

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 24, 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.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barbara Benton

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Be Still and Know

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 1:21-30*

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— ³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 "VIVO: This is Living - Living With Perspective" Pastor Julia

RESPONDING

† HYMN of FAITH *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534

† SHARING *the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST*

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.**

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 580
Lead On, O King Eternal

† BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Joyce Clavenna's birthday and are given by her loving husband, LeRoy, and family.

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

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

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

GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL *to* WORSHIP

The word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**God's word is sweet to the taste,
sweeter than honey.**

Teach us, O God, your holy way,
for it is life to us.

Accept our offerings of praise of God.

The earth is full of your steadfast love. Amen.

† HYMN of PRAISE UMH 553
And Are We Yet Alive

† PRAYER *of* INVOCATION

**Lord, who lifts us up,
reside in our hearts today.**

Help us to listen closely for your word to us.

**Remind us that you are always with us,
throughout all of our lives.**

**Give us confidence in your presence,
so that we may go into your world ready
to witness to your love through our works
and our deeds.**

**We pray these things in Jesus' name.
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.**

September 24, 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!

VIVO! THIS IS LIVING!

Our worship series titled "VIVO: This is Living!" continues this week. How you see life defines how you face life and by taking a closer look at Paul's writings in Philippians, our worship series will inspire us to fully live into this thing called Life that we've been given. The series concludes on October 1 which is World Communion Sunday.

Also, don't forget to join us that morning in the FLC for the Missions Fair held during Coffee Time and through the Sunday School hour.

MISSIONS FAIR SUNDAY OCTOBER 1

Our Missions Fair is an opportunity to learn about the many ways St John's is feeding and disciplining this congregation and beyond; for example, we will have a table highlighting Boy Scout Troop 505 and a table highlighting The Methodist Children's Home. If you have a mission or a ministry that you would like to highlight at the fair, please contact Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.com or 985-705-4228) to reserve a table. The Missions Fair will take place in the FLC during coffee time and continue until 10:45 a.m. Sunday School classes are offered the option to enjoy our fair in lieu of class time.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program of on Lazarus, Paul, and Luke as well as an overview of the twelve disciples. All women are invited to attend.

OLD FASHIONED HYMN FESTIVAL

Join us on Sunday, October 8 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary for our Hymn Festival! The Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team will provide special music, as well as accompany the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. There will also be some stories of how these hymns came to be. We hope you will join us as we lift our voices in praise of the one true living and loving God!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We have a lot of exciting events coming up, some of which are: October 1 - World Communion Sunday as well as our final Sharing St. John's; October 2 - Golf Classic, benefiting the Methodist Children's Home; October 20-21 - retreat for all laity at the Wesley Center; October 22 - Commitment Sunday and Church-wide lunch; October 28 - Fall Fest; November 2 - Centenary College Choir Concert; and Angola Kairos - November 9-12. Be watching for more information on each of these events in church communications.

DEEPENING FAITH/IGNITING MINISTRY

A retreat for all laity is being held at the Wesley Center in Woodworth Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21. It will give you an opportunity to explore your spiritual journey and reflect on your life in Christ. The event is free, all materials will be provided. For more information see our Friday Newsletter or contact Rhonda Whitley (346-1646) or Cherri Johnson (383-4777).

COOKIES FOR KAIROS TIME!

It's that time of year again - cookie baking for Kairos. Larry Norman will be participating in Angola Kairos scheduled for November 9-12. Cookies will need to be brought to church on Sunday, November 5. (We do not have freezer space to keep cookies here prior to that date.) Cookie guides will be available in the church office.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, September 24

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus wide*
4:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
5:00 p.m. Youth, *FLC*

Monday, September 25

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*
6:00 p.m. Sharing St. John's, *Lambert Residence*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, September 26

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*
1:00 p.m. VIPS-Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
5:30 p.m. Communications Team, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Volleyball, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, September 27

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. SPRC, *Library*
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 28

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, *Metcalf Residence*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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Hosts: *Joyce Perry*

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



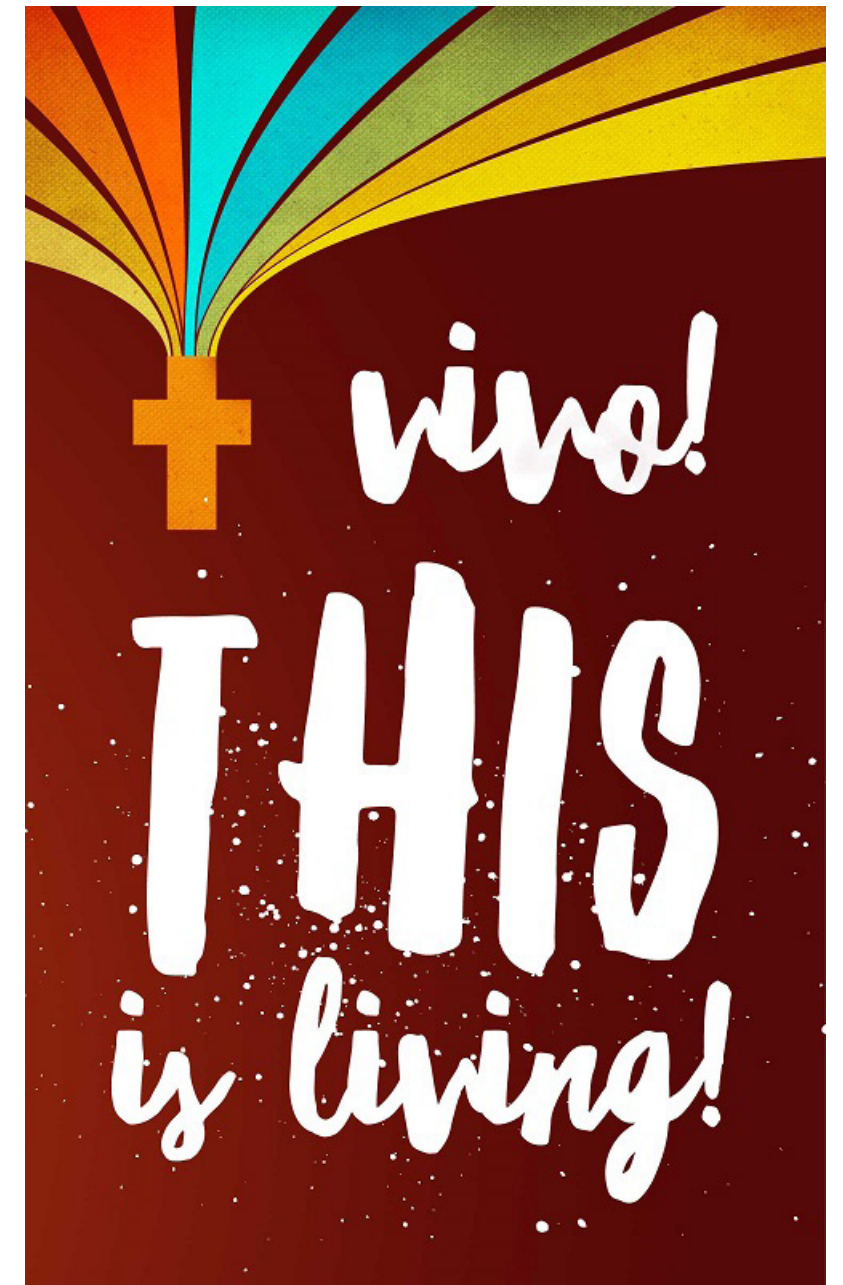
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11 a.m. Worship Service
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

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.