



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 <https://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.
4. Mail a check and shopping list to Covenant, or bring them with you to Sunday worship on December 4 or 11 or on Wednesday nights on December 7 or 14.
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 preschool experience for children of ages 9 months to 4 years old. The program is designed to nurture each child in a safe, healthful, and attractive setting wherein a desirable education may take place, while promoting the development of each child to his/her fullest potential. An ongoing ministry of the Preschool is to children with special needs, who participate fully in the regular programming of the Preschool.

1. Special Needs/Scholarship Fund..... 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 appreciation and understanding of their artistic surroundings, to become successful, well-rounded, productive citizens. Covenant members help as reading partners and tutors.

2. Art Supplies\$20 or Any Amount



Ministries within the Local and State Community

3. Operation Shoestring

Operation Shoestring is an inter-faith, private non-profit community services organization serving children and families living primarily in the low-income neighborhoods bordering Bailey Avenue in central Jackson. Operation Shoestring's ministries include after-school and summer programs for pre-K through high school, leadership and civic engagement training for older kids, and family support through financial counseling, educational forums, workshops, social services, and more.

- 3a. School/Art Supplies.....\$10.00
- 3b. Recreational Equipment\$15.00
- 3c. 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 Any Amount
- 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 or Any Amount
- 5b. Recreational Equipment\$20 or Any Amount
- 5c. Undesignated Any Amount

Ministries to the International Community

6. Children's Soup Kitchens in Honduras

In 1999, Covenant established the first soup kitchen for the malnourished children of communities in Honduras. We currently sponsor the soup kitchen in Las Lomitas that feeds 75 children daily in two shifts. Each child has a medical profile maintained by the doctor and dentist from the Salt & Light Medical Clinic to track overall health. The menus are reviewed and changed periodically to provide the most nutritious meals possible with vegetables available in Honduras. Vitamins and milk have been added daily. The meals are prepared and served by mothers and other church volunteers who share in this ministry. The children bring a stick for the following day's fire when they come to eat. Health and hygiene instruction and a Bible lesson precede each meal. Over 8,000 hot and healthy meals are served annually in this soup kitchen.

- 6a. Feed a Child for One Month \$14.00
- 6b. Feed All Children in Soup Kitchen for a Day \$28.00
- 6c. 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 at least 1,600 still need a Bible translation started. Wycliffe has committed to trying to see a Bible translation program started in every language by 2025. Their work reaches from the far corners of the earth to right here in Mississippi.

- 7a. Provide People in Nigeria, Cameroon & the Americas with Their First Scripture..... \$ 30.00 or Any Amount
- 7b. Help Produce Oral Scriptures for Those Who Can't Read
..... \$ 45.00 or Any Amount
- 7c. Advance Bible Translation Around the World..... \$ 25.00 or Any Amount

8. The Outreach Foundation - Kenya

A year-plus drought in Kenya means few crops have been produced. Many families have used up their stored food with not much hope for another good crop. Providing maize flour will help them survive until the rains come. TOF 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. School Uniform and Shoes..... \$ 15.00/Any Amount
- 8c. Schoolbooks for One Student \$ 25.00/Any Amount
- 8d. Support a Rescued Girl \$ 50.00/Any Amount
- 8e. Full or Partial Scholarship for Rescued Girl \$ 250.00/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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