

Share the gift of **LOVE** and the **GOSPEL** with a child in need this **CHRISTMAS**.

# 2020 Christmas Backpacks



The Christmas Backpacks Ministry seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs occurs at Christmas. These backpacks will be distributed to needy children and teenagers during events at which the Gospel will be shared.

**By October 1, please notify Savannah River Baptist Association the approximate number of backpacks your church plans to prepare.** Call 843-726-8294 or email [cindyrhodes@savannahriverbaptist.org](mailto:cindyrhodes@savannahriverbaptist.org). This information will be forwarded to state coordinators.

Our backpacks will be taken to Grace Baptist Church, Sumter, SC. From there they will be delivered to Lincoln and Boone Counties in West Virginia. They will be distributed in schools by Cross Lanes Baptist Church School Outreach Program.

### **New information:**

- The **list of items** to be included has been modified to ensure that all recipients receive equal gifts since the backpacks are opened in a group setting.
- The **age groups for the ribbons** has been modified to fit the schools to which they will be delivered. This will make packing and delivering much simpler.
- The Christmas Story** will be added to the backpacks at the collection site. Individual churches will not have to download and print them.
- Churches are asked to **check backpacks to be sure they follow the guidelines before dropping them off** at the collection site.

### **Deliver to Local Collection Sites by November 12:**

Savannah River Baptist Association office	Monday-Thursday 8:00-5:00    Closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch
Port Royal Baptist Church	Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00    Closed 12:00-1:00 for lunch

# ITEMS TO INCLUDE

## **FOR ALL CHILDREN**

### **3 WINTER ACCESSORIES**

such as hats, scarves, gloves, warm socks

### **3 SMALL POP TOP CANS OF FOOD**

such as Vienna sausages, SpaghettiOs, ravioli, fruit

### **3 OTHER SMALL FOOD ITEMS**

Such as wrapped hard candy like Jolly Ranchers and Blo-Pops, jerky, fruit snacks, breakfast bars, gum. **No peanut products.**

### **AN AGE APPROPRIATE BIBLE OR BIBLE STORY BOOK**

**\*\*\*\*\* ALSO INCLUDE\*\*\*\*\***

## **FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN (ages 3-10)**

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Place the following in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, washcloth.

### **3 FUN ITEMS**

Such as fleece blankets, stuffed animals, doll, hair accessories, cars, crayons, and coloring books, craft sets, puzzles, flash cards, card games like Old Maid or Go Fish

## **FOR OLDER CHILDREN / TEENS (ages 11-17)**

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Place the following items in a Ziploc bag: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap or body wash, shampoo, brush or comb, wash cloth, deodorant.

### **3 FUN ITEMS**

Such as make-up, jewelry, fleece blankets, balls, thermos, flashlights, craft sets, drawing items, markers, colored pencils, adult coloring books, Sudoku, Word Finds, hunting magazines, card games like UNO

**Tie two ribbons securely to each backpack to indicate the gender and age of recipient.**

### **Ribbon 1**

Blue – boy

Pink = girl

### **Ribbon 2**

Purple = K (ages 3-5)

Yellow – Grades 1-3 (ages 6-8)

Green = Grades 4-5 (ages 9-10)

Red = Grades 6-8 (ages 11-13)

White – Grades 9-12 (ages 15-17)