

# @Boulevard



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## Jots from Jeff



We have all heard it. *Grace. God's Riches At Christ's Expense.* Some are stingy with it. Others cheapen it. Few fully understand it. The blessed (those who are truly happy) fully accept it.

Some are afraid of it; afraid it will loosen our morals, pull out all our stops, create a slippery slope. Others see it as a license; to sin at will, live as one pleases, to have endless do-overs without consequence.

The truth is that those who comprehend *grace* never abuse it. It changes your perspective. It creates a heart of gratitude. It strengthens commitment and resolve. It doesn't want to disappoint. It grieves over a personal failure. And it rejoices that failure is not final. *Grace. God's Riches At Christ's Expense.* This is what we are dispensing at *Eagle* and *Boulevard*. This is what changes lives and restores souls. This creates righteousness from the inside out. Thank God for *grace*. <sup>8</sup> *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—* <sup>9</sup> *not by works, so that no one can boast.* <sup>10</sup> *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do* (Ephesians 2:8-10). *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our*

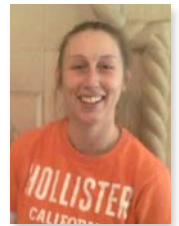
*Lord"* (Romans 6:23). May we never forget the power and beauty of *grace*. And since we have so freely received it, we should also freely give it to others. Here are some examples of *grace* we have recently seen:

- This past Sunday, February 16, 2014, **Julia Moreland** accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and was baptized into Jesus Christ, covered with this amazing *grace* which was promised by the apostle Paul. **Julia** is one of our *Eagle* residents who has been with us for 11 months. It has been a blessing to witness her growth as a person and as a child of God.
- We would like to say thank you again to **MobileSmiles Oklahoma!** who returned to *Eagle* last week (February 11) to follow up on last month's dental visit, providing free dental care to our residents. What a selfless demonstration of service and *grace*! We pray God's richest blessings upon these angels of mercy.
- For the last few weeks, **Logan Glover** has been leading our worship and he has recruited several students from **Oklahoma Christian University** who have been worshiping with us on Sunday mornings, adding their voices to our singing which has been very uplifting to all. They have volunteered to bring donuts, help with children's classes and assist with our audio and video operations. We would just like to acknowledge what an amazing

blessing they have been to all of us! You are true manifestations of God's *grace* to us.

- Those who continue to help us with financial gifts are also demonstrating *grace*. And so we want to also say thank you to you, without whom we would not be able to continue to offer *grace* to others. *Grace* we have received, *grace* we give, and *grace* you return. Amazing.

—Jeff Gardner, Boulevard Minister



**Meet Kelly Morris.** *Kelly* has been with us since July 23, 2013, and has been very diligent in her recovery. She maintains a positive attitude and is a wonderful asset to the *Eagle/Boulevard* family.

**@Boulevard:** How would you describe your life before you started your recovery journey?

**Kelly:** It was out of control and very unstable. I was living in a motel with my children. I was getting high every day. I didn't work or think about any responsibilities.

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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.*

**@Boulevard:** What skills have you learned at Eagle/Boulevard which are helping you maintain sobriety?

**Kelly:** I have maintained 7 months of sobriety and held a job as well. I have learned to interact with people again.

**@Boulevard:** What have been your most difficult obstacles to overcome?

**Kelly:** Learning to deal with problems instead of running from problems; also, changing and letting go of people, places and things from my past.

**@Boulevard:** List some positives you have seen in your relationship with your children since you began this journey.

**Kelly:** My children are very happy to finally meet the real mother they have never really known due to my addiction.

**@Boulevard:** Talk about some of your short and long term goals going forward.

**Kelly:** My short term goal would be to find a place suitable for me and my children. Long term goals are to one day go back to school to learn a career, and to maintain my sobriety.

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

**Kelly:** I would like to say thanks to everyone who supports Eagle/Boulevard because without it I would not be who I am today, my children would not have a healthy mother, and I thank God every day for the blessing of being here.

*Editor's note: Please keep Kelly and her children in your prayers as she continues to reconnect with them and get reestablished in her own home.*

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:

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

### 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.*

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

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### Assembly Times

**Sunday — 9:30 am  
Wednesday — 7:00 pm**

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