



# Christmas Prisoner Packets

*Caring for inmates and providing hope since 1976*



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- **ONE** black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- **ONE** writing tablet no larger than 5 1/2" x 8" (no wire bound books, composition books, or post-it notes)
- **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 Shandon Baptist Church on collection day in a bag/box marked "extra items."

## From a thankful inmate:

*"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."*

### NOVEMBER 2021

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

### DECEMBER 6, 2021

ALL packets MUST be delivered by Noon to:

Shandon Baptist Church  
5250 Forest Drive  
Columbia, SC 29206

*Volunteers check contents, add Christmas card and Scripture booklet, and prepare packets for distribution by chaplains on December 7, 2021.*

## 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 at Shandon Baptist Church on December 6, 2021.

### Why do we need to check the contents of our packets before delivering them to Shandon Baptist 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 December 6, 2021.

### 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.