

What is Family Promise?

Family Promise is a program supported by donation and grants that houses, feeds, and trains carefully selected families who are temporarily without a place to live. The average stay before graduating to their own housing is 90 days and the success rate over the 19 years of operation is 80%.

Before COVID, the families slept in churches including St. John's for a week at a time and then were transported to work, school, or the day center, where they worked on getting jobs, finding housing, and/or take courses on topics like parenting. Since COVID until the present, the families now sleep at one location, presently on the campus of the Montgomery Church of Christ. They are still driven by the Family Promise van to their day locations where they continue schooling, job searches, training, and finding housing.

So, what can we at St. John's do?

The help we churches now provide is to bring meals and then stay on site for a while, giving relief for the permanent staff. During our assigned week, we will be responsible for four dinners where we stay, plus one drop-off dinner and two drop-off breakfasts. Sometimes, the families like to eat with us; sometimes they like to have their privacy. Our presence allows the staff to do needed errands off site.

We at St. John's are committed to helping out with our homelessness crisis. We can direct our energies to help an established, successful program with the simple contribution of a meal and a couple of hours on site.

The remaining date for 2025: June 15th - 22nd; October 19th - 26th; November 16th - 23rd.

Watch for announcements in the weeks before these dates. Sign-ups and help sheets are in the Hospitality Center at church. Questions are always welcome: Contact Jenn Shields at jennshields200@yahoo.com, 505-450-9978 or Linn Furnish at swimsew@comcast.net