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Shiloh SDA Church to Host Its 5th Annual Community Christmas Outreach By Offering Take Home Meal Kits

Local church converts holiday dinner to a drive-thru meal pickup for the community post COVID-19

Smyrna, Georgia – October 15, 2021. The Shiloh Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting its 5th annual Christmas outreach, but with a twist this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the hot holiday meal will be packed as a meal kit to-go for a family of four which can be eaten at home right away or refrigerated and heated up later. Meals will be distributed one per family on Christmas Eve Day – December 24th, from 2-4pm ET at Shiloh SDA Church, 810 Church St, Smyrna, GA. Quantities limited, while supplies last. A limited number of FREE gifts will also be available – one per vehicle, likewise- while supplies last. Reservations are REQUIRED to receive a complimentary meal; first come-first served. COVID-19 safety precautions and protocols will be observed.

Previous years saw steady growth of the church's annual Christmas dinner, where a hot meal was served one per person at the church on Christmas Day, along with a toy drive for the gift giveaway for kids. But the worldwide pandemic changed the delivery of the church's annual outreach. "The pandemic meant that we can't assemble to have the community come in and fellowship with us at the annual dinner. But families are still in need," said Jessica Cooke, who is a member of the Shiloh Cares community outreach team. "Being able to provide a hot meal this way where families can just drive through and pick up their prepared meal to go – seemed like a better, safer option for everyone."

Many of the Christmas dinner attendees are regulars at the Shiloh Food Pantry, which provides free food twice a month, serving over 800 families in the community at a time. But the event is open to anyone as long as they register in advance.

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Again, due to the pandemic, there will be no distribution of toys this year. However monetary donations only are being accepted to purchase small gifts for the families. Corporate donations are also welcome for some of the food items.

Registration opens November 25th. To register, visit <https://2021ShilohChristmas.eventbrite.com>, OR email info@sdashiloh.org, OR call 770-434-4548. Monetary donations will be accepted via CashApp \$ShilohCares4U, or via Online Giving at sdashiloh.org. For more information or to make other arrangements, email ShilohCares4U@gmail.com or call 470-377-3777.

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