

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

PACK A SHOE BOX NIGHT

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th

5:30 – 7:30pm at Faith Evangelical Free Church

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The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

8 MILLION CHILDREN received shoe boxes last year.
OVER 130 COUNTRIES have received shoe boxes since 1993.

Our church participates by packing shoe boxes full of donated items and delivering them to a local collection site. Then teams of workers from Samaritan's Purse take them all over the world to share Christ's love. For more info, see www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.

Here's how you can help:

You can come to our annual PACK A SHOE BOX NIGHT. This event is geared to families with children 6th grade and under, but all ages are welcome. Invite friends and their families, too! Come with some of the gifts listed below. We will have lots of wrapped shoe boxes at church (box and lid must be wrapped separately), and we'll have fun filling them with donated items!

You can donate a box that you put together at home. Follow directions in the Operation Christmas Child flyer. For more info, see www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. The last day to drop off completed shoe boxes at the church is Sunday, November 20th.

Donate gift items. Put them in the collection bin in the church foyer by Sunday morning, November 20th. Check at work—maybe they have appropriate items that they'd be willing to donate.

GIFT IDEAS:

TOYS: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS: toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER: hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE: In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans





Donate money. Samaritan's Purse requests that we donate \$7 or more for each shoe box we prepare, to help cover the expense of shipping and distributing them to children around the world. We expect to pack about 180 boxes this year. That means we need over \$1200. You can donate money in one of two ways: You can write a check payable to Samaritan's Purse, and put it in Anne Rogan's mailbox in the church foyer. Or you can use the Samaritan's Purse website to donate online: https://www.samaritanpurse.org/index.php/OCC/EZ_Give_Donations/

If you donate online, please read the following instructions:

NEW! FOLLOW YOUR BOX—You can discover the destination of the box(es) you helped to deliver by using EZ Give. By making your donation online using a credit or debit card you will receive an EZ Give label included in your email receipt. Print or copy the label once for every \$7 you donate. Please put those labels (in an envelope) in Anne Rogan's box in the foyer. We will attach them to boxes that we pack. (Or you can attach them to boxes you pack yourself.)

Your specific EZ Give barcode is connected to your email address. The barcode on the label enables Samaritan's Purse to track each shoe box gift. You will receive an email from them telling you the destination of your gift, along with information about Operation Christmas Child in that country. If boxes that you have helped to deliver go to more than one country, you will receive more than one email.



Thank you for giving a gift of joy and the message of God's love to a needy child this Christmas.