



# First Methodist Church Johnson City

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors"



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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.

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

**MAY 2026**

## *You're Invited!* BACCALAUREATE *Service*

Join us as we come together to  
honor and celebrate our graduates  
with an evening of encouragement,  
faith, and blessing.

 7:00 PM

 MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>

 LIBERTY LIGHTHOUSE

*Investing in their future.*   
GROUNDING THEM IN FAITH.

### National Day of Prayer Gathering

Join us as we come  
together in unity to lift  
up our community,  
leaders, and nation in  
prayer on the National  
Day of Prayer. We will  
gather on **May 7th at  
6:00 PM** at the Blanco  
County Courthouse. All  
are welcome as we  
seek God's guidance,  
peace, and blessing  
over our lives  
and our  
community.



## Confirmation

### WELCOME OUR CONFIRMANDS

Lillian Philips

Nathan Philips

Emma Walston

Tyler Walston

Raul Rios





## May & June Sermon Series *A Word to the Wise - A study of Proverbs*



May 3rd

Proverbs 9:10

"A word to the wise, Fearing God"

May 10th

Proverbs 23:25

Mother's Day

"A word to the wise, How to treat your momma"

May 17th

Proverbs 15:1-8

"A word to the wise: Guarding Your tongue"

May 24th

Proverbs 11:3

"A word to the wise: Righteousness"

May 31st

Proverbs 4:23-27

"A word to the wise: Your attitude"

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"

## 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 **"Bible Stories for Grown-Ups"** by Josh Scott. 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.



# Church

# BRUNCH



May 31, 2026



JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL  
**CHURCH BRUNCH**  
on Sunday, May 31 at  
**9:30 AM!**



This will be a wonderful time to gather, share a meal, and enjoy fellowship together as a church family.



**PLEASE NOTE:**  
WE WILL HAVE ONLY  
**ONE SERVICE**  
THAT DAY AT 10:50 AM.



**Good Food = Great Friends = Stronger Together**



Everyone is invited! 

We encourage you to bring a **favorite dish** or **food item** to share with others.



*We look forward to seeing you there!*

**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> |
|------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------|
| April 5th  | 65                 | 109                | N/A           | 80        |
| April 12th | 23                 | 51                 | 5             | 31        |
| April 19th | 42                 | 61                 | 8             | 27        |
| April 26th | 23                 | 55                 | N/A           | N/A       |

**Our Gifts...**

Year to date as of April 21, 2026

|                     |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Budget Requirements | \$128,352 |
| Tithes Received     | \$108,057 |

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!



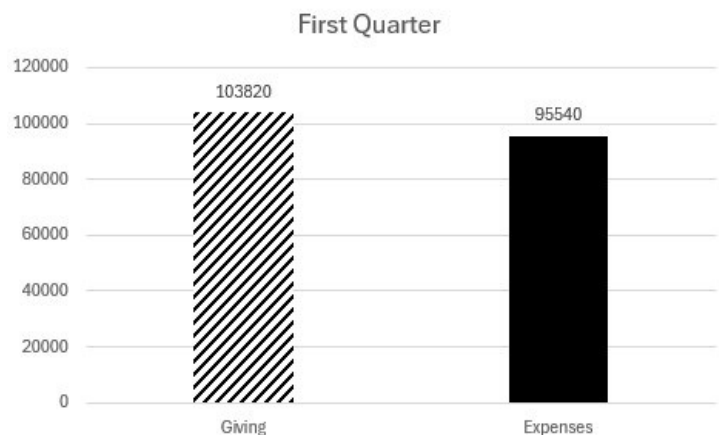
**Financial Overview – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter**

Thank you to all! Your tithing and gifts are appreciated every day. The start of 2026 has started out well, with a little over \$103,000 donated, while we've spent a little over 95,000. This prepares us for early summer, when we typically see a spike in expenses due to insurance renewals.

Your generous gifts are also enabling us to do some much-needed updating around the church in the next few weeks that we talked about during preparation of our 2026 Budget, including a refresh of our playground for the kids, an automatic door opener for the sanctuary entrance, and replacement of the logos on our vehicles and trailers. We also have several deferred maintenance items that we can now do to keep our buildings fresh and weatherproof. We'll also be adding some video screens in the upper corners of the sanctuary, as a part of our plan to get the Contemporary Service moved back into that facility.

Many, many thanks to each of you!

Matt Pletcher and Tammie Marrs



## Rediscover Church – Welcome Home Church

*Acts 2:42-47*

*42 The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. 43 A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. 44 All the believers were united and shared everything. 45 They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. 46 Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. 47 They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.*

Each Sunday morning as we meet, I share with you a very hearty “Good morning Church! Welcome home!” To me, we are family. You see, I remember when I was growing up and going to church and how it was like being in a big, extended family. I remember this deep connection that everyone had. There was a close friendship between everyone and we were constantly involved in each other’s lives and in the life of the community. The church was ingrained in our lives and schedules revolved around that of the church.

Over the years, I began to notice other things about the church. People starting becoming really busy and life crowded our ability to live freely. We began to live these very independent lives where we just kind of kept to ourselves. It was almost as if the roles were switched and now the Church got in the way of our lives. We began asking ourselves the question: Why go to church? Why get up early on one of our few off-days? Why go through the hassle of dressing up and the getting the kids ready? Why go to the trouble of finding a parking space near the front and pew space near the back?

Further, we have grown accustomed to doing most everything online. We order our groceries online, we order meals online, we attend meetings online and go to school online. We have even “attended church” online. This secluded lifestyle we have been living in has changed who we are called to be as children of God and as a body of believers.

During our Bread & Broth Lenten Journey, I have used the verses from Acts 2:42 to teach us the importance of why we are the body of Christ. The verses are a reminder of who we, as a church family, need to be and what our focus should be on. As we begin to get back to the basics of what the church is called to be, let’s work to re-instill the “basic” necessity of focusing on our church family. We are to unite ourselves, to help those that are in need, to meet and fellowship together, and to show God’s love and goodness to everyone. We can begin this task by working to “rediscover” the church and what it is to be for us and for our community. We are there to lean on each other, to lift each other up, to encourage and pray for one another and to love one another unconditionally.

I believe that if ever we have needed the church, it is even more so now as we see such a broken and divided world before us. I encourage you let go of your secluded lifestyles. To get out and about, interact with others, go to the store, dine out at a restaurant and invite someone else to go with you, and yes, come to church as a part of our family of believers. We need each other in our journeys.

The life of the church is always busy and there is something for everyone. Plug into our services, join a Bible Study, volunteer to help in the nursery or at Vacation Bible School this summer, or serve as a liturgist during our second service. Invite folks to come to church or reach out to faces you miss seeing in church and invite them. This is the year of our Lord and I believe this is also the year of our church to thrive and grow.

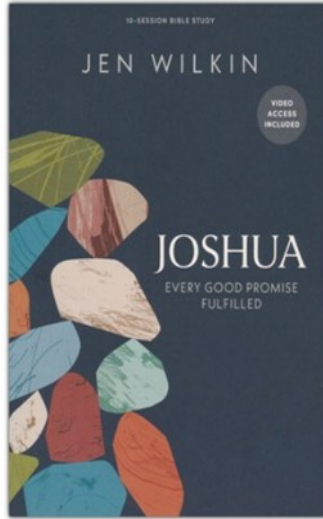
*Welcome Home Church, Welcome Home! Pastor Darin Zumwalt*



## 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 | 6:00 PM**

## Women's Bible Study – Wednesdays at 12 PM

Join us each Wednesday at noon for a meaningful time of connection, conversation, and growing deeper in God's Word. This is a welcoming space for women of all ages and stages—whether you've studied the Bible for years or are just beginning your journey.

We gather for encouragement, thoughtful discussion, and real-life application of Scripture as we walk through life together in faith. Come as you are, bring a friend, and take a midweek pause to be refreshed and renewed.

All are welcome—we'd love to have you with us!

## Blanco County Emmaus News



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

**Local Gathering**  
**Monday, May 18 - 6:30pm**

**Men's Walk**  
**August 13—16, 2026**

## Join Us In Prayer

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
**at 7:30 AM**

**PRAY FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE**



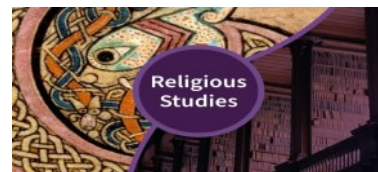
*Pray for Our Church  
and Community*  
**Acts 2:42**



## 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

*“In all this I [Paul] have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35.*

We are blessed to have a church filled with cheerful, generous givers and doers.

More opportunities lay ahead!



***Manos Juntas (Hands Together):*** On March 30th, Willie Berman, our mission partner in Mexico, brought his trailer to our church to receive in-kind donations. Our church gave two pianos and an organ that have been in storage for years. Other donations included a washer and dryer set, mattresses, a lawn mower, garden tools, and much more. His trailer and van were filled to the brim! Willie was very happy to receive these items and expressed his appreciation for your support. Thank-you church!



***Churchwide Garage Sale:*** PLEASE TAKE NOTE. We will hold a churchwide garage sale on Friday – Saturday, June 5-6 in our Activity Center and outdoor pavilion to support the **2027 God’s Child mission trip to Guatemala**. If you have items you would like to donate, please bring them to the church at any time (the sooner the better), and we will store them until the sale. If you need help with large items, contact Angie in the church office, and we will arrange to pick them up. Also, please come shop at the sale to find great bargains! ***The Garage Sale will be here soon!*** Thank-you in advance for your support.

***BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR:*** Although it may seem early, we are in the planning stages for this year’s Back-to-School Fair, which is set for **Saturday, August 1, 10:00 a.m. to noon**. This year the Fair will be held in our Activity Center jointly with Texas AgriLife, which sponsors 4-H activities. The Fair provides school supplies, backpacks, vision screening, and other services for school children in kindergarten through 8th grade. Many in our community struggle financially and need help with school supplies even more. Johnson City Bank and the Lion’s Club provide financial support. We also need volunteers to help with the Fair. Any support you can give will help many and will be greatly appreciated!



# A Note from your Wesley Nurse



## DO YOU HAVE **concerns** about **falling?**



A MATTER OF  
BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

### WHO COULD BENEFIT?

*Anyone 60 years or older who:*

- is concerned about falls
- is interested in improving balance, flexibility, and strength
- has fallen in the past
- has restricted activities because of concerns about falling
- is able to problem solve and remember discussions

### YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

June 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, & 25

9 to 10:30 am at the  
Blanco County CRC  
206 US 281, Johnson City

Presented by:

Jazmin Aguilar, RN, Wesley Nurse and  
Gretchen Sanders, MS, County Extension Agent

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

There is **NO COST** to participate  
Class size limited to 12 participants

**To REGISTER, please contact:**  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries  
512/271-2104

Sponsored by  
Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area



In partnership with Methodist Healthcare Ministries and  
Texas A&M AgriLife, Blanco County

**A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Volunteer Lay Leader Model ©2006**

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Jazmin Aguilar, RN is a Wesley Nurse with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Wesley Nurse program is a faith-based, holistic health and wellness program committed to serving the least served through education, health promotion and collaboration with individual and community in achieving improved wellness through self-empowerment. Learn more at [www.mhm.org](http://www.mhm.org)



# children's ministry



## Celebrating Our 5th Graders

On Sunday, May 17th, we will have the joy of recognizing a very special group—our 5th graders!

This moment marks an important transition as these students move from Children's Ministry into Middle School Youth Group. It's a big step, and one that deserves to be celebrated with love, encouragement, and prayer.

During the service, each 5th grader will be presented with a devotional to take with them into this next season. Our hope is that this serves as a meaningful tool to help them continue growing in their faith, spending time in God's Word, and seeking His guidance as they navigate middle school and beyond.



**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

June 22-25 (Monday through Thursday)

5:30pm to  
7:30pm



## Nursery Help Needed – Come Love on Our Littlest Ones

Our church is growing, and with that comes a sweet opportunity to serve! We are currently looking for a caring and dependable individual to help in our nursery, loving on and caring for our youngest parishioners. 

If you've been looking for a way to plug in, this is such a meaningful place to serve. And if a full-time commitment isn't possible—no problem at all! Even helping one Sunday a month would be a huge blessing to our ministry and to the families we serve.

If you feel called to be part of this special area, we would love to hear from you. Please reach out and let us know!



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

Email: sarah.allen@fmcjc.com

REMIND APP: JC Kids Code: @jcfmc



## Schedule

**5.6 - 4&7PM Teacher Appreciation Prep**

**5.13 - 4PM MSY Crossover**

**6.9 - 11 - MSY Summer Mission - JC4JC**

**7.19 - 24 - HSY Appalachia Mission Trip**

**Coming This Summer: Cooking Classes, Woodworking Class, Discipleship Class and more!**

### Discipleship Class

Our Discipleship Class is a 10 month journey designed for 7th–12th grade students who are ready to take the next step in their faith. While this class prepares students for confirmation, it is open to any student who wants to grow deeper in their faith. Students will actively deepen their relationship with God by putting into practice the things we teach in youth. Much like coaching in a sport, this class provides guidance, accountability, and encouragement as students learn how to live out their faith in everyday life. We understand that students’ lives are full and often unpredictable. This class is designed with flexibility in mind, offering grace when schedules get busy and providing options to stay on track when conflicts arise. Our goal is to walk alongside students, not add unnecessary pressure. Our focus is not just on information, but on forming a lasting, authentic faith. For students whose home church does not offer a confirmation class, or if this is more convenient, we are glad to partner with their pastor or youth leader throughout the process. Students can complete this class with us and still be confirmed within their own church community. Enrollment is happening now and classes start in July.

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

**5.6 - Teacher Appreciation Week** We will be creating delicious goodies and writing thank you cards to honor our teachers, administrators and staff.

**5.13 - MSY Crossover** We’re excited to welcome our graduating 5th graders into Middle School Youth at the end of the school year! This fun event will include games, connection, and a chance to learn what MSY is all about. Students will also be invited to join us for summer events so they can jump right into youth group before the new school year begins.

**6.9 - 11 - MSY Summer Mission - JC4JC** Join us as we go on mission right here in our community, being the hands and feet of Christ and sharing His love in real, practical ways. We’ll stay at the church, building friendships and growing together in Christian community. When you think of a mission trip like this, you might picture long days of physical labor in the sun—and while there will be some of that, we’re also planning new and creative ways to serve and make a meaningful impact in our community. More details coming soon—we’re excited for what’s ahead!

**\$18K**

### Appalachia Mission Trip Update

As our Appalachia team continues preparing for this summer’s trip, we’re grateful for how God is already at work. We’re especially excited for our upcoming “Who Dun It” dinner happening this weekend. Tickets are officially sold out, and we’re so thankful for the strong support. A big thank you to MAD Jack’s Barbecue for providing the delicious food and helping make the evening possible. This event has already been impactful for our students. Many are stepping outside their comfort zones—taking on roles, performing, serving, and helping lead in ways that stretch them. It’s been incredible to watch them embrace these opportunities, grow in confidence, and support one another as a team. Plane tickets have been purchased! Thank you for continuing to pray, give, and walk alongside our students as we prepare for this mission.

**FUNDS RAISED  
\$14,000**

**\$9K**



Devin Roschetzky - Youth Director  
830.330.0078 - youth@fmcjc.com

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mason Roberts  
May 1

Levi Urbaovsky  
May 01

Brock Petersma  
May 2

June Elmore  
May 4

Glenn Sultemeier  
May 4

Barbara Scaife  
May 7

Sawyer Torres  
May 7

Whitney Walston  
May 8

Carol Summy  
May 10

MacKenzie Petersma  
May 12

Norma Honeycutt  
May 13

Brit Odiorne  
May 13

Autumn Moursund  
May 14

Ann Godwin  
May 15

Tom Hardy  
May 15

Chloe Smith  
May 15

Harper White  
May 18

Porter Dunnaway  
May 19

Brady Liesmann  
May 19

Langdon Odiorne  
May 21

Denise Porter  
May 21

Erin Dahmann  
May 22

Ingrid Moursund  
May 23

Lillian Sanders  
May 23

Tommy Levitt  
May 25

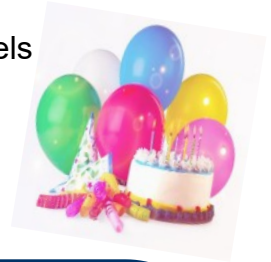
Shannon Riebesehl  
May 25

Kaylie Adkins  
May 28

Randy Rutherford  
May 28

Dick Wiemers  
May 28

Ethan Runnels  
May 29



## Happy Anniversary!

*Jim & Kay Odiorne  
May 10*

*Mitchell & Holly Liesmann  
May 18*

*Shane & Jerry Ann Buck  
May 21*

*Tommy & Amber Fr  
May 22*





“A Place to Grow in Christian Love”

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Return Service Requested

*Hand folded and sealed with love especially for ...*



## MAY 2026

*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](http://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:**

**Monday - Thursday 9 am - 12 & 1 - 4 pm**

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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

Nina Saxton

Gary Polvado