



First Methodist Church Johnson City

"God's Church, Jesus' Grace, Your People, Every Day."



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Worship Services

8:30 a.m.
Contemporary Service

10:50 a.m.
Traditional Service

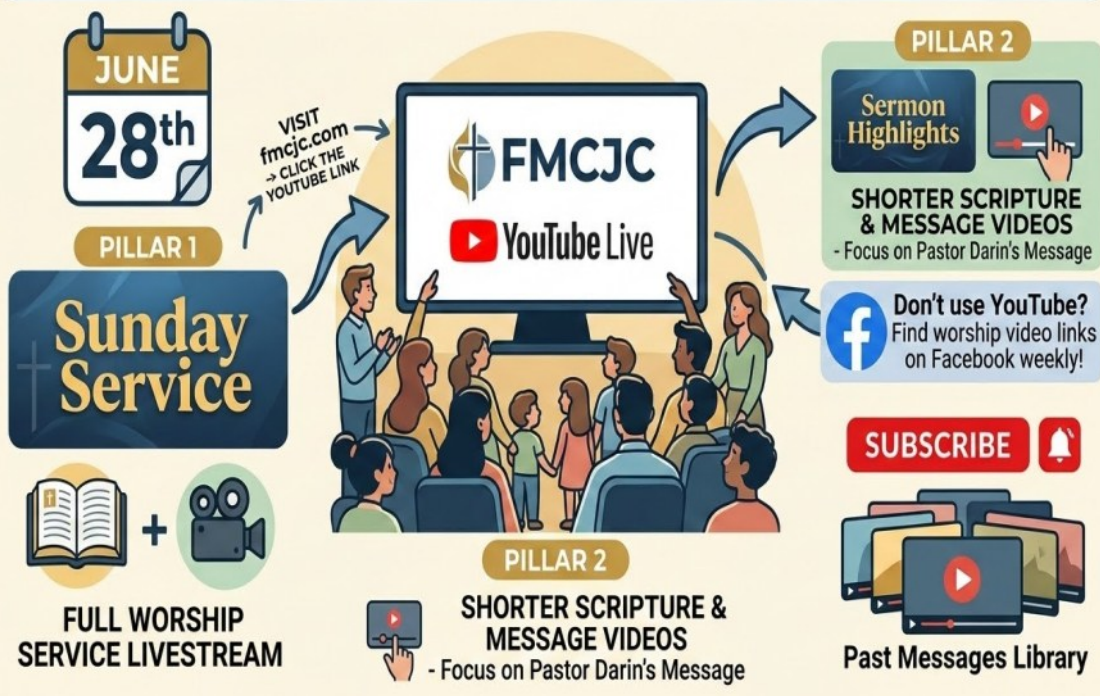
Sunday
Christian Education
Classes

9:40 - 10:30 a.m.

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

JULY 2026

FMCJC: Our YouTube Home is Changing June 28th!



We're excited to announce a new YouTube channel for First Methodist Church! Starting June 28th, all of our Sunday morning services will be livestreamed to our new channel. The easiest way to find it is to visit fmcjc.com and click the YouTube link, it will take you right there.

Our new channel offers something we haven't had before: in addition to the full worship service, we'll also be posting a shorter **Scripture & Message video** each week — a focused edit featuring just the scripture reading and Pastor Darin's message, perfect for reviewing the sermon or sharing with a friend.

Don't worry if you're not a YouTube user, we'll continue posting links to our worship videos on Facebook every week, just as we always have.

We encourage you to visit the new channel and subscribe so you never miss a service. There's already a library of past messages there, a wonderful resource for deeper study or revisiting a favorite sermon.



FELLOWSHIP - Led by Bill & Elaine Swiss. New members and visitors are welcome to join in for a study on “**Watch your Mouth: Understanding the Power of the Tongue**” Tony Evans. 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.



July Sermons

July 5th:

Matthew 4:18-22

Fishers of Men

July 12th:

Luke 5:1-11

Casting in Deep Waters

July 19th:

Matthew 14: 13-21

Feeding People

July 26th:

John 21:1-9

Don't Give Up



Milestones and Missions – Welcome Home Church

Jeremiah 29:11-13

¹¹ I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the LORD; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. ¹² When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. ¹³ When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me.

My dearest Church Family, it was 10 months ago this month that my wife, Myra, and I were sent here by our Lord to join the FMC Johnson City family and we couldn't have been more blessed. We had prayed that God would open the necessary doors if it were His will and those doors were swung wide open for us. We had also made the decision that Myra would still be traveling back and forth during the weekdays to still help our daughter, who is a single mom, in caring for a few of our grandchildren. With the summer here and a new school year approaching, Myra and I are looking forward to more time together as the kids will all be in school and other opportunities are emerging for their care.

During my time alone at home, I have had opportunities to share meals with folks in the church and in the community but sometimes it does get lonely at home. It has also been said that being a pastor is one of the loneliest professions to have and to some extent, there is truth in that statement. During these months, I have leaned on one of my favorite Bible verses to find comfort and peace. In and of itself, Jeremiah 29:11 is a very powerful scripture that tells us to not lose our hope because our God has "got our back" and has made plans for our future. However; when you add verses 12 and 13 into the mix, it is a loving reminder to not lose sight of our prayer time, our communication with our God. He is a wonderful listener when we need to talk and we will always be able to find Him when we need Him. I might have times of loneliness, but I am not alone, for God is with me.

Myra and I have found our new church family here in Johnson City to have been the catalyst of new beginnings and we have made many new wonderful friends here in Johnson City. Our family has grown to include all of you and we are ever so grateful for your kindness and love. We both look forward to continuing our ministry here for many years to come and pray for each of you as we continue building relationships.

During these past few months, we have been very busy working on the "mission" of the church. Not just FMC Johnson City, but the church as a whole. We have many local ministries that are alive and strong, to include our youth and children's ministries, our Living Nativity program and our Living Last Supper, just to name a few.

The church has several other missions that we are involved in, such as helping out our local food pantry when needed, collecting for our Lenten clothing drive partnership with the 7th Day Adventists, our partnership with goods and supplies for Manos Juntos (Hands Together) in Mexico, and our mission team to Antigua, Guatemala where we work with the God's Child project. We have scheduled our 2027 Mission Trip for January and are already fundraising for it. The kickoff was our garage sale which netted about \$12,200 of the funds needed.

Lastly, if you have not noticed, our church family is growing! I ask you to reach out to our newest members, or even some you may not know well, and extend an invitation of fellowship to them. Everyone likes to feel like they are welcome and that they belong and they just might surprise you in what they have to offer with their own lives full of friendship and love.

With growth and new families coming, we are looking for nursery workers and a piano player as well as several who will volunteer as liturgists to serve on a rotating weekly basis instead of monthly in our 2nd service. If we can get 4 or more that will step into this role, it would only be a once a month or so commitment. I ask each of you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you to serve, and if you need more details, please reach out to me. I'm still available for a taco or two and not just on Tuesdays. I will make time for you as always. Blessings of peace and grace to all of you!

Welcome Home Church, Welcome Home! Pastor Darin Zumwalt

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>
June 7	42	63	N/A	43
June 14	38	43	1	29
June 21	41	43	4	30
June 28	43	62	7	35

Our Gifts...

Year to date as of June 20, 2026

Budget Requirements \$192,528

Tithes Received \$144,554

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!



Volunteers Needed for Second Service!

Join Us in Serving Our Church Family!



Ushers & Liturgists Needed!

Help Lead & Welcome Our Church Family!

If you're interested in serving as an usher or liturgist during our second service, Please talk with Pastor Darin; Wendy Sultemeier, Worship Committee Co-Chair, or contact the church office.

Many Ways to Serve!

There are lots of other opportunities to help, both big and small. Your time and talents make a difference!



Lend a Hand



Serve with Joy



Volunteer Today

Thank you for sharing your gifts & time with our church community!

BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH

DURING SERVICE WE WILL BE Blessing Backpacks!

Children and students of all ages and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks as we pray over them and the upcoming school year.

THEN JOIN US FOR Lunch and Games!

AS WE KICK OFF THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

SERVICE TIMES

 **8:30 AM**
Contemporary Service

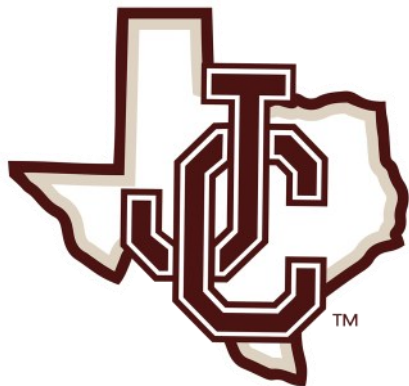
 **10:50 AM**
Traditional Service

ALL ARE WELCOME!

 FAITH  FRIENDS  FUN  FAMILY

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!

GOOD FOOD. GREAT COMMUNITY. GOD IS GOOD!



Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 6th** as we host the **Back to School JCISD Luncheon** for our amazing teachers and staff!

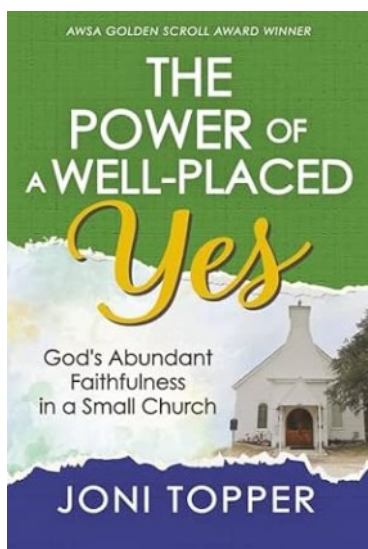
As we prepare to welcome everyone back for a new school year, we'd love your help in making this luncheon a special time of fellowship and appreciation. We will be looking for:

Side dishes * Salads * Desserts * Volunteers to help in the kitchen

This is a wonderful opportunity to show our gratitude to the educators and staff who pour so much into the students of our community.

More details and sign-up information will be coming soon. For now, please save the date and consider how you might help us bless our JCISD team!

Summer Book Club Night



Join us Tuesday,
July 7th at 6:00 PM
at Community
Church of the Hills
for an evening of
fellowship, food,
and meaningful
conversation as we
discuss *The Power
Of A Well-Placed
Yes* by Joni Topper.

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!

Blanco County Emmaus News

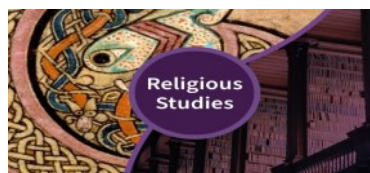


Upcoming weekend retreats (Walks). The purpose is to strengthen the local church and develop Christian disciples.

Local Gathering
Monday, July 20 - 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

Jesus said: *"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."* John 13:34. This *"Christian Love"* or *"Agape Love"* is defined as "unconditional, selfless, and sacrificial love. A willful choice to actively seek the wellbeing of others without expecting anything in return." Agape love is expressed through action, deeds, patience, and kindness, whether or not the recipient "deserves" it or can return the favor. Another, more simple definition is: *"the love of God operating in the human heart."* One way our church demonstrates Christian Love is serving others in need through our mission programs.

Our **God's Child Mission Trip** set for January 2027 is an act of Agape Love. The God's Child Project reaches deep into some of the poorest parts of our world to bring hope and aid to people living there. This year, 19 team members from our church, First Christian Church, and the Good Shepherd Catholic Church will travel to Guatemala to build safe, simple houses for impoverished and homeless families. On June 5 -6 our churchwide garage sale raised over \$12,200 to help fund the God's Child Mission Trip! Thank you church! Thanks to all who donated items, made baked goods, worked hard to set up and operate the sale, shopped the sale, and helped clean up afterwards! It was a massive effort and many demonstrated their Agape love through this effort. We ask for your continued prayers and support for this program and our many other mission programs. You are truly an awesome church filled with Christian love for others!





A Note from your Wesley Nurse



Sun Safety: Protecting Yourself Under the Summer Sun

As temperatures rise and outdoor activities increase, July is the perfect time to focus on UV (ultraviolet) safety. While sunshine can boost mood and provide vitamin D, excessive UV exposure can lead to sunburn, premature skin aging, eye damage, and increase the risk of skin cancer.

Know the UV Index

The UV Index measures the strength of the sun's ultraviolet rays. A higher UV Index means greater potential for skin and eye damage. During the summer months, UV levels are often highest between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Practice the "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, and Slide" Method

- **Slip** on protective clothing.
- **Slop** on broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher.
- **Slap** on a wide-brimmed hat.
- **Seek** shade whenever possible.
- **Slide** on UV-blocking sunglasses.



Sunscreen Tips

- Apply sunscreen 15–30 minutes before going outdoors.
- Reapply every two hours, or more frequently if swimming or sweating.
- Don't forget commonly missed areas such as ears, lips, neck, and the tops of feet.

Stay Hydrated

Sun exposure and high temperatures increase the risk of dehydration. Drink water regularly throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty. Limit sugary drinks and alcohol, which can contribute to dehydration.

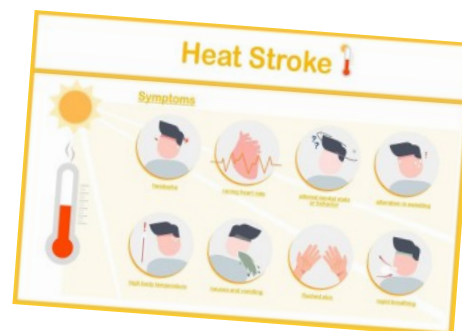
Special Considerations for Children and Older Adults

Young children and older adults are particularly vulnerable to heat-related illness and sun damage. Encourage frequent hydration, regular breaks in the shade, and appropriate protective clothing.

Watch for Signs of Heat-Related Illness

Seek medical attention if you or someone around you experiences:

- Dizziness or fainting
- Rapid pulse
- Confusion
- Severe headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Hot, dry skin or excessive sweating



Healthy Summer Reminder

Enjoy outdoor activities safely by planning ahead, checking the daily UV Index, and taking simple protective measures. A few precautions today can help prevent serious health concerns tomorrow.

Wishing everyone a safe, healthy, and sun-smart summer!

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





Blessing of the Backpacks & 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

As we prepare for a new school year, we invite all students and families to join us on **Sunday, August 9**, for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks and 3rd Grade Bible Presentation.

During worship, we will pray over our students, teachers, and school staff as they begin another year of learning and growth. We will also continue our church tradition of presenting Bibles to our incoming 3rd graders, encouraging them to grow in God's Word and carry His truth with them each day.



We look forward to celebrating this special milestone and praying God's blessings over all who are heading back to school!



LEGO FAITH BUILDERS



Children Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to join us for Sunday School at 9:40am every Sunday in the Wesley classroom in the activity center.

July is shaping up to be a busy and exciting month! As many of you know, children's activities are normally planned well in advance, but this year our July schedule is still being finalized.

Ms. Sarah will be spending some time with family on vacation and will also have the opportunity to serve alongside our youth group on their mission trip to Appalachia. Because of these special commitments, July activities for children and families are still to be determined.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as plans come together. We look forward to sharing updates soon and are excited about all the ways God will be at work this summer—both here at home and through mission opportunities beyond our community.

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

Email: sarah.allen@fmcjc.com REMIND APP: JC Kids Code: @jcfmc

Abide

John 15:4



APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP

This month, thirteen members of our youth ministry will be traveling to Stearns, Kentucky to serve alongside Thirst Missions. Throughout the week, our students will have the opportunity to share the love of Christ through home repair projects, children's ministry, community outreach, and building meaningful relationships with families in Appalachia.



SCHEDULE

JULY



7.4 – Youth Booth on the Square



7.8 – Youth Church Workday
1:00–4:00 PM



7.12 – Mission Trip Commissioning
• Second Service



7.19–24 – HSY Mission Trip
Appalachia



THANK YOU, FIRST METHODIST CHURCH!

Our youth ministry has been overwhelmed by the generosity of this church family. Whether you donated financially, attended a fundraiser, purchased a meal, volunteered your time, or simply encouraged our students, you made this mission trip possible.

Thank you for believing in the next generation and investing in their spiritual growth. Your support allows our students to experience what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ, and we are incredibly grateful for your partnership in this ministry.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TEAM

As we prepare to leave and while we are serving in Kentucky, we would love for our church family to join us in prayer.

Please pray for:

- Safe travel to and from Kentucky.
- Humble hearts that are ready to serve wherever God leads.
- Opportunities to boldly share the love of Christ.
- The families and communities we will meet.
- Unity among our team.
- Lasting spiritual growth in every student and adult participating.

LOOKING AHEAD



8.9 – Blessing of the Backpacks & Back to School Family Picnic



9.20 – Bill Elsbury Fish Fry

“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

– MATTHEW 25:40



DISCIPLESHIP CLASS

Our weekly Discipleship Class for students in 7th–12th grade will begin this fall.

Whether students are preparing for confirmation or simply desire to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus, this class is designed to help students move beyond simply knowing about God to truly walking with Him.

Confirmation is an important part of this class, but discipleship is its heart. Students from any church are welcome to participate while remaining connected to their home church.



If your student is interested in joining this year's class or you'd like to learn more, I'd love to visit with you.

Questions? Concerns?

Don't hesitate to call, text, or email.

**FMCJC
YOUTH**



Devin Roschetzky – Youth Director



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Evie Moursund IV
July 1

Will Moursund
July 2

Cooper Gostnell
July 4

Louise Koch
July 4

Jon Riebesehl
July 4

Susie Birck
July 5

Kathryn Mills
July 6

Quinlan Myers
July 7

Jimmy Fox
July 8

Dwight Martin
July 8

Warren Stanton
July 9

Ronnie Weiershausen
July 9

Gavin Allen
July 11

George Birck
July 11

Gavin Thompson
July 14

Keaton Allen
July 15



Todd Swift
July 15

Angela Hobbs
July 16

Darin Zumwalt
July 16

Vernon Birck
July 17

Haley Goode
July 19

Camille Swift
July 19

Henry Encina
July 20

Clark Cunningham
July 21

Burke Fisher-Johnson
July 22

Terry Mills
July 22

Martha Danz
July 25

Kendra Fisher
July 25

Logan Gonzalez
July 25

Dorothy Staby
July 26

Nathan Axtell
July 28

Sallye Baker
July 29

Rosalie Joehnke
July 29

Carol Willis
July 30

Luke Whittington
July 31

Myra Zumwalt
July 31



Happy Anniversary!

*Gary & Georgie Ann Polvado
July 05*

*Brit & Katy Odiorne
July 08*

*James & Donna Sultemeier
July 13*

*Todd & Camille Swift
July 27*

*Randy & Kathryn Rutherford
July 29*





"A Place to Grow in Christian Love"

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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.



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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