



## Pastor Spotlight

My name is Reed James and I am the pastor of Mosaic Community Church. Over the past four years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a part of Stillwater Life Services (SLS) in

a handful of ways. Currently, I serve as a mentor within the 24/7 Dad Program. Through this program, I have come to know two young men and sought to help them as they adjust to becoming first-time fathers. What a challenge it can be! I also attend the SLS monthly prayer meeting for pastors. Each month, I look forward to the opportunity to pray with other pastors about the work that God is doing in Stillwater and the ways that SLS participates in that work. In the past, I was also a SLS volunteer at Lincoln Academy – serving as an educator to around 8-10 young men about relational and sexual health.

As I look back on these service opportunities, I am overcome with thankfulness and joy. Each of them afforded me with avenues to engage Stillwater community members with the love of God. And I

was able to meet some great young men who became good friends and even challenged some of my views of the world. I should add that many of these young men I would have never had the opportunity to know without SLS's presence in Stillwater!

As a pastor, I know too well the temptation for outreach ministries to be neglected within a congregation. And, I know too well the temptation for outreach ministry to be neglected in my own personal life. For many pastors and active church members, if we are going to neglect a part of ministry it is not going to be discipleship, preaching, fellowship, or pastoral care. These opportunities are a regular part of our week. Instead, if we are going to neglect a ministry to which Christ is calling the local church, it is reaching out to the community with the love of God in visible ways. The good news is that partnering with SLS ensures that this temptation does not become a reality. SLS provides numerous ways for individuals and entire church congregations to be the hands and feet of Christ in our city.



## August Already

by Lori Hatfield

As we near the month of August many things begin to happen in Stillwater. Families are taking final vacations to squeeze out the last bit of summer. New OSU students are enjoying campus tours, registration and learning about their soon to be temporary home. At SLS, we launched our new client website, kicked off our Color of Hope 5k committee and are knee deep in planning that fall fundraising event, updated our Earn While You



Learn curriculum that we use in our mentor program and finalized our Lights on Stillwater t-shirt design that we will use to advertise our services to the campus community! Even in the busyness of summer, we are still ministering to women with unplanned pregnancies, abortion seeking clients, and clients needing tested for various things. God has provided our ministry with a wonderful support system with Him being our top reliance! We thank you for covering this ministry in prayer and praying over our staff as we continue to serve Christ while serving the community.

## It's Time to Get a Round Tuit by Nile Abele



Recently I shared a message at my church about It's Time to Get A Round Tuit! In Micah 6:8 it says, "*He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*" Those are three of the important things that we strive to do each day at Stillwater Life Services as we serve the clients He sends our way:

- to do justice [to do what is right]
  - to love kindness
  - to walk humbly with our God
- What have you been putting off doing?  
Now is the time to Get A Round Tuit!



Has God been "speaking to your heart" to get involved with the ministry of SLS? Summertime is a great time to Get A Round Tuit and start to make plans to find your fit.

How will God have you participate as we partner together for LIFE!? Go to [www.slspartners.org](http://www.slspartners.org) to explore the opportunities or call us at 405-624-3332 to learn more.



## We Need Donations!



We need about **30 cans** for our growing need of baby formula.



We need **1 pack** of Premature diapers, **10 packs** of Newborn baby diapers, and some new Baby Wash Cloths.



Our Color of Hope 5k Run/Walk plans are underway for our **October 22nd** Walk event. The planning committee is busily preparing for this exciting event. The committee welcomes your participation in a variety of ways — whether it's helping secure business sponsors, being a church liaison, volunteering to help on the day of the event or participating as a runner/walker on that Saturday morning! Funds raised from our annual Stillwater Life Services Color of Hope will help us to be able to continue to offer guidance, support and practical assistance free of charge. **Interested in offering your time and talents to help make our Walk/5K a successful event? Email Nile at [nabele@stillwaterlife.org](mailto:nabele@stillwaterlife.org) to let us know!**

