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FROM THE CEO



THE PHRASE, “TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF” originated in the 16th century when the pages of a book were referred to as leaves. The idea was that to change meant to start completely over. To turn the page to a brand new one. To leave the old behind.

2 Corinthians 5:17 puts it this way, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the **old things** passed away; behold, **new things** have come.”

In this newsletter, you’ll read the stories of two individuals that came to the realization that their lives didn’t need to be improved ... they needed to be transformed and made new. The old ways had to be left behind.

At Faith Mission and Faith Refuge, everything we do is based on this truth. We serve a God who redeems and restores. And we are honored to be His hands and feet in this mission.

Thank you for taking the time to read their stories and I hope you will join us in this vital ministry through your prayers and giving.

Steve Sparks  
CEO

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# EXPANDING HOPE, RESTORING LIVES



— WICHITA FALLS —  
**FAITH REFUGE**  
NEW WOMEN & CHILDRENS ADDITION



WICHITA FALLS FAITH MISSION, INC. is launching a capital campaign to expand and renovate its facilities, ensuring better support for individuals and families experiencing homelessness and addiction. The main focus is an 8,000 sq. ft. addition at Faith Refuge to provide 14 private rooms for homeless mothers with children, including dedicated space for mothers with older sons, along with a family laundry room, dayroom, staff offices, and a secure play area. Renovations will also update existing spaces and install safer StepUp bunk systems. At Faith Mission, improvements include a new volunteer parking lot, renovations of the men’s dorm, HVAC replacement, chapel upgrades, and exterior repairs. These projects will increase capacity, enhance safety, and promote long-term sustainability, so no one is turned away.



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# STORIES FROM FAITH MISSION

## A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: WESLEY'S STORY

WESLEY GREW UP IN GRAHAM, TEXAS, enjoying a typical childhood—until the day he lost his older brother. At just 14, the grief sent Wesley into a spiral of anger and addiction. “I didn’t care about anything,” he shared. “I wanted to soak the world in gasoline and watch it burn.”

That pain followed Wesley for years. After serving time in prison, he landed back in jail just two months later. But this time, he shared a cell with a man who had once been a pastor. They began studying the Bible daily. “I had found God before,” Wesley said, “but I hadn’t surrendered.” Something shifted. Wesley realized he didn’t want to keep living the same life.

In that same jail cell, he found a Faith Mission card tucked in a Bible. When he was released, he made a bold move—applying to Faith Mission while still on an ankle monitor. Though it had never been done, Bob at Faith Mission took a chance. “You’re not going to make it,” Bob said honestly. But Wesley was determined to prove otherwise.

He became the first person to graduate the New

Beginnings program while wearing an ankle monitor. He even got baptized—with his ankle monitor wrapped in Saran Wrap. “It felt like God was saying, ‘You trust Me? I’ll show you how this works.’”

Today, Wesley is working, rebuilding his life, and engaged to be married. He’s plugged into church and encouraging others who are just starting their journey. “Legacy Church isn’t a place I go because I have to. I go because I want to,” he said. “I have a future now.”

One message stays with him above all: **“Nobody’s ready to change until the pain of staying the same is worse than the pain of change.”** And he lives by that truth every day.

**“Choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”**

– Joshua 24:15

Wesley’s story is a powerful reminder that with God’s grace and the support of a faithful community, transformation is possible—even from the darkest places.

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: KACY — LED BY FAITH, SERVING WITH PURPOSE

KACY NEVER PLANNED to work at **Faith Mission**. Not long ago, she wouldn’t have believed this is where her story would lead. “I used to be a complete atheist,” she says. “But when the Bible says, ‘Seek and you will find,’ it’s true. I sought—and I found God.”

### **That encounter changed everything.**

Born and raised in Wichita Falls and a graduate of Old High, Kacy spent 17 years as a stay-at-home mom to her three daughters. As they grew, she began feeling a nudge—subtle at first, but undeniable. “I didn’t even know how I ended up here,” she says of her role at Faith Mission. “It was like God placed it in my lap. The right people came along, and I just knew—this is where I’m supposed to be.”

Kacy brings more than her skills to her work—she brings a **deep desire to reflect Christ’s love**. “I wake up each day wanting to love like Jesus,” she shares. “This place lets me do that. It’s not just a job. It’s ministry.”

Seeing injustice and suffering, especially among vulnerable populations, stirred her spirit. “As a mom, I was terrified by stories of abuse and neglect. Now, I can be a voice for the voiceless. To bring good where there’s been harm.”

At Faith Mission, Kacy is helping strengthen the **volunteer experience** with systems that are more efficient and accessible. But her real focus is people. “I want volunteers to know they’re seen, heard, and supported. We’re in this together, serving a bigger purpose.”

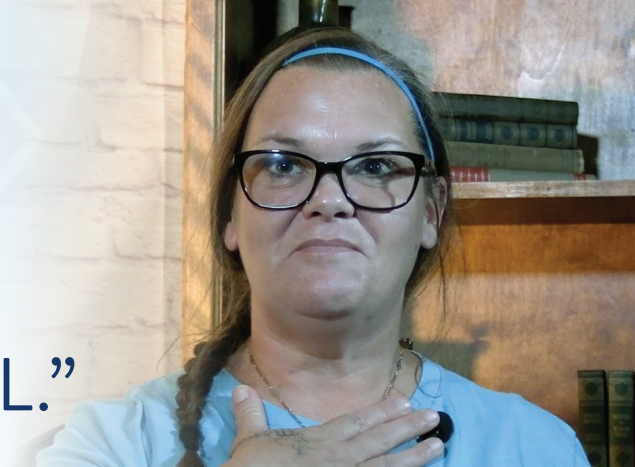
Being surrounded by coworkers and clients who seek after God inspires her daily. “You come in and see women praising God despite everything—they lift you up. You can’t help but be changed by it.”

**Kacy’s journey is a reminder:** when we follow God’s lead, He takes us where we’re meant to be.



## STORIES FROM FAITH REFUGE

# “GOD IS WITHIN HER— SHE SHALL NOT FALL.”



CHELSIE DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO GO when she stepped off that bus. She had just finished a 10-month sentence in state jail for burglary. She had no home to return to, no job lined up, no support system waiting.

“I was scared of people,” she admitted. “I didn’t know where else to go.”

She found her way to **Faith Refuge** through a chain of referrals—first to Red River, then to the Crisis Residential Unit, and finally here. It wasn’t a planned path. But when Chelsie walked through our doors, she found something she hadn’t experienced before: peace.

“I stayed as a client for two nights over the weekend,” she said. “On Monday, I entered the New Beginnings program. I’ve been here ever since.”

Chelsie had been through recovery before—three programs, in fact—but none of them stuck. This time was different.

“I got closer with the women here than I ever have anywhere else,” she shared. “It was more than a program—

it was a family.”

Her spiritual journey began long before her incarceration. After her parents separated, Chelsie started attending church with her dad. At youth camp in Maypearl, she gave her heart to Jesus. But like many, the years ahead were hard. Her faith, once strong, got buried under addiction and instability.

Now, that faith has returned—and it’s growing. “One of my favorite verses is Psalm 46:5: **‘God is within her, she shall not fall.’** I keep that with me. It reminds me I’m not alone.”

Chelsie is now preparing to transition to Victory House and working toward independence. She’s passed her driver’s test, applying for jobs, and saving for a car. Every step forward is made possible by the community that believed in her when she arrived with nothing but a desire to change.

## CURRENT NEEDS



### BEDDING & SLEEPING GEAR

(pillows & pillowcases,  
heavy-duty blankets)



### WARM CLOTHING

(winter coats,  
socks, blankets)



### HYGIENE & PERSONAL CARE

(toothbrushes & toothpaste, hand sanitizer,  
deodorant, towels & washcloths, soap, shampoo)

BE SURE TO CHECK US OUT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

