26% OF KENTUCKY’S CHILDREN LIVE IN POVERTY. So, for each of these children, a backpack from Kentucky Baptist may be all they will get for Christmas!

Let’s exceed the goal of 10,000 BACKPACKS from KBC churches! Many of the backpacks collected here will be distributed directly to children living in poverty in Kentucky, while others will go to needy children in our partner SEND City, Cincinnati.

Visit www.kybaptist.org/backpacks for resources and more information.

This initiative is a partnership with Kentucky WMU.
HOW TO PARTICIPATE AND PACK:

- Register online (www.kybaptist.org/backpacks) the number of backpacks your church is committed to pack and share.
- Determine whether your church will partner with and deliver to a specific ministry OR drop off at an associational collection site.
- Begin with purchasing a NEW, zippered backpack.
- Determine the gender and age for the backpacks, then securely tie two (2) ribbons on each backpack to designate: Blue = boys, Pink = girls, Purple = ages 2-3, Yellow = ages 4-7, Green = ages 8-10, Red = ages 11-14, White = ages 15-17.
- Fill the backpacks with NEW gifts and the Christmas Story leaflet.
- Pray specifically for the child receiving the backpack and his or her family.
- Deliver the backpacks (choose one of two delivery options):
  - to the ministry you are partnering with. Contact the ministry directly about when to deliver and the date of their event.
  - to the designated association collection site, October 26-30. Call association contact person to confirm what days and times they are open.

THESE ITEMS ARE REQUIRED (AGE APPROPRIATE):

**TOYS** (at least 1 item): Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, Frisbee, card games such as Ol’ Maid, Go Fish, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** (at least 2 items): toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (boxed and in a plastic bag), shampoo (securely sealed & in a plastic bag) hairbrush, comb, pony tail holders, barrettes, hair clips, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER** (at least 2 items): Children’s/Teen Bible (KJV, God’s Word, or CSB version), age-appropriate Christian books, sunglasses, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).

**FOOD** (At least 2 items): Canned food items with pop-tops (nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers), protein bars, hard candy (NO chocolate) and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, NO food items with peanut butter or nuts.

**CLOTHING** (At least 2 items. All clothing items must be new with tags/packaging): T-shirts, underwear, socks, warm hat, gloves, scarf, ball cap, fleece pullover, warm outerwear.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**: School supplies are welcome, but not all sites need them. If you are partnering with a site, please check with them regarding school supplies and what type of school supplies are needed, please use age-appropriate school supplies.

**COPY OF “THE CHRISTMAS STORY” LEAFLET** (available for download from the website)

Additional Ideas to consider for Older Kids (ages 11-17):

**Girls** - lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks/slippers, doodle books, Spirograph kit, feminine hygiene supplies

**Boys** - LEGO®, card games, hand-held electronic games, flashlights (with extra batteries), basketball, soccer ball, NERF™ football

* Please PUT BACKPACKS in CARDBOARD BOXES and write with a marker on the outside of each cardboard box how many backpacks and for what gender are enclosed. (Ex: B – 2, G – 2)