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Imagine standing at the store, not knowing if you can afford to fill your grocery bags. That's the reality for thousands in Chicago and Cook County this summer.

It's no secret that food prices have soared in recent years. In fact, groceries today cost an average of 25% more than they did just five years ago. We all feel the weight of these higher costs, but for far too many of our neighbors that weight is even more crushing.

Your donation can assist us in alleviating some of this pressure.

Just a reminder – school supplies welcome!

School preparation is getting into high gear. Pretty soon the buses will be rolling and kids will be starting a new year. We would love to help them start the year right with supplies like paper, notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, glue, crayons, etc. Anything you would like to donate is welcome, or maybe get a group together and collect items.

We're happy to accept them and help our families in getting their kids prepared to head off to school.

Ridgeland Church, along with their VBS, collected, and donated 200 pounds of canned goods for us to distribute.

Thank You Ridgeland Church



July Statistics

Heads of Households	741
Individuals	2277
Prayed with	729
Professions of Faith	8

INTRODUCING—THE ALPHA PROGRAM

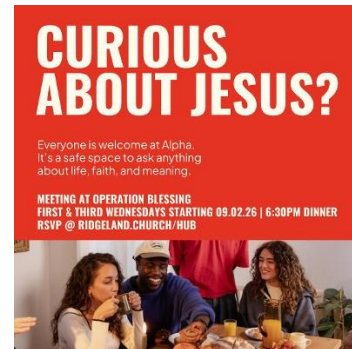
Is there more to life than this?

Who is Jesus?

How and why do I pray?

How do I resist evil?

Does God heal today?



Beginning on September 2nd, we'll meet at Operation Blessing on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 6:30pm to work out questions like these together. Each week, we will get to know one another over a good dinner.

Then we'll watch that week's talk from Alpha, and then there will be an open-ended discussion time, based on that week's topic.

Wherever you're coming from, Alpha is a space for your thoughts, your curiosities, and your questions.

Register online for free at ridgeland.church/hub and come, eat dinner with us on September 2nd.

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE, AND IF YOU MISS THE FIRST SESSION, NO PROBLEM. PLEASE REGISTER SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO SUPPLY.