

# Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing  
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## Devotional Christian

### LUKE 24:13-35 ~ EMMAUS

The story of the Road to Emmaus is a reminder of the importance of faith and hope. Two things that are essential for Christians. We need faith to believe in Jesus without physical proof. We need hope to keep us going when times are tough.

The disciples walk with a stranger telling him of their tragic week in Jerusalem. They are stricken with grief, loss, and incomprehension. They are trying to fill the empty space with their own voices. But they do not begin to achieve understanding until they listen rather than talk. They are not quite aware that this is what is happening until their eyes are finally opened in the breaking of the bread.

The lesson from this story is that we should always be on the lookout for Jesus in our lives. He could appear in unexpected ways and in unexpected places. It's easy to become complacent in our faith and view it as something that is static and unchanging, but this story reminds us that our faith should be dynamic and always growing. We should keep our eyes and hearts open, ready to receive Christ in all that we do.

Another important lesson from this story is the importance of sharing our faith with others. The two disciples shared their experience and knowledge of Jesus with the stranger, even though they didn't know it was Him at the time. This teaches us to always be willing to share our faith and our experiences with others, even if we don't know how it might impact them. You never know how your words might inspire or encourage someone else on their own spiritual journey.

Luke 24:13-35 is a powerful reminder that our faith should always be growing, and that we should always be open to encountering Christ in unexpected ways. We should never be afraid to share our faith with others, and to be a source of encouragement and support on their own journeys of faith.

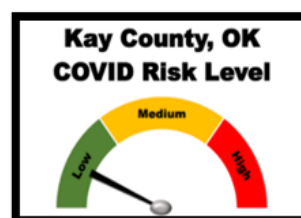
## FELLOWSHIP *Dinner*

The Inquirers class is hosting the next **Fellowship Dinner this Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the late service.** Lunch will be provided. Please join us in celebrating our church family. We'd like to extend a special invitation to the early service members. Please come back and join us! *Inquirer's Sunday School Class*



Spring is bringing warmth to the soil and buds to the trees. It is time to plant for a future harvest. The Friendship Garden, on the corner of 4th and Chestnut (the northwest corner of the FCC block), is once again ready for anyone interested in gardening. We have ground and raised plots available for a fee of \$20 and an agreement to practice safe gardening habits. It is not necessary to attend or be a member of FCC to garden with us.

If you would like more information about Friendship Garden please contact Brenna @ 580.762.1667 or email [brenna@fccponcacity.com](mailto:brenna@fccponcacity.com)



### Giving in Review

As of March 31, 2022

Income Received YTD  
\$94,609.77

Budgeted Expenses YTD  
\$82,125.00

Actual Expenses YTD  
\$78,892.15

### Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we seek Your guidance and wisdom. Like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we struggle to recognize You in our everyday lives. Walk with us in our journey of faith, even when we do not recognize Your presence. Amen.*