



## 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. Churches statewide are called to respond to this need through Appalachian Christmas Outreach in 2024. The statewide goal is to collect 22,000 backpacks of items to be distributed to children in late November and December.

Our church will help by sending filled backpacks for 4 to 7 year old children. We will collect items and gifts through the month of September. If you wish to contribute, you may fill your own bag, bring items that are on the collection list, or give a monetary gift (write check to Floyd's Creek and write backpack in the memo).

This may be the only Christmas present some children will receive and will be a witness of Christ's love.

"Thank you for helping us meet this great need. Your gifts will mean so much and may make an eternal difference in a child's life!"

## 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 or 4 cans 12-16 ounces) 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, card games (no toy weapons, please!)
- 4) HYGIENE ITEMS including toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush/comb, **full-sized** shampoo, toothpaste (fit items into a one-gallon Ziploc bag so they will not leak).
- 5) FRESH, WRAPPED CANDY (no chocolate and no peanut products please)
- 6) A CHILDREN'S BIBLE - Provided by the church.
- 7) A COPY OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY - Provided by the church.

THE CHURCH WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE BACKPACKS.