

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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Devotional Christian

Matthew 21:23-32

This parable teaches us an important lesson about obedience and repentance. The first son represents those who may initially reject God's call or commandments but later have a change of heart and choose to follow Him. It reminds us that it is never too late to turn back to God and do His will.

The second son, on the other hand, represents those who may appear outwardly obedient but do not truly have a heart for God. It serves as a warning against hypocrisy and emphasizes the importance of genuine faith and obedience.

As we reflect on this passage, let us examine our own hearts and actions. Are we like the first son, willing to humble ourselves, admit our mistakes, and seek forgiveness? Or are we like the second son, going through the motions without true devotion?

Prayer

*Dear Lord, strengthen my faith and fulfill your good works through me.
Amen.*

2023 Giving Challenge

An anonymous donor has offered to give First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Ponca City up to \$5,000 through a giving challenge campaign. It is a 50% matching gift, meaning for every \$2 given by donors above their usual giving, the challenger will give \$1. The only thing you have to do to participate is mark your extra donation with 2023 Challenge, and the Financial Assistant will take care of the rest.

Sample scenarios:

- If we received \$2,500 in challenge donations, the anonymous donor would contribute an additional \$1,250 for a total of \$3,750 for the challenge.
- If we received \$13,000 in challenge donations, the anonymous donor would contribute the maximum \$5,000 for a total of \$18,000.

We will accept contributions to the 2023 Giving Challenge through the end of November 2023. Thank you for considering this challenge!

Giving in Review

As of August 31, 2023

Income Received YTD	\$197,906.24
Actual Expenses YTD	\$217,726.89
Budgeted Expenses YTD	\$219,000.00

Pastor Appreciation Sunday is October the eighth. We're celebrating Pastor Stephen that evening at 6 pm. We'll have hotdogs and play games. Contact the office if you have questions or you'd like to help.

