

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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Devotional Christian

Acts 17:22-31

Standing amid countless idols created by humans, Paul made the point that humanity does not create God. In fact, the Greeks' own poets had recognized that God created humans, not vice versa.

Everyone can learn about God, and Paul provided the Greeks with the same opportunity. He encouraged the Greeks to search the Scriptures and find the proofs of his existence. They were invited to learn about God's perfection and His laws. God is near to us because the proof of his existence and power are all around us.

How should we defend our faith when people ask us to explain the hope that is in us? We can follow the example Paul used with the Greeks. We can start by acknowledging points of common interest.



Please let us know if you or a member of your family (who is active in our congregation) is a 2023 graduate from high school, a vocational program, college, or university. Your church family would like to honor this achievement!



Happy Mother's Day

Giving in Review

As of March 31, 2022

Income Received YTD

\$94,609.77

Budgeted Expenses YTD

\$82,125.00

Actual Expenses YTD

\$78,892.15

Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us knowledge where you see fit and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Help us to grow in our faith and to share the love of Christ with those around us. Amen.

Mother's Day/Baby Dedication Day
First Christian Church
May 1948

Thank you to Becky Helems for submitting the photo! She is one of the babies in the picture!



Child Development Center History

The CDC opened its doors on January 15, 1967, in the rent-free activity center of **First Christian Church**. The center was licensed under the Department of Child Welfare, now Department of Human Services, Childcare division. During its faithful support of the CDC, Church Women United provided many types of fund raisers until it dissolved in 1999. Many of the women's church groups still play an important support roll for the center.

During its first few years, the CDC operated on volunteer services and took into consideration the family's ability to pay tuition. Today, the center has a full-time staff of 24 individuals who meet Oklahoma's vigorous requirements for childcare teachers. The center cares for childcare assisted families, tribal assisted families, and families who private pay. Tuition rates are based on total family income and size. (sliding scale rates) The Kaye Motz scholarship fund allows for limited "approved" assistance to families who have needs that are out of their control.

Before settling in the present location at 702 E. Grand Avenue, the center was housed in two additional locations, the old Attucks school library, and the old Jefferson School building.

In 2011, a community capital campaign began to relocate the CDC to ensure a safe environment for young children of the community. We are blessed to have had a great support system in Ponca City where young children are important and valued!

The CDC has a volunteer board who donate their time and energy toward making a great environment for young children. Two major fund drives; "Flamingo Flocking" and the "Flight of the Flamingos" Golf Classic are the board's efforts to increase operational funds.

**If you would like to help the Child Development Center,
you can drop off donations here at FCC.**

Need List...

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| May | Toilet Paper, Diapers, Playdough |
| June | Snacks, Baby Wipes |
| July | Bubbles, Shaving Cream, Playdough, Large Balls |
| September | Large Crayons, Washable Markers, Playdough |
| October | Diapers, Baby Wipes |
| November | Toilet Paper, Shaving Cream, Playdough |
| December | Snacks, Baby Wipes, Kleenex |