

# THE MESSENGER

## Mission of the Month

WMU MISSION OF THE MONTH: Jade Bridge

November is National Adoption Month

The Jade Bridge is a nonprofit organization that partners with adoptive and foster families to provide free resources, training, and social events to help parents deal with the unique challenges that come with adoption and fostering.

The Jade Bridge has been asked to help provide some much needed hygiene bags for a local Foster Care office. These bags will be given to children who have to be removed from their homes and placed with foster families. Some friends of The Jade bridge in North Carolina are going to be sewing the bags, but they could use some help purchasing hygiene items to include in them. Monetary donations are accepted as well (cash or checks made out to The Jade Bridge).

Listed below are the age groups with the items that go in each hygiene bag. Note: where applicable, items are to be travel size.

Items for each age group:

**0-2** toothbrush, infant toothpaste, comb, individual Kleenex tissues, baby body wash, baby shampoo, baby lotions, band aids, baby powder

**2-6** toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, individual tissues, shampoo, body wash, powder, lotion, floss in holder, band aids, ponytail holders (for girls)

**6-10** toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, individual tissues, shampoo, body wash, powder, lotion, floss in holder, band aids, chap stick, ponytail holders (for girls) 10- up toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, individual tissues, body wash, powder, lotion, floss in holder, band aids, chap stick, deodorant (boys and girls), ponytail holders (girls), sanitary pads (girls)

You have the choice of donating any of the needed items (travel size), or you can put together an entire bag for a specific age in a gallon-sized Ziplock bag. If you choose to prepare an entire bag, be sure that you write on the bag the age group for which it is intended.

# Clean Up Day

We are having a church-wide outdoor clean up day on Saturday, November 7 starting at 8:30am. Lunch will be provided. Please bring tools. This is for men and women. Please let us know if you are going to attend so we can plan for lunch. Email Jennifer at [JStewart@calvarycares.com](mailto:JStewart@calvarycares.com) or call the church office.

## OCC

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes

- Shoeboxes are still available in the vestibule, behind the sanctuary, and in the office workroom.
- You may begin placing your completed shoeboxes on the sanctuary stage steps on November 1.
- Calvary is a collection center. Here are the dates and times that volunteers are needed from November 16 - November 23:
  - Monday, November 16: 4 pm – 7 pm
  - Tuesday, November 17: 4 pm – 7 pm
  - Wednesday, November 18: 4 pm – 7 pm
  - Thursday, November 19: 4 pm – 7 pm
  - Friday, November 20: 4 pm – 7 pm
  - Saturday, November 21: 11 am – 1 pm
  - Sunday, November 22: 2 pm – 5 pm
  - Monday, November 23: 10 am – 6 pm

Contact Louanne Stewart ([fbalouanne@sc.rr.com](mailto:fbalouanne@sc.rr.com)) to sign up.

# Keeping Christ in Christmas

"Keeping Christ in Christmas" for 2020 has been canceled due to COVID risks. As anyone who has attended this event knows, Angel Tree has been a project offered for the past several years at "Keeping Christ in Christmas." FBA has already been asked to help this year also. The need is even more urgent than usual. More details will be available after final plans are in place.

