

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

MINISTRY MOMENT

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, open our lips.

**And we will declare your praise.**

The sacrifice acceptable to the Lord is a broken spirit.

**A broken and contrite heart, O Lord, you will not despise.**

SONG OF PRAISE      *Clap Your Hands*      FWS 2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands!

Sing a new song in celebration!

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God is great we praise our God with song!

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SONG OF PRAISE      *He Is Exalted*      FWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;

heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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

GLORIA PATRI      UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE      *James 2:5-17*      Theresa Sandifer

SERMON      *Faith Is as Faith Does*      Pastor Jay

HYMN      *How Great Thou Art*      UMH 77  
 vs 1, 3, & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.

The hatred that divides us - skin color from skin color, wealthy from poor, language from language:

**Lord forgive us.**

The greed that exploits the labor of others and lays waste to the earth:

**Lord forgive us.**

The envy of the welfare and happiness of others:

**Lord forgive us.**

The indifference to the plight of the homeless and the hungry, the thirsty and the immigrant:

**Lord forgive us.**

The lust that uses others for sinful gain:

**Lord forgive us.**

The pride that leads us to trust in ourselves and not in you, our Lord:

**Lord forgive us.**

We confess our sin to you, gracious God.

**Lord Jesus, Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

(Silent confession)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

This proves God’s love toward 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      *O Worship the King*      UMH 73  
 vs 1, 4, & 5

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...**

are in honor of my granddaughter, Elizabeth “Izzy” Cooper, on her upcoming 10th birthday-she’s in the double digits now!

Given by Lynn Cooper.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Jim Matthew, Lynn Cooper
<b>Host(s)</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, September 6**

YOUTH WILL NOT MEET TODAY

2:00 p.m.      Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, September 7**

OFFICE CLOSED - LABOR DAY

3:00 p.m.      Men’s Covenant Group, Library

**Tuesday, September 8**

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.      Mary Martha Circle UMW, Parlor

7:00 p.m.      Volleyball, Gym

**Wednesday, September 9**

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.      Philippians Study, Parlor

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

**Thursday, September 10**

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

6:00 p.m.      Trustees Meeting, Parlor

7:00 p.m.      Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, September 11**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m.      Food Bank Delivery, Gym

9:00 a.m.      Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, September 12**

10:00 a.m.      Centering Prayer Retreat, Wesley Foundation

12 noon      AA Meeting, Gym-C

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Claudia Fowler’s presentation on Deborah will continue the series on Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

**NON-GARAGE SALE:** 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.**

**CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT**

You are invited to “A Day Away,” a Centering Prayer Retreat, on **Saturday, September 12** from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Chapel of the Wesley Foundation at LSU. There is no cost to attend but you must register on the University UMC website (universitymethodist.org), and you must bring a sack lunch.

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY IN GYM**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STOCK SHELVES**  
**8:30 A.M., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy     Concern

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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**WORSHIP IN THE MARKET  
SCRIPTURE, SONG, AND COMMUNION  
EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE GYM  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

### BREAKFAST AT THE PICCADILLY

Join friendly, sociable Prime Timers at the Essen Lane Piccadilly on **Saturday, September 12** at 8:30 a.m. for a really good breakfast and a really good time. It's a great way to start the day.

### 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 on **Sunday, September 13** at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### SHORT TERM BIBLE STUDY ...

A weekday Bible study, "Invitation to Genesis," will begin in September on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor (exact starting date will be announced soon). 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.

### 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 (fnmbr@aol.com or 928-1163) if your group or Sunday school class would like to volunteer to furnish lunch.

## SERMON NOTES

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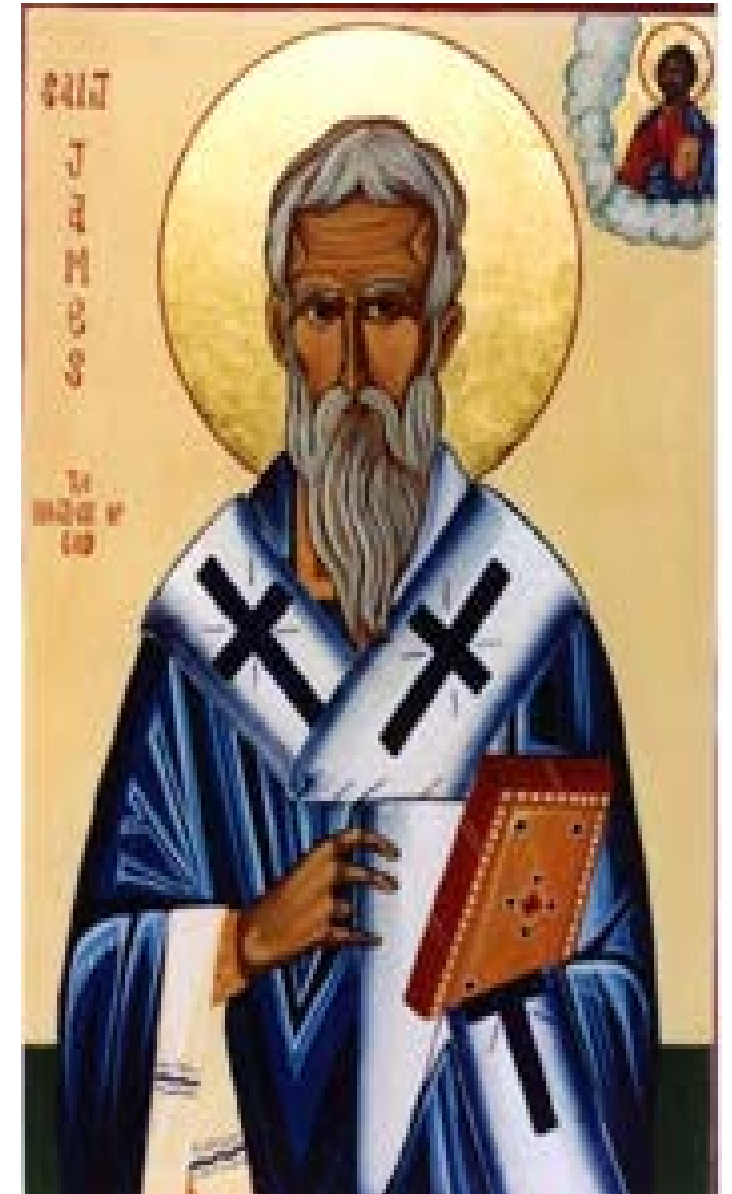
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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples*



Icon: St. James of Jerusalem

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**September 6, 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.

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