer at ACTS on the 4th Friday of every other month.

Our next opportunity to serve is on Friday, January 28. Please see the SignUp Genius below to offer your time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/acts>

Thank you, Ashford Memorial, for your continued generous and giving spirit!

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Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. It is essential for surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. Whether a patient receives whole blood, red cells, platelets or plasma, this lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation.



Thank you to all who spread the word and donated blood at our Ashford Blood Drive on January 24! Our blood drive collected 18 units of blood, potentially saving 54 lives during this critical shortage of blood supply!



Lydia's Place Blanket of Love

Lydia's Place is hosting Blanket of Love with Worthy in God and The CG Collection. This is an event to collect new full or twin sized blankets and monetary donations on February 11th and 12th from 9am - 12pm at their office 565 Jerry Smith Dr. Unit #1 in Watkinsville.



ACTS

Thank you to our Ashford volunteers who volunteered at ACTS on January 28!

The next opportunity to volunteer is March 25.





Helping families experiencing crisis homelessness

The coalition of Athens area community partners and congregations provide shelter, meals, and compassionate assistance for families experiencing the crisis of homelessness. The Family Promise staff, day center, and volunteers assist these families with finding sustainable housing, job training, employment, and meeting other needs on their way to sustainable independence.

Family Promise guest families will continue to be housed at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church through June 2022. In addition, the Day Center has reopened at Athens First Baptist to offer services during the day. All hosting and volunteer opportunities will be at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church (1690 S Milledge Ave., Athens, GA 30605) in the evening, overnight, and morning hours.

It is time for Ashford Memorial, along with our church partners, Union Christian and Watkinsville First Christian, to help fill the needed volunteer shifts during our host week of February 13 – 20!

To volunteer for the needed shifts, please use the link below. Help Ashford continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus by offering some of your time during this week to either provide dinner, transportation between Milledge Avenue Baptist Church and Athens First Baptist Church, evening hosting and overnight hosting.

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Ashford Missions Monthly Giving

Ashford Memorial Methodist Church is dedicated to helping various missions in our local and global community. Below is a list of our monthly donations to which your tithes allow us to commit and make a difference in our community.

\$300/Month

ACTS

\$200/Month

ESP

Global Samaritans

Mercy Health Center

\$100/Month

American Red Cross

Family Promise of Athens

Hope 139

Oconee Food for Kids

Project Safe

Salvation Army

Sparrow's Nest

Young Life

\$50/Month

Jenny Hargrove

Pencil Fund