

**“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 Allen R., Harold W. and Brandon B. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of August.

**House of Disciples**  
**LIFE RECOVERY CENTER**  
**Graduation**  
**Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012**  
**3:00 PM**  
**HOD Chapel - Longview**

**“Our Stories” by Emmett Asbury & Stafon Reese, Upcoming HOD Graduates**



Hi, I'm Emmett, a graduate of the House of Disciples Life Recovery Program as of September 30th. As I sit here and think about my accomplishments, I thank God and humble myself before His throne. Without Him in my life, I wouldn't stand for anything. Since I've been

here I have learned to be relational and a leader. Being a leader can get you far, but being a leader who is relational can get you further. It's all God and none of me. When I came to the House of Disciples, I was lost. I now have a solid foundation in Christ and discipleship. I have obtained my GED and I am currently enrolled at Kilgore College. Since I completed the program, God has showered my life with blessing after blessing. I would like to thank Tim Wiseman and everyone who is part of Wiseman Ministries. I would also like to thank my family for their support. It just goes to show that when someone has support from their family, they are more likely to succeed. Everyday I wake up and thank God for everything in my life. I thank Him that there is a place for people who are lost to come and learn about Christ and discipleship. Completing this program has given me my life back. God has given me a new life. To be honest, I think I am just now starting to live life.



My name is Stafon and I am excited to have completed the House of Disciples Life Recovery Program and to graduate on September 30th. Here I have learned how to be a servant leader and I have gotten the tools and resources I needed to have a firm

foundation set in Christ. Before I came to HOD my life was a mess, I was a disgrace and discouraged. Through my time here, I have learned about the grace of God and have been encouraged by the staff and other believers. I have become a man of God with trust, hope and faith. Praise the Lord, that I was once lost, but now I am found. I have now submitted and surrendered my life and my will to God. Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." I am thankful that God has transformed my mind. My thinking and motives have radically changed from when I first arrived here. The House of Disciples helped to set my life back on the right path. Proverbs 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." I would like to thank everyone who has helped me along the way. May God bless you.

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**HOD Softball Team Takes 2nd Place**

Since we played our first softball game in the fall of 2008, we have never had a season this great. We ended the season with five wins and two loses, putting us in 2nd place. When you put together a team of men who have hardships, addictions, homelessness and various struggles; you wouldn't normally think they could play

as a team. As with any sport and in life, it takes a team who is disciplined. With discipleship as the core value of our ministry, these men not only overcome the strongholds in their lives, but we're able to take it to the game of softball as well. It is a beautiful thing to see and be a part of. Congrats men!!



## Kids Café - Summer Feeding Program

The Kids Café Summer Feeding Program was a tremendous success. It was held at 1505 S. Green Street every Tuesday and Thursday starting on June 5th through August 2nd. This was a combined effort between the House of Disciples, Harvest Outreach Center and the East Texas Food Bank; along with many volunteers from Hannah House, area churches, and individuals. Our HOD Programmers also volunteered their time to set up, clean, tear down and provide security for each day. A special thank you goes to Alana Brown for heading up everything and being our liaison between the other organiza-



tions. We averaged 12 to 15 kids each time and had 4 "regulars" who came every time for the special activities. Not only did we provide a lunch meal, but we also had planned activities, such as: basketball, soccer drills, Frisbee, football, water games, arts & crafts, old-fashioned board games, sidewalk art, and more. Single dads, single moms, and grandparents brought in their kids, which allowed them a much needed break. We also gave away something each week for the kids to take home like melons, bread, bananas, Frisbees, bubbles, squirt guns, and more. Relationships were built with



the parents and the children. We look forward to the possibility of an after-school program in the future to provide food, help with homework and tutoring, and possibly art & music lessons. We will need lots of steady volunteers for that. If you are interested, let us know and we will pass on your information to Alana and our partners at Harvest Outreach Center.



**White Chocolate Update:** Please keep the White Chocolate Ministry Team in your prayers, as there are many exciting things happening. Mainly, we have partnered with lead singer, Eddie B., who has a phenomenal prison ministry. His vision compliments ours perfectly. Over the next two months we will be ministering at 35 venues, most of which are prisons. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead us and many will accept the love of Christ.

## “Hands Joined Together to Praise God” Event

On August 9<sup>th</sup>, Mike Smith, Jaisen Wooten, and Brett Foster attended an event held at Alpine Church of Christ in Longview, Tx. It was called “Hands Joined Together to Praise God”. According to an event organizer, Nansi Lifsey, there were approximately 60 people in attendance, made up of leaders from non-profits, churches and community organizations. The event kicked off with breakfast, registration, and then a welcome and prayer by Gary Sanders of Alpine Compassion

Ministry. The schedule included a series of presentations by various organizations around the Longview area and displays were set up in the Atrium. Participants included: Wiseman Ministries (with HOD); Alpine Compassion Clinic; Highway 80 Rescue Mission; Disability Resources; Newgate Mission; Project Success; Caring & Sharing; Wellness Center; House of Hope; Partners in Prevention; Buckner Children & Family Services; Longview Community Ministries; and

Longview Interfaith Hospitality Network. The presentation on Human Trafficking was very enlightening. The focal point was the “Poverty Simulation”. It was a great way for people to understand what it’s like for many in our community and possibly discredit some of our long-standing stereotypes. Nansi says she believes it went so well that this may be the start of more to come. It was great to see so many of God’s children who have dedicated their lives to the service of others!



**Volunteers Needed:** Gifts of Grace Resale Store is looking for volunteers to work morning shifts. Make a difference in the lives of our men and the community by using your time and talents to volunteer. If you are interested, contact us today.

## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, Sept 1 - Sunday, Sept 2 / 7:00 pm**

WC & Eddie B. - Biker Bash, Granbury, TX

**Monday, Sept 3 / Labor Day Holiday**

HOD Offices & GOG Store are CLOSED

**Friday, Sept 7 - Saturday, Sept 8 / TBD**

WC & Eddie B. - Prison Ministry,  
Crain Unit, Gatesville, TX

**Sunday, Sept 9 / 10:00 am**

WC & Eddie B. - Agape Christian Fellowship, Belton, TX

**Wednesday, Sept 12 / 6:30 pm**

WC - Celebrate Recovery Anniversary,  
New Life Church, Henderson, TX

**Thursday, Sept 13 / 6:30 PM (Please RSVP)**

New Volunteer & Teacher Orientation - HOD Foyer

**Thursday, Sept 13 - Friday, Sept 14 / 7:00 pm**

WC & Eddie B. - Prison Ministry, Tentative

**Saturday, Sept 15 / 10:00 am**

WC - Christ Fest, Kilgore, TX

**Sunday, Sept 16 / 7:00 pm**

WC & Eddie B. - Church Service, Cleveland, TX

**Wed, Sept 19 (Men) & Thur. Sept 20 (Women)**

WC - Prison Ministry,  
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Friday, Sept 27 - Sunday, Sept 29 / TBD**

WC & Eddie B. - Prison Ministry,  
Tentative Units, Baton Rouge, LA

**Sunday, Sept 30 / 3:00 PM**

HOD Graduation, HOD Chapel, Longview, TX

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