



STAR Food Giveaway

November 8, 2025

Presented by THE STAR Church and Community Partners

1. OBSTACLE, OPPORTUNITY, & OUTCOME

The Obstacle: We are in a national food crisis due to SNAP benefits being cut and drastically reduced as a result of the government shutdown.

The Opportunity: The world's obstacle is the church's opportunity to be a light in darkness and to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ by meeting physical food needs as well as spiritual needs via sharing the gospel.

The Outcome: The desired outcome is that no families go hungry during this gap and reduction of SNAP benefits as well as new people come to Christ and mature believers grow closer to Christ.

2. THE NEED

After reaching out to the community to see who's in need, data has shown that 1,426 people receiving SNAP benefits have responded saying they desperately need help.

3. OUR PARTNERS

THE STAR Church is contributing \$15,000 to buy 150 \$100 Food Only Walmart gift cards to supplement families in need.

St. Luke Episcopal is matching THE STAR Church contribution of \$15,000 to buy 150 \$100 Food Only Walmart gift cards to supplement families in need.

The Church At Brookhills is contributing \$3,000 to buy 30 \$100 Food Only Walmart gift cards to supplement families in need.

Barnes & Associates Realty Group is contributing to buy ____ \$100 Food Only Walmart gift cards to supplement families in need.

Christian Service Missions is contributing 150 dry food boxes to supplement families in need.

Calvary Bible Church is contributing to buy 2 commercial freezers so that THE STAR Church can continue to feed people.

Church Of The Highlands is contributing 600+ lbs of food via the Community Food Bank of Central AL to supplement families in need.

Grace Klein Community is contributing 266 food boxes to supplement families in need.

4. THE PLAN

ASSESS: Once everything comes in on Thursday, November 6, 2025, and Friday, November 7, 2025, THE STAR Church volunteers will assess what we have.

ASSEMBLE: Once everything comes in on Thursday and Friday, THE STAR Church volunteers will assemble what we have.

ADMINISTER: THE STAR Church will administer and distribute everything from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CT on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at our Birmingham location.

EVENT OVERVIEW & LOGISTICS

1. Volunteers arrive at 7:30 a.m. CT.
2. Preparation Thursday and Friday, 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
3. Volunteers park in the back of the church.
4. The giveaway will be a drive-thru format with attendants and police directing traffic. Cars will circle behind the church to receive food, prayer, and an invitation to church, exiting through the Family Life Center side.
5. Setup Thursday and Friday from 12:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. under the awning outside and Star Café inside.
6. Two volunteer shifts Thursday and Friday: 12:00–4:00 p.m. and 4:00–8:00 p.m.
7. Points of contact: Pastor Ronald Wright and Deaconess Margaret Brown.
8. Expected families served: 1,426.
9. Volunteers will be fed during service hours. Those in need of long-term assistance will be cared for Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION

1. One card per household on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to change upon assessment).
2. Handled by appointees of Wright and Brown for accountability.
3. Signatures or forms may be required for partnership data with the Community Food Bank of Alabama.
4. If cards run out, assistance will be given to those already registered first.
5. Only one card per household; handle all communication with patience and love. Notify security if conflict arises.
6. Verification in line: SNAP cards matching addresses will receive a ticket for a box.

VOLUNTEER ROLES & ASSIGNMENTS

1. Roles include greeters, traffic control, registration, prayer team, and runners.
2. Volunteer prayer at 8:00 a.m. CT on Saturday, November 8, 2025.
3. Volunteers from other churches are welcome to join.
4. Dress code: TEAMSTAR volunteer shirts.
5. Food, water, and rest areas provided.
6. Area leads assigned by Pastor Wright and Mrs. Brown.

TRAFFIC & CROWD FLOW

1. Drive-thru style only. Traffic directed by attendants and police.
2. Early arrivals will be managed by security on-site from 7:00 a.m. CT.
3. Signage and cones will be set up by 5:00 a.m. CT.
4. Clear directional signage will be in place.

COMMUNICATION & MEDIA

The main message: "You are not alone. God loves you, and so do we."

Each family will receive both a verbal and written invitation to attend THE STAR Church.

SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL ENGAGEMENT

1. Prayer will be offered to every car. It will not be forced.
2. Prayers should last 40 seconds or less to prevent delays.
3. Each participant will receive a verbal and written church invitation with follow-up options.

CONTINGENCY & FOLLOW-UP

1. Event day point of contact: Appointees of Wright and Brown.
2. Backup plan: Drive-thru setup ensures continuation in bad weather.
3. Volunteer updates and communication will be sent via text.