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"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.

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Mission Statement:

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

"A Conversation at the Gym" by Pastor Chris Reid, Motion Church

What started as a casual conversation with an older gentleman in the locker room at the gym turned into a rather insightful dialogue. At first we both griped about the burden of working out, but the tenor and topic shifted quickly without warning to how proud this man in his late 60's or early 70's was of the teenagers in his church. He moved quickly and passionately, discrediting the usual complaints of a man his age about the up and coming generation. The loud music. The tattoos. The style. The crescendo of his spill was, "If we codgers have to get out of the way or wear cotton earplugs, then that's what we need to do!"

The result for me was similar. As of June 26th, I officially stepped into the role of lead pastor of a brand new church called Motion Church (although it has been in the making much longer, that was the day of our first official experience). As I devote all of my time and energy to this new endeavor, I pray that I always have the heart to do what is best for the church. Not what I prefer. Not what I want. Not even necessarily what I THINK is best, but what IS best! After all, it's not my church or your church; it's His church.

This is not a knock of older people, or a slight of any sort. I just know that this conversation made such an indelible impression on me that the heart of what this gentleman was saying needed to be perpetuated. It seems that we could sum it up best with one of my favorite quotes. "Always do what's best for the church." Short and simple, yet profound enough to change the world if we live it out.

P.S. I asked this guy to write a book, but he graciously declined.

MOTION CHURCH

Blessings,
Chris Reid

Pastor Chris Reid and his wife, Shelley, are the pastors of a new church in Longview called Motion Church. The target age for parishioners is 18 to 35, but all ages are invited. This young adult age group is statistically the most unchurched. The atmosphere is exciting and the worship is booming. Currently, Motion Church is meeting on the last Sunday of the month. Starting in October, they will begin holding weekly services. They are located off Judson Road next to Posado's Café.

House of Hope - Madisonville

Our partner ministry, House of Hope in Madisonville, is thriving. They average between 10 and 15 residents and had their first graduation in May. Milford Swanner serves as the Program Facilitor and James Smith (aka Mud Dog) is the Work Coordinator. Both are graduates of our Longview program.

HOD Craft Shop

The House of Disciples Craft Shop is putting out some amazing items. Some of our residents are discovering some wonderful hidden talents. One such resident is Andrew Lambert. (pictured right) The designs that he is putting out are inspirational. All proceeds from the sale of the crafts go directly back into the ministry.

We keep a supply of crafts at our Gifts of Grace Resale Store. Stop by and check them out.

The White Chocolate band recently played at the First Baptist Church HUB for the end of World Changers, a week long missions experience for youth.

HOD SOFTBALL:

It's that time again… We hope you are able to come and show your support at Hinsley Park. Here is the Tuesday night schedule:

7-05	9:45 pm
7-12	6:45 pm
7-19	no game
7-26	7:45 pm
8-02	9:45 pm
8-09	6:45 pm
8-16	7:45 pm

Graduation planned

The next graduation for the House of Disciples is scheduled for Sunday, July 31 at 3pm in the HOD Chapel. We have three residents graduating the year long program: John Barfield, Carl Coleman and Randall Miller. The men have come a long way and God has done miraculous things in their lives. Everyone is invited and a reception will follow.

Isaiah 58 Institute

The next trimester for the Isaiah 58 Institute ministry training starts on July 6th. We currently have four continuing Interns, one new Intern, two who will start Advanced Leadership Training, and two HOD programmers who will audit the classes. The goal of Isaiah 58 Institute is to prepare students for a life of leadership by way of servanthood.

Garage Sale Time

We know that the summer time is when most people have garage sales. Don't forget that our Gifts of Grace Resale Store makes house calls. If you have left over items, why not give us a call and arrange for a local pick up. All proceeds from GOG support HOD. Plus, donations may be tax deductible. Lastly, we also pick up scrap metal and old appliances.

BOOK SIGNING:

Mardel's Christian Bookstore in Longview has scheduled a book signing on July 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Come out and get your copy and meet the author, Tim Wiseman. Proceeds benefit Wiseman Ministries Inc.

Upcoming Events

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day
Gifts of Grace Resale Store - CLOSED

Wednesday, July 6
Next Bible School Trimester begins
Isaiah 58 Institute, Longview, TX

Thur, July 7 & Sunday, July 17
White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Polunsky Unit, Livingston, TX

Wed, July 20 (Men) & Thur, July 21 (Women)
White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Friday, July 29 / 7:00 PM
White Chocolate at Men's & Women's Conference
Powerhouse Ministries, Longview, TX

Saturday, July 30 / 10 AM to 2 PM
Tim Wiseman - "Purpose in the Pain" book signing
Mardel's Christian Bookstore, Longview, TX

Sunday, July 31 / 3:00 PM
House of Disciples - Graduation
HOD Chapel, Longview, TX

Saturday, August 6 - Saturday, August 13
Gifts of Grace Mega Sale - with $1 items

Wednesday, Aug. 10 / 6:00 PM
"Release the Dream" with Matthew Barnett,
Belcher Center at LETU, Longview, TX

Wed, Aug 17 (Men) & Thur, Aug 18 (Women)
White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

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