

OVERCOMING BEING

OVERWHELMED



CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE

*God's presence in life's fiery trials, choosing faith over fear.
We have a choice to be overwhelmed or to overcome.*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Grocery Bag Sunday

Pick up a yellow bag today for Grocery Bag Sunday, **September 7th**. Help us restock the shelves at the Shepherd's Market with the most needed items: pasta, dry beans, canned fruit & veggies (no green beans, please), cereal, drinks, snacks, and condiments. In August, **we donated 753 pounds**—let's keep it going!

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 flowers are given by Carol and Don Gordon in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary. Congratulations, Carol and Don!*

Our ushers are **Joyce Robinson, Ben Hartman.**

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day Closures

The **Shepherd's Market** & the **St. John's office** are closed September 1st and there will be **no music practices including Music Makers and Alleluia Ringers** today, August 31st.

Welcome Potluck for Kate Bouchillon, September 7th

Following the 11:00 am service, join us to welcome Kate Bouchillon, our new Family Ministries Director! Everyone is invited. If you'd like to help, please let Beth (beth_lacour@att.net) know.

St. Mark's Mission, September 14th

St. John's will return to St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans on Sunday, September 14th to provide a meal for their community. We need about eight volunteers to help prepare and serve the meal following the 10:00 a.m. service there. The team will leave the St. John's parking lot at 7:30 a.m., and two vehicles are needed to transport volunteers and meal supplies. If you can volunteer or provide a vehicle, please contact **Larry Norman at 225-933-1881 or Lducknataol@gmail.com**. If you're unable to attend, donations are welcome; checks may be made payable to St. John's UMC with "St. Mark's Mission" in the memo line.

Pathway to Spiritual Formation Retreat Series

Join a year-long journey of growth in 4 retreats at the Wesley Center, beginning Sept. 11th. Each retreat offers teaching, worship, silence, & community. More: rosslynnfoundation.org/pathway.

Discover St. John's, September 14th, 9:45 a.m.

Curious about St. John's? Join Pastor Lane for a relaxed meet-up in her office. Enjoy coffee, snacks, & friendly conversation. Come as you are! RSVP to office@stjohnsbr.org.

We're Hiring!

We're excited to announce two new part-time ministry positions: **Congregational Care & Connection Coordinator** & **Welcome & Belonging Coordinator**. Both are part-time, salaried, and hybrid. These two positions may also be combined into one. More at stjohnsbr.org/jobs.

Embrace the Prophets Bible Study

A 6-week study of Brueggemann's *Embrace the Prophets in Contemporary Culture* with two study options: **Tues at 6 p.m. begins Sept. 16th**. Leaders: Danielle Blackwood, BJ Cobb, Rhonda Tucker. **Thurs at 10:30 a.m. begins Sept. 18th**; Leaders: Clara Maynard. **Register** and reserve a book (\$20; scholarships available) at stjohnsbr.org/prophets or email office@stjohnsbr.org.

Endowment News

The St. John's Permanent Endowment is growing and making an impact! With two new gifts and positive growth, the fund now stands at \$29,200—just \$800 away from reaching \$30K! Join us in reaching this by giving to the St. John's Permanent Endowment. Contact Kathy King for information on how to give (brcking10@gmail.com) or see Friday's newsletter.



EVERY WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S
FLC = Family Life Center

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
9 AM - 12 PM Monday - Friday

Worship Services

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

Coffee Time

Sundays
9:30 a.m. FLC
Coffee treats: Last names H-L 9/7

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

Children & Youth

Sundays
9:30 a.m. Upstairs Café, Rm 202 Admin/Ed Bldg
Bring fresh fruit: Sunday School Teachers
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
4:30 p.m. Music Makers, Choir Room

Serve

Fridays
10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

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

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, August 31st 2025

stjohnsbr.org | [@stjohnsbr](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsbr) | office@stjohnsbr.org

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

WELCOME

10:00 AM Worship Celebration

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



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

U.M Hymnal #103 vs 1

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

We Sing Together*

U.M Hymnal #136 vs 1, 3, 4

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Invitation to Worship*

Anna Durham

God calls us to worship
and we come with joy.
We also come with hurt and worry in our hearts,
overwhelmed by the world around us.
Through worship we are reminded of God's goodness
and that God comforts God's people.
God has already conquered this world!
Let us rejoice in God's mighty acts of justice and peace!

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2080 vs 1, 3

All I Need Is You

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Encourage Our Children

Phil Sprunger

We Pray Together

Jane Walker

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

Anna Durham & Jane Walker

Daniel 3:1, 4-6, 8-12, 19-25
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

Pastor Lane

Overcome being Overwhelmed

We Pray for Ourselves & Others

Pastor Lane

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #368 vs 1, 2, 3

My Hope Is Built

Ministry Moment

Kathy King


Our Legacy – St. John's Permanent Endowment

We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God

John Toney

When the Saints/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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 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

Jane Walker

Lord, you are with us in the fire,
you lift us when the waters rise.
When we feel overwhelmed,
give us your peace.
When we are weak,
give us your strength.
Send us out in faith,
to walk with you and overcome.
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 #128 vs 1, 3

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought

We Share in a Blessing*

Pastor Lane

We Go Out into the World*

Dr. Terry Byars

The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to love and serve the Lord.