

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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The next Community Learning Seminar will begin on Tuesday the 18th at First Christian Church. There will be two group sessions—one at 4:00 pm and one at 7:00 pm.

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, with a vision of a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.



Week of Compassion ONLINE GIVING

As Disciples, we are not new to giving sacrificially of ourselves as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Let's continue doing the work of ministry in places and spaces where suffering occurs. For 80 years, Week of Compassion has continued to be a leader within our Church and world. Their dedicated staff, board members, volunteer base, and local and global ecumenical partners help Disciples hear, see, and act by standing in solidarity with families and communities where suffering occurs. Recovery, resettlement, relief, and inspiring hope is what Week of Compassion does in shared ministry with all Disciples. Again, we are not new to this salvific work. This critical domestic and international work is representative of the hope we have in Christ. Yes, the ongoing work that we've done and continue to do is excellent in Christ's sight. Will you support your Church in hearing, seeing, and acting by making an offering to Week of Compassion? As Paul told the community in Philippi, let us hear, see, and act in new liberating and salvific ways. We can be confident that the model and method of Christ's mission still works today.

The Oklahoma Disciples Men's Fellowship is Rebooting!

Oklahoma Disciples Men's Dinner
Thursday, March 20, 6:30 pm
First Christian Church of Yukon
601 Maple St., Yukon
Dinner \$6.00
RSVP by Wednesday 19th at 1 PM
office@fccyukon.org
405.354.5808

The world seems to be changing way too rapidly nowadays. Our kids are into social media -- maybe too much. We can do almost everything we need to do from home. We don't have to see anyone outside the home anymore. Marriage rates are down. Birthrates are down. The workplace is seriously changing. What's going on? Some of all this is just us men-- and our boys. We men folk may be having more trouble adapting to this changing world than anyone. Why? How do we fix it or at least make it better. Recently, men's and women's fortunes have been trending in opposite directions. Women's college enrollment first eclipsed men's around 1980, but in the past two decades or so this gap has become a chasm. In 2022, men made up less than half of students at 4-year schools, and their graduation rates were lower than women's as well. Since 2019, there have been more college-educated women in the work force than men.

Economists are puzzled by the big drop in men in the workplace. Public health experts are worried about the high rates of suicide and overdose among this demographic. Parents are seeing their sons struggle and are concerned about what this means for their future. Many of the rapid economic, social and cultural changes over recent decades pose new challenges for boys and men.

The seminar will discuss possible solutions. There is support for more social activities for boys such as Boy Scouts as well as starting boys later in school.

Based on the book Of Boys and Men by Richard Reeves.

This Community Learning Seminar will all be held at First Christian Church located at 210 North 5th Street in Ponca City. Attendees should enter the building from the west door. For more information and to sign up to attend, call the church office at 580.762.1667

Service Attendance ~ February 9, 2025

In Person: 60 Live Online: 29
Social Media Hits: 80

Sunday, February 16 ~ Service Information

Luke 3:7-18

"He proclaimed the good news to the people."