

# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
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## Devotional Christian

### Matthew 21:1-11 ~ Jerusalem ~

Today Jesus is entering the most troubled place in the world. It is a place of struggle, conflict, and confrontation. It has a history of killing the prophets, fighting wars, and living in violence. It is a place in turmoil. The most troubled place in the world is not, however, a geographic location. The human heart is the most troubled place in our world. It was then and it is now.

Look at the history of the world. Look at present day Jerusalem, the wars, fighting, and protests throughout the Middle East, the American political and economic systems and you will see the symptoms of the turmoil that fills the heart of humanity. We see it in world events, and we experience it in our own lives. It's in the fear and uncertainty of our future, the loss of financial security, a broken marriage, estrangement between parent and child, the disease that interrupts life's plans. Each of us could name and describe our personal turmoil.

Jesus is entering Jerusalem, the heart of a people, the foundation of a religion. The crowd is waving palms and shouting "Hosanna." Hosanna means "Praise God! Save Us Now!" it is both a praise and a cry for help. We still Praise God and ask for His help today. But there is more involved in this Christ following life. We must take the humble steps to live like followers as well.

### **Maundy Thursday – April 6, 2023**

6:00 pm – Dinner and a Show

Soup supper followed by a presentation of Earl Sutton's Judas and Mary Magdalene After the Last Supper, from "Unlikely Conversations about Jesus" directed by Jacque Erner.

### **Easter Sunday – April 9, 2023**

8:30 AM

Lakeside Worship  
*Lake Ponca Shelter House 5*

10:30 AM

Easter Games  
*West Lawn*  
(or inside if wet)

9:30 - 11:00 AM

Doughnuts / Coffee  
*Fellowship Hall*

11:00 AM

Worship  
*Sanctuary*

10:00 AM

Flowering of the Cross  
*5th and Cleveland Outside Steps*

## **Employment Opportunities**

We are currently looking to fill the position of  
***Wēe Care Coordinator***

Wēe Care is an outreach ministry that provides a safe, clean, loving and positive environment for children ages six weeks through four years. Coordinator responsibilities include, but may not be limited to: Enrollment, Collection of Fees, Scheduling of Calendar, Supervision of Staff, Parent Relations, Positive Caregiving, Area Preparation and Cleanup.

There is the possibility of additional workdays through a sister program at First United Methodist Church.

### **Giving in Review**

As of February 28, 2022

Income Received YTD  
\$62,519.39

Budgeted Expenses YTD  
\$54,750.00

Actual Expenses YTD  
\$52,108.98

## Prayer

*May we learn to serve Christ with humility.  
May we receive clarity, comfort, and peace through our trust in  
God's love. Amen.*

## **100th Anniversary of Groundbreaking Ceremony**

On Monday morning, April 9, 1923, at 8 o'clock the groundbreaking services were held. In the presence of members and friends, Judge William England, chairman of the board, dug the first shovel full and elders and deacons filled a wagon load of dirt. Mr. L. K. Meeks rejoiced with the congregation and minister, Mr. E. C. Whitaker, that at last they were getting started on their long planned new church located at Fifth and Cleveland.

On April 6, 1924, the new completed church held a dedication ceremony.

~Becky Helems

### **Kay County, OK COVID Risk Level**

