



# Welcome

Welcome to First Ozark United Methodist Church! We are so glad to have you today and hope that your time here is meaningful and inspiring. If you are a first-time guest, we would appreciate it if you would include your address when you sign in with our ushers or greeters so that we might provide you with further information about our church. Nursery care is available in Room 118 on the first floor for babies and toddlers from birth through three years of age. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us and will join us again next Sunday!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Online Sermons

Catch up on any sermon you might have missed or listen to it again! Sermons from previous Sundays can be found and listened to on our website, [www.firstozark.org](http://www.firstozark.org) under the "Online Sermons" section. Each Sunday's message is posted online weekly.

### Sunday Service Recording

The NOW@9 service will be broadcast via Facebook Live during the service and can be viewed during service or anytime afterward. The 11:00 a.m. traditional service will be recorded and broadcast over the radio. Video of the traditional service will be posted to Facebook or YouTube on Tuesday once post production is complete.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

The Top Floor Youth flag fundraiser began on Monday, April 5, and will conclude on Friday, May 22. Order forms will be placed in bulletins beginning next Sunday.

We would like to say congratulations to Ava Biretz, Julia Bittman, Easton Hughins, and Holton Smith upon their recent confirmation! Confirmation recognition was held on April 4 at the NOW@9 worship service and April 11 at the 11:00 a.m. traditional service.

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring Taylor Adams on Sunday, **April 25**, from **1:00 - 2:30 p.m.**

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231.

The Building Committee will meet in Room 231 on Thursday, April 22, at 6:00 p.m.

The CLC Board and Finance Committee will meet on Monday, April 26. The CLC Board will meet in Room 231 at 5:00 p.m., and the Finance Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Huntingdon Leadership Academy (HLA) is a summer camp for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are discerning a call to ministry or faith-based leadership. This will be an online, virtual summer camp experience. The 2021 camp dates are June 28 - June 30. The deadline to register is **May 1** and the fee is \$25.00. To register, visit [www.huntingdon.edu/HLA](http://www.huntingdon.edu/HLA).

### Birthday Thank You

Sally Nelson wants to say "thank you" to all who sent birthday wishes, food, and gifts, and attended her drive-by birthday party. She wants you to know that she loves you all!



## PRAYER CONCERNS

Lindsey, Joshua, and Caleb Lyon, Family of Lynn Hayes, Nancy Peat, Bethene and Earl Childree, Glen Hazenfield, John Holman, Frank Estes and family, Martha Dan Thompson, Jason Russell, Debbie Powell, Joe and Dot Adams, Joyce Esslinger, Charlotte Lisenby, Jan Foshee, Sarah Nead, Barbara Terrell, Megan and Ruby James DiFilippo, Betty Smith, Kathyne Harper Lancaster, Rosa and Henry Scott, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Rosemary Jenison, Charlie Breedlove, Sam Keys, David Johnson, Connie Rheam, Kaye Coats, Betty Borer, Barbara (McLaughlin) Neal, Cara Perault, Larry Russell, Stan Smith, Beverly Raley, Janis Gibson, Roberta Segers, Susan Sowell, Carol Heath, Helen Parsons, Patti Williams, Jane Taylor, Ozark PD, The City of Ozark.

**Nursing Home Residents:** Ruth Arehart, Jamie Tilley, Hazel Sessions, Monza' Wilson, Virginia Hess

**Assisted Living Resident:** Suzy Harris

### Counting Teams

**04-18:** Team 1 | **04-25:** Team 2 | **05-02:** Team 3 | **05-09:** Team 4

### Evening Worship

Evening Worship is tonight at 5:00 p.m.

### Traditional Service Ushers (April)

**8:30** - Allen Buchanan, Rachel Hood, Estus Walker

**11:00** - Ben Baker, Charlie Harper, Jimmy Wyatt, Larry Chapman

### Acolyte Orientation

Acolyte orientation will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 25, during the Sunday School hour.

### National Day of Prayer Breakfast

There will be a National Day of Prayer breakfast held in the Ozark Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 6, from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. The cost of breakfast is \$8.00.

### Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are now available in the church office. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, July 12.

### Wednesday Noon Bible Study

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and continue the *Parables of Jesus* study. This week's text is Luke 18:1-8.

In order to adhere to social distancing guidelines, please exit the worship space in a manner to best ensure the safety of others. The ministers will not be at the door to greet at the conclusion of the service. However, they are available if you need them via phone or in the office. Please take your bulletins with you as you leave. Thank you!

### CONNECT WITH US

Like and follow us on **Facebook** at [www.facebook.com/firstozark](http://www.facebook.com/firstozark) and **YouTube** by searching and subscribing to our channel titled "First Ozark United Methodist Church" for posted videos throughout the week.

**Instagram** - @Firstozarkumc | **Listen via radio:** WOAB 104.9FM  
Text "**church**" to **877-755-1682** to receive messages about dates, times, events, and more within the life of the church.



## FIRST OZARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



April 18, 2021

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*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.

# NOW@9 Contemporary Order of Worship

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 18, 2021**

**Worship Leader:** Mr. Dale Moates

**\*Gathering Song** "Victory In Jesus"

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Word from CLC Director** Britney Johnson

**Centering Prayer**

**\*Song of Praise** "That's Why We Praise Him"

**\*Song of Praise** "Majesty"

**Children's Moment** CLC Students

**CLC Building Update** Frank Estes

**Offering**

**Song of Preparation**

**Scripture** Hebrews 2:10-18 See middle-top

**Homily** "Children of God"

**Sending Song** CLC Students

**\*Benediction/Blessing** CLC Students

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**Brunch will take place in the back of the Family Life Center following the service.**

## Scripture for NOW@9 Combined Service

<sup>10</sup>In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. <sup>11</sup>Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." <sup>13</sup>And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." <sup>14</sup>Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil— <sup>15</sup>and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. <sup>16</sup>For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. <sup>17</sup>For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Building Committee of our church has been back at work since our relaxation of our COVID requirement to discontinue all in-person church meetings. We are continuing our efforts to review the building and capital needs for our church. Our initial plans for remodeling the Hagler Building and ultimately remodeling our office area and the older part of the education building have changed somewhat. While both projects are part of the long-range plan of our church, the committee felt that our immediate need is to complete the remodeling and expansion of the Hagler Building for use as our Christian Learning Center. Our current CLC area is reaching a level of demand that requires more space, especially for infants and toddlers. At present we have more than 50 children on our waiting list. As you can see, this need in our community is great, and our church has made a commitment for this be a part of our ministry to Ozark and Dale County. Our current staff is doing a wonderful job and creating a loving and Christian environment of which we can all be proud. Finally, CLC is also doing very well in meeting the day-to-day costs of operations.

Poly, Inc., of Dothan has been providing us preliminary drawings of what we might need for this expanded operation, and our committee has been very satisfied with their results. This remodeled building will be a complement to our church campus, and we will be bringing these drawings to our church members in the near future for your review.

We have a **Building Fund** established in the church office, and we ask that our membership consider making donations, honorariums, and memorials to help with some of the preliminary costs before we conduct a capital fund drive, which will be organized and begun sometime within the coming months. Please be in **prayer** for our Building Committee, our Finance Committee, and the Trustees, as they provide **guidance, vision, and approval** for this important endeavor of our church.

Frank Garrett  
Building Committee Chairman



The Christian Learning Center is an outreach ministry of First Ozark. Its mission is to provide a safe and nurturing environment for little ones, promoting the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive development of children. With a focus on Christian teaching, the CLC provides developmentally appropriate activities while utilizing the Abeka

curriculum (an academic resource based on biblical principles).

Program objectives are to help each child:

- Experience God's love through the love of teachers and staff
- Feel his/her self-worth as a child of God
- Become prepared for the next stage of development
- Reach his/her potential in a safe, supportive, nurturing environment
- Learn to work together in a fair and caring way
- Begin the process of becoming independent as well as accepting of guidance
- Become aware of the beautiful world God has created
- Learn to follow directions and listen
- Express him/herself through music, art, and play

## ACTIVITIES

First Ozark Christian Learning Center offers a variety of learning activities which may include, but are not limited to:

- Abeka Curriculum
- Bible Stories and/or Story-time
- Music and Art
- Science, Math, and/or Language Arts activities
- Gross and fine motor skill activities
- Supervised play
- Group projects
- Appropriate field trips for preschool and school-aged children.

## Sympathy

*Our sympathy goes out to the family of Ray McLaughlin upon the loss of his mother, Carolyn; and the family of Mike Reeder upon the loss of his father, T.M.*