

Joshua Journal

Dec. 7, 2025

*The Gift That
Changes Everything*



PAYTON CARTER

SCRIPTURE: 1 JOHN 1:4-10



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



Lynn Collins

Operations Manager

Lynn@joshuamethodist.church

Order of Worship

10:30 Service

Welcome

Apostles Creed

Opening Songs

How Great Is Our God

Holy Forever

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Pastoral Prayer

Children's Time

Offering with Solo

Special Music

Doxology

Sermon

The Gift That Changes Everything

1 John 1:4-8

Payton Carter

Communion

Closing Song

Your Name

Mission Statement / Benediction

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

Sunday Spotlight

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

Silver Angel Tree

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

Next week will be the last week for GriefShare

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

- Joshua Methodist Church
- Chedester Hall
- 114 Paula Drive, Joshua, TX 76058



Ministry News

JOSHUA METHODIST CHURCH

PRAISE TEAM TRY-OUTS



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).

WHEN: SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 7TH, 14TH, 21ST, 2025 | 9:00 AM

JMC Sanctuary

Helping Hands Food Pantry

Fighting Hunger Together

Thank you for all that you give
we appreciate you!



Pantry Needs

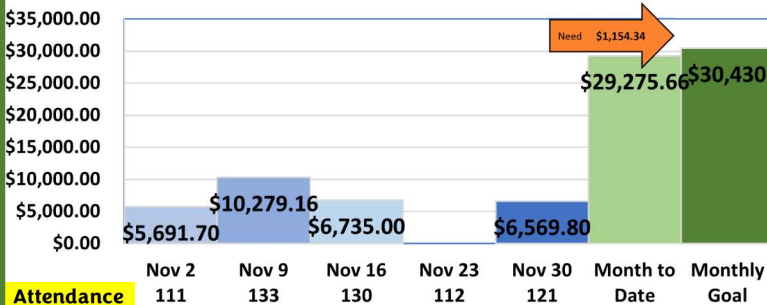
Canned Tomatoes,
Cereal, Pasta Sauce,
Soap, Soup,
Squeeze Bottled Jelly

you can notate on
your donation
"Helping Hands"

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



November Operating Funds



Ministry Opportunities

FOR ? JESSICA @ 817-437-1165



JR HIGH - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
JOIN US FOR A
PROGRESSIVE DINNER

♥ ♥ ♥

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



Next Sunday after Service



Methodist Men are meeting
Sunday, Dec. 14th
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! 💕 📱

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

Christmas
TEA

DECEMBER 21, 2025 | 2 PM - END

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

RSVP by Dec. 17th
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 348: 1 Timothy 1-6
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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.**

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

1 John 1:4-10 - Word Search



CLEANSE
COMMANDMENT
CONFESS
DARKNESS
DECLARE
ETERNAL LIFE
FAITHFUL
FELLOWSHIP

FORGIVENESS
GOD
HEARD
HIMSELF
JOY
LAWLESSNESS
LIGHT

MAKE PURE
MESSAGE
SIN
TRUTH
WALK
WASHING
WORD

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 10:00 Bible Study 11:30 LAB 5:30 Prayer	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 
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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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The FLAP

Joshua Methodist Church



love



grow



serve

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



The FLAP

12/7/2025

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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“FLAP” then
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offering plate.



Or you can
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code and fill
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online.

