

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
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An End and a New Course

Friendship Bikes 1.0 closed its doors Saturday with 9 more joyful Neighbors riding off on newly refurbished bicycles. This brings the total bikes given, since our 2017 beginning, to 278! Our goal was to provide transportation for those whose only possible means of getting to jobs and shopping was a bicycle or walking. Along with a bike, we intentionally listened to their life stories, required them to watch bike safety films, furnished lights and locks along with hands-on instruction in their use, and encouraged them to wear helmets we fitted and provided.

Those 278 Bike Neighbors were blessed because of the encouragement, support, and financial gifts of our congregation, Council, and ministers.

Almost all of Saturday's Neighbors came because a friend told them about us. Friends helping friends aligns with our purpose, "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." One Neighbor came after seeing our poster in the laundromat, but a friend told him, too. Two Neighbors came to replace their bikes which had been recently stolen while they were eating at Friendship Feast (where we had also posted our open date).

Saturday's Bike Team members were Earl (on his birthday!) & Jody Ball, Richard Himbury, Charles Smith, Robert Vaughn, and Mike & Andrea Morriss.

Friendship Bikes 2.0 Team will be Stephen, Robert Vaughn, and Marty Thompson. We pray they and our Neighbors will flourish with mutual blessings.

-Andrea Morriss, Co-Spokesperson,
Friendship Bikes 1.0



Disciples Women are selling shelled pecans again this year! \$13/lb. The order deadline is Sunday, October 22nd. Contact the office to place an order.

Devotional Christian

Matthew 21:33-46

This parable is a warning not to take any of this for granted. Our world, our life, our salvation – it is all grace, all a gift from God. We, too, can be tempted at times to think that we can keep the fruits of God's Kingdom for ourselves. We work hard, making our living and providing for ourselves and our family, it's easy to forget to be thankful for everything God has provided for us.

Prayer

Dear Lord, remind me to be thankful for what I have and not take things for granted. Amen.

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



Gremlins were spotted at Marland Place making off with all the socks! With all kids' underwear, sizes 2-8. With all the baby diapers, all sizes! Help stop this travesty.

Be a good witch and bring your contribution of kids' socks, underwear, and diapers to the Marland Place Box by the office, by Halloween! Don't be scary! Be a smiley pumpkin for our Foster Kids! The Great Pumpkin will thank you.

-Becky Davis

Little Help?

We have a lot of travel going on within our volunteer base. We can use a few extra hands of support for our Wildcat Wednesday activities on October 11th and 18th while Pastor Stephen is out of the office. We need people to be present with our kids and if you can make a food run to help feed them, that would be great. Please let Karen (karen@fccponcacity.com) know how you can help.

-Pastor Stephen