

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 13, 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 Sarah Prevot

We have encountered the Word, calling us into communion with God and with each other,

And calling us into discipleship to carry on Christ’s work in our world.

So we come together here, joining hands in the great quest:

To worship God, to love each other, and to serve the world.

Call to Worship from Dr. Ruth Duck

✝ HYMN *of* PRAISE UMH 405
I Am Thine, O Lord

✝ PRAYER Sarah Prevot

Servant God, We give you thanks for the work that you have created within us. You stand by us when we feel challenged to follow Jesus’ call, or feel inadequate with our offering.

Remind us to share whatever is in our baskets today. You will take care of the rest.

You celebrate with us when our missional work bares fruit, and propels our work forward.

May we continue to follow the lessons of Christ, and the callings of the Holy Spirit, who guides and directs us in our faithful response. 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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Darlene Dickson
Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

ANTHEM CHANCEL CHOIR
For Where Love Is

✝ SCRIPTURE *Mark 6:35-42*

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied.

From the New International Version

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: Oh the Places St. John’s Will Go!” Pastor Julia

✝ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 407
Close to Thee

RESPONDING

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE PASTOR LANE
A Time of Remembrance

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING GOD’S TITHES *and* GIFTS

✝ 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.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

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

✝ HYMN *of* DISCIPLESHIP UMH 438
Forth In Thy Name

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are from Phil and Jill Slicker in celebration of the birth of their first great-grandson, Weston Paul Armand.

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ... (check all that apply)

- teaching children’s Sunday school
- volunteering during Sunday night Youth Group
- learning how to serve in The Shepherd’s Market
- occasionally volunteering in the church office

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

- Joy
- Concern

- 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 13, 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 below*

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

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

Invitations are going out for neighborhood gatherings scheduled for August and September. 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.

HEAVENLY HASH RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash this **Wednesday, August 16** 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 has resumed rehearsals on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room. Nursery is available. No experience reCHOIRED! We sing at 11:00 a.m. worship service each Sunday. Please join us! Alleluia Ringers resume rehearsals this afternoon 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

DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

The UMW is sponsoring work days to make 50 more Days for Girls kits. Join us on **August 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 for more information.

JOIN OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS 717 GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS

If you are 40 or under and a young professional, join us at George's Southside on Highland Road at 7:17 p.m. each Wednesday for fellowship and study. If you would like to know more, please contact Pastor Julia at pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org.

VOLUNTEER IN THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

If you would like to volunteer in The Shepherd's Market, help is needed in Intake where all clients are checked in prior to shopping. Someone will be there to guide you through the simple process of verifying information to make sure it is up to date. Help is particularly needed on Thursday mornings. Please contact Theresa Sandifer if you are able to help (337-1306).

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

- Sunday, August 13**
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
 12:15 p.m. Children & Youth Team, *Library*
 4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
 5:00 p.m. Youth, *207 Admin Building*
- Monday, August 14**
 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
 11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, *Library*
 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*
 6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Stone Residence*
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, August 15**
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Parlor*
- Wednesday, August 16**
 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*
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, *George's Southside*
- Thursday, August 17**
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 6:00 p.m. Church Council, *FLC*
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, August 18**
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*
- Saturday, August 19**
 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Andrew Blackwood, Madeline Blackwood*
 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)
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



11 a.m. Worship Service
AUGUST 13, 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.