

# GOD'S GIFT SHOP



**An Alternative Christmas Gift Market**

**No Wrapping - No Returns**

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Welcome to the First (Scots) Alternative Christmas Gift Market Catalog! If you would like to share God's love with a hurting world, and are looking for meaningful gifts for your family, friends, and colleagues, we hope you will find everything you need right here. The gifts you choose in the name of others will bring joy and hope many times over to families throughout the world.

***Please read the instructions on the next page before you begin.*** They will answer the majority of your questions about how our Market works. If you have any additional questions about the items in the catalog, please contact Craig Hanson (843-793-2529).

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church wishes you

**A BLESSED ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS!!**



## God's Gift Shop: Here's How It Works...

- 1) The catalog and order form are also available online and are ready to be printed ([www.first-scots.org](http://www.first-scots.org)).
- 2) Read the catalog carefully and select gifts you would like to give in the name of family, friends, and colleagues. The catalog offers a wide selection so that you can find just the right gift for each person. And, of course, you may purchase gifts in your own name. **If you wish to purchase a gift for a mission but do not want to choose a particular gift, you may choose "where most needed" on the order form.**
- 3) Complete the order form, which will provide an accurate record for the Market personnel.
- 4) Gift cards are available for you to give to the person in whose name you have purchased gift items. Card inserts describe the charitable organization. For example, you will notate your purchase of a water buffalo and the accompanying insert will explain how it will be used to improve the lives of families in Asia.
- 5) Total the amount for all gift purchases and the number of gift cards you need. If you do not wish to receive gift cards, enter 0 for the total number of cards.
- 6) There are 2 ways to order:
  - a) At the Market, present your list and check (payable to First (Scots) Presbyterian Church), cash, or proof of electronic payment to the cashier and receive your gift cards.
  - b) Mail your completed form and check (payable to First (Scots) Presbyterian Church) to the church at 53 Meeting St. Charleston, SC 29401 (Attn: GGS)





# LOCAL MISSIONS

## 1) ONE80 Place



One80 Place ends and prevents homelessness. Founded in 1984, One80 Place has grown to be one of the largest providers of shelter and supportive services in South Carolina for homeless men, women, children, and Veterans. Your gift will significantly impact individuals and families by helping them obtain safe and affordable housing as quickly as possible, along with other supportive services including case management, housing assistance, healthcare, legal services, and employment assistance. \$0.96 of every dollar raised goes directly to life-changing programs for our clients. Your investment will directly help someone in need and give them a place to call home. Thank you!

### In 2022 ONE80 Place:

- Served 1,696 people
- Ended homelessness for 945 people, including 488 Veterans
- Helped prevent homelessness for 482 people
- Sheltered 425 people
- Rescued 158,437 pounds of food and turned it into 90,501 meals in our Community Kitchen
- Resolved 619 legal issues
- Provided 2,245 medical services

To learn more about One80 Place, please visit our website at [www.one80place.org](http://www.one80place.org)

A.	Provide one meal for a family of four	\$ 12
B.	Provide a necessities kit (hygiene items, socks, underwear)	\$ 20
C.	Provide a medical appointment in One80 Place Clinic	\$ 35
D.	Provide shelter for one night for a family	\$100
E.	Rental or utility deposit assistance for someone to move into his/her own home	\$150
F.	Provide a housing kit for once a client is housed (cleaning supplies, linens, and cooking essentials)	\$300



## **2) . Star Gospel Mission**



For nearly 119 years, Star Gospel Mission has specialized in providing homeless men a safe, comfortable, and affordable transitional housing facility within a faith-centered setting. The men who are guests of the Mission have the opportunity to experience a new beginning, a fresh start, a new lease on life, and another chance at putting their lives back together. At the Mission, men have the opportunity to get their lives back on track.

A gift of \$5 can provide a brand new pair of socks, a t-shirt, and underwear for a Mission guest. This gift is vital because many who arrive at Star Gospel Mission have nothing to wear after their first shower in weeks.

A gift of \$10 can provide fresh new sheets and towels for a Mission Guest. This gift is significant because the Mission is committed to ensuring each guest has a clean and comfortable place to sleep each night.

A gift of \$18 can provide one Mission Guest with a warm meal, a hot shower, comfortable bed, a safe place to recover each evening. This gift is meaningful because our guests often need a little financial help to get on their feet while they look for a job.

A gift of \$25 can provide three meals to a local family in need. When a family faces escalating housing cost, they often wonder how they can afford to eat. This gift is impactful because it helps stabilize families in their hour of distress.

A.	New socks, a t-shirt, and underwear	\$ 5
B.	New sheets and towels	\$ 10
C.	A warm meal, hot shower, comfortable bed	\$ 18
D.	Three meals to a local family in need	\$ 25



### 3) Carolina Youth Development Center



CAROLINA YOUTH  
DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Carolina Youth Development Center (CYDC) was founded in 1790 as the Charleston Orphan House. Now in our 233<sup>rd</sup> year of continuous operation, CYDC is SC's oldest continually operating nonprofit. Our mission remains unchanged, although we recently updated how we express that mission: to cultivate thriving youth and families. Last year, CYDC served over 1,000 individuals and families. Within the year, our residential services, the oldest of our services, will serve approximately 100 youth who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect, or abandonment. We provide safe and stable housing and wrap-around services including mental health counseling, after-school programming, and enrichment activities. Our largest program by client count involves working with more than 900 families in crisis and at risk of having a child removed by the Department of Social Services. We provide these families with individual and family therapy and counseling, peer group counseling, and ongoing parenting skills development. CYDC operates on two campuses: one in North Charleston and the other in Moncks Corner.

More information about our programs and services available at [www.cydc.org](http://www.cydc.org).

A.	Provide new underwear and socks for one incoming youth placed at CYDC	\$ 10
B.	Provide funding for one weekend enrichment activity for one youth in residence at CYDC	\$ 25
C.	Provide personal hygiene supplies for one new youth placed in our care	\$ 50
D.	Provide school supplies for one resident for one academic year	\$100
E.	Provide two hours of family counseling to help a family in crisis	\$250



#### **4) Hands of Christ**



Since 2004 First (Scots) has been a major partner with Hands of Christ, a 501(c)(3) that brings over two dozen Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations together from across the Lowcountry to meet the basic needs of children by providing school uniforms, supplies, and family Bibles at the start of each school year. Since its inception in 2003, Hands of Christ has served over 60,000 children. During Covid, First Scots was able to form partnerships with Memminger, Mitchell and Sanders-Clyde Elementary Schools to continue to meet their needs. Opportunities to volunteer exist throughout the year. The distribution season is held the three weeks before school starts in the fall and children are served - one-at-a-time. Smiles are enjoyed by all: children, parents, and volunteers.

For more information visit *[handsofchrist.net](http://handsofchrist.net)*.

A.	Three pairs of socks	\$ 1
B.	Children's illustrated Bible	\$ 7
C.	Three pairs of underwear	\$10
D.	One new uniform for one child (one each: shirt, pants or skirt, socks, undies)	\$20
E.	Complete set of two uniforms for one child	\$40



## 5) My Sister's House.

### MY SISTER'S HOUSE

My Sister's House was started by a group of volunteers in 1980 to provide shelter to victims of domestic violence and their families in the tri-county area. While receiving shelter services through My Sister's House, clients work directly with a dedicated domestic violence advocate and have access to ongoing group and individual counseling sessions with clinical therapists. They are given support and referrals for housing, employment, and additional counseling that may be necessary once they transition back into the community. My Sister's House provides shelter services through a combination of extended stay hotel rooms (necessitated by COVID) and 3 apartments which they own.

In 2022, they provided 2,510 nights of safe shelter to 96 clients and their families.

A.	Household cleaning supplies	\$10
B.	Toiletry items (soap, shampoo, toothpaste)	\$15
C.	Laundry basket and detergent	\$25
D.	Diapers (100 pack)	\$25
E.	Children's toys	\$50
F.	Linens (sheets and towels)	\$50
G.	One hour counseling	\$100
H.	One night of shelter for family	\$150
I.	Car seat, basic	\$150





**6) Thornwell** Eight-year-old Jeremiah loved superheroes, that they wear capes and can help people who hurt or are sad. So, that's what he tried to be for his little sisters – a protector in a home when life became too scary for them to bear. The three of them shared a bed and he often pretended their blanket was his superhero cape that would shield them from cold, loud noises and harm.

Imagine the burden Jeremiah felt when it wasn't safe enough for these siblings to stay in their home. He was separated from his sisters; each placed in a different foster home. He arrived at the home of his Thornwell foster parents, Tammi and Bill, with a heavy heart. He missed his sisters terribly. As Thornwell foster parents, Tammi and Bill have been licensed and trained to support children like Jeremiah who have endured great trauma. Our Foster Care families receive 24/7 support from their Thornwell foster care family specialists.

Jeremiah's neglect left him overweight and not knowing how to properly use the bathroom. Tammi, Bill, and their Thornwell family specialist helped him learn about healthy foods, as well as proper hygiene. Jeremiah is now finding joy in playing outside and is on track to a healthier weight and better hygiene. He's been healing and can just be a kid again! Now, when Jeremiah plays superhero, it's because he is free to use his imagination to explore new galaxies or leap tall buildings. He and his sisters now see each other regularly!

Your support grows Thornwell's foster parent network, connecting families and social workers and helping the bond between siblings to grow strong. Because First (Scots) Presbyterian's members believe in healthy futures, Thornwell can serve children and families through a variety of Christ-centered services. Together, and by God's grace, we can protect children, build up families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus Christ!



**Thank You! Every dollar Makes a Difference!!**

A.	Give an ice cream cone to a child	\$ 1
B.	Purchase a child his/her very own book	\$ 5
C.	Provide a gas card for a transitional teen commuting to college/work	\$ 10
D.	Furnish needed toiletries for a new child admission	\$ 25
E.	Pay the participation fee for a child in a sport or extra-curricular activity	\$ 40
F.	Donate a box of diapers, formula, and shoes or clothing to a Foster Care Family	\$ 50
G.	Provide a meal for a Building Families Workshop	\$ 75
H.	Deliver a new bike to a youth or teen	\$100

## 7) Wallingford Presbyterian Church Seniors Ministry



The Seniors Ministry's inception was August 2, 2001 with 12 participants with a goal of 60 within 2 years.

We wanted to provide needed services to the seniors of the church as well as the community at no cost. In January 2002, the Ministry had surpassed the projected goal of 60 and in addition to our church members was providing services to participants from 8 other congregations, 7 denominational fellowships, and the community. After the pandemic, the Ministry continued to serve 30-35 participants every Thursday.

With no cost to participants, education, leadership, nurture, transportation, and direct services are provided. The mission is to provide the opportunity to enhance and improve quality of life through Bible Study, Worship, motivational and inspirational readings, and reflections. They are also provided hot, nutritious meals and exercise to stay physically fit. Community agencies provide information and education. As part of this ministry, a food bank is operated with groceries distributed every Thursday, and assisting monthly with Lowcountry Food Bank distribution to the elderly. Over the past 22 years, the mission was accomplished through the generous financial assistance of other sources.

The ministry is spiritually based and promotes self-development. Partnership and networking agencies, organizations, and other programs that minister to seniors are focal to the activities. God's blessings are evident. It is always a pleasure to do God's work, and through this ministry, God's work is being done.

A.	Bingo and door prizes	\$ 25
B.	Arts and crafts materials	\$ 25
C.	Paper products and supplies (week's supply)	\$ 50
D.	Gas for the van or bus (week's supply)	\$ 50
E.	Stock the Food Pantry	\$ 100
F.	Ingredients for one week's lunch	\$125



## WORLD MISSIONS

### **8) La Gonâve Haiti Partnership**

The Bill Rice Healthcare Network on La Gonâve Island provides healthcare outreach to persons living in 10 communities on the island. Dr Charius Lazar (pictured) and his staff of 2 trained midwives, 3 registered nurses, 24 community health workers, pharmacy and laboratory personnel, conducted 10,647 office visits in 2022. The Maternal Health Initiative welcomed 505 healthy babies, 1,237 childhood vaccines were given, and over 500 children were successfully treated for malnutrition. The Bill Rice emergency room is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 1,738 children are enrolled in community schools, and over 300 adults are enrolled in the Adult Literacy program.

First (Scots) Presbyterian Church has been assisting in the support of the Health Care Center, schools, and churches for over 40 years.

A.	Reading glasses for one adult in the literacy program	\$ 2
B.	One month's nutritional supplement for one child	\$ 5
C.	Water purification supplies for one family	\$ 5
D.	Safe baby delivery packs	\$ 20
E.	Backpack supplies for community health care worker	\$ 20
F.	Emergency room supplies	\$ 20
G.	Medications and supplies for remote prenatal clinic	\$ 25
H.	School lunch for one child for one year	\$ 50
I.	Prenatal care for a pregnant woman	\$ 75
J.	Set of tires for the Clinic ambulance	\$100
K.	Nurse's salary for one month	\$250



## 9) Water Mission



God continues to be faithful in the ministry of Water Mission. Since 2001, Water Mission has served more than 8 million people with access to lifesaving water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions. Our partnership is helping to build a firm foundation for the future, and we're thankful for your continued support. Water Mission responds to some of the world's most devastating disasters.

In 2023, Water Mission responded to the 6.8 magnitude earthquake in Marrakech, Morocco and the earthquake that struck Turkey, as well as providing 48 Million Liters of Safe Water to Ukraine, while continuing to expand the Safe and Living Water Program, which serves rural communities in nine countries where no safe water exists.

We are grateful for your partnership and sacrificial gifts to help us share God's love and the life-changing reality of Jesus Christ to those in need.

A.	Safe water and Living Water for one person	\$ 50
B.	Safe water and Living Water for a young mother raising her child	\$ 100
C.	Safe water and Living Water for grandparents caring for a child—Full \$150; Share \$10	\$ 150/\$10
D.	Safe water and Living Water for a family of five	\$ 250
E.	Safe and Living Water for a small church of 20 people—Full \$1000; Share \$25	\$1000/\$25



## **10) Medical Benevolence Foundation (PCUSA)**

**MBF** The Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) is a beacon of hope in developing nations, bridging the gap between healthcare and spiritual well-being. In these regions, church-owned hospitals and clinics are the lifeline, delivering 50% - 60% of medical services for the most vulnerable: women, children, and those unable to afford care. Often, MBF partners are the sole healthcare option for the poor. Yet, they face a dire shortage of trained medical professionals, outdated facilities, and limited supplies and equipment. Your partnership with MBF is a catalyst to transform our partners by easing the financial burden of medical care for the impoverished, helping to modernize healthcare infrastructure to match global standards, supplying essential medical resources and medications, empowering and training local medical personnel, and providing spiritual ministry. MBF's current mission extends to Christian medical ministries in Haiti, Kenya, Malawi, and the DR Congo. Your support amplifies our impact, offering medical care and a message of hope and healing to those in need. **Your gift could ...**

A.	Pay for a child to see a doctor for a check-up	\$ 5
B.	Give a mother and her new baby post-natal care at hospital discharge	\$ 25
C.	Provide a nursing student supplies for a semester of nursing school	\$ 50
D.	Spiritual Ministry Witness Training For Hospital Staff	\$ 100
E.	Critical Care Training for Doctor or Nurse	\$ 500





## **11) The Good Shepherd Hospital (IMCK)**



### **Democratic Republic of Congo (Congo-Kinshasa)**

Long supported by PC(USA), the Good Shepherd Hospital has an extensive surgery schedule including digestive tract, orthopedic, trauma, reconstructive, and OB-GYN surgeries and is widely known for its leadership in fistula repair. The doctors at its outpatient clinics treat a broad range of diseases affecting children and adults.

Christian faith in the Great Healer, Jesus Christ, forms the foundation and motivation for all activities at Good Shepherd. Every workday begins with a chapel service and Christian fellowship to prepare all for their day of compassionate service.

*When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him; and behold, a leper came to Him and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." And He stretched out His hand and touched him, saying. "I will; be clean." And immediately, his leprosy was cleansed.*

Matthew 8:1-3

The moringa tree (the miracle tree) provides a nutritional supplement that contains many vitamins and minerals and prevents malnutrition.

A.	Moringa tree—the miracle tree	\$ 1
B.	Hospitalization and medications for 3 days	\$ 15
C.	Share of major surgical procedure	\$ 20
D.	Malaria treatment for a child	\$ 30
E.	Major surgical procedure	\$ 100
F.	X-ray film– Full \$500; Share \$50	\$500/\$50



## 12) LAMB Institute



LAMB is a Christ-centered, multifaceted ministry based in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. We seek to share the hope found in Christ Jesus as we care for, educate, protect, and empower those suffering extreme poverty, abuse, and exploitation in Honduras. LAMB was founded in 1999 by lifelong missionary, Suzy McCall, as a training school for Hondurans called to world mission. Today, LAMB operates Casa Hogar, a children's home in the countryside of San Buenaventura, for young lives who have been marked by abandonment, abuse, or neglect; Mirada de Jesus, a forever home for our precious lambs with special needs who have aged out of the children's home; and JOY Academy, a bilingual school for grades K-5. In the barrio of Flor del Campo, LAMB supports God's Littlest Lambs, a day care that provides a safe space for toddlers with working mothers, and K-9 school that provides a comprehensive education and supportive learning environment for students. Also in Flor, LAMB facilitates a Youth in Action program that provides Christian mentorship and support to youth who are at risk of gang involvement, and a Holistic Community Development program that seeks to help the poor grow small businesses to feed their families. Finally, we support 24 young adults age 18+ through our Transition Program, who are pursuing either a college education or independent living through trade school.

Thanks be to God! His great love and elaborate plans have continued to astonish us, and we are so grateful for the ongoing support of First Scots. Your generosity helps us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ as we "follow the Lamb wherever He goes."

A.	Provide a birthday cake for one child	\$ 10
B.	School books/supplies for one child for one year	\$ 30
C.	Help sponsor a child in the Children's Home	\$100
D.	Teacher salary for one week	\$150



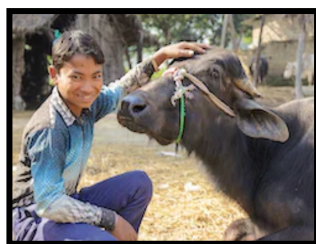
### **13) Heifer International: USA, Central/South America, Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe**



For almost 75 years, Heifer International has provided livestock and training to more than 32 million families around the world. Giving an animal is like giving someone a small business by providing wool, milk, eggs, and more. Animal donations give families a hand up, increasing access to medicine, school, food, and a sustainable livelihood. Passing on the Gift is the hallmark of Heifer's approach: each family receiving an animal gift passes on the first female offspring to another family in need, doubling the original gift.

A healthy hen lays over 200 eggs a year — more than enough to eat, keep, or sell. They require little space and can thrive on readily available food scraps. A water buffalo for a farmer in Cambodia or Thailand can plow his fields (earning four times more than plowing by hand), carry his crops to market, and provide milk. Honeybees pollinate plants as they search for nectar, increasing crop yields and producing valuable honey.

A.	Flock of chicks	\$ 20
B.	Flock of Ducklings	\$ 20
C.	Honeybees	\$ 30
D.	Pig—Full \$120; Share \$10	\$120/\$10
E.	Goat — Full \$120; Share \$10	\$120/\$10
F.	Sheep — Full \$120; Share \$10	\$120/\$10
G.	Water buffalo— Full \$250; Share \$25	\$250/\$25
H.	Heifer— Full \$500; Share \$50	\$500/\$50



## **14) Chiapas Presbyterian Church and Medical Missions, Inc. Partnership**

This year, First (Scots) Presbyterian is partnering with the Presbyterian churches in Chiapas, Mexico. We are sending an inter-generational mission trip and the senior high youth on a mission trip to Chiapas to work in the rural Mayan farming communities. In the poorest state in Mexico, the mission is to serve these low-income communities in three ways: spiritual, medical and educational. This year, our focus is on improving the kitchens & bathrooms at two churches, and meeting the medical, dental, and educational needs of the church communities that we serve. You can support our church's mission in Chiapas by helping to give to these mission projects.

In the communities named "20th of November" and Chankala Zapote, you can contribute to the purchase of new efficient church stoves. Currently, the women of the church cook over open fires, and the smoke inhalation is the equivalent of 20 cigarettes per day to their lungs. In the community of Ciudad Agraria, we'll be building new bathrooms for the church. The village stretches a mile across the hillside, and church sits beside the two springs that feed the village with fresh water. The new bathrooms & septic tanks will keep the water source clean and provide the church with a bathroom to serve the congregation when they gather. You can provide a subsidy to cover the cost of doctor visits and the purchase of medicines. Diabetes & hypertension are a huge problem for the local population. Medical Missions built a new dental facility that serves the area. A volunteer dentist travels each month from Mexico City to serve the community and supplies are needed. Finally, scholarships support students who are poor to reach their potential to continue to study in a community college, especially young female students who are often discouraged from furthering their education. The opportunity changes the trajectory of their lives, and it is an incredible catalyst for improving the lives of the children.

A.	A student's school fees and rent for 1 day	\$12
B.	A doctor visit and medicine	\$25
C.	A single dental visit	\$25
D.	Transportation for the Dentist	\$100
E.	Complete new stove or a share of the stove	\$ 250/\$25
F.	A student's school fees and rent 1 month	\$350
G.	A student's school fees and rent 1 year	\$3500
H.	New Bathroom & Septic tank or a share	\$ 5000/\$50



## *What is Christmas?*

*It's more than a day  
at the end of the year.  
More than a season  
of joy and good cheer  
Christmas is really  
God's pattern for living,  
To be followed all year  
by unselfish giving.  
For in giving to others  
and in being kind  
Man finds true joy  
and peace of mind  
And peace on earth  
will come to stay  
When we live Christmas  
every day.*





*“...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”*

*Matthew 25:35,36*