

Books 'n Bags – Q & A

- Q.** What do you do with children's books your children or grandchildren have outgrown?
- Q.** What do you do with unused fabric you've had packed up for ages?
- Q.** What do you do with greeting cards that you just hate to throw away?
- A.** Recycle them. The WBA Media Resource Center team, and volunteers from WBA churches, are making book bags and stuffing them with three books and a bookmark. Completed bags will be donated to children needing them.
- Q.** Do you have a sewing machine, fabric and some free time?
- A.** If your answer is YES, then make some book bags. Basic instructions are on the WBA website or contact one of the following:
WBA, 910-799-1160 or admin@yourwba.org or www.yourwba.org
Kay Frazier, 910-283-7607 or billkay@intrstar.net (Long Creek Baptist Church)
Dr. Jean Allen, 910-686-2100 or cajaallen@cs.com (Winter Park Baptist Church)
Joyce Lucas, 910-458-3611 or lucas765@bellsouth.net (Masonboro Baptist Church)
- Q.** Is there a particular pattern, style, size, or design for the bags?
- A.** No. Size can vary from 10" to 14" square or rectangular, 1 handle 15" to 18" long anchored across the side seams, and use any non-raveling fabric.
- Q.** What is the target age of children receiving these *Books 'n Bags*?
- A.** Birth to 12, with exceptions (teens and adults in family situations will also receive *Books 'n Bags*).
- Q.** Will those receiving *Books 'n Bags* know who made and donated them?
- A.** Yes. On the back of each bookmark will be our *Books 'n Bags* logo, WBA contact info, church contact info, and a Bible verse.
- A "Prayer of Dedication" for *Books 'n Bags* was held Sunday, June 6, 2010 at Masonboro Baptist Church.
 - Thirty-four (34) Books 'n Bags were donated to Wilmington Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN) families (children and adults) during their visits to Masonboro Baptist Church in June, September, and December. **(102 books recycled.)**
 - Ten (10) Books 'n Bags were donated to the Matthew 25 Center at Burgaw and will be distributed to children visiting their inmate fathers at the Pender Correctional Institute. **(30 books recycled.)**
 - Ninety (90) Books 'n Bags were donated to the New Hanover County Health Department to distribute to needy children, especially Birth – 5 years. **(120 books recycled.)**
 - Two hundred and seven (207) Books 'n Bags were distributed to children attending the Latino Festival at Hugh MacRae Park in Wilmington, NC on November 6, 2010. **(621 books recycled.)**
 - Forty-five (45) Books 'n Bags were donated to two local motel ministries. **(135 books recycled.)**
 - Twenty-three (23) Books 'n Bags (10 children and 13 adults) were donated to First Fruit Ministries. These bags were Christmas presents and included some new school supplies for the children and new inspirational and puzzle type books for the adults. **(69 books recycled.)**

Share with us in the joy and excitement of this new and on-going ministry outreach project of the WBA Media Resource Center team. This is a great project for **Children's Sunday School Departments, Youth, WMU, Vacation Bible School**, etc. or a collaborative effort (ladies make the bags, children and youth donate their books, everyone assemble the book bags, and distribute where needed). Check out the WBA website listed above for **MANY METHODS – LOTS OF POSSIBILITIES** to see how other churches have helped with this ministry. We welcome your suggestions for placement of *Books 'n Bags*.