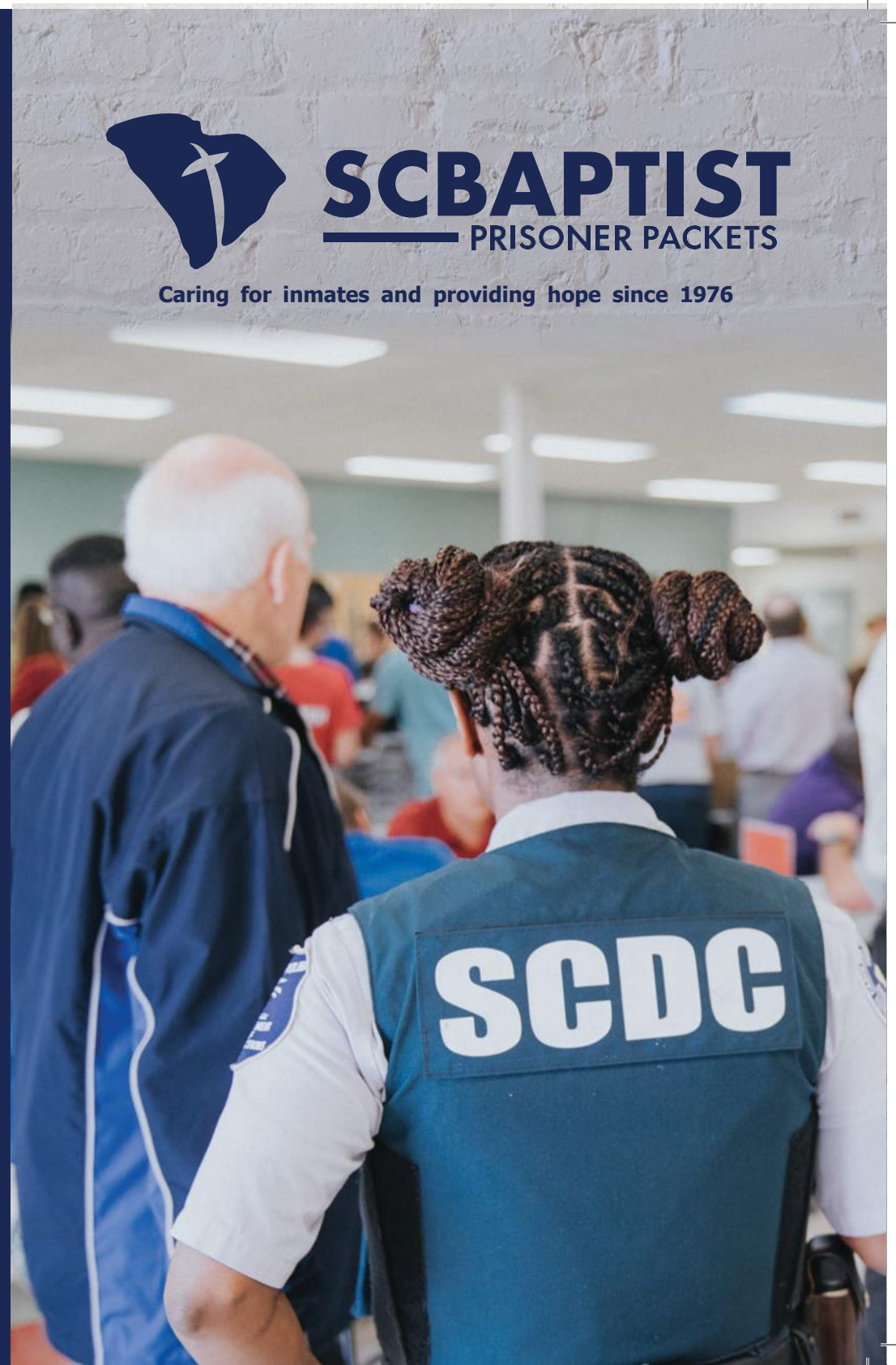




SCBAPTIST

PRISONER PACKETS

Caring for inmates and providing hope since 1976



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www.scwmu.org for more information.

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S.C.D.C. APPROVED PACKING LIST

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE standard size writing tablet approx. 6" x 9" (no wire bound books, composition books, post-it notes, or colored paper)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory-sealed, no multi-packs)
- ONE 4 oz to 6 oz toothpaste (no travel size)
- ONE 3.2 oz to 6 oz bar of soap (no travel size, no unwrapped or unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers (NO Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- THREE first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office, NO regular stamps, no other size envelope)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag (no other size bags accepted)

ALL ITEMS MUST FIT IN THE ZIPPER BAG WITH
ZIPPER CLOSED SECURELY

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs.
Extra approved items may be sent to NewSpring Church on
collection day in a bag/box marked "extra items."

"A care package ministers to the spirit of a man or woman in prison. Many inmates have no one in the free world. You may be the only person or group who displays any concern or regard for such an individual all year long...in doing a care package ministry, you tell people that you care, and that gives hope."

-A Thankful Inmate

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 2023

Churches deliver packets to your local Baptist Association Office. Contact your Association Office for their due date.

DECEMBER 5, 2023

ALL packets MUST be delivered by 12:00 p.m. to:
NewSpring Church
657 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Volunteers check contents, add Christmas card and Scripture booklet, and prepare packets for distribution by chaplains.

FAQs

Why do the envelopes need to be stamp-embossed?

Loose stamps are prohibited by the South Carolina Department of Corrections policy since they can be used to smuggle illegal drugs into the facilities.

Can I include a gospel tract, Christmas card, or note in the packet?

No. You may NOT add tracts, cards, or notes to the packets. Please do not place labels or stickers on the outside of the zipper bags. An approved Christmas card and Scripture booklet will be added to each packet by volunteers on Collection Day.

Why do we need to check the contents of our packets before delivering them to NewSpring Church?

The packets must be checked to be sure that all contents meet the requirements of the SC Department of Corrections. Checking your packets saves valuable time and resources from being spent to replace incorrect or missing items on Collection Day.

Why are we so particular about what goes into the packets?

The Department of Corrections decides what goes in each packet. All packets must contain the same items, quantity, and sizes to prevent conflicts among inmates. Extra items are removed to keep packets uniform.