

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 10, 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 Richard Damberg

It is by God's grace that we are who we are:

People who are called by Jesus, yet fearful to follow.

It is with Christ's guidance that we can witness to the world:

People who respond to Christ's call with courage and conviction.

It is through the presence of the Holy Spirit that we become who we are called to be:

People who step out in faith, sharing the good news generously.

✠ HYMN of PRAISE UMH 454
Open My Eyes That I May See

✠ PRAYER of INVOCATION Richard Damberg

**O God of Mystery,
Within Your very self You model
the beloved community.
You are the Wisdom within our hearts,
The Word who dwells among us,
The Spirit who calls us beyond ourselves.
Let us know your presence here today
in a new way,
that we might celebrate your love and
go forth rejoicing with the Prophet Isaiah,
saying: "Here am I. Send me."
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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

ANTHEM Witness Chancel Choir

✠ SCRIPTURE
Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

PRAYER *together*

**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.**

Based on Psalm 19:14

MESSAGE "Back to School:
Can I Get a Witness?" Pastor Lane

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 389
Freely, Freely

RESPONDING

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**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, forever. Amen.**

MISSION MOMENT Pastor Robin McCollough-Bade
*Executive Director,
Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge*

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 571, vs 1, 3, 4
Go, Make of All Disciples

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Bob and Vanessa Ayres
in celebration of their wedding anniversary
and the birth of their grandson, Ernest Sawyer Lawson*

CONNECT WITH US

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
- enrolling in Disciple Fast Track Bible Study
(begins Tuesday, September 12)

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Joy Concern

- 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

September 10, 2017
11 a.m.
Connections Card

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.)

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!

NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK

On September 17, Pastor Lane and Pastor Julia will begin a worship series titled "VIVO: This is Living!" How you see life defines how you face life. By taking a closer look at Paul's writings in Philippians, our "VIVO: This is Living!" Worship Series will inspire us to fully live into this thing called Life that we've been given. Worship with us for this three-week series, which concludes on October 1, which is World Communion Sunday. Join us for the Missions Fair during Coffee Time and Sunday School that morning in the Family Life Center.

NEWCOMER COFFEE

If you are unable to attend the Newcomer Coffee this morning at 10 a.m. in Pastor Lane's office, she would still like to visit with you. Contact her at pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

LECTIONARY LADIES

This new group will meet on Mondays beginning September 11 from 3-4 p.m. in the parlor to read and discuss the weekly scriptures. There is no need to sign up, if you are interested just meet in the parlor.

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

A 12-week Bible study of the Old Testament will begin on **Tuesday, September 12** from 6 - 8 p.m. in the library. Mike Allen will be the facilitator. Cost of the study manual is \$20 (checks made out to St. John's UMC with Bible study in the memo line). You may register for the class on the Connections Card or call Mike Allen (278-6850) or Deirdre Halliburton (939-1425).

UMW FALL NON-GARAGE SALE

The UMW is once again helping us to de-clutter our homes. The Fall Non-Garage Sale will be **Thursday, September 14 - Sunday, September 17**. There will be a designated area in the FLC for dropoff. PLEASE don't bring items to the FLC before Thursday September 14.

MARY MARTHA UMW CIRCLE

The Mary Martha UMW Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the parlor. Janet Hogstrom will present "A Community United by Giving." Join us for refreshments, fellowship, and a pledge service program. All women are invited to attend. A special invitation is going out to those who have been unable to attend for some time.

"LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" YARD SIGNS

Let's be a beacon of welcome to all of our neighbors. If you would like a "Love Your Neighbor" yard sign they will be available in the narthex after each worship service. A donation of \$20 is requested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, some of which are: October 1 - Mission Fair/World Communion Sunday; October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; October 8 - An Old Fashioned Hymn Fest; October 22 - Commitment Sunday and Church-wide lunch; October 28 - Fall Fest; and November 2 - Centenary College Choir Concert. Be watching for more information on each of these events in church communications.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 10

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
 4:00 p.m. Nominations Committee, *Parlor*
 4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
 5:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Adams Residence*

Monday, September 11

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, *Toddler Nursery*
 11:00 a.m. Grief Sharing, *Parlor*
 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*
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, September 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
 3:30 p.m. VIPS-Everybody Reads, *Library*
 6:00 p.m. Volleyball, *FLC*
 6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
 7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, *Parlor*
 7:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *King Residence*

Wednesday, September 13

10:00 a.m. Self-taught Spanish Class, *Library*
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
 6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, *FLC*
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, *George's Southside*

Thursday, September 14

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
 10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, *Library*
 6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Library*
 6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Prevot Residence*
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 15

OFFICE CLOSED - UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, *FLC-A*

Saturday, September 16

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Maureen Robertson, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente, and Jane Rassi* Host: *Kathy King*

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11 a.m. Worship Service
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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.