


WELCOME WELCOME members and guests! Attendance books are located at the end of each row. Please take a moment to share your contact information with us. We are glad you selected this church as your place of worship today and hope you will come again. Please stop by one of our information centers to learn more about our church.

WORSHIP TRADITIONAL 8:30AM & 11AM
CONTEMPORARY 9AM & 11AM
BAYOU 7AM FOUNDRY 9AM

NURSERY For infants & toddlers through age 4. Rooms 36 & 38.

KIDS Kid's Church (Pre-K4 -2nd grade) at **9AM & 11AM** worship services following the offering, held in Room 30. ****Kids must be potty trained to participate in Kid's Church.**

COMMUNICATIONS Sign up for our newsletter & other communications! Email us at info@firstmethodistmonroe.com or call the church office 318-325-7335.

GIVE  Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383, go to FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE, or Scan the QR code

WEB Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**
firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch
Facebook: @methodistmonroe
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe



TV Sundays **11AM**
The CW & ABC KAQY
(when not preempted by special programming)

RADIO Sundays **8:30AM**
KMLB 540AM

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



NANNETTE FLOWERS
DIRECTOR OF 50+ ADULT MINISTRIES

- From Belpre, Ohio
- Graduated from Miami University (Oxford, OH)
- Staff member since 2010
- Married to Ray Flowers
- 3 daughters, 1 stepson, & 6 grandchildren
- Favorite Candy: Baby Ruth
- Favorite Bible Verse: Deut. 6:6-7

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

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monroe **AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

WE ARE GROWING!

We are excited to expand our program to now include PreK4-6th grade and offer pickup from Sallie Humble and Lexington!

PreK4 - 6TH GRADE
MONDAY - FRIDAY | 3:00 TIL 5:30PM
AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP AVAILABLE FOR SALLIE HUMBLE & LEXINGTON

REGISTER EARLY FOR A CHANCE TO WIN!

Everyone who registers by June 1 will be entered to win an Amazon Fire Tablet!
(Completed registration form & \$100 registration fee are required)



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REGISTER BY JUNE 1!

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THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2026

8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING

(Text "HERE" to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #103** _____ *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** _____ Rev. Kem Alexander

The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI

All are invited to pray at the altar.
Please come down during the Gloria Patri.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

(Text "PRAY" to 318-217-8383)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN #374** _____ *Standing on the Promises*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY _____ Paris

How Beautiful
John David Cleveland, soloist
Joey Gardunio, accompanist

*THE DOXOLOGY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

After the Children's Message all Pre-K4 - 2nd graders
are invited to Kid's Church, in Room 30,
during the 9am & 11am services.

SCRIPTURE READING _____ Hebrews 4:1-13

THE ANTHEM _____ Courtney

The Lord Is My Light
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. John O'Leary(8:30)
Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer(11:00)

JESUS THE GREATER
Rest for Our Souls

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text "JOIN" to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #396** _____ *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

*Those who are able please stand

The rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of
James William Malone, born on February 2, 2026. He is the son
of Gannon and Payton Malone, and grandson of JD and Jennifer Malone.

OUR CHILDCARE CENTER IS HIRING!

OPEN POSITIONS: Afternoon Supervisor & Summer Camp Workers. We are looking for people who are dependable, caring, and experienced in working with children. To apply call 318-325-7426 or go to firstmethodistmonroe.com

WORSHIP ON THE BAYOU - Sundays | 7:00 AM | April - October

THIS MONTH

WED. NIGHT - APRIL 22 | Supper 5PM | Studies 6PM | Menu: Spaghetti

14TH ANNUAL WESLEY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 25 | Breakfast 7:30AM | Tee time 8:30AM | Frenchman's Bend
Benefiting the ULM Wesley Foundation. \$400 per team includes cart, green
fees, lunch, drinks, and snacks. To register go to ulmwesley.org/wesleygolf

LUNCH & LEARN

PREARRANGING A FUNERAL | Monday, April 27 | 11:00 AM | Room 6

The workshop will cover understanding funeral costs, pre-planning a funeral
with the church, differences between donating your body to medical
research or being an organ donor, passing away when out of town, and many
other relevant topics. RSVP to nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com by Wed.,
April 22nd to reserve a seat, lunch and materials!

DO YOU HAVE A 2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE? If you would like your grad-
uate to be part of our Senior Recognition Sunday on May 3, please email your
high school graduate's full name, high school, future plans, & a photo to Mack-
enzie Miller (Mackenzie@firstmethodistmonroe.com) Please submit this info no
later than April 26.

NEXT MONTH

RISE STOCK SALE FUNDRAISER - Sunday, May 3

Be part of what God is doing! Invest in our youth and help support their
summer camps and outreach projects!

HOLLAND AND BELGIUM SPRINGTIME CHURCH RIVER CRUISE

April 20-28, 2027 | Deadline to guarantee price & cabin - May 15

For more info or to register visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1329277>

NEXT STEPS - Sunday, May 17 | 10:10 AM | Parlor

Are you looking for ways to take a next step here at First Methodist Monroe?
Plan to attend our Next Steps Class!

TABLE FOR 2: MARRIAGE EVENT - Wed., May 20 | 6:30-8PM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a special date night for married couples. Enjoy a delicious dinner
prepared by Chef Pat, meaningful time together, and childcare provided.
Open to all married couples. Cost: \$50 per couple.

SAVE THE DATE

CAMP CANEY - Go to campcaney.com/summercamp to register!

PRE-CAMP (Grades 2-4) June 26-28; ELEM. CAMP (Grades 4-6) June 15-19.

ONE WAY CAMP - Jr. High: June 8-12 | High School: June 15-19. To register call Ceta
Canyon 806-488-2268

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Entering PreK 4 - 5th graders) July 13-17

Go to firstmethodistmonroe.com to register.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - August 24-26 | 10:30 AM -1:00 PM

Join Pastor Brian Mercer and Pastor John O'Leary for the BEE-ATTITUDES! Sing
favorite hymns, support a mission project, enjoy a delicious lunch, and fellow-
ship with others!

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Sunday, October 4