

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT Jamie O’Quinn

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to you, O God.

To sing praises to your name, O Most High.

We proclaim your love and your peace this morning.

We rejoice in your mercy and give glory to your name.

SONG OF PRAISE *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* FWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

SONG OF PRAISE *He Has Made Me Glad* FWS 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

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PRAYER

Lord, we stand on the threshold of a great adventure. Clarify our thoughts and intentions. Help us discern your will. Guide us as we step forward in faith toward a future of increased service and love. For your greater glory, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

PSALTER *Psalms 19* UMH 750

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Natalie Cooper

SCRIPTURE *James 3:1-12* Brian Blackwood

SERMON *Sticks and Stones* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66
vs 1 & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silent confession)

Let us pray.

Holy and gracious god, we confess that we have sinned against you. Some of our sin we know - those thoughts, words and deeds of which we are ashamed. Some of our sin is known only to you. Have mercy on us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask forgiveness. Deliver us and restore us, we pray.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in Christ we are forgiven. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God’s love for 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 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 b, c, d

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 *To God Be the Glory* UMH 98
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

are in loving memory of Jack Brook. Given by Mary Jo Brook and the Brook girls.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Michael Sylvester, Barbara Benton, Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, September 13

2:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Social Media Training, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, September 14

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

6:30 p.m. Puppets Practice, Admin 206

Tuesday, September 15

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

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, September 16

2:00 p.m. Visitation Team, Parlor

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, September 17

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library

6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, September 18

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, September 19

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

SOCIAL MEDIA TRAINING

Wonder what it means to “tweet”? Ever heard of Instagram? Want to share St. John’s events with friends and family on Facebook?

If you are just a bit curious, or would like to dive in and learn how to use social media, come to a Social Media Training event **TODAY** at 3:00 p.m. in the Library. We’ll show you around Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and St. John’s website. We’ll tell you how St. John’s is using social media to get the Word out about what God is up to in our community. It is not necessary to bring a mobile device, but if you have one and want to get connected, bring it with you. Members of the Lively class will be there to assist and answer questions.

INVITATION TO GENESIS

A weekday Bible study, “Invitation to Genesis,” will begin on **Thursday, September 24** at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. This 10-week study of the book of Genesis will be led by Guy Johnson. The cost of the book is \$15. Contact the church office to sign up.

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): _____

FOUR-WEEK MISSIONAL WISDOM STUDY

Have you ever wondered what it really means to live in Christian Community? Do you ponder how to live your Christian discipleship outside the walls of the church in your everyday life? Do you think about how serving others fits into the life of a Disciple? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, this study is for you. The study, beginning **Sunday, September 20**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, will be led by Deacon Sarah and Theresa Sandifer, (Book is \$15). Contact the church office to sign up.

IT'S NON-GARAGE SALE TIME!!

It's time for the UMW's Fall Non-Garage Sale! Clean out closets, garages, attics, etc., and bring your items to the back of the gym beginning **Thursday, September 24**. On the afternoon of September 28, all donations will be picked up by Here Today, Gone Tomorrow, the thrift store located at 10240 Burbank Drive. Here Today, Gone Tomorrow sells our goods and in return gives us a sizable portion of the sales. If it is more convenient for you to bring your items directly to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow, let them know you are donating items for St. John's UMW (Bin #467). All proceeds go to support the missions of St. John's United Methodist Women.

GIVE BLOOD, GIVE LIFE

Our annual fall blood drive will be on **Sunday, September 27**. The OLOL Bloodmobile will be in the St. John's parking lot from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. This is a simple way to benefit St. John's and the wider community, so please consider making a blood donation! Call or e-mail Lynn in the church office to sign up.

Anyone 17 years of age or older, at least 115 pounds, and who is well and healthy may donate (16-year-olds may donate with informed parental consent). Feel free to talk to the blood mobile staff if you have any questions about donor eligibility.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN OCTOBER 4

Confirmation is an important time for young people to learn, worship, and pray together as they learn about what it means to live a life of Christian Discipleship. The class is open to all middle and high school youth. An Orientation meeting for parents and youth will be held on **Sunday, September 20** at 4:00 pm in the Library. Contact Deacon Sarah by September 6 to sign up.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The Methodist Habitat for Humanity 2015 build kicks off September 12. Phil Sprunger is St. John's contact (pmsprunger@gmail.com or 328-3943) for anyone interested in volunteering with construction on Wednesdays or Saturdays. Lunch is also needed on both days. Contact Freda (fnmbtr@aol.com or 928-1163) if your group or Sunday school class would like to volunteer to furnish lunch.

MEALS AT THE WESLEY FOUNDATION

The Wesley Foundation at LSU is coordinating their Wednesday night meals through the online service Take Them A Meal. If you would like to help feed the students at the Wesley Foundation, and get to know them, visit the web site www.takethemameal.com and access the meal schedule by entering recipient last name (Wesley Foundation) and the password (2907).

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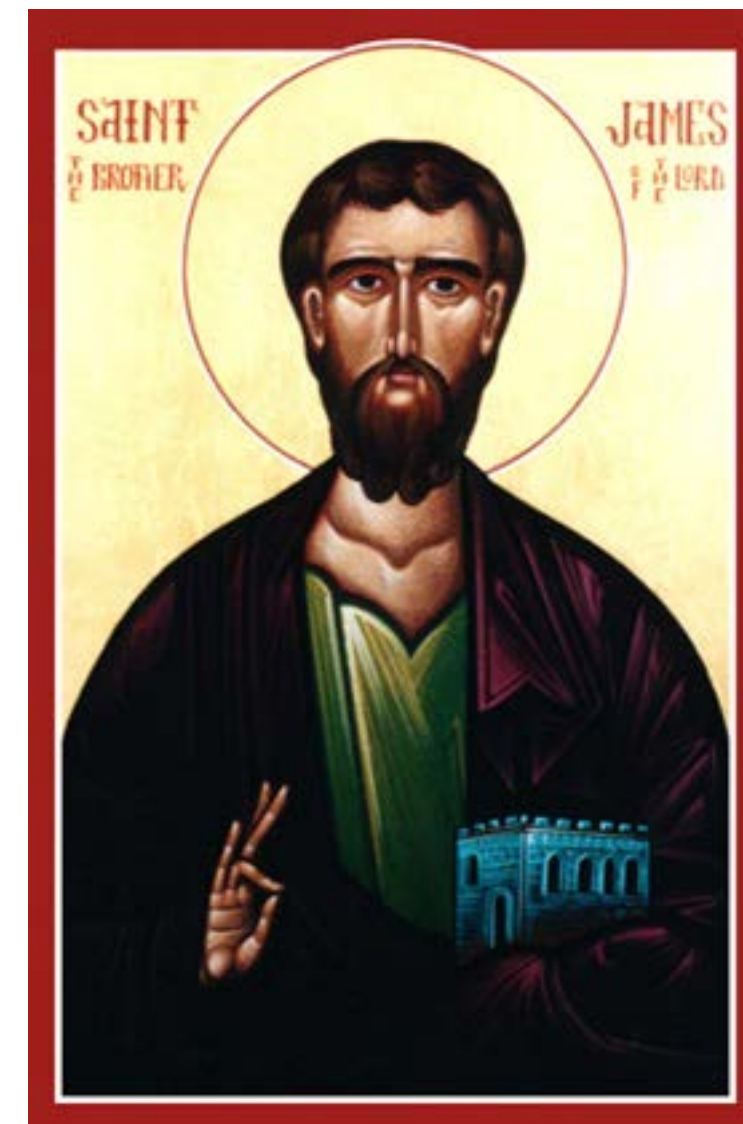
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples



Icon: St. James, The Brother of the Lord

8:30 Worship Service
September 13, 2015

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.