House & Disciples

Disciple Times 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
- 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.



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"My Story" by Kevin Kegin, Grace Partner



Hi, We are Kevin & Jennifer Kegin, from a little town called Crescent, Oklahoma. We live just 30 miles north of Oklahoma City. We got acquainted with Wiseman Ministries some months ago, at a pastors conference in Colorado. It's amazing how God puts people together.

Jen and I have been on a wild and crazy journey the last 10 years. Let me begin with the "before" and then on to the great "after" story. Jen and I have been involved in ministry of some sort since we were babies - worship leaders, youth pastors, etc. Seventeen years ago life took a turn. I'm sure I had much to do with that. I took the wheel and really got off course. We had just gone through a split in the church and seemed to be making it through it, but man, did I go south in a hurry. Seven years of disobedience, we left the church, left the Word of God and pain followed. Jen and I had slipped into a place of running from God. (But, man, God is fast!) In March of 2000, Jen and I separated. It was the best thing that could have happened to a man living the life I was. I had become so wrapped up in myself, that that's all I could see. That's when I hit bottom. I can tell you it hurts when you hit bottom.

It was tough. My life was broken and I couldn't fix it. That night in a hotel room, after I talked to

Jen, I fell on my knees and just cried out to God. "The best years of my life were about to start", I told God, "whoever has been doing my job, they are officially fired!". I mean to tell you, God shook my tree and he had my attention.

That seems so long ago, like another life. God has restored my life and my marriage. He has given me more than I could have asked for. There is not enough room on paper to explain what God has done for me and my family. Jen and I are going after God with all that's in us. Our children are all serving God in different capacities in our local church. God is so faithful.

Joel 2:25-26 says, "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker worm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I have sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed."

God is all that He said He was and more. God has moved on our behalf. Why would the God of the universe move for me? I believe it is because I'm moving for Him. His thoughts are my thoughts. I desire to see His Kingdom come on this earth. I would like to leave you with this thought: Are your thoughts, His thoughts; are your desires, His desires? If you align with God, He will align with you. God Bless.

House of Hope Ladies Shelter

The White Chocolate ministry team played for the attendees at the House of Hope Ladies Shelter fundraiser at McWhorter Park on October 22. House of Hope in Longview is a faith based program dedicated to helping women and their children from all walks of life with a variety of needs. House of Hope is not affiliated with or associated with any other shelter or ministry and is funded by community donations. For information, visit their website: www.ahopeforwomen.com



"Miracle on the Hudson" Event

The HOD residents were honored to attend the "Miracle on the Hudson" event at the LETU Belcher Center, with guest speaker, Dave Sanderson, on Tuesday, October 25. Dave was the last person to leave the US Airways plane that was forced into the frozen waters in the emergency landing that was to become known as the "Miracle on the Hudson". Risking his own safety in this life-changing experience, Dave was largely responsible for many others making it out safely. Dave is also a contributing author to the book, "Brace for Impact", a compilation of survivor stories. Dave shared his miraculous survivor story

and delivered a message of hope. faith, and gratitude. This event benefited the East Texas Piney





Woods chapter of the American Red Cross. The HOD residents had a great time and left inspired.

HOD SOFTBALL:

We only have two games left this season. We hope you are able to come and show your support at Hinsley Park. Here is the Tuesday night schedule:

> 11-01 7:45 pm 11-08 7:45 pm



Mrs. Hagman, a.k.a **Grandma:**

Mrs. Hagman (seated on left in photo above) leads the residents in a closing prayer after the completion of her Tuesday class. Mrs. Hagman, at 84 years of age, has been a volunteer teacher with us for over a year now. Many of the men refer to her as Grandma. And that is what she is for the men in our program. She prays and intercedes for each one of them daily and many times when she is onsite, she joins them for dinner. The love of Jesus radiates from her. God bless you, Mrs. Hagman.

Faith Based Ex-Offender Celebration

The House of Disciples sent representatives to the Faith Based Ex-Offender Celebration held at the Texas Prison Museum in Huntsville, Texas, on October 15. Program speakers addressed the importance of faith to the successful re-entry of ex-offenders into the community. Many exoffenders came to embrace faith

while incarcerated and have continued in their faith walk upon reentering the community. It is this faith that carries a person through difficult times and sustains them through transition. While at the event, HOD was able to set up an information booth and pass out ministry brochures.

HOD Graduation

A Graduation Ceremony has been scheduled for Sunday. November 20 at 3:00 pm in the HOD Chapel. A reception with refreshments will follow. You are invited to come and show your support for the men who have completed the Life Recovery Program.

Brandon Corn - Race Car Driver

On Friday, October 14, Brandon Corn, driver of Sprint Race Car #30, was in the area for the Lonestar Speedway races in Kilgore. Brandon lives in Gause, Texas. He started racing Go Karts in 1993 and soon moved up to Sprint Cars. His first win was in 2001. Tim Wiseman and Phill Briggs first met Brandon about a year ago at one of his races. They struck up a conversation with him, after they noticed a scripture he had posted at his pit.

They gave Brandon an open invitation to come and tour the ministry and speak with the men.

Fast forward to present... Brandon is back in the area and comes by to check out the House of Disciples and visit with the men. What started out as a testimony about putting God first in your life, quickly turned to a Q & A session. Brandon opened up to the men and shared his heart.



And yes, there were a lot of questions about cars, horse power, racing and auto-mechanics. That night, several of our staff and residents were able to attend the race and show support for Brandon and his pit crew team.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 5

Gifts of Grace Resale Store, MEGA SALE

Wed, Nov 16 (Men) & Thur. Nov 17 (Women)

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,

East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Saturday, November 19 / All Day

White Chocolate & HOD - Thanksgiving Outreach,

Marie Luna Park, Dallas, TX

Sunday, November 20 / 3:00 PM

Graduation Ceremony

House of Disciples Chapel, Longview, TX

Wed. Nov. 23 & Thur. Nov. 24

Gifts of Grace Resale Store, CLOSED for Holiday

Thursday, November 24 / Thanksgiving

Celebration & Meal for the HOD Men & Families

Gifts of Grace Resale Store

Open Mon - Sat, 9am - 6pm

Thank you for your donations. You're making a difference!

Sat. Nov. 5 - Sat. Nov. 12 **MEGA SALE** \$1 items

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