

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Bobbi Marino
 Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name,
Worship the Lord in holy joy.
 The voice of the Lord is upon the water.
The God of Glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.
 The voice of the Lord is powerful.
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Let us praise the name of the Lord!

SONGS OF PRAISE UMH 123
El Shaddai
 El Shaddai, El Shaddai, El Elyon na Adonai;
 age to age you’re still the same by the power of the name.
 El Shaddai, El Shaddai, Erkahmka na Adonai;
 we will praise and lift you high, El Shaddai.

Bless His Holy Name FWS 2015
 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
 and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
 He has done great things, he has done great things,
 he has done great things, bless his holy name.

OPENING PRAYER Bobbi Marino
Living God, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan’s water, you revealed him as your own beloved Son. You anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior now and for ever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 885
The Apostles’ Creed

GLORIA PATRI

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 3:13-17* Jim Roberts

SERMON *“This Is So Much More About God Than You, Buddy ...”* Pastor Jay

HYMN *When Jesus Came to Jordan* UMH 252
 When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
 he did not come for pardon but as the sinless one.
 He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
 to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
 for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
 So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
 the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
 this very day invade us, and every bondage break.
 Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
 to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND 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.

(silent confession)

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!

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THE PEACE

MINISTRY MOMENT:
 WALK TO EMMAUS Jim and Theresa Sandifer

OFFERTORY *Down to the River to Pray*

DOXOLOGY

HOLY COMMUNION AND REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM
 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 UMH 15
 Communion Responses FWS 2257

The Lord’s Prayer
 *Giving the Bread and Cup

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.

HYMN *Spirit Song* UMH 347
 O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love. Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your years of pain, and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Where the Spirit of the Lord Is*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
 by Lynn Evans and Jerry Boardman.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Natalie Brook Ferrar daughter of Rachael and Brandon Ferrar.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8
 10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Class, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Nominations Team, Library
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.

Monday, January 9
 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
 3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
 4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 10
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
 10:00 a.m. VIPS Training, Library
 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board, FLC-A
 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, Parlor

Wednesday, January 11
 4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
 5:15 p.m. Congregational Care, Library
 5:30 p.m. Communications Team, Parlor
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, January 12
 6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC
 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, January 13
 OFFICE CLOSED
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Mental Health First Aid, Library

Saturday, January 14
 8:00 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly
 9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2017
MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

January 13-14 Mental Health First Aid
 January 14 Days for Girls!
 (also January 28 and February 11)
 January 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 Office Closed
 January 22 UMW Sunday

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

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

“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): _____

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

It's that time again - breakfast with the Prime Timers! If you are planning to help out at Days for Girls, come have breakfast with us first! **Saturday, January 14, 8:30 a.m.**, Essen Lane Piccadilly, Dutch-treat buffet breakfast - just sayin'.

FOOD BANK DELIVERY

There will be a delivery from the Baton Rouge Food Bank on Friday, January 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the If you can help sort cans and stock shelves, please come to the Family Life Center.

GROCERY BAG JANUARY!

You will have the whole month of January to bring in groceries to The Shepherd's Market! Use any type of bag you have on hand (plastic bags are especially needed) and bring them to church on any Sunday this month! Items we are especially in need of are pasta, dried beans, crackers, and condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, etc.)

SHORT SLEEVED T-SHIRTS

The short sleeved t-shirt will be on sale during coffee time after the first of the year. They cost \$10 and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. They are also available in the church office Monday - Thursday.

WANT TO RECEIVE TEXT REMINDERS?

Members of St. John's congregation are now able to receive text message reminders on their smart phones. This service will send you a short text message to remind you of an upcoming event at St. Johns. If you haven't signed up, all you need to do is text @stjohnsumc to 81010. If you would like help signing up, please contact Carrie Stephens at carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org or 318-751-1985.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an 8-hour training class on **Friday, January 13, 5:30-9:30 p.m.** and **Saturday, January 14, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. **Class is limited to 15.** The registration fee is \$30, checks made out to **NAMI Baton Rouge**, and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., Baton Rouge 70808. To register or for more information contact Daphne at 266-7266.

DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017!

On **Saturday, January 14**, the UMW is sponsoring the first of three work days to make 50 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in developing countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products. Other work days are January 28 and February 11. We will meet in the Family Life Center from 9 a.m. - noon.

All are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits.

We need the following donations: (1) cash to purchase fabric, (2) new girls cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in dark to medium colors, solids or flowers, no character or animal prints, (3) new colored washcloths, (4) Ziploc brand gallon sized freezer bags, (NO slide closures), (5) "hotel" soap. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net. Check out their website at www.daysforgirls.org

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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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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.