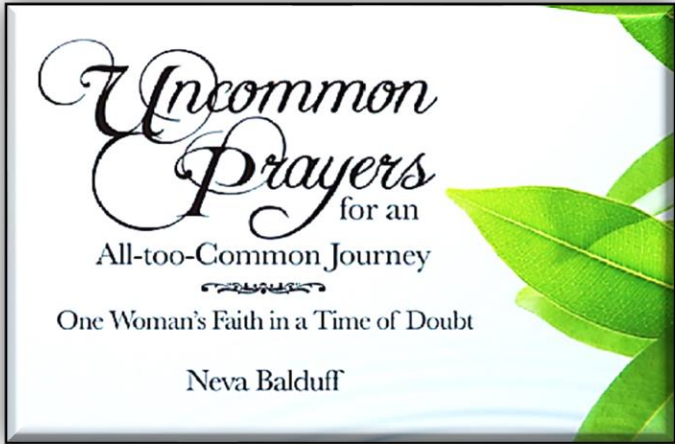


# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
October 13, 2024



## GOBLINS IN THE GAZEBO



### ↔️ BLESSING OF THE MIND ↔️

We played Bingo tonight,  
such a silly, simple game—  
but we were with friends,  
and it seemed right.  
I'm sure they felt the same.  
There was a time, not long ago,  
I wouldn't have believed  
that my husband would ever know  
how to interact—I am so relieved  
that his memory is back,  
and he's still among the living.  
He's a little better every day,  
and we're continually giving  
thanks to a God so generous and kind,  
for restoring and healing  
my husband's mind.

The Goblins are going to be haunting the Gazebo again this year! We need some worker bees (no you don't have to dress like a bee . . . but you could) to greet our ghoulish friends on Thursday, October 17 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. We also need wrapped Halloween candy! The candy can be dropped off at the church any time before the 17th. This is a great opportunity to interact with our community and support this Main Street activity. It is sure to be a "spook"tacular time!



We need Trick-or-Treat stations for the Wee Care kiddos! October 31<sup>st</sup> around 10am.. If you'd like to help give Brenna a call @580.762.1667

### Service Attendance ~ October 6, 2024

In Person: 69      Live Online: 20  
Social Media Hits: 77

### Sunday, October 13 ~ Service Information

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

*"God has made my heart faint."*

Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30  
Services @ 8:30 & 11:00

## FRIENDSHIP FEAST MINISTRY

### BAKED POTATO FUNDRAISER

Friday, October 18, 2024

4:30 pm — 7:00 pm

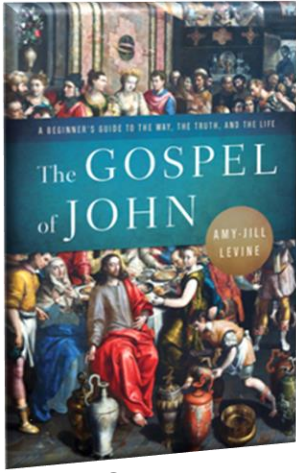
HERE AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Adults \$8.00 (in advance)

\$10.00 (at the meal)

Children (4-12) \$3.00





## DISCOVERIES FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Stephen has shared with all of us that John's Gospel differs significantly from the Synoptic

Gospels. Through the Sojourner's study of A.J. Levine's *The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to The Way, The Truth, And the Life*, we were startled by the list of differences brought to light in just the first two chapters of Levine's book.

John has no nativity story, therefore no magi or shepherds, no virgin birth, not even a mention of Joseph. Although John the Baptist is mentioned, there is no literal baptism of Jesus. John has no formal "parables" and does not use the term. Only John has the "sign" of Jesus turning water into wine at the Wedding in Cana. While the Synoptic Gospels spend a lot of time talking about the "Kingdom of God," John only uses the term twice.

The author of John must have had a different intent and expected his audience to rely on the other Gospels to tell the Jesus stories that are familiar to us today. We anticipate exploring more insights into John's metaphors and purpose.

*Andrea Morriss*, Sojourner's Guide



## **Empower & Equip for an Ever Evolving Church**

### **One-Day Leadership Training Event**

Empower & Equip is the Region's fall one-day leadership development event for Oklahoma Disciples. This in-person event will be held Saturday, November 16th at Forest Park Christian Church in Tulsa from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm.

Guided by the theme, "Empower & Equip for an Ever Evolving Church", the event will offer

- Eight "Best Practices" workshops on vital ministry topics for elders, deacons, board members, children's and youth leaders, and other lay leaders.
- Lunch to continue the conversation in community.
- A powerful worship experience with guest preacher Rev. Kelley Becker, senior minister of Disciples Christian Church, Bartlesville.

Visit the Regional website for the schedule, workshops and registration.

[Empower Equip 2024 - Christian Church in Oklahoma \(okdisciples.org\)](https://okdisciples.org)



**FROM THE  
MUSIC  
DIRECTOR**

*Rehearsals start  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>!!*

**Handbell Bell Rehearsal      5:30-6:30**

**Choir Rehearsal                6:45-7:45**

### **Giving in Review**

As of August 31, 2024

Income Received YTD	\$200,547.39
Actual Expenses YTD	\$181,920.57
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$204,383.57