

September 2025 CCM Newsletter
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Tea parties are becoming popular again and offer a wonderful way to promote fellowship while also providing a chance for spiritual nourishment. Tea parties can be used to reach a large audience or as simple as hosting a party for your regular monthly meeting. CCM is in the process of setting up a tea party loan closet and we'd be delighted to help you set up your tea party with pretty dishes and serving pieces. Just give me a call.

Reminder: FRBA Annual Meeting: Monday, Sept. 22, 3:00 @ Stovall Baptist Church.

Praise God all Murdoch and Central Regional names for Operation Santa Claus were adopted at the WMU Leadership Conference! If you missed out, you can email either of these hospitals and they will gladly pair you or your group with a resident in need of Christmas gifts. Murdoch: April Hodges – April.Hodges@dhhs.nc.gov or Central Regional: Tara Goolsby – tara.goolsby@dhhs.nc.gov

I have ordered 500 labels for OCC shoeboxes if you need any for your shoeboxes. It's simple to go online and order free supplies from samaritanspurse.org. Don't forget to come by CCM and check through our stash of OCC box fillers. There are plenty of items to choose from that can be perfect for your packing party or for filling up your individual boxes.

Our count on the Women's Prison Christmas Red Box candy stands at 1,039 bags! Although our goal is 1200, we will accept any that comes in over that amount. If your church is interested there are some items for the Red Box that have not been adopted: shampoo, toothpaste, lotion, gloves, & deodorant. Go to wmunc.org/redbox to sign up and see sizes/amounts needed. This is a much-needed ministry and it seems to be struggling this year to get the needed items. You can also donate funds online or send to this address: Red Box, WMU NC, PO Box 4249, Cary, NC 27519-4249. *"Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"*—John 4:13–14

We are already looking toward preparing our building for the Toy Ministry; therefore, we are NOT accepting large furniture items. I will accept chest of drawers, clean mattresses & bed frames. Just some general observations: Please do not donate items that are broken or do not work. Your **CLEAN** donations of clothing and other items are greatly appreciated. Remember, you increase our work load when we have to dispose of unusable items, whether it's a trip to the landfill or the 'yellow' box.

Stocking Stuffers: Sept – journals/ink pens, October – coloring books/crayons, November -throw blankets, December – gift boxes, rolls of wrapping paper, scotch tape, & gift bags

Central Children's Home Birthdays: **Sept. – No birthdays**; Oct. – 2 birthdays; **Nov. – No birthdays – Poplar Creek**; Dec. – one birthday

I saw this recently and thought it a clever play on words: "As we await the return of Jesus, let's do what waiters do: SERVE!"

I know your works, your labor.... [You] have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. —Revelation 2:2-3