

# RENEW MY SPIRIT

## CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS



As we reach the midpoint of the year, we pause to reflect on the journey so far and to listen for where God is leading us next. This week, we center our hearts on the theme “Renew My Spirit”—a call to refresh our connection with God through prayer, scripture, and spiritual practices. May this time of worship offer space for renewal, clarity, and hope for the path ahead.

### Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org) or visiting [stjohnsbr.org](http://stjohnsbr.org)/here.

### All Are Welcome & Affirmed Here

Whoever you are, wherever your faith journey, you are welcome and affirmed. We are so glad you joined us and hope you feel at home here.

### For Newcomers

**Restrooms** & Welcome **Brochures** are located in the narthex (lobby). Our **ushers** can help you in any way you may need. Text ‘CONNECT’ to 225-230-1017 join our updates.

### For Families with Children

- The **St. John’s Playground** is in the front of the sanctuary during services. Children are welcome to spend **the entire service** here.
- The **Nursery** serves infants – preschool in the Education & Administration building next door.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms and nursery.
- **Holy Communion** elements of bread and grape juice are available to all including children weekly at the 8:30 a.m. service and on the first Sunday of the month at the 11:00 a.m. service. **Gluten free** elements are also available.
- We offer **Sunday School** for 18 months – 12<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

The **altar flowers** are in honor of Theresa Sandifer for her dedication & love as the founder and Executive Director of The Shepherd’s Market on this, its 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK

Our Texas neighbors need our support. We invite you to give generously to support flood recovery efforts in the Hill Country. To give, visit [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) (select “**Missions Fund**” > “**Disaster Relief/UMCOR**”) or mark checks/cash “**Texas River Flood.**”



Our ushers are **Donnie and Susan Lambert**.

## 📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Special Missions Giving For Flood Relief

This week, the Louisiana Conference sent a \$15,000 solidarity grant to support flood relief in the Rio Texas Conference. Our Bishop invites us to join in this effort. To give online, visit [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) and select “Missions Fund” and then “Disaster Relief/UMCOR.” For checks or cash, mark “Texas River Flood” on your gift.

### Family Pool Party, July 13th 4–6pm

For the family – kids, youth, and grown ups. Rain or shine, the party will be at Kathy King and Matt Diment’s home. Email [youth@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:youth@stjohnsbr.org) for more info and address.

### Family Fun Day July 19th, 2 p.m.

All ages are invited—kids, youth, and grown-ups—for an afternoon of connection, laughter, and play! We’ll cool off indoors with pickleball, 9-Square in the Air, giant yard games, interactive stations, a faith corner, and popsicles.

### Now Accepting Applications: Fall Family Ministries Internship

St. John’s UMC is hiring a Family Ministries Intern (Sept 7–Dec 8) for 10 hrs/week with a \$1,875 stipend. Perfect for college students or young adults who love working with kids and teens! Apply by August 1: send resume, cover letter, and two references to [jobs@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:jobs@stjohnsbr.org).

### Opening Doors Non-Profit is looking for a Volunteer Treasurer!

This role involves basic financial tasks like tracking income and expenses, helping with reports for the board, and working with our tax accountant as needed. If you’re organized and want to support our mission behind the scenes, we’d love to hear from you. Familiarity with Quicken is helpful but not required. Contact Connie Laborde to learn more: [conniellaborde@gmail.com](mailto:conniellaborde@gmail.com).

### Choir & Music Makers Summer Break

The Chancel Choir and Music Makers will resume in the Fall after a Summer Break.

### School Supply Drive – July 1– August 3

Help us support our neighborhood schools—Wildwood Elementary, Charlie Thomas Head Start, and Gardere Community Christian—through our annual school supply drive! Blue donation tubs will be located in the lobby and the Edu/Admin Building hallway. Suggested donations include: pencils, pens, glue sticks, crayons, notebooks, rulers, folders, scissors, tissues, paper towels, Clorox wipes, and more.

### Bibles Presentation on August 3rd

Children going into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th and 9th grades will be presented Bibles during worship on August 3. If your student is moving up into one of those grades, please email the church office ([office@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:office@stjohnsbr.org)) by July 21 so we can have a Bible ready.

## 📍 EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S FLC = Family Life Center

### Worship Services

**Sundays**  
**8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.** Sanctuary

### Coffee Time

**Sundays**  
**9:30 a.m.** FLC

### Sunday School

**Sundays**  
**9:45 a.m.** Campus Wide

### Music Ministries

**Sundays**  
**6:00 p.m.** Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room

### Wednesdays

**6:30 p.m.** Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room  
**Reconvenes in the Fall after Summer break**

### Children & Youth

**Sundays**  
**9:45 a.m.** Sunday School, Campus Wide  
**4:30 p.m.** Music Makers, Choir Room  
**Reconvenes in the Fall after Summer break**

### Wellness

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**  
**7:00 a.m.** Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

### Tuesdays

**7:00 p.m.** Pickleball, FLC  
**7:30 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC–E

### Wednesdays

**6:30 p.m.** Ladies AA Meeting, FLC–C

### Saturdays

**12:00 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC–C  
**7:00 p.m.** AA Meeting, FLC

### Shepherd’s Market

**A client choice food pantry**

**Mondays 3:30 p.m.** FLC  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:00 a.m.** FLC  
[shepherdsmarket.org](http://shepherdsmarket.org)

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**9 AM – 12 NOON**  
**Monday – Friday**



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8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, July 13th 2025

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# WELCOME

## 8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by an asterisk (\*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.



**Gathering Music** Dr. Terry Byars

**Words of Welcome** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**Welcome in the Light of Christ\*** U.M. Hymnal # 419 vs 1, 2, 3  
*I Am Thine, O Lord*

**Invitation to Worship\*** Susan Lambert

Come, all who are weary, all who long for renewal.  
**We come, seeking clean hearts and a fresh start.**  
God does not turn us away — God restores and sustains.  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation, O God.**  
Let us worship the One who breathes new life into dry bones.  
**We open our hearts to be renewed by God’s Spirit!**

**We Sing Together\*** Our Faith We Sing #2215  
*Cares Chorus*

**We Encourage Our Children** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**We Read the Word**  
For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**We Reflect on the Word** Rev. Lane Cotton Winn  
*Renew My Spirit*

**Guided Meditation**

**We Sing Together\*** Our Faith We Sing #2080 vs 1, 2, 3  
*All I Need Is You*

**We Name Our Need For Grace\*** Susan Lambert  
Let us come before God with honesty, offering our hearts and our hopes, our weariness and our desire to begin again.

**Merciful God,**  
**We confess that we have lost our way.**  
**We’ve chased distractions, clung to what is comfortable,**  
**and let fear drown out your voice.**  
**We confess the times we have forgotten joy,**  
**settled for empty routines,**  
**or closed ourselves off from your renewing Spirit.**  
**Create in us clean hearts, O God.**  
**Put a new and right spirit within us.**  
**Restore to us the joy of your salvation,**  
**and sustain in us a willing spirit.**  
**In this midpoint moment, we return to you.**  
**We ask for your grace.**  
**We ask for your help.**  
**We ask for your hope.**  
**Amen.**

**We Hear Words of Grace & Forgiveness\***

Friends, hear the good news:  
God does not give up on us.  
Even when we feel distant, even when we forget,  
God draws near with mercy and love.  
The one who created us is still creating.  
**The one who redeemed us is still restoring.**  
The one who breathed life into us is still renewing our spirits.  
**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free.**

**We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace \***

**We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God**

Thank you for your generosity. Your gift helps us be a blessing in our community. Scan the QR code or visit [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://stjohnsbr.org/give) to give online.



**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #94

*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*  
**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!**

**We Prepare for Communion**  
*We give thanks, remember God’s saving acts, and call on the Holy Spirit to bless the bread and cup. Together, we join in a holy meal that connects us with Christ and one another.*

**We Pray the Lord's Prayer** U.M. Hymnal #895

**We Receive Communion\***  
**All are welcome to receive Communion.**  
*We serve by intinction (bread dipped in juice); servers handle the elements. Pre-packaged & gluten-free options are available. You may remain at the chancel to pray. If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

**We Pray Together** Susan Lambert  
**Gracious and renewing God,**  
**You have met us at this table with bread for the journey and the cup of grace.**  
**You have nourished our bodies and stirred our hearts.**  
**At this midpoint in the year,**  
**re-tune our lives to your rhythm.**  
**Help us carry what we’ve received here –**  
**your peace, your mercy, your joy –**  
**into our homes, our work, our relationships,**  
**so that we may be instruments of your grace in the world.**  
**Thank you, God, for meeting us again,**  
**and for never giving up on our renewal.**  
**In Jesus’ name we pray,**  
**Amen.**

**We Receive This Week’s Call To Action**  
*We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John’s and invite you to come forward and stand with Pastor Lane during the singing of the next song.*

**We Sing Together\*** U.M. Hymnal #354 vs 1, 3, 4  
*I Surrender All*

**We Share in a Blessing\***

**We Go Out into the World\***  
*The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.*