

**"If for only one"
Luke 5:4-7**

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

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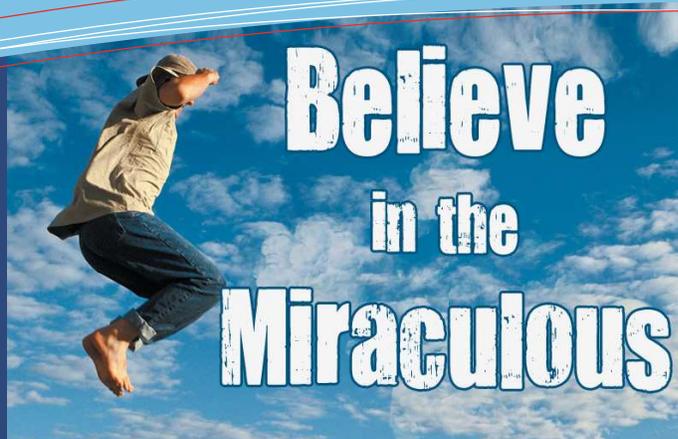
Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to build, strengthen and support the House of Disciples through prayer and by committing to support the ministry with a monthly donation of any amount. As a monthly supporter, you impact the lives of each man here 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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"What Size Shoe Do You Wear?" by Dudley Thomas, Missionary Pilot

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. As we keep in step with Jesus there are many miraculous experiences along that way. God is a Spirit and He is seeking those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. In addition to speaking directly to us and speaking through the Bible He progressively reveals facets of Himself to us through the intricate details that He weaves into our path. Details that can only be expressed as the Majestic Signature of God! This signature becomes more and more visible until the light of day. The requirement is that we stay sensitive and obedient to His Spirit. The miraculous will become common place in our lives. It is well worth the journey! I recall a small stone in the mosaic of the miraculous in my life. I met with a missionary who ministered in Morelia, Mexico. We were headed to the mountains north of Mexico City and I had purchased a new pair of size 10 1/2 tennis shoes for the long hike into the mountains. A group of us met together where we joined in prayer. While holding hands in a circle praying with heads bowed I looked down and enjoying the feeling of my new tennis shoes. They felt great. My enjoyment was interrupted by someone's big toe sticking out of his tennis shoe. It was the Morelia missionary. At that moment the Lord revealed to me that the shoes were not mine. In obedience I said; "James, what



size shoe do you wear". He said; "10 1/2". Without a word I pulled my tennis shoes off and gave them to him. To James it was like \$1,000,000. I had my old pair in my bag so we were set for the day and a half hike up. Two years later to the day, I spoke in a church and afterward was invited to stay in an empty trailer. That night many poor from the area came knocking at the door and then we really had church. The Spirit dropped in and miracles flowed. It was in the early hours of the morning as we joined hands with heads bowed in prayer that I heard a voice in the circle say; "brother what size shoe do you wear". I looked down to see my big toe sticking out of my old tennis shoe. Knowing the poverty of the individuals in the group I held back any answer. Again the voice said; "Brother what size shoe do you wear". I said; "10 1/2". A young man across from me quietly knelt down, took off his new tennis shoes and gave them to me. He had no spare pair to wear. It was humbling beyond measure as I had given out of my abundance, but this young man out of his need. I have seen this many times and I often wonder, "who am I", as I see the truth in the scripture that the poor in this world are chosen to be so rich in faith. In this simple story, I once again see His glorious majesty.

White Chocolate Park Outreach

On Labor day, Sept. 5th, the White Chocolate Outreach Team was able to minister to the homeless and needy residents in the inner city of Dallas at Marie Luna Park. Event host, Larry Locker, has a tremendous servants heart.

White Chocolate loves to partner with Larry, along with other bands, drama teams, and volunteers at these outreaches. Over a hundred people were fed, loved on and ministered to. The next outreach date is set for Sunday, Oct. 9th.



HOD Men Volunteer to Help Firemen

For several weeks, Senior Program Director, Brett Foster, has been taking bread donations to needy families in Avinger, TX. On a recent visit, he asked if there were any other needs in the area. He was then informed that several fire departments were using the area as Central Command Center for those fighting the Bear Creek fires, the largest in East Texas history. Organizers were feeding 3

meals per day to over a 100 firemen and volunteers. In response to this need, Brett and several men from the House of Disciples spent several days serving the firemen and responders in any way they could. From organizing materials, cleaning and sweeping out the command center, to washing the fire trucks when they came back from a run. "It was truly an honor for us to be



able to serve those who are serving the community", said Foster. Please keep those who lost their homes to the fires, in your prayers.

Church Under the Bridge

Pastor Mark Briggs of Riverpark Church in Shreveport, LA., invited us to be a part of "Church under the Bridge" on Sunday, Sept. 25th. Mike & Wanda Smith, Trey & Dayna Swain, and Charli Caraway went as representatives from the House of Disciples. The church meets under the bridge at Spring St. and I20 in Shreveport

on Sunday afternoons. They set up tables, serve food, and bring out generators for electricity. Leaders share the Word of God, lead worship, have testimonies, and generally just love on everyone that shows up. Attendees range from church volunteers, bikers, community residents and the homeless. The mission is to



bring church to those who need it. What a fabulous concept!

September National Recovery Month

September was National Recovery Month and ETCADA (East Texas Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse) hosted a celebration on the Courthouse lawn in Longview. The White Chocolate outreach team was asked to entertain the attendees with music, Mayor Jay Dean's Proclamation was read and booths were set up from area sponsors. Sponsors included: Good Shepherd Health System, Community Healthcore, Azleway Boys Ranch,



Celebrate Recovery, Partners in Prevention, Wellness Pointe, Women's Center of East Texas, Child & Family Guidance Center, Harrison Co Juvenile Probation, Gregg Co Juvenile Probation,

Choices Adolescent Treatment, Texas Workforce, Dept of Family Protective Service, Serenity Church, Behavioral Hospital of Longview, Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon Family Groups and House of Disciples. ETCADA's missions is to reduce substance abuse and dependency in East Texas. They do so by providing tools, resources, services and education to the public. For more information about ETCADA, visit their website www.etcada.com

HOD SOFTBALL:

It's that time again... We hope you are able to come and show your support at Hinsley Park. Here is the Tuesday night schedule:

10-04	7:45 pm
10-11	6:45 pm
10-18	6:45 pm
10-25	8:45 pm
11-01	7:45 pm
11-08	7:45 pm



Prayer Garden:

Thank you to everyone who came out to the dedication of the Jimmy Howard Memorial Prayer Garden. We had a wonderful time sharing memories of Jimmy and how this garden will be used for years to come as a place of peace. Special attention was bought to the garden fountain, which is made up of several pots pouring into each other. What an awesome symbol of the love of Christ that is poured into us and how we are to pour that love into other people.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, October 1 / 3:00 PM

White Chocolate - Touch a Truck,
Gregg County Fair Grounds, Longview, TX

Friday, October 7 / 6:00 PM

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Holiday Prison Unit, Huntsville TX

Sunday, October 9 / 5:00 PM

White Chocolate & HOD - Park Outreach,
Marie Luna Park, Dallas, TX

Saturday, October 15 / 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

HOD - Faith Based Ex-Offender Celebration,
at the Texas Prison Museum, Huntsville TX

Saturday, October 15 / 6:00 PM

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
Ferguson Prison Unit, Huntsville TX

Wed, Oct 19 (Men) & Thur, Oct 20 (Women)

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry,
East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Saturday, October 22 / 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

White Chocolate - Fundraiser,
House of Hope Ladies Ministry - Longview, TX

Sunday, October 23 - 2:00 PM

White Chocolate - Event host: We the People,
The Reserve - Longview, TX

Saturday, October 29 / 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

White Chocolate - Fall Festival,
New Beginnings Christian Fellowship - Big Sandy, TX

Saturday, November 19 / All Day

White Chocolate & HOD - Thanksgiving Outreach,
Marie Luna Park, Dallas, TX

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