

The **CONNECTOR**

Winter, 2020



HOMEWOOD
CHURCH OF CHRIST
OUTREACH MINISTRY

Connecting You to Outreach and Service

LOOKING BACK, LOOKING AHEAD

2019 was an exciting year for Homewood's Outreach efforts. In addition to maintaining and growing our relationships with community partners such as the **Family Guidance Center, UAB Camus House, the Church at Birmingham, Homewood Day School, Hall-Kent Elementary, Oxmoor Valley Elementary, the Hospital Apartments, Regency Retirement Village, Agape of Central Alabama** and **The WellHouse**, we also established new relationships and initiatives.

Those include **Walk 4 Water**, hosting **LegacyWorks** and **Five Loaves** and their programs for at-risk youth as well as foster parenting classes in conjunction with **Lifeline Children's Services**, staging a free dental clinic at **The Foundry** in Bessemer and launching an onsite food pantry at our building to complement our ongoing food pantry at **Jonesboro Elementary** and our longstanding efforts to feed the homeless in the city. That's not to mention the great involvement our faith family showed with our **Serve September** and the connections made with our **Fall Festival**, coordinated with our Children's Ministry.

All of this would be impossible without God's blessings and your generosity of time and resources. And 2020 holds the potential for us to do even greater work for the community around us and show people the love Christ has for them. They include our serving as host for the national **Racial Unity Leadership Summit** this spring as well as other initiatives we are exploring.

But to make this work, we need you to get involved. If you haven't done so already, sign up to our **VOMO** account where you can volunteer for Outreach programs such as the food pantries and other service opportunities. You can do that by going to our **VOMO** website (www.vomo.org/homewood-church-of-christ) or downloading the **VOMO** app. The passcode is **HOMEWOODCHURCH**.

Also, let us know of opportunities you would like to see Homewood get involved with, *but don't suggest them unless you're willing to roll up your sleeves to make them happen.*

2020 offers us a year to develop clearer vision about who we are and what Jesus expects of us as his followers. Let's see what impact we can make together for God's kingdom.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

January 15	Homewood Church Food Pantry
January 18	Jonesboro Mobile Food Pantry
February 5	Outreach Wednesday
February 15	Jonesboro Mobile Food Pantry
February 19	Homewood Church Food Pantry
March 4	Outreach Wednesday
March 18	Homewood Church Food Pantry
March 21	Jonesboro Mobile Food Pantry

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Emily and Tim Shell have a passion for serving others. Veterans of the food and restaurant business, they have combined that experience and passion to spearhead our newly-launched onsite food pantry that takes place at our building the third Wednesday of the month.

They aren't looking for praise but would like your support in volunteering for this ministry. Let them know if you'd like to help.



Questions? Comments? Suggestions for Outreach opportunities you would like to explore?

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