

## 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)

<sup>6</sup> But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**James 4:6-7**

### In-Person Sunday Morning

#### Attendance:

01-22-23: 236

01-29-23: 204

### In-Person Sunday School

#### Attendance:

01-22-23: 127

01-29-23: 99

### Total Online Worship Reach

01-22-23: 105

01-29-23: 141

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# FIRST MESSENGER

## OZARK

February 3 - February 16, 2023

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## Night to Shine Information

NIGHT *to* Shine  
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**YOU ARE INVITED**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2023**  
6 - 9 P M

Join us for a prom night that you will never forget! Walk the red carpet, enjoy the royal treatment and dance the night away.

First Ozark United Methodist Church  
167 East Broad Street  
Ozark, Alabama 36360

For more information and to register, contact:  
Susan Owens  
[susanowens7634@gmail.com](mailto:susanowens7634@gmail.com) or 334-618-5189

For people with special needs 14+

Night to Shine Global Partner

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**Friday, February 10, 2023**

6:00-9:00 p.m.

We are so excited to be an official host church for this year's Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom-night experience centered on God's love for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. On one night, hundreds of churches of different denominations from all over the world will come together to celebrate people with special needs! To find out how you can be a part of this worldwide movement, contact Susan Owens at [susanowens7634@gmail.com](mailto:susanowens7634@gmail.com) or 334-618-5189.

**Want to be a part? Financial donations are always welcome. Make checks to First Ozark United Methodist Church with Night To Shine in the "For" line. We are seeking donations of small bottled waters and commercially prepared individually wrapped cookies or individual bags of chips. Please have food donations clearly marked Night To Shine and in the Family Life Center kitchen by February 3.**

To learn more and see all the churches that are a part of this worldwide movement, check out [www.timtebowfoundation.org](http://www.timtebowfoundation.org)

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**Prayer Concerns**

Jan Fuqua, Rhonda Kale, Meagan and Mac Chapman, 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

**Assisted Living Residents:** Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

**Thursday Noon Bible Study**

The *Desperate Women of the Bible* study will continue to meet on Thursdays in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon. The final day of the study will be February 16.

**Church-Wide Meeting**

In a January 8, 2023, church-wide meeting, participants indicated a desire for additional information regarding issues facing the UMC. In response, the Administrative Board appointed a Laity-Led Study Group to be a fact-finding body to research information about the issues. For members of the congregation to have an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns about disaffiliation, everyone is invited to an open meeting at 2:00 p.m. on February 5 in the Family Life Center. To accommodate all who wish to speak, speeches will be limited to 4 minutes. This will not be a day to answer questions, however. Answers will be provided by the Study Group through objective research, documentation of source material, and a final report which will be made available to all. The Study Group is not authorized to make any decisions whatsoever for First Ozark UMC.

**Grief Support Group Meeting**

The Grief Support Group will meet on Monday, February 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center to share a meal and check-in with one another.

**Lenten Worship Service Schedule**

Printed copies of our Lenten worship service speaker schedule are placed at the entrances of our worship spaces! Our first Lenten worship service will be Ash Wednesday, February 22. As a reminder, each Wednesday during Lent we will hold a service in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon, followed by lunch (\$5.00) in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m.

**Hosea Bible Study**

Patty Fenn will lead a seven-week Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild, entitled *Hosea*. The study will be held at 6:00 p.m. in Room 228, beginning on Thursday, February 16, and ending on Thursday, March 30. Books may be purchased through Lifeway or Amazon.

**Gifts Received**

for the week of:

**01/01-01/08/23:** \$31,781

**01/15/23:** \$28,305

**Year-to-Date Review**

(As of December 2022)

**Total Revenue:** \$923,441.49

**Total Expense:** \$882,825.07

**Net Income:** \$40,616.42



## 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. We will resume our usual first and third Tuesday (2/7 and 2/21) packing and delivery schedule beginning in February. Thank you! -*The Souper Day Team*

## Scouting Ministries Sunday

Scouting Ministries Sunday will be Sunday, February 12, at the NOW@9 contemporary and 11:00 a.m. traditional morning worship services.

## Ladies Night

Please make plans to attend Ladies Night on Wednesday, March 8. More details will be coming soon!

## Thank You

The Worship Committee would like to thank Rachel Hood, Anne Butler, Norma and Gene Mitchell, and all former members of the Worship Committee for their dedication and years of service to the committee and the church!

## Memorials and Honorariums

### Memorials

#### CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Cara Perault by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

#### Cole Garrett Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Gregory Hall by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Harry Potts, Trawick Garner and Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett

#### Communion Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek by Mrs. Mary Flurer

Harry Potts by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Vesta Peek by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Trawick Garner, Vesta Peek and Dan Hale by Mrs. Elaine Potts

#### Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

Vesta Peek by Mrs. Susan Wright

#### General Fund in Memory of:

Harry Potts by Mrs. Sally Nelson

#### Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Harry Potts and Vesta Peek by Mrs. Jean Beverly

Harry Potts and Trawick Garner by Mrs. Carol Parker

Harry Potts and Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fenn

Harry Potts by Mrs. Susan Wright

Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Mitchell

Vesta Peek by Mr. Earl Hyers

#### Meditation Garden Fund in Memory of:

Sara Carroll by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

#### Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Durwood & JoAnn Judah by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

### Honorariums

#### General Fund in Honor of:

Jan Fuqua, Peggy Harris, Kevin Shuman, Kirke Adams, Les Perault, Lori Blankenship and Bill Gresco by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

#### Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Jason Thrower by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

#### Night to Shine Fund in Honor of:

Susan Owens by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

## Calls and Cards

Mrs. Jean Beverly has recently moved to an assisted living facility in Montgomery, Alabama. If you would like to send her a card or give her a call, her address and phone number are listed below.

**Oak Grove Inn Apt. 45  
3801 Oak Grove Dr.  
Montgomery, AL 36114  
(334) 790-7207**

## Thank You

My deepest appreciation for your visits, cards, calls, and prayers during my health issues for the last six months. Thank you for the wonderful food and snacks as well. Your kindness and compassion are deeply appreciated, and I thank God for each of you.

With love,  
Anne Butler





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### New Members

We would like to welcome Laura Thornton, Cheri Bowman and Becky Harvard as members of our church family. We are so glad to have you join us!

### Misplaced Glasses

If you have recently misplaced a pair of prescription glasses, we invite you to stop by the office to claim them. Melena has several pairs at her desk.

### Acknowledgement Card Notice

As you know, the cost of stamps is going up --- again! To save church money, we are suggesting that the office discontinue mailing acknowledgement cards to members making donations in honor or in memory of someone. We will, of course, continue to send cards notifying the honoree or family of your gift. We will also continue to send acknowledgement cards to donors who do not attend First Ozark UMC. If you would like to continue to receive acknowledgement cards, please call Melena at 334-774-2569.

### Alabama Shakespeare Festival

Join us for an Alabama Shakespeare Festival Matinee play to see "The Tempest," Saturday, March 11. The price to attend is \$40.00 which includes the play ticket and bus ride. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and stop for a Dutch treat lunch at Bonefish Grill. For more information contact Les Perault. To reserve your spot, a check can be brought to the church office and given to Petra or Melena.

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## Birthdays

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2/3: Charlie Breedlove

2/4: Sara Elizabeth Dawkins, Rev. Mike Sigler, Stephan Margeson

2/5: Lofton Dawkins

2/7: Steve Clouse, Robert Lisenby, Julia Adams

2/8: Anna Browning, Pat Sand

2/9: Randy Martin

2/11: Bronnie Cox, Nancy Breedlove

2/15: Sydney Blackwell

### Counting Teams

02/05: Team 3

02/12: Team 4

### Evening Chapel Pianist Schedule

02/05: Mary Jane Collins

02/12: Martha Dan Thompson

**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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