

The CELEBRATION *of the* GOSPEL SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

*All are invited to stay for refreshments after worship,
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

✝ SONGS *of* PRAISE

Honor and Praise FWS 2018

**Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.**

**Here to adore you for all of our days,
we come before you with honor and praise.
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.
Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.**

**Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.**

**Filling the temple, the work of your grace;
we come before you with honor and praise.**

**Here to adore you for all of our days,
we come before you with honor and praise.
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.
Rise in our spirits, O bright Morning Star.
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.**

As the Deer FWS 2025

**As the deer pants for the water,
so my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield;
to you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart's desire,
and I long to worship you.**

✝ CALL *to* WORSHIP Grant Schroeck

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.**

✝ SONG *of* RESPONSE UMH 186, vs 1 & 3

Alleluia

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barbara Benton

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

SCRIPTURE Grant Schroeck

Philippians 1:21-30

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER *together* *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.**

MESSAGE Pastor Julia

“VIVO: This is Living -
Living With Perspective”

RESPONDING

✝ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 534

Be Still My Soul

✝ PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus,
we confess that although we proclaim
with our words that you are the Son of
the living God, our lives do not always
reflect that faith.**

We do things we know you do not want us to do.

**And we fail to do things that we are sure
you are calling us to do.**

**We sometimes act as if we were something
other than your servants.**

**Help us Lord. Forgive us. Renew us.
Grant us your strength that we may
so live so as to honor your name
among the people around us.**

(a time for silent prayer and confession)

✝ WORDS *of* ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Jesus says that all of us who feel a heavy burden
can find rest in him.

Take him at his word. Let him grant you the peace
that is beyond understanding.

In the name of our Lord and Savior, know that
you are forgiven.

**In the name of our Lord and Savior,
know that you are forgiven. Amen.**

✝ SHARING *the* PEACE *of* CHRIST

OFFERING GOD'S TITHES *and* GIFTS John McWilliams

To Make You Feel My Love

✝ DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✝ 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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of
heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Singing together:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the
highest. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Singing together:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Singing together:

**Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

GIVING *the* BREAD *and* CUP

- *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*
- *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.*
- *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

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.**

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 FWS 2009

O God, Beyond All Praising

✝ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

All are invited to stay for refreshments in the Family Life Center.

*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.

September 24, 2017
8:30 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...

8:30 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*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Billie Bourgeois*
Host: *Bobbi Marino*

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Lead Pastor
pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org

Deirdre Halliburton

Director of Discipleship & Connection
deirdrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org

Terry Byars

Accompanist
terrybyars@stjohnsbr.org

Bill Putzig

Custodian
billputzig@stjohnsbr.org

Pastor Julia Puac-Romero

Associate Pastor
pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org

Carrie Stephens

Director of Music Ministries
carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org

Lynn Cooper

Administrative Assistant
office@stjohnsbr.org

St. John's United Methodist Church

230 Renee Drive | Baton Rouge, LA 70810
www.stjohnsbr.org | 225-766-4594



Remember to pray for **The Walk.**

"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7

Give online: <http://bit.ly/sjumcgive>



Check in on Facebook:
[facebook.com/stjohnsbr](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsbr)



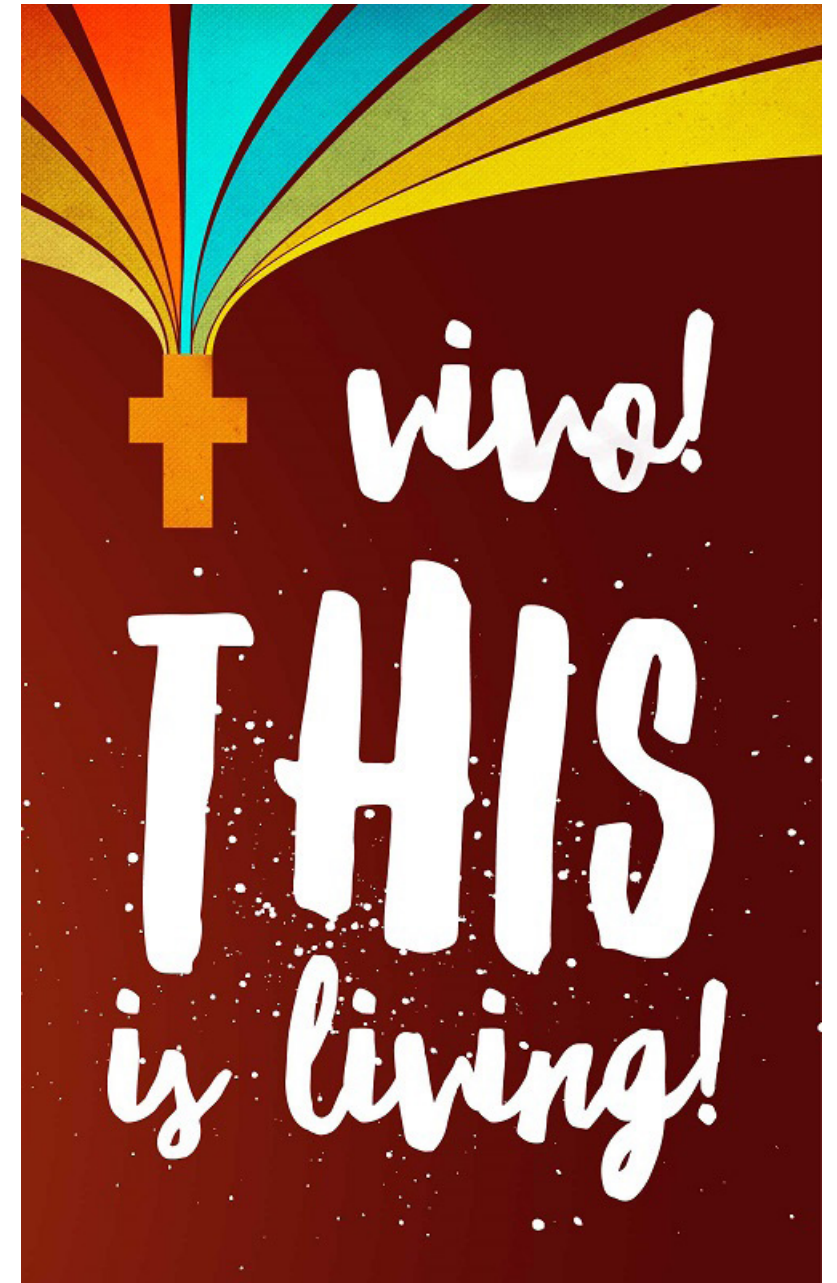
Follow us on Twitter:
[@stjohnsbr](https://twitter.com/stjohnsbr)



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 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.