

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 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Romans 5:8-9

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

04-30-23: 271

05-07-23: 192

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

04-30-23: 95

05-07-23: 80

Total Online Worship Reach

04-30-23: 178

05-07-23: 137

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

May 12 - May 25, 2023

Non-Profit Organization

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Sunday, May 14 - No Evening Activities (Mother's Day)

Tuesday, May 16 - Board of Trustees Meeting (Room 231 | 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, May 19 - First Ozark Christian Learning Center Graduation Program (Family Life Center | 9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, May 21 - United Methodist Men's Breakfast (Family Life Center | 7:00 a.m.)
Speaker: Britney Johnson

Sunday, May 21 - Executive Committee Meeting | (Room 231 - 2:00 p.m.)

Sunday, May 28 - One morning worship service in the Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. | Potluck lunch to follow the service in the FLC | We invite you to wear red in observance of Pentecost | No evening activities (Memorial Day Weekend)

Monday, May 29 - The church office and CLC will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. Regular hours of operation will resume on Tuesday, May 30.

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Prayer Concerns

Kathryne Harper Lancaster, Jan Fuqua, Rhonda Kale, the Chapman family, Oliver Kingsley, Jack DeLoney, 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, 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

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Dr. Charles Smith upon his passing.

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 the church office.

Bucket Golf Tournament

A Bucket Golf fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. The location of the tournament is the grassy area of the overflow parking lot of the Family Life Center. The entry fee for this tournament is \$20.00 per person. The proceeds from this tournament will raise funds to purchase a new piece of exercise equipment that will be placed in the fitness room.

Top Floor Youth Flag Fundraiser

The Top Floor Youth flag fundraiser will conclude on Monday, May 22. Flags will begin to be placed during the week leading up to Memorial Day.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, June 5, and June 26 to gather together for a meal and to check in with one another.

The Great Fifty-Day Challenge

First Ozark UMC is setting the goal to add 50 new members during the 50 days of Easter! **The Great 50-Day Challenge** is a UMC movement to bring back Easter practices of abundant life and especially the making of new disciples of Jesus Christ.

Baby Bottle Boom-er-ang

The Lois Robinson Circle is again sponsoring the "Baby Bottle Boomerang" this year. Proceeds will go to the Dale County Pregnancy Center, also known as "Save-a-Life." Baby bottles are handed out on Mothers Day and taken up on Fathers Day. Please put your change, folded money, or a check in them when you give them back. We appreciate the generosity of all who participate.

Gifts Received

for the week of:

04/02/23: \$17,230

04/09/23: \$16,793

04/16/23: \$5,369

04/23/23: \$4,659

**Year-to-Date Review**

(As of March 2023)

Total Revenue: \$228,316.60

Total Expense: \$219,283.87

Net Income: \$9,032.73

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 **May 16**. Thank you!

-The Souper Day Team

Congratulations

Congratulations and thank you to Betty Smith on teaching low-impact aerobics for 20 years! We appreciate you, Betty!

From,

Your always punctual and speechless class

New Members

We would like to welcome The Dean Family (Brandon, Ashley, Lucille, Jonathan, and Samuel) as members of our church family! We are glad to have you join us!

Celebration Brunch

Please join us for a celebration brunch in honor of Olivia Outlaw Irons! The brunch will take place in the Fellowship Hall on May 20 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. She is registered at The Flower Shoppe, Amazon, and Belk.

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

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Hazel Sessions and Dr. Charles Smith by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Hazel Sessions and Dr. Charles Smith by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Hazel Sessions and Dr. Charles Smith by Mr. Earl Hyers

Dr. Charles Smith by Mrs. Ellen Pierce

Dr. Charles Smith, Sharron Sullivan and Hazel Sessions by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson

UMCOR Fund in Memory of:

Hazel Sessions by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Dr. Charles Smith by Mr. Skip Harris

Honorariums

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Honor of:

Jackson Sneed, Jason & Stella DiFilippo, Derek Hamilton, Ashley Moates, Samantha Adams, Patty Fenn and Angie Ganey by Mrs. Lynn Carrington





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May 12 - May 25, 2023

Ushers and Greeters (May)

8:30: Dick Jordan, Estus Walker

9:00: Judy Mobley, Lynn Carrington,
Jim Land, Ed Woodie

11:00: Joe W. Adams

United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon

On Thursday, June 1, at 11:00 a.m. at Hoppergrass, the three circles of United Women in Faith will have their spring luncheon. Jana Amon will present a program on "Human Trafficking" in our area. All ladies are invited and if any gentlemen want to attend, they would be welcome as well.

First Ozark UMC has set-up a special fund to aid in purchasing a Nu-Step T4R Recumbent Cross Trainer by US MedRehab for the FLC Workout Room. It delivers a low-impact total-body workout. Easy to access and easy to use, T4R empowers users of virtually any fitness level to experience the many life-transforming benefits of exercise. Any monetary donation will be greatly appreciated!



Birthdays

May 12 - May 25

5/12: Jim Harris

5/13: Cecilia Williamson, Holton Smith, Christi Johnson

5/14: Ian Butler

5/15: Aidan Hatcher

5/16: Joe Godwin

5/18: Chris Harper, Faye Swinehart, Kendall Ward

5/19: Estus Walker

5/21: Anne Laura Parker

5/23: Trot Carroll

5/24: Angie Adams

5/25: Amanda Hughins, Sue Ellen Mosley

Counting Teams

05/14: Team 2

05/21: Team 3

Evening Chapel Schedule

05/14: No Evening Activities (*Mother's Day*)

05/21: 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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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCx4L_RyYwXIG_imByqKuW-A/videos

