


**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](mailto:info@firstmethodistmonroe.com) or call the church office 318-325-7335.

**GIVE**  Text "GIVE" to 318-217-8383, go to [FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE](http://FIRSTMETHODISTMONROE.COM/GIVE), or Scan the QR code

**WEB** Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**  
[firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch](http://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

JOHN O'LEARY Executive Pastor



- Born in Winter Park, Florida
- Graduated from Edmond Oklahoma High School & Northeastern State University.
- Married to Ashley O'Leary for 21 years with 3 children.
- Favorite Candy: Chewy Sweets
- Favorite Bible Verse: Ephesians 2:4-5

## 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!



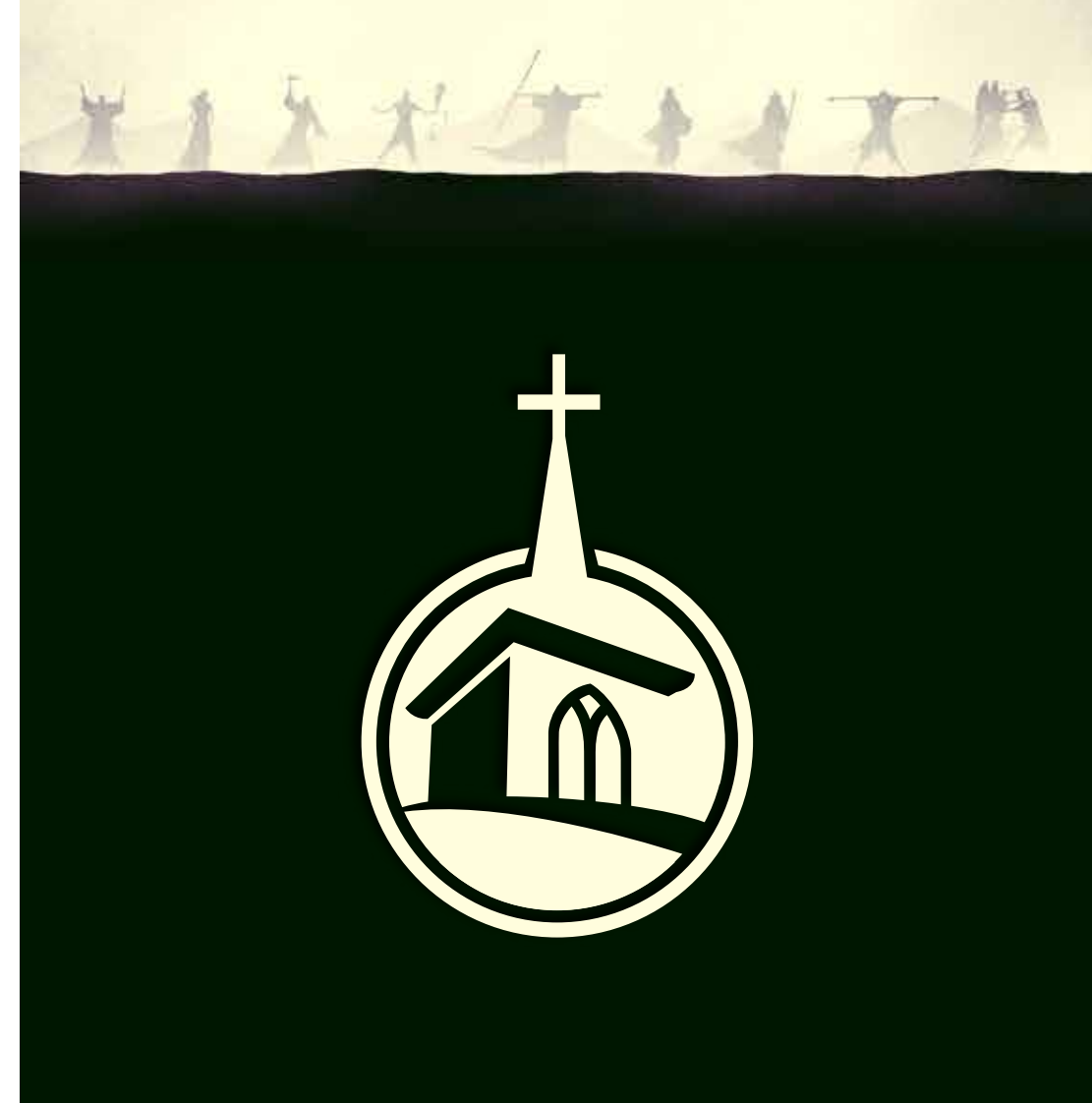
**WaterSlides & WORSHIP**  
**SUN. | AUG. 3 | 5:30PM**  
We will eat supper, have fun on waterslides, and then head over to the bayou for worship.



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THE 7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
July 27, 2025 at 8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, organist

THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

\*HYMN #98 \_\_\_\_\_ *To God Be the Glory*

\*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 #133 \_\_\_\_\_ *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text “GIVE” to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY \_\_\_\_\_ Mohr  
  
*Find Us Faithful*  
Kent Arrington, soloist  
Hunt Neely, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 16:20-34

THE ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_ John Ness Beck  
  
*Devotion*  
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer  
  
HEROES OF FAITH  
Silas

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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\*HYMN #396 \_\_\_\_\_ *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE \_\_\_\_\_ Hunt Neely, organist

\*Those who are able please stand

THIS WEEK

**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!

**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!**

NEXT MONTH

**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.

**BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO** for grandparents & grandchildren is Wednesday, August 6, at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall! To reserve a table please RSVP to [nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com](mailto:nflowers@firstmethodistmonroe.com). Prizes for children and adults of all ages, including school supplies!

**MEN’S REDEEMED RETREAT** - August, 8-10. Registration is open. Go to [firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats).

**RISE BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF & PARENT MEETING (6th-12th grade)** - Sunday, August 17. All are welcome to join us for food, worship, and powerful testimony.

**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](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com).

REGISTER & SAVE THE DATE

**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](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE)

**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](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats).

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

**MEN’S SUMMIT** - October 3-4. For the men of First Methodist.