

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from God who is, and was, and is to come. **AMEN.**

And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of all creation, the ruler of kings on earth. **AMEN.**

The peace of the Holy Spirit be with us together in worship and united in service. **AMEN.**

HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66
 vs 1 & 2

PRAYER

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice. Grant them wisdom that all nations and people may work together in peace. Give to the people of our country encouragement - to do justice and to use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our sins as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(The UM Book of Worship, Independence Day Prayer, 442)

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM *Go Forth For God* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 5:1-12*

SERMON *Blessed Out by Jesus* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Jesus Calls Us* UMH 398
 vs 1, 3, & 5

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 prayer)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

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!

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

THE TABLE

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 13

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF 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.

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* UMH 401
 vs 1, 2, & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of the marriage of Caitlin Tucker and David Noble.

Given by the Tucker family.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Scott Durham, Natalie Cooper
Host(s)	Kathleen Adams

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

Monday, July 6

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

Tuesday, July 7

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
 9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, July 8

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
 5:30 p.m. New Men’s Prayer Group, George’s
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, July 9

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, July 10

OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, July 11

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

JOYFUL MOMENTS

DON’T FORGET our 26-week video series, *Joyful Moments*, that focuses on uplifting scripture is now online. A new video, featuring members of our St. John’s family, will post every Wednesday. Check it out on Facebook or on our website at www.stjohnsbr.org.

THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET

HELP is needed in the Shepherd’s Market during July and the beginning of August. Many of our volunteers will be on vacation during that time; if you can help on Monday (from 4-7 p.m.) or Tuesday or Thursday (from 9 a.m. - noon), come to the gym and sign up! We need volunteers in both intake and pantry --

There will be a Food Bank delivery in the gym on **Friday, July 3**. If you are available to help, please come to the gym by 9:00 a.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, July 7** at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. Deacon Sarah Shoup will present a program about a woman from the Bible. Everyone is asked to bring a brown-bag lunch; drinks and desserts will be provided. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle will NOT meet in July.

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 ...

it's time to meet at the Piccadilly on Essen at 8:30 a.m., **Saturday, July 11** and have a relaxing, good time -- no cooking, no dishes!

LEGACY GIVING

Members of St. John's are cordially invited to a catered lunch on **Sunday, July 19** at 12:30 p.m., in the Library, for an informational program on Legacy Giving. This is an informational meeting only to assist you in your giving; no commitment or follow up is required. Seating is limited so you must RSVP to the church office by July 12. (Invitations were also passed out in adult Sunday school classes last Sunday.)

AN EVENING WITH WILLIE BERMAN

You are invited to spend an Evening With Willie Berman, **Sunday, July 26**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gym. Willie is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. He serves in his home country as the Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator. Come hear Willie tell of his involvement in the many ministries in Reynosa: medical clinics, wood-working shops, sewing classes, as well as the construction of houses, schools, and community centers. A light supper will be served.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

"As a 2014-15 recipient of the Fendlason Scholarship, I wanted to thank you once again for your generous financial support of my seminary education...Please accept my gratitude and respect for all that you do for the students of our state. The blessing of pursuing God's call upon our lives is both an honor and exercise in stewardship. I promise to be a good steward of the funds that I have been awarded. With warmest blessings, I am truly, Eugene W. Bryson, III.

TUESDAY VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is happening at St. John's on Tuesday nights at 7:00 in the gym!

USHERS NEEDED

St. John's! Your help is needed at both worship services. We need ushers for both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services. Let Fran Anderson (frances_anderson11@yahoo.com or 324-5040) know when you will be available and she will put you on the schedule. You will only have to usher once every six weeks ... participation doesn't get any better than that!

MINUTES AND REPORTS

The minutes of committee meetings and team reports can be found on our website: www.stjohnsbr.org/about-us/meeting-minutes/.

AMAZONSMILE

St. John's UMC is on the list of organizations that receive a portion of Amazon purchases made through their AmazonSmile program. There is no cost to the purchaser. Go to smile.amazon.com and follow the instructions on selecting St. John's UMC, Baton Rouge; most items are included in the AmazonSmile program.

SERMON NOTES

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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.