

# East Booneville BAPTIST CHURCH



Each year we have the opportunity to participate with thousands of other churches in sharing the love of God through Operation Christmas Child. This year during the pandemic sharing this love is so important. Here are a few helpful tips to remember as you pack your boxes.

- Don't tape your boxes or put ribbon or yarn around them. Please only use rubber bands to seal your boxes.
- Make sure to place the label on your box and mark boy or girl and the correct age.
- Include your \$9 donation in your box or pay it online and print off a follow your shoebox label.
- Remember that these boxes will be traveling to countries across the world. Try not to include books or Bibles that are in English as most of these children do not speak English. They will have a Gospel presentation in their own language when they are presented with their shoeboxes.
- Make it a family project! Take your children with you and let them help pack a shoebox for a child their age. This is a great ministry opportunity for kids to learn about thinking of other children who don't have the things they have.
- What should you include in your box?
  - Age appropriate toys, crayons, and coloring books
  - School supplies such as pens, pencils, notepads, etc.
  - Hygiene/personal care products such as a toothbrush, bar soap, lip balm, hairbrush, comb, ponytail holders
- Do not include:
  - Food, candy, gum, liquids of any kind, drink mixes
  - Toothpaste
  - War-related toys
- You can find a detailed list of what can and cannot be included in the shoeboxes at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

Please return your shoeboxes on November 8 as we have a time of prayer for the children who will receive these shoeboxes.