

**GALATIANS - THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017  
11 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Guy Johnson

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord.**

We gather in peace, graced by the living, risen Savior, who welcomes us here.

**We come with joy to meet our Savior. ALLELUIA!**

HYMN UMH 384 v 1-3  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;

fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;

visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!

Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.

Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;

suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,

pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

OPENING PRAYER Guy Johnson

**Lord, you know what is best for us.**

**Let all things be done as pleases you.**

**Give us what you will, and how much you will, and when you will.**

**Deal with us as you think most pleases you.**

**Set us where you will. Have us do what you will.**

**We are your servants, prepared to trust you in all things**

**that faith working through love matters most to you.**

**We desire to live for you and your work in this world.**

**In the name of Jesus our Savior we pray. Amen.**

(adapted from a prayer of Thomas a' Kempis 1379-1471)

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
*I've Got Peace Like a River*

SCRIPTURE *Galatians 5:1, 5-26*

SERMON Pastor Jay  
*The Shortest Sermon, The Tallest Order*

HYMN UMH 475  
*Come Down, O Love Divine*

Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,

and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near,

within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its

heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,

and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,

shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its

grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Penelope Jane Cherry  
with her parents, Luke Cherry & Nicole Gardner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Deirdré Halliburton

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN UMH 408  
*The Gift of Love*

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,

and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass,

and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,

but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made

whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship,

and are freed.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar are given by Beverlye Patterson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Patterson, Jr.

The flowers on the altar are given by Gray Sexton in memory of Valentine Sexton

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Fred and Kathleen Adams, Tommie Reinhardt, Scott Durham
<b>Host(s)</b>	Richard and Marilyn Damberg

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, February 19**

7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room

12:15 p.m. Youth and Children's Team, Library

3:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

5:00 p.m. Winter Bible Study, Library

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Monday, February 20**

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

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, February 21**

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, February 22**

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

**Thursday, February 23**

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, February 24**

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6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

**Saturday, February 25**

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**MISSION OPPORTUNITY  
ST. MARK'S UMC IN NEW ORLEANS  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 1**

Ever want to go on a mission trip but felt it was too far away. Now, **you** have an opportunity to be on the team heading to St. Mark's in New Orleans to help in its mission to the homeless and hungry! A mission trip is planned for **Friday, April 21 - Sunday, April 23**. The team is limited to 20 persons so folks are urged to register before April 1. The registration fee of \$100 (checks made out to Larry Norman) should accompany the registration form.

In addition to helping St. Mark's with their missions, on Saturday you will have an afternoon of fun at the New Orleans School of Cooking where we will have a cooking lesson and then enjoy a delicious meal!

Registration forms are available in the Family Life Center and on our website [www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission\\_2017.pdf](http://www.stjohnsbr.org/pdfs/StMarksMission_2017.pdf). For more information contact Larry at 933-1881 or [lduckn@aol.com](mailto:lduckn@aol.com).

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request to: [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/ Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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## THANKS! THANKS! THANKS! FROM DAYS FOR GIRLS

THANKS to you, 50 girls will receive kits containing reusable feminine hygiene products which will improve their quality of life.

THANKS for your donations of panties, washcloths, bags, and cash.

THANKS to all who worked on the three Saturday sew days.

## EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming (April 9) and for the Easter egg hunt we need plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies. There is a blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put your donations. THANK YOU!

## THE LENTEN EXPERIENCE AT ST. JOHN'S

This Lenten season please join us as we focus our attention on our faith in Christ and Christ's journey to the cross.

WEDNESDAYS: beginning **March 1, Ash Wednesday**, and continuing through April 12, we will offer two 30-minute worship experiences. Join us in the Family Life Center at **7 a.m.** and **6 p.m.** for communion and vespers services.

SUNDAYS: Every Sunday evening in Lent, our entire family of faith has an opportunity to come together in fellowship and spiritual formation. Beginning **Sunday, March 5**, at 5 p.m., in the Family Life Center, we will join together for reflection and a study titled *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. This study is available to all Sunday school classes as well.

In addition, the Youth Band will be practicing from 4-5 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m., there will be directed children's activities.

## PLEASE NOTE: FLORIST SELECTION

All About Flowers, one of the florists that a number of our congregation used to order altar flowers, has gone out of business. If you would like your flowers delivered to church on Saturday, you may still call Heroman's on Staring, 769-9898.

## GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN'S!

How do we deal with the loss of a loved one? If you are someone struggling to find direction and hope in loss, you are invited to join us as we seek healing in community. We will meet on the second Monday of every month in the library, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton at deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

## ST. JOHN'S YOUTH BAND

If you are interested in being in the Youth Band directed by Nelson Williams and Carrie Stephens, show up with your voices and instruments on **Sunday, March 5** at 4 p.m. in the choir room! No experience necessary! Just come for an hour and make some music with us!

## MUSIC LESSONS

Our Music Director, Carrie Stephens, would like to start teaching private music lessons! If you or anyone you know would be interested in private music lessons of either voice, violin, or viola please have them contact Carrie Stephens at 318-751-1985 or petovino@gmail.com.

## KAIROS #62 - ANGOLA

Larry Norman will be participating in the Kairos #62 team to Angola **March 9 - 12**. Kairos #62 will need team members, prayer warriors, cookie bakers, and monetary donations. Larry will need 200 dozen cookies!! Baking guides are available in the church office and online at the Kairos Angola web site <https://listenlistenlovelove.com/cookies>. Cookies won't be due back to church until March 5 so please freeze any you make ahead of time. For more information on Kairos #62, contact Larry Norman at 933-1881 or lduckn@aol.com.

## SERMON NOTES

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**THE GOSPEL OF FREEDOM**

**Sunday, February 19, 2017**  
**11 a.m. Worship Service**

### Mission Statement

*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.*