

FROM *Dreams* TO PROVISIONS

CHECK-IN & PRAYER REQUESTS VIA QR CODE



Pharaoh’s nightmares became Joseph’s blueprint for saving lives. God’s dreams aren’t about self-help – they are about community care. When we give of ourselves, we’re helping turn vision into provision, building a granary of grace so our church can bless many in every season.

DREAM SUNDAY – OCTOBER 12

What dreams might God be calling us to in 2026 and beyond? Join us next Sunday as church leaders guide us in exploring the possibilities that open when our community listens and responds together, imagining the future God invites us to create through our giving, service, and shared life.

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 Karen Fritz in memory of her parents, Donald and Marie Fritz, who were married for 62 years.

Susan Johnston and Bobbi Marino are our ushers today.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Called to Dream Stewardship Campaign & Worship Series Begin

God is always calling us to dream—of healing, renewal, and a world made whole. In our *Called to Dream* worship series and Stewardship Campaign, we imagine how to live into God’s vision for St. John’s, our community, and beyond. Together, let’s turn God’s dream into reality. This year’s campaign is all-digital! Watch your inbox every Thursday for a weekly stewardship email (print copies available by request).

Youth Bible Study, Sunday, October 5

Kick off a new season of Youth Bible Study today from **4:00–6:00 p.m.** in the Youth Room! Bring your Bible and a snack to share as we dive into God’s Word.

Young Adult Night Out, Tuesday, October 7

Join us Tuesday, October 7 for dinner at Casa Maria (**5:30 p.m.**), followed by pickleball at St. John’s (7:00 p.m.). Come for one or both – no experience needed, just fun & fellowship! Contact Kate Bouchillon for more info, katebouchillon@stjohnsbr.org.

United Women in Faith, Circle of the Heart, Wednesday, October 8

The Circle of the Heart will meet at **9:30 a.m.** in the Founders’ Parlor. Claudia Fowler will present: “How Do You Live in Community with Your Sisters?” Members are encouraged to bring the names of individuals they would like to suggest as guest speakers for the 2026 UWF Sunday service. All women are warmly invited to attend.

Church Council Meeting, Thursday, October 9

Church Council meeting – October 9, **5pm** in the Library. Join us, one and all!

Church-Wide Work Day, Saturday, October 18

Join us for a morning of service! We’ll gather from **9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.** with projects for all ages (yes, even children & youth!). Scan the QR code to sign up for a task and help us care for our church together.

Mexico Mission Opportunity Meeting, Tuesday, October 21

Curious About Serving in Mexico? Join us for an informational gathering with Rev. Willie Berman, United Methodist Missionary, to learn about mission partnership opportunities through Manos Juntas Mexico. Tuesday, Oct. 21, **7:00 p.m.** at St. John’s. Sponsored by St. John’s UMC & St. Andrew’s UMC. For more info: Rev. Larry Norman, 225-933-1881.

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 Oct 12

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 A–H, Oct 12

4:30 p.m. Music Makers (K–8th grades)

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

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday

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Called to Dream



ST. JOHN’S
United Methodist Church

8:30 AM Worship Celebration

Sunday, October 5th 2025

stjohnsbr.org | @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**.



CHECK IN
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Dr. Terry Byars

Gathering Music

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Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

U.M. Hymnal #140 vs 1, 2

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Invitation to Worship*

Pat Lively

We gather as God’s people, called to dream.
God gives us dreams of hope and wholeness.
Our dreams may feel big, uncertain, or bold,
yet God invites us to trust, prepare, and act with love.
Come, let us worship the God who gives us dreams,
and makes them come alive in us!

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2171 vs 1

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

We Encourage Our Children

Dr. Steve Rushing

We Read the Word

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Excerpts from Genesis 39–41

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

From Dreams to Provisions

We Sing Together*

U.M. Hymnal #614 vs 1, 4

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

We Name Our Need for Grace*

Pat Lively

Holy God,
You plant dreams within us –
visions of hope for our lives,
our neighbors, and our world.
Too often we dismiss them as foolish.
We turn away when they seem too costly.
We cling to fear that there will not be enough.
Forgive us, O God.
Forgive the ways we resist Your Spirit’s imagination.
Open our hearts to dream with You again.
Give us courage to live into Your future with hope. Amen.

We Hear Words of Grace & Forgiveness*

Pat Lively

Hear the good news: God’s mercy is deeper than our fear,
stronger than our doubt, and wider than our imagination.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
Thanks be to God!
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Ministry Moment

Kathy Vandiver

Church-Wide Workday

We Offer God’s Tithes and Our Gifts

Natalie Cooper

How Beautiful
Twila Paris

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

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, across time and generations, are shared,
concluding with:
With all creation, we join the song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

The congregation is seated as we recall the Last Supper
concluding with:
And so, with grateful hearts,
we remember Christ’s saving love
and offer ourselves to God’s dream of a new creation,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
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 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

Pat Lively

Holy God,
we give You thanks for this holy meal,
for the bread that nourishes us,
and the cup that reminds us of Your love poured out for all.
As we go from this table,
send us as dreamers and doers,
filled with hope, courage, and compassion.
May the Spirit guide our steps
so that our lives reflect Your vision of justice, mercy, and peace.
Help us to see possibilities where others see limits,
to act with generosity where fear tempts us to hold back,
and to join with one another in making Your dreams real in our world. Through Jesus Christ,
who makes all things new, 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 #549 vs 1, 2, 6

Where Charity and Love Prevail

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.