

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



PATSY RIALS

Receptionist

- From Monroe, LA
- Graduated from Neville in 1970 & ULM with a Masters in Speech & Theatre
- Has 2 kids & 4 grandkids
- Proud member of the Louisiana LunaChicks of NELA
- Staff member since 2026
- Favorite Snack: Chips & Dip
- Favorite Verse: Luke 1:37

For the word of God will never fail.

BACK TO SCHOOL Sunday

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year!

AUGUST 9
All Worship Services

We will offer a special blessing for teachers and school staff as well as a Blessing of the Backpacks for students of all ages. Bring your backpack as we pray for a year filled with wisdom, growth, and God's guidance.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BACKPACK!



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I CAN DO
ALL THINGS
THROUGH
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ME

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THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Hunt Neely, Organist

THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #140** _____ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** _____ 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 #368** _____ *My Hope Is Built*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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THE OFFERTORY _____ Joey Gardunio, Piano
New Day by Philip Wesley

*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 _____ Philippians 4:4-13

THE ANTHEM _____ arr. McDonald
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer
Snowball Mountain Challenge

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text “JOIN” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #128** _____ *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE _____ Hunt Neely, Organist

*Those who are able please stand.

THANK YOU, VBS VOLUNTEERS!
A heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time, energy, talents, and prayers to make Vacation Bible School such an incredible week! From decorating and teaching to leading music, serving snacks, welcoming families, and keeping everything running smoothly, your dedication helped create a fun, safe, and faith-filled experience for our children. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ and making a lasting impact on so many young lives!

THIS MONTH

SONSHINE SISTERS Wednesday, July 22 | 11:00 AM | Room 42
Women are warmly invited to join Sonshine Sisters this summer for a time of devotion, intentional prayer, and meaningful fellowship with other women. For more info, contact Emily Martin 318-537-0906 or Megan Jefcoat 318-355-0018

50+ ADULTS "A CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM" MUSICAL PROGRAM
Thursday, July 30 | 7:00 PM | Strauss Theatre Center
Featuring music from Hamilton, Big River, 1776, The Louisiana Purchase and many other patriotic songs. RSVP to Nannette Flowers with a check made payable to FMM. Adults \$25 Grandchildren 18 & Under \$15.

AUGUST

YOUTH PARENT MEETING
Sunday, August 2 | Noon | Upstairs Youth area
Parents of students in 6th–12th grade, come meet Emery, our new Youth Pastor, and hear about the exciting plans and opportunities coming up this fall! For more information, contact Emery Johnson at 318-331-5428.

GENEVA CASTLE SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2026
Applications and spring grades due Monday, August 3 by 5:00 PM
A new application must be submitted each semester in order to be considered. Applications available at the church office.

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - August 24-26 | 10:30 AM -1:00 PM
Join Pastor Brian Mercer and Pastor John O’Leary for the BEEatitudes, sing favorite hymns, support a mission project, enjoy a delicious lunch, and fellowship with others! Pick up a registration form at the church office or go to firstmethodistmonroe.com.

SEPTEMBER

J-FORCE - CHILDREN’S MUSIC MINISTRY
Wednesday, September 9 | 3:15-5:15 PM | 1st-5th grade
School pickup is available for Lexington and Sallie Humble. Register at firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF - Wednesday, September 9 | 5:00 PM
Something new is coming to Wednesday nights! Get ready for a fresh approach to our Wednesday night Bible studies. More details coming soon!