

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.

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

ABC KAQY
& KNOE.com
Sundays **11AM**

RADIO

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

LOOK FOR US ON THE CW BEGINNING AUGUST 3, EVERY SUNDAY!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

BRIAN MERCER Senior Pastor



- Born in Mangham, LA
- Graduated from Mangham High, LSU, & Asbury.
- Married to Shelley Mercer for almost 27 years with 3 children.
- Favorite Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Favorite Bible Verse: John 10:10 & Hebrews 12:1-3

BACK TO SCHOOL Blessings

AUG. 3 BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS!

If you work in the school system, please join us for a special blessing at all services!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS! **AUG. 10**

Students, bring your backpacks with you!

Pray for the Texas flood victims.

  MATTHEW 25: MINISTRIES
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TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF - We are partnering with Matthew 25 Ministries to help communities devastated by catastrophic flash flooding across parts of Central Texas. To donate, go to m25m.org or scan the QR code.



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THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 20, 2025 at 8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Hallie Yarbrough, violin
Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #88** _____ *Maker, in Whom We Live*

***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

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

***HYMN #454** _____ *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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THE OFFERTORY _____ Hallie Yarbrough, violin
Hunt Neely, organist

*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 _____ Mark 10:13-16

THE ANTHEM _____ Larson
Nearer, Still Nearer
The Chancel Choir

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

HEROES OF FAITH
Children

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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***HYMN #560** _____ *Help Us Accept Each Other*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE _____ Hunt Neely, organist

*Those who are able please stand

TODAY

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - Today we will bless the shawls created by our Prayer Shawl Ministry during our worship services. These handmade shawls are a symbol of comfort, care, and prayer for those in need. If you are interested in being part of this meaningful ministry, please contact Sammie Vining 318-366-8561.

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FOR KIDS

SWIM PARTY (1ST, 2ND, & 3RD GRADE) Wednesday, July 23 from 4 to 6pm at Pastor Brian’s house. Contact Jackie Kitchingham for more info.

KAYAK & BURGER NIGHT @ THE WESLEY WITH RISE YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE) - Wednesday, July 23, 5-7pm. Burgers, chips, & drinks provided. Kayaking & swimming on Bayou Desiard & devotion by Mr. Alan Johnson.

GRANDPARENT & GRANDCHILDREN MOVIE DAY is Tuesday, July 29, at 10:15am at the Dixie Theater in Ruston to watch a free showing of Monsters, Inc. (G) with one complimentary drink and popcorn included for each attendee! Join us for lunch afterwards!

WATERSLIDES & WORSHIP! All are invited, Sunday, August 3 at 5:30pm for supper, waterslides, and worship on the bayou.

GENEVA CASTLE SCHOLARSHIP FALL 2025 - Applications and spring grades must be submitted by Monday, August 4. A new application must be submitted each semester in order to be considered. Applications available at the church office.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS - Sunday, August 10. Students, bring your backpacks with you!

J-FORCE - CHILDREN’S MUSIC MINISTRY (1st-5th grade) begins Sept 3. Join us Wednesdays after school from 3:15-5:15pm! School pickup is available for Lexington and Sallie Humble. firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE

FOR BIG KIDS

BE MORE FIT is Wednesday, July 30 at 9am in the Fellowship Hall where we'll be doing empowering movements for women. This is an additional class to our Be Fit exercise ministry at 10am on Mon. & Wed. Women of all ages are invited to participate!

BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS/SCHOOL STAFF - Sunday, August 3. We love our teachers and want to support their school year. Join us in praying for them.

MEN’S REDEEMED RETREAT - August, 8-10. Registration is open. Go to firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats.

NEXT STEPS - Are you looking for ways to take a next step in the life of our church? Plan to attend our Next Steps Class Sunday, August 24 at 10:10am in the Parlor!

ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL with Pastor Brian Mercer and Pastor John O’Leary. August 25-27 from 10:30am - 1pm. 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF - September 3 at 5pm.

CHARIS WOMEN’S RETREAT - September 18-20. Whether you are looking to begin your walk with God or want to revive your spirit, we would love for you to spend a couple of days with us! firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats.

THE NARROW ROAD 5K/10K - Saturday, September 27.