

# @Boulevard



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## *Jots from Jeff*



Independence Day is a revered national holiday and a great time to be reminded of how special it is to live in a free nation. It is also a great time to be reminded that true

freedom can only be found in Jesus Christ, who said, "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:36). In either case, freedom comes at a high price. And we should never forget that.

We continue to be blessed to witness women breaking free from slavery to drugs and alcohol. They are finding the strength to persevere through the power of Christ and His Holy Spirit, and through your prayers and partnership in this ministry. We cannot say thank you enough for your help!

Since I last wrote to you, we have a new sister in Christ in the Latino portion of our congregation. After studying with **Abel Maldonado, Sherry Monterroso** was baptized into Christ on June 10, 2013. She and her husband, Cristian, worship and are growing in the Lord with our Latino group. Praise God!

On June 14, we enjoyed a night out at the Bricktown Ballpark watching the Redhawks and the fireworks after the game. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship.

We were blessed with a visit from the **Alameda church** on Sunday, June 30. **Bill Pink** did his usual stellar job leading our

worship, and we all left encouraged and uplifted. Thank you for coming!

**Jerry and Jean Gardner** hosted a special cookout for our Eagle residents on the evening of July 4 with lots of food, fun and fireworks. For many of our residents, this was the first big holiday sober. And it was a beautiful thing to see!

God bless you for all you do for us!

— Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



## *In the Spotlight*



Meet **Robin Frey Dunavant**. **Robin** was with Eagle for a year, successfully leaving the program last Fall. She works very hard in a bakery in a local grocery store and possesses a sweet

spirit which was always a blessing to Eagle and Boulevard. On July 4, 2013, **Robin** became married for the very first time to **Bobby Dunavant**. And she graciously agreed to take a few minutes on her wedding day to answer some questions for our newsletter. Congratulations to Robin and Bobby!

**@Boulevard:** Before you started recovery, how would you describe your life?

**Robin:** My life was spinning out of control. I knew what I was doing was definitely not God's will for my life, but "my" will. I was not dealing with issues

which needed attention and I was not trusting in the Lord that He was the only One Who could heal and help me.

**@Boulevard:** In your year at *Eagle*, what skills did you learn which have helped you maintain your sobriety?

**Robin:** I learned to rely on the Lord in times of fears, doubts and anxiety. I did a lot of praying. I was surrounded by people who were Christians and also people with similar struggles. I learned to go through what life hands you **sober**. I dealt with a lot of issues by going to counseling and discussing things which were not easy to discuss, but were part of the healing process. I learned that I was not alone. There was **always** someone to talk to or pray with when I needed it.

**@Boulevard:** What were some of your challenges?

**Robin:** We are creatures of habit. I had to retrain myself to reach out to God instead of a bottle. I have to take life one day at a time.

**@Boulevard:** What would you like to say to our supporters?

**Robin:** God bless each and every one who gives of themselves to this precious ministry. Continue to see the results that come from the unconditional love and support that you give. God is always watching and blessing His faithful servants.

**Editor's Note:** Please lift Robin and Bobby in prayer to the Father as they begin their new lives together.

# 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 at the Ballpark**

**Robin and Bobby Wedding**

**July 4th Cookout**



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)

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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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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