



WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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“If for only one”

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.



June Servant Leader:
Nathaniel B.



July Servant Leader:
Dakota P.



2015 Graduates

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Highlights



Current photo of the HOD Band



Father's Day Luncheon compliments of New Beginnings Church.



July 4th Lake Gladewater outing hosted by Bruce & Mel Stanley.



HOD Alumni and staff member, Robert McGaughey, leads the youth of First Baptist in the Backyard Bible Study.

“From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

We as Christians have to be careful to not get caught up in the politics and agenda of today's society. The reason - it's hard to be political without being judgmental. Choose to let the light of Christ shine by the example you set of loving others, regardless of their lifestyle.



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“My Story” by Darren Baker, HOD Program Graduate & HOD Band Member



My name is Darren Baker, 48 years old, from Houston, Texas. My life has been a series of bottoms, full of pain and misery. My mother used to call me a "Stupid, no good, nothing" and my Father used to beat me and laughed while he did it. My grades were horrifying due to learning disabilities. Feelings of inadequacy coupled with extreme physical and psychological abuse pushed me into the drug world to find relief. For 33 years, I battled addiction. I battled with heroin and cocaine for over two decades. My addiction left me homeless in ten different states and in Tijuana for a night. I cannot count how many times I have been in rehabs or how many times I have been in jail or mental hospitals. I've been to prison once. I can't count how many times I have woke up in hospitals from overdoses. My life has been very rough and the pain has been very real, but my life's past mistakes have been lived out for a specific purpose much greater than the sum of those failures. I met the Lord back in 1989 and my life hasn't been the same. Since then, I have been in and out of God's will. Kind of like the prodigal son times 1000. Yet, every time I went back, I gained valuable lessons

that could only be learned by experience. The experiences of losing my way many times over has been invaluable. People may ask, "What's different this time"? Today, I know He is the vine and I am a branch. Apart from Him, I can do nothing. Today, I cling to Christ as if my life depends upon Him. I will quickly lose my way if I do not discipline myself to stay "in Christ". This is a truth that I previously knew, but never took seriously enough. Today, I have everything going for me. I am a H.O.D. graduate. I am a H.O.D. staff member. I work for the Gifts of Grace Resale Store. I sing, teach and disciple men in prison with the H.O.D. band and the H.O.D. prison program. I lead worship at First Baptist Church—Special Friends Ministry. I have everything I need today. But, the most important thing that God has done for me besides restoring my relationship with Himself and my immediate family is, He put me into a new family of men and women that truly care about me. I'm talking about everybody in the H.O.D. Ministry: from my boss and friend, the Executive Director, Tim Wiseman; to the newest member of our recovery program. To all of you and to all of our donors who make this ministry come alive, I give you my appreciation. I am truly blessed. May the Lord bless you more!

HOD Band Update

In June, the HOD Band ministered at the East Texas Treatment Facility in Henderson, Texas to 95 female offenders, followed by 198 male offenders with 60 responding to the altar call. In July, we ministered at Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church in Tyler, Texas with 298 in attendance, and New Life Church in Henderson, Texas with 162 in attendance and 7 responded to the altar call. In August, they will minister at the Johnston Prison in Winnsboro, Texas. Please keep our ministry team in your prayers as we continue to share the light of Jesus to this lost and hurting world.

Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for July/August is Roy Wiseman. Since the start of the House of Disciples, he has played a vital role as the Volunteer Food Coordinator. He never meets a stranger and is not afraid to share about our ministry in hopes to acquire donations of food items. Every resident and staff member at HOD, has him to thank in some way for their full bellies and a few extra pounds. God bless you. If you would like to volunteer, please call 903-553-0952.



HOD - Mission Texoma



We are pleased to announce that the House of Disciples - Mission Texoma in Denison, Texas has officially passed its final electrical inspection! The sheet rock has been hung and the next step is to paint. We greatly appreciate everyone who has been involved. We are most grateful for God's faithfulness.

Sport Clips hosts Park Outing:

We want to give a special thanks to Sport Clips for hosting a day of volleyball fun at McWhorter Park for our residents. The men had a lot of fun.



Answered Prayer:

We have some very talented residents who enjoy playing music together. HOD resident, Wade, is one of these men. We did not have a bass for him to play, so they prayed for one. Within three days, a resident's dad, Terry Middlebrooks, felt led to donate a Memphis brand 50's era Fender replica bass to our ministry. God answers prayers. Amen!



June Birthdays:



Jody M., James K., Jon D., Roman L. and James L.

July Birthdays:



Caleb J., Nathaniel B. & Ms. Meyer

How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate supplies
- Volunteer at the Gifts of Grace Resale Store
- Become a Mentor
- Become a Grace Partner

Gifts of Grace Resale Monthly Promotions:

- Every Tuesday: 10% Senior Discount Day
- Every Wednesday: Double Punch on Frequent Shopper Cards
- Last Friday of Month: \$7 Fill-A-Bag Sale

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