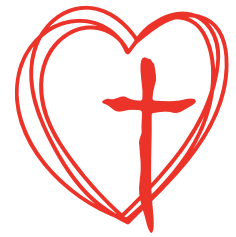




MISSIONS NEWSLETTER



Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SPARROW'S NEST KEEP WARM PROJECT

As the temperatures drop, Ashford is partnering with The Sparrow's Nest in Athens to help our neighbors in need stay warm this winter. The Sparrow's Nest is a local ministry that serves those experiencing homelessness and hardship by providing meals, clothing, showers, laundry, and spiritual support throughout the week.

We're collecting new or gently used coats, blankets, hats, scarves, and gloves for men, women, and children as part of their annual "Keep Warm" Project.

Donations can be dropped off at the table in the Fellowship Hall. Your generosity helps share both warmth and hope with our Athens community this season!



TOUR OF LYDIA'S PLACE

As a follow-up to our August missions focus on Lydia's Place, we're inviting everyone to come see their work up close! Lydia's Place supports local young adults (especially those with foster care or homelessness backgrounds) with housing stability, mentoring, and resources as they pursue education and independence. Our tour will be on **October 15th at 11 am at Lydia's Place (1260 Greensboro Hwy suite 210, Watkinsville, GA 30677)**. Please contact Katie Ryan with questions (katiekryan@gmail.com).

ONGOING MISSIONS



Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches to our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on **Thursday, October 2**. Thank you to the children at Children's Church for packing this month's bags! Our next day to provide lunches is **Thursday, November 6**.

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.

ASHFORD ANGELS

Ashford Angels is a ministry dedicated to caring for our homebound members through fellowship and personal visits. We gather directly after the 11:00 service for lunch together, and then head out in teams to visit and encourage our church family. This is a wonderful way to share Christ's love and stay connected with those who cannot be with us in worship each week. Our October meeting will be on Sunday, October 19th.



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, November 28, 2025**. This is our final opportunity to serve at ACTS in 2025.

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

Upcoming Missions Events

Upcoming in **November**

- Sparrow's Nest Sack Lunches on 11/6
- Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 11/16
- Operation Christmas Child Blessing and Deliver 11/23
- ACTS Service Day 11/28
- 5th Sunday Focus: Womens Prison Ministry

SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS

Lydia's Place - Coming Home Gala & Auction

Mark your calendars for a special night—Thursday, November 6, at The Farm at High Shoals—for Lydia's Place's "Coming Home Gala & Auction," a premier event uniting community leaders and supporters in uplifting celebration. Tickets go on sale in early fall—keep an eye out for details on the Lydia's Place website.



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
