



First Methodist Church Johnson City



"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"

"Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God"

JUNE 2026

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Worship Services

8:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

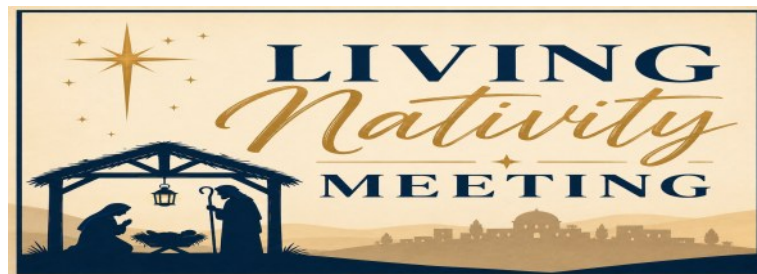
10:50 a.m.

Traditional Service

Sunday

Christian Education
Classes

9:40 - 10:30 a.m.



A meeting to discuss the Living Nativity presentation held in December was held May 3rd at 2pm in the fellowship hall with several in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to address the need to completely rework our Living Nativity set due to the safety and setup concerns with the set we have used for several years.

A detailed layout of the proposed set, complete with placement, size of props, etc. was presented and everyone seemed pleased with the plans. The overall set will be larger than before and will be shifted from being centered in the corner of the pavilion, to just off-center of the pavilion's southern boundary.

Matt Pletcher, Howard Lawson, and Darin Zumwalt have agreed to champion/lead the design of the three main props - the manger, a mountaintop (for big angels), and an Inn.

Doug Smith has identified some ideas for an Audio/Visual (lighting) solution that should help simplify operations for anyone operating lights/sound.

Sarah Allen will champion inventorying our backdrop materials, particularly the greenery we will need (no more cutting and tying cedar limbs- yeah!).

It was also reported that costumes for all roles should be good, including wise men, shepherds, angel costumes/halos/wings, etc.

Additional discussion was held about signage and safety coming into the venue as well as parking. Secondly, lighting and landscaping along the western wall of the activity center need to be addressed due to safety concerns with sidewalk access.

The team will meet again on Sunday, June 14th at 2pm to keep the project moving forward and present budgetary requirements.

There are still plenty of opportunities for members to volunteer to help make this happen. Whether physically or fiscally, now is the time to be part of making our long-lasting presentation of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" go even further!

Come join us!

Merry Christmas! (in June)

Doug Smith

Sunday School Classes

FELLOWSHIP - Led by Bill & Elaine Swiss. New members and visitors are welcome to join in for a study on “**Gospel in Life—Grace Changes Everything**” by Timothy Keller. Join us in the Fellowship Hall, located near the Sanctuary.

NOMADS - Led by Tom Walston. Please join us in the Nomads' room for a study on “**Jesus Is Lord**” Living in the Lordship of Christ. by Tom Berlin. If you are not involved in a Sunday School class, please join us.

JOHN WESLEY - Led by Myra Zumwalt. This class is diving deep into Scripture through the **Book of Acts**. The church today is sometimes persecuted, ridiculed or even ignored, and it often needs encouragement. The book of Acts reminds us that despite modern challenges, the church can be alive and well. The book of Acts shows that revival and church growth come not by human effort but through the power of the Holy Spirit. Come be encouraged and inspired!

Youth - Led by Devin Roschetzky. The class meets in the Youth room in the Activity Center.

CHILDREN - PreK-5th Grade are meeting in the classrooms upstairs, accessed from the hallway by the church office.



June Sermon Series

A Word to the Wise - A study of Proverbs

June 7th

Proverbs 6:16-19

“A word to the wise:
What God hates”

June 14th

Proverbs 14:15-32

“A word to the wise:
Dealing with the wicked”

June 21st

Proverbs 4:3-7

Father's Day

“A word to the wise:
Listening to your Papa”

June 28th:

Proverbs 16:1-9

“A word to the wise:
Finding your way”

As members of this congregation, we pledge to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

Our Prayers... *Lord Hear our prayers: for those who are ill, grieving, or facing difficult times; for those persons in nursing homes, assisted living and homebound; for our military and civilian men and women serving in harm's way and their families; for our leaders, and children everywhere.*

Our Presence...

	<u>1st Service</u>	<u>2nd Service</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>SS</u>
May 3rd	40	58	4	54
May 10th	36	58	10	38
May 17th	46	68	44	27
May 24th	44	41	10	36

Our Gifts...

Year to date as of May 23, 2026

Budget Requirements	\$160,440
Tithes Received	\$141,686

We're grateful to offer our online giving link and QR code. Making it easier than ever to give and be part of what God is doing through our church.

You can give here:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/general-donations-133>

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



Administrative Council Schedule

The Administrative Council will not meet in June unless an urgent matter arises requiring a special meeting.

Otherwise, our next scheduled meeting will be on July 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is always welcome and invited to attend our monthly meetings at any time.



Grace Amidst the Selfish

1 Peter 4:10

Based on the gift they have received, everyone should use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God.

Outside the dining room window of the parsonage over in Shiner, Myra and I put out a hummingbird feeder that we kept filled with sugar water. There are four openings in it from which birds could suck the nectar out. Yet, day after day, from early morning until after dusk, the feeder was the source of their own private version of Star Wars. There was one bird that tended to chase all the others away.

As I said, there was room for four birds at a time, and fully that number attempted to feed. But the top dog (excuse my use of this metaphor for a hummingbird!), who “owned” the feeder, tended to not let them. All day long he sat on the branch of the nearby oak tree guarding “his” feeder and defying others to transgress on what he has established as “his” territory.

This ongoing slice of life confronted us throughout the day as green and red hummers would streak across the yard, the king hummer in hot pursuit of an intruder. While the chase was on, others sneak a sip or two, only to be driven off when he returned.

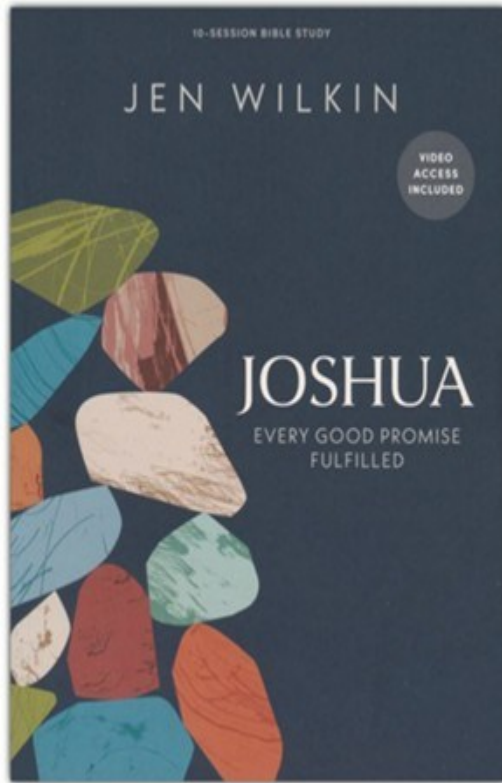
The whole business had become a sort of parable for Myra and I. Here is an example of grace: We bought the feeder; we supplied the sugar water. The birds do not earn it; they receive it all FREE. Yet, day after day, they fought over who may enjoy it.

O how they are like the people of God! All we have or are that is worthwhile is the gift of God's pure grace. And yet we can be proud, self-centered, envious, and quarrelsome. Often, we fight over God's good gifts rather than expressing our gratitude in humility and sharing what we have been given with others. Just as I was confronted daily with rivalry in my yard, even so God is confronted daily with rivalry in His.

Church, we are a blessed people in the midst of a broken world. The nectar of God is provided freely for us and there are at least 4 places in your social circle of friends, neighbors, and co-workers to share it with. Why keep it all to yourself when we are called to share what we have undeservingly received? Pick out those 4 people at the top of your list and make them your “mission field” this month in sharing the Good News of Christ with them.

Welcome Home Church, Welcome Home! Pastor Darin Zumwalt





Women's Bible Study

This session we will be studying *Joshua: Every Good Promise Fulfilled* by Jen Wilkin.

In this study, we will walk through the book of Joshua and see how God faithfully fulfilled every promise He made to His people. Together we will explore themes of faith, obedience, courage, and God's steadfast faithfulness. Jen Wilkin's teaching helps us better understand Scripture in its context while encouraging us to trust God and His promises in our own lives.

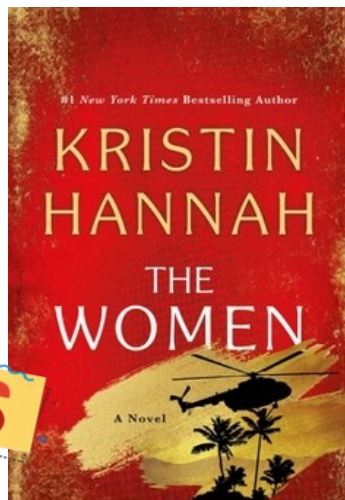
Come join us as we grow in God's Word and encourage one another!

Wednesdays | 12 PM or 6 PM

Summer Book Club Night

Join us **Tuesday, June 16th at 6:00 PM** at First Christian Church for an evening of fellowship, food, and meaningful conversation as we discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

Bring a favorite dish to share for our potluck dinner and come enjoy a relaxed night of community and discussion. Whether you've finished the book or are still reading, all are welcome!



JOIN US

Blanco County Emmaus News



Upcoming weekend retreats (Walks). The purpose is to strengthen the local church and develop Christian disciples.

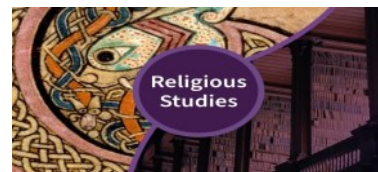
**Local Gathering
Monday, June 15 - 6:30pm**

**Men's Walk
August 13—16, 2026**

MEXICAN TRAIN

And 42

**Every Monday at 10:30
AM in the Activity Center**



**Opportunity for Men and Women
Led by Elaine Swiss**

The Bible study group will take a break, will resume in the fall.

Missions Minute

“How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help. . . . [L]et us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.” 1 John 3:17-18.

Many in our church have shown love for others by helping those in need. Thank you for your service to others. Many opportunities lie ahead during this summer.

Manos Juntas (Hands Together): Willie Berman, our mission partner in Mexico, returned on May 2 to pick up more in-kind donations that he didn’t have room for when he came in March. Donations included a table, chairs, benches, and other items. Willie again expressed his thanks to all for your continued support.

Lenten Clothing Drive: On May 14th, David Lambeth of the Seventh Day Adventists Community Services came to pick up the clothing you donated during Lent. You donated a massive amount of clothing! David brought two “Gaylord boxes,” which are giant cardboard boxes used for commercial clothing shipments, but those two boxes barely made a dent in holding the clothes you gave! The rest were loaded into the truck in bags and other boxes. This was one of the largest donations ever by our church for this program. The Seventh Day Adventists clean, sort, and package the clothes to distribute when natural disasters strike. David said he has served this program at a disaster site, and he wanted you to know that the people who receive clothing are very grateful for your generosity and Christian love. Thanks to those who helped load the clothes, and thank you Church for your generous support!

Church Garage Sale: REMINDER! Our Churchwide Garage Sale is June 5—6 in our Activity Building. The garage sale will support the upcoming **God’s Child Mission Trip to Guatemala**. Come shop to find great bargains! Thank you in advance for your support.



GARAGE SALE! Shop Donate Support

GREAT FINDS!
GREAT PRICES!
GREAT CAUSE!

JOHNSON CITY FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
ACTIVITY CENTER AND PAVILION

FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH
8AM TO 7PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH
8AM TO 3PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
Guatemala Mission Team

FURNITURE, CLOTHING, TOYS, HOUSEWARES,
HOME DECOR AND MORE.

Come and grab a
PULLED PORK SANDWICH
WITH CHIPS, DRINK AND A COOKIE
for **\$10**

Other various baked goods
will be also available for purchase.

children's ministry



Kids are invited to join us for a **DIVE IN** on **Monday, June 8th from 9:30am to 2:30pm.**

Items to bring: **sack lunch, sunscreen, water bottle, towel and \$20.**

We will be heading to **Yogi Bear Park in Fredericksburg** for some fun in the sun!



CAMP PENIEL

ADVENTURE WITH A PURPOSE

June 1st through June 5th

We're excited to take the kids to Camp Peniel Day Camp in Marble Falls! We will meet at the church each morning for drop-off and return to the church each afternoon for pick-up. Transportation will be provided on the church bus, and I will be traveling with the kids each day. Please sign up online through Camp Peniel's website, and then let Sarah know so she can add your child to the church bus list.

Vacation Bible School is almost here!



We are so excited for a week full of faith, fun, laughter, and learning as kids discover just how BIG God's love truly is! From exciting Bible stories and creative crafts to games, music, and dinner together each night, VBS is always one of the highlights of our summer.

June 22-25 | 5:30-7:30 PM



Education Director: Sarah Allen Cell: (512) 948-5419

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REMIND APP: JC Kids Code: @jcfmc

Abide

John 15:4

Schedule

6.3 - JC4JC Prep Night - 6-8pm

6.9 - 11 - JC4JC

6.18 - HSY - Din & Fishing - 5pm - Dark

6.22 - 25 - VBS Week

6.30 - HSY/MSY Church Work Day



Discipleship Class

Our Discipleship Class is for 7th–12th grade students who want to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus and learn how to live out their faith in everyday life. While this class fulfills the requirements for confirmation within our church, the heart of the class is discipleship and spiritual growth. Through Scripture, prayer, service, conversation, and real-life application, students will be encouraged and challenged to develop an authentic and lasting faith of their own. Much like coaching in a sport, this class provides guidance, accountability, and encouragement as students learn what it means to follow Jesus beyond church walls. We understand that students' schedules are often busy and unpredictable, so this class is designed with flexibility and grace in mind. Our goal is not to add pressure, but to faithfully walk alongside students as they grow in their faith. For students whose home church does not offer a discipleship or confirmation process, we are glad to partner with their pastor or youth leader throughout the journey. Students may complete this class with us while remaining connected to and confirmed within their own church community. Enrollment is happening now and classes begin in July. Reach out to Devin for more information or to sign up.

Questions? Concerns? Do not hesitate to call, text or email.

Summer gives us a chance to slow down, serve together, and grow deeper in our faith and friendships. My prayer is that every student who walks through our doors feels known, encouraged, and challenged to follow Jesus in everyday life. Thank you for trusting us with your students this summer!

6.3 - JC4JC Prep Night Join us for our final programming and prep. JC4JC is meant to facilitate Christian leadership in our youth students and challenge them to step out of their comfort zone in faith.

6.9 - JC4JC Over the course of three days, students will have the opportunity to serve the Johnson City community through practical acts of love and outreach while growing deeper in their faith and relationships with one another. Through worship, devotionals, teamwork, and shared experiences, this event is designed to encourage students to live out their faith in meaningful ways while also developing leadership skills through serving, encouraging others, and working together as a team. More than just a service project, these three days will be a time of spiritual growth, student leadership development, lasting friendships, and opportunities to reflect the love of Christ to the community around them.

6.22 - 25 We will not have any MSY/HSY youth meetings this week because we will all be actively involved in being the Church while hosting VBS. If you haven't signed up your K - 5th student (or to volunteer) you can do so [by clicking here](#).

6.30 - HSY/MSY Church Work Day We will take part in caring for the Church we all love so much. We plan to tackle de cluttering, organizing and building new shelves for the activity center storage spaces.



Devin Roschetzky - Youth Director
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2025-2026
School Year **LOOK BACK**
Faith That Shows Up All Year Long



A YEAR OF GROWING TOGETHER

This school year has been full of growth, laughter, service, adventure, worship, and meaningful moments together. We've seen students build friendships, grow in confidence, and take steps deeper in their walk with Jesus.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy Anniversary!



Mitchell Liesmann
June 1

Will Dahmann
June 3

LeAndy Pletcher
June 3

June Elmore
June 4

Kip Reid
June 5

Holdyn White
June 5

Lu Cydne Wittkohl
June 5

Georgia McKissack
June 6

Paul Watt
June 6

Avery Hubenak
June 8

Rod Knudson
June 9

Will Liesmann
June 9

Deak Odiorne
June 09

Karen Freer
June 10

Samantha Jacks
June 10

Landon Lacy
June 10

Jimmy Moore
June 11

Kayla Gostnell
June 13

Zac Haley
June 13

Jerry Ann Buck
June 14

B. J. Sultemeier
June 14

Barbara Counts
June 19

Haden Fox
June 19

Scott Christensen
June 27

Sim Moreno
June 27

Jeremiah Petersma
June 27

Julie Rutherford
June 28

Brooke White
June 29

Elaine Swiss
June 30

*Tex & Chelita Riley
June 2*

*Tom & Louise Koch
June 5*

*Bill & Laura Johnson
June 09*

*David & Susan Hamm
June 13*

*Counts, Lanny & Barbara Counts
June 15*

*Barbara & William Scaife
June 16*

*Mary Kay & Clark Cunningham
June 17*

*Steve & Sandy Knecht
June 18*

*Doug & Traci Smith,
June 19*

*Reynolds, Rob & Carol
June 21*

*Casey & Brooke White
June 23*

*Howard & Santa Lawson
June 27*





“A Place to Grow in Christian Love”

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Return Service Requested

Hand folded and sealed with love especially for ...



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The mission of the Congregation of the First Methodist Church is to continue to be a committed fellowship of disciples sharing the love of God through Jesus Christ and furnishing a place of Christian worship, programs, services and facilities for its members and the people of the Johnson City area.



Worship Services

8:30 a.m. - Contemporary Service

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Christian Education

10:50 a.m. - Traditional Service

Online Worship Services available on

Our home page www.fmcjc.com is updated with a clickable link to the YouTube page.

Or like us on Facebook: FMC Johnson City TX

The church office is open:

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**Please remember and pray
for our nursing home residents,
those in the hospital
and shut-ins:**



Elizabeth Sooter

Darrell Sultemeier

Pam Sultemeier

Gary Polvado