



LAKE HOUSTON METHODIST CHURCH

Finance Report

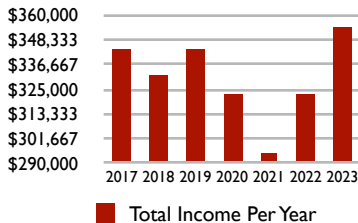
Thank you for your generous support of the ministries of Lake Houston Methodist church during the first three quarters of 2023. To date all bills are paid and we have no outstanding debts. Our connectional giving to the East Texas Global Methodist Church and the Denomination are ahead of schedule.

Lake Houston Methodist currently has two types of accounts: operating and designated. The operating account funds the daily activities of the church. It fluctuates daily but reflected a \$26,342 balance on September 30, 2023. The designated funds consist of monies donated for specific ministry areas, memorials and other specific designations. This account on September 30 had a cash balance of \$145,398

Historical Giving

Annual Unrestricted Giving

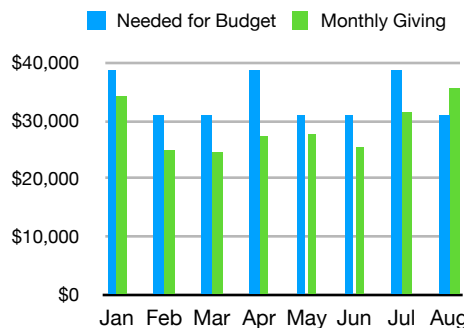
2017	\$343,596
2018	\$331,766
2019	\$313,086
2020	\$322,357
2021	\$295,004
2022	\$309,000
2023	\$353,685 *



2023 number reflects an estimate based on giving year to date.

Total Giving By Month

(Unrestricted funds given weekly either



online, mail or in person)

Month	Total
January	\$ 33,917
February	\$ 25,013
March	\$ 24,613
April	\$ 27,098
May	\$ 27,753
June	\$ 25,597
July	\$ 31,180
August	\$ 35,674

A total of \$236,536 was given from January thru August of 2023. For comparison through the same time in 2022 a total of \$212,056 was given. This means that 2023 has seen a 11.5% increase in giving.

Giving Households

There are 398 giving statements being sent out in at this time. They are being sent to the 125 member households who are identified as financially supporting Lake Houston Methodist Church in 2023 and to the 273 Households that are not currently identified as regularly giving.

Membership (Jan-Sept)

LHMC Remembers

Departed Members

- Becky Streetman
- Dennis MacGurn
- Greg Fletcher
- Les Gardner
- Vanessa Cascio

LHMC Welcomes

New Members since Jan 1, 2023

- Carlos and Alice Sanchez
- Tyler and Stephanie Scott
- Ray, Amy, Katherine and William Law
- Terry and Rebecca Buckner
- Kenny, Amy and Macie Moreau
- Harold and Ginger Wagers
- Barbara and John Vance
- David and Leanne Williams
- Savannah and Dustin Rychlik
- David and Lynn Jennings
- Roxanne Klierer
- Suzie and Danny Eppers
- Grace Carslile
- Lanette and Duggan Hartzog
- John Coon and Victoria Johnson
- Darlene and Charles Flaxk
- Madison Mcleod
- Kaleb

Baptisms Since Jan 1, 2023

- Reese Davis
- Judith Spitz
- Majors

Membership

As of Sept 30th 2023, Lake Houston

Methodist Church has:

126 Active Professing Members

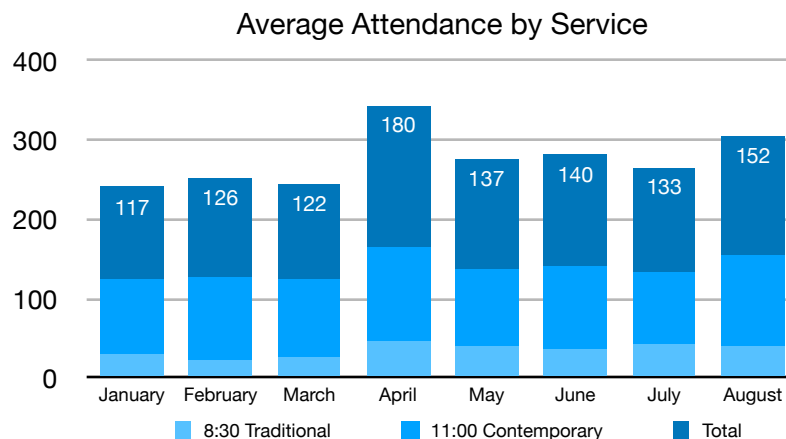
41 Baptized "Preparatory" Members

297 Inactive Professing Members

13 Constituent Members

64 Active and Recurring Visitors

This is a total of 541 persons under the care of the church.



Take a Step of Faith

To ensure that we meet our financial goals as a church, we hope that you will take a step of faith with us. Your giving statement reflecting your gifts through the end of August 2023 is included with this report.

We encourage you, first of all, to check for the accuracy of this statement. If you find something incorrect, please set up a time to meet with our business administrator, Hannah Pray, so we can make any corrections needed.

Secondly, we ask that you consider moving forward in faith towards becoming a tithing member of Lake Houston Methodist Church if you have not done so already. Identify where your giving stands as a percentage of your income and ask God how you can take a step forward in your giving.

A tithe, which means ten percent, is a goal of faithful giving encouraged in scripture. Many families may not be able to give a full 10% of their income as a tithe, and that is completely understandable. What we do ask, however, is that you consider how you can give faithfully and sacrificially. Faithfully means making a regular, consistent monthly or weekly gift to the general fund of the church. Sacrificially means that you plan for your gift and give out of your budget, not just what is left over at the end of the month.

It was once said, "Show me your checkbook and your calendar, and I'll tell you your priorities." How we spend our money does indicate what is important to us. We believe that the ministries of Lake Houston Methodist Church are important to you and our community, and we

ask that you take a step of faith with us to ensure that they continue to thrive.

We are an active church, living out our mission in many ways. Our budget supports all areas of church life and provides cradle-to-grave support for the members of the community of faith and our surrounding community.

LHMC offers several activities for children and youth, such as Lake Houston Kids, Sunday School, and Revolution Student Ministries, providing opportunities for them to grow in their faith.

Adults also have opportunities to grow in their faith through participation in Worship, Sunday School, Bible Studies, Growth Groups, Intercessory Prayer, Christian Women, Methodist Men, and numerous other opportunities to serve Christ.

Additionally, our budget supports congregational care, including weddings, funerals, baptisms, hospital visitation, mission efforts, church-wide community events, and other opportunities to grow in faith. It's likely that you are part of the Lake Houston Methodist family because of these ministries or others beyond these that our budget supports.

We ask you to join us in continuing to support these ministries with your financial gifts. Through your step of faith, together we will ensure that LHMC faithfully witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our church, families, and our communities.

To make a financial gift, you can place a check in the offering plate on Sunday, mail a check to Lake Houston Methodist Church at P.O. Box 23606, Huffman, TX, 77336, or visit our online giving portal at Lakehoustonmethodist.org/give. Your support is greatly appreciated.