

#### LOVE CHRISTIAN CENTER

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

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# WELCOME to

the Love Christian Center Food Pantry volunteer ministry/program.

We are honored you have chosen to give your time to this worthwhile cause.



## AGENDA

- Ministry Objective
- LCC Mission
- LCC Vision
- LCC Goals
- LCC Core Values

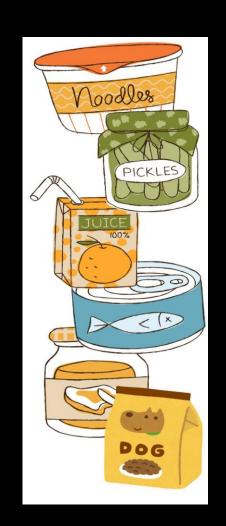
- Partners
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# FOOD PANTRY

Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind.

1 Peter 5:2





# OBJECTIVE

- Meet the needs of the community through providing food free of charge to all eligible beneficiaries.
- Let the community know we are here to give, not receive.
- Grow church membership by increasing our visibility in the community in which we reside.



# LCC MISSION

# Lifting up Jesus, winning souls for the Kingdom of God.



### LCC VISION

Be a place where people come for enlightenment, encouragement and empowerment to advance and enhance the Kingdom of God.



## LCC GOALS

- To win lost souls for Christ through evangelism.
- To biblically educate Christians through sound Scriptural teaching and preaching.
- To equip Christians spiritually, physically and financially through comprehensive coaching.



# LCC CORE VALUES

- **Bible Knowledge**—Become familiar with the truth of Scripture through regular attendance at Worship Service, Sunday School, and Bible Study. 2 Timothy 2:15
- Prayer—Communicate with God daily. 1 Thessalonians 5:17
- **Excellence**—Maintain the highest ministry standards that bring glory to God. 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Worship—Reverence God for who He is. Psalm 29:2
- **Encouragement**—Give hope to people who need hope. Ephesians 1:18



# PARTNERS

- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Georgia Nutrition Assistance Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)



# PROGRAMS

The LCC Food Pantry must adhere to program directives and distribute designated food to the eligible beneficiaries.

- Atlanta Community Food Bank
- Georgia Nutritional Assistance Program GNAP
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)



# ATLANTA COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

- The Atlanta Community Food Bank of Atlanta, GA is "United in the fight to end hunger".
- They work with nonprofit partners, including *food pantries*, community kitchens, shelters, schools and more, to get food to those in need.
- The Atlanta Community Food Bank is currently our primary source for the food we distribute.
- There are no eligibility requirements to receive the food obtained from the ACFB.
- We do our best to obtain a variety of quality food that is of nutritious value and use to our neighbors as it becomes available.
- We distribute the food to our neighbors free, but we do pay a nominal fee for the food we receive. Our program is funded by the church and donations.



# GEORGIA NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Georgia General Assembly and Department of Human Services (DHS) offer grant funding to Georgia food banks to provide food assistance to eligible families with children.
- This funding utilizes federal TANF (Temporary Assistance For Needy Families) dollars and as such is subject to those program provisions.
- The focus of the program is to purchase and distribute nutritious foods to Georgia families with children that participate in TANF or are AT RISK of TANF eligibility.
- This service assists families during periods of financial crisis and transition out of crisis to maintain their households and keeps families intact.



#### GNAP ELIGIBILITY

- Only households with minor children living in the home can receive GNAP.
  - A minor is considered a child under age 18, and children age 18 and attending school full-time.
- A family must fall into one of the following categories to qualify for GNAP:
  - Families currently enrolled in TANF and TANF
  - Transitional services

- At-risk Families defined as currently enrolled in SNAP/Food Stamps, current recipient of SSI, current recipient of Medicaid, or Family income falls below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line(FPL)
- Neighbors will self-declare their eligibility by either
  - A) affirming they currently receive TANF cash assistance,
  - B) affirming they meet one of the At-Risk conditions

Adults without children cannot receive GNAP foods.



# THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) helps supplement the diet of low-income persons, by providing groceries or meals at no cost to the recipient.



#### TEFAP ELIGIBILITY

- Households whose income is 130% or less of the poverty line.
- Clients must sign a self-declaration of total household income, residency, name, number of people in the household, and address.



# VOLUNTEERS

- If you are impaired or sick, please do not come.
- When you report for your shift and leave, sign in and out.
- Space is tight, be respectful of other's personal space.
- Solicitation of any kind is prohibited.



# COMMUNICATION

- Be professional at all times.
- Greet all neighbors with respect and kindness.
- No inappropriate conversation with other volunteers.
- Respect and follow leadership direction
  - Supervisor Gloria Gibson
  - Director/Co-Pastor Rev. Ed Richardson
  - Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. LaSonja Richardson



# ISSUES

Report any problems or direct questions to the supervisor, director or pastor for resolution.



# SAFETY

- Always exercise good safety practices.
- Use proper lifting techniques
  - Lift with legs
  - Do not stack heavy boxes above your head
  - Reach with body in alignment
  - Do not overexert yourself
  - Take breaks as needed



# STATIONS

Space in limited and in an effort to distribute as much food as possible, the pantry is organized in stations.

- Don't try to do multiple stations at once if there are enough people to cover.
- Stay in assigned space.



# DISTRIBUTION

- Serve one car at a time.
- Follow the instructions of the person placing the food in the car.
- Distribute designated food only to <u>eligible</u> neighbors.
  - Being a volunteer does not exempt members from meeting required eligibility program requirements.
- Weigh and document all food going out.
- Volunteers will not pack their own bags.



# Thank you for your service



# QUESTIONS