

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your spirit, and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Let It Breathe On Me UMH 503

Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me; let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.

Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me; let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH 334

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;

there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;

and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

PRAYER

**God of wind, word, and fire,
we bless your name this day
for sending the light and strength
of your Holy Spirit.
We give you thanks for all the gifts,
great and small,
that you have poured out upon us,
your children.**

**Accept us with our gifts to be living praise
and witness to your love throughout all the earth;
through Jesus Christ, who lives with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever.
Amen.**

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21 Guy Johnson

SERMON

Bearing Witness Pastor Jay
(Pardon Me, Your Epiclesis Is Showing)

HYMN

There’s A Spirit in the Air UMH 192
vs 1, 2, & 6

PRAYER, CONFESSION, PARDON, AND PEACE

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.
Come into the brokenness of our lives and land
with your healing love.**

**Help us to be willing to bow before you in
true repentance, and to bow before one another
in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit,
melt our hard hearts and consume the fears
and prejudice which separate us.**

**Fill us, Holy Spirit of God, with your perfect love,
which casts out our fear, and bind us
together in that unity which you share with
the Father and the Son.**

**Forgive us, we pray and lead us
to repentance. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

OFFERTORY *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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 *We Are the Church* UMH 558
vs 1 & 5

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

*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 Fred and Kathleen Adams to the Glory of the Lord
for 51 years of togetherness and in celebration
of their wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 15

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

3:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Library

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

Monday, May 16

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, 207 Admin Building

Tuesday, May 17

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library & Parlor

6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

Wednesday, May 18

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 19

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:30 p.m. Transition Team, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, May 20

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, May 21

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

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

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

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.

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): _____

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER INTERNS!

Alex Martin, our summer intern last year, spent the fall semester studying in Colchester, England. Upon her return to LSU, she was excited to be able to continue working with our Youth. She is a fourth year student at LSU with a double major in English Literature and French. She grew up in Memphis, TN and is the youngest of three sisters. Alex loves to read and wants to become a book editor after she finishes her undergraduate studies.

Nelson Williams, our newest summer intern, is also a fourth year student at LSU and is a dual degree candidate in classical/jazz bass and classical civilization. He was recently elected vice president of the LSU College of Music and Dramatic Arts student council. Nelson works at the college radio station, 91.1 KLSU, where he hosts the only classical music radio show in the city. His plans for the future include performing music professionally, teaching Latin and the classics, and radio broadcasting.

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 today 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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 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.

NEWS FROM OPENING DOORS

During the current school year a representative from Opening Doors has been working with four teachers at Wildwood Elementary for the purpose of introducing a new approach to use with children who become disruptive in the classroom. The principal plans to have the teachers present the program, Lives in the Balance, to the entire faculty in the fall. This is one small way Opening Doors and St. John's is responding to identified needs in the community.

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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Day of Pentecost

8:30 Worship Service
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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.