

Festival Questions & Answers

Who do we help ?

We honor & bless children from birth to age 15. Their parent or guardian must be working, going to school while working or a retired or disabled grandparent. We interview each family who applies for help & consider circumstances such as sudden divorce, abandonment, fire, recent loss of a job, & medical emergencies.

What is the next step?

We visit each child & caretaker in their home to better access their needs & wishes; then, we pray for the family. Other needs (ex.: coats, furniture, diapers, etc.) are noted at this initial interview & covered during sponsorship. The wishes & needs are then written on lamb-shaped cards & placed for adoption on a Christmas tree at the Flowood Wal-Mart.

What does a sponsor do?

Once a sponsor signs up for a particular child, they become the vessel that God will use to make that child's **Christmas a blessed time**— instead of a time of need & bad memories.

Why do we have a festival instead of just giving out toys to the parents?

We do give out gifts, at least 3 or more of their wishes & lots of extras... at the festival! This is our opportunity, and yours, to meet, entertain, & witness to each child & their family.

Why do you need my name, e-mail, & phone number on the sponsor sheet?

We always strive to keep track of each child's sponsor so we do not make any mistakes & to make sure every child is sponsored. In the past, we have had people take lambs off the tree & forget the due date or forget they had the child's lamb card, then we have to track down each missing lamb. Your information just helps us stay in touch with you if the need arises.

The miracle of this whole event is watching as everyone gathers to bless the children then you clearly see that the volunteers & sponsors are the ones who get the biggest blessing of all...

You can NOT out-give God !!



I'll Be "Home" For Christmas!

The Happy Birthday, Jesus, Festival is not our only Christmas project. The ministry has a big "family Christmas" morning on Christmas Day!

It is enough of a trauma in one's life to be homeless or battered any time of the year: to be in that situation during a "family holiday season" is assuredly adding insult to injury.

On Christmas morning, we at Wingard Home will all gather around the big tree in the dining room, and watch the children of the ministry open their gifts (and the "big children" get gifts too). We have hot chocolate with marshmallows, peppermint hot tea, spiced apple cider, & homemade goodies to eat. Christmas & the real meaning will be proclaimed for all those present to hear. Then we will pray over the day & all who gave to make it possible.

There is a photo show link on our web site that we would love to share with you! It is truly a worthy project to adopt: adults & children will need sponsors.

Wingard Home Christmas gifts

If you would like to bless a lot of people with your gift giving; then, consider giving one of the "big" gifts below. It will be a gift that will keep on giving, & will bless the many homeless people who come to Wingard Home for help each year.

- DINING ROOM TABLES & CHAIRS:**
(Round bistro-type) tables in wood & chrome with four chairs each: we need seating for 42 & it **must be sturdy!**
- USED VEHICLES FOR HOMELESS**
They need to be able to be driven and in good repair.
- DESK TOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTERS:**
New computer w/good memory/media edition/broadband access/& new windows— we desperately need to **modernize** our education area.
- NEW BASKETBALL COURT W/GOALS:**
One shorter goal for the small children and one full size for the teens and adults
- COMMERCIAL FREEZER UNIT**
- CENTRAL HEAT/AIR IN FAMILY DORM**



22 nd Annual

Friday, December 23rd

From 4-7 pm

At

2240 Westbrook Road

Jackson, MS

(MBA Sports Building across from the soccer fields right past McLeod Elementary)

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Over-All Festival Director
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Rebekah, Hannah, & Rachael Wingard
Festival Planning Committee

John-Israel Wingard
Festival Activities Director

"Loving Jesus, and feeding the sheep...."

Ideas for game booths

Game Booth Ideas: All booths should have a Christmas theme with a ministry focus. They should be Festive, decorative, & colorful. Please make sure there are prizes, treats, or keepsakes free for the children.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Football throw | <input type="checkbox"/> Build a necklace or bracelet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball shoot | <input type="checkbox"/> Story of the candy cane |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ring toss | <input type="checkbox"/> Make a Christmas ornament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon popping | <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ducks in a pond | <input type="checkbox"/> Family photos for nativity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cake walk | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal petting area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Face painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks for the kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon twisting | <input type="checkbox"/> Drinks for the kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Musical chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Popcorn & Cotton candy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bean bag throw | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee & hot chocolate café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing game | <input type="checkbox"/> Large space jump or slide |



Some Scenes From Happy Birthday Jesus! 2010



Christmas Festival Projects for Groups

- We need a small security team to watch the doors, monitor around the booths, guard the gifts, and help give out gifts at the end.
- A group is needed to gather donations of adult goodies & gifts (as door prizes). Wrap them up real pretty. As the child's parent or guardian comes into the festival, register the adults at your door prize booth. You can, then, draw names and make a big deal of the adults getting gifts all during the festival.....the kids love it !!
- On the morning of the 11th, we need a team of volunteers to decorate the building and make it look bright and cheerful. There will be decorations, lights, & trees available to use. If you have extra, please bring them, too!
- A live nativity will definitely be a team project. It is one of the most important booths at the festival & is the best ministry tool available for telling the children about the real meaning of Christmas.
- Sponsoring some little lambs (children in need) would be great fun and very much a blessing to the child you sponsor, to you & to your family. We use little lamb cards with each child's name and wishes listed on them.... Jesus was the precious "Lamb of God" & Jesus is the reason we celebrate.



Our web site BLOG or our FACEBOOKare the very best ways to get last-minute updates, the most up-to-the-minute needs & find out what's happening "right now" at our Ministry. Also, if you would like to set up an automatic monthly donation from your account, click on the "donate now" link on our web site.

Needs List for Winter Season

Pantry

- Mustard & Mayonnaise
- Pickle relish
- Sugar, sugar substitute, & honey
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Salad dressings
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Coffee & Coffee creamer
- Sea Salt, pepper, garlic powder, minced onion, parsley, any seasonings
- Olive Oil
- Cooking oil for commercial fryer
- Canned soups
- Ramen noodles
- Canned tuna
- Canned spinach & asparagus
- Fresh oranges, apples, grapes, & bananas
- 50 lbs. of onions, potatoes, & sweet potatoes
- Gift card to Kroger or Wal Mart so we can buy Holiday cooking needs

General Household

- Bleach
- Spoons, forks, & hard plastic drinking glasses
- Stainless steel cleaner & grill bricks
- Dishwashing detergent (by hand)
- Toilet paper
- Metal pot scrubbers and dish sponges
- Commercial mops, brooms, and dust mops
- Commercial mop buckets
- Trash bags-contractor, lawn & leaf, & kitchen
- Personal care & Dental hygiene items
- First aid and medicine cabinet items
- Disinfectants
- Cleaning supplies
- Baby diapers & wipes
- Twin sheet sets, comforters, and pillows
- Lowes or Home Depot gift cards to purchase needs for ministry property upkeep & repair