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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



We have been blessed with plenty of rain in Oklahoma! Thank God the drought has ended, and please don't complain about the water because to be without it is far, far worse than having too much.

I would like to thank those of you who faithfully supported our director, **Lora Williams**, with your votes in the 2015 Mobility Awareness Month contest for a new Wheelchair Accessible Van. Because of your support, she is a finalist. Winners will be announced on June 18. Regardless of whether she wins a new van or not, **Lora** says she feels like a winner because of all the love and support you have given her.

For the first time in a long time, all of our beds are full at *Eagle Recovery Center*. We have another location for overflow and those beds are beginning to fill as well. It gets pretty overwhelming processing new residents, helping them get settled in, acclimated to their new environment and plugged in to various resources. *Our biggest struggle is finding employment for our residents.* Some have felony

convictions, which limits potential employers. Not all employers are willing to give someone a second chance. But there are many out there who do, and we need to know who they are. Do you own a business, or know someone who does, and would be willing to give someone a chance to get it right? We need your help. If you have helpful employment information, please call (405) 702-4325 and share. Thank you in advance!

We are saddened to report that our brother **Billy Maddox** passed away on May 11. Billy came to us about four years ago and endeared himself to everyone. He led singing on occasion and never met a stranger. We already miss him at *Boulevard*. Our sincerest sympathies are extended to his family.

On a happy note, on June 3, two of our Eagle residents expressed faith in Jesus, confessed sin and Jesus as Lord and were baptized into Jesus Christ. Please keep **Kelli** and **Nicole** in your prayers as they begin their walk with Jesus. Each has a beautiful spirit and commitment. It's an amazing sight to witness people transformed from darkness to light right before your eyes.



We would like to formally welcome **Gary Johnson** to our church family. He has been attending for a while and recently expressed his wish to commit to the *Boulevard church* and our mission. We are blessed by you, **Gary**!

Under the leadership of **Ivan Gonzalez**, we continue to enjoy a Wednesday night service opportunity at the *Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma*.



This is a great community service which provides hundreds of thousands of meals to hungry Oklahomans every year. It's one thing to donate money to a good cause. It's a whole different experience when you invest your sweat. On May 20, we had 36+ adults and children converge on the *Food Bank* and we helped package over 12,000 meals for Oklahoma's Seniors in need of nourishment (pretty good when you consider our average Sunday attendance is around 50!). It was a great team effort and an even greater opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Our next appointment at the *Food Bank* is July 1. You should come!

Please continue your support through prayer and gifts. Thank you!

— Jeff Gardner, evangelist

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.

Memorial Gifts

- In Honor of Billy Maddox
 - DaJauna & Richard Givens

Key Statistics You May Not Know

- In 2014, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline received reports of 3,598 sex trafficking cases inside the United States. Traffickers use violence, intimidation and coercion to keep victims enslaved.

- In 2014, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children estimated that 1 in 6 endangered runaways reported to them were likely sex trafficking victims.
- The International Labor Organization estimates that there are 4.5 million people trapped in forced sexual exploitation globally.
- Sex Trafficking almost always leads to drug and alcohol addiction, increasing the traffickers control of victims.

What Can You Do?

- Recognize the signs. Here is a good web resource:
www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/recognizing-the-signs
- Call the hotline at 1-888-373-7888 if you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking.
- Send a text to BeFree (233733) if you need help.
- Pray for an end to this societal scourge.

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...

\$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

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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**Jim McWhirter
Charles Custer**

Assembly Times

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Wednesday — 7:00 pm**

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