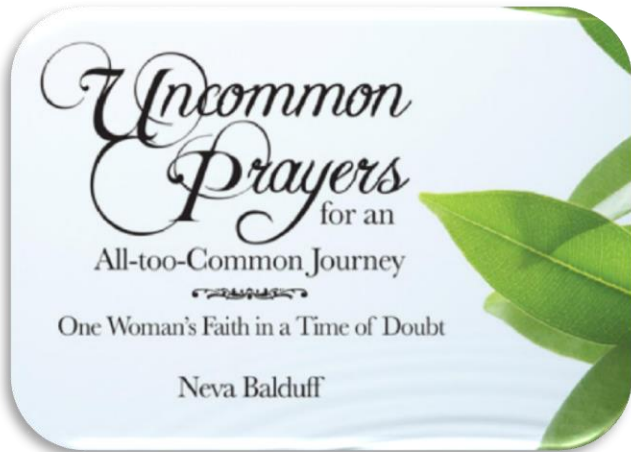


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Seeking, Serving, Sharing
March 31, 2024



Easter Sunday, March 31

Rise:

This day has come. New again, once more new. Repeated often in my life but now, this year, it comes as I have never known before. This

day has come! There

is one word, one hope, upon my lips. One word formed by the One who recreates Life, opens Life, fills each day of living with life. One word, the only word I can speak on this day. One word in a magnificent embrace swooping upon my life: Rise! No longer held down by the old stories. No longer tied up in knots of regret. No longer robbing myself of joy and happiness by looking back to dirty old days. No longer nailed to my greatest pain or humbling loss. Rise! I can turn my face to what brims with light! I can pick up myself, again and again! I can leave it all behind as I enter this day. Rise! I can be who I always intended to be. I can find Life, hold it close, my dear Life. Rise!

Gracious God, may I know your Peace, your loving Restoration, and your Unconditional Love. May I rise, new. This is my prayer, in the name of the One who found us all, on this day. Alleluia Amen!

[Devotionals - Phillips Theological Seminary \(ptstulsa.edu\)](http://ptstulsa.edu)

Service Attendance, March 24, 2024

In Person: 60 Live Online: 24
Social Media Hits: 118

Sunday, March 31 Service Information

Mark 16:1-8
"He has been raised."
Sunday School @ 9:30 ~ Fellowship Time @ 10:30
Services @ 8:30 & 11:00

Giving in Review

As of February 29, 2024

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Income Received YTD | \$71,893.85 |
| Actual Expenses YTD | \$49,282.51 |
| Budgeted Expenses YTD | \$51,345.89 |

↔ SIMPLE PLEASURES ↔

Have you ever eaten a piece of chocolate in the middle of the night?
A morsel of stolen sweetness can help to make things right.
It's the simple little pleasures that sometimes get us through, not only the big "aha's"—though we will have those, too.
So be thankful for small treasures—they can add up to a lot.
They will pay you dividends, though they can't be sold or bought, but you can dip into your storehouse on any rainy day and grab a ray of sunshine—it will help to light your way.
God created awe-inspiring treasures, that's so very true—but it's the simple little pleasures that will see us through!

~Neva Balduff

The [Sunny Dayz Memorial Festival](#) is coming to Ponca City on June 1st. FCC Ponca City would like to provide some activities for kids during this community event. We need your creativity, know-how, and participation. Please contact Judy Basham if you would like to help us make it happen!



2024 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY (ON LAND)

We are looking for three voting delegates to represent FCC Ponca City. Delegates need to have been members of the church for at least six months. Costs for registration will be covered by the church.



The poster features a central graphic of a map of Oklahoma composed of colorful geometric shapes. Below the map, several hands of different colors (green, red, brown, black) are raised, reaching towards the center. Musical notes and butterflies are scattered around the hands. The text is arranged as follows:

**2024 Regional Assembly
(On Land)
Business Meeting**

April 20, 2024 • 10am
First Christian Church Stroud

okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly

**Biennial Event
of the
Regional Church**



The logo consists of a circular emblem with a map of Oklahoma in the center. The text "CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OKLAHOMA" is written along the top inner edge of the circle, and "DISCIPLES OF CHRIST" is written along the bottom inner edge. A rainbow-colored banner is draped across the map.

We're pleased to share that **First Christian Church Stroud** is hosting our [2024 Regional Assembly](https://okdisciples.org/2024-regional-assembly) on **Saturday, April 20, 2024** from 10am-noon.

Please join us for the biennial business meeting with:

- Election of new officers for the 2024-2026 term
- Approval of the date and location of Regional Assembly 2026
- 2023 financial recap
- Introduction of Interim Regional Minister Rev. Randy Kuss,
- Worship featuring **Rev. Dr. Nancy Pittman from Phillips Seminary**
- Plus, fellowship and lunch

This in-person event will also be broadcast on the region's YouTube channel. ***Let's gather Oklahoma Disciples!***