

# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
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## Devotional Christian

### Matthew 28:1-10 ~ The Resurrection

It's only ten verses. It took me less than 90 seconds to read it. But it is the event upon which all of history pivots. The event which is central to our Christian life and faith; the fulfillment of an eternal plan; the realization of the promise made. The resurrection.

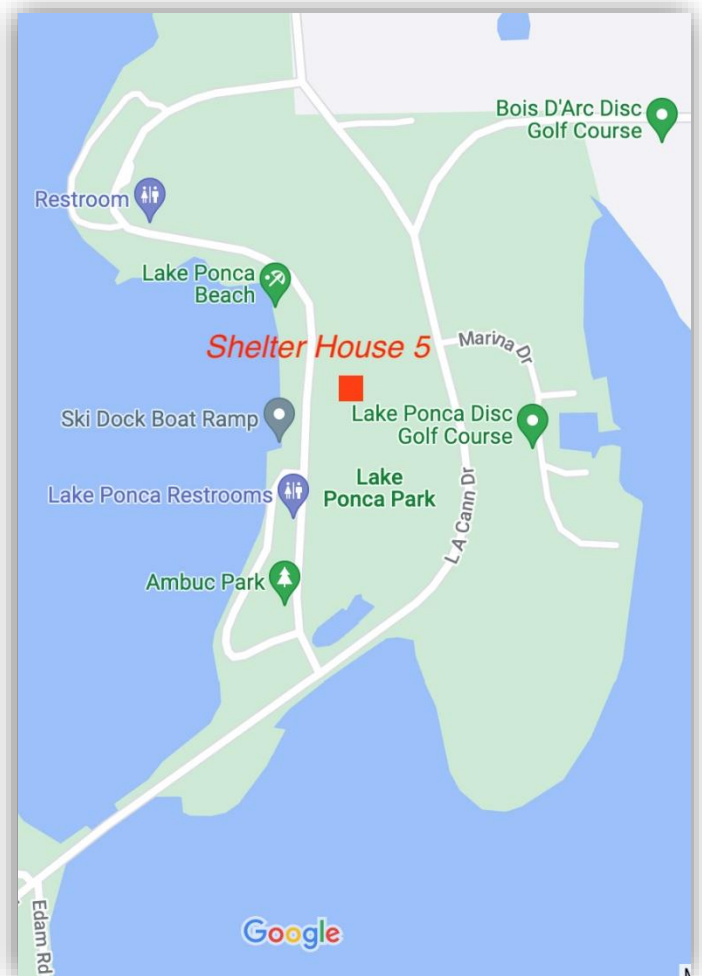
God is executed – God dies – God is buried. Three days later, God is raised from the dead. The effect of accepting the truth of the resurrection is dramatic. They are filled with “fear and great joy.” Fear and joy go together. Fear because this is God. Joy because this is God! He is risen, and we worship him as our Lord and Savior!

Thanks in part to Matthew's detailed description and colorful imagery, here we are, 2000 years later, able to reflect upon Jesus and his resurrection. We can grasp the cosmic significance and power, causing angels to descend from heaven, the depths of the earth to tremble, and soldiers to scramble! The miracle of all miracles!

By definition, miracles are very rare. The order of nature is that way because God is a God of order, and the “laws of nature” are a description of the orderly nature of God. But God is God and can do something different than he normally does—what we would call from our perspective a miracle. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

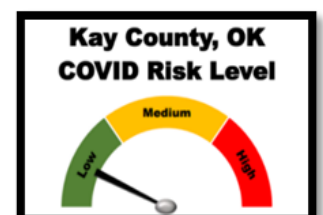
## Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023

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| 8:30 AM<br>Lakeside Worship<br>Lake Ponca Shelter House 5             | 10:30 AM<br>Easter Games<br>West Lawn<br>(or inside if wet) |
| 9:30 - 11:00 AM<br>Doughnuts / Coffee<br>Fellowship Hall              | 11:00 AM<br>Worship<br>Sanctuary                            |
| 10:00 AM<br>Flowering of the Cross<br>5th and Cleveland Outside Steps |   |



## Prayer

*Lord, give us the strength to endure and to never lose sight of Your miraculous resurrection. Empower us with your Spirit so that we might share the good news with others who have not heard. Give us eyes to see your presence in our world—the times you intervene and the miracles that you accomplish. Amen.*



## Giving in Review

As of February 28, 2022

Income Received YTD	\$62,519.39
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$54,750.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$52,108.98

