

Hello Church Family,

We have found a way to put our pantry to good use during these trying times and in the future. We have always waited until someone has come to us for help, but now we will be going to the community to help. There are multiple families in our community that need our help with food, a lot of these family are at the schools. We are working with both school campuses. We decided in order to not embarrass the students we are going to open it to the whole community at the church building. We know that there are more in our community who need help, but pride prevents them from openly asking for help, so with the open forum at our church it makes things a little easier for everyone. This has always been a ministry that we have believed in and now we can put our beliefs into action.

We will have a drive thru food pantry on Mondays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the south side of the building under the awning. We will be giving bags filled with enough food for a family of 5. If you are interested in helping with your time, or by bringing any thing listed below, or by giving a monetary donation please contact Laurie Davenport, Kim Patterson, Linda Barnes, Jared Light, Jim Barnes, Wendy Smith or Scott Sides. We can pick these items up for you or from you. We are looking to make this a long term pantry ministry.

The following is a list of foods you can donate that we would like to put in these bags for the families.

Non Perishable items needed:

Canned Chicken
Spaghetti noodles and sauce
Hamburger Helper
Mac & Cheese
Spaghetios
Ravioli
Canned fruit cups
Jello cups
Cereal boxes
Ramen noodles
Rice
Instant potatoes
Pancake mix/syrup
Peanut butter/jelly

Perishable items needed:

Totino's pizza
Fish sticks
Hamburger meat
Chicken breasts
French fries
Frozen burritos
Chicken nuggets
Gallon of milk
Jug of juice(Apple, Grape, Orange)

WILL GOD HEAR OUR PRAYERS?

Several weeks ago, I was reading about the dedication of the temple by Solomon in 2 Chronicles. Solomon dedicated this building and the surrounding courtyards as a building to be used as God's dwelling, a place where God and his people could meet. It was at this place that sacrifices were made by the priests on behalf of the people. God's anger was appeased toward their sin and God's blessings flowed. Solomon's prayer in chapter 6 speaks volumes about how God deals with his people. In this prayer Solomon cries to the Lord for his blessings and protection. He repeatedly begs for God to wipe away the dangers that the people will face. He says, "When famine or plague comes to the land, or blight or mildew, locust or grasshoppers, or when enemies besiege them in any of their cities, whatever disaster or disease may come, and when a prayer or plea is made by any of your people Israel-each one aware of his afflictions and pains, and spreading out his hands toward this temple-then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive, and deal with each man according to all he does, since you know his heart (for you alone know the hearts of men), so that they will fear you and walk in your ways all the time they live in the land you gave our fathers" (2 Chronicles 6:28-31).

God's answer to this prayer comes in chapter seven where he says, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, if my people, who are called by my name, will **humble** themselves and **pray** and **seek** my face and **turn** from their wicked ways, then will I **hear** from heaven and will **forgive** their sin and will **heal** their land" (2 Chronicles 7:12-14).

If there was ever a time when America needs to hear this message and pray, it is now. Our backs are against the wall and we need heaven's help. We are threatened on every side. We have the constant concern about America being attacked again. Besides this, we have had disaster after disaster in the form of hurricanes, earthquakes, economic downturns, job losses, drought, floods, and now the COVID-19 pandemic. Maybe God is trying to wake us up. Maybe it is time to turn back to God. We need to learn to trust in him again. There was a time when all leaders in America called on God for wisdom and Godly help to know the best way to proceed forward as a nation. God is the only one who truly can help us. Many in our communities are sick, afraid, worried and stressed about the danger of the virus, the economy, their jobs, their children and the condition of American after this pandemic is over. We do not have all the answers but I know God love us and wants to hear from us. Let's get down on our knees in repentance and turn back to God. He is our only hope. He said if we pray, seek and turn, He will hear, forgive and heal. Will we call on God for help?

I love you,
Scott