

Church & Community Ministries Newsletter
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In spite of the pandemic, parents came to CCM to have both physical & spiritual needs met through the annual Christmas Toy Ministry. Although numbers were way down, we had a wonderful experience with happy parents, plentiful volunteers & counselors. Things moved a lot faster without gift wrap so gift wrap is likely a thing of the past. To assist parents, gift wrap packets were made in advance (according to the number of children in their family) so that they could enjoy wrapping their children's gifts at home. We will need rolls of wrapping paper for next year. NO CANDY CANES. Toys were plentiful for ages birth - 8. There was a lack of quality gifts for ages 9 - 18. *Strongly suggested:* when shopping, I would rather you purchase 2 ten-dollar gifts as opposed to one twenty-dollar gift. This keeps the playing field level. Also, please stay away from dollar stores when purchasing gifts. Think quality not quantity. Ask yourself, "Is this a gift I would give to my child, grandchild, niece, nephew, etc." Many thanks to the churches who provided the delicious lunches & Concord who gave 8 new bikes which were given away by a drawing to delighted parents. Many, many thanks to all the volunteers & the counselors especially Armando Alfaro & Gus Gillespie who came every day all day to share the Gospel.

Please do not give the following as Toy Ministry gifts:

- 500 - 1000 piece puzzles
- Play dough
- Guns of any description
- Warm weather toys - kites, pool floats, bubbles, etc.
- No dolls needed (never give porcelain dolls)
- Please stay away from toys that have been greatly reduced in price. There is a reason they are reduced - no one wanted them.

We praise God for the 5 decisions made for salvation & the many seeds planted! 2020 numbers served through this year's Toy Ministry: 89 families = 242 children

Stocking Stuffers: **January** - children's toothpaste, **February** - children's toothbrushes, **March** - boys boxers sizes 4, **April** - men's athletic style sock, **May** - Women's athletic style socks, **June**- toothpaste, **July** - toothbrushes, **August** - School supplies, **Sept** - Boy's boxers sizes 12-18 **October** - small children's socks, **November** -scotch tape, **December** - decorated boxes & gift bags

Central Children's Home: **January** - no birthdays, **February** 2 children - Concord, **March** - 2 birthdays, **April** - 1 birthday - Edith Whitt, **May** - No birthdays - Amis Chapel, **June** No birthdays - Gwen Dickerson, **July** - 1 birthday- FB Butner, **August** - No birthdays- Peace's Chapel

If you're planning an outreach event & need Bibles, please check with me. I have new paperback Bibles & New Testaments that I will gladly give you for your event.

January 19 - General Board Meeting, 7:00 @ West Oxford Baptist Church.

FYI: Beginning January 6, Wednesday hours at the CCM Hut are 9:00-3:00.

January 22 - Please remember me in prayer as I undergo foot surgery, Lord willing. Six weeks non-weight bearing.

Exodus 12:2 "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you." *Every day is a new beginning in His service!*