



REV. JOSHUA LONG

Joshua grew up in Houston, Texas with parents Robert and Carolyn and sister Natalie. He is forty years of age and has been happily married to his lovely wife, Jessica, for thirteen years. They are a wonderful family with four beautiful children: Sydney (11), Elliot (8), Violet (7) and Zuzu (5). He is an ordained minister with the Southern California Assemblies of God having a total of nineteen years of ministry experience.

His father was a Houston Firefighter and his mother worked at the school district Joshua attended school from kindergarten until graduation. Both of his parents served and taught Sunday School in the Assembly of God church where he grew up. Joshua accepted Christ and was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the young age of seven. Church leaders mentored him throughout his youth and God called him into ministry at age twelve. That same year he preached his first message as a young man being led by the Holy Spirit.

After graduating from high school, Joshua began studying for ministry at Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri for a period of three years. From there he continued and finished his education at Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Texas where he received a Bachelors degree in Church Ministries. His ministry work began at the South Texas District Assemblies of



Sydney, 11 years

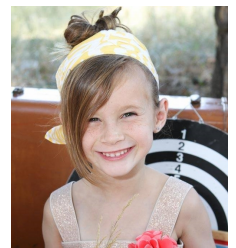
God where he was responsible for coordinating district events and producing graphics, video and multimedia for several Assembly of God districts and the National Youth Department.



Elliot, 8 years

Jessica was also raised in a Christian home and grew up in an Assembly of God church. Much like Joshua, she too was called into ministry at the same age of twelve. God directed her into Joshua's life in the year 2000 and he fell in love with her sense of humor and her fun nature. She never meets a stranger and has a God-given love and connection with all generations and cultures. Jessica has a genuine spirit full of joy and the golden heart of a pastor's wife. God has also gifted her with vocal and musical abilities that she has used in the past to complement Joshua's ministry.

The newlywed couple accepted their first ministry opportunity serving as the Youth Pastor in Louisiana and North Texas. In 2003 they stepped out in faith, following after the call of God and planted a church. While serving as the Senior Pastor of this predominately Asian Indian church plant, they were witness to the power of God as many Hindu families were changed. Eventually the baton was passed to one of the Indian couples in attendance. In 2006 they were led by the Spirit to Braeswood Assembly of God to serve as the Outreach & Assimilation Pastor and eventually the Associate Pastor. This was a big milestone in their ministry giving them great experience and preparing them in a number of ways for what would come next.



Violet, 7 years

God had a big calling in 2012 to relocate them to Southern California. Joshua became the Senior Pastor of El Centro First Assembly of God. During their ministry they helped transition the church to better meet the needs of young families within the community while continuing to serve the existing multi-generational congregation. He led a successful campaign to begin a campus-wide renovation project focused primarily on the needs and security of children. He also focused on developing leaders within the church and launched a prosperous small group ministry targeting specific age groups and interests. While in El Centro he was elected to the Sectional Leadership Committee.



Zuzu, 5 years



experience

- 2012-2014 – Senior Pastor at El Centro First Assembly in El Centro, CA
- 2006-2012 – Associate Pastor at Braeswood Church in Houston, TX
- 2003-2006 – Senior Pastor and Church Planter at Northpointe Church in Houston, TX
- 2001-2003 – Student Ministries Pastor at Abundant Life Assembly of God in Grand Prairie, TX
- 2000-2001 – Youth Pastor and Associate Pastor at Lake Area Worship Center in Lake Charles, LA

education

- Bachelor of Arts in Church Ministries and Associate of Arts in Bible from Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, TX
- 72 Credit Hours in Missions at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO

spiritual gifts

Joshua is gifted in preaching and teaching, training of leaders, exhortation and encouraging others in their faith, discernment and evangelism.

Jessica is a gifted worship leader and can connect with others no matter where they are from or what language they speak. She has the ability to make anyone feel welcome and at home.

credentials

- 2011 – Ordained Minister with Assemblies of God
- 2003 – Licensed Minister with Assemblies of God
- 2000 – Certified Minister with Assemblies of God

interests

Joshua enjoys watching classic movies, any kind of trivia, science fiction (Star Wars fan!), spending time with the children and attending their sports games and activities, going to the shooting range and, of course, date nights with Jessica.

Jessica loves to scour thrift stores with a fine-tooth comb searching for fashion treasures and vintage clothing. Her greatest find was a vintage Chanel handbag and she has even sold one of her pieces to a member of the British Royal Family in St. James Palace. (And fishing).

website

More information about Joshua Long's ministry and family is available online at joshualong.org. There you will find his blog, a collection of recent sermon podcasts and a few streaming videos of him preaching from the pulpit.