

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 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 Susan Dunbar in memory of her sister, Joan Williams Wallace.

 Our ushers are **Phil & Jill Slicker**.

📅 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

8:30 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

8:30 AM Worship Celebration

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



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Alleluia Ringers

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Gathering Music

Alleluia Ringers

For the Beauty of the Earth & Praise the Lord!

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Invitation to Worship*

Daniel Csaszar

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 #463 vs 1

Lord, Speak to Me

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

We Sing Together*

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

Open My Eyes, That I May See

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Daniel Csaszar

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*

Daniel Csaszar

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.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Ministry Moment

Natalie Cooper

Annual Conference Report

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.

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

U.M. Hymnal #895

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

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

Daniel Csaszar

Loving Savior,
**We give thanks for this holy meal
and your grace that fills us.**
As we rise from this table,
may we carry your Word not only in our hearts,
but on our lips and in our lives.
Give us courage to speak love,
to tell truth,
to offer hope,
**and to share the story of your goodness
in a world that longs to hear it.**
**Send us out to build with our words
a world that looks more like your kingdom –
a world of light, compassion, and peace.**
In Jesus’ name we pray,
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 # 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.