

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
July 9, 2023



Devotional Christian

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

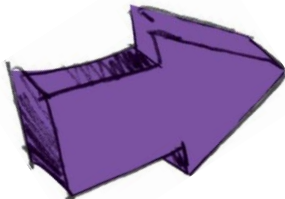
In this passage Jesus is referring to the generation of his time, but it could just as easily be addressed to our generation. How many times have we been misunderstood? Characterized in ways that do not truly describe who we are? It is frustrating when someone assumes they know something about you based on where you grew up or where you went to school, your gender identity, or the color of your skin. While we often generalize based on a minimum amount of information, these characterizations can be inaccurate. It is disheartening when someone does not see you for who you really are. To know someone, you must spend time with them and *learn* who they are. Wisdom grants us the ability to understand beyond our sensory perception. Following Jesus is at the same time a pursuit of wisdom. In a world where the truth is often presented as debatable and lies are painted as truth, we can become weary. Jesus helps carry those heavy burdens and puts our soul at rest.

Prayer

Dear Lord, help me harness my heart and mind to Jesus each day. Amen.

Giving in Review

As of May 31, 2023
Income Received YTD
\$125,876.20
Actual Expenses YTD
\$135,946.11
Budgeted Expenses YTD
\$136,875.00



Celebrate Bike Cave OPEN DAY!

This Saturday, Friendship Bikes has the first Open Day since the COVID outbreak. On an individual basis, 30 Neighbors have been given bikes during that time. Updated procedures now have Neighbors pick from restored bikes instead of waiting for their chosen bike to be repaired. For the 18 ready bikes, Neighbors will get numbers and be allowed into the Bike Cave two at a time, beginning at 11 a.m. The Bike Team of Earl & Jody Ball, Jerry & Becky Helems, Mike & Andrea Morriss, and Robert Vaughn will be assisted by volunteers Richard Himbury and Charles Smith. Friendship Bike's Biblical charge is from Matthew 22: "Love your Neighbor as yourself." -Andrea Morriss

FriendSHIP  BIKES
Sharina Hope with a Set of Wheels



Join Oklahoma Disciples for 2024 Regional Assembly on a 4-day Caribbean cruise July 11-15, 2024, sailing from Galveston, TX. Make your deposit today!

<https://okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly-at-sea/>

On Sunday, July 9th, our 11 AM worship will be held in Fellowship Hall. We are asking people to not use the elevator due to a faulty exhaust fan. We have switched off the fan, which happens to be connected to the lights. We apologize for this inconvenience. If you need to access the church without using steps, please use the east entrance on 5th Street.



**"Oh, Happy Day!"
An Evening of Spirituals**
Saturday, July 15th - 7:00 PM
Ponca City Schools Concert Hall
Proceeds fund a Po-Hi Chorale Student Scholarship

Presented by:
Robert E Moore
& the Po-Hi Chorale Alumni
Free Admission
Donations Welcome