

First Presbyterian Church Chili Cook Off (CCO) Rules for Teams
February 7, 2026
11 AM-1 PM

1. Chili must be cooked outside the gym over a gas flame.
2. Each Team must cook at least 3 gallons of chili to share with those attending the CCO. 3 gallons will go fast with over 200 people tasting a cup full of your wonderful chili
3. No Pre-Packaged Chili is allowed. Meaning you can't order 3 gallons of chili from Wendys or buy 3 gallons of chili cans from Sams.
4. Have lots of fun. Chili can be in any form. Chili allowed will be meatless Chili, Chicken Chili, Chili without beans, Alligator Chili, etc., No Alcohol Consumed By Team Members as chili is being made.
5. All Chili must be ready by 11 AM to be tasted by the masses. Each Team will have a tasting station inside the gym. Chili can be enhanced by adding corn chips, cheese, peppers, chips, goldfish, etc. at the team's station. Each team is also encouraged to decorate their station with banners, ballons, posters, etc.. No live animals, fish, birds, or snakes can be at the station to encourage the crowd to taste and vote for your chili.

6. There will be a first, second, and third crowd favorite vote taken for all chilis. The winners will have the satisfaction of knowing their chili is a cut above the rest.
7. To register your team, email Knox Baird at knoxbaird@fpchattiesburg.org or call him at 601-606-4053.