

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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Jesus answered them, "This is
the work of God, that you be-
lieve in him whom he has sent."

John 6:29



FIRST MESSENGER

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September 1– September 30, 2023



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Worship Schedule

As we move into the Fall season, we will continue with one
service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

It is so great worshipping together!

Newsletter Update

We hope you enjoy this first issue of what will now be a
monthly church newsletter. If you have information you
would like included in the newsletter, please submit it to
Melena in the church office 10 days before the end of each
month.

Stewardship

We will be continuing our Stewardship study entitled *"A Disciple's Path,"* during Sunday school. Jason and Melanie are preaching a series on this book. This will continue through September 17, which will be Commitment Sunday. On Commitment Sunday we will bring our service commitment forms and pledges and place them on the altar as our spiritual act of worship for our upcoming year's annual budget. Following service, everyone is welcome for a special lunch in the FLC. Please join us for this celebration luncheon!

Closure

On Monday, September 4, the church office will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 5.

Worship Committee

On Tuesday, September 5, the Worship Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC dining room.

Souper Day

Souper Day meetings for the month are September 5 and September 19. Volunteers should meet at 9:00 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, September 11, the SPRC will meet at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

Basketball & Cheer Registration

On Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, First Ozark basketball/cheer registration will be open from 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. in the FLC gym with Les Perault.

A Joy-Filled Gathering Of Women

On Wednesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we will be having a casual gathering of women featuring food, fellowship, and fun! Please call the church office to let us know you will attend.

New Women's Bible Study

Ladies, please join us for a new Bible study called *"Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl"* by Lysa Tuckurst. The study will be led by Madison Smith. Beginning Tuesday, September 19, we will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Journey Sunday school classroom on the second floor in the FLC. Please purchase a book prior to the beginning of this study.

Trustees Meeting

On Thursday, September 19, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. in room 231.

Council on Ministries

On Sunday, September 24, there will be a Council on Ministries meeting at 2:00 in the FLC dining room.

Fun & Frolic

Our Senior Ministry is beginning again! All are welcome to participate in the group this fall as we make monthly trips to some very interesting places and enjoy lunch together. The first trip will be on Wednesday, September 20, to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum, followed by lunch at McLin's. We will leave on the church bus at 9:30 a.m. and plan to return to the church by 2:00 p.m. There will be alternative transportation available for individuals not able to get in the bus. Please call the church office to RSVP by Friday, September 15.

CLC Board / Finance Committee

On Monday, September 25, 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 room 231.

Administrative Board

On Tuesday, September 26, the Administrative Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Thursday Night Outreach

On Thursday, September 28, we will have our Outreach Night at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

Dr. Jim Pollard, Patti Williams, Lottie Brauer, Joey Thrower, Stephanie Thomas Francher, Kathyne 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 Renfroe, 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.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Dr. Billy Gaither in the loss of his sister, Joanne Middleton.

Volunteer Service Fair

You are invited for coffee and donuts next Sunday, September 10th from 9-10am to a Service Fair in the Fellowship Hall. Come to learn more about volunteer opportunities at First Ozark!

Memorials and Honorariums

Memorials

Christine Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Adams

CLC Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington and Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hess

Grady Carrington and Sallie Brannon by Ms. Anne Butler

Grady Carrington and Sallie Brannon by Mrs. Rachel Hood

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Mitch Mitchell

Earl Hyers by Ms. Mary Vaeth

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Elaine Potts

Food Pantry Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers by Ms. Pamela Clair Fenn

General Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Clouse

Earl Hyers by Ms. Glenda Short

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Mitchell

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Crews

Earl Hyers by Ms. Ellen Pierce

Memorials Continued....

General Fund in Memory of (Continued...):

Earl Hyers by Ms. Kay Chatham

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Sue Ellen Mosley

Billy Jordan, Dr. Charles Smith, Grady Carrington, and

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Carol Parker

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Barre Hatzenbuehler

Earl Hyers by the Kells Carroll Sunday School Class

Earl Hyers by Dr. Imogene Mixson

Kingsley CLC Building Fund in Memory of:

Earl Hyers and Joanne Middleton by Judy Mobley

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Susan Wright

Earl Hyers and Joanne Middleton by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jackson

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fenn

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Earl Hyers by Mrs. Lynn Carrington

Earl Hyers by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hull

Earl Hyers by Dr. & Mrs. Doug Williamson

Music Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington and Earl Hyers by Mrs. Barbara Jones

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

Grady Carrington by Mr. Skip Harris

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Attendance

In-Person Sunday Morning

Attendance:

08-20-23: 100

08-27-23: 143

In-Person Sunday School

Attendance:

08-20-23: 77

08-27-23: 69

Total Online Worship Reach

08-20-23: 282

08-27-23: 334

Evening Chapel Schedule

09/03: No Evening Worship

09/10: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

09/17: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

09/24: Evening Worship (Chapel 5:00 p.m.)

Counting Teams

09/03: Team 3

09/10: Team 4

09/17: Team 5

09/24: Team 1

Ushers and Greeters

10:00: Charlie Harper, Wendell Coursey

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

Ministry Minute: Tuesdays

Sunday Preview: Fridays

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



First Ozark Youth Choir

Beginning in September
Interested in joining?

Talk to David Ethridge or
Pastor Melanie to learn more.