

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Oconee Area Resource Council (OARC) has asked Ashford to donate Ritz Crackers for their Love Your Neighbor February Food Drive to benefit Food for Kids. Please bring all donated boxes of Ritz Crackers and place on the pink table in the Fellowship Hall during the month of February.



Ritz Crackers



OONEE AREA RESOURCE COUNCIL Thank you for supporting Food for Kids! Learn more at www.oconeeconnection.org

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Missions Committee invites you to bring canned goods through February 9th to celebrate the Souper Bowl of Caring. Drop your cans off on the football themed table in the Fellowship Hall. All donated items will be given to the Food Bank of NE Georgia.



SWEET THE STREET COOKIE CRAWL



Ashford is excited to participate in the City of Refuge Athens "Sweet the Street" Cookie Crawl on Saturday, February 8, from 11 am - 3 pm in downtown Watkinsville. Thank you to our Ashford bakers for helping to donate over 300 cookies during this event! If you and your family would like to participate in this event, please visit the City of Refuge website.

ONGOING MISSIONS

SPARROW'S NEST SACK LUNCHES

Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches to our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on **Thursday, February 6**. These lunches will be distributed on **Friday, February 7**. Thank you to the Houses on the Rock Sunday School for packing this month's bags, and Ashford Children for adding a sweet treat! Our next day to provide lunches is **Friday, March 7th**. Lunches need to be delivered on **Thursday, March 6th**.

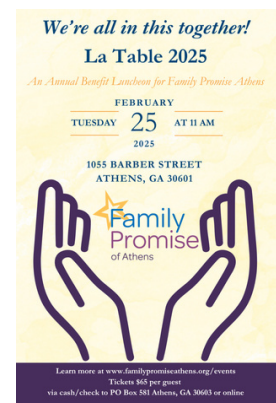
Ashford provides sack lunches for The Sparrow's Nest on the first Friday of every month. If your Ashford group would like to sign up to packing the sack lunches, please reach out to Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.



FAMILY PROMISE OF ATHENS

The Family Promise annual La Table fundraiser will be on February 25. If you would like to go, please contact Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.

Our next night to provide a meal is March 18. If you would like to help coordinate or cook, let us know!



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, March 28, 2025**.



SAVE THE DATES

March Missions Events

Project Safe Needed Items Drive

During the month of March, Ashford will be supporting Project Safe by donating items on their current needs list. Project Safe is a nonprofit organization working to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy, and prevention and education.

Also on the Mission's Calendar:

Sparrow's Nest Sack Lunches: 3/6/25

Family Promise Host Meal: 3/18/25

Missions Committee Quarterly Meeting: 3/26/25

ACTS Service Day: 3/28/26

UPDATES

Sparrow's Nest

Ashford's Children packed 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at the Sparrow's Nest on Thursday, January 2nd, which were distributed on Friday, January 3rd.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Thank you to our volunteers and blood donors who came out on January 14th. Our drive provided 13 units of blood. Our next blood drive will be on July 23, 2025.

Missions Committee Meeting

Our committee met on Wednesday, January 29th. We used our time to prayerfully evaluate the missions from the fall and determine our 5th Sundays for the year. We are so grateful for the many ways we can be the hands and feet of Jesus at Ashford. If you have any questions or would like to be more involved with missions, please contact Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.

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
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