

2018 Appalachian Christmas Outreach Backpack Collection



The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptist Men, seeks to help 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. The statewide goal is to collect 12,000 backpacks and the **goal for West Chowan Association is 500.**

As each backpack is given out, the gospel story will be shared. Please help in any way possible.

BACKPACK COLLECTION:

- New **ZIPPERED SCHOOL BACKPACKS** should each include:
 1. School supplies such as crayons, notebook paper, pencils, pens, composition books, folders, erasers and rulers
 2. Small items of NEW clothing such as winter hats, gloves, socks, underwear, scarf
 3. Small pop-top canned food such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
 4. At least one NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy (Examples: small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, card games, Legos (no toy weapons please!))
 5. Hygiene items including toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb, shampoo, deodorant (please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag)
 6. A children's Bible or youth Bible
 7. Fresh, wrapped candy (No chocolate please, as it may melt; No peanut products due to allergies)
 - Labels are available at church. Indicate on your label **Boy or Girl as well as the appropriate age (4-7, 8-10 and 11-15).** Attach using ribbon or twine to tie securely to the backpack. Please do not use tape, as it will likely come off.
 - Please prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, **with new items**, not used ones and at least one gift from each category. This quality gift may be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love.

"Thank you for helping to meet this great need. Your gifts will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!" - Dewey and Kathie Aiken, Appalachian Coalfields On-Site Coordinators, NCBM

**Please bring Backpacks to Meherrin Baptist Church by
August 31, 2018.**