

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)



FIRST MESSENGER

OZARK

April 28 - May 11, 2023

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²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22



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

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

04-16-23: 203

04-23-23: 133

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

04-16-23: 99

04-23-23: 59

Total Online Worship Reach

04-16-23: 204

04-23-23: 185

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Word from the Pastors

We are incredibly grateful for your service to Christ through your membership in First Ozark United Methodist Church. As you are aware, our church has been impacted by the challenges facing the United Methodist Church denomination. Recently, First Ozark's Administrative Board voted not to enter formal discernment concerning whether or not to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The result of the vote means First Ozark UMC will remain a United Methodist Church for the unforeseeable future. There have been no changes made to the UMC Book of Discipline, and no changes can be made until the 2024 General Conference meets on April 23 - May 3, 2024. It is impossible to know what changes may be made during the conference. Following the General Conference, First Ozark's Administrative Board will review the outcome and implications that could affect First Ozark UMC and its ministries.

First Ozark UMC is blessed with a long and rich legacy of serving Christ and sharing His love through service to our community. As your pastors, we appreciate your continuing faithfulness to Christ and to our church. We thank you for living into the vows you made when you joined First Ozark UMC...to pray for the church, to be present, to give of your time and resources, to serve, and to witness.

In Jesus' prayer for all believers in John 17, he prayed for the unity of his followers. As we move through this time of transition, we should demonstrate our unity in Christ as we strive to fulfill our mission: *to be an obedient community of faith, believing, praising, and loving God as revealed in Jesus Christ as we respect, encourage, and serve our neighbors.* As your pastors, we are committed to lead our church in knowing Christ and sharing Christ...knowing Christ through worship, Bible study, and discipleship and sharing Christ through local missions and outreach.

As we go forward together, let us attempt to become more intentional in our individual and collective efforts to know Christ and to share His love. Our church needs you, and our community needs you! We encourage you to please share your suggestions with us and let us know if you would like to have an active role in meeting the needs of our church.

We know with God's help, our church will have a bright future ahead as we continue to pray, worship, and reach out to our community for His honor and His glory!

We are thankful to serve Christ along with you,

Reverend Dr. Jason Thrower | Reverend Melanie Sebastian Foust

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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: Virginia Hess, Carroll Skinner

Assisted Living Residents: Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Hazel Sessions upon her passing.

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**.

Bucket Golf Tournament

A Bucket Golf fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. The location of the tournament is the grassy area of the overflow parking lot of the Family Life Center. The entry fee for this tournament is \$20.00 per person. The proceeds from this tournament will raise funds to purchase a new piece of exercise equipment that will be placed in the fitness room.

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 Foods Collection

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

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.

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! We invite you to bring a friend to join us on this special Sunday!

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 **May 2**. Thank you!

-The Souper Day Team

Thank You

Thanks go to Debra Tew, Lynn Carrington, Margie McGahagin, Tina Harper, and Susan Cox for assisting the Susanne Johnson Circle with cross-pinning on Palm Sunday!

New Members

We would like to welcome Holly and Lloyd Pickerel as members of our church family! We are glad to have you join us!

Celebration Brunch

Please join us for a celebration brunch in honor of Olivia Outlaw Irons! The brunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall on May 20, from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. She is registered at The Flower Shoppe, Amazon, and Belk.

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

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek, Jimmy Wyatt, Sara Carroll and Harry Potts by Dr. Rebecca Harvard

Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

Sara Carroll by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Jacoby

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Ellis Antoon by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Thad Morgan by Mrs. Sue Ellen Mosley

Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett

Honorariums

Billy Gaither Sunday School Class in Honor of:

Billy Gaither by Mrs. Susan Wright

CLC Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Dr. Billy Gaither by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Communion Fund in Honor of:

Bella Mitchell by Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Mitchell

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Billy Gaither's 90th birthday, Wells Garner, Hazel Sessions 103rd birthday, Justin Robinett, Caraline Hughins and Gail Bankston by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Billy Gaither by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fenn

The Choir Members and David Etheridge for the great Easter music they presented by Mrs. Becky Robinett



No Evening Worship - May 7

We will not have Evening Worship in the Chapel on Sunday, May 7, due to a special-called Annual Conference session via Zoom at 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.



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Ushers and Greeters (May)

8:30: Dick Jordan, Estus Walker
9:00: Judy Mobley, Lynn Carrington,
Jim Land, Ed Woodie
11:00: Doug Cowart, Joe W. Adams

Thank You

The church office staff would like to thank the SPRC for their kind gift and generosity extended to us for Administrative Professional's Day! We appreciate it and are very grateful!

Holy Land Presentation

At 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 30, Pastors Stephan Margeson and Melanie Sebastian Foust will share a presentation of the trip each of them took to Israel several months ago.

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

The National Day of Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, at 6:20 a.m. at Ozark Baptist Church. Tickets are \$10.00 each. Please see Les, Jason, or Melanie prior to the breakfast for tickets.

Soccer Registration

First Kids Soccer registration will take place Monday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 9, from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Birthdays

April 28 - May 11

4/28: Patty Fenn

5/4: Martha Overstreet, Allie Dunn

5/6: Ben Baker

5/7: Ray Collins

5/8: Nick Cummings

5/10: Katie Cluck

5/11: Lynn Carrington, Jill Grace Owen, Jim Boynton

Counting Teams

04/30: Team 5

05/07: Team 1

Evening Chapel Schedule

04/30: Holy Land Presentation (FLC - 5:00 p.m.)

05/07: No Evening Worship
(Annual Conference Zoom Meeting)

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

