

**“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

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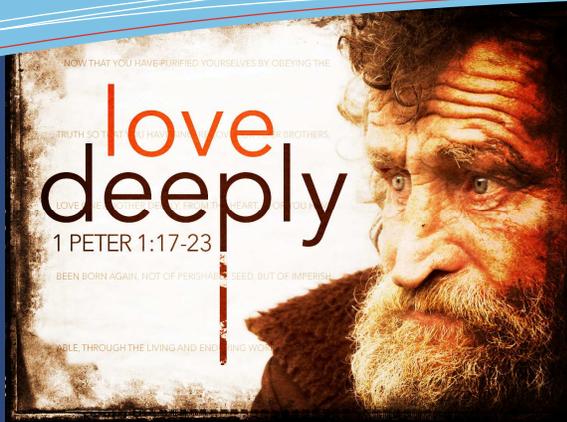
Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to fulfill Matthew 25 & Isaiah 58 by providing 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 Cody H., John H., Benny S. and Donald B. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of January.



**“My Story”** by Jeremy Reeves, HOD Resident



I was born in Shreveport, LA. Before my earliest memories, my parents divorced. When I was three or four years old, my mom married my step-dad. Everything was good through my childhood, except for the broken promises from my birth dad. By the time I was 10 years old, I had written him off. I played sports and was pretty good. Football or baseball were realistic options as a way to go to college. I wasn't lacking in academics either, however, my disdain for homework, kept me from the honor roll. But as long as I could play sports, I really didn't care. You know the saying, "Idle hands are the devil's playground?" Well, one summer without playing baseball, I began smoking pot. It became an everyday occurrence for me. In less than a year, I was smoking meth and shortly after I turned 16, I stuck a needle in my arm. I stayed on this destructive path for the next six years. One day I got pulled over for not wearing my seatbelt. I had nothing on me, so I didn't think it was a problem for them to search my car. Unfortunately, they found an empty baggie with drug residue in it. I was shocked that I was going to jail, because of the baggie. The silver lining was that I found Jesus in prison. I had never been so happy.

After my release, I remained clean for about a year. Everything started going downhill, after I hurt my back and started taking pain killers. I began abusing the pain killers, which led back to meth, to cooking meth, then to selling meth. Needless to say, my spirit was broken. I had been praying and crying out to God for about three months and was on the verge of suicide, when my mom came to me with a couple of options. One of which, was the House of Disciples. All I could do was submit and thank God for the opportunity. I thank God every day for the House of Disciples, because without it, I would probably be dead. God's timing was perfect. I was so broken when I came through these doors, that I was willing to try anything, as long as someone told me that I wouldn't feel the hurt any longer. I've been blessed over and over, since I let God take control. My family has been restored and I have even forgiven my father. We now have a healthy relationship. My physical and mental health has also been restored. I am now attending Kilgore College and working on my future. None of this would have been possible without God and the House of Disciples. Thank you, Tim Wiseman and all the staff at HOD.

**James 4:7**, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

**“From The Heart”** by Tim Wiseman, Executive Director



Our vision for 2013 is to focus on Foundation and Fundamentals. I shared with the staff during our vision casting meeting in late December that it's time to visit the "why" behind

the "what". God has allowed us to steward His ministry for a few years now and 2013 is a great year to remind ourselves of why God has entrusted us to do that. We started 2013 by revisiting our core values and the very principles in the Word of God that this ministry was founded upon: Isaiah 58 and Matthew 25. We are reminding

ourselves throughout this year that every person that comes to us for help is Jesus in disguise. This year we are turning the complicated to simplicity once again, as we focus and practice the basics. It's not about us, it's about people. Plain and simple! What a great year 2013 will be! Thank you for your support! You are making a difference!

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## Verizon Food Drive



We would like to thank Verizon Wireless and their customers for holding a can food drive for the House of Disciples. Verizon Wireless on the North Loop by 4th Street held the food drive over the holiday season through mid January. It took two trips to pick up all the food that was donated.

This could not have happened at a better time for us. After feeding hot meals to the homeless community through the month of December, our pantry was looking a bit thin. What a tremendous blessing to be able to restock our pantry with the donated items from the customers of Verizon Wireless.

## New GOG Promotion

Gifts of Grace Resale Store is offering a new promotion to its customers. It is called "\$5.00 Fill-A-Bag Friday". This promotion will be held the last Friday of each month. Customers may fill one of our bags with as many clothing items (hanging, folded, shoes & belts) as will fit. The bag can't rip and items have to fit below the handle. Don't miss out. This is an amazing deal! We held our first event on January 25th and it was a tremendous success.



## Love Deeply

In 1 Peter 1:22, Peter tells us to "love one another deeply." He uses the Greek word for love: agape - which means: "to love dearly, to be fond of, and to be contented with." Not only does he tell us to love each other, but also he tells us to "love... deeply". Deeply means: "fervently, intensely, even energetically." Do you strive with all your energy to love? God's love is outrageously indiscriminate. It's wildly infectious. It's passionate for the lost. What about your love? Rick Warren says, "Love should be your top priority, primary objective and greatest ambition. Love is not a good part of your life, it's the most important part." In John 13:34, Jesus said, "...love one another, even as I have loved you that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples if you have love for one another." A very significant statement, we are known as the disciples of Jesus Christ on the basis of loving one another. Go love!



## January Birthdays:

Pictured above is party host, Mrs. Meyer (center), with the birthday boys; Patrick C. and Jeremy R.

## Volunteers Needed:

We are always in need of volunteers at the House of Disciples and Gifts of Grace Resale Store. From group projects, to regular rotations; there is something for you to do. Duties range from answering the phones, to sorting donated items, to working as a cashier at the store, to teaching a class, to being a peer mentor for our men. If you are interested in helping in any way, give us a call today.

## House of Disciples Band Update

We want to thank Eddie B. with Conviction Ministries for allowing us to be a part of his fall tour. It was remarkable to see all the people who were ministered to. The reaction to our combined effort was extraordinary; however, due to the distance between Longview, Texas, and New Mexico, along with other factors, it was mutually decided that we would continue the search for a lead vocal. We are looking for Lead Vocalist who is: a believer in Jesus; versatile to sing different types of

music; available to travel; and a songwriter who is able to collaborate on new material. It would be a plus if the person can play an instrument. We do a lot of prison ministry, so the person must be able to be certified as a prison volunteer. The Mission of House of Disciples Band is to glorify God through music, evangelize the highways and hedges with hope, enable believers through sharing the word of God, and to share about House of Disciples Life Recovery Center.

## Band at The Refuge

The House of Disciples Band ministered at The Refuge Church in Denison, TX, on Sunday, January 27. They led worship, Johnny Collier and Brett Foster (pictured above) shared their testimonies, and Tim & Misty Wiseman preached and presented our ministry. They even brought a man back to enroll in the life recovery program.



## Gifts of Grace Resale Store

**Open Mon - Sat, 9am - 6pm**

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

**Sat. Mar. 2 - Sat. Mar. 9**  
**MEGA SALE**  
**\$1 items**

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(off Judson Rd. next to Posado's Cafe)

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## Upcoming Events

**Wed, Feb 13 (Men) & Thur. Feb 14 (Women) / 6 PM**  
HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Sunday, February 17 / 12:00 PM**  
HOD Band - Polunsky Prison, Livingston, TX

**Friday, February 22 / noon & 7:00 PM**  
Charity Banquet - HOD Chapel (must RSVP)

**Friday, February 22**  
GOG \$5 Fill-A-Bag

**Saturday, Mar 2 - Saturday, Mar 9**  
GOG Mega Sale with \$1 items

**Sunday, March 3 / 6:00 PM**  
HOD Band - Johnston Prison, Winnsboro, TX

**Thursday, March 14 / 7:00 AM**  
HOD Band - Polunsky Prison, Livingston, TX

**Wed, Mar 20 (Men) & Thur. Mar 21 (Women) / 6 PM**  
HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Friday, March 22**  
GOG \$5 Fill-A-Bag

**Friday, March 29 - GOOD FRIDAY**  
HOD Offices & GOG Store CLOSED for Holiday