

OVERCOME PERFECTION// ISM

CHECK-IN &
PRAYER REQUESTS
VIA QR CODE



Paul reminds us in Galatians 1:6–12 that our goal is God’s approval, not human approval. Perfectionism traps us in unrealistic standards and constant comparison, but authenticity and vulnerability free us to live honestly. Like a vase mended with gold, our cracks can reveal God’s grace and strength.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Adopt A Bird

Last year, The Shepherd’s Market’s Great Turkey Giveaway fed 500+ families. With reduced grants this year, we need your help to continue the tradition! A \$25 gift provides a turkey and sides for a family. Give via the QR code above → Select Shepherd’s Market Fund and note Adopt a Bird.

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 dedicated to all the children of St. John’s with prayers for safety & good health.*

Our ushers are Susanna Seals & Eve Jones.

📅 UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Discover St. John’s, Sept. 14, 9:45 a.m.

Curious about St. John’s? Join Pastor Lane for a relaxed meet-up in her office between services today. Enjoy coffee, snacks, & friendly conversation. Come as you are!

Embracing the Prophets Bible Study

A 6-week study of Dr. Brueggemann’s *Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture* with two time options: **Tues at 6 p.m. begins Sept. 16 and Thursdays, Sept. 18th, 10:30–11:30 a.m. Register** and reserve a book (\$20; scholarships available) at stjohnsbr.org/prophets or office@stjohnsbr.org.

Trustees Meeting, Tues. Sept. 16

Join us at 4 p.m. in the Library for the Trustees Meeting.

Good Grief Fellowship, Tues. Sept. 16

Join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Founders’ Parlor to walk through this season together.

Wednesday Night Live for Youth, Sept. 17, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Join us for food, fellowship, and fun at Wednesday Night Live! Students in 6th–12th grades are welcome as we gather to connect, grow, and share in community.

Days for Girls with UWF, Sept. 27 & Oct. 4

Join us 9 a.m.–noon to help make hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. Donations welcome (St. John’s UMC/UWF, memo: “Days for Girls”). Contact Joyce Perry (225-978-2206 or joyce.perry@cox.net) or learn more at daysforgirls.org.

Safe Sanctuary Training, Sept. 28, 4:30pm

All those serving in Family Ministries – including the Nursery, Children’s and Youth – are asked to attend this important Safe Sanctuary Training. Together, we’ll ensure that our church continues to be a safe and nurturing environment for everyone. Please RSVP to Kate Bouchillon (katebouchillon@stjohnsbr.org) by September 25.

We’re Hiring!

We’re excited to announce two new part-time ministry positions – one focused on Congregational Care & Connection and the other focused on Welcome & Belonging. These positions may also be combined into one. More at stjohnsbr.org/jobs.

Adopt A Bird

\$25 provides a holiday meal for a family through the Great Turkey Giveaway. Donate via the QR code in the Make A Difference box in this bulletin or visit stjohnsbr.org/give

📍 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 A–C may bring snacks on Sept 21st

Sunday School

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Campus Wide

Music Ministries

Sundays
6:00 p.m. The Alleluia Ringers, Bells Room
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Children & Youth

Sundays
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Café Fruit – Last Names I–P Sep 21st

4:30 p.m. Music Makers

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 AM – 12 NOON
Monday – Friday

CONTACT

stjohnsbr.org/contact-us



ST. JOHN’S
United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, September 14th 2025

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

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

WELCOME



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

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

Musical Reflection

The Chancel Choir

Seek Ye First

Invitation to Worship*

Kristine Isenhower

Come, all who are weary from chasing perfection.
We come, tired of the pressure to appear flawless.
God does not call us to be perfect;
God calls us to be real, authentic, and whole.
Bring your cracks, your struggles, your unfinished places,
for in Christ, our brokenness is mended with grace.
Let us worship the God who treasures us as we are,
and makes beauty from our imperfections!

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #369 vs 1, 2, 3

Blessed Assurance

We Affirm Our Faith*

Kristine Isenhower

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*

U.M. Hymnal #70

The Gloria Patri

We Encourage Our Children

Shawn Walker

We Pray Together

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**Gracious God,
we come before you not as perfect people,
but as people hungry for your truth.
Shine your light on the words of Scripture,
that we may hear your voice above all others.
Quiet the noise of comparison and striving,
and open us to your grace that heals and makes us whole.
Through Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

We Read the Word

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Galatians 1:6-12
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

Overcome Perfectionism

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #560 vs 1, 4

Help Us Accept Each Other

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Kristine Isenhower

**Merciful God,
we confess that we try to appear strong when we are weak,
put together when we are broken,
perfect when we are far from it.
We measure our worth by the opinions of others
and chase approval instead of resting in your grace.
Forgive us for the masks we wear and the walls we build.
Teach us the courage of authenticity,
the freedom of vulnerability,
and the peace of being your beloved children. Amen.**

We Hear Words of Grace & Forgiveness*

Kristine Isenhower

Hear the good news: God does not wait for us to be flawless.
In Christ, we are loved as we are, healed in our brokenness,
and made whole by grace.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God!
And may the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ*

Prayers for Us & for the World

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

As prayers are shared, our response will be:
In your mercy, Lord,
make us whole.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895


We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

By Gordon Young

Chancel Choir

*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*

**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 #467 vs 1, 4

Trust and Obey

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

We Go Out into the World*

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