

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

In celebration of Mother's Day, we are hosting a Diaper Drive to support the Athens Area Diaper Bank, a local nonprofit that provides free diapers to families in need in our community. No child should have to go without this basic necessity, and every donation makes a difference. Please bring your diaper donations (any size welcomed, unopened packages preferred) and place them on the designated table in the Fellowship Hall. All donated diapers will be delivered to the Athens Area Diaper Bank on Monday, May 12.



The Athens Area Diaper Bank works to end diaper need in Athens and the surrounding areas by collecting, storing, and distributing diapers through partner agencies. Their mission is simple: to help families keep their babies clean, dry, and healthy.

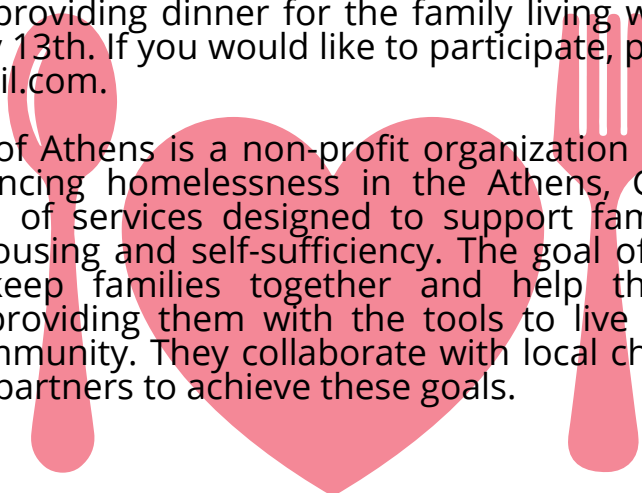


Thank you for helping us honor mothers in a meaningful way this month!

FAMILY PROMISE MEAL

Ashford will be providing dinner for the family living with Family Promise on Tuesday, May 13th. If you would like to participate, please email Katie at katiekryan@gmail.com.

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.



ONGOING MISSIONS



Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches to our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on **Thursday, May 1**. Thank you to the Choir for packing this month's bags! Our next day to provide lunches is **Thursday, June 5**.

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**.

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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, May 23, 2025**. The schedule for the rest of the year is **July 25, 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

Summer Missions Events

June:

- Missions Committee Quarterly Meeting on 6/18/25
- Popsicles for ESP - June 17 (new)
- The Youth will be doing Summer Food for Kids on 6/18
- Sparrow's Nest Sack Lunches (6/5)

July:

- Sparrow's Nest Sack Lunches 7/4
- Summer Food For Kids Churchwide on 7/9
- Family Promise Host Days: 7/15 and 7/22
- Blood Drive on 7/23
- AMMC Children will do Popsicles for ESP on 7/23
- The Youth will be doing Summer Food for Kids on 7/23
- ACTS Service Day 7/25/25



UPDATES

Sparrow's Nest

The Beacon's Sunday School packed 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at the Sparrow's Nest on Thursday, May 1st.

Rise Against Hunger

We had a wonderful time packing over 22,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger!



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 will benefit 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.