

**SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

MINISTRY MOMENT Jim Sandifer
Chair of Trustees

CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is merciful and compassionate, patient and full of faithful love.
The Lord is good to everyone. God’s compassion extends to all creation.
O Lord, let all that you have made give thanks to you. All your faithful ones bless you!
We lift you on high, O Lord, and bless your name forever.
(From Psalm 145)

SONGS OF PRAISE FWS 2152
Change My Heart, O God
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

God Is Here Today FWS 2049
God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,
as certain as the morning sun that rises,
as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

PRAYER
Glorious God, we praise you for the many ways you are present in our lives. You bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, and growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone. Urge us to follow your way of love and mercy. Inspire us to serve your Kingdom by serving our neighbors for the glory of your name. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 881
The Apostles’ Creed
GLORIA PATRI UMH 70
CHILDREN’S MOMENT Sarah Prevot
SCRIPTURE *Acts 16:9-15* Theresa Sandifer
SERMON *Purple Reign (The Witness of Open Doors from Holy Detours)* Pastor Jay
HYMN *All Who Hunger* FWS 2126
vs 1 & 3

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated us are torn down. Yet we confess that we are slow to open our hearts to those who are different from us. We fall short of your glory by giving in to fear, to pride, and to self-centeredness. Deliver us from the sins of fear.

Deliver us from our selfish desires and urge us to turn again to you that we might bear fruit worthy of repentance. In the name of Jesus our Savior we confess and long for forgiveness.

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). 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 *We’ll Understand It Better By and By*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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 *O How I Love Jesus* UMH 170
BLESSING
SENDING FORTH
POSTLUDE *Lord, Be Glorified*

*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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by Nelson and Brenda Green
in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Jim Matthew, Lynn Cooper
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 1
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, May 2
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Art, Admin 207

Tuesday, May 3
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Choir Room
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
7:00 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

Wednesday, May 4
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 5
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
10:30 a.m. VIPS Training, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, May 6
OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, May 7
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room for a song fest! Rebecca Bellelo will provide the music. All women are invited to attend. (Please note the meeting will begin in the choir room after which we will move to the parlor for refreshments.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

SUNDAY, MAY 22, AFTER 11 A.M. SERVICE

**DEDICATION OF FAMILY LIFE CENTER
CRAWFISH BOIL
SILENT AUCTION**

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): _____

SILENT AUCTION

IT'S TIME TO START BRINGING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. Please bring your items to the church office during regular office hours or the Sojourner's classroom (room B, gym) on Sundays. If you have any questions, contact Beth Forester (405-9324 or bethforester@yahoo.com) All donations are welcome and appreciated. Some suggested items are: food (baked goods, cooking lessons, hosting a meal in your home, etc.), services (Sunday school lessons, pet sitting, massage sessions, etc), artwork, framed photographs, quilted items, children's toys, etc.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER MISSION

This summer, June 26-July 1, St. John's Youth will travel to Sunflower, MS, to the Delta Grace Mission where they will not only be assisting the Sunflower UMC with their summer ministry but will also be doing house repairs in the area. They have set a fundraising goal of \$3,000 for the trip. At coffee time on Sunday, May 1, 8, and 15 you will be able to help support this incredible group of teens by adding your name to the canvass to build their sunflower: a leaf is \$25, a yellow petal is \$50, and a gold leaf is \$100. Let's fill in the Sunflower so the Youth can go share God's love and their talents with God's people.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016

JUNE 13-17, 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark your calendars! *Cave Quest-Following Jesus the Light of the World* will take place June 13-17 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Online registration is now open at St. John's website: www.stjohnsbr.org under Upcoming Events. All kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make this week one during which the children will learn about following Jesus - the Light of the World. If you are able to help, please fill out the form inserted in this week's bulletin and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office during regular office hours.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Wildwood Elementary says **Thank You, Volunteers!** on **Tuesday, May 10** at 1 p.m. in the school auditorium. Everyone is invited.

Field Day is Thursday, May 12. Volunteers are needed to supervise a variety of student games throughout the school day. If you're able to donate some time, please contact Buffie Grayson at francesgrayson@cox.net or 978-2621.

SUMMER STUDY: HOLLYWOOD JESUS

BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 29 - 5 P.M.

Like Movies? Love Jesus? Then this 4-week study is for you! Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the parlor, as we explore some famous movies about Jesus, as well as movies that have nothing to do with Jesus but teach important truths about our faith. (Snacks and movie clips provided.) Childcare available upon request. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

TRUSTEES EMAIL

There is a lot going on around St. John's at the present time. If you have any questions or see anything that you feel needs attention, the Trustees have asked that you contact them at trustees@stjohnsbr.org.

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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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.