



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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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
- Become a Mentor
- 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 Joshua P. for receiving a certificate for being a Servant Leader during the month of September.

# BECAUSE OF YOU



## “My Story” by Robert McGaughey, Program Graduate



I was 7 years old when I heard a voice call my name 3 times. I ran to my father and told him what I heard and he said “Son that was the Lord calling you”. I went to bed that night shaking at the thought of God talking to me. I grew up into manhood in charismatic churches that claimed to have grace, but kept

people burdened with legalism. I even spoke at youth and church services about who God was and what He meant to me. I did not know then, but religion had taken ahold of me and I desperately attempted to please God by performing well enough for Him to accept me. From the age of 14 to 28, I struggled with heroin, meth, pills, cocaine and many other devastating addictions. “Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?” (Romans 6:16). As my life unwound I experienced a failed marriage and many promising careers swept out to sea as I drowned in despair trying to right the sinking ship my life had become. I remember how the darkness grew when I started using intravenously. I began to think of drugs as a fog which only grew thicker with more use until eventually I felt lost in the darkness unable to find my way back out. “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.” (Romans 5:6). I would spend night after night crying out to God to help me to stop,

but all the while I was a slave to sin. “The spirit is indeed willing, but the body is weak” (Mark 14:38b). I was 45 pounds under-weight when I entered into House of Disciples. I grew physically at first, gaining what seemed like a pound a day for the first few weeks. The “fog” started to lift as my mind began to heal. The spiritual growth was a struggle, because though I had stopped abusing the narcotics, religion still had a stronghold on my spirit. “For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh” (Romans 8:3). Since entering the program 16 months ago, I have relapsed twice, and because I was on probation, I had to spend many weekends in jail. I was never condemned while at HOD. God has in these last 16 months begun to unravel the idolatry of religion in my life. I found HOD to be a safe place. Even though every time I stumbled, I felt God was angry with me, I found myself instead being loved by God through the very people around me who knew God. During all of this, I can say as F. R. Havergal “I have lost that weary bondage of doubt, and almost despair, which chained me for so many years. I have the same sins and temptations as before, and I do not strive against them more than before, and it is often just as hard work. But whereas I could not before see why I should be saved, I cannot now see why I should not be saved if Christ died for sinners. On that word, I take my stand and rest there.”

## “Because of You” Banquet

We are inviting all our supporters, prayer partners, volunteers, food service providers, teachers, mentors, donors and friends to an appreciation banquet on October 18th at 6:30 PM at the Summit Club. The theme is “Because of You”. Attendees will be provided with a delicious dinner, entertainment, testimonies and a “thank you” gift. Please allow our staff and residents to show you how much they appreciate you. You may RSVP by calling 903-234-8017 or send an email to [rsvp@houseofdisciples.com](mailto:rsvp@houseofdisciples.com). Isaiah 58:10 (NLT), “Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.”

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You’re Invited  
HOUSE OF DISCIPLES  
Appreciation Banquet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2014  
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

SUMMIT CLUB  
3700 JUDSON ROAD  
LONGVIEW, TEXAS 75605

RSVP@HOUSEOFDISCIPLES.COM

## Men's Breakfast

This past month, residents from the House of Disciples attended the Church of the Nazarene's Men's Prayer Breakfast in Gladewater. The residents enjoyed a time of fellowship, worship and prayer while they ate some good, old-fashioned cooking. The lessons learned from these men of faith are invaluable to our residents.



## Lake Outing



Recently, the men from House of Disciples enjoyed an afternoon of fun in the sun at Lake Gladewater. Activities included swimming, football, Frisbee and hiking. The seasonal trips to local lakes and campgrounds are an important part of the life recovery program at HOD and give the men a chance to reset before the weather gets cold.

## Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer highlight for the month of October is Rick Cone. Rick is a local business owner and has begun teaching lessons in the "Lord Change My Attitude" curriculum here at HOD and is also a mentor to some of our residents. We are thankful for our teachers, mentors and all our volunteers who donate their time to be a blessing to the men at HOD. If you would like information on how you can volunteer, please contact the office at 903-553-0952.



## September Birthdays:



September's birthday boys are Joshua P., Stacy G., and Robert S. Carol Meyer hosted the celebration with one of her famous deserts. The celebration is a monthly event where each resident with a birthday is sung to by the entire house, given a special gift and prayed over by Mrs. Meyer. It is a blessing to have such a great volunteer with a heart to serve at House of Disciples.

## HOD Band Update

In September, the House of Disciples Band ministered at three events: Sept 7 - at the Gregg County Fair, Sept 8 - at First Baptist Church for The Gathering, and Sept 20 - at the LETU Belcher Center for an event hosted by Trinity Baptist Church.

The ministry team is also working on their "Jesus, Believe It or Not" production for their October Prison Ministry Tour. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to minister.



## Gifts of Grace Denison



Our sign has finally been installed at our Gifts of Grace Resale Store in Denison, Texas. Doesn't it look great? If you have not yet stopped by the new location, please do. You will not be disappointed. You never know what kind of treasures may turn up on your visit. When there, say hello to our Store Manager, Nate Miller. He is doing a fantastic job running the store and with customer relations.

## HOD High Island

House of Disciples - High Island would like to thank Mr. Tyler from Louisiana for the much needed donation of a passenger van. This will allow us to be able to transport our men to church and other ministry opportunities. God is so good to continue to send us wonderful people to help us further His kingdom and share the Light of Christ.



## Leadership Training:

Wiseman Ministries' fall training class has begun. The class consists of eight recent House of Disciples Life Recovery Program graduates. The Isaiah 58 Institute is a 15-month ministry training Bible school and leadership training center for the various ministries of Wiseman Ministries, Inc., including the House of Disciples and Gifts of Grace.

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 Store: 903-234-2341

## Upcoming Events

### Friday, Oct 10 / 7:00 PM (Friday Night Live)

HOD Band / HOD Chapel, Longview, TX

### Sunday, Oct 12 / 9:30 AM

HOD Band / The Gathering - First Baptist, Longview, TX

### Sunday, Oct 12 / 7:00 PM

HOD Band / Johnston Prison Unit, Winnsboro, TX

### Wed, Oct 15 & Thur, Oct 16 / 7:00 PM

HOD Band / ETTF Prison, Henderson, TX

### Saturday, Oct 18 / 6:30 PM (Appreciation Banquet)

The Summit Club, Longview, TX

### Sunday, Oct 19 / 7:00 PM

HOD Band / Diboll Prison Unit, Diboll, TX

### Saturday, Oct 25 / 7:00 PM

HOD Band / Billy Moore Prison Unit, Overton, TX

### Friday, Oct 31 / \$5 Fill-A-Bag Sale

Gifts of Grace / Longview & Denison, TX

### Thurs, Fri & Sat, Nov 13 - 15 / 3-Day Mega Sale

Gifts of Grace / Longview & Denison, TX

### Wednesday & Thursday, Nov 26 & 27 / All Day

Gifts of Grace & HOD offices / CLOSED

Ministries  
Include:

