

# *The* CELEBRATION *of the* GOSPEL

## AUGUST 6, 2017 at 11 A.M.

### *Welcome to All*

*All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.*

† Please stand as you are able. Bold indicates congregational response.

## GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL *to* WORSHIP Nelson Williams

Let us worship God as children

**with wonder and awe.**

Let us worship God as youth

**with questions and eager hearts.**

Let us worship God as adults

**with gratitude and praise.**

Let us worship God as elders

**with wisdom and hope.**

Ask for God’s help, and it will be given to you.

Pray to the Lord, and God will respond.

**Praise be to God for answered prayers and for a**

**Savior who loves and cares.**

† HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 405

*Seek Ye First*

† PRAYER Nelson Williams

**Heavenly Rabbi,**

**Like a great teacher,**

**you share the wisdom of your word.**

**Like a warm host,**

**you nourish us with daily bread.**

**Like a wise elder,**

**you point us in the way that leads to life abundant.**

**Like a devoted parent,**

**you offer us unconditional love and grace.**

**Gather us in for a time of prayer and praise,**

**learning and growing.**

**Expand our vision so that we can see your Kingdom**

**here on earth, as it is in heaven.**

**We pray in the name of our teaching Savior, Jesus. Amen.**

† GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

**world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## LISTENING

PRESENTATION *of* BIBLES Pat Cobb

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

### Blessing of the Backpacks

† SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-10

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER *together*

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

*Based on Psalm 19:14*

MESSAGE “Back to School with Prayer” Pastor Lane

## RESPONDING

† PRAYER *of* CONFESSION AND WORDS *of* PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love,**

**we have not loved our neighbors,**

**and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*(A time for silent prayer)*

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**Glory to God. Amen.**

† SHARING *the* PEACE *of* CHRIST

OFFERING GOD’S TITHES *and* GIFTS Katherine Kemler and

Terry Byars

*Taillferre*

† DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**praise him, all creatures here below;**

**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**

**praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† CALL *to the* TABLE:

Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive,

that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

**Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.**

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Singing together:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Pastor continues the Thanksgiving.*

*The institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled; the pastor continues:*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Singing together:*

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

*Singing together:*

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

GIVING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
- ♦ Communion will be served using the ancient means of “intinction.” When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.
- ♦ Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

PRAYER *after* RECEIVING:

**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. Jofin's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

† HYMN UMH 500

*Spirit of God, v 1, 3 & 5*

*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd’s Market grocery bags.*

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to our Sunday school teachers with gratitude.

## CONNECT WITH US

Name
Email
Phone

### Service Opportunities

*I am interested in ...*

- teaching children’s Sunday school
- volunteering during Sunday night Youth Group

### Prayer Ministry Opportunities

*I am interested in ...*

- joining the Prayer Team  
*When I receive the weekly prayer list (emailed by Tuesday morning) I will set aside time during my week to pray for the needs included on the list.*
- writing cards for the Grace Notes Card Ministry

## PRAYER REQUEST FORM

- Joy
- Concern

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- Please share with the prayer team
- Please share with pastors only
- I desire a call
- I desire a visit

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

**August 6, 2017**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Connections Card**

*Welcome...*

**Guests and members**, please let us know you are here by filling out this card and placing it in the offering plate. We want to match your face with your name. Thanks for helping us be a better church.

(Please print)

*Attended...*  
**11 a.m. Worship**

I am a:

First time guest

*We are glad you're here! Pick up your Welcome Bag from a Host in the Narthex.*

Returning guest

Regular attender

Interested in becoming a member of St. John's

St. John's member

Updated information

Name(s)

Address

City, State & ZIP

Phone

Home  Cell  Add to text messaging list

Email

Other Email

Other Cell

Children living at home (names, ages/grades):

*Please place in offering plate*

(See reverse to connect with us.)

## Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an Usher. Restrooms are in the Narthex. ALL are welcome!

### BACK TO SCHOOL WORSHIP SERIES CONTINUES

All across our community, students, teachers, bus drivers, custodians, professors, and other school personnel are going Back-to-School, and we are too! Through our "Back to School" worship series we will brush up on the basics of faith and discipleship. Through this series, we will learn how the spiritual practices of prayer, outreach, worship, generosity, developing a "Rule of Life" and witnessing about our faith can help us soar in the "School of Life."

### SHARING ST. JOHN'S A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

Look for your invitation to a gathering near your home. If we have an email address you will receive an invitation electronically; if we do not have an email address you will be sent an invitation through the mail. If we do not have an email or your current address and you would like to attend a Sharing St. John's gathering, please contact the church office.

### UMW MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The Mary Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, August 8 at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. Kathleen Adams will present our program on the "Feed the Homeless Mission" in New Orleans.

### HEAVENLY HASH RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash resumes this **Wednesday, August 9** at 6 p.m. Please plan to join us! If you or a group would like to fix a meal for 50 - 65 people, please contact Deirdre' to let her know. A love offering is taken up at each meal to help defray the costs.

### JOIN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals Wednesday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Nursery is available. No experience reCHOIRED! If you love to sing and fellowship, this is the group for you! We sing at 11:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday. Please join us! Alleluia Ringers will resume rehearsals on Sunday, August 13 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary. Please note the earlier rehearsal time. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at [carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org)

### DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

The UMW is sponsoring three work days to make 50 more Days for Girls kits: August 12, 19 and 26 from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome! We are accepting these donations: money to purchase fabric; new, girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12 or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints; new, dark to medium colored washcloths; and Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags (no slide closures). Contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or [joyce.perry@cox.net](mailto:joyce.perry@cox.net) for more information.

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Prime Timers are meeting for their monthly second-Saturday buffet breakfast at the Essen Lane Piccadilly on Saturday, August 12. Join us for this Dutch-treat breakfast at 8:30 a.m. The food is good, the conversation is fun and the company is top notch!

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 6

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, *207 Admin Building*

### Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
 9:30 a.m. Everybody Reads, VIPS, *Library*  
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*  
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, August 8

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
 7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

### Wednesday, August 9

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
 6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*  
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*  
 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, *Parlor*

### Thursday, August 10

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Library*  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, August 11

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*  
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*

### Saturday, August 12

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Piccadilly on Essen*  
 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Kelly and Mary Martha Allen, Tommie Reinhardt, Penny Kemler*  
 Host: *Joyce Perry*

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
 "...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)  
 #sjthewalk

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 United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



*11 a.m. Worship Service*  
**AUGUST 6, 2017**

*We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.*