

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



FIRST MESSENGER

OZARK



167 E. Broad St., Ozark, AL 36360-0583
Return Service Requested

July 7 - July 20, 2023
Non-Profit Organization
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Permit # 59

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

06-25-23: 193

07-02-23: 165

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

06-25-23: 82

07-02-23: 64

Total Online Worship Reach

06-25-23: 308

07-02-23: 747

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Word from the Associate Pastor

Our theme verse for this year's Vacation Bible School has been Romans 14:19, "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."

Thank you to all VBS volunteers for building relationships, providing snacks, donating cardboard boxes, teaching Bible stories, making crafts, and volunteering in so many ways to make VBS possible! A special thank you to Holly Newman, First Ozark's Director of Children's Ministries, for bringing people together to share God's Good News.

Bringing peace and building each other up is something we can do on the playground, in the home, in a board meeting, and everywhere in between. Romans 14:19 is a verse that's applicable to all ages and stages of life. As we continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ together, let's work to live out our faith by being peace bringers and builders everywhere we go!

In Christ,

Melanie Sebastian Foust

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Prayer Concerns

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, Sherry Baggett, Judge Ben McLaughlin, Joe and Dot Adams, Evan Renfro, Jennifer Kirkland, John McGee, Ethan and Jason Gentry, Aaron Andrews, 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: Virginia Hess, Carroll Skinner

Assisted Living Residents: Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

Upcoming SPRC Committee Meeting

On July 10, the SPRC Committee will meet in Room 231 at 6:00 p.m.

Scholarship Applications

Church scholarship applications are available in the office. You may pick up a physical copy or have a digital version emailed to you. Please fill out and return to the office by **Monday, July 10**. If you have any questions, please contact Melena in the church office.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on July 17, July 31, August 14, and August 28 in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin a new book on July 17, *"Getting to the Other Side of Grief, Overcoming the Loss of a Spouse,"* by Robert C De Vries and Susan J. Zonnebelt-Smeenge. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship.

Upcoming Nominations Committee Meeting

On July 13, the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee will meet at the Commercial Bank at 12:00 noon. Lunch provided.

Outreach Night

Our next Outreach Night will be on Thursday, July 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!!

Upcoming Trustees Meeting

On July 18, the Trustees will meet in Room 231 at 6:00 p.m.

Revival

Bishop Lawson Bryan will be the speaker at the revival that will be held at the church from Sunday, August 6, through Tuesday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Thank You

A big thank you to Hagler Heating & Cooling for the use of the scissor lift to do pruning of the trees.

Souper Day

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Our Souper Day food pantry desperately needs to be replenished. We are also in need of volunteers to help pack and deliver meals. Souper Day happens on the first and third Tuesday of the month. When there is a holiday on a Tuesday, the deliveries will happen on the Wednesday of the same week.

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.

Any help you wish to provide is appreciated. The next Souper Day will be, **July 18**. Thank you! for all you do!

CLC Brick Fundraiser

We are extending the deadline for the First Ozark CLC second personalized brick fundraiser! All proceeds of this fundraiser to line the walkway will assist in funding our KCLC project! These bricks make great gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one! Each brick is \$100, and the deadline to order is **September 8**. Payments may be made by check only, payable to the First Ozark CLC. Please contact Alisha Eastman with any questions at 334-445-1329.

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Billy Jordan by Mrs. Mary Flurer

Billy Jordan and Sallie Brannon by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLauchlin

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Billy Jordan by Mr. Earl Hyers

Billy Jordan by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Billy Jordan by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett

Sara Carroll by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Dr. Charles Smith by Mrs. Robin Wyatt

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Billy Jordan by Mr. Skip Harris

Sallie Brannon by the Kells Carroll Sunday School Class

Honorariums

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Betty Smith, John Weeks, and Angie Adams by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

The birth of John McInnis "Mac" Robinett, Easton Hugh-ins, Melanie Sebastian Foust, Brad Nicholas, Sue Porter-field, Sandy Smith, Brent Hohbach, Kimber Hill, Bethene Childree, Elaine Potts, Ed Woodie, Dale Moates, Judy Mobley, Luke Thrower, and the 2nd birthday of Lilly-James Sexton by Mrs. Lynn Carrington





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July 7 - July 20, 2023

Ushers and Greeters (July)

10:00: Steve Clouse, Jonathan Chapman

Birthdays

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7/7: Tim Jones, Michael Ziegler

7/8: Bethene Childree, Elaine Potts, Jason Owen, Mary Murphy

7/9: Ed Woodie, Dale Moates, Judy Mobley, Luke Thrower

7/14: Abbie Dunn

7/15: Norma Hilboldt, Glenda Short

7/16: Laura Lewis, Charles Holman

7/17: Stan Matthews

7/19: Rodney Wolfe

7/20: Ivy Sanders

Counting Teams

07/09: Team 5

07/16: Team 1

Evening Chapel Schedule

07/09: Evening Worship (Chapel — 5:00 p.m.)

07/16: Evening Worship (Chapel— 5:00 p.m.)

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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