

SUNDAYS AT FIRST OZARK UMC

**In-person Sunday morning
services**

10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary (Traditional/
Contemporary)

Facebook & YouTube Live
104.9 FM @12:00 noon

But to all who received him, who be-
lieved in his name, he gave power to
become children of God, who were
born, not of blood or of the will of the
flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:12-13

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

08-06-23: 360

08-13-23: 145

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

08-06-23: 70

08-13-23: 81

Total Online Worship Reach

08-06-23: 551

08-13-23: 219

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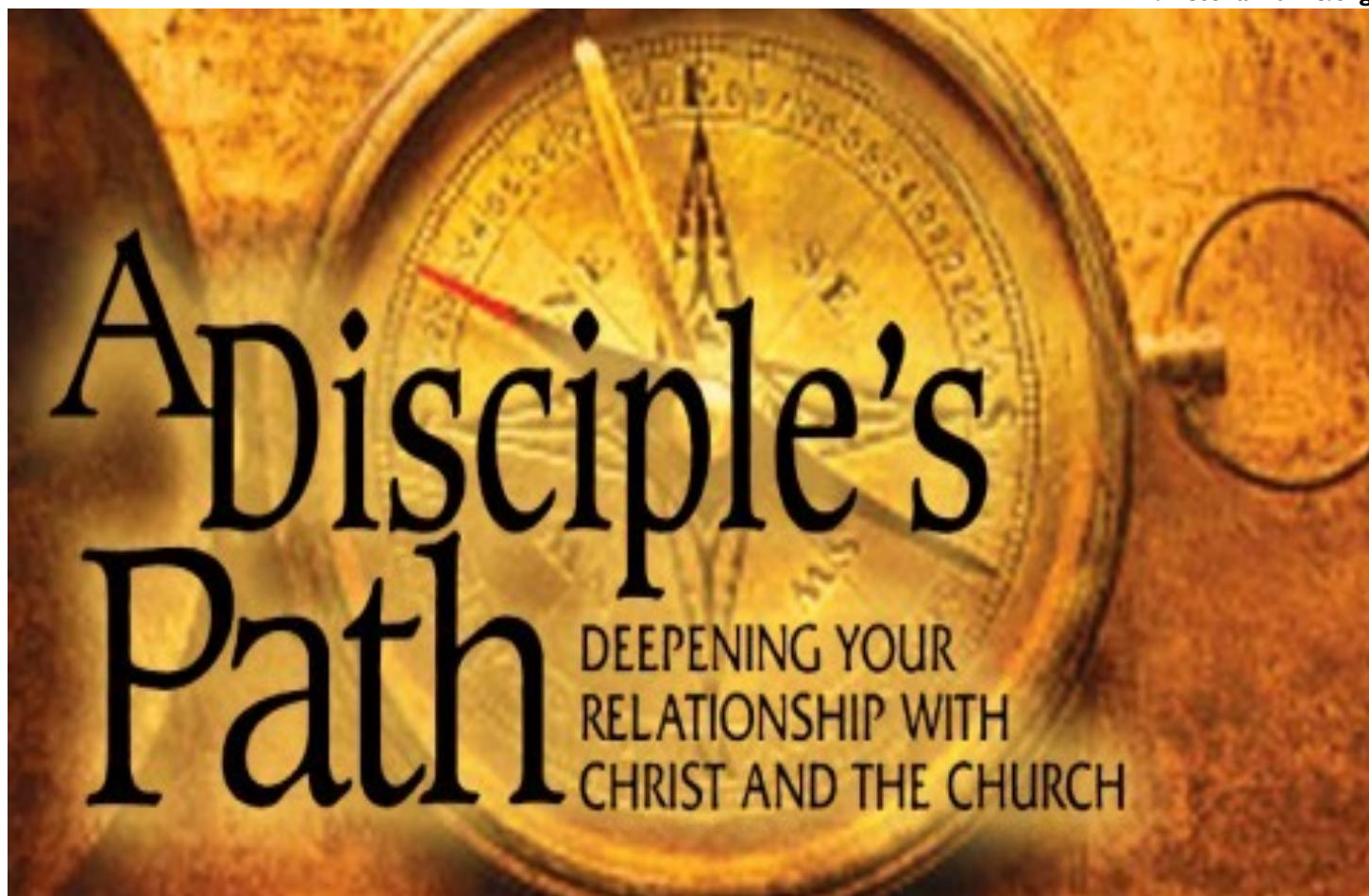


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August 18- August 31, 2023

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Prayer Concerns

Dr. Jim Pollard, Shirley Miller, Patti Williams, Lottie Brauer, Joey Thrower, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Kathyne Harper Lancaster, Jan Fuqua, Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack DeLoney, Anne Butler, Betty Gilland, Martha Overstreet, Larry Pittman, Sherryl Baggett, Judge Ben McLaughlin, Joe and Dot Adams, Evan Renfro, Jennifer Kirkland, John McGee, Ethan and Jason Gentry, Aaron Andrews, Roger Habburey, Bethene and Earl Childree, Debbie Powell, Joyce Esslinger, Charlotte Lisenby, Jan Foshee, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Charlie Breedlove, Melissa 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

Please contact the office when you wish to be removed from or added to the Prayer List.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family and friends of Earl Hyers.

Stewardship

We will be continuing our Stewardship study entitled *"A Disciple's Path,"* during Sunday school. Jason and Melanie are preaching a series on this book. This will continue through September 17, which will be Commitment Sunday. On Commitment Sunday we will bring our pledges and place them on the altar as our spiritual act of worship for our upcoming year's annual budget.

Bible Study

Please join us on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study. We will be continuing the study, *"Life Lessons from Acts,"* by Max Lucado. This series brings the Bible to life in 12 lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast will be Sunday, August 20, at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC Dining Room. Our speaker this month will be Coach Plott, the Carroll High School head football coach. Gentlemen, please join us and help us extend a warm welcome to Coach Plott.

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

There will be a meeting of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development on Thursday, August 24, at 12:00 noon at the Commercial Bank. Lunch will be provided.

Thursday Night Outreach

Our next Outreach Night will be held on Thursday, August 24, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

CLC Board and Finance Committee Meetings

On August 28, the CLC Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Library and the Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 in Room 231.

Grief Support Group

Our next Grief Support Group meeting will be on Monday, August 28, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be completing the study entitled *"Getting to the Other Side of Grief, Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse,"* by Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge, Ed.D. & Robert C. De Vries, D.Min., Ph.D.

Souper Day

Ministry Volunteers:

Our Souper Day food pantry needs to be replenished continually, and we can always use extra volunteers to help pack and deliver meals on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Additionally, if you are aware of someone who should be included in this ministry, please contact the church office.

There are three ways you can choose to serve:

- (1) Food—Bring food in single-serve containers and place in the freezer. There will be forms available for you to fill out with the name of the dish, warming directions, and your name to be attached to each of the containers. Fruit, snack items, bread, and desserts are also welcome.
- (2) Packing—Arrive at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC Kitchen to help pack bags to be delivered.
- (3) Delivery—Bags are to be delivered after they have been packed. Any help is appreciated with the delivery of the Souper Day bags.

The next Souper Day meeting will be **September 5**. Thank you for supporting the Souper Day ministry!

MANY THANKS TO MANY HELPERS

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make our Revival and luncheon such a great success! We fed a multitude, including the entire CHS football team, and we still had leftovers to share with our homebound. If you cooked, called, prayed, sang, greeted, decorated, set up, took down, packed up, cleaned up, or ate up, you are very much appreciated. That “village” we often speak of turned out in force and in faith to make this event a joyous occasion. Blessings on our many dedicated villagers at First Ozark UMC. Knowing what holds us together, let us continue to move forward in faith.

New Member

We would like to welcome Patsy Rowell as a member of our church family. We are so glad to have you join us!

Coming Soon

A joy-filled gathering of women will be held September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Look for more details to

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington by Mrs. Elaine Potts
Grady Carrington by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLaughlin
Grady Carrington by Mrs. Becky Robinett

General Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Cox
Grady Carrington by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Clouse

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington by Mrs. Susan Wright
Grady Carrington by Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Fenn
Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Rob Enyeart

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Rachel Schell by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Honorariums

General Fund in Honor of:

Paula & Terry Teeter, Betsy Green, Maggie Quinn, Frank Carroll, Rhonda Gilbert, Angel Hatcher, Nancy Gresco, Joyce Esslinger, Sara-Bethany Weir, Diane Clouse, Jan Lisenby, Mary Jane Collins, and Bill Hull by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

THANK YOU!

On behalf of the entire family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the visits, texts, phone calls, cards, food that was brought to the house, the wonderful meal that was provided after the service, the memorials, and especially the prayers, concern, and the outpouring of love and support! Words can't adequately express how much we appreciate everything that has been done for us during this time of loss. We have been deeply touched by the many kindnesses shown to us, and we are so very grateful!

With our sincere thanks and love,
The Carrington Family



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August 18- August 31, 2023

Ushers and Greeters (Aug)

10:00: Andy Lewis, Sammy Judah

Evening Chapel Schedule

08/20: Evening Worship (Chapel— 5:00 p.m.)

08/27: Evening Worship (Chapel— 5:00 p.m.)

Counting Teams

08/20: Team 1

08/27: Team 2

Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign

Great Job First Ozark UMC! This year during the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign, we raised \$1054.00!!

Online Sermons

Catch up on any sermon you might have missed or want to listen to again! Sermons from previous Sundays can be found and listened to on our website. You can also subscribe to our sermon podcast on Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, iHeart Radio, Amazon Music, or Spotify. Sermons will be posted weekly.

If you have any questions or trouble accessing the sermons, please contact Caitlyn Cummings by call or text at 334-589-0421 or by email at cailyn.r.cummings@outlook.com

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)



[facebook.com/firstozark](https://www.facebook.com/firstozark)



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

Birthdays

August 18 - August 31

8/17: Charles D. Harper, Becky Harvard

8/18: Becky Hodges

8/20: Dee Hodges, Joyce Esslinger, Benjamin Garcia

8/21: Fred Steagall

8/22: Andress Blackwell

8/23: Sara-Bethany Weir

8/25: Diane Clouse, Jan Lisenby

8/27: Vicki Sigler, Shawn Reed

8/28: Mary Jane Collins, Sara Elizabeth Matthews Hile

8/29: Jeffrey Bankston, Kenneth Thompson, Grace Mitchell

8/30: William Hull

8/31: Trey Thompson

