

Joshua Journal

Dec. 21, 2025



Joshua Methodist Church

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Office Hours

Mon - Thurs 9:30-4:00 (lunch 12-1)

Payton Carter

Senior Pastor

Pastor@joshuamethodist.church

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Lynn Collins

Operations Manager

Lynn@joshuamethodist.church

Order of Worship

10:30 Service

Welcome

Apostles Creed

Opening Songs

Forever YHWH

Jireh

Silent Night
(Not the traditional version)

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Time

Offering Song

Doxology

Sermon

He's Not Afraid of Chaos
Matthew 1:18-25
Payton Carter

Invitation Song

Mission Statement / Benediction

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

Sunday Spotlight

PRAISE TEAM WORSHIP

Close to God's Heart

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).



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 | 9:00 AM

JMC Sanctuary

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

You're invited to the
Joshua Methodist Women's

Christmas TEA

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | 2 PM - END

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Education Bldg,
Chedester Hall
114 Paula Drive, Joshua, TX 76058

RSVP by Dec. 17th
to Lucy : 817-223-4926

Ministry News

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Fighting Hunger Together

Thank you for all that you give
we appreciate you!



Pantry Needs

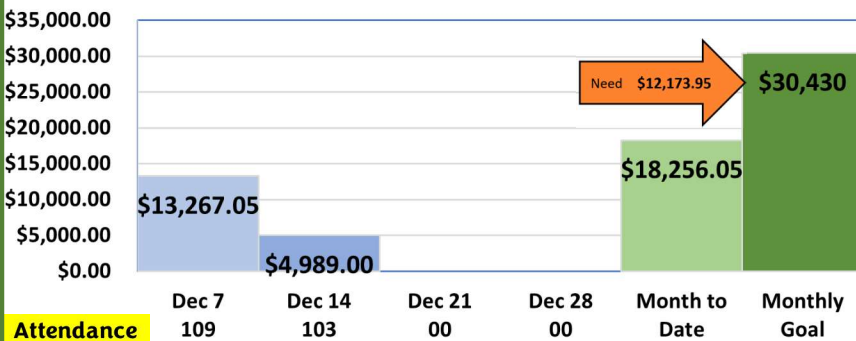
Cereal &
Squeeze Bottled Jelly

you can notate on
your donation
"Helping Hands"

In November we helped
feed 115 families =
363 people



December Operating Funds



Attendance

Dec 7
109

Dec 14
103

Dec 21
00

Dec 28
00

Month to
Date

Monthly
Goal



Celebrating Student Kindness at Helping Hands

We are grateful for the many volunteers who have served with Helping Hands throughout the year.

Recently, two JSD students, Layla and Maren Palmer, shared a special act of generosity with our community. They donated 40 bars of soap and washcloths they personally crafted into festive little reindeer to be given to pantry recipients.

Their creativity and compassion brought a touch of Christmas joy to the families we serve.

Thank you, Layla and Maren, for spreading kindness and embodying the spirit of giving this season.

Merry Christmas!



Ministry Opportunities

Cuddly Critters Ministry



A Note About Our Cuddly Critters

These cuddly critters are a special part of our Care & Comfort Ministry. They are lovingly given to children, youth, and adults who are going through a difficult season and could use a reminder that they are seen, supported, and loved.

We've noticed some little ones enjoying them as playtime toys, which is wonderful—but we kindly ask that these critters stay in their baskets unless a leader has given one to someone who needs a comfort companion to take home.

Thank you for helping us keep this ministry available for those who need a little extra care.

Below is an example of the card that goes with each Cuddly Critter that goes home with someone in need.



I'm just a cuddly critter, but I have a message for you:

I've been to church and sat in a chair.

**I've been hugged and squeezed by quite a few,
bowed my head when they said a prayer,
and now I've come to live with you!**

**I hope to bring you joy when you are blue
and let you know that others care.**

**So keep me close and squeeze me tight
and know God's love will make things right.**



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Message Board



*Birthdays
at the
Bethlehem
Center*



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.

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.
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.**

★ **Holiday weeks it is
Tuesdays at 12:00 PM.**

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

Joshua Methodist Church



love



grow



serve

One Year Reading Plan

December

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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 344: Philippians 1-4
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<input type="checkbox"/> Day 347: 2 Thessalonians 1-3
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Matthew 1:18-25 - Word Search

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ANGEL
BETHLEHEM
BIRTH
CHILD
CHRIST
DAVID
DREAM
FAITHFUL

GUIDANCE
HOLY SPIRIT
HOPE
IMMANUEL
JESUS
JOSEPH
JOYFUL
KING

LIGHT
LORD
LOVE
MARY
NAMES
PROMISE
RIGHTEOUS
SAVIOR

December 2025



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

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
Mogive

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

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“FLAP” then
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offering plate.



The FLAP

Joshua Methodist Church



love



grow



serve

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



The FLAP

12/21/2025

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

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“FLAP” then
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offering plate.



Or you can
scan this **QR**
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out the form
online.

