

BRINGING CHURCHES TOGETHER TO IMPACT  
LOSTNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES & TO THE  
ENDS OF THE EARTH

# Forerunner

*"Church Awaken"*

Joel 2:12-14

## Drop-In Question & Answer Session for the 2025 Budget

Thursday, September 26

10am to 12pm and 6:30pm-7:30pm

Baptist Center Conference Room

for All TBA Pastors and Church Members

The Proposed 2025 Budget was presented for review at the July Executive Board Meeting and will be presented for a vote at the Annual Meeting in October. Association officers and members of the Administrative Support Team will be on hand to answer your questions and concerns.

## Evangelism Workshops

Saturday, September 14 9am-12pm

North Toxaway Baptist Church

and

Saturday, September 21 9am-12pm

Little River Baptist Church

Everyone is invited to attend this refresher course.  
Training and Resources to Cultivate a Culture of Evangelism.



Please update your email contact for the association.

The correct email address is

**transylvaniabaptist@gmail.com.**

We are having technical issues with the old tba@tbanc.org emails,  
and may not receive your information. Thanks!



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## TERRY'S THOUGHTS



If you recall last month I spoke about the word “TRUST” particularly as King David expressed it in Psalm 56. This month I want to continue with that theme and illustrate what TRUST in Christ has done and will do for His children. Trusting Christ for our very lives is essential for the church to thrive and flourish. The following are some of my thoughts, illustrations, and examples of trusting Him with in our association:

- Trusting Him when everything is telling you to give up strengthens our faith.
- Trusting Him builds our churches and fills them with boldness in the face of great challenges.
- Trusting Him shows the world He is our guide and not the methods of this world.
- Trusting Him brings great acts of deliverance in ways we weren't expecting.
- Because we have been trusting His provision, the association has not had to dip into our reserves for the past two months in order to cover our expenses. PTL!! While this doesn't fix our budget shortfalls completely, we are giving the Lord His due for providing the last two months.
- Trusting Him has led some of our churches to commit more of their resources to the association in order for us to do more ministry throughout Transylvania County.
- Trusting Him led to a very successful mission trip with our partner churches in the Northern Tier of Pennsylvania in August. Details and pictures are available here in this newsletter.
- Continuing to trust in Him will have the potential to bring us closer together.
- Trusting Him could have the potential to lead us to new heights with the gospel message.
- Trusting Him is and will continue to strengthen our discipleship efforts.
- Trusting Him will allow our pastorless churches to find the pastors He has picked out for them thus allowing them to flourish.
- Finally, trusting Him has the potential to grow each of us to become one of the greatest forces for Christ this County has ever seen.

The question is will we “TRUST” Him enough to follow wherever He leads until He calls us all home. As we move forward with our associational year there are still opportunities of service, fellowship, mission involvement both here locally and beyond, and countless opportunities to share the gospel with those without hope. The following are just a few of the opportunities you have to participate in with your brothers and sisters from our 32 member churches:

- Pastors have the opportunity to fellowship together on **Tuesday September 3rd** as we gather for the **September Pastor's Fellowship**. We will gather at **6:30 PM** here at the office. We are meeting that evening to give our bi-vocational and full-time pastors the opportunity to fellowship together.
- Every Thursday morning, beginning at 9:00 AM, we have a time of prayer here at our office. This time is open to anyone who wishes to pray with their fellow saints here in the association.
- Every Tuesday morning, beginning at 7:00 AM, there is a prayer time at North Toxaway Baptist Church. Again, this time is open to anyone wishing to pray with their fellow saints.
- September 6 – 15 marks the dates for the annual Western North Carolina State Fair. We have churches who have committed to serve the fair workers, provide resources, work the John 3:16 booth, and a host of great opportunities to serve others as well as share the love of Jesus.
- September 17-19 marks the dates for the **Region 9 Seminary for a Day** each of those days. Meaning each day there will be a seminary professor from Southeastern (**Dr. Tate Cockrell, Dr. Steve McKinion, and Dr. L. Scott Kellum**) at three locations each day. Those locations are FBC Hendersonville, Buncombe Baptist Association Office in Asheville, and the Three Rivers Baptist Association office in Boone. It is important that you register, due to lunch being served. Please email Buncombe Baptist Association at [info@buncombebaptist.org](mailto:info@buncombebaptist.org). There will be a one-time fee of \$10.00 per person to help offset the cost of lunch each day.

As you can see these are just a few of the ways we can come together to, TRUST Him, fellowship with one another, grow together, and serve those in need of a Savior. Will you join us? I am counting on YOU! Finally, please mark your calendars for **September 26th for two Q and A times of discussion concerning our 2025 budget. We will meet at 10:00 AM that morning and 6:30 that evening here at the office for anyone who has questions concerning our upcoming budget proposal.** You will have a copy available to you prior to these gatherings. Additionally, please don't forget our **2024 Annual Meeting** which is scheduled for **Sunday afternoon October 20th beginning at 3:30 PM, followed by dinner at 5:30 PM, and concluding with worship beginning at 6:15 that evening.** We are honored to have, leading us in worship, Kenny Lamm, worship specialist with the BSCNC and Dr. Jamie Work with the IMB bringing our evening sermon. **We will gather at FBC Brevard.**

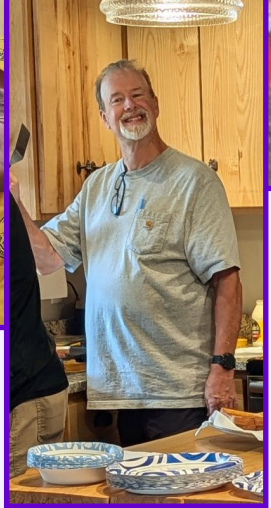
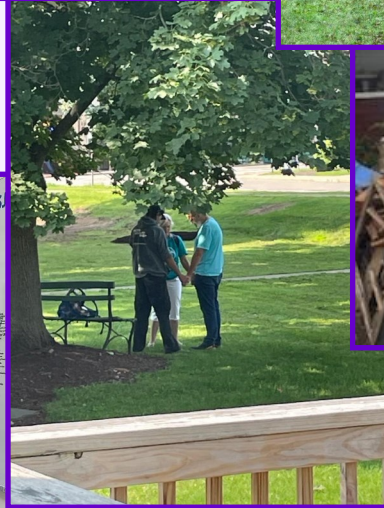
As always please remember we love you and consider it our highest privilege to serve one of the greatest associations in our state!

Terry

Please pray for our churches  
without pastors:  
Boylston, Enon, Rocky Hill

Pastors Fellowship  
Tuesday, September 3 - 6:30pm  
Baptist Center Conference Room







## Mission Trip to Northern Tier Pennsylvania

From August 12th to 19th, our mission team of 11 members traveled to northern Pennsylvania with the original goal of connecting with pastors and church planters along the HWY 6 corridor. Our mission was to prayer-walk and build relationships with the Baptist Resource Network (BRN) of Pennsylvania and TBA churches.

However, our plans shifted significantly due to Tropical Storm Debby, which had caused widespread devastation in the area. Despite the change in plans, we had the opportunity to meet several pastors and church planters, prayer-walk through small towns, and share the gospel with many people.

A significant part of our mission included partnering with the Pennsylvania Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Team in Westfield, PA. We engaged in crucial work such as assessments, clothing and food distribution, and mud-outs of homes severely affected by the storm. Through these efforts, we were able to bring hope and support to many who were struggling and to share the gospel and pray with each individual we encountered.

This experience reinforced the truth that God is always at work. Our mission was a testament to the importance of being flexible and responsive to God's leading, joining Him where He is already working to bring hope and healing.

Rev. Shannon Owen, Team Leader  
Mission Development Team



## Today our *ServeNC* team and volunteers are wearing their t-shirts!

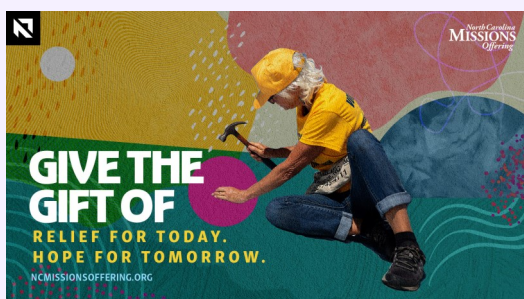
Recently, our team helped "Miss Lucy" with a yard sale. She is a widow and plans to move soon. This showed "Miss Lucy" our love and that we care as we show God's love.

In July, we helped Cedar Mountain House host a Christmas party for Samaritans Purse. We sang Christmas carols, shared treats, and explained the purpose of shoeboxes. The residents of Cedar Mountain House will be putting shoeboxes together soon. This helps them by being needed as we share God's love. Church members Fred and Gail hold a weekly Bible study and also play bingo with the residents.

In the past, we have also served NC by collecting donations for The Center for Women. For Cove Church, we have provided several meals as well as provided "grab and go" boxes and clothing for the homeless. Donations of food were also given to Bread of Life. At Christmas time, we visit families and shut-ins, sharing Christmas joy and treats. VBS is another outreach.

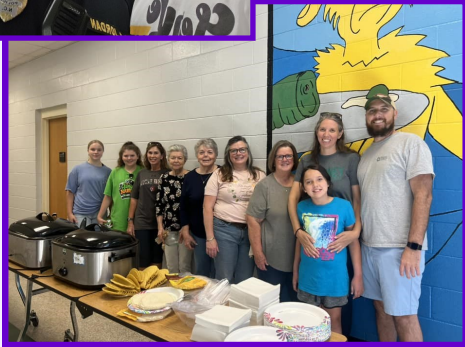
In the near future, we will be doing yard work and helping with food donations in the Cedar Mountain area, and more. My prayer is that we can all be filled and led by the Holy Spirit. We want to be excited about serving God's people, and share what is happening at Rocky Hill Baptist Church. We hope this can lead others to the Lord by our example, that our church can grow, and we can make a difference in our community.

It's all about Him - Jesus Christ. He is alive! We want to serve Him daily!



Joy Murr, Mission Chairperson  
Rocky Hill Baptist Church





Area *ServeNC* projects included breakfast for local law enforcement and first responders; lawn maintenance at Pisgah Forest Elementary; painting and minor improvements at Davidson River School; meals and services at Hendersonville Rescue Mission; gift bags and services for teachers at TC Henderson Elementary; porch construction at Baptists on Mission rebuild house; meals for staff at Brevard Middle School; services for residents at Cedar Mountain House; roadside cleanup; help with a yard sale; community prayer walking; and meals for staff at Pisgah Forest Elementary.





## 2024 Annual Congregation Profiles

Extensive changes to the ACP have been made by the Baptist State Convention. A much simpler form along with moving to a calendar year of reporting are being implemented, and reporting will now be completed in January.

- ◆ A training session for church clerks will be planned for December (dates will be announced soon).
- ◆ The reporting year will be January 1st through December 31st of 2024, with Baptisms and Memorials for the period of September 1st through December 31st of 2023 included in the 2024 statistics.

## Association Financial Summary July 2024

	Current	Year-to-Date
Biltmore Brevard	\$ 0	\$ 2,500.00
Blantyre	\$ 125.00	\$ 875.00
Blue Ridge	\$ 75.00	\$ 525.00
Boylston	\$ 349.59	\$ 3,205.20
Brevard First	\$ 2,531.41	\$ 8,877.43
Calvary	\$ 491.10	\$ 4,188.45
Carr's Hill	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,750.00
Carson's Creek	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
Cathey's Creek	\$ 249.00	\$ 1,245.00
Cedar Mountain	\$ 366.00	\$ 2,196.00
Cherryfield	\$ 410.07	\$ 2,535.68
Church at Sapphire	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cove Church	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00
Dunn's Rock	\$ 1,614.43	\$ 5,415.96
East Fork	\$ 300.00	\$ 900.00
Enon	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,400.00
Faith Missionary	\$ 0	\$ 0
Grace	\$ 675.57	\$ 2,443.41
Hope Church Brevard (See Off)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Lake Toxaway	\$ 0	\$ 693.18
La Primera Mission	\$ 0	\$ 0
Little River	\$ 0	\$ 2,071.00
Middle Fork	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Morningside	\$ 195.75	\$ 1,495.72
Mt. Moriah-Calvert	\$ 0	\$ 0
New Hope	\$ 0	\$ 0
North Toxaway	\$ 0	\$ 650.00
Oak Grove	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
Pisgah Forest	\$ 1,627.38	\$ 4,835.23
Rocky Hill	\$ 400.00	\$ 2,800.00
Temple	\$ 131.25	\$ 918.75
Turkey Creek	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
Zion	\$ 0	\$ 1,407.08
Miscellaneous	\$ 0	\$ 2,145.00
Checking Interest	\$ 3.24	\$ 18.70
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 12,584.79</b>	<b>\$ 61,216.79</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 11,482.32</b>	<b>\$ 85,510.44</b>

2024 Budget \$149,879.00  
 Needed Monthly to Meet Budget \$12,490.00

## TBA 161st Annual Meeting

**Sunday, October 20 - 3:30pm**  
**Brevard First Baptist Church**



Annual Sermon by Dr. Jamie Work,  
 International Mission Board



Worship led by Kenny Lamb,  
 Worship Ministries Strategist,  
 Baptist State Convention of NC

Dinner Included. All Pastors, Elected Church  
 Messengers, and Church Leaders are  
 Encouraged to Attend

## Church News

**Brevard First Baptist** - is seeking a teacher and assistant for the preschool. For more info please contact Joy Guffey at 828-883-9839 or email [firstbaptistweeschool@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptistweeschool@gmail.com).

**Carr's Hill** - The Ladies Prayer Group Love Ministry prepares and delivers meals for 43 county residents the last Thursday of each month. Baptist Men have a prayer breakfast each Tuesday morning at Ezy Egg. Baptist Men also help with yard work, firewood, and light home maintenance for those in need. Homecoming will be held September 15.

**Enon** - is seeking a pianist/music leader. For more info please call the church at 828-877-4418.

**Little River** - is seeking a music minister and a youth minister. Please send resumes to [employment@lrbchurch.org](mailto:employment@lrbchurch.org).

**Pisgah Forest** - is seeking a part-time music director. For more info please contact Gene Parker at 828-508-9142.

**Rocky Hill** - is seeking a worship leader. For more info please contact Clint Owings at 828-883-9707 or [cbowings@me.com](mailto:cbowings@me.com).



**More VBS fun with  
 Carr's Hill and Rocky Hill**







# BAPTISTS ON MISSION

- **Partnership Missions**  
*State, National, International*
- **Medical Missions**
- **Mission Camps and Rebuild Centers**
- **Disaster Response**
- **Children and Student Mobilization**



North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering



## THE NORTH CAROLINA MISSIONS OFFERING:

- Shares the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Relieves suffering.
- Treats the sick.
- Helps plant new churches.
- Mobilizes volunteers for missions.
- Responds to various disasters.

North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering

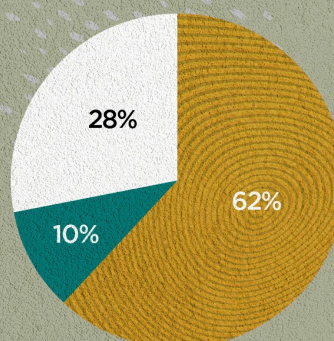


[NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG](http://NCMISSIONSOFFERING.ORG)

**\$2.6 MILLION**  
2024 GOAL

### NCMO SUPPORTS:

■ Baptists on Mission Ministries	\$1,601,600
■ Church Planting	\$738,400
■ Associational Missions	\$260,000



North Carolina  
**MISSIONS**  
Offering



# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Baptist Center Closed</b>  <i>Bethany Patrick Birthday (New Hope)</i>	3 <b>Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am</b>  <b>Pastors Fellowship Baptist Center 6:30pm</b>	4 <i>Samantha Reynolds Birthday (Little River)</i>	5 <b>Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am</b>  <i>Nate Whited Birthday (Zion)</i>  <b>Broyhill Conference</b>	6	7
8	9	10 <b>Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am</b>	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>	12 <b>Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am</b>	13	14 <b>Evangelism Workshop North Toxaway 9am-12pm</b>  <b>OCC Shoebox Workshop French Broad Baptist Hendersonville</b>
NC Mountain State Fair - September 6-15						
15 <i>Plotts Anniversary (La Primera)</i>	16	17 <b>Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am</b>	18	19 <b>Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am</b>  <i>Jimmy Parker Birthday (Pisgah Forest)</i>	20	21 <b>Evangelism Workshop Little River 9am-12pm</b>  <i>Tommy Crocker Birthday (East Fork)</i>
Seminary Studies Workshop - September 17-19						
22 <i>Rick Plotts Birthday (La Primera)</i>	23 <i>Donna Maynard Birthday (Brevard First)</i>	24 <b>Weekly Prayer North Toxaway 7am</b>	25 <i>Terry Stockman Birthday (TBA)</i>	26 <b>Weekly Prayer Baptist Center 9am</b>  <b>Budget Q&amp;A Baptist Center 10am-12pm &amp; 6:30-7:30pm</b>	27 <i>Edith Chappell Birthday (Middle Fork)</i>  <i>Brad Snipes Birthday (Cove Church)</i>	28
29	30	<p><i>Coming in October:</i> TBA 161st Annual Meeting - Sunday, October 20, Brevard First Baptist</p> <p><i>Coming in November:</i> Baptist State Convention of NC Annual Meeting - November 4-5, Greensboro</p>				





Disaster Response is currently working on a home on Cemetery Road which was recently flooded. Volunteers are needed for carpentry, painting, and trim work. Volunteers are also needed to provide lunches on weekdays for crews of approximately five. For more information and to schedule your group, please contact Rick McFalls at 828-674-8220 or Mike Krauter at 828-421-5768.



# Engaging Exposition

PREACHING CONFERENCE

THE PREACHER'S CHARACTER

SEPTEMBER 16-17 | SEBTS.EDU/ENGAGINGEXPOSITION



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SMITH



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES  
of North Carolina

## 63rd Annual Western Area Conference at Broyhill Home

111 Sneed Drive, Clyde, NC

Thursday, September 5  
4pm

Enjoy a free meal, music, inspira-  
tional message, and cottage tours.



### New from Lifeway:

The *Come Home for Teen Girls* Bible study is available now, and we couldn't be more excited! In the teen edition of this 7-session study, Caroline Saunders follows the theme of home through the Bible.

From humanity's first home to our eternal one, we'll see God's invitation to belong and be loved. Help the teen girl in your life affirm that her longing for home is good and purposeful, pointing to her truest home which is found in Christ.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebbox Workshop Saturday, September 14 10-11:30am

French Broad Baptist Church  
182 Grandview Lane  
Hendersonville

**FREE Shoebboxes!**



For more info please  
call Glenda Gasperson  
at 828-384-1651.

## NCBAM Fall Regional Gatherings

Sept. 12 Asheville  
Sept. 26 Rocky Mount  
Oct. 22 Thomasville

Our focus:  
How churches can  
prevent Elder  
Abuse.

[ncbam.org/events](http://ncbam.org/events)



Fort Caswell, NC  
Monday, September  
16th - Wednesday,  
September 18th, 2024  
For more info and to  
register, please visit  
[ncbaptist.org/events/](http://ncbaptist.org/events/)



## Clean Water Brings Gospel Access to Remote Central Asian Village

The road ends long before you even reach Sally's village in Central Asia. Honestly, you might not even call the last part of it a "road," more like a two-track bumpy mess. Once it ends, though, it only gets rougher with a footpath down rocky terrain.

This remote mountain valley is inaccessible for months of the year due to weather but today is a good one for the trek. Sally's heading home for a wedding. She hitched a ride from the city with International Mission Board worker Molly Petry for the big celebration.



Petry knows Sally's extended family well. They are the first-known believers among this unreached people group of 28,000. Going to those who have never heard the gospel — no matter how isolated or treacherous the road — is what Petry's team is all about. She believes missionary presence is the best way to proclaim and demonstrate the gospel so for the past five years, she's hiked every trail in the valley that leads to a village.

Reaching people in hard-to-reach places like this requires more than good hiking skills. It often means using creative platforms to open avenues for evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and leadership development. Petry's team saw a huge problem in the valley with a plethora of lethal waterborne illnesses. They partnered with Send Relief, the joint compassion ministry of IMB and North American Mission board, to bring clean water to families like Sally's.

This gave them an opportunity to not only meet a humanitarian need but address the greatest need of all — lostness. "God really got my attention when I was studying in college about how He created us as physical, emotional, and spiritual beings. He desires to transform all those areas of our life," Petry said, explaining how compassion ministries and evangelism work together to bring gospel access. Because of the need for clean water, "we are able to bring the Living Water because, without Him, they will die for eternity."

Learning about this Living Water was new for Sally. Petry's team shared Bible truths and stories with her as they drove and hiked. They had hours to share, laugh, and answer questions. By the time they reached the wedding, there was more to celebrate when Sally made a profession of faith. God has made our purpose clear. Together, we seek gospel access that knows no geographic or social boundary as we share the good news of Jesus with people and places who have never heard.

*Some names may have been changed for security reasons.*

Article courtesy International Mission Board  
Stories of Transformation  
[www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)





# SEMINARY STUDIES WORKSHOP



**SAVE THE DATES, SEPT 17-19**

Three days of teaching  
Three experienced professors  
Six relevant topics



**Tate Cockrell**  
Professor of Counseling



**Steve McKinion**  
Professor of Theology &  
Patristic Studies



**L. Scott Kellum**  
Sr. Professor of New  
Testament & Greek



Date: **Tuesday-Thursday**  
**17-19 September 2024**



Time: **10:00am - 2:00pm, daily**  
**lunch included**

The Region 9 Associations, in partnership with Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, are pleased to bring three days of solid Biblical teaching for pastors and lay leaders in our area. Topics will vary each day and will address everything from Theology to avoiding burnout. Registration will open July 1. Email [info@buncombebaptist.org](mailto:info@buncombebaptist.org) to be added to the pre-registration list. Daily lunch provided. A one-time/optional \$10 donation will be received on site.



[buncombebaptist.org](http://buncombebaptist.org)



[info@buncombebaptist.org](mailto:info@buncombebaptist.org)



227 Hazel Mill Road, Asheville





# 2024 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptists on Mission, seeks to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach in 2024.



## GOAL and COLLECTION DATE:

The statewide goal is to collect **22,000 backpacks** of items to be distributed to Appalachian children in areas of need in late November and December of 2024. The state-wide collection day for 2024 is **Saturday, November 2** from 9am to noon. Thirty plus collection sites will be set up across the state for churches to bring their backpacks to. Specific sites will be listed on the Baptists On Mission website in September. **We encourage churches to begin collecting and filling the packs early – and throughout the year.**

## AGE GROUPING and LABELING

Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings are 4-7, 8-10; 11-14; and 15-17 Due to labels falling off in previous years, we use a ribbon system for labeling the backpacks. A **royal blue** (or similar) ribbon will indicate a **boy's backpack**. A **pink** ribbon will indicate a **girl's backpack**. In addition, a **yellow** ribbon will indicate that the backpack is for **ages 4-7**, a **green** ribbon for **ages 8-10**, a **red** ribbon for **ages 11-14**; and a **white** ribbon for **ages 15-17**.

**Please prepare each backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild**, with new items, not used. Please include items from each category listed to the right. **Please do not neglect to put in a Bible!** This may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

## ITEMS TO COLLECT

Each zippered backpack should include:

- 1) **ITEMS OF NEW WARM CLOTHING** including a winter cap, gloves, 2-3 socks, and scarf
- 2) **METAL POP-TOP CANS OF FOOD** (3-4 cans) such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit
- 3) At least one or two **NEW, AGE-APPROPRIATE TOYS** Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, puzzles, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos, other (*no toy weapons, please!*) For older youth category, substitute appropriate item for toy. No pocketknives! (*See website for suggestions*).
- 4) **HYGIENE ITEMS** including toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush /comb, **full-sized** shampoo toothpaste, deodorant (*please fit these items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they will not leak*).
- 5) **FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt – and no peanut products please due to allergies*)
- 6) **A CHILDREN'S or YOUTH BIBLE** (*no particular version is required*) **This is the most important thing that goes into the pack! Please include!**
- 7) **A COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY** (*downloadable and printable pdf found on website*)

For more information contact



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919-459-5607

More information and specific details available on our ACO webpage at:

[www.baptistsonmission.org/aco](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/aco)

**"Your participation will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!"**