

# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
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## Devotional Christian

### Matthew 9:35-10:8

In Matthew 9:35-10:8, Jesus reflects on the importance of service and how it connects us to God. He also encourages us to always put others first, and to show compassion to others. These teachings are important, and they can help us to live our lives in a way that is pleasing to God.

Jesus was compassionate, living out a mission of mercy in proclaiming Good News and bringing healing. He gave authority to his disciples to do the same, asking them to do so generously. It was a gift that they had received, and they were to share it in the same spirit. His kingdom was near, a kingdom of mercy that offered hope and love to all who would accept it. Every one of us is being called to be a harvester. Each one of us can reach a corner of the field that isn't accessible to anyone else. You may be the only person who brings Jesus' healing and compassion into their lives.

### Prayer

*Lord, we ask for the blessing of energy and compassion to share the "good news" with those that need it the most. Amen.*



If you would like to receive prayer request

emails, please contact the church office, or email Brenna at [brenna@fccponcacity.com](mailto:brenna@fccponcacity.com).



The Child Development Center (CDC) is one of the first outreach ministries that grew from

seeds of service planted by forward-thinking disciples who saw a need and met that need. This ministry has remained near and dear to the Disciple Women (DW) of First Christian Church since it began some 56 years ago. They are asking for our help in providing snacks and baby wipes for the center. Donations can be dropped off at the Church.

In September, the DW will be collecting large crayons, washable markers, and playdough for our friends at the CDC. Your help and especially your prayers for the continuing purpose of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

### Giving in Review

As of April 30, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$111,198.76
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$109,500.00
Actual Expenses YTD	\$106,542.74

HAPPY  
*Father's Day*

From all of us at First Christian Church