

WORDS CREATE WORLDS

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



In a world that often goes quiet about faith, we're reclaiming the sacred power of our words. We'll reflect on the creative power of speech and what it means to be made in the image of a speaking God.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Help Our Toddlers Grow In Faith

We're looking for loving adults to serve as Toddler Sunday School Leaders once per month. All materials and curriculum are provided — no prep needed! This is a fun and meaningful way to help our youngest children experience God's love in a safe, playful, and faith-filled environment. Interested or have questions? Contact Grace Idikwu at youth@stjohnsbr.org.

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 Prayground** 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 on the altar are given by Susan Dunbar in memory of her sister, Joan Williams Wallace.

 Our ushers are **Joyce Perry & Laura Hunt**.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Worship Series: Unmute the Gospel™ begins today

Unmute the Gospel is a call to speak honestly about our faith, reclaiming the power of our words to share the hope we've found in Christ. In a world where silence is common, this series invites us to find our voice and share with courage and compassion.

Pickleball & Prosciutto, August 17th 3–4:30p.m.

Save the date for Pickleball & Prosciutto in the FLC—an afternoon of friendly matches and savory snacks! Play, watch or just eat! If you would like to contribute to our giant charcuterie board, please sign up to bring an item via the QR code at right.



Mission–Vision Revision: A Season of Discernment – Shape Our Future

Not part of a Sunday School class but still want to participate in shaping the future of our church? Join a condensed version of the Mission & Vision study, facilitated by John Gilmore, on Tuesday, August 19 at 10:00 a.m. or 5:30 p.m in the church library. This special session offers an opportunity for all members to reflect on who we are as a church and where God is calling us next. To register, please email (office@stjohnsbr.org) or call the church office at 225-766-4594 by August 18th. Let your voice be part of this important conversation!

Chancel Choir Rehearsal Reconvenes on August 13th

New singers always welcome at 6:30 p.m. No audition required. Just arrive and sing!

One Service August 31 & Larger Coffee Time

The next 5th Sunday is on August 31, and we'll worship together in one combined service at 10:00a.m. followed by an extended Coffee Time. Everyone is invited! If your last name begins with M–Z, A–C, or D–G, please consider bringing a treat to share for Coffee Time that day.

Church Council Meeting, Thursday August 14th 5 p.m.

Join us in the Library to discuss church business and upcoming initiatives.

Toddler Sunday School Teachers Needed

Serve once a month as a Toddler Sunday School Leader—no prep needed—help little ones experience God's love through play; contact Grace at youth@stjohnsbr.org.

Fall Family Ministries Intern Search

We are now accepting applications for a Fall Family Ministries Intern, a 14-week, part-time paid position beginning in September for young adults passionate about serving families and growing in ministry leadership. The role includes hands-on experience in worship, discipleship, and multigenerational programming—perfect for students or recent grads exploring ministry or service-oriented careers. Submit a resume and cover by August 19th to jobs@stjohnsbr.org.

Circle of the Heart with United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith Circle of the Heart will meet on Wednesday, August 13 at 9:30 in The Founders' Parlor. Pat Cobb will present the program "Practices That Grow Your Faith." All women are invited to attend.

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 D–G may bring snacks on August 17th

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
Resumes Wednesday, August 13th

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
United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, August 10th 2025

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

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**.



CHECK IN
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REQUESTS

Alleluia Ringers

Gathering Music

Alleluia Ringers

For the Beauty of the Earth & Praise the Lord!

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Musical Reflection

Jesse Locke

How Great Thou Art
Stuart K. Hine

Invitation to Worship*

Molly Means

In the beginning, God spoke and light broke into darkness.
God’s words created beauty, order, and life.
We gather in the presence of that same creative Spirit.
We come to listen, to speak, to sing, to pray.
Our words have power to build, to bless, to bring hope.
May we reflect the God who first spoke light into being.
Let us worship the God who speaks,
and who calls us to speak, too.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal # 57 vs 1, 2, 3

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Molly Means

Creative and speaking God,
You formed the world with a word
bringing light from darkness, beauty from chaos, life from silence.
You made us in your image,
giving us voices to bless, to build, to bear witness.
But too often, we stay quiet when we should speak.
We withhold words of kindness, truth, and justice.
We speak in haste or anger, causing harm instead of healing.
We fall silent when others need us to speak
love, or courage, or hope.
Forgive us, O God.
Unmute our hearts.
Unclench our fears.
Teach us to use our words to reflect your grace,
that we may speak life, speak love, speak You.
Amen.

Words of Grace & Forgiveness*

Molly Means

Hear this good news:
The same God who spoke light into the darkness
now speaks grace into our lives.
In Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
we are forgiven, renewed, and sent to speak life.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
So let your heart be unburdened,
your lips be unsealed,
your life proclaim the goodness of God,
and may the joy and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ*

Ministry Moment

Natalie Cooper

Annual Conference Report

We Encourage Our Children

Ben Hartman

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

Genesis 1:1–5, Genesis 1:24–27
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

Words Create Worlds

The Pastor Prays

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Quiet your mind and heart to receive as words of blessing and
peace are prayed over you.*

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #454 vs 1, 2, 3

Open My Eyes, That I May See

We Affirm Our Faith*

U.M. Hymnal #881

The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Sing Together*

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.

We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God

Alleluia Ringers

We, Thy People, Praise Thee &
Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord

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*

Our Faith We Sing # 2172 vs 1, 2

We Are Called

We Share in a Blessing*

We Go Out into the World*

Alleluia Ringers

Ye Servants of God /
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
The service ends, but our worship continues as we go forth to
love and serve the Lord.