

Operation Christmas Child

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A simple gift. An eternal message.

Once again our Church will participate in Operation Christmas Child sponsored by the Samaritan's Purse outreach. The drive will take place in November, but now is the time to start thinking and shopping.

The Operation Christmas Child project is a shoe box packing project. The boxes are filled by us with all kinds of wonderful items for the delight of children. "Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child. Your gift of love may be the door God uses to open a child's heart to Jesus Christ" Franklin Graham, President, Samaritan's Purse.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through simple, gift-filled shoe boxes, and evangelistic materials that tell the Good News of God's love. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

PRAY - Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Christ.

PACK A GIFT - A shoe box filled with small toys, school supplies, hygiene items, small personal items, a personal note of encouragement.

GIVE - \$7 will cover shipping

VOLUNTEER - Make an eternal impact on the lives of children by volunteering to pack the shoe boxes into shipping cartons. For the second year our Church will be a central shoebox drop off station for the Naugatuck Valley. We will be looking for volunteers to man the station - that is to receive the boxes from other churches and pack them for shipping. We will be using the Memorial Room for this purpose the week of November 15 from about 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.

Watch for more news, with more detailed instructions on what to pack, and sign up sheets for volunteering.