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“If for only one” Luke 5:4-7

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Mission Statement:

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



Appreciation from Inmates

This past month, the chaplain at the Polunsky Prison presented the House of Disciples Band with a Jesus drawing (pictured) and “thank you” notes from many of the inmates. Below are some of the comments received:

“Thank you for your time, encouragement and fellowship over the past years. I don’t receive visits, so I really do cherish the time we have during service. Thank you for following the vision God gave you.” - Dean

“Thank you for showing me how a true Christian man should live and setting an example of what God’s love is. Thank you for showing me how a husband should treat a wife and what faith is. Thank you for being my friend on the Polunsky Unit.” - Wayne

“We love you! Here at Polunsky and death row, it used to be called ‘Welcome to Hell’, now God, thru you, has made it a ‘Gateway to Heaven’.” - Robert

“I realize the time, energy and resources involved with such a commitment as yours, so I must commend you on your faithfulness. Your obedience to God in serving Him by serving us is priceless.” - Marcus

“I pray that God will bless you. I have only been a Christian for a few months and your music and bible teachings have really ministered to me and helped me to further my love for Christ.” - John

“I appreciate your passion and drive that you display in your ministry. It is my prayer that God will prosper you and you will never grow weary.” - Chris

“There are many of us that are grateful for what you all do. We look forward to seeing you when you are on the schedule. It is amazing to see you as husbands and wives, playing and working together in your ministry. That is the kind of example that we men need in here. I have been inside for almost 20 years and you have given me hope of what I can be on the outside with Christ.” - Paul

“We are so blessed and grateful that God continues to use you in your ministry to bless and strengthen us here at Polunsky. So many men are touched and edified by you. We want you to know that we are growing in Christ and pray for you always.” - Choir

“I want to thank you for coming to bless a bunch of convicts... society’s outcasts. Taking the time to drive here, go through the check-in process, and all that is involved is a real testament to how we are to be unselfish and willing to endure to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Your example has inspired me. So many are judgmental of convicts, but you show that not all hate us. Thank you!” - Sonny

“From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank you for being obedient to God in what He has called you to do. You have been a great encouragement to me. It is amazing to see all of you working together for God. I Love you all.” - Perry

“From The Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director



A question that I get asked often is how we came up with the name “House of Disciples”. The name came from a discussion I was having with my

mom and a friend. I was sharing with them that our Life Recovery Centers must have a core focus on discipleship. My mom then said, “Tim, you should name the ministry centers ‘House of Disciples’.” It stuck! I continually remind my staff that we are in the busi-

ness of making disciples. Yes, House of Disciples is a Life Recovery Center, but recovery and restoration is the by-product of a life being disciplined. Jesus commissioned believers to “Go make disciples of all nations...” How we go about making disciples is universal - point everyone to Christ! Can any of us fix a person through our own efforts? Ask the many spouses who have tried unsuccessfully to “fix” their partner in marriage! That’s the Holy Spirit’s role in a disciple’s life. We are responsible to people, but not for people. So

what is our role? Here are three simple truths to help you get started making disciples: 1. Be the best example you can be before those God has entrusted you to disciple (1 Peter 5:1-3). You may be the only Bible someone will ever read. 2. Teach; mentor; equip disciples with the tools they will need in this life (Eph. 4:12). Build a relationship and you will build a bridge of trust and transparency. 3. Carry a love and compassion for people (1 Cor. 13). People don’t care what you know until they know how much you care. Let’s go make disciples!



Congratulations to Nate M. and James K. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of June.

Band Update

The House of Disciples Band ministered at eight venues this past month. On the 2nd, they ministered at Foundations of Life Church in Waxahachie, TX, with 153 in attendance. On the 7th, they ministered to our HOD residents and guests with 41 in attendance. On the 11th, they ministered at the community food box giveaway with 208 in attendance and 44 salvations. On the 13th, they ministered at the Polunsky Unit - B side with 77 in attendance, 1 salvation and 68 stood for prayer. On the 19th, 20th & 21st, the band ministered at a three day prison revival at East Texas Treatment Facility: Day 1 had 245 inmates, 5 salva-

tions and 43 recommitments; Day 2 had 206 inmates and 58 recommitments; Day 3 had 75 female inmates with 8 salvations and 33 recommitments. On the 23rd, they ministered at the Refuge Church in Denison, TX, with 132 in attendance. On the 29th, they ministered at the Polunsky Unit - A side with 291 in attendance, 2 salvations and 32 recommitments. Finally, on the 30th, they opened for comedian, Tim Hawkins, at New Heights Church with 750 in attendance. The band loves to minister to those in need and ministering at the community food giveaway (pictured) and the prison revival this month, were both a great honor.



Answers to Prayer

Isaiah 65:24, "I will answer them before they even call to me. While they are still talking about their needs, I will go ahead and answer their prayers!" Daily, we experience the reality of this scripture at the House of Disciples. Not every miracle has to be a "big" deal for us to see the hand of God. Even the small answers to prayers, that may seem insignificant to some, are still God's way of letting us know how much He cares for us. Some of the recent examples of answered prayers at HOD are:
 * A resident needed reading glasses and a large print Bible. We prayed and some were do-

nated that afternoon.

* Specific grocery items were prayed for and we received all within two days.

* Spiral notebooks were prayed for and received.

* We prayed for a BBQ Grill and within five minutes, one was dropped off.

* We needed more transportation and a shuttle van and bus were donated.

* A monetary donation came in that almost covered the complete cost of A/C units at Gifts of Grace.

Our God is amazing and loves us so much. Praise the Lord!

Annual Camping Trip

The first weekend in June, the residents of the House of Disciples, along with a few leaders, participated in our annual camping trip. The camping trip is held every year in conjunction with the national free fishing day. Purchasing a fishing license for all of our 30 men is not a viable option for our ministry. So this special day, is a cost effective way to give all of our residents the opportunity to have fun fishing, swimming, and camping out. The men had a blast. A few of the men even had their children meet them on Saturday for some quality family time. Lasting memories were made and we all look forward to the next time we are able to do this.



May & June Birthdays: On June 10th, Mrs. Meyer and her assistants hosted the May & June birthday party for our residents, Joe, Steve, Steve and James.

Congratulations Grads: We would like to congratulate our recent graduates, Darrell McClendon and Brandon Berry (pictured on cover). Darrell is serving as support staff here in Longview. Brandon had decided to pursue other options and we wish him the best in his endeavors.



HOD SOFTBALL:

The Summer Season of softball is here! Games are held every Tuesday night at Hinsley Park. Come out and show your support.

Game times are:

06-25	9:45 PM
07-02	8:45 PM
07-09	6:45 PM
07-16	8:45 PM
07-23	9:45 PM
07-30	7:45 PM
&	8:45 PM
08-06	7:45 PM



Water Donated to OK

We all remember the horrible devastation that occurred from the tornadoes that ravished Oklahoma. Many people lost their homes, belongings and even their lives. We were blessed with the wonderful opportunity to be able to donate 22 pallets of bottled water to the relief efforts in Oklahoma. Continue to pray for these families.



High Island Residents Honored:

Residents at our High Island location were honored with an award ceremony where they received copies of their signed "Resolutions" from a study they completed based on the movie "Courageous". Congratulations men for your courageous commitment to become men of God.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 4 / Independence Day Holiday

HOD and GOG Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 17 - Thursday, June 18 / 6 PM

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Saturday, July 20 / 12 - 5 PM

HOD Band - "Takin' it to the Streets", Shreveport, LA

Saturday, July 27 / 12:00 PM

HOD Band - Polunsky Prison, Livingston, TX

Tuesday, July 30 / 6:00 PM (Celebrate Recovery)

HOD Band - New Beginnings Church, Longview, TX

Saturday, Aug 10 - Saturday, Aug 17 / 9 AM - 6 PM

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