

OVERCOME BUSYNESS

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS VIA QR CODE



Life can feel like a never-ending to-do list—always running, always striving, never catching up. In the story of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds us that we don't have to live on the hamster wheel of busy-ness. Join us as we explore how Sabbath rest and being present with God can re-center our lives and renew our spirits.

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 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 on the altar are given by Pat and BJ Cobb in celebration of George Cobb's 70th birthday. Happy birthday, George!

Our ushers are Dick Keith & Dianne Stilley.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Potluck for Kate Bouchillon, TODAY September 7

Following the 11:00 am service, join us to welcome Kate Bouchillon, our new Family Ministries Director! Everyone is invited.

Welcome Frankie!

We're excited to welcome Frankie Guajardo as our new Family Ministries Intern—please join us in greeting and supporting him in this role. He starts today!

St. Mark's Mission, September 14

Help prepare and serve a hot meal for the unhoused in the French Quarter and worship with St. Mark's UMC. We leave St. John's at 7:30 a.m., returning around 3:00 a.m. If you are interested, please contact **Larry Norman at 225-933-1881 or Lducknataol@gmail.com**. Donations welcome (stjohnsbr.org/give Fund: Missions; Subfund: St. Marks; or "St. Mark's Mission" on memo.)

Discover St. John's, September 14, 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.

Embracing the Prophets Bible Study

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

UWF Circle of the Heart

The United Women in Faith will meet **Sept 10, at 9:30 a.m.** in The Founder's Parlor. This month's program presented by Clara Maynard: "What is Faithfulness to You?" All women are warmly invited to attend for fellowship, refreshments, conversation, and spiritual growth.

Days for Girls with UWF

Join us Sept. 27 & Oct. 4, 9 a.m.–noon to help make hygiene kits for girls in developing countries. Donations welcome (payable to St. John's UMC/UWF, memo: "Days for Girls"). Contact Joyce Perry at 225-978-2206 or joyce.perry@cox.net or learn more at daysforgirls.org.

Church-Wide Work Day

Save the Date: Church-Wide Workday is **Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon**. Join us as the congregation comes together to care for and maintain our church facilities. More details on specific projects will be shared in October.

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-Z may bring snacks on Sept. 14

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
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
Upstairs Café Fruit – Sunday School Teachers

4:30 p.m. No **Music Makers** today!

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

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

11:00 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, September 7th 2025

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

WELCOME

11:00 AM Worship Celebration



CHECK IN
& PRAYER
REQUESTS

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

Fill My Cup

Invitation to Worship*

Angeletta Gourdine

Come, weary ones, who carry long to-do lists and heavy burdens.
We come, seeking rest for our bodies and peace for our souls.
Come, busy ones, who spin like hamsters on a wheel.
We come, longing to step off and sit at the feet of Jesus.
Come, distracted ones, pulled in many directions.
We come to center our hearts in God’s presence.
The Lord who created, who commanded Sabbath, who calls us
“beloved,” is here.
Let us slow down, breathe deep, and worship God with joy.

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal # 419 vs 1, 3, 4

I Am Thine, O Lord

We Encourage Our Children

Kate Bouchillon

Anthem

Evie Durham, violin

Dr. Penny Kemler, flute

Dr. Terry Byars, piano

"Andante" from "Deux Interludes"

Jacques Ibert

We Read the Word*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Luke 10:38-42
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 Busy-ness

We Sing Together*

Our Faith We Sing # 2128 vs 1, 2

Come and Find the Quiet Center

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Angeletta Gourdine

Holy God,
we come to you weary and worn,
anxious and distracted by many tasks,
restless and rushing from one thing to the next.
(Cont’d on next page)

We Name Our Need for Grace (Cont’d)*
We confess that we measure our worth
by how much we produce,
and forget that our value rests in your love.
We fill our calendars,
but neglect to make room for you.
Forgive us, O Lord. Slow us down.
Teach us to sit at your feet,
to listen, to breathe,
and to rest in your presence. Amen.

We Hear Grace & Forgiveness*

Angeletta Gourdine

Hear the good news:
Christ does not condemn us for our busyness,
but calls us back to what matters most –
his love, his grace, his life with us.
In him, we are set free to lay down our burdens,
to rest in God’s care,
and to rise renewed in the Spirit.
Thanks be to God!
May the joy and peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ*

Mission Moment

Andrew Blackwood

Adopt-a-Bird for the Great Turkey Giveaway

We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God

Take Time to Be Holy
Lyrics, William Longstaff
Music, George Stebbins
Arranged by Jay Rouse

Chancel Choir

Dr. Penny Kemler, flute

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We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #94

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

We Prepare for Communion*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
The blessings of God, our Creator are shared, concluding with:
And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
(Cont’d on next page)

We Prepare for Communion (Cont’d)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
The congregation is seated as we recall the Last Supper concluding with:
And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving,
as a holy and living sacrifice, seeking rest in your presence and
strength to serve in your love, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
We pray for the Spirit's presence in this holy meal concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

We Partake in 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

Angeletta Gourdine

God of peace,
thank you for this table, for your presence,
and for your love.
May we carry your rest and your grace into our busy lives,
and may your Spirit remind us that we are enough,
simply because we are yours.
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*

Our Faith We Sing #2129 vs 1, 2, 3

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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.