

# News from the Center

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## Reova Meredith, founder of CWM visits

At the end of September, Reova Meredith stopped by the JC CWM for a visit. She was in the area to attend the opening of the Kingdom Center for Women's Ministries in Fulton.

While Reova was here, the advisory board was able to share a meal and spend some time with her. Reova was interested to know what our strengths and areas of difficulty are and how the headquarters office could be of more help to us locally.

We discussed upcoming plans and had a chance to ask her questions. It was like a chat between old friends, even though some of us had only met her briefly before that.

After almost twenty years, Reova's enthusiasm for the center's mission to provide Christ-based, non-judgmental peer counseling to women remains strong.

It was an energizing visit and we truly appreciated being able to spend this time together.



Reova Meredith founded the Center for Women's Ministries in Bloomington, Indiana in 1989.

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### Kingdom Center opens

Fulton, MO is the home of the newest center for women's ministries.

The Kingdom Center officially opened its doors at 820 Jefferson St. on August 25. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Prayer is scheduled for Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Jewel Holt and all the volunteers that made this happen!



### October is domestic violence awareness month

About 1 in 4 women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime according to *Findings from the National Violence Against Women Survey* (2000).

Domestic violence is especially devastating because it occurs in what started as a loving relationship. For someone not involved, it may be difficult to understand why a woman would stay in such a situation. But there can be many reasons, not the least of which is genuine fear for her safety or that of her children. An abuser is trying to control another person and if that control is challenged, the abuse typically increases.

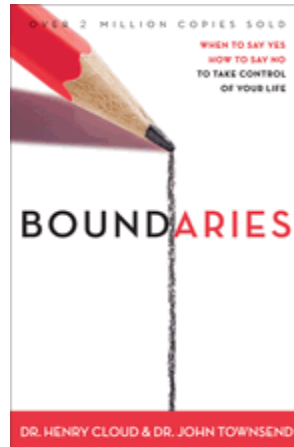
For more information on domestic violence and resources, visit our web site, [www.jccwm.net](http://www.jccwm.net) and read our blog.

## Boundaries support group starts Oct. 6

A new Boundaries support group starts Oct. 6 at the center office on Knipp Dr. Diane Keevil is excited to be leading this group. Meetings will be held weekly on Monday evenings from 6:30–8:30.

The group will start off with an eight-week review of the Boundaries book and then move into an ongoing support group format.

If you are challenged with setting boundaries in your



life, this may be the group for you. We will look at such issues as:

- Feeling out of control
- Being taken advantage of
- How to say no and make it stick
- Dealing with disappointment

Please call the center if you are interested in joining this group.

*“I am the way  
and the truth  
and the life. No  
one comes to  
the Father  
except through  
me.”*

*John 14:6 NAB*

## Our Statement of Faith

We believe that in our brokenness we can come to know the love of God through Jesus. Because He lives, we can experience emotional and spiritual healing.

We believe in:

- The Bible as the Word of God, inspired by God and inerrant in its original manuscripts.
- The Trinity of the Godhead; there is one God in three Persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ) and the Holy Spirit.
- The virgin birth of Jesus Christ; Jesus is both the eternal Son of God and the Son of Man, two distinct natures in one Person forever.
- The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, which assures the resurrection of all believers who have accepted God’s gift of eternal life.
- The sinful nature of humanity: we are all sinners who need a Savior, Jesus Christ, to restore to us the right relationship with God.
- The atonement: Jesus Christ bore our sins when He shed His blood and died on the cross. He paid the price for our sins.
- The necessity of each individual to accept the gift of salvation, or eternal life, by choosing to invite Jesus Christ into his or her life to be both Savior and Lord.
- The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer: He quickens from death to life and continues His work of sanctification during the lifetime of the Christian.

# Help us get the word out!

If you are familiar with the JC CWM, you know that we rely entirely on the efforts of volunteers to provide services. We are in need of help in the following areas:

- Fundraising and Donations
- Publicity and Events

The fundraising/donations coordinator will look for new fundraising opportunities for the center and will reach out to area businesses for donations.

The publicity and events coordinator will schedule speaking engagements at local churches, women’s groups, etc., help plan events for the center and work on getting our name out to the media.

If you are interested in helping in these areas, or in another, please contact the center. You will be

partnering with a great group of women and a few hours of your time can make a big difference in the lives of others. Please consider sharing your gifts!



**Contact the center if you would like us to make a presentation about the JC CWM to your church or women’s organization.**

## Board member highlight—Connie Humphrey

Connie Humphrey has been involved with the JC CWM practically from the beginning. After hearing the testimony of Deb Kohl (the center director at the time) at her church, Connie knew in her heart that she was called to join in this mission. She was in the second training group for peer counselors and has remained actively involved since then.



and be able to cover a huge portion of the hurting women in our community.” She would like to see the center’s doors open at least a few hours each day.

Connie’s spiritual gifts are teaching, counseling and encouraging. Her talents are put to good use through her work with the JC CWM. In addition to counseling women through the center, Connie leads a support group for survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

Connie’s dream for the center is “to see it working at full capacity



**Have you visited [jccwm.net](http://jccwm.net)?**

## Current needs

- Prayer group leader
- Padded folding or stackable chairs
- Working computers
- TV and DVD player for study groups
- Folding tv tray/snack tables for use as portable desks
- Boundaries books (Cloud and Townsend)
- Books on codependency
- Gallon size freezer bags (for cinnamon rolls)

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# What we offer

### One-on-one caring partners

- Hurting women are paired with other women who have walked through similar circumstances.

### Support groups

- Opportunities for women with similar needs to meet in a small group setting.

### Seminars and conferences

- Various topics of interest to women.

### Library

- Books, tapes and videos are available for check-out to aid the healing process.

The JC CWM is a non-profit, non-denominational ministry for women of all ages and economic status, promoting emotional and spiritual healing.

Our purpose is to create an environment where non-judgmental listening, sharing, encouragement, and prayer support can take place.

If you have a need, call on us.

If you know someone who has a need, refer them to us.

If you have a heart for service, let us know.

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### Join the \$10 club!

Become a sustaining friend of the JC CWM by committing to a monthly gift of \$10.