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: @firstmethodistmonroe
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe

TV

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

RADIO

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

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS

Did you know First Methodist Monroe is home to a professional counseling practice? Licensed Professional Counselor Matt Paxton sees clients in Room 18, located at the end of the Adult Sunday School hallway. To schedule an appointment, visit paxtoncounselingmonroe.com or call 318-620-5921.

NEW STUDIES START SEPT. 9!

wednesday NIGHTS

SUPPER 5PM
STUDIES 6PM

SOMETHING NEW IS STARTING ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

LIFE GROUPS

Life Groups are a great way to build relationships, grow in your faith, and study God's Word together. This semester, all Wednesday Life Groups will be studying Galatians, with groups available for every stage of life, including:

- Young married couples (no children)
- Parents of toddlers through elementary-age children
- Parents new to raising children
- Parents with teens
- Parents that are empty nesters
- Women's Group (ages 30–50)
- Men's Group (ages 30–50)
- Adults 60+

SCAN THE QR CODE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR LIFE GROUP

Whether you're new to First Methodist or have been here for years, there's a place for you. Join us on Wednesday nights and find your community! Locations for each group are TBD.

ALSO AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS...

GRIEFSHARE - Led by Wanda Ramsey & Annette Harrison
Prayer Room | Begins at 5:30 PM | 16 weeks
GriefShare is a support group designed to bring understanding, healing, and community. Find compassionate care and practical advice through guided sessions.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Bride's Room | 5 weeks
Caring for a loved one with dementia can be both rewarding and challenging, but you don't have to do it alone. Connect with others who understand, share experiences, receive practical support, and find hope through faith and community.

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THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 9, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Mr. Hunt Neely, Organist

THE GREETING

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

***HYMN #90** _____ *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

***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 #126** _____ *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

THE OFFERTORY _____ Mr. 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 _____ Psalm 95:1-7

THE ANTHEM _____ Rutter
I Will Sing with the Spirit
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Dr. Bruce Walker(8:30)
Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer(11:00)
WORSHIP MATTERS
Singing & Glori Patria

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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

***HYMN #160** _____ *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

KINGDOM KIDS CHECK-IN - To help us provide a safe and secure environment for every child, all children ages 0 through 5th grade should be checked in before the service if they will be attending the Nursery, Kid's Church, or Sunday School. Check-in stations are located at all three main entrances. **Parents, please keep your cell phone with you during the worship service. If your child needs you, our nursery or children's ministry team will contact you.**

TODAY

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY! Today | All worship services

- **STUDENTS** of all ages are invited to take part in our Blessing of the Backpacks during each worship service. Please bring your backpack and place it at the front altar before the service begins. A special bag tag will be placed on your backpack as a reminder that you are loved, supported, and prayed for all year long!
- **TEACHERS & SCHOOL STAFF** we have a special gift for you. Make sure you pick one up right outside the worship service.

PROMOTION SUNDAY - Kingdom Kids will promote to their new Sunday school class today.

AUGUST

NURSERY RELAUNCH
Our nursery is under new direction. The nursery staff is in the process of collecting updated information and improving the nursery experience for our youngest members and their families. Stop by, say hello and see the awesome work they are doing. If you would like to be a part of our nursery staff please contact Jackie Kitchingham at 318-614-3931.

KINGDOM KIDS TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED
We are looking for caring, enthusiastic individuals to help with our Wednesday night Kingdom Kids program. Whether you enjoy leading activities, assisting with small groups, or simply being a positive presence, we'd love to have you on the team. If you're interested in serving or would like more information, please contact Jackie Kitchingham at 318-614-3931.

BACK TO SCHOOL FISH FRY
Sunday, August 16 | 4–6PM | Foundry Campus (143 Church St., Sterlington)
Kick off the new school year with an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious fish fry, cheer on your favorite desserts in our First Annual Bake-Off, and let the kids cool off on the waterslides. Bring your family, invite your friends, as we celebrate together at our Foundry Campus (143 Church St., Sterlington). If you have a cornhole set, we'd love for you to bring it along and set it up for everyone to enjoy! Interested in participating in the Bake-Off? Contact Blake Marchbank at 318-557-3416 to sign up.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - Sunday, August 23 | 10:10 AM | K2 Room
For anyone that volunteers with or is considering volunteering with kids or youth.

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

MOMS IN PRAYER: BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENT
Saturday, September 26 | 10:00 AM - Noon | Fellowship Hall
Have you ever been curious about what a Moms in Prayer gathering is like? As a new school year begins, join us as we pray for our children, their schools, and those who serve them.