


**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, The CW & KNOE.com  
Sundays **11AM** **RADIO** KMLB 540AM  
Sundays **8:30AM**

**ADULT VBS!**  
**FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**  
**AUGUST 25-27 | 10:30AM-1PM** 

Come enjoy three days of learning, laughter, and fellowship at Adult VBS! Dive into the Fruit of the Spirit with insightful teaching from Pastor Brian and Pastor John. Lunch will be provided each day. Register by check or at [firstmethodistmonroe.com](http://firstmethodistmonroe.com).  
**Registration deadline is Monday, August 18**



**TODAY!**

**BETWEEN SERVICES IN THE MAIN HALL**

**Looking to grow in your faith and connect with others in a smaller group setting?** Join us for our Sunday School Fair! Explore the variety of Sunday School classes we offer, meet class leaders, and find the group that's the perfect fit for you. Whether you're new or looking for a fresh start, there's a place for everyone!

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## THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 10, 2025 at 8:30am & 11:00am

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

### THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

**\*HYMN #57** \_\_\_\_\_ *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**\*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 #368** \_\_\_\_\_ *My Hope Is Built*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text “GIVE” to 318-217-8383)

### THE OFFERTORY \_\_\_\_\_ Kaiser

*O How He Loves You and Me*  
Delora Walker, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Romans 10

### THE ANTHEM \_\_\_\_\_ arr. Courtney

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
The Chancel Choir

### THE MESSAGE \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer

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### INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text “JOIN” to 318-217-8383)

**\*HYMN #547** \_\_\_\_\_ *O Church of God, United*

### \*BENEDICTION

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

\*Those who are able please stand

### NEW KINGDOM KIDS CHECK-IN

- For all children ages 0-5th grade
- Check-in stations are at all three main entrances
- Please check in before the service if your child is going to: Nursery, Kid’s Church, or Sunday School

### TODAY

#### TODAY IS BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

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!

### THIS MONTH

#### RISE YOUTH BACK TO SCHOOL KICKOFF & PARENT MEETING

Sunday, August 17 | 5:00 PM | For Grades 6–12

Join us as we launch the new school year with an exciting evening of food, worship, and a powerful testimony! All students (6th–12th grade) and their families are invited to come connect, be inspired, and learn more about what’s ahead for our RISE Student Ministry. Parents, we’ll also have a brief meeting to share important info for the year.

#### BE MORE FIT: END-OF-SUMMER WATER AEROBICS CLASS

Wednesday, August 20 | 8:30 AM | Location: 3707 Deborah Drive

Wrap up the summer with a splash! Join us for a special water aerobics class—a fun, full-body workout that might just become your new favorite way to stay active. Wear your swimsuit and don’t forget a towel! This is a bonus session from our Be More Fit ministry, which meets weekly on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Men and women of all ages are welcome. Come move with us and bring a friend!

#### NEXT STEPS CLASS

Sunday, August 24 | 10:10 AM | Parlor

Are you looking to get more connected or take the next step in your faith journey? Join us for our Next Steps Class to learn more about the life of our church and how you can get involved. Whether you're new or simply ready for something more, this is the perfect place to start!

### SAVE THE DATE

#### J-FORCE CHILDREN’S MUSIC MINISTRY (1ST-5TH GRADE)

Kicks off Wednesday, September 3 | Wednesdays | 3:15–5:15 PM  
Register at: [firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE](https://firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE)

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICKOFF

Wednesday, September 3 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

#### MARRIAGE REFRESH CONFERENCE

Saturday, September 6 | 12:00–4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

#### CHARIS WOMEN’S RETREAT - September 18–20 | Camp Caney

Register at: [firstmethodistmonroe.com/RETREATS](https://firstmethodistmonroe.com/RETREATS)

#### THE NARROW ROAD 5K/10K

Saturday, September 27 | First Methodist Monroe  
Register at: [firstmethodistmonroe.com](https://firstmethodistmonroe.com)

#### FIRST METHODIST MEN’S SUMMIT - October 3–4 | OWL Center