



## Dawn Kellner

PARK HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

### About the Family

I'm deaf and was born to deaf parents. My family's—including my six brothers—first language is American Sign Language (ASL).

After being saved when I was 11 years old, I struggled as I read my Bible, trying to understand the English translation as a second language.

During my sophomore year of college at Northeastern State (NSU), a friend of mine and ASL professor named Jameie, invited me to Baptist Collegiate Ministries (BCM), since she would be interpreting the worship service. Around the same time, the Deaf Missions organization announced that they had completed the ASL translation (ASLV) of the Bible, which took them 38 years! Through those two experiences, I began to understand things I had never fully grasped before. It was like waking up in a new light. Because of this, I recommitted my life to Jesus on March 1, 2020.

### About My Ministry

We have been able to set up a deaf ministry group with the BCM at NSU. This group was formed to ensure that no more deaf people go without access to the gospel. We teach and disciple whoever wants to learn how to share God's Word in ASL.

My goal in this ministry is to provide accommodations for deaf people, such as full time access to ASL, interpreters at BCM events, doing Bible studies through ASLV and gathering capable workers for the harvest on missions trips (Luke 10:2).

I would like to see all BCMs in Oklahoma have a ministry to the Deaf that accommodates deaf young adults in our community.

Find out how you can

**Pray.**

**Participate.**

**Provide.**

#### PRAY.

Pray for boldness to share the gospel and open hearts among people.  
Pray that through this ministry, more people would come to saving faith and live on mission.  
Pray for stamina and longevity for ministry amidst attacks from the enemy.

#### PARTICIPATE

Spread the gospel to the Deaf.  
Build relationships with missionaries who have a heart for the Deaf and their families.  
Build relationships and serve alongside those who commit to serving in ministry to the Deaf.

#### PROVIDE

Learn the ministry strategy and context, so you can provide relevant resources.  
Support a missionary financially.