

THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TEFAP)

TEFAP is a Federal program that helps supplement the diets of low-income Americans, including elderly people, by providing them with emergency food assistance at no cost. Through TEFAP, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) purchases a variety of nutritious, high-quality USDA Foods, and makes those foods available to State Distributing Agencies. The amount of food each State receives out of the total amount of food provided is based on the number of unemployed persons and the number of people with incomes below the poverty level in the State. States provide the food to local agencies that they have selected, usually food banks, which in turn distribute the food to local organizations, such as soup kitchens and food pantries that directly serve the public. States also provide the food to other types of local organizations, such as community action agencies, which distribute the foods directly to low-income households. These local organizations distribute USDA Foods to eligible recipients for household consumption or use them to prepare and serve meals in a congregate setting.

WHO IS ABLE TO GET FOOD

Public or private nonprofit organizations that provide nutrition assistance to low-income Americans, either through the distribution of food for home use or the preparation of meals, may receive food as local agencies. They must also meet the following criteria:

1. Organizations that distribute food for home use must determine household eligibility by applying income standards set by the State.
2. Households that meet State eligibility criteria may receive food for home use. States set income standards, which may, at the State's discretion, be met through participation in other existing Federal, State, or local food, health, or welfare programs for which eligibility is based on income. States can adjust eligibility criteria to ensure that assistance is provided only to those households most in need.

RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH



RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY IS JOINING WITH THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST THE ELDERLY, DISABLED AND THOSE WITH LOW INCOME WITH EXTRA FOOD TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

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RIVER OF LIFE CHURCH FOOD PANTRY AND THE EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

River of Life Church has joined The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) as an Outlet for additional food for area residents. TEFAP is a Federal Program that provides food commodities to distribution sites. As an Outlet, River of Life Church Food Pantry will receive additional food on a monthly basis to support not only our current Food Pantry participants, but we expect to provide for additional residents who are in need, but unable to come during our normal Thursday Food Pantry hours.

Food Pantry hours will be Thursday and Saturday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Participants are allowed to utilize the Food Pantry once every 30 days. **Please call the Church Office at 608-782-2780 to schedule an appointment.** Walk-in are welcome, but an appointment is preferred. The Food Pantry will be closed on the 5th Thursday and Saturday during those months that have 5 weeks. We will be closed for holidays (for 2019—April 20th, July 4th, November 28th, November 30th and during the holiday break from December 20th through January 1, 2020).

Matthew 23:35-40 (GNT): ³⁵ I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, ³⁶ naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ The righteous will then answer him, 'When, Lord, did we ever see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink?' ³⁸ When did we ever see you a stranger and welcome you in our homes, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?' ⁴⁰ The King will reply, 'I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!'