

MISSIONS

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May

Mother's Day Diaper Challenge

Ashford will be collecting diapers during the month of May as part of a Mother's Day Diaper Challenge in order to provide needed diapers to the Athens Area Diaper Bank.

Family Promise Hosting

Ashford members will have another opportunity to volunteer for Family Promise during our host week of May 12 - 19.

www.SignUpGenius.com/FP2024

Sparrow's Nest

We will have another opportunity to package and deliver sack lunches to the Sparrow's Nest on Friday, May 31. If you would like to financially donate to this mission, you can utilize the Giving page of our AMMC website and select Missions-Sparrow's Nest.

www.pushpay.com/AMMC



Rise Against Hunger

"It Starts With a Meal and it Starts With Us."

Over 65 Ashford Volunteers gathered on Sunday, April 21 in support of the Rise Against Hunger Mission project. Ashford members of all ages worked together to package over 14,000 meals together to help nourish lives around the world. We were blessed to be able to lend a hand to people facing hunger across the globe and had such a fun time coming together church wide to be the hands and feet of Jesus! The Missions Committee thanks all of our volunteers for helping with this exciting project!



June

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Our Ashford youth will be heading to Puerto Rico June 1 - 7 for their mission trip!

Summer Food For Kids Packaging

Our first opportunity to help package the Summer Food For Kids weekly boxes at the NEW Oconee Area Resource Council office will be on June 12 at 10:00am.

Oconee School Supply Drive

We will be focusing our June efforts on bringing in much needed school supplies for Oconee County students. These donated supplies will be used to create Packed Backpacks to be delivered to those in need in our county during the month of July as they prepare for the new school year.

5th Sunday OCS Focus

Our 5th Sunday focus on Sunday, June 30, will be for students and families in need within our Oconee County Schools. We will focus on helping to clear lunch debts of Oconee County students and potential unexpected urgent needs.

Mission Committee Meeting

Please join us on June 19 for our quarterly Missions Committee meeting at 6:00.



July

Ashford Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 10 for our next Ashford Blood Drive from 2:00 - 7:00!

Summer Food For Kids Packaging

We will have an opportunity to help package the Summer Food For Kids weekly boxes at the NEW Oconee Area Resource Council office will be on July 24 at 10:00am.

Family Promise Hosting

Ashford will have another opportunity to volunteer for Family Promise during our host week of July 21 - 28.

5th Sunday Collection - Tranquilidad Foundation

Ashford members donated \$3,400 for our 5th Sunday March focus for Tranquilidad and presented Roxanne Turnipseed with the donation for her mission work in Quimistan. After Roxanne provided an update to our church on April 28, she let us know that our generous donation will help them with unexpected expenses like dental care and a second reservoir tank for their deep well system.



ACTS Toiletries

The Ashford Ladies Bible Study Group collected items to make needed toiletry bags for ACTS. ___ toiletry bags were able to be donated, with items including razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, body wash and deodorant.



Project Safe Donations

Thank you to Ashford members who donated the needed items for Project Safe during the month of March!



ACTS

Our church is committed to providing 7 volunteers to serve at ACTS from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the 4th Friday of every other month. Our responsibilities include stocking shelves, checking expiration dates on food items, filling baskets for clients, and working at the front desk. Please signup if you would like to volunteer on May 24.

www.SignUpGenius.com/ACTS



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 24. Please see the SignUp Genius below to offer your time.

www.SignUpGenius.com/ACTS

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

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May Diaper Drive

Ashford will be collecting diapers during the month of May as part of a Mother's Day Diaper Challenge in order to provide needed diapers to the Athens Area Diaper Bank. Please see the flyer on the next page for more information.



Family Promise

Ashford will help provide volunteers during our next Family Promise host week from **May 12 - 19**. Please see the new SignUp Genius link below to offer a meal or volunteer your time.

www.SignUpGenius.com/FP2024



Sparrow's Nest

Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on Friday, May 31. If you would like to financially donate to this mission, you can utilize the Giving page of our AMMC website and select Missions-Sparrow's Nest.

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Summer Food For Kids Food Packaging

Ashford has been invited to help package the Summer Food For Kids weekly boxes at the NEW Oconee Area Resource Council office on June 12 (note the date change) and July 24 at 10:00am. Their new office location is:

1071 Jamestown Blvd
Bldg 600, Ste 1601



Ashford Memorial Diaper Drive



What is diaper need?

A family experiencing diaper need cannot provide the steady supply of diapers that a baby needs.

- Diapers cost over \$1,000 every year, a cost that 1 in 3 families struggle with in the US.
- Government assistance programs, like food stamps and WIC, do NOT cover diapers.
- In the Athens area alone, there are over **8,000 children** at risk of experiencing diaper need.



What is the fall-out of diaper need?

A parent without clean diapers....

- will re-use a dirty diaper or use paper towels, rags, and bags as diapers.
- will buy diapers instead of food.
- can't bring baby to daycare, so they can't go to work.
- is prone to depression and anxiety.

A baby without clean diapers...

- has persistent diaper rash and is prone to infections.
- cannot go to daycare or early childhood education programs.
- cries more, which can lead to physical abuse.

During the month of May, we will be hosting a Diaper Drive in honor of Mother's Day!

We are asking our Ashford families to bring in any size diapers in opened or unopened packages.

Please place all donations in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank you for your 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.

\$400/Month Global Samaritans (c/o Kelvin and Jackline)
Tranquilidad Child Sponsorship

\$300/Month ACTS
Mercy Health Center
Oconee Area Resource Council

\$200/Month Athens Pregnancy Center
Hope 139
Project Safe

\$100/Month ESP
Family Promise of Athens
Sparrow's Nest

\$50/Month Genny Hargrove