

## 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



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"Come to me, all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens, and  
I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



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# THE MESSENGER

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February 1– February 29, 2024

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Bishop Lawson Bryan

**February 14** Bishop Lawson Bryan is a retired Bishop in The United Methodist Church, serving from 2016 -2021. He preached a spirit-filled revival here at First UMC of Ozark in August 2023.



Rev. Ashley Davis

**March 6** Rev. Ashley Davis is a life-long United Methodist and is a native of Luverne, AL. She is currently serving as the Director of Connectional Ministries and Assistant to the Resident Bishop for the AWFUMC.



Rev. Robin Wilson

**February 21** Rev. Robin Wilson has served as pastor of a number of churches in our conference, including Dauphin Way UMC and Opelika FUMC. She is serving as the Alabama-West Conference Director of Healthy Clergy and Churches.



Dr. Jason Borders

**March 13** Dr. Jason Borders, a professor at Huntingdon College, earned his Ph.D. from Brunel University. He believes his career at Huntingdon is fundamentally a ministry of the church. In fact, he is an Ordained Elder in the AWFUMC. He also serves as Theologian in Residence at FUMC in Montgomery.



Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson

**February 28** Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson serves as the District Superintendent for the Southeast District within the AWFUMC.



Pastor Ulysses Kinney

**March 20** Rev. Ulysses Kinney is the pastor of St. Paul AME Church in Ozark. He preached a powerful sermon here at First UMC of Ozark to celebrate the partnership between our churches during an inaugural joint worship service in October 2023.

### Closures

**President's Day—February 19**  
**Closures:** Church office, CLC

### Thursday 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 on "Proverbs." In this study, we are learning about practical, day-to-day wisdom from the book of Proverbs.

### Grief Support Group

The Grief Support group will meet on Monday, February 5 and 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be beginning a new book entitled, *"Living with Grief: At Work, At School, At Worship,"* edited by Joyce D. Davidson and Kenneth J. Doka. Please join us for dinner and our new book study.

### 3V3 Basketball

Come out to watch men's basketball at 6:00 p.m. each Thursday night in February through March 14 in the FLC.

### Souper Day

Souper Day meetings for the month are February 6 and 20. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC. Please continue to support this ministry by preparing food, helping with packing, or delivering food to the homebound in the community.

### Men's Bible Study

Come and join Les Perault on Wednesdays for Bible study. This month's dates are February 7 and 21, at 6:00 p.m. in room 228. We are continuing the study on *"The Making of a Man"* by Tim Brown. This series will continue through the end of March and will meet on the first and third Wednesdays.

### SPRC

The SPRC will meet on Monday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

### The Gathering

Join us for worship with the students of Vivian B. Adams School on Tuesday, February 13, at 10:00 a.m.

### Men's Breakfast

Please join us for our monthly men's breakfast, fellowship, and prayer on Sunday, February 18, at 7:00 a.m. in the FLC dining room.

### Board of Trustees

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

### Thursday Night Outreach

We will have Outreach Night on Thursday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### CLC Board

The CLC Board will meet Monday, February 26, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library.

### Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet Monday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

### Wedding Reception

You are invited to a reception honoring Melanie and Will on Saturday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the FLC. They are registered at Honeyfund and Amazon.

## Prayer Concerns

Patti Williams, Lottie Brauer, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Kathyne Harper Lancaster, Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack DeLoney, Anne Butler, Betty Gilland, Martha Overstreet, Larry Pittman, Joe Adams, Evan Renfro, John McGee, Aaron Andrews, Bethene and Earl Childree, Joyce Esslinger, Charlotte Lisenby, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Charlie Breedlove, Melissa Breedlove, Betty Borer, Beverly Raley, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Martha Dan Thompson, Sam Keys, Cecil Skinner, Ellen Pierce, Kristi Brauer

**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 families in the loss of Debbie Powell, Judge Ben McLaughlin, Jr., and Shirley Cantley. Also to Jim Land in the loss of his sister and Elaine Potts in the loss of her daughter.\*\***

## Memorials and Honorariums

### *Honorariums*

#### General Fund in Honor of:

**Jason Thrower and Melanie Sebastian Foust** by Mrs. Patti Williams

**Lynn Carrington and Dr. Billy Gaither** by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

### *Memorials*

#### Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

**Helen Parsons, Debbie Powell, Hope Jinks, Alice Lail, and Alicia Crawford** by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

#### Communion Fund in Memory of:

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. Skip Harris

**Alice Lail** by Ms. Mary Vaeth

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Mitchell

#### Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

**Debbie Powell** by Miss Pamela Claire Fenn

#### General Fund in Memory of:

**Grady Carrington, Ethan Gentry** by Stan Garner, Jr.

**Chad Jones** by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. Wilton Thompson

**Mr. & Mrs. Earl Griffin and Mr. & Mrs. Ed Hilboldt** by Mr. & Mrs. John Hilboldt

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Clouse

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. Frank Tamplin

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Judge and Mrs. John Bush

**Judge Ben McLauchlin, Alice Lail, and Shelia Ann Luck** by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Judge & Mrs. Harold Albritton

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Gilland Chevrolet GMC

**Judge Ben McLauchlin and Debbie Powell** by Revs. Judd & Libba Stinson

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

**Stanley & Mary Garner** by Stan Garner, Jr.

**Shelia Ann Luck, Alice Lail, Debbie Powell, and Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

**Debbie Powell** by Susan Cox Zekl

**Debbie Powell** by Mrs. Becky Robinett

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Don Turner

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. James "Ken" Bradshaw

**Debbie Powell, Judge Ben McLauchlin, and Alice Lail** by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

**Debbie Powell** by Mrs. Elaine Potts

**Debbie Powell** by Ms. Mary Vaeth

**Debbie Powell, Judge Ben McLauchlin, Alicia Crawford, and Shelia Ann Luck** by Mrs. Susan Wright

### *Memorials Continued...*

**Debbie Powell** by Wiregrass Surgical Associates

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brogden

**Debbie Powell** by Philip Crosby and Alison Byrd Crosby

**Debbie Powell and Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hull

**Debbie Powell and Helen Parsons** by Judy Mobley

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Rex Shiver

**Debbie Powell** by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson

**Debbie Powell** by Mrs. Jean Beverly

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Rob Enyeart

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Mitchell

**Debbie Powell and Shelia Ann Luck** by the Kells Carroll Sunday school class

**Helen Parsons, Pat Sand, Dot Adams, Hope Jinks, Debbie Powell, and Peggy Powell** by Mrs. Marilyn Tamplin

**Helen Parsons and Debbie Powell** by Mrs. Barbara Jones

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Collins

**Debbie Powell** by Market on the Square

**Debbie Powell** by Mrs. Robin Wyatt

**Shelia Ann Luck, Debbie Powell, and Pam Herbold** by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Land

**Debbie Powell and Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Greg Siegfried

**Debbie Powell and Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Cox

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Zack Byrd

**Debbie Powell** by Ms. Margaret Byrd

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Fuell

**Judge Ben McLauchlin and Alice Lail** by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson

**Debbie Powell and Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mrs. Jean Beverly

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. Jack C. Deloney

**Judge Ben McLauchlin, Alice Lail, Shelia Ann Luck, and Shirley Cantley** by Mrs. Rachel Hood

**Debbie Powell, Judge Ben McLauchlin, Shelia Ann Luck, Alice Lail, and Shirley Cantley** by Ms. Anne Butler

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. Dan Sowell

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

**Judge Ben McLauchlin** by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Blackwell

#### UMCOR Fund in Memory of:

**Debbie Powell** by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

### Thank You

For all of you who were so thoughtful to us during the Christmas season, we are so thankful for your generosity. ~ Church Staff

## OUR STAFF

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## Attendance

### In-Person Sunday Worship:

12/31: 109  
01/07: 181  
01/14: 132  
01/21: 152  
01/28: 138

### In-Person Sunday School:

12/31: 55  
01/07: 62  
01/14: 75  
01/21: 74  
01/28: 83

### Total Online Worship Reach:

12/31: 279  
01/07: 334  
01/14: 406  
01/21: 335  
01/28: 281

## Evening Chapel Schedule

02/04: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

02/11: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

02/18: No Evening Worship

02/25: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

## New Member

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



## Birthdays

02/03: Charlie Breedlove

02/04: Sara Elizabeth Dawkins, Rev. Stephan Margeson

02/05: Lofton Dawkins

02/07: Steve Clouse, Robert Lisenby, Julia Adams

02/08: Anna Browning

02/11: Bronnie Cox, Jessie Segers, Nancy Breedlove

02/13: Caroline Flowers

02/15: Sydney Blackwell

02/18: Bill Newman

02/19: Emma Danner

02/21: Shirley Woodie

02/22: Bailey Fenn, Shirley Miller, Christopher Corbitt, Dwight Tew

02/24: Susan Cox

02/27: Maghen Lowery

02/28: Lonnell Matthews, Nicole Biretz, Holly Pickerel

## Ushers and Greeters

10:00: Kenneth Thompson  
Jim Land

## Counting Teams

02/04: Team 5

02/11: Team 1

02/18: Team 2

02/25: Team 3

## 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:** Tuesdays

**Sunday Preview:** Fridays

(Can be viewed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel)