

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 | 9:30 + 11:00 AM SERVICES

TWELVE TREES OF CHRISTMAS



Celebrate the birth of Jesus this holiday season by joining us for one of our favorite events of the year! Every Christmas season, our worship choir and orchestra lead a special Sunday Morning Christmas Worship Concert in conjunction with a community outreach we call “The Twelve Trees.”

This year, during the 9:30 and 11:00 am services, the Worship Ministry will present “Joy of Every Longing Heart.” Lined across the front of the Worship Center will be twelve trees, each representing a non-profit ministry that serves the Waco community. During the service, our church family will have an opportunity to bless the ministry of their choosing by coming forward and placing a gift under that tree. Each ministry has provided us with a “wish list” of the items they need most. We invite you to shop from this list and bring your unwrapped gift on December 8. (Life Groups, Youth, and Kids will meet as usual this morning.)

ADVOCACY CENTER

Serves to bring about healing to children and adults who are victims of a crime

- Gift cards to HEB & Walmart
- New stuffed animals
- Solid color sweatpants, sweatshirts, t-shirts, and shorts of all sizes and genders
- Underwear of all sizes and genders
- Individual packages of snacks and drinks (crackers, fruit snacks, chips, Gatorade, juice boxes, and water)

CHURCH UNDER THE BRIDGE

Cares and ministers to homeless individuals or families in the Waco area

- Walmart or Target gift cards to support children and families in need
- Knit caps/gloves, sweatshirts/sweatpants, and warm socks for winter
- Warm sleeping bags
- Funds for bus passes so folks can navigate transportation needs
- Emergency funds for utilities costs for lower-income families

FAMILY ABUSE CENTER

Strives to eliminate domestic violence in central Texas by sheltering victims and preventing abuse from occurring through intervention and education

- STEM toys for kids (science, technology, engineering, and math-based toys)
- Bedding (twin & queen)
- Dishes, pots, and pans
- Shower curtains/hooks
- Crockpots and toasters

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP

Fosters spiritual, personal, and professional growth enabling women to change families and communities

- Bath and Body Works lotion, body wash, and candles
- Cute journals with gel or glitter pens
- Adult coloring books with quality pens, markers, pencils, and art supplies
- \$10-25 gift cards to Walmart, HEB, fast food chains, Ross, Barnes & Noble, and Half-Price Books
- Water tumblers with lids

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ministers to Black and Hispanic families around their neighborhood

- Amazon, HEB, and Walmart gift cards
- Christmas toys for their church and neighbors' children (ages 5-12), or gift cards so they can buy them
- Throw/warm blankets, socks with non-skid bottoms, and lotions (for seniors)
- Christmas candy/chocolate, or gift cards so they can buy them
- Postage stamps

FOSTER VILLAGE

Offers friendship, camaraderie, relief, and resources for foster parents and children who need to know they are not alone

- Gifts cards from Target or H&M for older kids and teens in foster care
- Jeans - all sizes are great, but especially bigger kid sizes - 10/12, 14/16
- Longsleeve t-shirts, sweaters, or hoodies for children sizes - 3t - 14
- Stuffed animals
- Toys for babies/toddlers

FRIENDS FOR LIFE

Helps the elderly and people with disabilities who live independently, and cares for those who cannot care for themselves

- Gift cards - Visa, Vanilla, MC, HEB, Walmart, and restaurants
- Slippers with backs in various sizes for men and women
- Gripper socks for men and women
- Warm blanket, throws, quilts, and comforters
- Stuffed animals for both men and women

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE

Provides a safe home for children to stay while they wait placement in a foster home

- Pillows (no pillow cases)
- Sippy cups and refillable water cups
- Gift cards for clothing and restaurants
- Kids' 3-in-1 and Men's 2-in-1 shampoo/conditioner

TOGETHER FOR GOOD

Creates pathways for the local church to support vulnerable children and families by providing for basic needs, temporary hosting, and friendship

- Gift cards to Target, Walmart, HEB, fast food chains, or Door Dash
- Passes to Mayborn Museum, Cameron Park Zoo, or Little Land
- Diapers (size 1-7) and wipes
- Toilet paper and paper towels
- Household cleaning essential items (Clorox wipes, all-purpose cleaner, bathroom cleaner, etc.)

GIVEN IN JESUS' NAME FOOD PANTRY

A ministry at First Woodway that provides food to hundreds of individuals and families in the community

- Toilet paper
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Mac & cheese
- Peanut butter
- HEB & Walmart gift cards

THE SALVATION ARMY

Endeavors to break the cycle of poverty through a variety of programs, while meeting the basic needs of those in our community

- Toys for all ages and gender
- Underwear, sweatpants (all sizes), socks, sweatshirts, shower shoes, slippers, and sleepwear for men and women
- Disposable razors, deodorant, and body spray
- Children's clothing, underwear, socks, and PJs
- Gift cards for Wal-Mart or Target

VIENTO FUERTE WITH INSPIRACION

Ministers and supports Hispanic families as they partner with Inspiracion Waco to meet physical and spiritual needs

- Gift cards from Walmart, Target, or HEB
- 0-6 months - Toys, wrist and foot rattle
- 6-12 months - Toys, teething chew toys, and soft stuffed animals
- 1-2 years - Toys, shape and color sorter toys, blocks, and books
- 3-4 years - Jackets/sweaters, counting toys, outside toys, balls, etc.