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INTRODUCTION

At the opening of Acts 1, verse 8 tells us of Jesus' final sentence spoken to his followers before ascending into heaven. His words were a message of "go and tell," not a message of "come and see." We are meant to be witnesses of the gospel and God's goodness on this earth. We are made to give glory to His name. Luke 10:29-37 describes the love of a Samaritan man toward a Jew, who would have been a great enemy to him. That kind of perfect love is the love that motivated Jesus to die for us to pay for all our sins and restored relationship with the Father. As those walking with Jesus, we will overcome the enemy through the blood of Jesus Christ and the word of our testimony. You do not have to preach the Bible from a stage or have an official ministry title in order to be a good neighbor. You do not have to be polished and a finished work to be used by Jesus; he simply needs our "yes" on the table. We pray that Jesus motivates you with His love for your neighbors and that you'll see your neighbors as fellow image bearers.

- Missions at The Mill



MINISTRY INFORMATION WOODRUFF

LOCAL MINISTRIES



Backpack Buddies works to serve kids in the Woodruff area. This ministry fills in the gap for students who are unable to get food at home during the weekends when they are not receiving school lunches.



FACT (Foster & Adoption Care Team) ministry provides support and encouragement to church members who are currently involved in foster care or adoption or desire to start the process. FACT also provides on-ramps to individuals, families, and small groups to support foster and adoptive families.



FCA is a national ministry that works through local schools to reach students for Christ. They currently need individuals to be FCA character coaches and small groups to love on particular teams during their season. This is a great opportunity for individuals to support students while sharing the gospel with them.



Good News Club is a ministry that is part of Child Evangelism Fellowship here in the Upstate. They host fun, evangelistic, after-school Bible clubs that meet once per week on the campuses of public elementary schools in our community



Heart 4 Schools is a teacher and student outreach program. The goal of this ministry is to connect each school in South Carolina with a church that loves and serves them well. We can serve schools through programs such as Backpack Buddies in order to build relationships with educators as well as their students.



Helping Hands of Woodruff is a faith-based ministry that provides District 4 residents with assistance with as utility bills, clothing, and food. Volunteers are needed during the weekdays. Duties can range from picking up donated food from local businesses to sorting clothing and donations.



His Storehouse is a ministry of Church at The Mill that embraces neighbors in need with caring relationships by providing household care bags filled with items such as cleaning products and hygiene products. Neighbors in need are those in our community who do not have access to life's daily necessities, and volunteers have an opportunity to build relationships with neighbors while helping assist with daily needs.



His Storehouse Food Pantry is a ministry of Church at The Mill that embraces neighbors in need with caring relationships by providing food services filled with items neighbors can shop for in the pantry. Neighbors in need are those in our community who do not have access to life's daily food necessities, and volunteers have an opportunity to build relationships with neighbors while helping assist with daily needs.



Mobile Meals has members of our community dedicate time each weekday to deliver a nutritious, hot meal to our homebound neighbors throughout Spartanburg. Mobile Meals is much more than a meal. Mobile Meals delivers love, compassion and hope to our neighbors in need.



Operation Christmas Child is a seasonal ministry through Samaritan's Purse that provides shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts to children all over the world. This is a great opportunity for small groups and individuals to serve our neighbors around the world. Usually boxes are distributed during October and collected in November to then be mailed internationally.



Reading Buddies meets with one-on-one with students for thirty minutes each week throughout the school year in the Woodruff Area Elementary Schools. Most volunteers meet with second or third grade students. They offer consistent encouragement to the student as they listen to them read and discuss what was read. Students with this support show an increase in reading levels/scores by the end of the school year. Some schools may be interested in other forms of mentoring such as practicing math facts with a students or working with ESL students.



SC Baptist Disaster Relief strives to bring help, hope, and healing after a crisis. Disaster Relief units in South Carolina offer chaplaincy, sheltering, children's response, communications, assessment, fire recovery, incident management, chainsaw units, mass feeding, flood recovery, rebuilding and more.



Woodruff Area Soup Kitchen is located at 340 McArthur Street in Woodruff. They provide daily warm lunches for the people in need in Woodruff. Assistance is needed on weekdays from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. They are always looking for volunteers to help cook, clean, and serve. They also love having substitute head cooks and volunteers to pick up donations through the week and weekend. There are also opportunities to donate needed items.

We'd love for you to join us in serving locally!

To receive more information about serving at any of these ministry partners, scan the QR code below to fill out our form or contact us at

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