

August 2026 CCM Newsletter

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The **Backyard Block Party** was rescheduled for August 8th so come on out and volunteer at this fun, Bible learning event at the Oxford Housing Authority “Child Development Center” located at 101 Hillside Drive in Oxford!

The **WMU Leadership Conference** is Tuesday, August 11, 7:00, at Oxford Baptist Church. Please send representatives from your church. Information will be available to help you in planning missions and ministry for your church the coming year. You do not need to be a member of WMU to attend. You will have the opportunity to sign up for Operation Santa Claus which is Murdoch & Central Regional residents for Christmas giving, Central Children Home’s birthdays, & Toy Ministry lunches. The project again this year is bringing 3.8 oz bags of Jolly Rancher candies for the Women’s Prison Christmas Red Box. Larger bags are acceptable and will be broken down into smaller zip-lock bags of 18.

Christmas in August is a fun way to shine a spotlight on the Toy Ministry and gather new toys for this much-needed event. It can be as elaborate or as simple as you want to make it. Simple – set up an Angel tree with gift suggestions written on the angels. Elaborate- cook a ‘holiday’ meal for your Wednesday night supper and have participants bring new toys. I’m borrowing from my January 2026 newsletter because nothing has changed: *We will need toys in the Birth – 2 age group and the 6 – 18 age groups. We do not need any in the 3 – 5 age group. Also needed: sports balls – focus on basketballs, soccer balls, and volley balls. Our supply of fleece blankets was depleted so keep an eye out for these also. We will need boys boxers sizes 4, 6/7, & 10/12 and ladies socks size 4-10. We will need wrapping paper and gift bags.* As fast as this year is moving, Christmas will be here before we know it!

Women’s Prison Christmas Red Box: We are again collecting 3.8 bags of the hard Jolly Ranchers or buy in bulk and place 18 pieces in sandwich-sized zip-lock bags. Drop off at CCM.

Although the **C.A.R.E.S. Project** to collect for August is shampoo/conditioner, they are actually more in need of laundry supplies. My recommendation is small bags of laundry pods. This is a new project that benefits Granville County public school students in need. You may drop off by CCM for delivery.

In your ministry endeavors, don’t overlook the **Granville County Senior Center “Meals on Wheels”** program. My church recently put together breakfast food bags which accompanied the meals and were very well received. Included in the bags: instant grits, oatmeal, and hot chocolate mix, granola or breakfast bar, juice boxes, fruit cups and bottled water. Also include some type of daily devotional or devotional thoughts. We placed a copy of the “Daily Bread” devotional in our kits. Pray for those who receive. Also, drivers are needed in the northern part of the county. Check with Kathy May or Benita Tingen for more info on routes in need of a driver. 919-693-1930

Stocking Stuffers: Aug.- toothbrushes – no multi-packs, Sep.- journals/ink pens, Oct. – coloring books/crayons, Nov.-fleece blankets, Dec. – gift bags, rolls of wrapping paper, scotch tape

Central Children’s Home Birthdays: Aug. – No Birthdays

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*