House of Disciples

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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:

Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to fulfill Matthew 25 & Isaiah 58 by providing food to the hungry, clothing to the needy, shelter to the homeless, to minister to those in prison and to help liberate those controlled by addictions.

Mission Statement:

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

Congratulations to Darrell, Allen, Emmett, Harold and Zach for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of June.

If For Only One

Joseph sleeping under a cardboard box.

We first met Joseph curled up under a cardboard box outside our Shreveport location at the old YWCA in downtown. Program Director, Brett Foster, made a few attempts to reach out to the man and brought him some food, but at first Joseph was not receptive. One day, Joseph got a job and was really excited about his future. But shortly after getting his job, he reinjured his leg and was unable to work. He remembers crying out to God and asking for help. The same day that he prayed, Brett found him and invited him to stay with us at the House of Disciples in Longview. Joseph said that he knew this was God answering his prayer for help. Joseph has been with us since March of this year and has been doing fantastic. He is a great servant leader and a pleasure to be around. This past week, Joseph and fellow resident, Darrell, both received their driver's licenses. We are very proud of both of them. Joseph has come to know that God has a plan for his life and it is amazing to watch his life recovery process.

The location that we had purchased in Shreveport, did not work out as we had thought. Due to City zoning codes, we are in the process of selling the facility. We know that God still wants us to operate a life recovery center in Shreveport, but we are waiting on His timing and instructions. What we do know is that God loves His children and if we bought the old YWCA only for ONE soul to be restored, then it was worth it. Joseph is worth it.

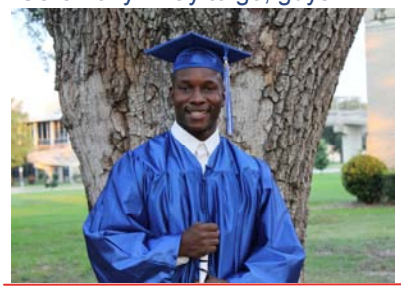
Darrell (left), Joseph (right) with new driver's licenses.

Pastor Wes Haefs - Honored Volunteer

Pastor Wes Haefs is a volunteer counselor at the House of Disciples. He spends his time listening, ministering and praying with our residents. Recently, Pastor Wes had the honor of baptizing one of our residents, John Dewberry (pictured right), and John's wife, Robin. We are so thankful for Pastor Wes and all our volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to fulfill our mission to see lives transformed by the love of God. Pastor Wes Haefs grew up in the Corsicana State Orphans home. He accepted Christ at age 19 and went into the Marine Corps in 1967. In 1969, he was called into Christian ministry. He has a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Dallas Baptist University and a Master of Religious Education with a Minor in Counseling from Southwestern Seminary. Since growing up in an orphanage, he desired to help others like himself and became a houseparent and Caseworker for the Corsicana State Home in the 1970's. He has been a pastor for over 30 years and currently pastors Piney Grove Baptist Church. He has also served in several ministries, some include: House of Refuge in Corsicana; Corsicana Christian Academy; and he has been on the Advisory Board at the House of Disciples since our inception. Pastor Wes has been married for 41 years to his love, Liz. They have four children and sixteen grandchildren. We are honored to have him as a volunteer.

Stafon's GED Graduation

We would like to congratulate Stafon Reese on obtaining his General Education Diploma. His graduation ceremony was held at Kilgore College on Friday, June 8. His GED prep teacher, Debbie Rasberry, was in attendance and was very proud of his accomplishment. Another HOD resident, Emmett Asbury, passed his GED test this past month and will be participating in the next Kilgore College Ceremony. Way to go, guys!



Eddie B. visits HOD

Eddie B. is a singer and song writer from New Mexico who under God's anointing birthed a ministry called "Conviction for Christ". His mission is to minister to those incarcerated in the prison systems around the country. This past month, he visited the men at the House of Disciples and shared his testimony, as well as, joined the White Chocolate ministry team to minister in music. We look forward to working with him in the future.

Three Day Prison Revival

The White Chocolate ministry team had the honor of leading worship at a three day revival held at the East Texas Treatment Facility prison in Henderson, TX. Even though this was not a mandatory event for the offenders, we still had close to 500 in attendance each night. The live event was held in the East Gym and televised in the West Gym. Many accepted Christ for the first time. Praise God!

Gifts of Grace Resale Store

Open Mon - Sat, 9am - 6pm

Thank you for your donations.

You're making a difference!

Sat. Aug. 4 - Sat. Aug. 11

MEGA SALE

$1 items

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

HOD SOFTBALL:

SUMMER SEASON is here! Games are held every Tuesday night at Hinsley Park. The guys did amazing in the Spring Season and we are sure this season will be just as fun to watch. Come out and show your support.

7-10	6:45 pm
7-17	8:45 pm
7-24	7:45 pm
&	8:45 pm
7-31	6:45 pm

JUNE GRADUATION:

Congratulations to our June Graduates of the House of Disciples Life Recovery Program, Phil Briggs Sr. and Justin Daniels; and of Isaiah 58 Institute Ministry Training, Jaisen Wooten.

First Baptist To Hold Fundraiser For HOD

On Sunday, July 29th, the First Baptist Church of Longview (FBC) will hold a fundraising event for the House of Disciples. The funds raised will go towards a new dining room and roof. The House of Disciples and White Chocolate will participate in their morning service, which starts at 10:45 am. The main event will be at noon in their Great Hall. Lunch will be provided. White Chocolate will minister in music and we will have a few testimonials from residents and graduates of the House of Disciples. Come be a part of this amazing event hosted by the Adult 2 Sunday School Class of FBC. Previously, FBC helped us put in a new kitchen through a similar fundraiser. We are so thankful for their generosity and pray that God will continue to bless them.

HOD Camp-Out

This was the first camp-out for the residents of the House of Disciples. It was held Friday, June 1st through Sunday, June 3rd. Saturday was the free fishing day in the State of Texas, so the men took advantage of the opportunity to be allowed to fish without a license. The men had an awesome time.

Upcoming Events

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 / 6:00 PM
Pathway Church hosts Baptism,
Collier's house, Longview, TX

Sunday, July 29 / 10:45 AM & Lunch
Fundraiser for HOD Dining Room & Roof,
First Baptist Church, Longview, TX

Saturday, August 4 - Saturday, August 11
Gifts of Grace Resale Store - $1 MEGA SALE

Thursday, August 9 / 6:30 PM (Please RSVP)
NEW Volunteer & Teacher Orientation - HOD Foyer

Wed, August 15 (Men) & Thur. August 16 (Women)
White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Thursday, August 23 / 7:00 AM
White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Polunsky Unit, Livingston, TX

Monday, September 3 / Labor Day Holiday
HOD Offices & GOG Store are CLOSED

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