

RENEW MY SPIRIT

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS VIA QR CODE →



As summer rolls with full schedules, it's easy to lose sight of our focus. This week, we hear Jesus' call to seek first the kingdom & take time to reflect on where our lives may need realignment. Join us in considering what we're centering, what's drifting, and how we might return to a more grounded, faithful rhythm.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

School Supply Drive Blue donation tubs will be located in the narthex and the Edu/Admin Building hallway and a complete list of items needed is on the back of this bulletin.

Wearing a name tag each Sunday is a simple but powerful way to help others feel *seen, known, and welcomed*—an act of hospitality that makes a real difference.

Prayer Requests

Share prayer requests by scanning the QR code above, emailing prayers@stjohnsbr.org or visiting 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 - 12th grade from 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.



The **altar flowers** are given by Pat Cobb in memory of her husband, Earl.



Our ushers are **Zach Isenhower & Ben Hartman**.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Create Your Own Rule of Life

This week, we invite you to reflect and write your own Rule of Life—a framework to help you live with intention and grace. Handouts are available during worship, and a digital version is linked in the newsletter at stjohnsbr.org/rule-of-life. Take time to explore what rhythms will help you stay rooted in God's love in daily life. Let this be a sacred practice of listening and renewal.

Back To School Sunday, August 3rd

Join us for a fun-filled morning as we bless the new school year and celebrate with spirit!

The Blessing of the Bags (All Ages) Bring your backpack, briefcase, or handbag to worship for a special blessing and a prayer tag to keep with you. Worshiping online? Pick up your tag Mon–Fri, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. after August 3.

Student Bible Presentations Kids entering Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th, or 9th grade will receive a Bible in worship. Email office@stjohnsbr.org by July 21 to ensure we have one ready.

Sunday School Kickoff All kids and youth will promote to their next grade level. Join us in the Sanctuary at 10 a.m. for a short assembly before breaking into age groups.

School Spirit Day (All Ages) Wear your favorite school colors to worship and show your spirit!

Grub Sunday Youth, including our rising 6th graders, are invited to this messy showdown from 4–6pm with water, shaving cream, soap suds, goo, and other gloriously grubby fun—all on the church lawn!

Volunteers Needed For Nursery

Serving in the nursery is a joy—and with 18 on rotation, most serve just once every six weeks! Cheryl, our coordinator, is always present and knows the children well. You'll never miss worship, and can choose times that work for you. Sign up: stjohnsbr.org/nurseryvolunteer

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.

Youth Service Week, July 27th - August 1st

6th - 12th Graders (24-25 School Year). Food Bank, Food Pantry, and other service opportunities PLUS tons of fun planned too! Contact youth@stjohnsbr.org for details.

School Supply Drive, Ends 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. *Printed shopping list available in the Narthex (lobby).*

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
Last Names M–R may bring snacks on July 27

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 AM - 12 NOON
Monday - Friday



ST. JOHN'S

RECENTER MY LIFE

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, July 20th 2025

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225-766-4594 | 230 Renee Drive BR, LA 70810

WELCOME

11:00 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

Ministry Moment BJ Cobb & Margaret Sprunger

Mission & Vision Revision

Musical Reflection

Seek Ye First

Invitation to Worship* Ana de la Fuente

Come, weary ones, with crowded minds and full calendars.

We come seeking stillness, clarity, and peace.

Come, curious ones, wondering what matters most.

We come to seek the kingdom of God.

Come, hopeful ones, ready to begin again.

We come to re-center our lives in God’s love.

Let us worship with open hearts and honest spirits.

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #451 vs 1, 2, 3

Be Thou My Vision

We Greet One Another With Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children Kate Bouchillon

We Pray Together Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who art our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

We Read the Word* Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Matthew 6:33

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.



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We Reflect on the Word

Recenter My Life

Guided Meditation

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

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We Sing Together* Our Faith We Sing Songbook #2146 vs 1, 2

His Eye is on the Sparrow

We Affirm Our Faith*

Ana de la Fuente

**We believe in God,
who is our true center –
steady when we are scattered,
faithful when we forget.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
who calls us to seek first
the kingdom of love,
the way of justice,
the heart of mercy.**

**We believe the Holy Spirit
meets us in every moment –
quietly nudging,
gently guiding,
re-centering us in grace.**

**We believe that when we drift,
God welcomes us back.
When we grow weary,
Christ gives us rest.
When we seek again,
the Spirit leads us on.**

**We trust that a life rooted in God
is a life of peace, purpose, and joy.
This we believe.
This we strive to live.
Amen.**

We Sing Together* U.M. Hymnal #71

The Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayers for Us and the World

As prayers are shared, our response will be:

Lord of love,

Center us.

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

We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God

Darlene Dickson

Bobbie Mason

With All My Heart

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



GIVING

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 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 #402 vs 1, 2, 4

Lord, I Want to be a Christian

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.