



Christmas Gifts that Bring Blessings to the World

How Does it Work?

1. Choose gifts from the ministries included in this booklet.
2. Complete a shopping list at church or online at www.covenantpresjackson.org/resources/christmas-gifts-at-covenant.
3. Make checks payable to Covenant Presbyterian Church for the total of all gifts, and add Christmas Gifts at Covenant to the Memo line.
4. Mail a check and shopping list to Covenant, or bring them with you to Sunday worship on November 30 and December 7, or on Wednesday night, December 3.
5. For each gift you purchase, you receive a Christmas Card with a Mission Description for you to give the recipient. (For mail-in orders, the cards will be mailed to you for you to distribute.)

Ministries within the Covenant Church Community

1. Covenant Presbyterian Preschool

The Preschool provides a morning play-based experience for children ages 9 months to 4 years old. The program is dedicated to the Christian nurture of each child in all areas of development: spiritual, social, intellectual, physical, and emotional. As a ministry of the church, the Preschool has a scholarship fund designated to ensure ALL children can enroll. Additionally, to facilitate creativity and imagination, our recently added Learning Garden/STEM Lab can benefit from gifts to purchase resources that will continue to inspire and encourage our next generation of bold thinkers.

1a. Scholarship Fund..... Any Amount

1b. Learning Garden/STEM Lab Resources Any Amount

2. Casey Elementary School

The mission of Casey Elementary School is to focus on student achievement by providing a challenging and engaging curriculum for a diverse, multicultural student body. In doing so, the art forms of music, dance, drama, and visual arts are incorporated into the curriculum. Students are challenged to develop and achieve essential academic skills, as well as understanding of their artistic surroundings, to become successful, well-rounded, productive citizens. Covenant members help at Casey with teacher support and special events.

2. Resources for Arts Programs \$20.00 or Any Amount



Ministries within the Local and State Community

3. We Will Go

We Will Go seeks to be a neighbor to those in the downtown Jackson community, focusing on education, essential food and engagement. This is done through distributing groceries to low-income families, offering after-school care with a focus on literacy and providing all day summer learning for students in need. All programs are centered around evangelism and sharing the love of Christ. Undesignated funds will go to needs such as the afterschool program, groceries for clients, new playground, loading dock, walk-in freezer and fridge, and new ceiling tiles and flooring in the food ministry building.

3a. Large-Print Bible for Adult	\$30.00
3b. Bible for Child.....	\$25.00
3c. Recreational Equipment.....	\$30.00
3d. Undesignated.....	Any Amount

4. Center for Pregnancy Choices

The Center for Pregnancy Choices has been serving the Jackson Metro area since 1988. It provides counseling and information to help women in need make good decisions about their pregnancies. The center also provides support in other ways, such as parenting classes, limited medical testing and services, Bible studies and prayer, and material items such as baby clothes and furnishings. This support is offered at no charge to clients.

4a. Baby Clothes & Furnishings	\$15.00
4b. Undesignated.....	Any Amount



5. French Camp Academy

French Camp Academy is a safe, stable, healing place dedicated to providing a Christian boarding school and home experience for young people needing an alternative place to live and learn. The central Mississippi ministry offers students an environment where they can thrive spiritually, emotionally, academically, physically and socially.

- 5a. Game or Craft Supplies for a Group Home..... \$15.00 or Any Amount
- 5b. Recreational Equipment \$20.00 or Any Amount
- 5c. Undesignated Any Amount



Ministries to the International Community

6. Student Education Program in Honduras

Since the Salt and Light Ministry Foundation was formed in 2004, churches and individuals in the U.S. have been providing education assistance to help keep students in school. Education provides opportunities to lead a better and more productive life than simply becoming manual labor in an agrarian country. Currently, one adult Sunday School class and several Covenant members sponsor elementary, secondary and college students. Those who qualify for the program receive school uniforms, new shoes, books and school supplies at the beginning of the school year in February. Students must have an 80 average to qualify for the program and maintain a 70 average to remain in it.

There are students who do not qualify for sponsorships, however. The ministry helps them with school supplies when funds or extra materials are available. Teachers in the public schools are in need, too, working with minimal supplies or often doing without. They also seldom have any funds for recreational equipment, like soccer balls for their students. Salt and Light tries to provide for teachers when a need is identified.

Your Christmas Gifts at Covenant Honduras donations will go toward the needs of unsponsored students and of teachers who need supplies to function better in the classroom.

6a. Provide school supplies to an unsponsored student.....	\$10.00
6b. Provide recreational equipment for a class.....	\$15.00
6c. Provide classroom supplies to a teacher	\$20.00
6d. Undesignated.....	Any Amount



7. Wycliffe Bible Translators

Wycliffe Bible Translators is dedicated to translating and delivering Scripture to people around the world in a language and form they understand best. More than 7,300 spoken or signed languages are in use today, and 561 still need a Bible translation started. Wycliffe has committed to trying to see a Bible translation program started in every language. Their work reaches from the far corners of the earth to right here in Mississippi.

- 7a. Revise the 1800s-era New Testament translation for the Choctaw people of Mississippi \$ 35.00 or Any Amount
- 7b. Translate Old Testament Scriptures for the Avukaya people of South Sudan \$ 45.00 or Any Amount
- 7c. Advance Bible Translation Around the World..... \$ 25.00 or Any Amount

8. The Outreach Foundation - Kenya

Ongoing drought in East Africa, coupled with rising prices, has resulted in increased food insecurity for many Kenyans. Providing maize flour to needy families and to elderly individuals with no family to care for them will help them survive. The Foundation also supports boarding schools, such as those Covenant teams have helped build, that can save young girls from early marriage and provide the chance for a better life through education.

- 8a. Bag of Maize to Feed a Family for 3-4 Weeks \$ 40.00/Any Amount
- 8b. Schoolbooks for One Student..... \$ 25.00/Any Amount
- 8c. School Uniform and Shoes..... \$ 30.00/Any Amount
- 8d. Support a Rescued Girl \$ 50.00/Any Amount
- 8e. Full or Partial Scholarship for Rescued Girl \$ 400.00/Any Amount



“I will make of you a great nation and I will bless you...
so that you will be a blessing.” Genesis 12:2

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand,
‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the
foundation of the world:
for I was hungry and you gave me food;
I was thirsty and you gave me drink;
I was a stranger and you took me in;
I was naked and you clothed me;
I was sick and you took care of me;
I was in prison and you came to me.’

Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,
‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You,
or thirsty and give You drink?
When did we see You a stranger and take You in,
or naked and clothe You?
Or when did we see You sick,
or in prison, and come to You?’

And the King will answer and say to them,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one
of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.’”
Matthew 25:34-40



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