

**“If for only one”  
Luke 5:4-7**

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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.

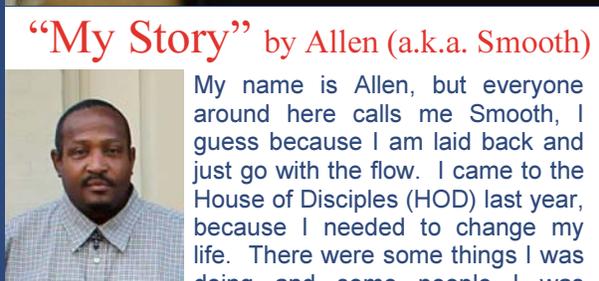
**Mission Statement:**

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



For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.

*Jeremiah 29:11*



**“My Story” by Allen (a.k.a. Smooth) Reynolds, HOD Graduate**

My name is Allen, but everyone around here calls me Smooth, I guess because I am laid back and just go with the flow. I came to the House of Disciples (HOD) last year, because I needed to change my life. There were some things I was doing and some people I was hanging around, that were sending me down the wrong path. I decided that I wanted to get away from all the negatives in my life and start fresh at the House of Disciples. Since coming here, God has started to restore my life. By the grace of God, He has started putting the pieces of my life back together and is working all things for my good, just like it says in Romans 8:28. It hasn't been an easy road. Sometimes you just don't want to do anything and the devil tries to put thoughts in your mind, but I have learned to take those thoughts captive. 2 Corinthians 10:5 reads, “ We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.” I am thankful for the classes, assignments and duties that we have at HOD. They help to keep your mind on things other than yourself. Like the old

saying, “An idol mind is the devil's playground.” Philippians 4:8-9 says, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” The Bible says in Matthew 6:33, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.” I have been in the life recovery program for a year and I have been continually seeking the Lord. Through this process, God has started to work things out in my life. I no longer have warrants for my arrest, I now have my drivers license, I got a part-time job, and I am saving towards getting a car. Now that is the grace of God! I could not have done this on my own and I want to thank God for putting the House of Disciples into my life. I also want to thank the staff; Tim, Misty, Phil Jr., JennJenn, Brett, Mike, Wanda, Jody and Jensing - with out you all helping me in my daily walk, I do not know where I would be. I now know that God has a plan for my life and I know He is not done with me yet.

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**HOD Graduation**

The House of Disciples held a graduation on Sunday, September 30th for our recent graduates; Emmett Asbury, Zach Cheatham, Stafon Reese and Allen Reynolds. Over the past couple of months we have featured their stories in the newsletter, so that you could get to know them better, even if just a little. The men have made great strides in their recovery and we are proud that they made the decision to finish the



one-year program. We know that God will honor them for their faithfulness and their diligence to complete the required curriculum. They have fulfilled every requirement and although it was not an easy road, they humbled themselves before God and the leadership

that He placed before them. We pray great blessings on them and we know that as long as they put God first in their lives, they will overcome. Romans 8:37, “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”



**Congratulations to Jeremy R., Jeremy W., Darrell M, and Brandon B. for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of September.**

## “White Chocolate” is Now “House of Disciples Band”

It is official, "White Chocolate" has changed their name to the "House of Disciples (HOD) Band". The band's name change came about in effort to bring focus to the true heart of the band, which is helping the homeless, the recovering addict and the incarcerated (making disciples). The band has always had a heart for the lost and hurting. In 2008, they started the House of Disciples recovery

center to help men who are struggling with life controlling issues. Recently, they partnered with a talented and anointed artist named Eddie B. Eddie B has the same heart for ministry as HOD and has a desire to start a recovery center in his hometown. Because their visions compliment each other so perfectly, HOD and Eddie B decided to join forces. His lead vocals are a great addition to



the band. We look forward to seeing what God has in store for them as a ministry team.



### LETU Volunteer Blitz:

This past month we were honored with a very special group of students from Letourneau University (LETU). These volunteers came out on Saturday, September 15th and diligently worked to sort and clean the donation warehouse. Volunteers went out to various ministries, non-profits and city parks to support the city wide community clean up day. Thank you, your service was appreciated!

## 2nd Annual Recovery Month Celebration

The 2nd Annual Recovery Month Celebration was held on Saturday, September 22nd at Teague Park in Longview. Since September is the national recovery month, the East Texas Recovery Initiative decided to host a yearly event to bring recovery awareness, recovery providers and treatment centers (both secular and religious), and support groups together with the community for a celebration. There were approximately 200

attendees at the event. The House of Disciples was honored to participate again this year. Sponsors included: Comfort Keepers; P. T. W. Training and Education, LLP; Longview Alarms; Wellness Pointe; The Made Rite Company; and Chick-fil-a. Pastor Tom McDaniels from LifeBridge Church was the guest speaker and several bands played, including K.T. and the Sunshine Band (pictured). K.T. is a



teacher and volunteer at the House of Disciples. One of our residents, Wade, sat in on bass for the band.

## Birthday Ministry Started

Two very special senior ladies held a birthday party for our men with birthdays in September. Carol Meyer and Wanda Sinclair, from the Episcopal Church, came out on a Monday night and decorated, supplied refreshments and a birthday cake, and gave the men gifts. Mrs. Meyer said that everyone should have a birthday party

and feel special. She plans on doing this every month for our men and will have other senior ladies volunteer to help her. She said that she can't do much, but she can do this and sees it as a way to minister the men. The men were very touched by the kindness of these wonderful ladies. May God bless you for your kindness and love.



Matt 25:40, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."



### Holiday Meals:

The holidays are fast approaching and we are seeking volunteers to help cook and serve the residents for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We are also accepting donations of food items, such as ham, dressing, sides and desserts. If you would like to spread some holiday cheer and the love of Christ, give us a call and let us know how you can participate.

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Oct 4 / 7:00 PM**

HOD Band - Victory Church, Houston, TX

**Friday, Oct 5 / 7:00 PM**

HOD Band - Gideon Baptist Church, Houston, TX

**Saturday, Oct 6 / 7:00 PM**

HOD Band - Cool Church, Houston, TX

**Sunday, Oct 7 / 10:30 AM**

HOD Band - White Horse Revival Church, Cove, TX

**Sunday, Oct 7 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - God's Word in Action, Dayton, TX

**Thursday, Oct 11 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - Young Unit Prison, Dickinson, TX

**Friday, Oct 12 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - Grace Temple Church, Goliad, TX

**Saturday, Oct 13 / 4:00 PM**

HOD Band - The Table, Channelview, TX

**Sunday, Oct 14 / 10:30 AM**

HOD Band - Christian Cowboy Fell., Cleveland, TX

**Sunday, Oct 14 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - First Baptist Church, Kingwood, TX

**Wed, Oct 17 / 6:30 PM**

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Thursday, Oct 18 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - Eastham Unit Prison, Huntsville, TX

**Fri, Oct 19 / 6:00 PM & Sat, Oct 20 / 9:30 AM**

HOD Band - Coffield Unit Prison, Tenn. Colony, TX

**Saturday, Oct 20 / 6:00 PM**

HOD Band - Wynn Unit Prison, Huntsville, TX

**Thursday, Oct 25 - Friday, Oct 26 / TBD**

HOD Band - Prison Ministry, Wichita Falls, TX

**Saturday, Oct 27 / TBD**

HOD Band - Allred Unit Prison, Iowa Park, TX

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