



Media Advisory

Who: Georgia Baptist Convention churches and members that are gathering for the Georgia Baptist Convention's 2016 annual meeting in Savannah.

What: For over five years, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board has participated in "Christmas Backpacks for Appalachia", where participating Georgia Baptist Convention churches create backpacks for children in poverty-stricken areas of Appalachia. This year backpacks will also be distributed to high poverty areas of north Georgia. 27,000 backpacks have already been committed and it is expected to surpass the goal of 30,000. Messengers from churches attending the annual meeting will be dropping off vehicle loads of backpacks from their congregations.

When: Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 – Tuesday morning, Nov. 15, 2016. Highest drop-off times will be Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning.

Where: Calvary Baptist Temple, Youth Building – 4625 Waters Ave., Savannah, GA 31404

Why? Georgia Baptist's recognize that many in America have both physical and spiritual needs, with many in true poverty. Christmas backpacks provide a brighter holiday for many underprivileged children in poor areas by providing a backpack with items such as gifts/toys, a bible, toiletries and more.

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Interviews may be requested with Dr. J. Robert White, Executive Director of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and Thomas Hammond, President of the Georgia Baptist Convention.