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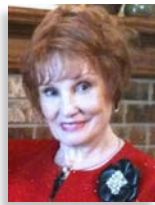
## Jots from Jeff



Revelation 14:13, *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are*

*blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!"* It is with a heavy heart that I pen the words of this newsletter, for we have lost a dear friend, mother and stepmother to physical death. **Jean "Stormy" Stevens-Gardner** went home to be with Jesus very early on Thursday morning, May 12. **Jean** was **Donna Myers'** (our Eagle Facility Minister) mom and my stepmother.

She wanted to make a difference. She was an encourager's encourager. She loved "all in." She was a visionary. She loved "all in." She was a visionary.



She seemed fearless. She was creative. She was thoughtful. She was a woman of many missions. She never knew the meaning of "can't." She

has been my personal champion since 1991. She has been my "mom" since 2012. We've been business partners. We've been each other's confidant. She made my dad enormously happy, as he

did her. She was living the dream on the forgotten coast. She made the world brighter. We are better because of her. The world will be diminished without her. Heaven is now more appealing because of her.

Her memorial service will be at the **Boulevard church of Christ**, 1301 N. Drexel Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 on Friday, June 3, 2016.

On a happier note, we are please to announce that another *Eagle* resident has reached her 1-year milestone, been inducted into the Senior Board of Mentors and received her certificate of accomplishment. Congratulations to

**Kendra Toahy!**

**Kendra** has excelled during her time with *Eagle* and still remains to provide guidance and encouragement to others. She is a genuine blessing.



One of the areas of growth we need at *Boulevard* is in our singing worship. We are excited to announce that we are sending **Ivan Gonzalez** and **Steven Moore** to the *Worship Leader Institute* in Nashville, TN next month. This is an intensive week-long training school led by **Keith Lancaster** and **Acappella Ministries** (acappella.org).

They have a proven track record of training dynamic worship leaders. Please pray for their safe travels and leadership growth.

—Jeff Gardner



**Ivan's  
Info**

Summer is here! Thankfully, many of our college students from our *Merge* group get to return home to their families. They are greatly missed, but it brings us much joy to see them spend quality time with their families and for them to minister to their local community. During this summer, many of our *Merge* members have some amazing plans. **Nicole Johnson** has the opportunity to study abroad in Japan; **Hannah Artz** is working with Oklahoma City youth through *Capitol Hill church of Christ*; **Haley Rose** is traveling to Peru on a mission trip; and **Marco Rubio** and **Lizette Gonzalez** are entering a new stage in life: marriage. That's not all! This June we also plan to go on a mission trip where we will be working and serving the community in Placerville, California. Busy summer! Please continue to pray for our *Merge* group.

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# About Us

*Boulevard church of Christ is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in reaching people with messed up lives. We believe Jesus is the great Healer physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. And we all need to be healed of something.*

*Eagle Recovery Center is a Christ-centered, structured, sober-living group home for the purpose of empowering women to successfully re-enter society and live victoriously over drugs and alcohol or any other destructive habit. All residents are valued members of the Boulevard church family.*

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It has been a little over a year since we established our *Hands and Feet* ministry. Our goal was to grow as a church in our service to others. We decided to join forces with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma by dedicating one Wednesday a month. In our efforts from April to September, we were able to help package 35,613 pounds of food; an equivalent to 29,677 meals.

The experience was amazing and it led us to want to expand. It was in September when our ministry began serving the homeless community in downtown Oklahoma City. We started by making and serving 45 meals, which now has grown to 100 meals on Wednesday nights. Our ministry has been able to serve these meals with the help of many caring local businesses and loving people who have heard of our cause and decided to lend a hand. Prayers, clothing, meals and much more are

what our service is able to provide. Please continue to pray for *Hands and Feet* so that it may continue to give fruit. And if you would like to help in any way, your help will be greatly appreciated.

—Ivan Gonzalez



**Donate online at <http://www.gofundme.com/eaglerecovery>**

Yes, I would like to partner with the *Boulevard church* and *Eagle Recovery Center* to help bring Christ to and heal those who are struggling to overcome addiction by making a donation of...

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 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **Boulevard church of Christ** and send to:

**1301 N. Drexel Boulevard • Oklahoma City, OK 73107**

[www.eaglerecoverycenter.org](http://www.eaglerecoverycenter.org)

**Other Ways to Help:**

- Female or Husband/Wife teams to help with transportation for a day
- Donate good clothing suitable for work
- Godly women to develop mentoring relationships with an Eagle resident
- Grounds keeping assistance (mowing, limb cutting and removal, painting and repair)

*Please contact Lora or Donna at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.*

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