

Angel Tree Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the YoungLives Angel Tree?

This Christmas, the First Baptist Church of Alexandria is again partnering with YoungLives Alexandria to share the love of Jesus with approximately 30 teen moms and their young children.

YoungLives provides a supportive community where young mothers can build friendships, receive encouragement, and learn about Christ's love for them and their children. Learn more at https://alexandria.younglife.org/.

Through our Angel Tree, we have an opportunity to make Christmas a little brighter for these families!

How do I participate?

It's easy!

1. Choose an angel from the Christmas tree in The Commons.
2. Scan the QR code on your angel using your phone's camera.
3. Follow the link to our Amazon wish list.
4. Choose the gifts you'd like to purchase and complete your order.

Your gifts will ship directly to FBCA, where our youth volunteers will wrap them for the YoungLives Christmas celebration.

You can also shop directly through the Amazon wish list link shared in our church communications.

Why is Angel Tree different this year?

This year, we're coming together to create thoughtful Christmas gift collections for every mom and child, rather than purchasing gifts for one specific person.

By choosing gifts from a shared wish list, we can help ensure that every family receives a comparable selection of gifts and experiences the same love and generosity from our church family.

Every gift matters, and every family deserves to feel celebrated!



Can I still choose the gifts I want to give?

Absolutely! You can browse the Amazon wish list and choose the items that are most meaningful to you.

Whether it's a cozy blanket, a Bible, a toy, or something special for a young mom, your gift will help create a wonderful Christmas surprise for a family.

Am I sponsoring a specific mother or child?

Not this year. Although you're still invited to choose an angel from the tree, gifts will be combined and thoughtfully distributed among the participating mothers and children.

This approach helps us make sure no family is overlooked and everyone receives a similar collection of gifts.

What kinds of gifts are needed?

Our wish list includes gifts for both moms and their little ones.

For moms:

- Bilingual Bibles
- Journals and pens
- Bath and body sets
- Winter accessories and socks
- $50 gift cards for baby essentials

For children:

- Storybook Bibles
- Cozy blankets
- Educational toys
- Fun, age-appropriate toys

The Amazon wish list contains the specific items requested.



When do I need to purchase my gifts?

Please complete your Amazon purchases by Tuesday, December 1.

This allows time for the gifts to arrive, be organized, and be wrapped by our youth volunteers before the Christmas celebration.

Do I need to wrap my gifts?

No! Our youth volunteers will be wrapping the gifts for the families.

However, we're also collecting unused or leftover Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, tape, and other wrapping supplies.

Donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center during regular business hours.

Can I include a personal Christmas message?

We're exploring an opportunity for congregation members to share a Christmas blessing or note of encouragement with the families. Additional details will be shared if this is confirmed.

In the meantime, we invite you to pray for the young mothers and children who will receive these gifts.

What if I don't know how to use the QR code or Amazon wish list?

We're happy to help!

Contact Cindy Hayden, our Angel Tree volunteer coordinator:

Email: CindyLHayden@outlook.com
Phone: 202-222-8395 (text preferred)

Please include "Angel Tree" in the subject line of your email.

How else can I help?

In addition to purchasing gifts, you can donate wrapping supplies, pray for the young mothers and children, and encourage others to participate.

Every act of generosity helps us share Christ's love with these families.

As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, let's share His love with these young mothers and their little ones, reminding each family that they are precious, cherished, and never forgotten.