

Ponca City Christian

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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
March 19, 2023



Devotional Christian

John 9:1-17 ~ The Blind Man ~

The disciples attributed the man's blindness – as was the typical outlook of their day – to sin. They just wanted to determine WHOSE sin it was. Jesus said it was “neither.” It was God's purpose, so that He could display His works in him. This man was born blind for the glory of God.

Everyone is born spiritually blind. This man lacked the ability to see Jesus physically, just as unbelievers lack the ability to see Jesus spiritually.

The healing of the blind man tells us what happens when God saves a soul through the gospel of Jesus Christ. He gets the glory, and we get the blessing. Our happiness in what He has done for us contributes to His glory. But the gospel isn't about how Jesus can give you a happy life for your own sake. It's about how He can give you a happy life so that you can proclaim His greatness as you tell others how He called you out of darkness and into the light.

The unique way that Jesus performed this miracle also teaches us that each person is an individual and therefore requires an individual approach regarding how we deal with them spiritually.

This is one of the greatest models of how to bear a witness as a believer. Many people are afraid to say anything about the Lord because they think they will be dragged into a theological argument. But witness is simply doing what this man did -- saying what Jesus did for you, that is all. "Once I was blind, now I can see" -- that is what a witness is. You are the world's greatest authority on what happened to you. When you stand on your experience no one can deny what the Lord has done in your life. You are a positive, powerful witness for Christ.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023
in Louisville, Kentucky
JULY 29 - AUGUST 1

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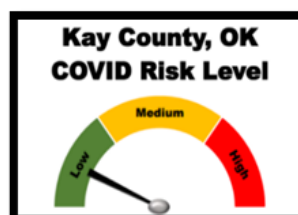


Mondays
@ 1:30 pm
in the Chapel

A Lenten Discussion Series **Wednesdays at Noon**

(Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch)

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| March 22, 2023 | ... <i>You shall not swear falsely</i> |
| March 29, 2023 | ... <i>An eye for an eye</i> |
| April 5, 2023 | ... <i>You shall love your neighbor</i> |



Giving in Review

As of February 28, 2022
Budgeted Expenses
\$54,750.00
Actual Expenses
Coming soon...
Income Received
\$44,500.48

Prayer

Thank You, Father, for lifting me out of the kingdom of darkness into Your glorious kingdom of light. May the light of Your love and grace shine in and through me, and may I be used by You as a reflection of the true Light that lights all those that come into the world. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.