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Disciple Times

Newsletter

"If for only one"
Luke 5:4-7

How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer at the Gifts of Grace Resale Store
- Teach classes
- Become a Grace Partner

Grace Partners:

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to build, strengthen and support the House of Disciples through prayer and by committing to support the ministry with a monthly donation of any amount. As a monthly supporter, you impact the lives of each man here at the House of Disciples.

Mission Statement:

To make disciples who know Christ, share Christ, and multiply Christ in the lives of others.



Congratulations to Stafon R., Danny T., Jeremy W. and Joseph T. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of May.

House of Disciples
LIFE RECOVERY CENTER
Graduation
Sunday, June 3, 2012
3:00 PM
HOD Chapel - Longview

LUKE 15:4-7
IF FOR ONLY ONE

June 2012 Graduate Testimonials

Phillip Briggs Sr.

HOD Program Graduate - June 2012

Many of you know my son, Phillip Briggs Jr., and my daughter, Jennifer "Jensing" Beddingfield. Back in 1980, I divorced Phill and Jensing's mother. After that, I only saw them a couple of times, because I lived in Arizona and they moved to Texas. In 1998, I went to prison and was incarcerated until February 2011. A few years ago, Phill Jr. found me in prison and wrote me a letter. I was shocked to hear from him after all those years. We began to write back and forth and Phill Jr. helped me find God. After I was released from prison, I started partying. But one morning I got up and asked God to help me. I was tired of what I was doing and needed guidance. From that moment, God began restoring my relationship with Phill Jr. and Jensing, whom I had not seen in over 20 years. God also allowed me to hug their mom one last time before she died from cancer. But on the way home from her funeral, I was charged with a DUI. Later, I met with Tim and told him I needed to change my life. He told me that I was at the right place. Phill Jr. introduced me to an attorney. After looking at my record, he told me that I could expect 35 years to life in prison. God came to my rescue and I'm living proof that God still answers prayer. I only served 45 days! I want to thank HOD, because if it wasn't for Tim, Phill Jr., Jenn Jenn, Johnny Collier, Jensing, Jody, Mike and Brett, I wouldn't be here. God never gave up on me and He hasn't given up on you. All you have to do is open your heart. Here it is a year later, and I've accomplished what I set out to do... stand here and have my son and daughter give me my diploma.

Justin Daniels

HOD Program Graduate - June 2012

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Have you ever been down a long winding path going in circles? Well, I have. Ever since I can remember, I have been in and out of jail. I was always looking for acceptance from people that I thought had accepted

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me, but they never did. In all actuality, I have a Heavenly Father who would accept me even when I was surrounded by chaos and destruction. God picked me up and out me on the Rock that is harder than concrete. When I couldn't walk, He carried me. When I fell, He was there to catch me. I never realized this until I came to HOD. First, I have to give God all the glory and thank Him for the people He has put in my life. People that accept me with the love of Christ. I want to give a special thanks to Wiseman Ministries, to the staff and to all the teachers. Because of your commitment to God's will, God has saved me from a life of death - for the wages of sin are death. Words cannot explain how thankful I am. Romans 5:3-5, "We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confidence hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us because He has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love." Again, I want to say thank you and God bless.

Jaisen Wooten (Past HOD Graduate - May 2011)
Isaiah 58 Institute - June 2012

It is an honor to be the first to consecutively complete the 12-month House of Disciples program and the 18-month Isaiah 58 Institute internship. I have finished and now it is time to get to work! I am in the process of finding employment, a place to live and a vehicle. My goal is to start a youth/young adult prevention ministry and to have my own music/movie label. I am so glad that I went all the way through the program and through the internship. God never lies! I found myself and I found love. I love everybody. Joseph said in Genesis. 41:51-52 "God has let me forget all my troubles and my family back home. And God has made me a success in the land where I suffered" (CEV). As long as I never give up, I know God will give me all that He has promised me. And even still, "I ain't worried about it!" I would like to say thank you to every ministry who welcomed me and to all who I have met along the way. I love you always.

Super 1 Donation



The two Super 1 Foods stores in Longview now have a fresh new look. The Chamber of Commerce facilitated a grand re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on May 4, and Super 1 Foods made a \$1,000 donation to several charities; including House of Hope, House of Disciples and the Public Library. We would like to thank them for their generosity.



Pathway Fish Fry



The Men's Ministry of Pathway Church held a Fish Fry at the House of Disciples in Longview on Saturday, May 5. Men from the church spent all morning cooking up some mouth-watering fish and all the fixings. The meal was followed by a devotional by Pastor Marty. Our residents were so thankful for this special treat and are looking forward to more.

Upcoming Events

Friday, June 1 & Saturday, June 2

HOD Resident Retreat (Camping & Fishing),
Lake O' the Pines, Jefferson, TX

Saturday, June 2 - Saturday, June 9

Gifts of Grace Resale Store - \$1 MEGA SALE

Sunday, June 3 / 3:00 PM

HOD & I58 Graduation Ceremony
HOD Chapel, Longview, TX

Sunday, June 10 / 7:00 PM

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Johnston Unit, Winnsboro, TX

Thursday, June 14 / 6:30 PM (Please RSVP)

NEW Volunteer & Teacher Orientation - HOD Foyer

WC Award

Management & Training Corporation (MTC) has been improving lives and operating safe and secure prison facilities for 30 years. The White Chocolate (WC) Ministry Team has been "religious-service" volunteers for over a year now at MTC's East Texas Treatment Facility in Henderson, TX. WC visits the Henderson Prison twice each month to a packed-out crowd of grateful offenders. White Chocolate was recently awarded the Community Supporter of the Year award for their commitment to prison ministry. The greatest reward is the thanks received from the offenders.



WC at Word Alive Carthage

Word Alive Outreach Ministries in Carthage, TX held their annual Freedom Fest Block Party on Saturday, May 12. At the community outreach, they gave out clothing and provided hotdogs, cotton candy, face painting and entertainment. White Chocolate was one of the ministry teams, along with Modern Miracle, Galloway Crossing, New Realm Worship, SA, Shana Strange and Rebecca Friedlander. It was an honor for us to be asked to minister.



HOD SOFTBALL:



WOW!! This has been a great season. In fact, this has been the best season so far, with three wins for HOD. We have one make-up game scheduled for Tuesday, June 5th at 9:45 pm. The summer season starts on Tuesday, June 12. We will post specific times, as soon as we have them. Make plans to come out and show your support.

NHC Lake Outreach



In celebration of Memorial Day, the White Chocolate ministry team and our HOD residents were invited to participate in a outreach at Gladewater Lake, hosted by New Heights Church. There was lots of food, ice cold watermelon, swimming, and praise and worship by White Chocolate. Everyone had lots of fun.

Gifts of Grace Resale Store

Open Mon - Sat, 9am - 6pm

Thank you for your donations.

You're making a difference!

Sat. June 2 - Sat. June 9

MEGA SALE

\$1 items

903-234-2341 / 110 Triple Creek Dr.
(off Judson Rd. next to Posado's Cafe)

Appreciation Service:

An Appreciation Service, in honor of all our teachers and volunteers, was held on Sunday, May 6. Many of the residents shared a special thank you and a framed HOD group photo was given to all our teachers and volunteers. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and God bless you.



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Wed, June 20 - Fri, June 22 / 3 Day Revival

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Wednesday, July 4 / Independence Day Holiday

HOD Offices & GOG Store are CLOSED

Thursday, July 12 / 6:30 PM (Please RSVP)

NEW Volunteer & Teacher Orientation - HOD Foyer

Wed, July 18 (Men) & Thur. July 19 (Women)

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Sunday, July 22 / 7:00 AM

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Polunsky Unit - A side, Livingston, TX