

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)

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.

Proverbs 18:10

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

02-19-23: 230

02-26-23: 270

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

02-19-23: 120

02-26-23: 122

Total Online Worship Reach

02-19-23: 125

02-26-23: 90

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167 E. Broad St., Ozark, AL 36360-0583

March 3 - March 16, 2023

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Upcoming Lenten Worship Service Speakers

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March 8



Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz

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

Lenten Worship Service:

12:00 noon - Sanctuary

Lunch: 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall (\$5.00)

March 15



Ms. Celeste Eubanks

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

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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 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, Carroll Skinner

Assisted Living Residents: Suzy Harris, Jean Beverly

Night to Shine Recap

Once again, thanks to our church family, we were able to serve the individuals in our community with special needs during a memorable Night To Shine! Your donations, hands-on help, prayers and commitment to this event make it happen. Thank you for all your help in allowing God's light to shine!

-The Night To Shine Committee

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. 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

The seven-week Bible Study by Jennifer Rothschild, entitled Hosea, is underway! The study is at 6:00 p.m. in Room 228, and meets on Thursdays. The study concludes March 30. Patty Fenn is the leader of the study. If unable to attend in person, please email her for the Zoom link in order to attend virtually. Books may be purchased through Lifeway or Amazon.

Noon Lenten Worship Services

We invite you to join us for our 12:00 noon Lenten worship services throughout the season of Lent! Five Wednesday services remain. Our next two speakers are Rev. Dr. Jeff Wilson (March 1), Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Lentz (March 8), and Ms. Celeste Eubanks (March 15). Lunch will follow each service in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch is \$5.00.

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. We have a few tickets remaining. 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:

02/05/23: \$28,267

02/12/23: \$15,055

**Year-to-Date Review**

(As of February 2023)

Total Revenue: \$81,237.09

Total Expense: \$66,825.91

Net Income: \$14,411.18

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 take place on the first and third Tuesday. The next Souper Day meeting will be **March 7**. Thank you!

-The Souper Day Team

Council on Ministries

Council on Ministries will meet on Sunday, March 5, at 12:15 p.m. in Room 231.

Trustees Meeting

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

Fourth Thursday Outreach

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

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Billy Gaither Sunday School Class Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson
 Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Phillips
 Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie
 Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan
 Mac Chapman by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLaughlin
 Mac Chapman by Mrs. Mary Flurer
 Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson
 Mac Chapman by Mr. Earl Hyers
 Mac Chapman by George W. Long High School Girls Basketball Team
 Mac Chapman by the Kells C. Carroll Sunday School class
 Mac Chapman by Dr. & Mrs. Nathan Hodges

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Adams

CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

James Dunn by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman and James Dunn, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

Harry Potts, Vesta Peek and FUMC veterans past and present
 by Mr. & Mrs. Lou Hennies
 Mac Chapman by Mrs. Elaine Potts

General Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fenn
 Harry Potts by Dr. & Mrs. Nathan Hodges

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Billy Blackwell
 Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith
 Mac Chapman by Mrs. Becky Robinett
 Trawick Garner and Chris Harris by Mrs. Robin Wyatt
 Chris Harris by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson
 Mac Chapman by Judy Mobley
 Mac Chapman by Mrs. Jean Beverly

Music Fund in Memory of:

Sara Carroll, Trawick Garner, Harry Potts and Mighty Mac Chapman by MG (Ret) & Mrs. Peter Berry
 Vesta Peek by Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Hodges

Night to Shine Fund in Memory of:

Thomas Parker, Harry Potts, Chris Harris & Mac Chapman by Dr. & Mrs. Charles Smith

UMCOR Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris by Dr. & Mrs. Nathan Hodges

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Mac Chapman by Mrs. Susan Wright

Honorariums

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Meagan & Jonathan Chapman and Janet & Larry Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

CLC Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Larry Chapman Family by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Food Pantry Fund in Honor of:

FUMC veterans past and present by MG (Ret) & Mrs. Lou Hennies

General Fund in Honor of:

Bailey Fenn, Frank Garrett, Holle & Hooper Smith, Nicole Biretz, Elizabeth & Benjamin Sneed, Jr., Keith Bowman, Jaann Wells, Debbie Patton, Madison Smith, Becky Robinett and Kaci Shuman by Mrs. Lynn Carrington
 Jonathan & Meagan Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fenn

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Dr. Shirley Woodie by Mr. & Mrs. Edison Woodie III
 Dr. Shirley Woodie by Mrs. Pamela Woodie Kelley



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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 and Finance Meetings

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

Ushers and Greeters (March)

8:30: Rachel Hood, Mary Jane Collins

9:00: Debra and Dwight Tew, Henry and Janet Boynton

11:00: Jim Harris, Chris Mathison

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Birthdays

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3/4: Henry Scott

3/5: Deborah Patton, Todd Shillabeer

3/7: Robert Lisenby

3/8: Madison Smith

3/9: Becky Robinett, Chris Mathison

3/10: Adams Dawkins, Kaci Shuman, Mary Russell

3/13: Jodi Morris

3/14: Grady Carrington, Charles Irving, Brooks Watts, Jonathan Dean

Counting Teams

03/05: Team 2

03/12: Team 3

Evening Chapel Pianist Schedule

03/05: Mary Jane Collins

03/12: 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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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx4L_RyYwXIG_imByqKuW-A/videos

