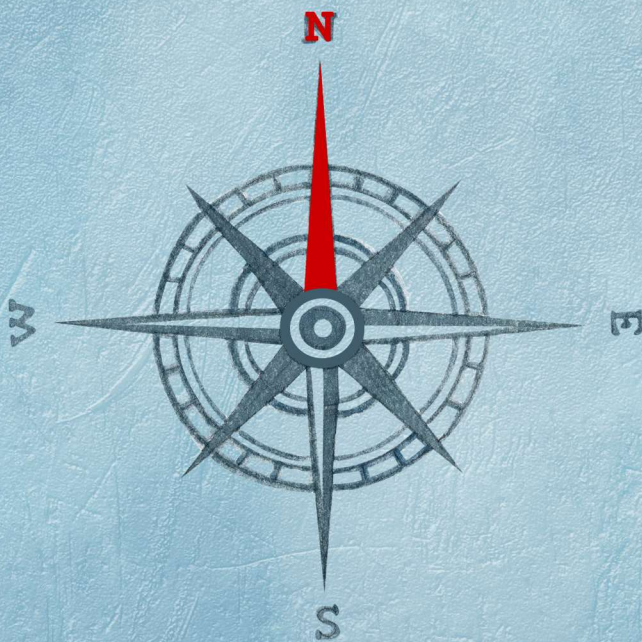


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October 11, 2026

Reorienting



Joshua Methodist Church

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Office Hours

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

Payton Carter

Senior Pastor

817-657-0559

Pastor@joshuamethodist.church

To schedule a meeting with

Pastor Payton, please use his calendar:

[Calendly.com/pastorpayton](https://calendly.com/pastorpayton)



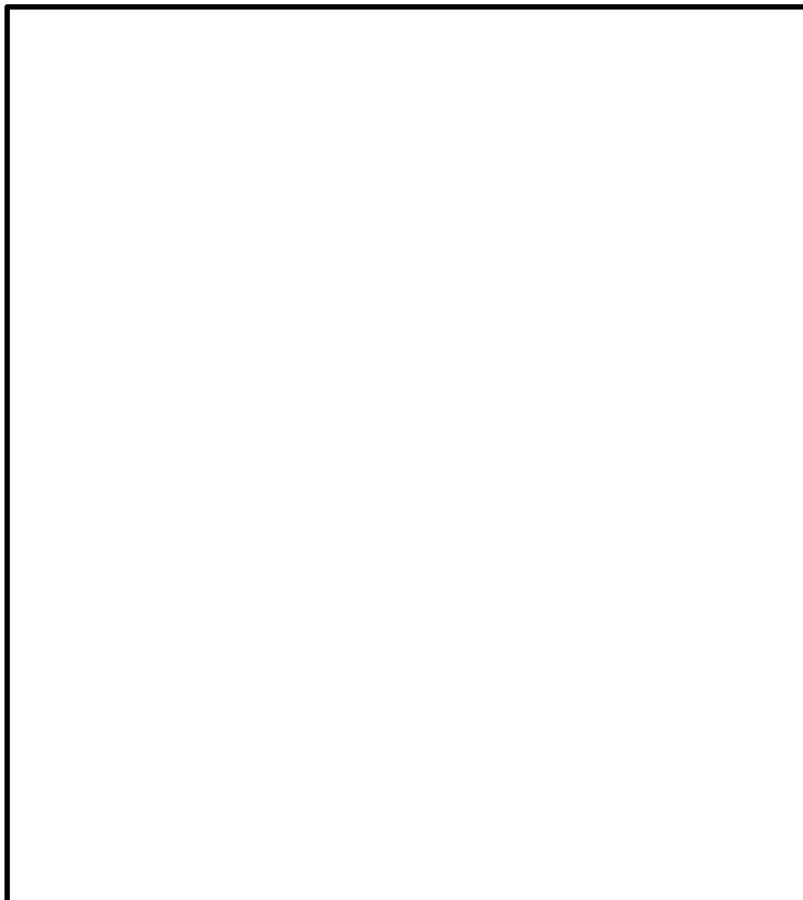
Lynn Collins

Operations Manager

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Order of Worship

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE TODAY!



Ministry News

Pumpkins are Coming!

This Sunday · Right After Church
Come lend a hand unloading the pumpkins
and help bring our Pumpkin Patch to life!



We will be
CLOSED
FOR
COLUMBUS DAY

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 12

🌱 TAMALES FOR A GOOD CAUSE! 🌱

Javier is taking orders for his **delicious homemade tamales**, and all proceeds will go toward **repairing the leaks in the church gym!**

\$20 per dozen

Choose from:

- Pork
- Chicken
- Jalapeño & Cheese



If you've had Javier's tamales before, you already know how good they are! And if you haven't, now is the perfect time to try them. **Great tamales + a great cause = a win for everyone!**

📞 **Contact the church office to place your order.**

Thank you for supporting Javier and helping us make much-needed repairs to our church gym!

Message Board

Joshua Methodist Women

will meet on **Sunday, October 18th** after the service.

We will provide a light lunch.

Come and be a part of this ministry.

We will have a short business meeting and then learn about the **Helping Hands Ministry** in our church.

Join Us!



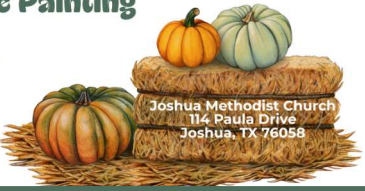
PARTY in the PATCH

OCTOBER 24TH
5PM-7PM



- *Cocoa
- *Photo Op
- *Games
- *Prizes

- *Hay Rides
- *Popcorn
- *Face Painting



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Wednesdays at JMC

Join us Wednesday nights as we grow together in fellowship and faith!

We'll begin at **6:30 PM** with a meal prepared just for you, featuring a new menu each week with **gluten-free and keto options available**.

Dinner: \$5 per person or \$20 per family of 4 or more

At **7:00 PM**, we'll break into Small Groups for Bible study. Choose the group that's right for you:

Parents of Prodigals
Hope, prayer & support for the journey



Forge
Men's Bible Study



The Well
Women's Bible Study



Come for dinner. Stay for fellowship, conversation, and an opportunity to grow deeper in your faith.

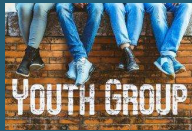
Ministry Opportunities



Pumpkin Patch Volunteers Needed!

Pumpkins arrive Sunday, October 11, right after church. If you're able, please stay and help unload. Thank you for helping make our Pumpkin Patch a success!

Our Pumpkin Patch opens **Monday, October 12**, and we need your help! Volunteer hours are **10 AM–6 PM Monday–Saturday** and **noon–6 PM Sunday**, with **two-hour shifts** and **at least two people per shift**. Scan the QR code to **sign up through SignUpGenius** and help us welcome our community!



Youth

Fall Youth Dinner Schedule

Scan the QR code for the link or click the link on the JMC Online Edition weekly email.



HELP FEED OUR YOUTH!

Each Sunday evening, our youth gather for games, dinner, and worship. We are filling our Fall Youth Dinner Schedule (Sept.–Nov.) and need individuals, families, or small groups to provide dinner for approximately 15 youth and leaders.

Provide a meal, team up with others, or sponsor a pizza night!

Sign up for a Sunday and help us feed our youth as they grow together in faith and fellowship.



A special day of refreshment, inspiration, and fellowship for women



PLEASE JOIN US AT ONE OF THESE LOCATIONS

CORPUS CHRISTI

NOVEMBER 7, 2026

DALLAS

NOVEMBER 14, 2026



TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE FOR THE LOCATION YOU WILL ATTEND,
OR VISIT MIDTEXASGMC.ORG/WOMEN

Message Board



Helping Hands Food Pantry

Fighting Hunger Together

Thank you for all that you give
we appreciate you!



Give Thanks by Giving

As we begin the fall season, our Helping Hands Food Pantry is collecting traditional Thanksgiving meal items to help local families celebrate the holiday with a special meal.

We invite everyone to bring one or more of the items listed over the coming weeks. Every donation, no matter the size, helps provide a Thanksgiving dinner for a family in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting this important ministry as we share God's love with our neighbors this Thanksgiving season.

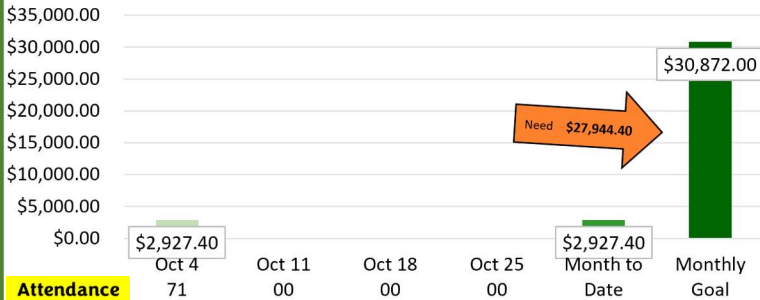
- Stuffing Mix
- Cornbread Mix
- Mac & Cheese
- Gravy Mix
- Canned Sweet Potatoes or Yams
- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Pumpkin
- Cream of Soups (Variety)
- Broth

*You can notate "Helping Hands"
on your donation

**In September we helped
feed 84 families = 271 people**

Thank you for supporting
Helping Hands Food Pantry

October Operating Funds



JMC

Joshua Journal

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 will not 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: Tuesdays at 2:00 PM.**

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

Bible Reading Plan

October

Wisdom for Life

What makes a life meaningful? Ecclesiastes asks that question with remarkable honesty. This month we will read the entire book in sequence, considering work, time, relationships, possessions, uncertainty, joy, and the limits of human understanding. Review days connect Ecclesiastes with other passages that help us consider what it means to live wisely, receive life as God's gift, and keep our lives centered on Him.

☐ Day 1 - Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 <i>Everything Under the Sun</i>	☐ Day 17 - Ecclesiastes 8:10-17 <i>When We Cannot Understand God's Ways</i>
☐ Day 2 - Ecclesiastes 1:12-18 <i>The Limits of Human Wisdom</i>	☐ Day 18 - Ecclesiastes 9:1-10 <i>Living Fully in the Days We Are Given</i>
☐ Day 3 - Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 <i>The Search for Satisfaction</i>	☐ Day 19 - Ecclesiastes 9:11-18 <i>Wisdom in an Uncertain World</i>
☐ Day 4 - Ecclesiastes 2:12-26 <i>Wisdom, Work & What Lasts</i>	☐ Day 20 - Review: Ecclesiastes 7-9; James 3:13-18 <i>Wisdom from Above</i>
☐ Day 5 - Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 <i>A Time for Everything</i>	☐ Day 21 - Ecclesiastes 10:1-11 <i>Small Choices, Lasting Consequences</i>
☐ Day 6 - Ecclesiastes 3:16-22 <i>Trusting God in What We Cannot Control</i>	☐ Day 22 - Ecclesiastes 10:12-20 <i>Wisdom in Words and Leadership</i>
☐ Day 7 - Review: Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 90:1-12 <i>Numbering Our Days Wisely</i>	☐ Day 23 - Ecclesiastes 11:1-6 <i>Faithful Action Without Knowing the Outcome</i>
☐ Day 8 - Ecclesiastes 4:1-8 <i>Work, Ambition & Loneliness</i>	☐ Day 24 - Ecclesiastes 11:7-10 <i>Receive Life as God's Gift</i>
☐ Day 9 - Ecclesiastes 4:9-16 <i>The Value of Companionship</i>	☐ Day 25 - Ecclesiastes 12:1-8 <i>Remember Your Creator</i>
☐ Day 10 - Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 <i>Approaching God with Reverence</i>	☐ Day 26 - Ecclesiastes 12:9-14 <i>The Conclusion: Fear God & Keep His Commands</i>
☐ Day 11 - Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 <i>Receiving God's Gifts with Gratitude</i>	☐ Day 27 - Review: Ecclesiastes 10-12; Proverbs 3:1-12 <i>Trusting God with the Path Ahead</i>
☐ Day 12 - Ecclesiastes 6:1-12 <i>Possessions Without Contentment</i>	☐ Day 28 - Proverbs 4:20-27 <i>Guard Your Heart and Your Path</i>
☐ Day 13 - Review: Ecclesiastes 4-6; Matthew 6:19-34 <i>Treasure, Contentment & Trust</i>	☐ Day 29 - Matthew 7:24-29 <i>Wisdom That Hears and Obeys</i>
☐ Day 14 - Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 <i>Wisdom in Joy and Sorrow</i>	☐ Day 30 - James 1:19-27 <i>Be Doers of the Word</i>
☐ Day 15 - Ecclesiastes 7:15-29 <i>Living Wisely in an Imperfect World</i>	☐ Day 31 - Psalm 1 <i>Monthly Reflection: The Way of Wisdom</i>
☐ Day 16 - Ecclesiastes 8:1-9 <i>Wisdom, Authority & Humility</i>	

Monthly Focus: On review days, return to a passage that challenged or encouraged you. Ask: What am I pursuing that cannot ultimately satisfy? What gifts from God am I overlooking? What would it look like to live wisely and faithfully with the time God has given me?

Worship - Word Search



ADORATION
BLESSING
BOW DOWN
COMMUNION
DEVOTION
FAITH
FELLOWSHIP
GLORY
HEART
HOLINESS

HOLY
HOLY SPIRIT
HYMN
JOY
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LIGHT
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PEACE
PRAISE
PRAY
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SANCTUARY
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TOGETHER
TRUTH
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WORTHY
YAHWEH
YOUR NAME

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01 10-12 & 2-4 Helping Hands Pantry	02	03
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Notes :

Sunday Morning Activities:

7:30 am Morning Prayer

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

4:12 Youth

4 WAYS TO GIVE



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Text "JMC" to
817-790-9008



IN PERSON

Place your gift in
the offering plate.



MAIL

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P.O. Box 376
Joshua, TX 76058



ONLINE

Scan the QR code
to be directed to
Amplify formerly
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Sermon Notes

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Church Council:

Admin Chair - Becky O'Loughlin

Admin Council Secretary - Pat Browder

At Large - Palmer Byerley, Angela Bradsher

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Chair - Finance - Lucy Dowings

Chair - Staff Parish Relations - Bob Browder

Chair - First Connections -

Chair - Global & Local Outreach - 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

10/11/2026

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 - (if changed)

Email - (if changed)

Address - (if changed)

Please select one

- ☐ Partner
- ☐ First-time Guest
- ☐ Returning Guest
- ☐ 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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