

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

CHURCH FAMILY: *George Boyd, Louie Askew, John Smith, Marguerite Sexton Hart, Sue Owens, Tracie Wildman, Ann Jackson, Kristie Nicholson, Joyce Harrell, Chris Smith, Claudia Beacham, Faye McCombs, Oliver and Frances Lucas, Sandy McMurtrie, Clifford Frymier, Barbara Peyton.*

OTHER CONCERNS: *The Family of Marvin Peele, Shemida Shay (Pinky Thompson's Mother), Mack Williams, Faye Lyle, William Sexton, Alfonzo Boyd, Adele Ange, Ryan Alligood (Nephew of Wade Rogers), Christi Rogerson, Stevie O'Neal, Dr. James Hagwood, Kim Wynne, Mike Ward, Marty Barfield, Jason Phelps, Rodney Rogerson, Frank Winslow.*

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS: *Three Rivers- Christine McMurtrie #208; River Trace Nursing & Rehab Center, Washington- Pauline Humphreys #418; Eunice Carraway #325; Roanoke Landing- Alice Dotson #209, Tim Elks #315; Rich Square Health Care Center -Annie Griffith #108-B; Chowan River Nursing Home - Rae Owens (Mother of Caroline Chandler).*

It is time for the Appalachian Coalfield Backpack Ministry. This year we are asking that if you would like to contribute to this ministry, please pick up an empty backpack from the church and fill it with the items listed below. The Baptist men will also enclose a Bible and a copy of the Christmas Story in each backpack. The deadline for this ministry is October 30, 2020.

Items that can be included are as follows:

- A) Small items of **NEW warm clothing** such as winter hats, gloves, socks, scarves, etc.
- B) Small **pop-top canned food** such as ravioli, tuna, beef stew, vegetables, fruit (3-4 cans)
- C) At least 1-2 **NEW, age appropriate non-breakable toy** (*no toy weapons, please!*) This can include small cars, balls, dolls, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump rope, sidewalk chalk, card games, Legos, etc. For oldest age group (15-17) substitute an appropriate item instead of a toy, such as, a flashlight, small thermos, light blanket, books, hunting and fishing magazines for the boys - jewelry, books, skin care products, hair accessories, etc. for girls.
- D) **Hygiene items** including full sized containers of toothpaste, body wash, shampoo, and deodorant, as well as toothbrush, soap, washcloth, brush or comb. (*Please fit these items into a one gallon Ziploc bag so they do not leak out into the rest of the backpack*).
- E) **Fresh, wrapped candy** (*no chocolate please, as it may melt; and no peanut products*)

Age Grouping and Labeling. Each backpack should be labeled boy or girl as well as the appropriate age. Age groupings for this year are **4-7,**

8-10, 11-14, 15-17. Due to labels falling off in previous years, we went to a ribbon system for labeling last year, and it proved to be very effective. Each backpack will have two 10 inch ribbons tied to them - one to indicate gender and one for age, as follows:

Gender:

Blue ribbon will indicate a boy's backpack.

Pink ribbon will indicate a girl's backpack.

Age:

Yellow ribbon for ages 4-7

Green ribbon for ages 8-10

Red ribbon for ages 11-14

White ribbon for ages 15-17.

SCARVES FOR BACKPACKS

The First Baptist Church ladies knitting group has hand knitted scarves available to go in the backpacks. If you would like one they can be picked up in the church office. There is no cost for the scarves.

We ask that you prepare your backpack as you would for your own child or grandchild, with new items, not used ones. This quality gift could be the only Christmas present this child receives, and will be a witness of Christ's love!

As always, thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

