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A Monthly Newsletter

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Jots from Jeff



The past month has flown by and it's hard to believe September is half over. But we are loving the cooler temperatures and gorgeous days the Lord has made!

I am very happy to report the new birth into Christ of **Jasmine Gedela**. **Jasmine** is the granddaughter of a long-time and beloved member, **Maxine Cole**, who, earlier this year graduated to the Home Office of Heaven. **Maxine** instilled in her granddaughter a love for Jesus Christ and a desire to live a life pleasing to God. Even though she lives an hour away, this young lady and her parents made the drive on a Sunday morning to worship with us so that **Jasmine** could be baptized with the church family her grandmother held so dear. It was a special and emotional moment as she confessed her faith in Christ and confessed Jesus as Lord. Keep this young lady in your prayers.

We want to express our congratulations to the facility minister



at *Eagle Recovery Center* and her new husband on their recent marriage.

David and Donna Myers have been long-time friends and recently tied the knot with Jesus at the center. David is



a fine Christian man and we are happy to have him as part of our team. Please pray for this newly married couple as they continue to bless our ministry at *Eagle* and *Boulevard*.

We are super-stoked to have our university students back with us. Since school has been back in session, our Sunday assemblies have been more encouraging than ever. Our attendance for that past three Sundays has averaged more than 70, which is a blessing to everyone.

Steven Moore and **Ivan Gonzalez** continue to lead us in uplifting worship and praise, and more and more hands are available for the various works of ministry. **Ivan** is our lead facilitator with our College and Teens now, and many of the university students are taking a leading role as well.

We have started a new emphasis on Wednesday nights going forward. You may recall that we had been

volunteering at the *Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma* once a month on Wednesday nights. Now we have made Wednesday evenings our



"*Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ*" night, and we are using EVERY Wednesday evening as a time to go out and serve others. We will continue to monthly volunteer at the *Food Bank*. However, we just launched an initiative to help provide supper on Wednesday evenings for some of the homeless population in Oklahoma City. Thirty volunteers showed up for our first attempt to make sack lunches, then go out to distribute. We hand-delivered 48 lunches along with water. We were able to engage most of them in conversation. We learned their names and prayed with many on the spot. The response was humbling and uplifting at the same time. All of them have a story, and we are genuinely interested in hearing them. They aren't targets or spiritual trophies, nor do we want them to feel that way. We hope that by our becoming their friends over time, they will come

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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.

to know or get reacquainted with Jesus Christ. It's all about "What would Jesus do?" It's a starting point. This isn't a social Gospel attempt. This is just trying to be like Jesus, to be His hands in feet in our society.

As disciples (imitators, followers) of Jesus, we believe that our primary mission is to be more and more like Jesus, in an intentional way. It's a mission. It is BEING church rather than only ATTENDING church. We

solicit your prayers as we step out in faith into an area most of us have never been.

Thank you to those of you who support us financially, with prayers and occasionally by your presence. We could do nothing without Him and your partnership.

— Jeff Gardner

Did you know, in Oklahoma City in 2015, people who are homeless reported:

- 16% were chronically homeless by HUD's definition
- 18% are a member of a homeless family with children
- 38% report mental illness
- 46% report substance abuse
- 10% claimed to be veterans
- 16% reported being a victim of domestic violence
- 12% are 17 years old or younger

For more information, visit: <http://www.homelessalliance.org>

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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Shepherds

**Jim McWhirter
Charles Custer**

Assembly Times

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

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