

SUNDAYS AT FIRST OZARK UMC

In-person Sunday morning services

8:30 a.m. - Sanctuary (Traditional)

9:00 a.m. - Family Life Center and Facebook & YouTube Live (Contemporary)

11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary and 104.9 FM. (Traditional)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

04-02-23: 300

04-09-23: 314

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

04-02-23: 95

04-09-23: 86

Total Online Worship Reach

04-02-23: 261

04-09-23: 263

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167 E. Broad St., Ozark, AL 36360-0583

April 14 - April 27, 2023

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The Great Fifty-Day Challenge



First Ozark UMC is setting the goal to add 50 new members during the 50 days of Easter! **The Great 50-Day Challenge** is a UMC movement to bring back Easter practices of abundant life and especially the making of new disciples of Jesus Christ.

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Prayer Concerns

Jan Fuqua, Rhonda Kale, the Chapman family, Oliver Kingsley, Lonnell Matthews, Jack DeLoney, Kevin Killpack, Anne Butler, Betty Gilland, Martha Overstreet, Larry Pittman, Sherryl Baggett, Elaine Potts, Judge Ben McLauchlin, Joe and Dot Adams, Evan Renfro, Lou Hennies, Jennifer Kirkland, David Ethridge, John McGee, Ethan and Jason Gentry, Aaron Andrews, Dr. Charles Smith, Roger Haburey, Bethene and Earl Childree, Debbie Powell, Joyce Esslinger, Charlotte Lisenby, Jan Foshee, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Charlie Breedlove, Betty Borer, Beverly Raley, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Helen Parsons, Martha Dan Thompson, Sam Keys

Nursing Home Residents: Hazel Sessions, Virginia Hess, Carroll Skinner

Assisted Living Residents: Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

Sound System Volunteers

We are in need of a volunteer (or volunteers) who would be willing to operate our sound board for the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. traditional service. If you would like to learn more about sound-board operation, or if you would like to volunteer to run the board, please contact Nash in the office or Jim Boynton via phone at **334-477-3035** or via email, **cementjungle@yahoo.com**

Praying with the Pastors

We are in need of volunteers to join the "Praying with the Pastors" committee. If you would like more information or to find out how to join, please contact Charlie Harper at 334-774-2872 or 334-618-3497.

Top Floor Youth Flag Fundraiser

The Top Floor Youth flag fundraiser began on Monday, April 10. Order forms will be included in today's worship bulletin through May 21. The fundraiser will conclude on Monday, May 22.

Canned Food Collection

Reminder! Sunday School classes are collecting canned goods for the Mary Hill Family Service Center.

CLC and Finance Meetings

The CLC Board will meet in the Library at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 on Monday, April 24.

Fourth Thursday Outreach

We invite you to join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 27, to eat and then reach out to the community following our meal. We are grateful to the Seekers Sunday School class for partnering in this month's outreach night.

Gifts Received

for the week of:

03/19/23: \$7,161

03/26/23: \$11,110

Year-to-Date Review

(As of February 2023)

Total Revenue: \$81,237.09

Total Expense: \$66,825.91

Net Income: \$14,411.18



Souper Day

We encourage you to bring soups, meats, casseroles, side dishes, and vegetables and place them in the freezer. You may also bring fresh fruit and individually wrapped snacks. Deliverers are needed as well! There is also a need to replenish the freezer and pantry. Packing and delivery take place on the first and third Tuesday. The next Souper Day meeting will be **April 18**. Thank you!

-The Souper Day Team

Rising Postage Cost Notice

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are beginning to send more reminders about meetings, events, and additional church business via email.

Flower Guild Vases

The Flower Guild's vase inventory is currently running low. If you are in possession of one of these vases, we ask that you please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of First Ozark UMC will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 16, in Room 228. We will begin working on answering three questions: Where are we now, where are we going, and how do we get there?

Scholarship Applications

Church scholarship applications are available in the office. You may pick up a physical copy or have a digital version emailed to you. Please fill out and return to the office by **Monday, July 10**. If you have any questions, please contact Melena in the church office.

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Sharron Sullivan by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLaughlin

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Sharron Sullivan and Chris Harris by Mrs. Susan Wright

Sharron Sullivan by Judy Mobley

Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson

Vivian B. Adams Fund in Memory of:

Sara Carroll and Trawick Garner by Mr. & Mrs. Don Switzer

Honorariums

Billy Gaither Sunday School Class Fund in Honor of:

Billy Gaither by Mr. Dan Sowell

Billy Gaither by Mr. & Mrs. Rob Enyeart

Billy Gaither by the Kells Carroll Sunday School Class

CLC Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Billy Gaither's birthday by Judy Mobley

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Billy Gaither's 90th birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

Billy Gaither by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Billy Gaither by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hodges

Martha Lewis, Debra Tew, Lynn Carrington, Tina Harper, Susan Cox and Margie McGahagin by the Susanne Johnson Circle

Meditation Garden Fund in Honor of:

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Moore

UMCOR Fund in Honor of:

Sally Nelson's birthday by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

General Fund in Honor of:

Sally Nelson's 102nd birthday, Taylor Carlile, Heather Cohen, Brandon & Callie Ganey, John Weeks, Melissa Gardner and Jacki Outlaw by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Thank You

We want to thank the members of the church for their many acts of kindness shown to us through their prayers, phone calls, donations, cards, letters, visits, food, and personal conversations, upon the loss of Chris Harris. All of this thoughtfulness has helped to sustain us as we move forward knowing Chris is home with her family and friends in Heaven. We are grateful and blessed by your graciousness.

The Skip Harris Family

Thanks go to Martha Lewis for making the Palm Sunday crosses! We appreciate her service in producing them!



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Ushers and Greeters (April)

8:30: Earl Hyers, Bob Bunting

9:00: Jeff and Dee Hodges, Ed Woodie

11:00: Charlie Harper, Billy Blackwell

Men's Breakfast

The United Methodist Men's Breakfast is Sunday, April 16, at 7:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231.

Upcoming Pickleball Tournament Information

Sign up for the First Ozark UMC Pickleball Tournament on Thursday, April 27. Warm-ups will begin at 5:00 p.m., and matches will begin at 6:00 p.m. The entry fee is \$20.00 per player and guarantees three matches. The location of the tournament is the Indoor Pickleball facility located in the Piggly Wiggly complex. Proceeds will benefit the Kingsley Christian Learning Center. For more information, email Les Perault at lesperault@yahoo.com. To submit your entry fee, mail your check to First Ozark UMC, 167 East Broad St., Ozark, AL 36360. Please make checks payable to First Ozark UMC. On the memo line, please write: Pickleball/ Kingsley CLC.

Children's Sunday

Sunday, April 30, will be Children's Sunday at the NOW@9 worship service at First Ozark UMC! A lunch (salad and sandwiches) and dessert auction fundraiser will be held at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. Proceeds from the luncheon will go toward expenses for the trip to Blue Lake Camp that is scheduled for this summer!

Birthdays

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4/15: Chloe Thompson

4/16: Donna Enyeart, Caraline Hughins

4/17: Wilton Segers, Pate Smith

4/18: Gail Bankston, Landra Siegfried, Delaney Sumlar, Jackson Sneed, Jason DiFilippo

4/19: Berta Blackwell, Mary Tyler Cluck

4/20: Jim Land

4/21: Derek Hamilton

4/22: Shirley Cantley, Ashley Moates

4/23: Woody Hilboldt, Dick Jordan, Barbara Pittman, Gabe Lopez, Laura Thornton

4/24: Phillip Adams, Samantha Adams

4/25: Stella DiFilippo

4/26: Janet Mathison

4/27: Pat Walker, Olivia-Grace Harper

Counting Teams

04/16: Team 3

04/23: Team 4

Evening Chapel Schedule

04/16: Evening Worship (Chapel - 5:00 p.m.)

04/23: Evening Worship (Chapel - 5:00 p.m.)

Ministry Minute: Tuesday and Thursday mornings - around 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Preview: Friday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

(Can be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel—listed below)



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx4L_RyYwXIG_imByqKuW-A/videos

