

@Boulevard



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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



When I awakened this morning and stepped out onto the front porch, I was struck with awe and wonder at our amazing God and the beautiful weather we have been experiencing in August in Oklahoma! We have so much for which to praise God. Not the least of which is you, our supporters, prayer partners and fellow servants in ministry. We praise God for you and thank you for your faithfulness.

On July 22, I am sad to report that we said farewell to a beautiful friend of *Eagle*, Sister **Pat Henderson**. A more noble and Christ-like woman I have never met. She struggled with cancer for a number of years, and her struggle finally ended. For that we are grateful. But our deepest condolences are extended to her loving husband, **Hank Henderson**, and the rest of their family. Please be prayerful for them.

We were blessed on that same day that a group of young people came to *Eagle* from the **Alameda church** in Norman to offer us a day of service. They mowed, trimmed, painted and cleaned up a big portion of the campus. And we want to express our gratitude to **Altus Boren, Harrison Boren, Victoria Clark, Tyler Clark, Cameron Jackson, Zach Jones, Lee Langdon, Brittain Langdon, Keegan Langdon, Todd Robeson, Luke Robeson** and **Payt Robeson**. Thank you

for demonstrating the heart of a servant of Christ!

Susie and I were blessed to worship with the **Alameda church** on August 4 and I enjoyed preaching the Word for them that Sunday. Thank you for your great hospitality! And I want to also thank **Logan Glover** for leading singing at *Boulevard* and **Jerry Gardner** for preaching in my absence. It's a team effort!

We recently met a young woman named **Jamie Furche** and have had the blessing of studying some with her. She is a diligent Bible student which is refreshing. On Monday, August 5, she came to the conclusion on her own that when she was younger and was baptized, she did not repent, and that baptism without repentance is not pleasing to God. So that night, about 9:45 pm, she made a conscious decision to repent AND be baptized into Christ. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to grow in her faith.

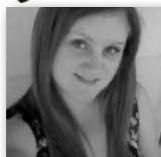
— Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



In the Spotlight

Meet **Amillia Maiden**.

Amillia came to us almost a year ago and has a beautiful five year-old daughter named **Heavenly** who currently lives with her grandparents. *Amillia* has grown a lot and continues to be a positive influence in our ministry.



@Boulevard: What were some key events in your life which contributed to your addiction?

Amillia: My mother went to prison for murder when I was 13 and I went on a downward spiral. I found something that made me not feel anything. I fell in love with that feeling. I got really great at hustling and that became my life. It was all I knew or wanted to know from the time I was 13 to 23...10 years.

@Boulevard: What did it take for you to decide to choose recovery?

Amillia: I was tired of missing out on my daughter's life. I had been to jail and rehab for too long, gone 6 months at a time. She is five now and I want my daughter back in my life every day like I did when she was born. I don't want to look like I did or feel like I did any more.

@Boulevard: What are some things you believe are helpful and harmful in helping someone choose recovery?

Amillia: I believe they should go to rehab, maybe long-term. And get some counseling and learn to deal with their emotions. Go to NA (Narcotics Anonymous) or AA (Alcoholics Anonymous). Go to church. Change your people, places and things. Staying in the same environment is harmful. So is not changing anything and not asking for help.

@Boulevard: What keeps you motivated and strong on difficult days?

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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.

Amillia: My motivation is knowing I will have my daughter back soon. Having healthy and realistic goals keeps me focused. I find strength through God, Jesus Christ, my sisters at *Eagle* and my family at home.

@Boulevard: How has being at *Eagle* and with *Boulevard* church helped you?

Amillia: It has helped me grow tremendously in my faith and in my recovery in NA. Being at *Eagle* has given me a safe place to live and to grow in my sobriety. I get to help new ladies when they come in and it helps me to become a better person. I have been at *Eagle* for

almost a year and have grown leaps and bounds as a person, a daughter of God and a nicer person who wants to help, not hinder.

@Boulevard: What would you like to say to those who support *Eagle / Boulevard* through prayers, finances and service?

Amillia: Thank you for the support and encouragement. I would not be where I am in life without *Eagle* and *Boulevard*. Being where I am today has truly saved my life and I have grown so much spiritually. Thank you for everything and helping me grow in my life.

Alameda Angels



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...

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ or Other \$ _____ (donation enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

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

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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 Jeff at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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