



The New Gate

Redemption is a happening place!

Pastor Brad from Redemption Penn Ave says it best, “Redemption is a happening place!”

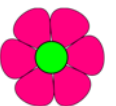
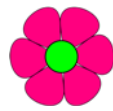
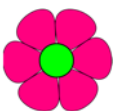
In March, the volunteers at Redemption served 519 meals to inmates from three community correctional facilities in the metro OKC, their families and the community, who have been regularly attending Thursday evening services and the Sunday services. Typically, the Sundays have between 70-85 worshippers and Thursdays have around 50, according to Crystal King, the Administrative Assistant/Lay Leader.

Crystal shared that over 90 congregants attended a recent Sunday service. She is always looking for church groups or individuals who would like to sponsor one of the meals. This could be actually preparing, delivering, and serving the meal, or it could be underwriting the cost to purchase a catered meal for the inmates. If you are interested, please contact Crystal at crystal@redemptionchurchokc.org or (405) 404-2545.



Redemption hosts credit classes for the inmates who need them. Currently, the classes are: Ideas for Better Communication, Building Better Social Networks, Critical Thinking and Sexual Education/HIV. Each class is worth 10 credits for the inmates who complete them. Redemption also hosts AA, NA, and Celebrate Recovery classes.

A special “thank you” to all who are involved in making this a happening place – the volunteers, staff, and a host of special friends.





Beloved Disciples



Jesus loved the disciples. They were considered close, personal friends of the Lord. John is described explicitly as one whom Jesus loved. Even Leonardo da Vinci positioned John next to the Lord in his famous *Last Supper* masterpiece painted sometime between 1495 and 1498.

As time has evolved, Jesus's number of disciples has grown with unlikely characters just like in the olden days. He's become close, personal friends with many folks who graduate from Exodus House. Please allow us to share a few profiles of Beloved Disciples.



Rance Childs

Rance graduated Exodus House OKC in 2019. "I messed up after I graduated the program and had to go back to federal prison. It was there I called upon the Jesus I'd met while at Exodus House. It gave me the strength I needed to get through my prison time." Now Rance serves as a clean, sober witness to those around him at his quality control position at AAON.

Lorena Parker

As manager of Jimmy's Egg, Lorena gets to feed hundreds of people each week... and she does it with an inspired smile. Even when she suffered horrible back pain, Lorena would be sharing a Christian countenance. After graduation from the Exodus House Tulsa, she married fellow client

Jason. Together they share a go-getter, high energy service to others.



Grant Winrow

When Grant was in prison, he only dreamed that he'd get to vacation in Curaçao, a Dutch Caribbean island. After graduating from Exodus House OKC, he's worked hard to restore his credit, pay his bills, and be a contributing member of society. Grant models a life of "work hard" and do the right thing. He recently enjoyed a trip out of the country.

"Things are going really well in life, I was recently accepted into the pipefitting apprenticeship program and ranked third out of 62 candidates. It's a five-year program, with two days of school a week and one Saturday a month," shared Grant.

"I have started to rebuild personal relationships with my children. I actually spent some time with my son before he went to Naval training. He invited me to his going away party and we spent time on Father's Day last year," he continued.



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Rhonda Jo Bear

Founder and operator of She Brews Coffee Shops, which employees formally-incarcerated women including women in the program at Exodus House Tulsa, Rhonda Jo loves the Lord and shares of His redeeming grace at every opportunity she gets.

Grayling Churn

After 31 years of incarceration, Grayling is making up for lost time. He works a full-time cook position, is active at Leonard United Methodist Church in Bixby, has a great car and apartment, and even shares his resources with those in need. He temporarily opened up his apartment recently to a friend who had relapsed in his journey.



Jay Brown

Jay juggles his responsibilities as Chief Operations Officer at Diverse Assets LLC, active church membership at Edmond New Covenant, volunteering at Redemption Penn Avenue, and sports dad to children he shares with wife Kim. Jay is always there to be a listening ear to guys who are in the Exodus House OKC program.

Tony Altizer

A graduate of Exodus House OKC, Tony owns and operates his own company, T&S Lawn and Landscaping LLC. He's resilient. Even with a few speed bumps along life's way, he bounces back and shares his time, talents, energy, and love for a life of service.





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Front Cover: Fellow Christians praying during an Exodus House OKC graduation held at Wesley UMC. Photo taken by Rev. Adam Shahan.

New Day Camp 2022



CAMP IS COMING...in less than two months!! It is scheduled at Cross Point Camp, June 9 – June 13 for Camp Two ages 12-14 and June 13-June 16 for Camp One ages 8-11. We still need leaders for both camps and we are still in desperate need of RNs.

Sign up at <https://okcamps.campbrainregistration.com/>. Leaders for Camp Two will arrive Wednesday evening, June 8th and leaders for Camp One will arrive Sunday evening, June 12th.

We also need vans, drivers and riders for both camps. Remember CJAMM provides the transportation to and from camp, no matter the child's location.

We are also in need of supplies and scholarships (suggested scholarship is \$350 per child but will accept any amount). Supplies needed are new socks and underwear in boy, girl, men and women sizes. Beach towels, sunscreen, bug spray, deodorant, pump bottles of shampoo, conditioner, body wash and travel-size toothpaste. We also have setup an Amazon wish list.

Email Kristin Terrell-Wilkes at office@cjamm.org or call at (405) 525-3522 for the wish list link or any other camp questions.

You will be blessed by blessing a child.

