

THE NEW GATE



From the Director:

Upcoming Events 2019

OKC Annual Benefit Banquet
 OCU, McDaniel Center- Great Hall
 August 27 6:30-8:30
 (Silent auction begins at 6:00)

Breaking the Chains
 Church of the Servant, OKC
 August 24 9:00-3:00

Tulsa Exodus House Annual Reunion
 Centenary UMC, 631 N. Denver
 September 2 5 pm—7 pm

OKC Exodus House Annual Reunion
 433 NW 25th Street, OKC
 September 14 11:00-2:00

Check out our calendar on our website at www.cjamm.org for all of our upcoming events and speaking engagements.



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Summer Greetings,

I hope you are staying cool and enjoying this time of year. How could you not swimming, camps, golfing, and opportunities galore. This summer has been so great for CJAMM! We have had New Day Camps, Exodus House graduations, and many people completing their credit classes at the Redemption Missions and inside the prisons as well.

This summer has been a blessing. As most of you know, I travel quite a bit. I enjoy going to churches to meet people interested in learning more about CJAMM, visiting Exodus Houses and Redemption Missions, and attending camp. We had a cook out at Exodus House OKC during OKUMC Annual Conference. Sara from Exodus House OKC took the time to show volunteers and myself her new car. Sara has never been given the opportunity to drive and have a car. She is driving a beautiful Impala. So proud of her for not only working the program but obtaining a savings account and passing the test.



We have so many opportunities available if you are looking for volunteer activities! We are looking for someone in the McLoud/Mabel Basset area to assist with a Bible study. In the Boley area, we are looking for someone to teach sign language and host a worship service. We begin looking for camp volunteers immediately after camp ends, if you have a week in the summer to give, let us know and we will send you the dates. At Redemption Missions we are seeking Department of Corrections badged volunteers to help with services, classes, and transportation. We are looking for office assistance and volunteers for our Exodus House in OKC and Tulsa. We are seeking assistance financially and volunteer wise with our stairs at the OKC Exodus House. The stairs need to be replaced and the total appears to be around \$18,000. If you know an engineer, a church, etc. who would be willing to help with this project let us know. If you would like to contribute, please send in your donation earmarked for the OKC staircase.

I enjoy seeing our New Day Camp people each summer. Those who return and those who are new.



This year I got to meet Calvin. Calvin was at New Day One as a camper. Calvin was full of fun facts about dinosaurs, cars, and anything you would like to know about life. As we stood in line on spaghetti night, Calvin walked up to me and asked for more food showing me his empty plate. I gave him my plate. Who can turn away a kid from food when they are hungry? He ate so much food at camp. We were able to identify his food insecurities and help him get food throughout the next year so he can think more about dinosaurs than where food comes from. Thank you for helping Calvin and all the kids of New Day Camp this year.

To learn more about CJAMM come join us August 27, 2019 for our Annual Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction. Call 405-530-2014 for more details. We will be honoring Dr. Jim and Jean Key this year for the tremendous work they are doing through CJAMM. We will also be highlighting the work CJAMM has done this year and what we will be doing in the future.

Sincerely,

Harlin

Kristen

TULSA REDEMPTION MISSION

“Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.’” – Matthew 25:34-36 (CEB)

Hello New Gate!

I'm Buster Hall, Certified Lay Preacher for the Redemption Mission in Tulsa. Carletta Denison, Administrative Assistant for Redemption, and I want to tell you about our new church home.

Tulsa Redemption Mission moved to historic Centenary UMC in April from St. Luke's UMC in Tulsa where it had been located for 20 years. Age and accessibility issues took its toll on the church, necessitating our move. On a personal note, I am a "cradle Methodist" and was baptized as an infant at St. Luke's in 1957 and I had the honor of delivering the last sermon at the church.

We accomplished the move with the help of several volunteers and residents of Tulsa's Exodus House and The Parsonage, our men's sober living house. There are still boxes to be unpacked and new rooms to set-up for our classes, but they will and they are. We were welcomed by Centenary and its members and we have developed a great relationship with our host church.

We have retained our schedule of services and class offerings for our members. We are planning on offering new classes which will enrich the lives of our faith community members. Sadly, the women who attended Redemption from the Turley Center were transferred by the Department of Corrections to other facilities and there are no longer any women attending who are in pre-release status. But Jesus said "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them" (Matthew 18:20 CEB) so we know the Holy Spirit abides with us.

You are always welcome to join us on Sundays at 4:30 and Thursdays at 7:00 If you have any questions, you can email me at jbusterhall@yahoo.com or Carletta at tulsaredemptionmission@gmail.com.

Your brother in Christ,

Buster Hall

TULSA EXODUS HOUSE

Shalom,

Our team, Daniel, Billy and I are very happy to say, our facilities are ready to greet our next residents with open arms, open minds, and grateful hearts. We have graduated 9 residents since I have come to Tulsa in June 2018.

We want to thank you all for all your help in keeping our residents involved in your churches. Thank you for showing them Christ's love. Each sponsor church is doing an amazing job at surrounding each resident with Agape love. It takes a village to raise a child, and all it takes is a dedicated believer to move a man to believe. We want to be the hands and feet and mouthpiece of God.

We now have a huge storage place for storing furniture. Thank you Centenary!

This last year has been very rewarding to see the light of Christ come on in our client's eyes and hope return to their behavior. This is what Exodus House is all about. Giving back to others what has been so freely given to all of us. Hope for the Hopeless.

We are in need of a sponsor church class or group who would like to sponsor apartment I. The past sponsor has decided to make her mission in Claremore. We thank Martha Starr and her church so much for all they have done. She is still very much a part of the ministry just not sponsoring this apartment. Call or come by and I will give you a sponsor guidebook with ideas of how you can sponsor an apartment.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our Annual Reunion

on Labor Day, September 2nd from 5 pm—7 pm. This year it will be at our new church home, Centenary UMC, 631 N. Denver in Tulsa so our new church family can meet our graduates and volunteers. Please bring a side dish to share if you are able.

—Director Estelle Turbyfill, (918) 231-4013



Congrats to Rafael and Sandra graduating. Pictured with Estelle Turbyfill (center).



High School Seniors touring Exodus House

OKC EXODUS HOUSE

What a blessing to be alive and to be a part of the CJAMM (Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministry) and to witness others on their new life's journey. To get a front row seat to their Transformation in Christ, in Recovery and in the Reunification of Family.

We had such a great time at Mayfair/Mosiac United Methodist Churches sharing about the Exodus House and how it reunites families, changes lives and can break the generational cycle of incarceration. It was the first time I have ever had a graduate: Eva Christopher and her daughter Amber who is currently in our program with her son David. To see the real changes in the last 2 years with both of them and the life they came from, the struggles, joys and them sincerely giving their hearts over to God and to Recovery, to make the changes necessary to change not only their lives but the future for David and others in their family. Both of these ladies are such a great impact on those still in the life, those in prison and those at church, those in our community and everyone they meet. Their light shines! There are so many others who are a success today because of this program and this ministry. We have 8 in our Aftercare Program and many have been there a year and are still doing great with their families and their jobs, recovery and staying engaged here and in our local churches.



Why CJAMM?? Because it changes lives !!!

We are currently looking for a Facility Manager to replace Tony Altizer, although he is irreplaceable! He is getting married, has started his own business and we wish him and his fiancée all the happiness and success they both truly deserve.

We are also looking for new storage space for our furniture and are currently on hold with donations but are hopeful to be back doing that very soon. You can bring donations here directly to the Exodus House—433 NW 25th Street. Please call first.

We are so grateful to New Hope UMC and St. Andrew's who have been working on some major remodels of their apartments and are excited to see the finished product.

We have 12 kids living here and visiting who will need backpacks and school supplies soon, gently used clothes and some uniforms. We ask you to please let us know of any events to help them in that area.

Thank you to Jones UMW for the clothes donations. What a tremendous blessing for us and Redemption and others. We currently need women's conditioner, deodorant for men and women and men's 3 in 1 Shampoo/Conditioner/body wash.

I want to thank each of our Apt Sponsor's: Yukon UMC/UMW/UMM; Seminole UMC/; New Covenant UMC/UMW; New Hope; Choctaw UMC/UMW/UMM; St. Andrew's; Blanchard; Church of the Servant; Wesley UMC/UMM/UMW and to all those individuals and other groups who give of their time, talents and finances as well as many prayers for our residents. We could not be the success we are without each of you! Thank You from ALL of us and God Bless You !!

SAVE THE DATE: We will be having our 2nd Annual Reunion on Saturday September 14th from 11-2. We hope to see you there!!

-----Director Robin Wertz, C.M., CPRSS -----(405)-525-2300

He brought you out of the deepest darkness and broke your chains.
-- Psalm 107:14

Church of the Servant

BREAKING CHAINS

August 24, 2019

— Examining incarceration issues in Oklahoma through the eyes of the church —

United Methodist Women + Board of Church and Society + Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries (CJAMM)

Where: Church of the Servant in OKC

When: August 24, 2019, 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Registration will begin at 8:30 am

Cost: \$40.00

Registration deadline: August 19, 2019

To register visit www.cjamm.org (scroll to bottom of page). Click on "Register" for more information regarding the event.

SUMMER 2019



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OKC Annual Benefit & Recognition Dinner



The OKC Annual Benefit and Recognition Dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at Oklahoma City University in the McDaniel Center—The Great Hall. The banquet will begin at 6:30 pm. The silent auction will begin at 6:00 pm. We will have many great items to bid on. Our guest speaker will be former Oklahoma Speaker of the House, Kris Steele. Mr. Steele is the current chair of the Pardon and Parole Board. The Rev. Dr. Stan Basler award recipients will be Jim and Jean Key of Oklahoma. The Keys are long time volunteers of Kairos, New Day Camp, the CJAMM Board and various other ministries. For more information you can contact either Kristen Harlin at kharlin@okumc.org or Lesa Rhoads at lrhoads@okumc.org or by phone at (405) 530-2014. We hope that you will make plans to attend and support CJAMM!! Use the form below to make your reservation today. Deadline for tickets is July 31, 2019 .

RESERVATION FORM ANNUAL BENEFIT AND RECOGNITION BANQUET AUGUST 27, 2019

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Please make checks payable to CJAMM and return this form to CJAMM, 1501 NW 24th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106.
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