

# 2017 Appalachian Christmas Outreach

*A Ministry of North Carolina Baptist Men*

The Appalachian Coalfields Ministry, sponsored by NC Baptist Men, seeks to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Appalachian Area. One of the greatest ministry needs in this area occurs at Christmastime. We are calling on churches statewide to respond to this need through **APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS OUTREACH** in 2017. Our goal is to collect 10,000 filled backpacks for distribution.

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## WAYS CHURCHES, FAMILIES, and INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP:

Your church and association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact person's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact's Email : \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact's Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Our church will **COLLECT BACKPACKS AND TAKE THEM TO THE NEAREST COLLECTION SITE**. State-wide collection will take place **Saturday, November 4** at 25-30 sites across the state. We will access information on what items to collect and how to pack them from the NCBM website at [www.baptistsonmission.org/aco2017](http://www.baptistsonmission.org/aco2017) (Information is also listed on the reverse of this page).
- 2) Our church will be willing to **BE A COLLECTION SITE FOR OUR AREA** for Christmas backpacks. We will have volunteers ready to meet and assist those who might bring backpacks by on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. We can have either an enclosed trailer or a box truck available for the backpacks to be loaded into for later transport (or will be able to store them in our church until we can transport them). A volunteer from our church will then transport the backpacks to either Shelby Mission Camp or Red Springs Mission Camp on Friday, November 10.
- 3) Our church would like to **PARTNER WITH AN APPALACHIAN MINISTRY/CHURCH** to conduct a Christmas event. Event may include preparation of food, games, gospel presentation, etc. We understand that we would deliver and distribute filled backpacks to the ministry site at the event and participate in ministry activities, which will be planned according to the desires and direction of the ministry center/church. Teams wishing to participate must register through NCBM's Appalachian Coalfields Partnership. Instructions will be sent to the team leader.
- 4) Our church can send volunteers to **WORK A DAY AT SHELBY MISSION CAMP or RED SPRINGS MISSION CAMP** to process the backpacks that are collected from across the state. This will include examining the backpacks to make sure they include needed materials, placing the Christmas story in each one, praying over them, sorting them according to age and gender, and preparing them for transport. This will take place from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm on Saturday, November 11. Place a check by the mission camp below that you would be available to work at. *(We will determine how many volunteers are needed at each site and confirm with you beforehand).*

\_\_\_ **Shelby Mission Camp- Sat. November 11**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Volunteers (approximate number)**

\_\_\_ **Red Springs Mission Camp – Sat., November 11**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Volunteers (approximate number)**