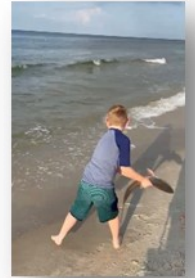




What a crazy few weeks it has been! Kids Off Broadway was amazing this year (as it is every year). Ariel Koerner and our incredible volunteers gave these children a week filled with joy and wonder and learning about Christ. Thank you! The Stewart house was full of our three boys plus three cousins for the KOB week. Our hearts were full.



We left the day after Kids Off Broadway for our family vacation at Dauphin Island. My parents rented a beach house for our whole family, and we spent the week splashing in the waves. Each morning I sat out drinking coffee and watching dolphins play off the coast. On the last day, we had the excitement of seeing a small shark swimming near us! And you guys, Brad Stewart talked me into letting

him take our two oldest boys parasailing. I must have lost my mind. It was a carefree, memory making week with my little family, and I am so grateful.

All of the boys seemed to be a little sick part of the time we were away. By the time we got home I was down for the count. By Saturday morning I had tested positive for COVID and called Rick Johnson from the Clinic parking lot asking him to preach. He said yes without hesitation. What an incredible thing it is to have so many amazing ministers in our church who can preach with almost no notice. Thank you to Joey Clifton and Rick Johnson for offering two powerful messages these last two Sundays. I will be back this Sunday and I look forward to preaching on 1 Samuel 24 (what I planned for last Sunday). I have missed you all and I hate that I will be missing the Business Meeting this Wednesday night. I will be glad when COVID is behind us!



Good Shepherd Ministries

I want to talk to you about some changes that are coming with Good Shepherd Ministries. Good Shepherd is an incredible ministry that was started over 50 years ago by the people in this church. It started by offering food and clothing to those in need and quickly grew to include medical and dental. There were years we had Good Shepherd Church. The Bonitz brothers in our church grew up in that ministry and their mom helped start Good Shepherd all those years ago. It has a rich history. We will never know all the lives that have been changed because of this ministry. In the early 2000s, Good Shepherd became its own Non-Profit (501c3). In 2012, through the work of Cathy Manuel, Good Shepherd received a \$7 million Butterfield Grant. The Clinic expanded and helped even more people. This ministry is vital to so many people in our community.

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This year we've learned that Good Shepherd is no longer financially sustainable. They spend all their time writing grants and are just barely keeping their heads above water. The Good Shepherd board was committed to finding some way to continue caring for their patients. We met together several months ago and they shared their heart. They talked about their grief over the reality and how hard they worked to find a path forward. After much prayer and discussion, they believe God had already provided. Crossings Clinic is the other big free and charitable medical clinic in town. The Crossings Clinic on Penn is remarkable and shares the same heart for the community. The two clinics are similar in a lot of ways and both clinics have been dedicated to care for those in need in our community. Crossings Community Clinic has expressed an interest in merging with Good Shepherd and taking over responsibility for the Clinic. The employees at Good Shepherd are thankful and feel really great about the possibility of this change.



The Deacons have been working on this for the last several months. They voted to have the Academy Committee take the lead in negotiating with Crossing. The Committee includes Michael Speer, Gary Stephenson, Pam Williams, Cathy Manuel, Randa Ogletree, and Gary Williams. The Academy Committee has the experience, and they were willing to step in to serve in this way. We have developed a meaningful relationship with the folks running the Crossings Clinic and have come to an unsigned (coming soon!) mutually beneficial agreement for leasing the property. They have agreed to pay rent for the property at a reduced rate because we are partnering with them to continue this ministry.

Once again, I am amazed at God. He took what felt like a crisis and turned it into a blessing. The ministry, though changing, will continue with far more volunteers and resources than ever before, we get to partner with another church, and we will be receiving rental income on the property to help us continue doing even more missions and ministry in our community. The name may change from Good Shepherd Ministries to Crossings Clinic, but what matters is that the people in our community will still get the medical and dental help they so desperately need. I hope you will come on Wednesday to hear from the committee and to ask any questions you may have. We believe in doing Kingdom work and we are excited to have new Kingdom Building partners. *Sarah*

Our quarterly business meeting will be Wednesday June 29th with supper @ 5:00pm and business meeting @ 6:00pm. We will have burgers and we want people to bring home made ice cream. We'll enjoy being together and eating together before the business meeting and offer up gratitude to those who serve and have served our country in the military.

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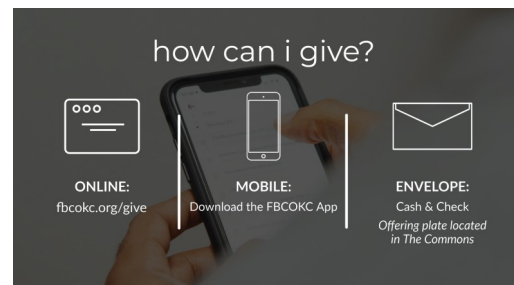


restore SCHOOLS

--- Requested School Supplies --- (collecting now through the end of July)			
Pencil boxes	Crayola crayon boxes	Construction paper	Crayola markers
Colored pencils	Rulers	Scissors	Bottles of glue
3x5 index card packs	Wide rule filler paper	Highlighters	Glue sticks
Paper towels	Dry erase markers	Pink erasers	Hand sanitizer
Wide rule spiral notebooks	Composition notebooks	Folders (with & without brads)	Boxes of wipes

Our annual school supply drive is under way. Please bring your donations to the church (commons area) through the end of July. These school supplies will be donated to Restore Schools of Restore OKC and distributed to a local Elementary school. Thank you for giving and your caring.

Budget Report:	
Includes contributions through:	June
Budget Requirements thus far (thru the Month of June)	314,261.40
Budget Receipts Received Thus Far	288,508.33
Budget Requirements-Month	52,376.90
Budget Receipts Received This Period	31,702.86
Received to Date (%) For Current Month	61%
Received to Date (%) For Year (thru June)	92%



The church office and CareforOKC will be closed July 4th.

No Sunday Morning Bible Study in July

We will NOT have any Sunday morning Bible study groups meet for the month of July. This includes children, youth, and adults. We will continue providing childcare during worship like normal. This will give all of our teachers a much-deserved break. Show up a few minutes early for worship to grab a cup of coffee in the Commons and have some fellowship! *(I even heard that we will have donuts.)*



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Prayer Request

Pray for the staff of Hope is Alive as they open new homes that they will find the right locations, the right leadership, and the needed funding

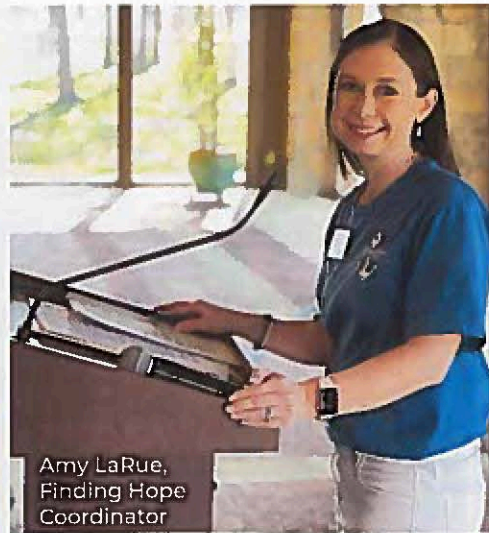
This is one of our D-Groups providing a meal for the Hope Is Alive home that FBCOKC helps sponsor.

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Amy LaRue,
Finding Hope
Coordinator

New Hope for Families of Addicts

**Radically changing the lives of drug addicts,
alcoholics, and those who love them**

By **Maria Veres**

When someone you care about is struggling with drug or alcohol addiction, it's not easy to find people who understand. Finding Hope offers a safe, welcoming place where people affected by a family member's addiction can find the healing they need.

One Woman's Journey of Healing

"Addiction impacts the whole family," says Amy LaRue, Finding Hope Coordinator. She understands the devastation because she has lived it herself. "When I found out in 2015 that my husband had an addiction to alcohol, I was lost," she says. "Nobody knew about it. The guilt and shame kept me quiet as well as so many others who have a loved one in addiction."

Trying to fix her husband's problem, Amy turned to, Lance Lang, founder of the Hope is Alive addiction ministry, who had previously spoken at her church. He gave her resources for her husband and also encouraged her to check out a Finding Hope group for herself.

Amy was resentful, doubting that she needed help when she wasn't the one with an addiction. But when she began attending Finding Hope meetings, she found a lifeline. "When you walk into that room, you realize you're not alone," she says. "The group helps us find peace and hope no matter what our loved one is or is not doing."

Eventually, Amy's husband entered recovery, and she also found her own healing. "I wouldn't be the person I am today without Finding Hope," she says. "I have found a new purpose for my life. I'm here to help the next person walk through the storm of addiction." Amy personally trains and supports every Finding Hope group leader across the US.

Compassionate Support for Families

Finding Hope operates under the umbrella of Hope is Alive, an OKC-based nonprofit that provides mentoring homes and other support for people struggling with addiction. Many resources exist to help people in addiction, but not as many for their families. Finding Hope helps fill that gap.

Finding Hope partners with local churches within communities across Oklahoma and seven other states. The network is growing rapidly. "All we need is a church that's willing to open its doors, and a trained leader," says Amy. "We believe that Finding Hope needs to be in every community."

Along with support groups, Finding Hope sponsors weekend retreats where family members can invest in themselves. They are also launching a new network called Hope After Loss for people who have lost a loved one to addiction. Because of the stigma around addiction, bereaved families don't always get the support they need from traditional grief groups. Hope After Loss connects them with others who have been there, too.

Finding Hope is free and open to anyone who has been affected by a loved one's addiction. Unlike Al-Anon, Finding Hope doesn't adhere to a strict twelve-step model, and every participant is invited to share during each meeting if they choose. The ministry is a faith-based non-profit organization supported by community donations.

"I want to break down the stigma, shame, and guilt around addiction because it's in every family," says Amy. "These families need to know it's okay to reach out for support and recovery for themselves."

Connect with Finding Hope at hopeisalive.net/findinghope or contact Amy directly by emailing her at amy@hopeisalive.net.