




SUNDAYS AT FUMC OF OZARK

In-person Sunday morning services
10:00 a.m. - Sanctuary (Traditional)

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THE MESSENGER



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May 1– May 31, 2026

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¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:10

Confirmation



Grief Support Group

The Grief Support group will meet on Monday, **May 4**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fellowship, dinner, and a book study.

Respite Café

Our first Respite Café will take place on Tuesday, **May 5**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the FLC dining room. We are currently seeking volunteers to help with devotionals, music, crafts, and recreational activities. Your time and talents can make a meaningful difference—please consider getting involved!

Susanne Johnson Circle

The Susanne Johnson Circle will meet on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 10:30 a.m. in room 113.

Lois Robinson Circle

The Lois Robinson Circle will meet on Tuesday, **May 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the FLC dining room.

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Lois Robinson Circle Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Baby bottles will be distributed on Mother's Day, **May 10**, and should be returned by Father's Day, **June 21**.

Please fill your bottle with spare change or enclose a check. All funds collected will support the programs offered at the Ozark-Dale County Pregnancy Center. These programs include Bible studies, parenting counseling, opportunities to earn points for essential baby items, and ongoing support for expecting parents.

FLC Council

The FLC Council will meet on Tuesday, **May 12**, at 5:30 p.m. in the FLC dining room.

Men's Breakfast

Please join us for our monthly men's breakfast, fellowship, and prayer on Sunday, **May 17**, at 7:30 a.m. in the FLC dining room.

Souper Day

This month's Souper Day date is Tuesday, **May 19**. Volunteers should meet at 10:00 a.m. in the FLC kitchen. Please continue to support this ministry by preparing food, helping with packing, or delivering food to the homebound in the community.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, **May 19**, at 6:00 p.m. in room 133.

Office & KCLC Closure

The church office and KCLC will be closed on Monday, **May 25**, for Memorial Day.

KCLC Board

The KCLC Board will meet on Tuesday, **May 26**, at 5:00 p.m. in room 133.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, **May 26**, at 6:00 p.m. in room 133.

Wednesday Bible Study

Come and Join us for Bible study on Wednesdays at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall.

Cost
\$25
Ea. Ticket
Includes Bus ride

BASEBALL TRIP SAT. MAY 16

Montgomery Biscuits Vs. Biloxi Shuckers
leave the Church at 3:30pm
Fireworks after the game! It is Star Wars
Theme Night and ½ Price Hot Dogs!
Contact Les Perault to reserve your ticket

Prayer Concerns

Rhonda Kale, Oliver Kingsley, Jack Deloney, Anne Butler, Martha Overstreet, Joyce Esslinger, Charles Beverly, Charlotte Lisenby, Charlie & Nancy Breedlove, Melissa Breedlove, Roberta Segers, Carol Heath, Sam Keys, Ruth Hart, Kathryn Harper Lancaster, Laura Crouch, Tina Harper, Katrina Littlefield, Sherri Olney

Nursing Home/Assisted Living Residents: Jean Beverly, Martha Dan Thompson, Bethene & Earl Childree, Sue Ellen Mosley, Patti Williams, Billy Gaither

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family and friends on the passing of Chuck Auman.

(Please contact the church office if you (or a family member) wish to be added or removed from the prayer concerns.)

Let us pray... Heavenly Father, we come to you asking for healing, comfort, and peace for those who are facing illness and loss. Lord, we ask that you calm our fears, anxiety, and sorrow and allow us to feel your healing power. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Memorials and Honorariums

MEMORIALS

Billy Gaither Special Needs Class in Memory of:

Jaann Wells by Mrs. Becky Robinett

Children's Fund in Memory of:

James Thrower by Mrs. Becky Robinett

James Thrower by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Jaann Wells by Mrs. Susan Wright

James Thrower and Georgianna Seymour by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Jordan

Communion Fund in Memory of:

Georgianna Seymour by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Woodie

Georgianna Seymour by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Georgianna Seymour, James Thrower, Jaann Wells, and Ben Baker by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Pittman

James Thrower by Mrs. Susan Wright

Georgianna Seymour and Jaann Wells by Mrs. Bobbie McLaughlin and family

General Fund in Memory of:

Georgianna Seymour by the Susanne Johnson Circle

Nathan Hodges by Mr. Stan Garner

James Thrower by Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Cox

Jaann Wells and Chad Jones by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

Kingsley CLC General Fund in Memory of:

James Thrower and our Vietnam Veterans by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

James Thrower by Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Smith

Meditation Garden Fund in Memory of:

Linda Rainwater, James Thrower, and Nathan Hodges by Mrs. Sue Switzer

Brantly Steagall by Judge and Mrs. Fred Steagall

MEMORIALS CONTINUED...

Music Fund in Memory of:

James Thrower and Georgianna Seymour by Mrs. Barbara Jones

Youth Fund in Memory of:

Georgianna Seymour by Mrs. Becky Robinett

James Thrower and Georgianna Seymour by Mrs. Mary Flurer

HONORARIUMS

Cole Garrett Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Sammy Judah by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Communion Fund in Honor of:

Jimmy Owens by Elaine Potts and Mary Vaeth

General Fund in Honor of:

Jimmy Owens by the Susanne Johnson Circle

Billy Gaither by Mrs. Bonita Singletary

Kingsley CLC General Fund in Honor of:

Our Vietnam Veterans by Mr. & Mrs. Estus Walker

Meditation Garden Fund in Honor of:

Billy Gaither and Lottie Brauer by Judge & Mrs. Fred Steagall

Music Fund in Honor of:

David Ethridge, A.J. Bradford, and the choir by Mrs. Mary Vaeth

Vivian B. Adams Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

Sam & Ann Phillips and Stan Garner by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Clouse

Youth Fund in Honor of:

Julia Bittman by Ms. Margie McGahagin

OUR STAFF

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May Birthdays

05/01: Thecla Matthews
05/04: Martha Overstreet
05/08: Nick Cummings
05/10: Gene Allred
05/11: Jillian Owen
05/14: Ian Butler
05/16: Joe Godwin
05/18: Chris Harper
05/19: Estus Walker
Savannah Ferguson
05/21: Anne Laura Parker
05/23: Trot Carroll
05/24: Angie Adams
05/25: Sue Ellen Mosley
05/30: Kalina Scarborough

Summer Theater Camp

Wish Upon A Star Performing Arts CO's Summer Theater Camp will present, Into The Woods, Jr., from June 8-20. If you are interested in your child or grandchild participating, and they will be in next year's first through eighth grade, please call Margie Benson at (334)467-1911 for more information. The total fee for the camp is \$200 plus a \$20 T-shirt fee. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required with the remainder being paid the first day of class.

Indoor Soccer

It's that time of year again! Our indoor soccer practice begins on Thursday, May 14, at 5:30 p.m. (age group 4-5 years), 6:30 p.m. (age group 6-8 years), and 7:30 p.m. (age group 9-12 years). Additional practices for the month are on Monday, May 18, and Thursday, May 28. Games begin on Monday, June 8. We look forward to seeing you there!

Evening Chapel Schedule

We will not be having Sunday evening Chapel service for the foreseeable future. Please stay tuned for any future updates or changes.

Low-Impact Aerobics

Come and join Betty on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for a low-impact aerobics class at 8:00 a.m. in the FLC. We hope to see you there! Classes are free.

\$\$ Counters Needed \$\$

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our counting teams. If you enjoy numbers and are looking for a way to serve, we need you! Counting teams consist of two to three individuals who work together once on a monthly rotation to count the offerings for that Sunday. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Petra in the church office at (334) 774-2569.

May Counting Teams

05/03: Team 2
05/10: Team 3
05/17: Team 4
05/24: Team 5
05/31: Team 1

May Ushers

Billy Blackwell
Andrew Beneze

Podcast: Faith Talks

Join us each week as Jason and Nick explore a wide range of topics through the lens of God's Word. They will answer questions and dive into meaningful conversations on faith, life, and everything in between, often joined by special guests. Be sure to follow us on our website at <https://firstozarkumc.org>, Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or iHeartRadio to stay updated on the latest episodes and discussions. Do you have a topic you'd like us to cover? Email us at faithtalksozark@gmail.com. Need help finding the podcast? Feel free to contact Nick via text at (334) 237-2239.



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Director of Children Ministries:
Holly Newman
Contact Information:
(843)676-5595

FIRST KIDS MAY CALENDAR:

- 5/3: 1st Kids Dinner and Good Manners Party 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - 5/10: Mother's Day, No 1st Kids
 - 5/17: End of School Party 5:00-6:30 p.m.
 - 5/24: Confirmation 10:00 a.m. service
(There will be a breakfast honoring our Confirmands and their families at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Confirmation will be held in the sanctuary during the 10:00 a.m. service.)
- Our VBS BLAST will be held July 31, August 1, and August 2.





Top Floor Student Ministries

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Director of Youth Ministries:

Melissa (Les) Perault

Contact Information:

(334)432-3068



TOPFLOOR YOUTH MINISTRY MAY SCHEDULE

- 5/3: Sunday Night Youth 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 5/6: Wednesday Night Youth 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 5/10: No Sunday Night Youth-Mother's Day
- 5/17: Senior Recognition Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Youth 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 5/20: Wednesday Night Youth 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 5/24: Confirmation 10:00 a.m. service
No Sunday Night Youth-Memorial Day

