

2017 BUMC Appalachia Service Project

ASP is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that inspires hope and service through volunteer home repair in Central Appalachia

Saturday July 1 to Sunday July 9, 2017



Upcoming Events

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| 3/17/17 to
3/18/17 | Spring Craft Fair – Proceeds benefit ASP |
| 4/1/17 | aCrosstown 5K with ASP workday |
| 3/1/17 to
7/1/17 | 3 ASP workdays
-New Members workday
-2 project workdays |
| 4/28/17 to
4/29/17 | ASP Rummage Sale – Proceeds benefit ASP |
| 7/1/17 | Depart BUMC for Appalachia Service Project |

Repairing Homes, Transforming Lives

- ASP offers transformational volunteer opportunities for adults and youth throughout the year. More than 17,000 volunteers from around the country served with ASP in rural Central Appalachia last year, repairing homes for low-income families. But ASP is more than just a building program. Yes, Appalachia's poorest families urgently need your help, but they can help change your life, too.
- The impact to the servant is often greater than the impact to the recipient.



How do you volunteer to attend?

Contact Lynn Thompson (lthompson@bartlettumc.org) to volunteer. We need to know as early as possible (NLT March 1, 2017). You can also check out the ASP homepage at asphome.org for information.



Commonly Asked Questions

-Who can attend?

Anyone that has completed the 9th grade of school can attend. Although most of the volunteers are BUMC members, non-member can attend.

-What does it cost to attend ASP and how are those funds used?

The cost to attend ASP is \$250.00 (plus optional \$25 if you want to raft the Ocoee River) per volunteer. Funds are due as follows: (1) March 15 – Non-Refundable \$100.00 deposit. (2) May 1 - \$100.00. (3) June 1- \$50.00. The funds are used to pay for your meals during ASP (breakfast and dinner at the Center and lunch with your family at your worksite) and a few special meals (ASP picnic – Golden Corral on the return). You will need to bring money for meals in transit from BUMC to ASP and back. We will stop at rest stops and fast food joints during transit.

-Are ASP scholarships available?

Yes, both formal scholarships (the *Lane O'Daniel* scholarship pays for one new adult and one new youth to attend) and informal (numerous former ASP Volunteers sponsor volunteers each year) are available each year. Please contact Lynn Thompson – BUMC ASP Coordinator - if you have any questions.

-What else am I committing to?

You are committed to supporting the programs that benefit ASP with your service. This includes the Spring Craft Fair, Rummage Sale, aCrosstown 5K, and ASP Service workdays.

-What tools do I need to bring?

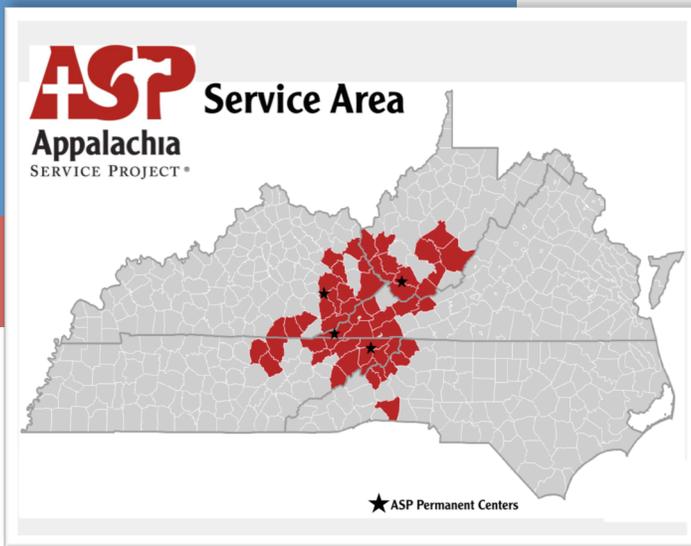
Each volunteer should bring the essentials (hammer, measuring tape, work gloves). Group Leaders will bring additional tools to support the work assigned.

-Where do we stay?

We stay at local churches on the way to and back from ASP. During the week on site, we stay at the ASP Center – usually a local high school. We sleep in the classrooms on cots or blow-up mattresses.

-What project do we do and how do I know if I can do them?

Above all else, ASP is a relational ministry, so cultivating a relationship with your family is as important as completing the construction project. ASP provides guidance on all construction projects to ensure your safety and correct completion of the task. You will also have a team leader to guide you. The most common projects the last 10 years are: Porches, Ramps; Flooring; Underpinning; Drainage; Plumbing; Insulation; and Roof Repair.



ASP Facts and Principles

- Founded in 1969 by Tex Evans
- Over 375,000 volunteers
- 17,000 per year average
- 17,500 homes repaired
- Serves counties in Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia

ASP changes lives

Just a few days at ASP transforms the lives of those who come to serve. Home repair will strengthen you physically while also deepening your relationship with God. After serving with ASP, you'll return home with a passion for putting your faith into action, a renewed compassion for other people, and a fresh appreciation for your place and purpose in this world.

ASP strengthens churches

All of the activities surrounding your trip create a buzz that the whole community can rally around. From the planning activities, to the fundraising projects you do to get ready, to the incredible friendships that develop among and between volunteers and the families they serve—bonds are forged throughout your group.

ASP immerses volunteers in the lives of Appalachian families

"ASP is a relationship ministry with a little construction on the side." – Tex Evans.

The bonds formed among volunteers and the Appalachian families are some of the most important aspects of the ASP experience. You will spend a lot of time interacting with the family you are serving, learning about their lives, joys, struggles, and their faith. You'll go to give, to lift spirits, and to remind the families of God's love and provision. You'll come away with so much more. Through their gratitude, you'll gain a newfound appreciation for your own blessings. Through their down-to-earth faith, your own faith will grow stronger. Best of all, you'll discover that regardless of geography, education, or economics, all are equal members of the family of God.

ASP Guiding Principles

- We believe that each person is a child of God, imbued with dignity and worth.
- We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.
- We believe that affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right.
- We are committed to witness through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.
- We believe God calls volunteers to serve others as partners in ministry and we will encourage their growth in faith as they are involved in this service.
- We believe that, where ASP is involved in local communities, we will encourage, affirm, and support social and economic justice.

WHAT MAKES UP THE BUMC ASP EXPERIENCE?

AGAPES ASP CROSS ASP SONGBOOK ASP T-SHIRT

BACK TO NATURE BASKETBALL BEING HUMBLD BEST VACATION EVER

BLANKETS BLOW UP MATTRESSES BOARD-STRETCHER BORDER PATROL

BRACELETS BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST CENTER DIRECTOR CHORES

COTS CULTURE NIGHT DAILY THEME DON'T PASS LANE

EVENING GATHERING FRISBEE GETTING CALLED "HUN" AT THE DRIVE IN WINDOW

GETTING YOUR TEAM ASSIGNMENT GOD'S COUNTRY GL MEETINGS

HOLLERS HUGS ICE CREAM GUTTER INSPIRATION

KENTUCKY LATE NIGHTS LAUGHTER LEFTY LOOSEY – RIGHTY TIGHTY

LIGHTS OUT LOCAL ICE CREAM SHOP MAKING A NEW FRIEND

MASTER'S CARPENTERS MID-WEEK PICNIC MEASURE TWICE-CUT ONCE

MEETING A GREAT FAMILY MORNING GATHERINGS MR GARY'S OVERALLS

NOT MY FIRST RODEO OCOEE RAFTING OTAY OUTDOOR SHOWERS

PAPER TO THE PEOPLE PICTURES PIGTAIL DAY PLAYLIST

POD1 IS ROLLING PRESENTING GIFTS TO YOUR FAMILY PRAYER WALK

SAFETY SMARTY – LET'S GO DANGING SANCTUARY SERVICE

SHOPPING AT THE LOCAL IGA SINGING SIGNING THE POSTER

SITE VISITS STWA TEARS THINK LIKE A RAINDROP WARM FUZZYS

WARMER, SAFER, DRIER

WONDERFUL LEADERSHIP

WORKING WITH YOUR HANDS

WORK WITH ME, WORK WITH ME