

TATTNALL-EVANS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Dear Pastors/Church Leaders,

MAJOR CHANGE TO CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS.

It's time again to focus on and organize our support for the children and families of Tattnall and Evans Counties (yes, we are staying local this year) to provide families with Christmas blessings through our Association, and I'm requesting your support. Our goal for 2026 is 1000 backpacks. Please start promoting and collecting backpack donations. The backpacks are FREE this year. Contact Debbie by October 15, 2026, at tebaassistant@yahoo.com or 912-739-9040 with the number of backpacks needed.

We ask each church that chooses to pack backpacks to use the attached guidelines. We will have copies of "Christmas Story" inserts available at the office; please get in touch with Debbie to get copies to place in each Backpack that is packed. The real reason for this ministry is to spread the Gospel story and share the real Christmas story with those who may have never heard it. We are working to obtain Bibles for each backpack. We are adding a focus on packing Non-Perishable FOOD items. PLEASE include at least 6 food items in your backpacks (more if possible). Suggestions for food items are [Canned food items with pop-tops i.e., soup, canned pasta \(such as ravioli, spaghetti'Os, beefaroni\), ramen noodles, Vienna sausages, Slim Jim's, jerky, canned ham \(nothing which requires a can opener and no plastic containers\), protein bars, hard candy \(NO chocolate\), and lollipops \(please double bag all candy\), mints, gum.](#)

God always goes before us and ensures the need is met; we must be the hands and feet of Jesus as we provide backpacks packed with plenty of items to meet the needs of the children who receive them. Please turn in all backpacks to First Baptist Collins or the office by Thursday, Nov. 19.

In addition, we will be hosting a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5, 2026, at Evans Elementary, North Tattnall Elementary, and South Tattnall Elementary, beginning at 10:00 AM for registration, A Christmas Story Message, and the giveaway at 10:30. There will be a need for volunteers to meet and host the party. We encourage all churches to provide volunteers for this event.

Giving God the Glory!

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PS - The age groups have changed this year. We will pack for 12-year-olds and under. See attached instructions.



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