



Hope Center of Tulsa

A Biblical Counseling Ministry
Founded August 1989

OFFICE HOURS Noon to 4:00pm,
Monday – Thursday. Messages are
always returned. Closed Friday.
Counseling hours: Mon. – Thurs.
2:00 to 9:00 pm

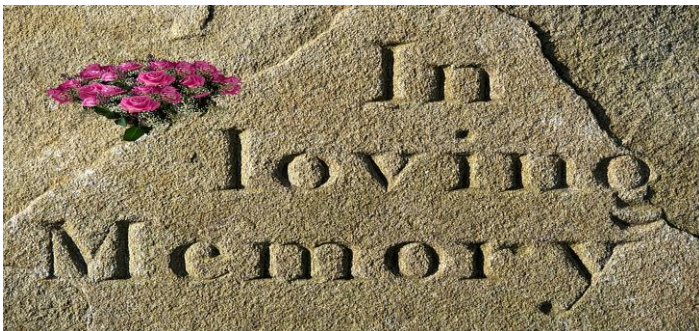
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2023 Financial Review

MONTH	DONATIONS	EXPENSES
January	\$1,100.00	\$2,105.43
February	\$1,656.00	\$2,772.39
March	\$4,273.00	\$2,131.11
April	\$3,260.00	\$2,568.86
May	\$5,130.00	\$1,764.55
TOTAL	\$15,419.00	\$11,342.34

PLEASE share this newsletter, our phone number and consider giving financially to the ministry of Hope Center.



In Memory of:

Guyla Miller, David Oliver
Steve Oliver, & Conley Oliver
Ray & Patty Volentine
Bill & Pat Claiborne
Vadon Wyatt
Tom Pebley &
Gertha Becker
Velva Jo Johnson
Pattie Shipp
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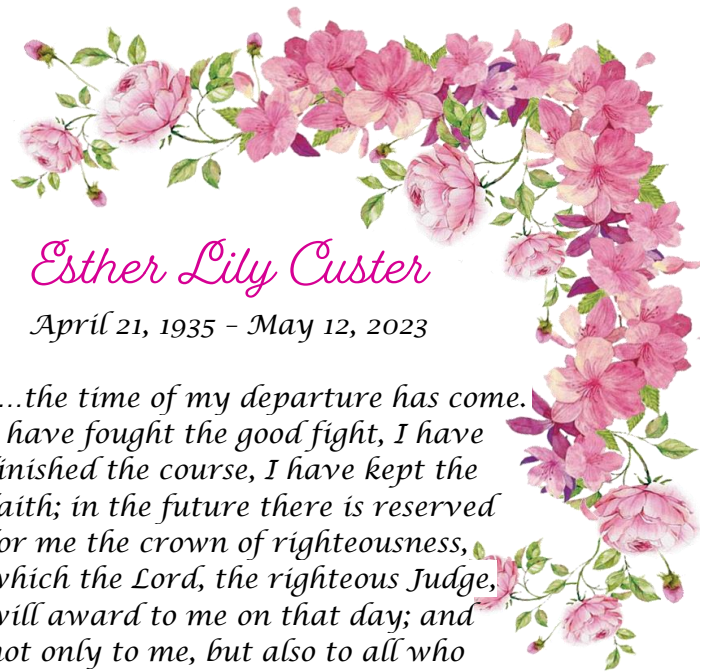
Given by:

Nancy Adams
M/M Tom Tucker
Diana Witte
M/M Dick Edwards

Dora Pebley
Orpha Callahan
Charlotte Hoppe
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Gifts given in Memory of the founder of Hope Center, Esther Custer:

John & Betsy Catrett
David & Terri Long
Donna Jones
Richard & Cherrie Stunkard
Larry & Donna Steel
Tim & Lois Breedlove
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Randy & Leann Wallace
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Esther Lily Custer

April 21, 1935 – May 12, 2023

"...the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."

II Timothy 4:6b-8



Esther was the wealth of knowledge and wisdom when people needed help in their walk with Christ. If you were able to attend her memorial service, you heard that was only one of the many ways she served her Lord and Savior, Jesus.

She was a faithful wife to Johnny for 66 years. She was Mom to Doug, Jana, Leslie and Steve; Youth sponsor and nursery worker at East Tulsa Christian and Cedar Ridge Christian; forwarding agent to missionaries; beloved grandmother and great grandmother.



She had a dream of offering Biblical counseling at no charge to anyone who sought help. Every time someone entered the doors of Hope Center, it was her desire that they left with God's HOPE that their life/lives could be better, better because of the love of Jesus.

Hope Center was to be supported by donations alone – from churches and individuals. The BIBLE, God's holy word, was to be the source of the wisdom, discernment, encouragement, TRUTH and HOPE given freely to all.

Although it has been twelve years since Esther has been in the office of Hope Center, her wisdom, love, and prayers are evident every day in each life she touched through the almost 35 years of Hope Center.

Becky Winstead writes: *There is not a more kind and godly woman than Esther Custer. She truly reflected the humbleness of Jesus and because she did countless lives have been impacted for the Kingdom. The essence of her life and service will continue to bless, I know my life was changed because of her ministry.*



Many a time before Hope Center, I would call Esther to ask for her advice. God kept sending people to my door or on the phone or just about anywhere. They were upset and wanted help. I would pick up the phone and call Esther. *“What do I say, Esther? They are really hurting.”* Always she offered God’s wisdom for me to share. Then she offered the training prior to Hope Center’s first year. My friend, Sandy Jones, said to me: *“You need to take that training!”* So, it all began.

Then 12 years ago, Esther trained me again but this time to try to step into her shoes as Director of Hope Center. She persistently walked beside me with patience, kindness and encouragement.

When I think of her arrival in Heaven, I am reminded of the song, *Thank You for Giving to the Lord*, sung by Ray Boltz; written by Dido Armstrong and Paul Herman. Throughout the song, the person arriving in Heaven is reminded of all the times they presented Jesus to someone. That will be Esther. Every person said . . . *“Thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed...I am so glad you gave.”* The song goes through all sorts of events but it closes with these words:

*And I know that up in heaven
You're not supposed to cry
But I am almost sure
There were tears in your eyes
As Jesus took your hand
And you stood before the Lord
He said, my child look around you
... For great is your reward*

God has blessed Esther’s dream in starting Hope Center. Godly people like Ray & Patty Volentine joined her efforts (and I’m sure greeted her there along with Johnny). God has continued to send support and encouragement to those willing to offer their time and His wisdom in giving HOPE and TRUTH to hurting people.



That **HOPE** and **TRUTH** is needed now more than ever in our world so full of trouble and heartache. Hope Center needs more people to step up and be **PEOPLE HELPERS** in the name of **CHRIST**.

PRAY about what God wants you to do for HIM. Is He asking you to step up and walk along side people to help them see the love of Jesus? We are praying for you to accept His call.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the one who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 5:24

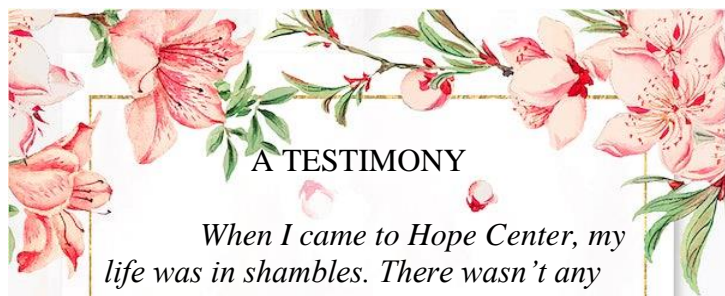
Hope Center is a nonprofit counseling center that began in August of 1989. It is the policy of Hope Center to offer Biblical counseling to everyone who desires it regardless of ability to pay. There is no charge for counseling. These services are provided through the financial support of churches, groups & individuals who believe in the ministry.

Biblical counseling is an approach to counseling based upon the inspired, inerrant Word of God. This caring and directive approach to counseling utilizes the Word of God as a therapeutic tool to heal emotional and spiritual problems.

Hope Center offices are in the northwest corner of Cedar Ridge Christian Church, Broken Arrow, OK.

Many plans are in a man’s heart, But the counsel of the LORD will stand. Proverbs 19:21 NASB

*Come now, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit.” Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. For you are just a vapor that appears for a little while, and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that.” But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. **So for one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, for him it is sin.*** James 4:13-17 NASB



A TESTIMONY

When I came to Hope Center, my life was in shambles. There wasn’t any area of my life that I was happy with. In fact, I had considered suicide several times. I figured that if life was so full of turmoil and strife, that I had my fill of it and wanted to end it all.

By coming to Hope Center, my life has done an about face. My wife and I are getting along better than we ever had and my relationship with my daughter has improved. I have learned that I couldn’t change anything on my own. My Lord is responsible for the changes in my life.

Hope Center – what a place. It is named perfectly, because I do have hope and will continue to strive to learn the role that Jesus Christ meant for me. Thank you!