

"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."

-A Thankful South Carolina Inmate

Learn more.



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**Caring for
inmates and
providing hope
since 1976**

PRISONER PACKETS



S.C.D.C. APPROVED PACKING LIST

- ONE black non-retractable pen (no wire clips, no other color ink)
- ONE 5" x 8" junior legal pad – white or yellow only (no wire bound books, composition books, journals, or post-it notes)
- ONE adult toothbrush (individually factory sealed; no multi-packs, holders, floss, or

folding/travel toothbrushes)

- 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/unboxed bars)
- TWO rolls of hard candy like LifeSavers, Mentos, or Breath Savers (no Smarties, Sweetarts, Necco Wafers, Rolos, Starburst, TicTacs)
- TWO first-class #10 Stamp-Embossed Envelopes (from US Post Office – no regular stamps or other size envelopes)
- ONE gallon size zipper bag – press and seal AND slider bags accepted.



All items must fit in the zipper bag with the zipper closed securely.

DO NOT INCLUDE: washcloths, toothbrush holders, floss, combs, or any item not on the above list.

Extra approved items may be sent to NewSpring Church on Collection Day in a bag/box marked "extra items."



November 2025

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

December 2, 2025

All packets MUST be delivered by 12:00 p.m. to: NewSpring Church
657 Bush River Road
Columbia, SC 29210

Volunteers check contents, add Christmas card and Scripture booklet, and prepare packets for distribution by chaplains.

Register to volunteer by visiting our website at scbaptist.org/prisonerpacks

IMPORTANT DATES

FAQS

Why do the envelopes need to be stamp-embossed?

Loose stamps are prohibited by the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

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 on Collection Day.

Why do we need to check the contents of our packets before delivering them to NewSpring Church?

The packets must be checked to be sure that all contents meet the SCDC requirements. Checking your packets saves valuable time and resources from being spent to replace incorrect or missing items on Collection Day.

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.