



# Missions

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## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: METHODIST AGENCIES

This month we take a look at the Methodist Agencies in the South Georgia Conference. These agencies are directly related to Martha Bowman through our annual apportionment giving to the United Methodist Conference. We are blessed to have three of the four agencies right here in Macon and two that are directly connected to Martha Bowman Church.

- **Wesley Glen Ministries** is an agency of the South Georgia Conference dedicated to serving adults with developmental disabilities. They provide care and services through their around-the-clock group homes and day program offerings. *Martha Bowman has the privilege of being the church home to a number of these residents and they join us for Sunday School each week in the Sunshine class. The staff at Martha Bowman began a monthly bible study with the WG residents about two years ago and enjoys sharing in fellowship, crafts and games with them each month.*
- **The Methodist Home for Children and Youth** provides care for children and families in need across South Georgia including a continuum of residential care, community foster homes, specialized treatment programs and counseling services to better serve our community. *Anderson Cottage and Smith Cottage join us in worship each week. They are plugged into our youth Sunday school program and are active in our 11:00 AM Contemporary Service. We have a group of men and women who go out to their Macon campus monthly to share in fellowship, share bible study and food with these sweet kids. We are so blessed to have them as a vital part of our church!*
- **Magnolia Manor** is a faith-based ministry serving senior adults throughout South Georgia. Magnolia Manor is located in Macon and offers a variety of living communities that span a wide range of care for their residents.
- **Vashti Center** for children and families is located in Thomaston, Georgia and is in close relationship with the United Methodist Women National Office. They offer a wide range of services from residential care to community programs and connections.

These agencies are so valuable to our church. 1 Corinthians 12 talks about how we are one body in Christ, all making up the different parts – but still one. Verse 22 reminds us that “*some of the parts that seem weakest and least important are really the most necessary.*” Our agency partners serve as a vital part of the body of Christ. They remind us of the compassion, the restoration and the hope we have in Christ Jesus. Let’s continue to support these agencies through our prayers, our support, and our giving.

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As God continues to move in our community through Martha Bowman, we want to share ways to connect and celebrate the mission and ministry opportunities of our church. View our Missions Photo Gallery at [marthabowman.org/get-involved/missions](http://marthabowman.org/get-involved/missions).



## Local

**WEEKEND KITCHEN AT CHRIST CHURCH:** August 17th & 18th help us prepare the noon-day meal on Saturday and Sunday for the homeless of Macon. Meet at Christ Church at 10am and serving and cleanup is done around 1:30pm. PLEASE CONTACT DENISE LESTER IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING: [CDLESTER1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CDLESTER1@GMAIL.COM).

**OUT OF DARKNESS MIDDLE GEORGIA:** An anti-trafficking ministry of the Atlanta Dream Center. They are focused on reaching victims of the sex trafficking industry in the Macon-Warner Robins area and surrounding Middle Georgia counties. Upcoming important dates:

- August 10th & August 31st Safehouse Workdays at the new Safehouse in Atlanta
  - August 19th Vision Casting & Community Awareness
  - September 21st - Training for volunteers, Lighthouse for Families, Macon, Georgia
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS INCREDIBLE MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT DENISE LESTER: [CDLESTER1@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CDLESTER1@GMAIL.COM).



## National

**CELEBRATING OUR MISSION TEAMS WHO SERVED IN KENTUCKY AND ALASKA:** God's hand is so faithful as He calls, equips and sends people into missions. If you are interested in serving somewhere in the United States on one of our upcoming national mission experiences, please contact Elizabeth Hammock, [ehammock@marthabowman.org](mailto:ehammock@marthabowman.org). As mission opportunities arise, she will keep you informed of these opportunities.

**ERT VOLUNTEERS:** As the Gulf Coast continues to recover from Hurricane Barry, there may be a need for Early Response and Recovery Volunteer teams. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Elizabeth Hammock. Some opportunities may require additional training.



## International

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER:** 19,009 Meals were packed on Sunday, July 21st. We almost doubled what we packed in years past! Because of your continual generous support, we already have funds earmarked for next year's packing party! Thank you for taking a stand against hunger!

**ADULT TIJUANA MISSION EXPERIENCE:** October 12th - 19th We are taking an adult team to Tijuana, MX to join our international partner Spectrum Ministries. Please be in prayer for this team as they make preparations, fundraise, and get ready for what God has in store. Be also in prayer for those that the team will serve in Tijuana, that their hearts will be opened to the gospel and the love of Christ to be shared.