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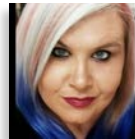
Jots from Jeff



Recent events within our culture are nothing short of tragic. Politics look dismal. Hatred between groups is raging. Murder, the natural response to hatred, is completely out of control. Immorality of every kind is paraded down Main Street. It makes one echo the psalmist who wondered, *"How long, O Lord, will the heathen rage?"* Faith is under fire in real and measurable ways. How does one maintain faith in the face of such darkness? By keeping our eyes on Jesus. *"And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another"* (2 Corinthians 3:18). Jesus said, *"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself"* (John 12:32). But we must fix our gaze upon Him in order to be changed and drawn! We cannot allow the distractions of a culture to which we are supposed to be counter cause us to take our eyes off of Jesus. No matter who is president, who is governor, who is mayor or who is superintendent, Jesus Christ is still on the throne. Our citizenship is not on this earth, it is in Heaven. Everything

else is just noise. Look *"to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"*

On Wednesday, June 22, after a very warm night of feeding and loving on some homeless residents of Oklahoma City, **Kimberly Payne**, one of our *Eagle* residents, decided to confess Jesus as Lord and be baptized into His death, burial and resurrection. She has already demonstrated by changes in her life that she is serious about repentance. Her encouraging demeanor and determination to live for Jesus is a blessing to all of our ministries. Please keep her in prayer as she grows in the Lord.



None of our work for Jesus would be possible without your partnership in prayer, encouragement and finances. We praise God and give Him thanks for you!

—Jeff Gardner



Half of the summer has gone by and yet so much has occurred! Our Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ ministry continues to grow and we

have recently partnered with Cross and Crown in Oklahoma City, OK. We had to change our location for serving the homeless for the safety of our group, and God opened the doors for us in that great community that is also in need. As a result, we have met many new friends and we have had the opportunity to bring at least two people to worship every Sunday since. God is blessing this ministry in many ways!

This year, **Steven Moore** and I were blessed with the opportunity to enhance our worship leading skills. We attended the *Acappella Ministries' Worship Leader Institute*. Let me say what a blessing this was! Not only did we learn a lot of techniques for effective worship leading, we were also encouraged and able to build relationships with other brothers that are continuing to help us grow. Immediately after returning from the workshop we implemented those new techniques and the congregation has been greatly edified. We believe that this will help us to continue growing into the image of Jesus Christ!

On June 19-28 our **Merge Group** went on a mission trip to Placerville, CA, where we were able to help the local congregation with their annual
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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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mission week called Soul Quest. We served as mentors to the teens from the area who gave up their week to serve others. At the same time, it fueled us to want to do more for our own community. This trip also brought some challenges which helped our group to rely on God and seek support in one another. We have been blessed to have partaken in such amazing events and projects

and we look forward to all there is to come! Glory be to God always!

—Ivan Gonzalez

"I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"
(Matthew 25:40)



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Thank you for your thoughtful generosity!

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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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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 Donna at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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