

MISSIONS NEWSLETTER

Opportunities to Serve, Updates, and Futures Events

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Ashford is pleased to host a blood drive on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 2:00 to 7:00 PM.

If you would like to donate blood, please use the QR code on the flyer on the next page to schedule your appointment with the American Red Cross. You may also walk in if you would prefer, but you may have to wait! You may also register by searching for our blood drive on the American Red Cross app or website.

If you would like to help work at the blood drive, please use the form on the church website. If you have any questions, please contact Katie Ryan at katiekryan@gmail.com.

ACTS SERVICE DAY



Our next opportunity to serve is on Friday, January 24, 2025.

ACTS is a food bank and clothes closet in Oconee County. Serving with ACTS typically involves helping organize donations for distribution.



**American
Red Cross**

GIVE SOMETHING THAT

Means Something®

GIVE BLOOD

Ashford Memorial Methodist Church Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 14th

2:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

1 South Main Street

Watkinsville, GA 30677



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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, January 2**. These lunches will be distributed on **Friday, January 3**. Our next day to provide lunches is **Friday, February 7th**. Lunches need to be delivered on **Thursday, February 6th**.

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.



FAMILY PROMISE OF ATHENS

Our upcoming opportunity to provide dinner for Family Promise will be on March 17, 2025. If your Bible study group is interested in providing a dinner at some point in the year, please reach out to Katie Ryan or Laura Beaghan.



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, January 24, 2025**.



SAVE THE DATES

February Missions Events

Love Your Neighbor Campaign

This year, we will be collecting Ritz Crackers for OARC to support their Love Your Neighbor campaign. Ritz Crackers can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall during the month of February.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Help Ashford be the hands and feet of Christ by bringing in canned goods during the month of February for Souper Bowl of Caring, as we help provide food to those in need in our community.

“Sweet the Street” City of Refuge Fundraiser

We are currently waiting for the details for this fun event. Stay tuned!

UPDATES

Sparrow’s Nest

Ashford’s board packed 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at the Sparrow’s Nest on Thursday, December 5th, which were distributed on Friday, December 6th.

Oconee Secret Santa

Thanks to your generous donations, Ashford was able to fill the wishes of 20 children in our area this Christmas.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Thank you to our Ashford members who helped ring the bell for the Salvation Army on December 7th. If you are looking for a great way to ring in the Christmas season next year, this is it! What a fun, happy way to help the Salvation Army!

Caroling to our Homebound Members

Ashford had over 20 carolers singing to our homebound members on December 19th. Thank you to Chris for driving the new van and to all who spread holiday cheer!





Love Your Neighbor
February Food Drive

Ritz Crackers



Thank you for supporting Food for Kids!
Learn more at www.oconeconnection.org

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

TRANQUILIDAD CHILD SPONSOR UPDATE

We are excited that we are able to fully sponsor a child from Tranquilidad.

For this year, we will be sponsoring David. To learn more about this precious boy, please see the next page!

David was born in the hospital in San Pedro Sula. Shortly after his birth, it was concluded that there were risk factors with the mother, so the baby was discharged into protective care with DINAF. He came to TQ at 7 days and was placed with the Noriega family. He has been very healthy, PTL!

David has recently learned to walk and loves exploring the world around him. He is very attached to his family and is not comfortable around strangers. His development is within normal parameters in all areas.

David loves balls and his favorite foods are eggs and bacon. Please join the Missions Committee as we pray for this precious boy.



@ 7 days



April 6, 2024, 6 months



November,
13 months