

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)

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate, for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴ For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

02-05-23: 191

02-12-23: 237

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

02-05-23: 110

02-12-23: 121

Total Online Worship Reach

02-05-23: 179

02-12-23: 120

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February 17 - March 2, 2023

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Lenten Worship Service Speaker Lineup

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February 22

Reverend Dr. Olivia Poole serves as the Pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Enterprise, AL.

Rev. Dr. Olivia Poole



March 15

Celeste Eubanks serves as the Director of Connectional Ministries for the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Celeste Eubanks



March 1

Reverend Dr. Jeff Wilson serves as the District Superintendent for the Dothan District within the Alabama-West Florida Conference.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson



March 22

Pastor Chris McCain serves as Associate Pastor at Prattville First United Methodist Church in Prattville, AL. Chris formerly served as Youth Director for First Ozark United Methodist Church.

Pastor Chris McCain



March 8

Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Lentz serves as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Pensacola, FL.

Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz



March 29

Reverend Dr. Jay D. Cooper serves as Senior Minister for First United Methodist Church in Montgomery, AL. Jay has also previously served as Youth Director at First Ozark United Methodist Church.

Rev. Dr. Jay D. Cooper

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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 McLaughlin, Joe and Dot Adams, Evan Renfroe, 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

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Jonathan and Meagan Chapman, as well as their family members, upon the loss of Mac. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Will B. Dunn upon the loss of his brother, James Carroll Dunn Jr.

Thursday Noon Bible Study

There will be no Thursday noon Bible study during the season of Lent. Instead, we encourage you to attend our weekly Lenten worship services held in the Sanctuary at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays.

Sound System Volunteers

We are in need of a volunteer (or volunteers) who would be willing to operate our sound board for the 11:00 a.m. traditional service. One of our faithful volunteers, Nick Cummings, recently suffered an injury and will be unable to run sound for an indefinite period of time. 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**

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.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

The UM Men's Breakfast will be held in the Family Life Center on Sunday, February 22, at 7:00 a.m. We have had an anonymous donor, so breakfast will be free for those who would like to attend.

Ladies' Night Information

Ladies' Night will be Wednesday, March 8, in the Family Life Center Dining Room. Our theme is HOPE. Our guest speaker will be Paige Knight of the Mary Hill Family Service Center. We have a wonderful meal, fun activities, worship music, and an inspiring speaker planned just for you. Please join us!

Alabama Shakespeare Festival

Join us for an Alabama Shakespeare Festival matinee to see "The Tempest," on 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. Fifteen (15) tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your place, a check can be brought to the church office and given to Petra or Melena.

Gifts Received

for the week of:

01/22/23: \$8,534

01/29/23: \$10,823

**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. Packing and delivery takes place on the first and third Tuesday. The next Souper Day meeting will be **February 21**. Thank you! -*The Souper Day Team*

Prayers from the Heart

February is PRAYERS FROM THE HEART MONTH. We are encouraging prayer for our church family during personal devotion time.

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet in Room 231 on Tuesday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Evening Service

We will hold an evening service on Ash Wednesday, February 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be a brief worship service and also an opportunity to receive the Imposition of Ashes.

CLC and Finance Meetings

The CLC Board will meet in the Library at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 on Monday, February 27.

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Christine Adams Scholarship in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Adams

CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Harry Potts by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

Harry Potts, Vesta Peek and Chris Harris by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLauchlin

Harry Potts and Vesta Peek by Mrs. Patti Williams

General Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by the Susanne Johnson Circle

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek and Chris Harris by Mrs. Becky Robinett

Chris Harris by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Chris Harris by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Phillips

Caroline McCullough by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Vesta Peek by Mr. Dan Sowell

Mac Chapman by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Music Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek by Mrs. Barbara Jones

Night to Shine Fund in Memory of:

Jerry Harris and Tim Byrd by Mr. & Mrs. Don Switzer

Harry Potts, Vesta Peek, Chris Harris and Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mathison

UMCOR Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. Earl Hyers

Chris Harris by the Kells Carroll Sunday School Class

Chris Harris by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson

Chris Harris by Mrs. Elaine Potts

Chris Harris by Mrs. Mary Flurer

Youth Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Phillips

Honorariums

General Fund in Honor of:

Ainsley Watts, Ben Sneed, Sara Elizabeth & Lofton Dawkins, Mike Sigler, Steve Clouse, Julia Adams, Anna Browning, Bill Newman and Shirley Woodie by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Night to Shine Fund in Honor of:

Cecil Skinner by Mr. & Mrs. Chris Mathison

New Member

We would like to welcome Michelle Coleman to our church family! She joined our church and became a member on Sunday, February 12, at the 11:00 a.m. traditional service. If you see Michelle, please say hello!





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CLC Status Update

2022 was a very good year for the CLC! We currently have full enrollment (80) with 154 on the waiting list. We should be able to accommodate at least 50 additional children when the new building is finished. The total income for 2022 was \$452,575 with total expenses \$391,062. This left an income of \$61,513 for the year. There are currently 14 full-time and 4 part-time employees. A dietician will be hired once the KCLC is finished. Planning is also ongoing for staffing. Once again, we would like to thank you for your amazing support.

March Bible Study Opportunity

Each Tuesday in March, beginning, March 7, a Bible study will be held at Pastor Melanie's house from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. The book that will be studied is entitled, *Savior: What the Bible Says about the Cross*. A light meal will be provided. Please contact the church office or Melanie directly for the street address.

CLC Teacher Chapel

Chapel time for our CLC teachers will resume at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28. If you would like to join in attendance, we invite you to do so!

Fourth Thursday Outreach

We invite you to join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 23, to eat and then reach out to the community following our meal.

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Birthdays

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2/18: Bill Newman

2/21: Shirley Woodie

2/22: Bailey Fenn, Shirley Miller, Dwight Tew

2/23: Frank Garrett, Dr. Doug Williamson

2/24: Susan Cox

2/25: Holle Smith

2/27: Noa Shillabeer, Maghen Lowery, Hooper Smith, Helen Parsons

2/28: Lonnell Matthews, Rane McLaughlin, Nicole Biretz

3/1: Keith Bowman, Elizabeth Sneed, Benjamin Sneed

Counting Teams

02/19: Team 5

02/26: Team 1

Evening Chapel Pianist Schedule

02/19: Mary Jane Collins

02/26: 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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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx4L_RyYwXIG_imByqKuW-A/videos

