

## 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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2 My little children, I am writing  
these things to you so that you may  
not sin. But if anyone does sin, we  
have an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup> and he  
is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,  
and not for ours only but also for  
the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2



# FIRST MESSENGER

— OZARK —

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October 1– October 31, 2023

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### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Volunteers needed! It is time for Mr. Charlie's Trunk-or-Treat again!  
We are in need of trunks and candy donations. If you would like to host  
a trunk, contact Susan Judah, Les Perault, or call the church office at  
774-2569. In order to have another successful year, your donation of  
candy would be greatly appreciated. Please bring unopened bags of  
candy to the workroom next to the church office. Monetary donations  
are appreciated as well.

## FALL FESTIVAL



**SUNDAY**  
**OCTOBER 29TH**  
**5:00PM**

**FAMILY LIFE**  
**CENTER**  
**PARKING LOT**



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FOOD • DRINKS • GAMES  
FIRE PIT • AND MORE

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**FOR THE WHOLE**  
**FAMILY**

## New Member/United Methodist 101

Each Sunday in October at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, new members are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this class, as well as those that would like to learn more about the United Methodist Church. We will be studying *"Why I Am a United Methodist"* by William Willimon. Please let the church office know if you would like to participate in this class. Books are \$8.50.

### Messy Church

On Sunday, October 1, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### Canned/Dried Fruit Drive

Beginning Sunday, October 1, through October 15, the Billy Gaither Sunday school class will be having a canned and dried fruit drive to help Mrs. Maxine's Pantry (food bank). This is a joint effort of Ozark Baptist and St. John's Catholic Church. Baskets will be located throughout the church. Thank you for your participation.

### Grief Support Group

The October Grief Support Group dinner and devotional meeting will be on October 2 and October 16 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### Souper Day

Souper Day meetings for the month are October 3 and October 17. 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.

### 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, *"Life Lessons from Acts,"* by Max Lucado. This series brings the Bible to life in 12 lessons filled with intriguing questions, inspirational stories, and poignant reflections to take you deeper into God's Word.

### SPRC

On Monday, October 9, the SPRC will meet at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

### The Gathering

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

### Claybank

Our Claybank Remembrance service will take place on Sunday, October 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Trustees

On Thursday, October 17, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

### Fun & Frolic

Join in the Fun and Frolic Senior Ministry on Wednesday, October 18, for a trip to the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens and lunch at The Old Mill. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return at 2:00 p.m. We will vote on the Scarecrows in the Garden People's Choice Awards and have an opportunity to visit the garden's newly opened butterfly house. Cost is \$5 for entry + \$3 for the butterfly house (optional) + lunch. Wheelchairs are available upon request. Please call the church office to register for this event.

### Youth Choir

On Wednesdays, from 4:30-5:30 p.m., all youth are invited to meet with David Ethridge as we form a new youth choir. Bring your friends!

### Make-a-Difference Day

Saturday, October 21, Make-A-Difference Day will be dedicated to those who serve. Be watching Facebook and Instagram for details and how to get involved.

### Young Adults Night Out

Dinner and Putt-Putt: Join us for a fun evening of fellowship on Saturday, October 21, from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Dinner at Mellow Mushroom and then off to Enterprise Miniature Golf for some fun. Child care will be provided.

### CLC Board/Finance Committee

On Monday, October 23, the CLC Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the library. Additionally, the Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in

### Thursday Night Outreach

On Thursday, October 26, we will have our last Outreach Night of the year at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

### Basketball & Cheer

Our first basketball game of the season will be Thursday, October 26. The first game will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### New Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us for Madison Smith's Bible study called *"Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl"* by Lysa Turkeurst. We will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Journey Sunday school classroom on the second floor in the FLC. This study will continue through October 24.

## Prayer Concerns

Diane Holman, Dr. Jim Pollard, Patti Williams, Lottie Brauer, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Kathryne Harper Lancaster, Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack DeLoney, Anne Butler, Betty Gilland, Martha Overstreet, Larry Pittman, Sherryl 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 Foshée, Charles Beverly, Grace and Lewis Mitchell, Charlie Breedlove, Melissa Breedlove, Betty Borer, Beverly Raley, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Martha Dan Thompson, Sam Keys

**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.

## Charge Conference

This year, our annual charge conference will be held in conjunction with other churches in the area. Our charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Operation Christmas

Operation Christmas Child Boxes will be available beginning October 1. Grab a box (or several), pack it with approved gifts using the packing instructions inside each box, and drop it off at First Ozark by October 31. Operation Christmas Child boxes are collected and distributed by Samaritan's Purse to children in need throughout the world.

## Memorials and Honorariums

### *Memorials*

#### Communion Fund in Memory of:

Joanne Middleton by Mr. Skip Harris

Earl Hyers by Judge & Mrs. Ben McLaughlin

Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Joanne Middleton by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Joanne Middleton by Ms. Anne Butler

#### General Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Robin Wyatt

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Becky Robinett

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Earl Hyers by Ms. Anne Butler

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Cynthia Donaldson

Earl Hyers and Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Cox

Earl Hyers and Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Earl Hyers by the Ozark Rotary Club

Grady Carrington by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

Earl Hyers, Joanne Middleton, Billy Jordan, and Bobby Owen by Mrs. Marilyn Tamplin

Dr. John H. Tamplin by his Family

Chad Jones by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

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

Earl Hyers and Gary Tibbetts by Mr. Dan Sowell

Earl Hyers and Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Garrett

Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

Joanne Middleton by Mrs. Susan Wright

Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Joanne Middleton by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

### *Honorariums*

#### Communion Fund in Honor of:

Carl & Virginia Hess by Stacy Grizzard, Jennifer Blackmon and Judson Blackmon

#### General Fund in Honor of:

Donna Shuman by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

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

Mackie Jordan, Chris Harper, Susan Owens, Bret & Blakely Head, Cecil Skinner, Roberta Segers, Donna Shuman, Kayla Cohen, Mahlon Dawkins, Jimmy Sanders, Bonnie Singletary, Wendell Coursey, Pat Jackson, Suzy Harris 100<sup>th</sup>!, Georgianna Seymour, Patti Steagall, Stephen Phillips, Will White, Braesyn South, Amanda Reed, Joe W. Adams, Debra Tew, Sam Patton, and Grason Gardner by Mrs. Lynn Carrington



## OUR STAFF

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## Attendance

### In-Person Sunday Morning

#### Attendance:

09-03-23: 132  
09-10-23: 139  
09-17-23: 148  
09-24-23: 151

### In-Person Sunday School

#### Attendance:

09-03-23: 65  
09-10-23: 68  
09-17-23: 67  
09-24-23: 78

### Total Online Worship Reach

09-03-23: 200  
09-10-23: 172  
09-17-23: 131  
09-24-23: 169

## Evening Chapel Schedule

10/01: No Evening Worship (Messy Church 5 pm FLC)

10/08: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 pm)

10/15: No Evening Worship (Blessing of the Pets 5 pm Meditation Garden)

10/22: No Evening Worship

10/29: No Evening Worship (Fall Festival)

## Counting Teams

10/01: Team 2  
10/08: Team 3  
10/15: Team 4  
10/22: Team 5  
10/29: Team 1

## Ushers and Greeters

10:00: Dan Sowell and Johnny Cox

## Birthdays

10/01: Beverly Raley, Laura Crouch, Ava Biretz

10/05: Billy Blackwell, Tyler Hohbach

10/06: Marilyn Tamplin, Emily Buswell

10/15: Larry Pittman, Kristina Irving

10/19: Frank Tamplin

10/20: Mary Caroline Lowery

10/23: Carol Heath

10/25: Victoria Patton

10/26: Rachel Hood

10/27: Sandra Bittman

10/29: Max Brown, Gene Mitchell, Gail Lisenby, Audra Lowery

10/30: David Ethridge, Keith Johnson

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, Oct. 15, 5:00pm

FIRST OZARK UMC  
167 EAST BROAD STREET  
MEDITATION GARDEN

JOIN US FOR A NOISY, JOYFUL WORSHIP SERVICE AS WE WORSHIP GOD AND BLESS GOD'S CREATION!

All animals are welcome and must be leashed or contained. Please bring empty soda cans for donation to the Ozark Dale County Humane Society.



## 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](mailto:cailyn.r.cummings@outlook.com)

**Ministry Minute:** Tuesdays

**Sunday Preview:** Fridays

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