

# MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

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Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 17** as we plan to package 300 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! All are welcome to join us for a pizza and packing party at 12:00 in the Fellowship Hall on November 17. Please see the Ashford website to sign up.

If you would like to help deliver our OCC Shoeboxes to the drop off location, Watkinsville First Baptist, please meet in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service on **Sunday, November 24**.

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## ACTS CAN-A-THON

We are collecting canned food for ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving) from November 1-15. ACTS specifically needs:

- Vegetable Oil (24 oz bottle)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz can)
- Peanut Butter
- Sloppy Joe or Chili
- Pork and Beans
- Sweet Peas
- Hearty Soups (Progresso)
- Jelly
- Beef stew
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Chicken
- Ramen Noodles
- Spaghetti Noodles



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## SPARROW'S NEST T-SHIRTS FOR TURKEYS

The Sparrow's Nest will be collecting frozen turkeys and/or \$10 grocery store gift cards for those struggling with financial hardship in our community. Come out to Chick-Fil-A on Atlanta Highway on November 12 from 5 pm-7 pm if you would like to donate. All donors will receive a free t-shirt.



# 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, October 31. These lunches will be distributed on November 1.

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.

Our next day to provide lunches is **Friday, December 6th**. Lunches need to be delivered on Thursday, December 5th.



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## FAMILY PROMISE OF ATHENS

Our upcoming opportunity to provide dinner for Family Promise is **Tuesday, November 26**. If your Bible study group is interested in providing dinner, please reach out to Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.



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## 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, November 22**.



# SAVE THE DATES

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## December Missions Events

### **Oconee Secret Santa**

Ashford will be sponsoring 20 children within the Oconee County Schools to provide the needs and wish lists items for Christmas.

### **Salvation Army Bell Ringing: December 7, 2024**

Ashford will help ring the bells for the Salvation Army on **December 7th** from 10 am to 4 pm at Hobby Lobby. Sign up for this on the church website.

### **Christmas Caroling: December 19, 2024**

We would love for any Ashford children, youth and adults to join us in our annual Christmas caroling to our Ashford shut ins on **Thursday, December 19th**.

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## UPDATES

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### **Sparrow's Nest**

Ashford provided 60 sack lunches to our neighbors in need at the Sparrow's Nest on Thursday, October 3, to be distributed on Friday, October 4.

Ashford donated over 15 large trash bags filled with coats, gloves, hats, blankets and sleeping bags for Sparrow's Nest Keep Warm project.



### **Meals for Local Heroes**

Ashford provided breakfast to Watkinsville Police Officer on Saturday, October 19th, prior to the Watkinsville Fall Festival.

### **Local School Appreciation Baskets**

Ashford provided Appreciation Baskets to 15 local schools plus the District Office in early October.

# ASHFORD MISSIONS MONTHLY GIVING

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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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