

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 Jackie Creed & Laurie Williams

📅 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 starts this week!

A 6-week study of Dr. Brueggemann’s *Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture* with two time options: **Tuesdays at 6 p.m.** begins Sept. 16 and **Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m.** begins Sept. 18. **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

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ST. JOHN’S
United Methodist Church

8:30 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

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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Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

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

Invitation to Worship*

Ben Hartman

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 #405 v 1
Seek Ye First

We Encourage Our Children

Shawn Walker

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 v 1, 4
Help Us Accept Each Other

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Ben Hartman

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*


Ben Hartman

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.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

We Offer our Tithes and Gifts to God

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 Celebrate 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

Ben Hartman

Holy God,
we give you thanks for this meal of grace,
where ordinary bread and cup reveal your extraordinary love.
Here, you remind us that we do not need to be perfect –
only present, only open, only yours.
As we go from this table into the world,
fill our cracks with your mercy,
mend our broken places with your love,
and send us out as witnesses of your healing grace.
In Christ's 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*

U.M. Hymnal #467 1, 4
Trust and Obey

We Share in a Blessing*

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

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.