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BASIC INFO ON THE SITUATION TO SHARE WITH YOUR CONGREGATIONS

Government subsidized food is running out starting November 1, and the situation will worsen throughout the course of the month because those benefits expire on a rolling basis—so this should peak at the end of the month and go for as long as the Federal shutdown continues. The Food Bank's data says that 120,000+ people will be affected by this. Food and volunteers are going to be needed to fill the gap. Food is needed because the government is not paying for it, and volunteers are needed because local organizations were only providing a small amount of food on top of what people were getting at grocery stores.

Now that the grocery stores are no longer an option, people are going to want to get more food from food pantries, so it is expected that the system will be overloaded. Security volunteers might also be needed, depending on the size of the demand and people's level of anxiety. But all of this is a real opportunity for the churches of Chattanooga to shine!

WAYS YOUR CONGREGATION CAN HELP

Church Food Pantries: We have included a list of local congregation running food pantries at the bottom of this document, so if you wanted to provide help THROUGH a local church for a Gospel witness, then these are what we know of. They will probably need more volunteer help in addition to just supplying food. *Please let us know if you are aware of additional food pantries that want to be added to the list.*

Social Workers: also attached (in the email) is a list of local social workers at public schools. This is a way for your church to help people in "your neighborhood." Contact your local school's social worker and ask how you can help specific families near you.

Supporting the Local Food Bank: Food Banks supply food to distributors like Food Pantries (they are not the same thing). Even though it looks better to have your congregation buy food from the grocery store, it usually is better to go through the Food Bank (send a check) because they get way more food for less money. FYI: for everyone one meal the Food Bank paid for, 9 were paid for by SNAP benefits, so they are expecting a massive shortfall of over 100 million meals. Volunteers are also needed to assemble more food boxes. Links to the Food Bank:

1. **Find Food:** <https://www.chattfoodbank.org/find-food/near-you>
2. **Volunteer:** <https://www.chattfoodbank.org/take-action/volunteer>
3. **Invest:** <https://www.chattfoodbank.org/take-action/ways-to-give>

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The United Way is coordinating a lot of efforts throughout the city. If you want loads of additional information and to have firsthand connection to all of this, you can review the previous zoom call, get on the next zoom call, and/or fill out their survey of community needs and resources.

CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT A UNITED WAY SURVEY to share needs and/or resources.

UNITED WAY ZOOM CALL RECORDING –if you want all the info that has thus far been discussed). Passcode: Fz&X6iQP

NEXT WEEK'S UNITED WAY MEETING is Tuesday Nov 4th from 3pm-4pm. Zoom Link is Here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88624349992?pwd=ufhY3Wp0LGI63bfbwNfetYmJwqOO6Qp.1>

We will stay in touch as we get more updates. Our contact info is at the top of each page. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can help!

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NOTES:

If you use the QR code and don't find what you're looking for, scroll down!

We have North GA churches on here too!

NOT on this list: Hamilton Life Church, 3935 Cromwell Rd, is open on Thursdays 10-12pm.

November 2025 Food Resources

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Food Resources Guide 					1
2	3 Hope House 9-11am ----- Rossville Church of Christ 4-6pm	4 Battlefield Community SDA 1-4pm ----- Action Church 1-4pm	5 East Ridge Community 10-2pm ----- NWGA Baptist Assoc. 9am	6 Elizabeth Lee UMC 9-12 pm	7 The Care Mission ----- St Elmo UMC 11:30am	8
9	10 Rossville Church of Christ 4-6 pm ----- Hope House	11 Elizabeth Lee UMC ----- Grace Episcopal Church 10am	12 Brainerd Community ----- NWGA Baptist Assoc 9-12pm	13 Elizabeth Lee UMC 9-12 pm	14 The Care Mission ----- St Elmo UMC 11:30am	15 Gabriel's Hope ----- Rock Bridge-Ridgeland 9am
16	17 American Legion-Rossville 10-2 ----- Hope House	18 Action Church ----- LaFayette Housing Auth. 10-12pm	19 Brainerd Baptist Church ----- My Father's Table 3-4pm	20 Elizabeth Lee UMC 9-12 pm	21 The Care Mission ----- St Elmo UMC 11:30am	22
23	24 Rossville Church of Christ 4-6 pm ----- Hope House	25 Action Church 1-4pm ----- Grace Episcopal Church 10am	26 The Care Mission 12-4pm ----- Brainerd Community	27 Second Baptist Church 11-1pm free lunch 500 West Main, LaFayette	28	29
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Action Church: Every Tues/1-4pm
1312 Spring Creek Rd-East Ridge

American Legion: 3rd Mon/10-2pm
540 Park City Rd- Rossville

Battlefield Community SDA:
Tues/ 1-4pm
96 Hillman Ln- Ringgold

Brainerd Baptist: 3rd Wed/ 10-12pm
300 Brookfield Ave- Chattanooga

Brainerd Community Food Pantry:
2nd & 4th Wed/4:30-6pm
4315 Brainerd Rd- Chattanooga

East Ridge Community Food Pantry:
1st & 3rd Wed/ 10-2pm
1601 Prater Rd- Chattanooga

Elizabeth Lee UMC: Tues & Thurs/9-12
(30707 zip code only) Chickamauga

Gabriel's Hope: 3rd Sat/ 10am
3049 Lafayette Rd- Fort Oglethorpe

Grace Episcopal Church:
2nd & 4th Tues/ 10am
20 Belvoir Ave- Chattanooga

Hope House: Mon & Tues/9-11am
10 Hudson St- Rossville

LaFayette Housing Auth:
3rd Tues/10-12pm
300 Oak St- LaFayette

My Father's Table: 3rd Wed/ 3-4pm
7745 East Brainerd Rd: Chattanooga

NWGA Baptist Assoc: Wed/ 9-12pm
500 West Main St- LaFayette

Rock Bridge Church: 3rd Sat 9am
LFO High School or Ridgeland High

Rossville Church of Christ:
Every Mon/4-6pm
1100 McFarland Ave- Rossville

St.Elmo UMC: 1st-3rd weeks/Mon/Fri
11:30 am 4626 St. Elmo Ave- Chattanooga

The Care Mission: Wed & Fri/12-4pm
105 Chattanooga St- LaFayette

(Contact your child's School Social Worker or School Counselor for other resources.)