

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

AUGUST 20, 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 John Barrow

We come in reverent awe before the Lord our God - great is the Lord!

We come, to join with all creation in singing new songs to the Lord our God.

We come in worship and praise - for the Lord God is worthy of our praise!

We come, to share together the news of our Glorious Lord's saving deeds.

We come with songs and prayers - to give well-deserved glory to the Lord!

We come, to bring our offerings of worship and praise to the Lord our God, whose holy splendor, honor, and majesty shines forth from God's presence. Amen.

Based on Psalm 96

✠ HYMN *of* PRAISE UMH 176
Majesty, Worship His Majesty

✠ PRAYER

**Living God,
Meet us at the well,
where we are lonely and forgotten,
where we have been hurt by others,
and give us a drink of the grace
that brings us to life again.
Speak to us in these troubling times
a word of hope,
and give us strength for the journey ahead,
for the road is rocky
and the future looks bleak.
Day by day we struggle to bear witness to our faith.
Inspire us with your spirit, so that our lives
can become a witness of your love
in both spirit and truth.
Pour out life for us yet again and renew us
by your mercy.
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 Heather Durham

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

ANTHEM CHANCEL CHOIR

Rain Down

✠ SCRIPTURE John Barrow and
Paige Eubanks

John 4:13-26

³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."

⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';

⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

from the New Revised Standard 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:
The Heart of Worship"

Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 662
Stand Up and Bless the Lord

RESPONDING

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

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

Heart of Worship

✠ 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 89
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by Mark and Mary Northington in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary and the birth of their new granddaughter.

CONNECT WITH US

Name

Email

Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ...

(check all that apply)

- serving as a Reader during worship
- learning how to operate the video camera to film the sermon
- serving as an Usher during worship
- serving as Welcome Host before and after worship
- 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 20, 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." Next Sunday's Reading: Luke 19:1-10.

SHARING ST. JOHN'S

A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS

Invitations have gone out for neighborhood gatherings scheduled for August and September. 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 IS THIS WEDNESDAY

DON'T FORGET - Heavenly Hash this **Wednesday, August 23** 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.

AUDIO-VISUAL HELP NEEDED

The Communications Team is looking for volunteers to help record the sermons each week. Duties will be simple -- turn on the camera, line up the shot and hit record, turning everything off at the end of the service. Training will be provided. Be part of this important worship ministry that connects us even when we're apart on Sunday mornings. Sign up on the Connections Card or email bert.stone@gmail.com.

DAYS FOR GIRLS - SUMMER 2017

Join us on **Saturday, August 26** from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC to finish up our 50 kits. Sewers and non-sewers are welcome! **We are accepting donations** of new, girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12 or 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints, and money to purchase fabric. For more information, contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

JOIN OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

7:17 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.

LAGNIAPPE COUNTRY WALK TO EMMAUS

St. John's has a sizable contingent of Emmaus and Cursillo "alumni." Next month is the Women's Walk to Emmaus (September 14-17) and the Men's Walk to Emmaus (September 28 - October 1). If you are interested in attending this 3-day event of spiritual renewal, contact Theresa Sandifer (337-1306 or tsandifero829@gmail.com).

LET'S GEAUX PLAY

The Let's Geaux Play group will NOT meet on Monday, August 21. Let's Geaux Play will resume on Monday, August 28 and have a splash day!

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
 4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
 5:00 p.m. Youth, *207 Admin Building*

Monday, August 21

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 1:00 p.m. GSQA Committee, *FLC-A*
 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, *Blackwood Residence*
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, August 22

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 23

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 24

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Perry Residence*
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 25

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 26

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, *FLC*
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Ushers: *Fred and Kathleen Adams, Scott Durham, Liz McDonald*
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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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



11 a.m. Worship Service
AUGUST 20, 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.