

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)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

03-19-23: 247

03-26-23: 203

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

03-19-23: 126

03-26-23: 83

Total Online Worship Reach

03-19-23: 250

03-26-23: 165

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

March 31 - April 13, 2023

Non-Profit Organization

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Holy Week Worship Service Schedule

Holy Week

Palm Sunday | April 2

Evening Service is at 5:00 p.m. in the Meditation Garden on Palm Sunday.

Holy Week | April 3-7

We will have early morning services at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel from Monday through Thursday of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday | April 6

We will have an evening service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Maundy Thursday. Communion will be served.

Good Friday | April 7

We will hold a Good Friday service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. The Sanctuary will be dimly lit to symbolize the darkness of the day when Christ died.

Easter Sunday | April 9

*8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship - Sanctuary
9:00 a.m. | NOW@9 Contemporary - Family Life Center*

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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

Administrative Board Voting Result

On March 21, 2023, members of the First Ozark UMC Administrative Board made the decision not to begin the discernment process on whether to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The vote was 31 to 16.

Sound System Volunteers

We are in need of a volunteer (or volunteers) who would be willing to operate our sound board for the 8:30 a.m. or 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**

Praying with the Pastors

We are in need of volunteers to join the "Praying with the Pastors" committee. If you would like more information or to find out how to join, please contact Charlie Harper at 334-774-2872 or 334-618-3497.

Top Floor Youth Flag Fundraiser

The Top Floor Youth flag fundraiser will begin on Monday, April 10. Order forms will be included in the worship bulletins beginning Sunday, April 9. The fundraiser will conclude on Monday, May 22.

Easter Lilies

Easter lily order forms will be in the worship bulletins through April 2. The deadline to order is Tuesday, April 4. Thirty (30) lily plants are available for purchase. They are \$25.00 each.

CLC and Finance Meetings

The CLC Board will meet in the Library at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24. The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231 on Monday, April 24.

Fourth Thursday Outreach

We invite you to join us at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, April 27, to eat and then reach out to the community following our meal.

Gifts Received

for the week of:

03/05/23: \$35,640

03/12/23: \$25,068

**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 **April 4**. Thank you!

-The Souper Day Team

Rising Postage Cost Notice

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are beginning to send more reminders about meetings, events, and additional church business via email.

Flower Guild Vases

The Flower Guild's vase inventory is currently running low. If you are in possession of one of these vases, we ask that you please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

SPRC Meeting

The SPRC will meet Monday, April 3, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 231.

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.

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Billy Gaither Sunday School Class in Memory of:
Mac Wilson Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Steagall
Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:
Henry Boynton by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith
Jean Beverly by Bonita Singletary

CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Harold Thompson by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

General Fund in Memory of:

Chris Harris and Mac Chapman by Mrs. Carol Parker

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie
Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan
Sharron Sullivan by Mrs. Lynn Carrington
Sharron Sullivan by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith
Chad Jones by Bonita Singletary
Mac Chapman by Mr. & Mrs. Rob Enyeart

Meditation Garden Fund in Memory of:

Jimmy Wyatt by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Vesta Peek and Harry Potts by Mr. Skip Harris
Emma Kate Jernigan by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Honorariums

Billy Gaither Sunday School Class in Honor of:

Billy Gaither by the Kells Carroll Sunday School Class

General Fund in Honor of:

Sally Nelson's 102nd birthday, Taylor Carlile, Heather Cohen, Brandon & Callie Ganey, John Weeks, Melissa Gardner and Jacki Outlaw by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Thank You

The McLaughlin family would like to extend our love to our entire church family. Thank you for all your kind gestures towards us during my husband's illness. A special thank you to Jason and Melanie for being by our side during these difficult days.

Birthday Celebration

Please join us in the Family Life Center at the conclusion of the NOW@9 contemporary worship service on Sunday, April 2, to honor Dr. Billy Gaither's 90th birthday!



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Ushers and Greeters (April)

8:30: Earl Hyers, Bob Bunting

9:00: Jeff and Dee Hodges, Jimmy and
Karen Sanders

11:00: Charlie Harper, Billy Blackwell

Birthdays

March 31 - April 13

3/31: Sally Nelson, Taylor Adams Carlile, Heather Cohen

4/1: Dot Adams, Joe H. Adams

4/3: Earl Hyers, Sammy Judah

4/4: Wes Eldridge, Carolyn Wooley

4/5: Megan Johnson

4/6: Billy Gaither, Julia Bittman

4/8: Lottie Brauer, April Thrower

4/10: Wells Garner, Kevin Hebert

4/11: Johnny Cox, Hazel Sessions

4/12: Matt Eldridge, William Nicholas

4/13: Carolyn Holcomb

Counting Teams

04/02: Team 1

04/09: Team 2

Evening Chapel Pianist Schedule

04/02: Meditation Garden Service

04/09: No Evening Worship

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)



facebook.com/firstozark



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

