

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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In Gratitude...

Thank you so much for all the love and support that came my way during the recognition of Pastor Appreciation Day! I hope you all enjoyed the Fall Fest hotdogs and games as much as I did. It was a great way to get prepared for my vacation that followed. Angela and I traveled for two weeks and we started by spending some time with family and friends in Southwest Missouri. We celebrated Angela's birthday in Bonner Springs, Kansas with more family and friends. Next we flew to Boston, Massachusetts, where we did some touristy things with my sister's family. We then went to Cape Cod where I was able to catch up with a friend from college and his parents. We covered a lot of ground and encountered a lot of people. It is always interesting to make those connections with people you haven't seen in a while, and in our case meet some new people that have been a part of our partner's lives before we came together. Angela got some stories out of my friends from when I was in my twenties. They were kind enough to leave out the parts that are better forgotten. Overall, it was a beautiful trip. October is a great time of year to travel. I know a lot of people from our community have been on their own adventures lately. Whether you have been traveling or you have been staying put in Ponca City, I hope you have enjoyed the beauty of the autumn leaves. Thanks again for all the support!

-Pastor Stephen

Devotional Christian

Matthew 22:34-40

34 When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

My take on

"The Greatest Commandment"

- ❖ Remember that God loves you unconditionally.
- ❖ Seek His guidance. Listen to His voice. Follow His lead.
- ❖ Be open-minded and respectful of other people's perspectives and experiences.
- ❖ Stand up to injustice and work towards positive change.
- ❖ Be kind and generous to each other.
- ❖ Love yourself. Take care of yourself. Be grateful.

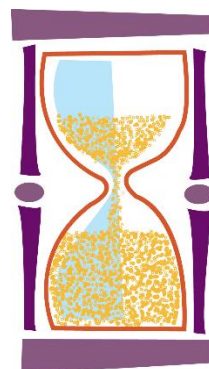
Prayer

Dear Lord, thank You for loving me at my worst. Fill me with Your Spirit and help me honor You. Amen.

Giving in Review

As of August 31, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$197,906.24
Actual Expenses YTD	\$217,726.89
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$219,000.00



Time's Running Out!



Disciples Women are selling shelled pecans again this year! \$13/lb. The extended order deadline is Sunday, October 29th. Contact the office to place an order.