



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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## "If for only one"

### Grace Partners:

Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)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.



Sept/Oct Servant Leaders  
HOD - Longview:  
Stephan B. & Williams W.



Sept/Oct Servant Leaders  
Isaiah 58 Farms:  
Thomas D. & Chris G.



October 2018 Graduates

## Highlights



Isaiah 58 Farms had a wonderful day honoring those who have helped to build our new dorm and Truss Plant with a celebration.



Rule 33 Band played at Heritage Plaza. Their members include graduates from HOD.

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Isaiah 58 Farms participated in the Faith and Opportunity conference at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington DC.



Cycling has begun at Isaiah 58 Farms. Stay tuned as we "gear" up for our spring fundraiser!

## "From the Heart" by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director

If you think about it, each day we exercise a reasonable amount of faith. If you are sitting in a nice, comfortable recliner while reading this, you are exercising faith it will hold you up. It is quite impossible to avoid using faith in our everyday activities. Faith simply put, is trust. Whatever object, rather material items or people, you have trust in, you have faith in. It requires a minimum measure of faith just to interact within the world we live. Where faith is present, hope exists. The word "hope" comes from the root word "elpidzo", which means to expect or confide. Faith follows your belief that the results you expect will become reality. Faith is only as valid as the object in which it is placed. Faith may be well-intentioned but the object unproven rendering the faith useless. This is why we hope and have faith in God...someone who will never fail us.



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## #GIVINGTUESDAY

#GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. You can join in by making a charitable contribution at [www.wisemanministries.com](http://www.wisemanministries.com).



## 158 Farms Update

Appliances have arrived for the commercial kitchen and work continues on our new dorm and Truss Plant which will allow our residents to provide for their own room and board, program and basic needs, as well as learn a marketable skill for job placement upon completion of the program. We are so thankful for the support from local community members, businesses and churches to provide such a wonderful place for men to be disciplined and trained with a skill. Special thanks to ETBU Tiger Athletics for volunteering. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact us.

## “My Story” by Cody Keel

My name is Cody Keel, I was born April 21st, 1994 in Beaumont, Tx. I had a pretty rough childhood. I watched my mother get beat on by my father. My dad spent most of my childhood in prison, and my mom had to struggle to make ends meet. My mom met a guy that worked for the prison. I was happy and thought I finally had a dad and a home. He showed me child pornography when I was 8; the person I considered my father ended up being a monster and tormented my mind for a long time. If God allowed this to happen to me, I didn't want any part of him. I started using cocaine and marijuana in high school. Once I graduated, I started traveling all around the country, working. At this point, I lived from hotel to hotel. I did not care about myself. I used any drug that I could get my hands on; it didn't matter what it was. A failed

random drug test landed me a 180-day suspension and I wound up homeless on the streets of Houston. It was a horrible experience, but I don't regret what happened. I was humbled by what had happened, and I was driven to minister to the lost and broken so I could be living proof that there is a better life than what I had lived. I reached out to my family for help. Now, I've been at House of Disciples for 10 months and I now have a relationship with Jesus Christ, something I've never had before in my life. My family is being restored, and it's all owed to Him! As 2 Corinthians 12:9 says, "But he said, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness'".



## Sept/Oct Birthdays



**HOD - Longview:**  
Shelby B., Nate B., Casey C., William W. & Zachery M.



**Isaiah 58 Farms:**  
Chris G., Desmond C., Jose A., Jaret C., Chase M., & Joey K.

## Restorative Justice

A graduation ceremony was held at the Billy Moore Correctional Center in October. We had 11 men complete our 12-month curriculum through the Restorative Justice program of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Pictured with the graduates are Chaplain Brandon Cochran and House of Disciples Restorative Justice Volunteer Director Gary Nice. Congratulations to our graduates.



## 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

**KNOW  
SHARE  
MULTIPLY**

## Volunteer Highlight

Our volunteer highlight for Sept / Oct is J. Scott Novy. Scott has served as a board member for Wiseman Ministries, Inc. since 2012. He has hosted residents on an annual Tres Dias retreat and has been a great asset to the men as they navigated legal issues. Please join us in thanking him for his service and wish him well as he begins his duties as District Judge. If you would like to volunteer in any of our ministry outlets, please call our office at 903-553-0952.



## Gifts of Grace Update



Don't miss our weekly discounts:

- Every Tuesday:  
10% Senior Discount Day
- Every Wednesday:  
Double Punch on  
Frequent Shopper Cards

### 2 Day Fill-A-Bag Sales:

- > Nov 30th - Dec 1
- > Dec 28th - 29th

### Holiday Closings:

- Nov 22nd
- Dec 24th & Dec 25th



## Toiletry Collection

House of Disciples Toiletry Collection. Donations may be dropped off at any of our ministry locations.

Suggested Items for Men:

- Shampoo
- Shaving Cream
- Body wash
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Band Aids
- Tylenol
- Q-Tips
- Razors



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