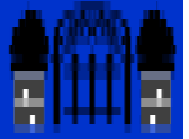


THE NEW GATE



From the Director:

Chicks For Eternity



Being raised as a farm kid in eastern Oklahoma, I remember the excitement of waiting for baby chicks to hatch. Twenty-one days seemed like an eternity! But it was soooooo thrilling to see those fuzzy chick heads pop out from underneath the momma hen’s wing...and when the last one was hatched, she’d take them on an adventure....scratching and pecking in the dirt....always keeping a watchful eye on her young brood.

There are many similarities in my chick memories as there are in my new role as executive director at CJAMM.....excitement, the Heavenly Father’s protective wing, adventure, watchful eye, and eternity.

Starting my new role in July during the pandemic, I’ve been scratching and pecking to get acquainted with the players. I can certainly see the Heavenly Father’s protective wings around this ministry to break the cycle of incarceration, and build strong, healthy families. And, I know He has his eye on chicks as explained by Matthew in the first book of the New Testament.

"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her **chicks** under her wings, and you were not willing." -- Matthew 23:37

Let’s be willing!

After incarceration, our friends are newborns, anxious for a new start. Join me in providing an opportunity to make a difference in their lives....and the lives of those they love. With the COVID 19 guidelines, we haven’t been able to be out and about in the churches and homes of our generous supporters....however, the need continues.

If you feel prayerfully impressed to send some proverbial chicken feed, we’d be honored to be good stewards of your generosity.

We also welcome your prayers. May you be safe, and richly blessed during this unusual time in history.

Building for eternity,

Keith Dobbs, Executive Director

WE’RE MOVING!



CJAMM has outgrown our current office space so we are moving our central office at the United Methodist Ministry Center to Wesley UMC, 1401 NW 25th Street in Oklahoma City. Our new phone number will be (405) 525-3522. A little construction is needed before we move in but our plan is to be situated within a few week’s time. Our email addresses will remain the same as will our mailing address. (See back page.)

Events 2020

CJAMM Virtual Banquet —
Annual Benefit & Recognition
October 6th 7 PM

New Day Camp One & Two
Cancelled for 2020

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



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OKC EXODUS HOUSE

Grace and Peace to all of you:

We have been pretty busy here at the Exodus House OKC and have had 8 graduates this year so far, 3 just this past week and want to congratulate Malanei, Courtney and Jenna on successfully participating in the program. They all did the work and were great mentors to our incoming residents. We have 5 new residents Sam, Grant, Shara, Brad and Rodney and a new family as well, Carlie and her children Jacob and Tessie. We have had 15 kids here this last year. Thirteen visiting and currently have 4 here full time.

Thank you to each of our sponsors: Yukon UMC/UMM, Blanchard UMC, First UMC of Edmond, New Covenant UMC, Wesley UMC, Church of the Servant UMC, Choctaw UMC, New Hope UMC, St. Andrews's UMC, and First UMC Downtown.

Special thanks to each of you who have donated to Exodus House to keep our program going. We especially appreciate your prayers, financial support and all the things you do to help our residents and CJAMM. Please stay safe and know that God is with us!! Be the light of Christ and know you are in our prayers and our thoughts always.

-----Robin Wertz, Site Director

(405) 525-2300



PENN AVENUE REDEMPTION MISSION—OKC

Wow! The year 2020 has certainly been like no other! (I guess that is really an understatement!) Like so many of the United Methodist Churches, our last service was mid-March. Our offices were closed as well, yet we gratefully continued our work from home. Our staff and members have dug deep to celebrate the positive, the beautiful, the Good News of Christ Jesus through the last four months. As difficult as it has been, it has been a blessing to see how God's Hand is continually bringing His love and Grace to each of our lives. We have been blessed with much needed rain, currently days that are pleasant to be outside. Ministries of the church that have continued to be active: Red River Roasters has continued to have coffee orders; although the Daily Bread food ministry has not been able to serve meals. We have continued to pick up the food donations and distribute to ministries that are feeding the homeless; continuing ministry to those in need by prayer, encouragement and a listening ear. We are blessed each week to "attend" church with Rev. Dr. Stan on Zoom on Thursday evenings and on **YouTube** with Pastor Brad on Sunday morning. We are blessed to have their insight, wisdom and sharing of God's Word. Thank you Stan and Brad! We are prayerfully looking forward to opening the church August 9th! Rhonda Crowe, our pianist was hospitalized with the Covid-19 virus. We are so thankful she is home, recovered and feeling so much better.



Michelle & Doyle Hines

Our congregation's collective hearts are saddened with the passing of two of our precious and amazing members this year. Doyle Hines passed in mid-January, 2020. He fought a great battle with cancer, diabetes and liver issues. On Sunday, July 26, 2020, his wife, Michelle, passed in her sleep. As our hearts are struggling with both their passing, we know that they are strolling hand-in-hand with Christ, laughing (they loved to laugh), with no pain or disease. Our "human beings" are certainly missing them, though! Doyle and Michelle were an example of what it means to be joined by God!

Blessings,
Marcia

TULSA EXODUS HOUSE & PARSONAGE HOUSE

Greetings,



In July, graduation was held in the Exodus House courtyard! We were able to safely social distance and celebrate the six individuals who successfully finished the program. Congratulations to Lorena Hodges, William Piper Edwards, Tara Morris, Jason Parker, Horatio Coates and Danny Cooksey. A great big shout out to all these prior graduates who came out to support these grads. It is a community—a community of changed lives.



It has definitely been a challenging time with government offices being closed. It is impossible to get important credentials to help new residents get jobs, doctor's visits, and other necessary things to reintegrate. Our sponsors have gone above and beyond for new residents. We are so appreciative.

Right as the temperatures started to heat up outside, the Parsonage House heat and air conditioning went out, but a fine man on the CJAMM board came to the rescue. A brand new HVAC system was installed and all labor and equipment was donated. Thank you to Richard Wansley, Matt Wansley, Scott Soder of Soder Mechanical and the Mechanical Contractors Association for your generosity.

Despite COVID, property and ground maintenance continues. The neighbor to the east of the Exodus House has grinded all five tree stumps, free of charge. New Haven UMC came out and worked for weeks to improve the maintenance of apartment F. A great big shout out to Jerry and Kathryn Fisher and team. The apartment is outstanding.

We are saddened that due to health, Rev. Jan Boyd of New Haven UMC has retired and moved. We will miss her loving involvement. We want to thank Jan for her many years of dedicated service sponsoring the apartment F at Exodus House. We lost several of our strong leaders from Asbury UMC, Giles Gere & Barbara Wright. We will miss their faces and strong leadership.

When regulations allow, please schedule a tour of our facility or invite Daniel and me to speak to your class or church. We would love to bring a few residents to speak to you about how you can help with donations big and small.

Also, if you are interested in sponsoring an apartment, please call me. It is very rewarding and you will not only be blessed but will bless the residents of Exodus House.

Blessings,

Estelle Turbyfill—(918) 231-4013

Current Parsonage House Needs: We would like to spruce up the Parsonage House by purchasing 5 matching twin size bed sheet sets either plaid or stripes with new pillows and comforters. We also would like two non-slip rugs for the kitchen and new kitchen curtains. If you would like to contribute to this need, please call Estelle or mark your online donation or check as "Parsonage Needs". You will definitely be blessed by blessing others. Thank you.

NEW DAY CAMP 2020



It was decided in July to cancel New Day Camp entirely for 2020. It was a hard decision to make but we believe it was the best one. Please pray for our campers. New Day Camp was a bright spot in their summers. We are planning to reach out to the registered campers with a "Camp in a Box". The box will include the 2020 camp t-shirt, McDonald's ice cream coupons and some other goodies that we will collect. In fact, if you have anything that you would like to contribute or even ideas for the "box", please call our office. We will need 60 items to serve all the campers who are currently registered. The exact timing of the mailing as not been determined yet.

We expect New Day Camp 2021 to be the best camp yet. Look for your recruitment info for the 2021 New Day Camp in February 2021. Also, please remember to let us know if you have an address change.

Please contact Kristin Terrell-Wilkes, New Day Camp Coordinator, with any ideas for the box or any other camp needs at office@cjamm.org.

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CJAMM SHOWCASE—COMING SOON TO YOUR HOME THEATER

It's new. It's fresh. It's exciting.

Because of the nasty COVID-19 that seems to be governing our lives these days, CJAMM will be hosting a virtual CJAMM SHOWCASE as an alternative to our Annual Silent Auction Benefit and Recognition. Scheduled for October 6 at 7 pm, the SHOWCASE will follow a movie theme with feature presentations of success stories from our Exodus Houses and New Day Camp. There will also be presentations of the prestigious Stan Basler Award, Volunteer of the Year, and even a life sketch from Francie Ekwerekwu, a public defender with a special personal connection to incarceration.

She is quoted as saying, "I am encouraged that we can effect change in the Oklahoma County jail and related issues if we remain open and positive, willing to unselfishly consider and factor how each decision we make affects all people."

"I'm so excited to see how this all comes together," beamed April Sellers White, Chair, CJAMM board. Keith Dobbs, Executive Director for CJAMM, said that a lot of creativity and energy is being put into the SHOWCASE to make it new and exciting. Proceeds from the event go for operations of the CJAMM ministries.

CJAMM will be selling tables and even individual tickets to the virtual event along with hosting the silent auction online. For more information, to purchase a table or ticket, or to contribute an item for the silent auction, contact Keith at keith@cjamm.org, call 405-530-2014 or visit our website for a printable form at www.cjamm.org.

