

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

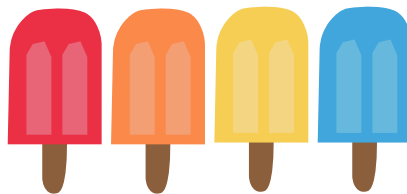
OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

POPSICLES FOR ESP – KIDS DAY!

Come be a blessing to the amazing campers at ESP (Extra Special People)! ESP's mission is to empower individuals with disabilities and their families through year-round programs and transformative summer camp experiences.

On Wednesday, July 23rd at 1 pm, Ellie would like to invite the children to serve popsicles at ESP's day camp. As Popsicle Pals, we'll help bring smiles and cool treats to the campers by passing out popsicles and joining in on the fun of summer camp activities. It's a simple and joyful way to share God's love with some extraordinary kids. Children must have a guardian with them.

Please RSVP on the Church website if you can or just come and join us! Popsicles will be provided by the Mission's Committee.



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We are raising funds to help purchase computers for the Global Samaritans children's home — each computer costs \$150, and any contribution helps move us closer to this goal.

We are also collecting WOW gifts for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes — items that will truly surprise and delight a child. WOW gifts should be new, fit easily inside a standard shoebox, and be appropriate for either a boy or girl. Great examples include dolls, stuffed animals, deflated soccer balls with a pump, harmonicas, jewelry, flashlights (with batteries), or other small toys and accessories that spark joy. Let's come together in this season of giving — in July! — to bless children both near and far with joy, hope, and opportunity.



ONGOING MISSIONS



Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches to our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on **Thursday, August 1**. Thank you to the Choir for packing this month's bags! Our next day to provide lunches is **Thursday, September 4**. Due to the 4th of July holiday, the Sparrow's Nest did not need us to pack lunches in July.

Ashford provides sack lunches for The Sparrow's Nest on the first Thursday of every month. If your Ashford group would like to sign up to packing the sack lunches, please reach out to Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.



In 2025, we will serve meals for Family Promise on **July 15, July 22, and September 23**.

Family Promise of Athens is a non-profit organization focused on helping families experiencing homelessness in the Athens, Georgia area. They provide a range of services designed to support families as they work toward stable housing and self-sufficiency. The goal of Family Promise of Athens is to keep families together and help them move out of homelessness, providing them with the tools to live independently and thrive in the community. They collaborate with local churches, volunteers, and community partners to achieve these goals.



Thank you to our Ashford members who continue to volunteer at ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) on the 4th Friday of every other month. Our next opportunity to serve is on **Friday, July 25, 2025**. The schedule for the rest of the year is **September 26 and November 28**.

Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) is a nonprofit organization located in Bogart, Georgia, dedicated to providing emergency assistance to individuals and families in need within the Oconee County area. Established over 30 years ago, ACTS offers support through the distribution of food, clothing, and limited financial assistance for housing and utilities.

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Missions Events

July Recap:

- Family Promise Host Days: 7/15 and 7/22
- AMMC Children will do Popsicles for ESP on 7/23
- Churchwide Summer Food for Kids on 7/23
- ACTS Service Day 7/25/25



August:

- Sparrow's Nest Sack Lunches
- Lydia's Place Lemonade Stand 8/24/25
- Fifth Sunday Focus: Lydia's Place

UPDATES

Ashford Angels

We're excited for our second round of Ashford Angels, a new ministry dedicated to visiting and supporting our beloved homebound church members. This is a beautiful opportunity to bring encouragement, companionship, and the love of Christ to those who can't regularly attend worship with us. Join us after the 11:00 AM service on July 20th for lunch at Barbaritos. After our meal, we'll divide into small groups and go out to make visits.

All are welcome! Whether you're new to outreach or a seasoned visitor, your presence can make a big difference.

Questions? Contact Ava Arp or Katie Ryan at katiekryan@gmail.com.



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.

\$500/Month

Global Samaritans
Tranquilidad

\$300/Month

ACTS
Mercy Health Center
Oconee Area Resource Council

\$200/Month

Athens Pregnancy Center
Hope 139
Project Safe

\$100/Month

Genny Hargrove Pencil Fund
Family Promise of Athens
Sparrow's Nest
ESP

5TH SUNDAY FOCUS



Our 5th Sunday Mission Focus on June 30 benefited The Sparrow's Nest, a local ministry in Athens, GA that serves our neighbors experiencing homelessness and poverty. We're honored to welcome Jamie from The Sparrow's Nest, who will share briefly during our worship services about the impactful work they're doing in our community. Thank you for giving generously to this amazing organization!