

# Ponca City Christian

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Why I love this church...



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## Great Day of Service

First, let me again thank each one of you for your commitment to this program, bringing it back to life and your enthusiasm and encouragement. Our event this year brought humor, fellowship, unity, and some life changing experiences to our community. As a group, we improved 146 households with a team of 625 volunteers! The City of Ponca City received 66.4 TONS of material from the curbside at our homes this year. Isn't that amazing! Great work everyone, you did a wonderful job. The totals, city-wide, for Spring Clean-up was 584.8 Tons of debris from the community. As you drive around town this spring, be sure to notice how nice the yards look and be proud that you had a part in this!

We decided not to suggest a Fall Leaf Roundup this year. The City gave me several ways that "I", or "We" can improve next year, and I will pass these on at our next meeting in early 2023 as we begin to build support for next year's program. I am always looking to involve more churches in the Great Day of Service, ( it was great to involve First Christian and Central Baptist this year for their first experience) so pass it on when you can this year, it truly is one of the strongest ways we as a religious community can unite to impact our community, making a Christian difference by showing God's love to others in Ponca City.

A BIG THANKS goes out to Phillips 66 for donating work gloves this year to all volunteers and also to Farha Distribution for all the Bottled Water to keep us safe and hydrated. WOW what a difference they made!

Again, thank you for your support for Great Day of Service 2022, looking forward to your participation next year also.

Blessings,  
Bill Wentroth  
Church Coordinator/Great Day of Service



## The Prayer Bowl explained...

My prayer bowl has a bit of a story. I take a glass mosaic class on Monday nights, and it allows me to hang out with a couple of like-

minded friends. That's so important these days. We weathered the pandemic together... sometimes even making art over Zoom. Once we felt it was safe, we would get together in person, and made mosaics, socially distanced and in masks for quite a while.

I now have a bunch of glass mosaics hanging around my house. I was telling mom (Sandra Brown...for those who maybe don't know me) that I was running out of room for mosaics and out of money for classes and so she commissioned me to make a prayer bowl for the church. She wanted something that would complement the mosaic in the chapel, and I went to work!

The bowl is one of those old punch bowls you find at rummage sales...probably from the 70's. I sketched a bit, but it's hard to sketch on a 2D surface something that will eventually be round like the bowl. I added those images I loved the most from the mosaic in the chapel...the rainbow, the birds, the mountains.

During each Monday class I would turn the bowl over on its side, prop it up so it wouldn't roll around, and pick the part of the design that seemed the least intimidating. I would start cutting glass and gluing it. I slowly worked my way around the bowl, week by week, until every part of it was covered with color.

At that point it is time for the grout. For contrast I chose a gray and mixed it until it was the consistency of peanut butter. Then you start spreading it and pushing it between the pieces of glass. You scrape it a bit, let it dry a bit, and then buff the rest of the grout off...just like you would with a tile floor. And then you spend several hours scraping off all of the excess glue. Ask mom, this step makes a huge difference!

Finally, we looked for the perfect place for the bowl...somewhere where the light would shine through all of the beautiful colors! I just love where the bowl found its home. I hope you all do too.

-Jennifer Deal

