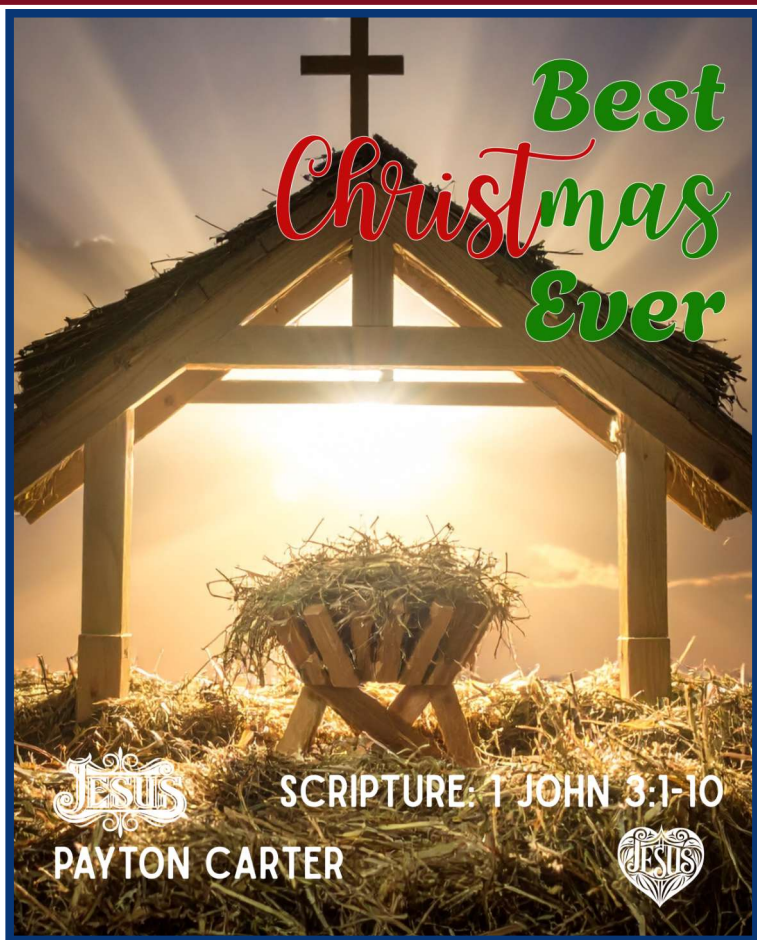


# Joshua Journal

Dec. 14, 2025



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Lynn Collins  
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# Order of Worship

## **10:30 Service**

**Welcome**

**Apostles Creed**

**Opening Choir Songs**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**What Child Is This?**

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Children's Time**

**Offering Song**

**A Christmas Gloria!**

**Doxology**

**Sermon**

Best **Christmas** Ever

1 John 3:1-10

Payton Carter

**Invitation Song**

**Mission Statement / Benediction**

We are committed Christian disciples,  
loving God, growing in grace and serving others

# Sunday Spotlight

Please have your Angels here at the Church or make arrangements with Palmer to do so sometime today.

## Silver Angel Tree

Please return the "Silver Angels"  
to the Church by Sunday,  
December 14th.

*This is the last week for  
GriefShare this year.*

### GriefShare

#### Grief Support Group

A safe space to journey through loss together.  
You don't have to walk this path alone.

Every Sunday  
4:00 - 6:00 pm

Facilitator  
Terri Curry

Sept. 14 - Dec. 14

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# JMM

Joshua Methodist Men

Methodist Men are meeting  
**today** after church in the gym.  
Lunch will be provided.

### JMC SECRET SISTERS IN CHRIST

Ladies, we are a growing church family, and many of us haven't had the chance to get to know one another yet. **Secret Sisters** is a simple and fun way to build friendships and encourage each other throughout the year!

Participants will *send one note or card of encouragement* each month to their Secret Sister — and you'll receive one each month from your **Secret Sister** as well. Your identity stays a secret until our **Big Reveal in December 2026!**

#### How to Join:

- Pick up a Secret Sisters Information Form in the Friendship Hall on the snack table.
- Fill it out and return it to the basket on the same table.
- Deadline to turn in forms: **Sunday, December 14, 2025.**

If you have any questions, please contact **Tina Bruner**

Let's grow in friendship, encouragement, and Christ's love together! 💖 ➕

# Ministry News

**JR HIGH - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH  
JOIN US FOR A**

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

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**PROGRESSIVE DINNER:**

A PROGRESSIVE DINNER FOR THE YOUTH GROUP IS A MULTI-COURSE MEAL WHERE EACH COURSE IS SERVED AT A DIFFERENT HOST HOME OR LOCATION. WE WILL BE HAVING APPETIZERS, ENTREE, DESSERTS AND ENDING WITH A HOT COCOA BAR ALL WHILE TELLING THE STORY OF JESUS' BIRTH AND CHRISTMAS CAROLING.



FOR ? JESSICA @ 817-437-1165

Do you sing or play an instrument?  
James (our Worship Leader) is hosting try-outs.  
All vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome.  
Show up on one of the dates and come prepared with a worship song (verse/chorus).

## PRAISE TEAM WORSHIP

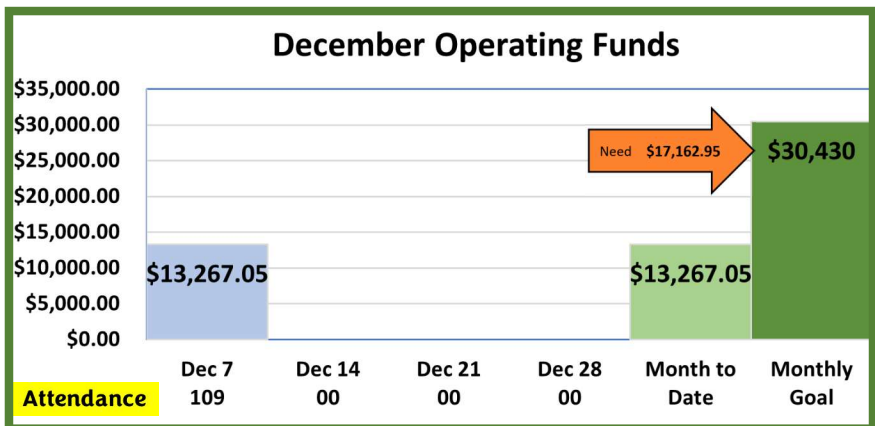
Close to God's Heart





SUNDAY, DECEMBER, 14 & 21, 2025 | 9:00 AM

**JMC Sanctuary**  
We would like to have Spirit-led voices & instrumentalists.



# Ministry Opportunities

Help provide food for those in need.



## Spread Holiday Cheer!

Help provide food for those in need.



**HELPING HANDS PANTRY FOOD DRIVE - SHOP LOCAL. GIVE LOCAL. FEED LOCAL.**

**DONATE NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 16TH!**

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is receiving support  
from our friends at **Brookshire's in Joshua!**

As many families face hardship this due to rising food costs,  
your small gift can make a big difference right here in our community.

When you shop at **Brookshire's**, simply tell the cashier you'd like to  
donate to **Helping Hands**, or add a \$5 or \$10 gift card at checkout.

Brookshire's will send it directly to our Pantry and it  
will go right back out to Joshua families in need.

**Your kindness matters.**

**TOGETHER, WE ARE FEEDING NEIGHBORS, EASING BURDENS, AND SHARING HOPE.**

**DONATE IN-STORE**

## Helping Hands Food Pantry Fighting Hunger Together

Thank you for all that you give  
we appreciate you!



### \*Pantry Needs\*

Cereal,  
Squeeze Bottled Jelly  
& Soap

you can notate on  
your donation  
"Helping Hands"

**In November we helped  
feed 115 families =  
363 people**



## Join us for dinner!!

### Got Dinner Plans?

Join us for dinner Wednesday Nights, from 6:30 - 8:00pm.  
All you can eat for \$5.00/person or \$20/family of 4 or more.



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP AND/OR COMPLETE YOUR PAYMENT FOR THE DINNER RESERVATION.  
ALTERNATIVELY, YOU CAN ALSO PAY WITH CASH OR CHECK WHEN YOU ARRIVE.



# Message Board



**United Community Centers (UCC)** has served Fort Worth families since 1909. Today, UCC continues its mission by building bright futures through knowledge, empowerment, and family-strengthening programs.

UCC provides literacy instruction for children in the South Fort Worth area and offers family workshops focused on financial literacy, workforce development, job placement, and parent empowerment. Seasonal programs include free tax preparation, financial literacy courses, school supply distribution, and holiday meals.


Their food pantry and grocery services provide support to more than **24,000 families every year.**

Each month, the Bethlehem Center hosts a birthday celebration for children and staff. **JMC proudly partners with them**, providing cupcakes and juice boxes for about 100 kids and staff, along with individual cookie cakes and personalized gifts for each birthday honoree.



*Birthdays  
at the  
Bethlehem  
Center*





You're invited to the  
**Joshua Methodist Women's**

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**Christmas**  
**TEA**

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DECEMBER 21, 2025 | 2 PM - END

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**Joshua Methodist Church**  
**Education Bldg,**  
**Chedester Hall**  
**114 Paula Drive, Joshua, TX 76058**

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RSVP by Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>  
to Lucy : 817-223-4926



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# One Year Reading Plan

## December

<input type="checkbox"/> Day 336: 1 Corinthians 14-16
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 356: 1 Peter 1-5; 2 Peter 1-3
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 358: 2 John, 3 John, Jude
<input type="checkbox"/> Day 359: Revelation 1-3
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 365: Revelation 20-22

**JMC**

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### Communication Request Form - Required for All Announcements

To help us keep church communications organized and accurate, all requests (Announcements, News, Website, Journal, or Email updates) must include a completed Communication Request Form.

- Verbal or email-only requests cannot be accepted.
- Requests without a form will not be processed.

1. Download the PDF form from the Media page >Resource Downloads.
2. Fill it out, save it to your computer, and email it to [lynn@joshuamethodist.church](mailto:lynn@joshuamethodist.church).
3. Physical forms are available outside the Church Office.
4. Fill it out, turn it in, if I'm not available, place it in the basket outside the office door.
5. **Deadline: Wednesdays at 12:00 PM.**

Thank you for helping us keep everything running smoothly and on schedule!

## 1 John 3:1-10 - Word Search

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**ANGELS**

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**FATHER**

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**JESUS**

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**PURITY**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**SIN**

**SISTERS**

**SON OF GOD**

**SPIRIT**

**TRUTH**

**WORLD**



# December 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>31</b> 	<b>01</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>02</b> 	<b>03</b> 11:30 LAB 5:30 Prayer	<b>04</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>05</b> 	<b>06</b> 8:00 Church- Wide Work-Day 10:00 Cookie Decorating Class 2:00 JUMPS Staff Christmas Party
<b>07</b>  GriefShare 4-6 Chedester	<b>08</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>09</b> 	<b>10</b> 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Prayer	<b>11</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>12</b> 6:00 Singles	<b>13</b> 
<b>14</b> After Service: JMM 4-7pm Youth Progressive Dinner GriefShare 4-6 Chedester	<b>15</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> 10AM Bible Cl. 11:30 LAB 6:30 W.N. Dinner 7PM Choir Pr.	<b>18</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 
<b>21</b> 2:00PM JMW Christmas Tea	<b>22</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>  Church Office Closed   7:00PM Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>  Church Office & HH Pantry Closed 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 
<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>  Church Office Closed 	<b>01</b> 	<b>02</b> 	<b>03</b> 

## Notes :

**Sunday Activities:**  
7:30 am Morning Prayer  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
4:12 pm Youth Group Meets



## 4 WAYS TO GIVE



**TEXT**  
Text "JMC" to  
817-790-9008



**IN PERSON**  
Place your gift in  
the offering plate.



**MAIL**  
Joshua Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 376  
Joshua, TX 76058



**ONLINE**  
Scan the QR code  
to be directed to  
Amplify formerly  
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# Notes

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## **Church Council:**

Admin Chair - Jerome O'Loughlin

Admin Council Secretary - Pat Browder

At Large - Palmer Byerley, Angela Bradsher

Chair - Congregational Care Ministry - BJ Denson

Chair - Finance - Lucy Dowings

Chair - Staff Parish Relations - Becky O'Loughlin

Chair - Radical Hospitality - Marsha Tucker

Chair - Risk Taking Missions & Service - Melia Mehlhorn

Chair - Trustees - Roy McKenzie

Lay Leader - Barbara Crew

JMM - Don Collins

JMW - Lucy Dowings

Please fill  
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“FLAP” then  
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# The FLAP

## Joshua Methodist Church



*love*



*grow*



*serve*

As committed Christian Disciples,  
we **love** God  
**grow** in Grace  
and **serve** others



# The FLAP

12/14/2025

We're so glad that you are here!  
Please take a few minutes to fill out  
this card and put in the offering plate.

**NAME**

**PHONE**

**EMAIL**

**ADDRESS**

**Please select one**

- ☐ Partner
- ☐ First-time Visitor
- ☐ Second-time Visitor
- ☐ Regular Attender

**I would like to learn about (Check all that apply)**

- ☐ Becoming a Partner
- ☐ Baptism
- ☐ Small Groups
- ☐ Serving Opportunities
- ☐ Joshua Methodist Ministries

**I am in need of Prayer**

Please fill  
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Or you can  
scan this **QR**  
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online.

