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May Overview

Summer Food For Kids

Please bring in cereal boxes and 16.9oz water bottles to help OARC's Summer Food For Kids program!

Ukraine Outreach

We look forward to updates from DirectLine Ministries as to the progress of the shipping container, filled with donated items, as it makes its way to the Ukraine refugees in Romania.

Family Promise

Ashford volunteers graciously gave of their time and talents to help host the Family Promise guests at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church during the week of May 1 - 8.

AAHS Meal

Thank you to Tomi Kiser for providing the meal on Thursday, May 5!

"He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing." Deuteronomy 10:18



Ukraine Outreach

Ashford members opened their hearts and their giving spirit by donating over 10,000 cans of food, 571 pounds of rice, 150 pounds of beans and countless sleeping bags, tents, toiletries, diapers and supplies for the refugees of Ukraine. We are thankful for our men's group, who transported the U-Haul, filled with our donations, to the warehouse of DirectLine Ministries in Statesboro, GA. These donations will be loaded onto a container ship and sent to the Ukraine refugees in the temporary shelters set up in Romania in order to get these critical items into the hands of our brothers and sisters in Christ who need it the most.

Coming This Summer

Ashford Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for our next Ashford Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 13 from 2:00 - 7:00!

School Supply Drive

As the summer comes to a close, we will be planning to collect school supplies for our Oconee County Schools so they can ensure every student is equipped with the necessary items for a successful school year.

Operation Christmas Child

Be on the lookout for more information as we prepare to organize and raise money for another successful OCC Shoebox season!

Lydia's Place Cross of Hope

Thank you to all who participated in the Cross of Hope Campaign for Lydia's Place. With our Ashford member donations, we were able to send \$440 to Lydia's Place to help them continue meeting the needs of the students, such as one on one counseling sessions, utility bills, transportation, and rent for the place they get to call home.



Family Promise Host Week

May 1 - 8 was our Family Promise host week with Union Christian Church and Watkinsville First Christian Church. Thank you to those who were able to help drive the van, prepare meals and host at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church for the current three families of Family Promise, which includes 4 adults and 5 children.



Sparrow's Nest

Ashford provided 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's nest on Friday, April 29. Thank you to those who donated and made this mission possible!



Africa Mission Trip 2023

Ashford is hoping to send a team of volunteers on a mission trip to Global Samaritans in Zambia in July of 2023. Please see Ellen Elder if you are interested!



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, May 27. Please see the SignUp Genius below to offer your time.

[https://
www.signupgenius.com/acts](https://www.signupgenius.com/acts)

Athens Area Homeless Shelter

Ashford volunteers are invited once again to provide a meal for the 10-15 residents at the AAHS on the 1st Thursday of each month. Please see the SignUp Genius if you would like to participate.

[https://
www.signupgenius.com/
homelessshelter](https://www.signupgenius.com/homelessshelter)

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

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Ashford Youth Mission Trip to Texas

Thank you to all who supported the second fundraiser for our Ashford Youth's Mission Trip to Texas with their Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale on Saturday, April 30! Please keep our Youth in your prayers as they prepare to depart for their Mission trip at the end of May.



Oconee Area Resource Council

Join OARC for a Books, Boots and Bling Fundraiser benefitting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Oconee County on Friday, June 10, at Wire Park from 7pm - 10pm. Tickets can be purchased here:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/
books-boots-and-bling-tickets](https://www.eventbrite.com/books-boots-and-bling-tickets)



Summer Food For Kids

Help us help OARC fill the food gap this summer with the Summer Food For Kids Program by donating cereal boxes and water bottles through the end of this school year!





Food Drive Collection
Continuing Collections Through the
End of the School Year!



Cereal Boxes & 16.9oz Water Bottles

**Please place all donated cereal boxes in
the Fellowship Hall!**

Thank you for your continued Giving Spirit!

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 (David)

Global Samaritans (Joyce)

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