

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

OCTOBER 15, 2017 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Please stand as you are able. Bold indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL to WORSHIP Kathleen Adams

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home. God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given. God calls and welcomes us back home this day. Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever. Let us worship God together now.

HYMN OF PRAISE UMH 577 God of Grace and God of Glory

GATHERING PRAYER Loving and generous God, You have called us to love you and love our neighbor. You have called us to be generous toward others, as you are generous toward us. We want to follow the example of Jesus, who lived a simple life of loving service, unencumbered by the weight and trappings of material wealth and possessions. Thank you for this time of worship. Guide our thoughts and open our hearts as we seek to understand more clearly what it means to live a life of simplicity and generosity. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING

ANTHEM Chancel Choir Just a Closer Walk With Thee

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Darlene Dickson Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE Kathleen Adams 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others. When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

PRAYER of ILLUMINATION Based on Psalm 19:14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.

SERMON Defying Gravity Series: Pastor Lane "Tethered to God"

RESPONDING

HYMN of FAITH UMH 400 Come Thou Fount

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS and VIDEO Russ Nolan, Stewardship Co-Chair

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES and GIFTS

DOXOLOGY UMH 95 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP UMH 399 Take My Life and Let It Be

BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by Pam and John Toney in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary and thanking God for friends and family.

Name
Email
Phone

Service Opportunities

I am interested in ... (check all that apply)

- serving as a Reader during worship
serving as a Communion server
serving as an Usher during worship
serving as Welcome Host before and after worship

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

- Joy
Concern

Multiple horizontal lines for text entry.

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

You may also email a prayer request to: prayers@stjohnsbr.org

October 15, 2017
11 a.m.
Connections Card

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher. Restrooms are in the Narthex. ALL are welcome!

DEFYING GRAVITY STEWARDSHIP SERIES

This morning we step into our second week of our Stewardship Worship Series, "Defying Gravity," as we hear an invitation to tether our lives to God and God's work in the world. Our series, based loosely on United Methodist pastor, Rev. Tom Berlin's book, *Defying Gravity*, concludes next Sunday, October 22. There will be a time during our services when we will offer our Commitment Cards for 2018 as an act of worship. Completing and returning a Commitment Card expresses your intent and affirms your desire to honor God with your financial generosity.

Commitment Cards will be mailed this week and will be available in the bulletin next Sunday. Your financial generosity enables our missions and ministries to answer God's call effectively. Sharing with the church your prayerful decision to be generous makes it possible for us to confidently make and implement plans for effective ministry and outreach in the future.

We will conclude our morning of worship next week with a potluck after the 11:00 a.m. service. We invite you to bring a dish to share and enjoy this time of fellowship.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL - "WELCOME INN"

This year, we are once again publishing a book of daily devotions written by our church family for use during the Advent season. We encourage submissions from all ages! Our theme, *Welcome Inn*, focuses on preparing to welcome the Christ child yet again and remembering our Christmas traditions with the theme of "welcome." For details, please refer to the flier in the Narthex, our website, or weekly newsletter. For more information or to submit your devotion, contact mariwalker7@gmail.com. **Deadline: November 5.**

DISTRICT-WIDE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Bold Imagination is the theme of the special day of "worshipful work" planned for United Methodist Churches in the Baton Rouge District on **Sunday, October 29** at 2:30 p.m. at Broadmoor UMC. Bishop Harvey will be preacher for the day. Prior to the Charge Conference, our Church Council will vote on all Charge Conference items such as our 2018 nominations and clergy compensation. All members of St. John's are **thursdays** to attend this important meeting to be held in the library on **Thursday, October 19** at 6 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL

Please join us on **Saturday, October 28** from 3-6 p.m. on the church grounds. Come and enjoy a gathering of family, friends and fun as we celebrate St. John's 2018 Fall Fest. Admission, games and fellowship are FREE. A hamburger or hot dog meal (including chips, drink and dessert) are included. There will be games and entertainment for all ages. Invite your neighbors - all are welcome. We will also be collecting canned goods for The Shepherd's Market.

CENTENARY COLLEGE CHOIR CONCERT

The Centenary College Choir will be at St. John's in concert on **Thursday, November 2** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. (Catherine LeBlanc, who has grown up at St. John's, is a member of the choir!) Host homes (2 students per home) are needed for Thursday night. Please contact Julie LeBlanc 1-225-252-2262 or pleblanc@eatel.net for more information or if you are willing to be a host home.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

- Sunday, October 15**
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
 - 5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*
 - 7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
- Monday, October 16**
 - 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 - 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
 - 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 - 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
 - 3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*
 - 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 - 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, October 17**
 - 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 - 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
 - 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
 - 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 - 5:30 p.m. Cancer Survivors, *Parlor*
 - 6:00 p.m. Congregational Care, *FLC-A*
 - 6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
- Wednesday, October 18**
 - 10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, *Library*
 - 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
 - 6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
 - 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*
 - 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
 - 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
- Thursday, October 19**
 - 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 - 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
 - 6:00 p.m. Church Council, *Library*
 - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, October 20**
 - OFFICE CLOSED
 - 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
 - 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*
- Saturday, October 21**
 - 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
 "...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
 #sjthewalk

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ST. JOHN'S
 United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



11 a.m. Worship Service
OCTOBER 15, 2017

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.

Welcome...

Guests and members, please let us know you are here by filling out this card and placing it in the offering plate. We want to match your face with your name. Thanks for helping us be a better church.

(Please print)

Attended...

11 a.m. Worship

I am a:

First time guest

We are glad you're here! Pick up your Welcome Bag from a Host in the Narthex.

Returning guest

Regular attender

Interested in becoming a member of St. John's

St. John's member

Updated information below

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State & ZIP _____

Phone _____

Home Cell Add to text messaging list

Email _____

Other Email _____

Other Cell _____

Children living at home (names, ages/grades): _____

Please place in offering plate

(See reverse to connect with us.)