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

St. Mark's Mission, September 14th

Join us for a meaningful one-day mission experience that's great for all ages! We'll prepare and serve a hot meal for our unhoused neighbors in the French Quarter, then worship alongside the community at St. Mark's UMC, New Orleans. Depart at 7:30 a.m. and return around 3:00 p.m. Interested? Contact Larry Norman at 225-933-1881 or Lducknataol@gmail.com. Sign up by September 9th.

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 Prayground** 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 Sandra Kuykendall & Chris Stubbs.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUCEMENTS

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. His internship starts today!

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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 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

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Coffee Time

Sundays

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

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice, Choir Room

Children & Youth

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

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Helpers, Church Office

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

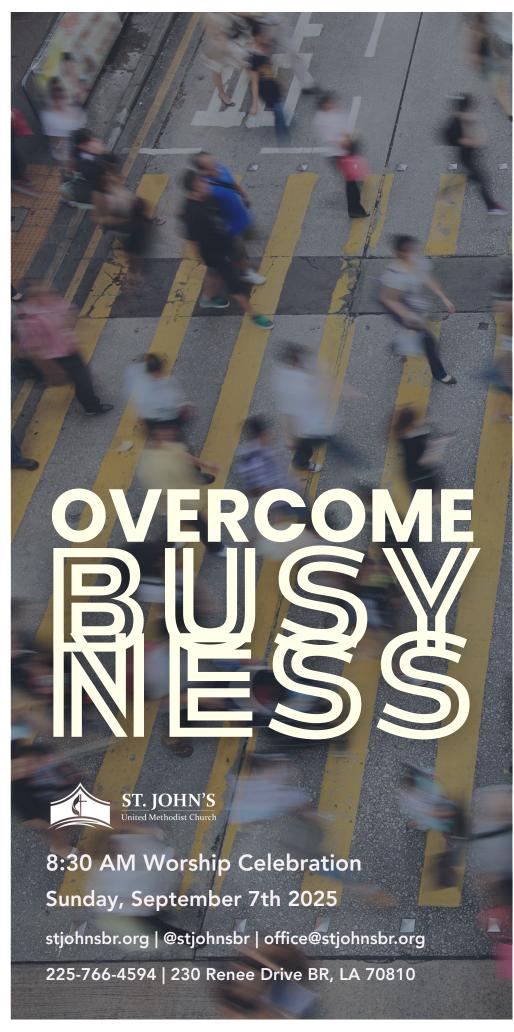
Shepherd's Market A client choice food pantry

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

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WELCOME

Please stand as you are comfortable where marked by

an asterisk (*) & join in speaking where text is in **bold**.

8:30 AM Worship Celebration



CHECK IN & PRAYER **REQUESTS**

Gathering Music

Dr. Terry Byars

Welcome in the Light of Christ*

Words of Welcome

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

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

I Am Thine, O Lord

Invitation to Worship*

Cindy Carter

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 #641

Luke 10:38-42

Fill My Cup

We Encourage Our Children

Kate Bouchillon

We Read the Word*

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

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

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Overcome Busy-ness

We Sing Together*

The Faith We Sing #2128 vs 1, 2

we come to you weary and worn,

anxious and distracted by many tasks, restless and rushing from one thing to the next.

We confess that we measure our worth by how much we produce, and forget that our value rests in your love.

Cindy Carter

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GIVING

U.M. Hymnal #94

We fill our calendars,

Holy God,

but neglect to make room for you.

We Name Our Need for Grace*

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 Words of Grace & Forgiveness* 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.

We Greet One Another with Joy & Peace*

Mission Moment

Andrew Blackwood Adopt-a-Bird for the Great Turkey Giveaway

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.

We Sing Together*

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

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth, we give you thanks. In the rhythm of our lives, you call us to pause, to rest, to be present with you.

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We Prepare for Communion (Cont'd)

Even in our busiest moments, your love surrounds us, and your Spirit draws us near.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, your Son, Emmanuel - God with us. Through him, we learn to lay down our burdens, to stop running on our own hamster wheels, and to simply sit at your feet, resting in your grace.

At this table, we remember Christ's body given for us, and his blood poured out in the forgiveness of sins. May these gifts nourish our souls, renew our hearts, and remind us that Sabbath rest is not a luxury, but a gift from you. Pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the presence of Christ, so that in receiving them, we may also receive your peace. May this meal refresh us in body and soul, renew us for service in your world, and remind us that our worth is not in what we produce, but in who we are as your beloved children. Through Christ we pray, in the unity of your Spirit, trusting always in your never-ending grace.

We Pray the Lord's Prayer

U.M. Hymnal #895

Cindy Carter

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 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*

Take Time to Be Holy

U.M. Hymnal # 395 vs 1, 2, 4

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.