



SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

PACK A SHOEBOX

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The Sweet Spot

Max Lucado, in his book, “Cure for the Common Life: Living in Your Sweet Spot,” defines a “sweet spot” as those experiences when everything just comes together, and under your breath as you do this activity and it’s going well, you say, “I was made to do this.”

Ephesians 2:10 says it this way: “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

There are many places to find your sweet spot here at Lighthouse – Kingdom Kids, youth group volunteer, Haiti, chopping wood, teaching children’s church, serving as a deacon or elder. That sweet spot may change for each person over the years.

That sweet spot for me has been Operation Christmas Child. I have felt God equipped me with gifts that made me feel this work was right for me. It’s easy to feel like you’re doing the right thing when it involves bringing joy to a child’s life. Does work have to be hard to qualify for a sweet spot?

You can pack a shoebox to bring it during collection week Nov. 15-22. If you are like me and Operation Christmas Child is your sweet spot and you can’t stop yourself from buying multiples of a bargain, bring them to the church and add them to the collection box there. We will pack the boxes for you. I promise you will be amazed at what we can do together.

Jane Hines

2021 Shoebox Challenge

Last year, even with the pandemic, God was at work through Operation Christmas Child. Worldwide, OCC collected more than 9.1 million shoeboxes, 7.8 million of which came from the U.S.

You may think your one shoebox will not have any impact, but with everyone working together around the world, we can make a difference. Lighthouse Church brought in 188 shoeboxes in 2020. We had 32 shoeboxes that were built online and 156 shoeboxes that were dropped off during last year’s collection week.

In 2021, Samaritan’s Purse would like to collect 9.7 million shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child. Even though that number sounds extraordinary, that is only a 6.5% increase over last year. **Let’s give Lighthouse Church a 10% challenge for 2021.** That represents a total of 207 shoeboxes needing to be donated.

If you don’t want to fill an entire shoebox, but want to contribute to this wonderful ministry, please feel free to donate items and bring them into the church. Now is a great time to pick up school supplies at a reduced cost. You can also participate in our Dollar Day Collection to help provide items for shoeboxes (*see page 4 for more information*).

We will have a OCC collection box available in the back of the Sanctuary for any donations you would like to make. We will also have a display of shoeboxes for you to take and fill.

Let’s make 2021 a year to remember....