


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](https://firstmethodistmonroe.com/GIVE), or Scan the QR code

WEB Sundays at **9AM & 11AM**
firstmethodistmonroe.com/watch,
Facebook: @methodistmonroe
YouTube: @firstmethodistmonroe

TV ABC KAQY, The CW & KNOE.com
Sundays **11AM**

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

TODAY!

BLOOD DRIVE

8:30AM TIL 12:30PM

Look for the Lifeshare bus in the circle drive.

Blood drive appointments can be made ahead of time by scanning the QR code.



 **wednesday**
NIGHT KICKOFF

SEPT. 3 | 5PM | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Join us as we launch a new season of Wednesday nights with an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! Come enjoy a meal together and learn about all the **NEW** Wednesday night studies.

WED. FALL STUDIES BEGIN SEPT. 10

GREAT CHAPTERS

Romans 8 "Climbing to a Place of Confident Faith"
Led by Carlos & Marty Somoza
• Room 6

GRIEF SHARE

Led by Annette Harrison Davis & Wanda Ramsey
• Prayer Room

MARRIAGE STUDY

Led by Enrique & Alex Magaña
• Room 17

MOMS WITH LITTLES

Led by Savannah Smith
• Room 24A

MEN'S STUDY

"Galatians: The Path to Freedom"
Led by Mitch Reppond
• Room 21

NUTRITION STUDY - CREATED TO THRIVE

Led by Pastor Craig Ferguson & Andi Holyfield
• Room 12

PASTOR'S STUDY

A Study of Thessalonians - Led by Pastor Brian Mercer
• Room 19

WELCOME TO ADULthood

Young Adult Bible Study
Led by Mackenzie Miller and Case Roark
• Library

WOMEN'S STUDY

"Dwell on These Things" by Natalie Abbott and Vera Schmitz
Led by Ashley O'Leary & Kasey Witherington
• Garden Room



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THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 24, 2025 at 8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE *Après un Rêve* Faure
Daniel Kennedy, Horn
Joey Gardunio, accompanist

THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

*HYMN #60 *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

*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 #378 *Amazing Graces*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text “GIVE” to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY *Siciliano* Bach
Daniel Kennedy, Horn
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 James 1:2-4

THE ANTHEM *Blessings* arr. Sorenson
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer
HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD
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INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

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*HYMN #474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*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

BE PART OF OUR BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - As we prepare to celebrate our church’s 200th anniversary next year, we’re collecting memories from our members. Were you part of the church downtown? Do you remember milestones like the pipe organ purchase or the construction of our current building? We’d love to hear from you! Contact the church office, Alice Prophit, or Beth Cornelison to share your story.

TODAY

NEXT STEPS CLASS - TODAY | 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!

NEXT MONTH

J-FORCE Children’s Music Ministry (1st-5th Grade)
Kicks off September 3 | Wednesdays | 3:15-5:15 PM
Kids in 1st-5th grade are invited to join us every Wednesday after school. School pickup is available for Lexington and Sallie Humble students. Sign up and get all the details at: firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE

MARRIAGE REFRESH CONFERENCE
Saturday, September 6 | 12:00-4:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Strengthen your connection and invest in your relationship at our Marriage Refresh Conference! Join us for an afternoon of encouragement featuring a guest speaker, worship, lunch, and free childcare. Whether you're newly-weds or longtime partners, this is a great opportunity to grow together. Register at: firstmethodistmonroe.com

LUNCH & LEARN: Taste of Hope - Tuesday, September 16 | 11:00 AM
West Monroe Sports & Event Center - 875 Constitution Drive
Join us for the Salvation Army’s Taste of Hope event, where we’ll enjoy delicious bites from our favorite local restaurants while supporting their mission to serve those in need. \$50 per seat – RSVP to Nannette Flowers with a check payable to First Methodist Monroe to reserve your spot at our reserved table!

"FAITH OF OUR FOUNDING FATHERS"- Discover Our American Heritage
Tuesday, September 16 | 5:30 PM | Room 6
Slide presentation sharing details about an upcoming faith-based journey to Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Monticello, and Washington, D.C., hap-pening June 19-26, 2026. Don’t miss this chance to combine history, travel, and faith! Visit: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1369701> for more information or to register,

CHARIS WOMEN’S RETREAT - September 18-20 | Camp Caney
Whether you’re just beginning your walk with God or seeking to renew your spirit, the Charis Women’s Retreat is the perfect place to pause, reflect, and reconnect. We’d love for you to spend a few meaningful days with us in community and faith. Register at: firstmethodistmonroe.com/retreats

THE NARROW ROAD 5K/10K
Saturday, September 27 | First Methodist Monroe
Lace up your running shoes and join us for The Narrow Road 5K/10K! Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to get active, this event is for you. Register at: firstmethodistmonroe.com

SAVE THE DATE



FIRST METHODIST MEN’S SUMMIT - Oct. 3-4 | OWL Center
All men of First Methodist are invited to come together for a powerful time of fellowship, encouragement, and spiritual growth. The Men’s Summit is a chance to connect, reflect, and strengthen your walk with God alongside other men as we seek to Become People of Christ.