



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:

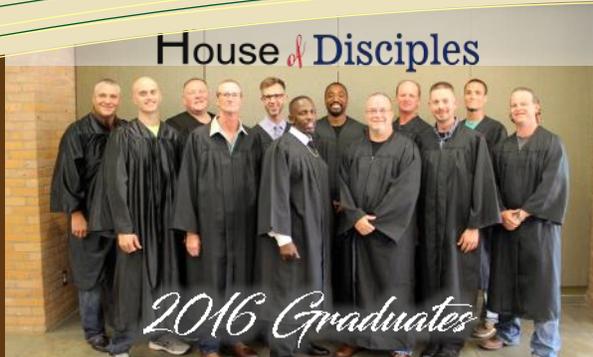
To make disciples who know Christ, share Christ, and multiply Christ in the lives of others.



April Servant Leader:
Jody R.



May Servant Leader:
John B.



Highlights



A couple of our HOD residents volunteer to pick blackberries for the harvest at our new farm.



Our overjoyed residents pose with Brian Porter, manager of the new Saltgrass Steak House, after being invited to dine at the new restaurant.

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Counselor Phil Armour leads a Tuesday night Bibliodrama with some of our residents.



House of Disciples & First Baptist Church-LV hold a VBS for harvesters and their families at the new Isaiah 58 Farms.

“From the Heart” by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

Although I have sat through many of our graduation services for House of Disciples, the feelings of humility and gratefulness have yet to diminish. I'm humbled that God would use me and my HOD team to disciple men. I'm grateful that the same God that has given our graduates the strength to find sobriety, continues to sustain this great organization. It is truly because of Jesus Christ that we live, move and have our being.



Ministries Include:



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“My Story” by Chris Ball

My name is Chris Ball and I am a recent graduate of the House of Disciples. I was born and raised in Shreveport, LA. Growing up, I spent a lot of time going to church. After graduating from high school, I went to Louisiana Tech University to acquire a music degree. In my second year in college, I met a fellow musician who was a bartender. One night he brought some whiskey back to the dorm and I tried alcohol for the first time. I began to drink more often. After the devastating break up with my fiancé, I dropped out of college. Soon I turned 21 and the excitement of being able to go to the casinos quickly developed into a gambling addiction. In most casinos, as long as you're gambling, they will offer you all the free alcohol you want. It was not long till I had become an alcoholic. The addictive lifestyle bled into other areas. The first time I was prescribed narcotic pain medicine from a Dentist, I was hooked. It soon turned into a psychological and physical addiction that would really impact my life for years to come. Even though I carried these addictions with me, I got married and had three kids. I



was married for 7 years. My wife is a genuinely good woman and a great mom. I was able to hide my addictions for a while, but it soon destroyed my marriage. We divorced 4 years ago. After the divorce, my life spiraled completely out of control. It took me going to jail, several failed relationships, losing everything I worked for, being homeless and being flat-out broken in my life for me to wholeheartedly decide I needed help. In April 2015, I contacted a friend with Celebrate Recovery and asked him to help me. He told me about House of Disciples. I was at the House of Disciples the next morning. That was the first day of the rest of my life. When I came to HOD, I never went through one withdrawal symptom. God has restored my health. He has restored relationships. He's blessed me with a keyboard and a saxophone, and a group of Christian men who love to worship God. Our band gets to minister to over a hundred people every Sunday. If you truly surrender your life to Him and trust Him, He will mold you and change you. I thank God for restoration and I look forward to the future.

April Birthdays:



John B. & Jim G.

May Birthdays:



Steven K. & David B.

GOG Anniversary



The Gifts of Grace Resale Store team wants to thank our customers for another great year. June 2016 marks 6 years that we have been serving our community. Year after year we continue to be blown away by the support we receive. As a thank you, GOG is giving out a limited number of Anniversary Discount Cards starting mid-June. This will allow customers to save 10% off each purchase when they show the card. Stop by and get yours while supplies last.

Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer Highlight for May/June is Roy and Joy Wiseman. The Wiseman's have been volunteering and supporting the House of Disciples since we began. Roy has played a vital role in helping collect and distribute food donations. Joy has been a constant encourager and prayer warrior. From time to time, you may even catch them volunteering at GOG. If you would like to volunteer your time in any way, please contact our office at 903-553-0952.



HOD Softball Team



The Summer Season is underway for our House of Disciples softball team. Games are held every Tuesday night at Hinsley Park. Come out and show your support. Game times are:

6-21	9:45 PM	Field 2
6-28	6:45 PM	Field 2
7-05	6:45 PM	Field 2
&	7:45 PM	Field 2
7-12	6:45 PM	Field 1
7-19	8:45 PM	Field 2
8-02	8:45 PM	Field 1

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The blackberry harvest is underway at the new Isaiah 58 Farms. Currently, our berries are labeled under the previous Briar Patch label, but by our next harvest, we will have our own label. Our label will include our website and state that proceeds support Wiseman Ministries, Inc. a non-profit charity. Every person who purchases our berries will have the opportunity to find out about our ministry. Besides blackberries, our farm is also producing limited quantities of peaches, plums, nectarines, apples, muscadine grapes, pecans and Catalpa tree worms.

Simultaneously with the harvest, we have purchased more bee hives. James Owens has been filling in as our resident Bee Keeper. Hopefully, by next season, we will have local honey for sale. Please keep this work in your prayers.



How You Can Help:

- Pray for us
- Donate Toiletries
- Donate Can Goods
- 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

Visit us on Facebook:
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“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.”
Proverbs 19:17

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