

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

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



BRIAN MERCER
Senior Pastor

- Born in Mangham, LA
- Graduated from Mangham High, LSU, & Asbury.
- Married to Shelley Mercer for almost 28 years with 3 children.
- Favorite Candy: Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
- Favorite Bible Verse: John 10:10 & Hebrews 12:1-3

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

ATTENTION FAITH FAMILY!!



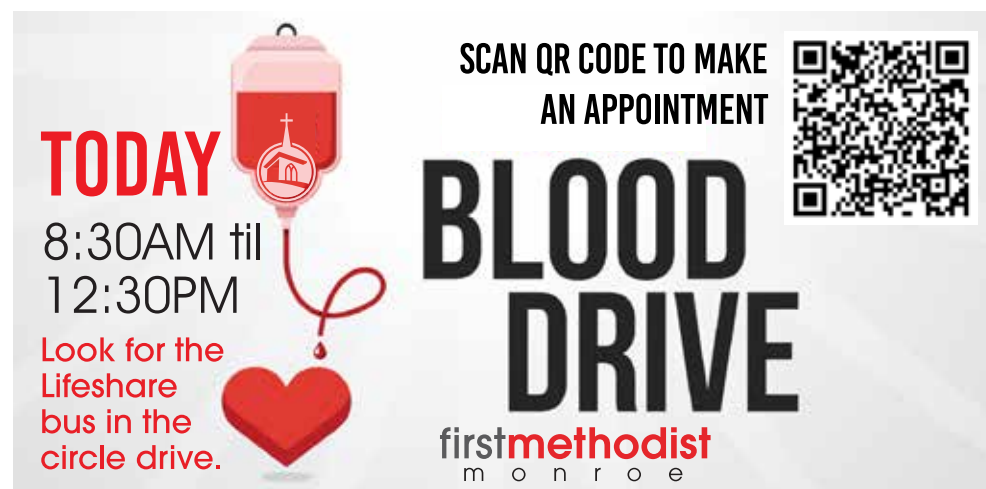
TODAY! 10:10AM
IN THE PARLOR



SEPTEMBER 26 | 10AM-NOON

FIRST METHODIST MONROE FELLOWSHIP HALL

ALL MOMS ARE INVITED to come pray together as we begin a new school year. Join us as we lift up our children, their schools, teachers, administrators, and all who serve them. Light refreshments & drinks will be served. This event is free but we ask that you please register ahead of time by scanning the QR code.



TODAY

8:30AM til
12:30PM

Look for the
Lifeshare
bus in the
circle drive.

SCAN QR CODE TO MAKE
AN APPOINTMENT

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THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2026
8:30am & 11:00am

PRELUDE _____ Mr. Joey Gardunio, Associate Organist

THE GREETING

(Text “HERE” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #384** _____ *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

***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 #277** _____ *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

(Text “GIVE” to 318-217-8383)

THE OFFERTORY _____ Mrs. Marcy Hall, Harp

*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 _____ Sleeth
How Will They Know
The Chancel Choir

THE MESSAGE _____ Rev. Dr. Brian Mercer
Living and Leaving Our Legacy
“Bringing the Children to Jesus”

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT

(Text “JOIN” to 318-217-8383)

***HYMN #413** _____ *A Charge to Keep I Have*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able please stand.

EVERY WEEK

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!
Supper at 5:00 PM | Studies at 6:00 PM | Menu: Tacos
Cost: \$7 adults | \$5 children (ages 3–10) | \$24 family max
Stay in the loop! Sign up for Wednesday Night Supper texts to see the menu
and make reservations. Text “MEAL” to 318-217-8383.

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A LIFE GROUP! Scan the QR code
or contact Craig Ferguson at Craig@firstmethodistmonroe.com.



J-FORCE - CHILDREN’S MUSIC MINISTRY
Wednesdays | 3:00 - 5:00 PM | 1st-5th grade
School pickup is available for Lexington and Sallie Humble. Register at
firstmethodistmonroe.com/JFORCE

RISE YOUTH - Sundays & Wednesdays | 5-7 PM | 6th-12th grade
We’ll share dinner, enjoy fun games and competition, and grow together
through small groups and worship. For more info contact our Youth Pastor
Emery Johnson - Emery@firstmethodistmonroe.com

STILLWATER YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - Tuesdays | 7:00 PM
Stillwater is a weekly gathering for college students and young adults to slow
down, build real community, and grow in faith together. Join us Tuesday nights
for space to breathe, connect, pray, and be reminded that you do not have
to follow Jesus alone. For more information, text our Young Adult Pastor
Nathan McClain at 318-348-6494.

TODAY

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - TODAY | Noon | Room 6
For anyone who serves with children or youth in the church. Lunch provided.

THIS MONTH

RISE YOUTH STOCK INVESTOR’S SUPPER
Sunday, September 27 | 5:30 PM | Upstair Youth Area
For those who invested in our youth financially. The youth will serve dinner and
share their experiences.

LUNCH AND LISTEN “BROWN BAG CONCERT”
Wednesday, September 30 | Noon | Gazebo behind the West Monroe Farm-
er’s Market, 1800 N 7th Street. Bring a brown bag lunch or treat yourself to a \$6
box lunch with tea on site from Newk’s Eatery.

NEXT MONTH

BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION - Sunday, October 4 | 5:00 PM
Come celebrate with worship, food, and fellowship. It will be a joyful time to
remember where we have been, celebrate who we are, and look with hope
toward all God still has in store.

FOUNDRY TRUNK N’ TREAT - Sunday, October 18 | 5PM | Foundry Campus
If you would like to participate with a decorated trunk, please contact Blake
Marchbank at blake@firstmethodistmonroe.com.

FALL FESTIVAL & CHILI COOKOFF
Sunday, October 25 | 4:00 PM Fun & Games | 5:00 PM Chili Cookoff

NEWCOMER LUNCH - Sunday, November 1 | Noon | Garden Room
If you are new to First Methodist Monroe and would like to meet some other
new folks we would love for you to join us.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S - Saturday, November 7 | 9:00 AM | ULM Grove
Join our First Methodist Monroe team for a one-mile walk in support of those
experiencing dementia! See Nannette Flowers for a registration form.