

Service Opportunities for Everyone

FPC participates in many local mission projects to serve our community. Current projects are described below, with ways in which volunteers can serve. If you are interested in becoming a part of any of these, please call the church office at 336-228-1703 and a member of our Local Missions Team will contact you to provide further information and help you become involved if you choose to do so.

Furniture Ministry

Gently used furniture and other household items are collected and delivered to needy persons who are referred by local partner agencies & church members. Volunteers help with pickups, organizing & making deliveries on the second Saturday of each month.

Feeding the Hungry

Non-perishable food items, provided by our congregation, are stored in our food closets and transferred to the Salvation Army for distribution to the hungry in our community. Volunteers organize food & assist in transfer:

Habitat for Humanity

Builds houses so that everyone can have the chance to live in their own home. Volunteers help with home construction and provide meals for workers.

Positive Attitude Youth Center

Christian-based learning center for at risk youths provides after-school pickup, snacks, homework assistance & recreation; also a day care program & summer reading camp. Volunteers work with children in all programs.

Residential Treatment Services

Provides permanent residential care for adults with mental or physical limitations & a recovery home for homeless women recovering from substance abuse or mental health issues. Volunteers assist with gardening for permanent residents and fund raising for recovery home.

Morrow Town Community Group

After a resident of the Morrow Town Community lost her son to violence in the neighborhood, she began to reach out to others in the community, who were touched by violence. In 2017 another resident lost her grandson to violence. Soon residents, pastors and community partners joined forces to form Morrow Town Community Group (formerly Morrow Town Task Force). Since the group formed, many positive changes have occurred including safety improvements, community cleanup days, community care package distributions, community health fairs, job fairs, Mother's Day celebrations, voter registrations and prayer walks. Mondays at Morrow Town, and enrichment program for children, began in July 2020. Volunteers are welcome to conduct a program, such as arts and crafts or a science experiment for the children, on a Monday. In Fall 2020 the group received their 501(3)c status. In 2021 they are purchasing an empty lot for a Community Garden.

Benevolence Farm

The residential program helps incarcerated women reenter society and address their many needs. Almost half the women do not have a stable place to live, few have job skills, and many are dealing with addiction or mental health issues. One-third of women return to prison within three years of their release. Benevolence Farm grows and sells fresh produce, flowers and herbs and manufactures body care products. Residents make, package, and sell the body care products with all the proceeds going back into the program and paying residents' wages. These body care products are now available for sale on the table below the Missions Bulletin Board at the church.

Crossroads

Works to reduce sexual violence, child victimization and their effects through confidential counseling, advocacy, child medical treatment, education and community awareness for adults and children. Volunteers staff 24-hour crisis line, give presentations in schools and communities, help with fundraisers and office work.

Allied Churches

Ending homelessness and alleviating hunger; these are two of the main goals of Allied Churches of Alamance County (ACAC). ACAC operates the only emergency shelter in Alamance County. They also provide meals to their residents. In addition, free weekday lunches and suppers are provided to anyone who desires a meal. First Presbyterian provides volunteers to help prepare (lunch) and serve (supper) meals at ACAC once per month.

Meals on Wheels

Delivers hot meals to the homes of elderly persons and anyone who cannot provide for themselves. Volunteers deliver the meals from office behind our church, usually once a month.

It Takes a Village

Working with faculty and students at Elon University, this program provides tutoring for underprivileged children, with their parents in attendance. The tutoring sessions are conducted each week at FPC. Volunteers, especially those with educational background, serve as tutors.

Women's Resource Center

Helps women and their families improve and enrich their lives with focuses on education, financial stability and wellness through workshops and individual services provided by professional counselors. Volunteers help in Resource office and with fundraisers and work with clients in many ways.

Diaper Ministry

Twice a year the diaper ministry collects diapers and distributes them to Allied Churches, Salvation Army, the Adolescent Parenting Program at the Exchange Club, the Baby Closet at the Alamance County Health Department and Family Abuse Services.

Andrews Elementary Partnership

Reading buddies spend an hour in the classroom once a week from October — May. Buddies may work with one child or several children during the hour. This partnership also supports the teachers at Andrews by providing a fruit snack in the fall, hosting a Christmas Drop-in during lunch in December and treats during teacher appreciation in May. Snack packs, containing 15 items, are provided once a month for an entire grade at Andrews. [1,125 snack packs]. The snack packs provide food over the weekend for the children. In July and August we have a church wide collection of supplies such as Clorox wipes, Kleenex, gallon Ziploc bags, dry erase markers, glue sticks, book bags, and hand soap. In January the church collects toiletry supplies, under clothes and socks for the school children.