

Ponca City Christian

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
 November 12, 2023



Congregational Meeting Announcement

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, November 19 immediately following the 11:00 service to consider the Nominating Committee's recommendations for Council officers and members, Elders, and Deacons and to consider the proposed 2024 budget. The Nominating Committee recommendations and proposed 2024 budget are shown below and have been posted to the Member Section of the FCC website. Electronic voting will be available.

FCC PROPOSED COUNCIL 2024	
LEADERSHIP	AT-LARGE
Judy Basham, Moderator	Lester Freeman
David Bryan, 1 st Vice Moderator	Jacque Hart
Christy Thompson, 2 nd Vice Moderator	Marilyn Leming
Ed Newport, Treasurer	Mike Morriss
	Charles Smith

OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS

Marvin Clark 1 st Assistant Treasurer
Karen Sledge 2 nd Assistant Treasurer
Nancy Stevenson Congregational Secretary

ELDERS
Frances Coonrod
Lynda Himbury
Ron Kreger
Nancy Stevenson
Marshall Basham
Jerry Brace
Stan Brown
Lester Freeman
Ruth Brace
JoAnne Robison
Jeff Shelton
Kim Stauffer

TRUSTEES
Frances Coonrod
Charles Smith
Marlena Freeman
Joyce Ketcher
Marilyn Leming
Richard Himbury
Ted Impson

DEACONS	
Diann Benson	Vicki Braden
David Bryan	Allison Graham
Doug Hart	Jacque Hart
Pat Hicks	Pat Morahan
Angie Novotny	Christy Thompson
Krista Valentine	Jeri Waller
Becky Abel	Pauletta Beaty
Rusty Benson	Cindy Gray
Dr. Pat Gray	Deb Hagler
Donetta Hicks	Cliff Poet
E.J. Wilson	

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET	
Missions	\$14,400
Personnel	\$179,725
Operations	\$68,750
Education	\$1,900
Hospitality	\$2,000
Property	\$40,200
Worship	\$3,100
Total Budget	\$310,075

Devotional Christian

Matthew 25:1-13

25 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This parable illustrates the importance of waiting for God and always being prepared to receive Him. In the meantime, we should use our gifts and talents to serve God and others. Christ returning to earth is a sobering thought, but one that is full of hope. Jesus will judge us fairly, and those of us who have done good will be rewarded. We will be able to find peace and happiness, and there will be no more suffering.

Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for your promise to come back for us. Help us to be ready for your return. Amen.

Giving in Review

As of September 30, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$211,199.10
Actual Expenses YTD	\$247,544.28
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$246,375.00