

# THE GREAT CONGREGATIONAL COOK-OFF

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THE GREAT  
AMERICAN  
RECIPE

Located at WKNO Media Center

7151 Cherry Farms Rd

Cordova, TN. 38016

Sunday, July 24, 2022

4 to 6 p.m.

Live Music  
Family Games & Activities  
Presentation of Awards

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The Congregational Cook-off is not an intense cook-off setting, instead, it is intended as a fun, relaxed fellowship event for the Memphis and surrounding communities. It's an opportunity to show off the culinary talents of food service ministries from diverse congregations throughout our city. Our goal is to bring people together in a fun, engaging atmosphere for open dialogue, laughter, and conscious enjoyment of each other. The event is a platform to nurture new relationships with faith-based worshipers in a forum where we can learn from each other while embracing similarities in faiths.

Official Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Name \_\_\_\_\_

Category of Entry: (multiple entries allowed, only one per category)

Main Dish

Side Dish

Dessert

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Evening) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Prizes:**

1. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize winner in each category.
2. There will be a 1<sup>st</sup> place prize winner for the most interesting and unique narrative about the dish that is submitted.
3. Prizes include trophies and gift cards.

## Congregational Cook-off Rules and Guidelines:

4. We ask that each participating congregation submit at least one dish to represent your ministry in a specified category. Your congregants may submit a dish on your behalf as well. You are not limited to how many dishes that you bring to the cook-out but may only submit one to be judged in a category. You do not have to submit an entry in every category.
5. Please email a copy of your recipe to [fpeat@wkno.org](mailto:fpeat@wkno.org) by July 15, 2022, to be included in the WKNO's Great Congregational Cook-Off Cookbook that will be presented to each participant on the day of the event.
6. Please include a brief one paragraph narrative that supports the dish that you have entered, for example, religious traditions, family or generational recipe, a shared memory surrounding the dish, a favorite dish of your worshipers, etc.
7. Each team must comply with all applicable rules/regulations of the Shelby County Health Department. No Entry/Product May Be Sold.
8. Each dish should fall into one of the following categories: main dish, side dish, or dessert.
9. Each contestant competing must supply ALL his own cooking ingredients, individual cooking devices, utensils, preparation tables, etc.
10. You may prepare your dish here on-site, prepare a part of your dish in advance and complete the preparation while on site, or use a grill to complete your dish on-site. Please let us know in advance if you will be bringing a grill so that we may assign you a space on our patio for cooking safety. Grills may be dropped off on Friday and Saturday from 9 – 5 prior to the event. Please call 901-458-2521 to schedule drop-off. It will be stored in a secure locked area.
11. If grilling onsite, please equip your team with a readily available and working fire extinguisher.
12. No live animals/pets are allowed in the cooking area.
13. We will provide a table and two chairs for our group and a supply of bottled water. Your team is welcomed to bring extra lawn chairs, a tent and picnic lunches to enjoy in the festivities. You may also share dishes not judged with congregants and others as deemed appropriate.
14. Because of limited space on the grounds of WKNO, this event will not be promoted to the public. However, you may invite a team of your worshipers to come out to support you.

## Judging:

15. Each dish will be judged based upon – a) Execution: Did the dish come together well based upon the recipe? Did the cook successfully accomplish what their recipe describes? Does the dish meet the criteria of the specific category? b) Appearance: Is it pleasing to the eye? Does it look appetizing? Does it entice you to want to bite into it immediately? c) Taste: Is it pleasing to the taste buds? Does it make you want to eat more? Is there an appropriate balance of flavor?
16. All entries will be scored on a scale of 1 through 10 in each of the judging criteria, with ten (10) being the best.
17. Each contestant should submit sufficient product, sliced to facilitate adequate judging of the entry by 5 to 6 judges.
18. Each congregation will be assigned a number during sign-in. That number will be attached to each of your submission containers.
19. Clear clam shell food containers will be distributed to each contestant for entries. You may garnish your dish in the container to prepare for judging.
20. Until announcements are made, the sealed envelope shall remain in the possession of WKNO's CEO, Charles McClarty, or other designated official from WKNO Channel 10 and opened by the official at the time of the announcement.