

Serving

" '...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.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' "

Matthew 25:35-40

Sharing

The mission of the Colonial Heights Christian Church Food Ministry is to share the love of Jesus Christ by caring for the spiritual and practical needs of the community.

The Ministry began in 1996 primarily to assist members, families, and friends of the church. By God's Blessing, and with the help of many dedicated volunteers, the Ministry quickly grew and now provides food and other needed items to over 600 families per month in the Kingsport area. Funds come from the general budget of the church, and the food is obtained from Second Harvest Food Bank in Gray, Tennessee, and other private organizations.

Weekly distributions are made on Monday mornings. Clients first gather in the church Fellowship Hall, where a time of devotion and prayer is offered. Food is then distributed from the Food Pantry, which is located on the lower level of the church.

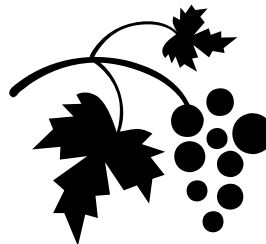
In addition to the weekly distributions, bimonthly deliveries are made to four senior citizen housing developments, and backpacks of food are provided for area students through the "Backpack Program for Kids."

The Food Ministry is fully staffed by volunteers from CHCC and from the community. During the school year, students from Colonial Heights Middle School assist on Monday and Wednesday mornings, and members of Girls Inc. help during the summer.

Connecting

God has greatly provided for this Ministry, and He touches the lives of all those involved, from the clients and their families to the many volunteers. While needs are being met, His Word and His Love are shared, lasting friendships are made, and the rewards of giving are realized. The Food Ministry prays that the Church will continue to develop relationships within the community and serve as a place for connection to God, His Word, and His People.

Jimmy Jones and Troy Williams
Co-Chairmen



Need Assistance?

The Food Ministry program is open to Sullivan County residents and operates under U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines. Likely eligible clients include SSI recipients, households living at or beneath Federal Poverty Guidelines, Medicaid recipients, and those who have recently lost a job. If you or someone you know is in need of services, please see the back of this brochure for more information.

Want to Help?

The Food Pantry welcomes donations of non-perishable food, canned goods, and items which cannot be purchased with food stamps, such as health & beauty aids, paper goods, and cleaning items. Donations can be dropped off on Monday and Wednesday mornings at the Food Pantry.

Volunteers are also welcome! Volunteers pack and sort food on Mondays from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and Wednesdays from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and distribution takes place weekly on Mondays from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. Truck deliveries are made on the second Saturday of each month, beginning at 8:30 a.m. All activities take place at the church Food Pantry.

Contact Us

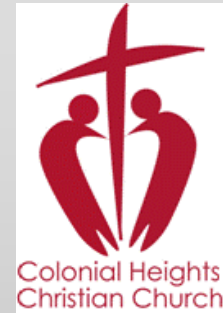
Colonial Heights Christian Church is located at 105 Meadow Lane in Kingsport. The Food Pantry entry faces Lebanon Road, just across from Colonial Heights Middle School. For more information about CHCC and the Food Ministry, please visit www.chcckpt.org.

Need Assistance?

- 1) Applicants must speak by phone with a Food Pantry representative to see if they qualify for the program. Before calling, please gather the following Information:
 - Address and Phone Number
 - Names of each person (adults & children) living at the address
 - Income amounts for each person (adults & children) living at the residence. This includes all sources of income such as Social Security, SSI, Employment, Food Stamps, Child Support, Pensions, etc.
- 2) After gathering your Information, please keep it close by and call the appropriate number (listed below) between **8 a.m. & 12 noon** on the **Wednesday** before the Monday you wish to pick up food. You may leave a message and your call will be returned the same day.
 - If your last name begins with A-F, call 239-2500, press 3, then press 1
 - If your last name begins with G-M, call 239-2500, press 3, then press 2
 - If your last name begins with N-Z, call 239-2500, press 3, then press 3
- 3) When the representative returns your call, she will ask you for the Information you gathered. If you qualify for the program, she will then make your reservation for pick up on the upcoming Monday. She will also advise you to bring the following:
 - Box Fee (first visit only) – A \$5.00 Box Fee will be due on your first visit. This fee covers the use of the food-filled plastic box that you will receive and take home with you. On each monthly visit you will return the empty box. Clients are responsible for their box and must bring it back, in good and clean condition, on each visit. If it is destroyed or forgotten, another \$5.00 fee will be due. As long as the box is returned, you will not need to pay another box fee.
 - Identification (every visit) - All clients must show a valid Driver's License or picture I.D. **and** proof of residence in the form of a utility bill or rent receipt. This I.D. is required on every visit.

We Look Forward To Meeting You!

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