

### “If for only one” Luke 5:4-7

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#### Mission Statement:

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



**Congratulations to Augustin, Gus and Shawn for receiving certificates for being Servant Leaders for the month of October.**

House of Disciples  
LIFE RECOVERY CENTER  
**Graduation**  
Friday, Nov 8, 2013  
7:00 PM  
First Baptist Church - Longview  
Theatre Room

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### “Our Stories” by Corey Harrell & Patrick Calhoun, HOD Residents



**Corey Harrell - HOD Longview**

My name is Corey and I am 23 years old. I just completed 12 months at the House of Disciples. I had been addicted to drugs and alcohol for about 10 years before I came to the House of Disciples. I grew up in a broken home, and I never knew my real mom. My dad was in and out of my life. Even when my dad was there, most of the time it felt like he wasn't. I consider my stepmom to be my real mom, because she has always been there for me no matter what. I always had trouble trusting and getting close to people. Before I came to HOD my drug addiction was getting worse. I was using and drinking every day and I was going to work high. I waited tables and bartended, so I was able to get away with it. I had my first real relationship with a woman, but because of my addiction, lies and cheating, I ruined it. I came to the point where I was ready to take my own life. My girlfriend and mom saw that I needed help. I decided not to go through with it, and on September 30, 2012, I gave my life to Christ. I felt good, but I was also scared of all the changes taking place. The weekend before I came to HOD, I was able to visit my dad in prison. I forgave him for everything that happened, and now our relationship has been restored. When I first came to HOD I wasn't doing it for myself, I was doing it for my girlfriend and my mom. As I was moving up in the program, I realized I needed to do this for myself. After that decision, I began to grow in my relationship with God. Coming to HOD was one of the best decisions I have ever made. I know that over the past year, I have seen a change in my life and so has my family. It is all because of God, my family and the House of Disciples.

**Patrick Calhoun - HOD High Island**



I was a poor black man sleeping in front of a liquor store, waiting for it to open up. When the liquor store opened, I went inside and stole a bottle of gin. I found a place to sit down, and I drank until I passed out.

When I woke up, I was in the hospital, and the nurse told me I had alcohol poisoning. After my release, I walked to the Salvation Army to ask for a place to sleep. They told me I couldn't stay there without a photo I.D. of some kind and told me I could get a printout of my record (with photo) at the police station. So I walked a couple more miles to the police station. On the way back, I ran into my friend, Travis, who asked me if I was hungry. I said, "Yeah, I'm hungry". He told me about the House of Disciples and how they would feed me and give me a place to stay. He said it was a good place. When I got there, they were serving baked chicken. Chicken is my favorite meal. While I was eating, a guy named Steve talked to me about the program. I told him that I needed help, and he took me to the office where Matt checked me in. I found out that it was a 12-month faith-based recovery program and I thought, "Oh, boy! I'm not gonna make it." A year is such a long time, but this year has given me a better perspective on life. I have more knowledge of the Bible. My favorite Scripture verse is John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you." Jesus chose me! While at the Longview campus, I was taught discipline, honesty, faith and motivation. Then I moved to the High Island campus, and they taught me how to fellowship, focus, management and leadership. Since coming to HOD, my work therapy assignments have included: a car auction; construction work; building boat docks; seawalls and bulkheads; remodeling houses; painting and lawn service. The first time I used the weed eater, I cut down all Mrs. Wanda's flowers, because I thought they were grass. I know better now.

In my future, I plan to get a good job, so I can have a car, a house and a family. I plan to stay in church and help others when they need it. I know God will bless me, so that I can bless others. In my addiction, I felt bad about everything. Now I feel better than ever about myself. I have gained more than I ever lost. Jesus is my Lord and Savior. He is my everything. I just want to end by saying, "God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good!"

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



Recently, we had the privilege of serving in one of our greatest passions - prison ministry. Our team held services at E.T.T.F.

in Henderson and it was AWE-SOME! I invited a dear friend of mine, Eric, to share his testimony. Eric is the Executive Director for a local mission. I was confident that his experience and calling would serve him well in relating to the men. Wow, his message way exceeded my expectations! Eric's story demanded the attention of the few hundred men in attendance, our ministry team and even the prison guards who were listening closely. We were fascinated to hear him share his life experiences: the struggles; the victories; the healings; the sacrifices. All of Eric's life, he has offered his time, talents and gifts sacrificially to see others succeed. As I sat listening, I remember thinking to myself, "As smart and talented as this guy is, he could be doing anything and

probably making a fortune at it. Yet, he chooses to give his life wholly to God's service." I share this story about my friend Eric, not to exalt him; he doesn't desire or seek the spotlight. Instead, I share this story as an example of a life truly fulfilling 1 Peter 5:3 "...be an example to the flock entrusted to you." The life we live, may be the only bible someone may read. The love we share, may be the only grace they receive that truly represents Christ. As Jesus' kingdom comes through us, others see and experience Jesus through our example. Eric is a wonderful example of humility and service to Christ. His life inspires me to ask, "What's my example? Do I truly perceive everyone as Jesus and treat them as such? Am I living the kind of life that truly represents Christ to others?" I encourage you to pause for a moment to consider your example. I'm convinced that the most effective witness you and I have, is the example we leave.

**Farewell Celebration**

Residents, friends, and colleagues shared cake and punch, laughs and many sentimental moments as they bid farewell to House of Disciples Senior Program Director Brett Foster on October 14. Foster announced he was leaving for a new position with ETCADA (East Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse) earlier this month. He spent four years at H.O.D., starting as a programmer in the ministry's infancy. Phill Briggs, Operations Manager, said, "Brett made a big impact on all of us. He is a great friend and he will be missed at HOD." In a farewell speech to everyone, Brett said he maintained his freedom from addiction through the inspiration and strength he found in faith, reading his bible, and asking questions. He said he would continue to lead and mentor others in



**October Birthdays:**

Mrs. Meyer hosted the October Birthday Party for our residents, Gus and Augustin, complete with refreshments and gifts.

**Volunteers:**

Volunteers are the most important asset of any non-profit. We simply could not exist without you. There are many ways to volunteer. Give us a call to see how you can get connected.



the right path.



**HOD Graduation Planned**

We have had quite a few residents complete our Life Recovery Program over the last couple months. We will be holding a graduation ceremony for Patrick Calhoun, Corey Harrell, Cody Hutchinson, Nate Miller, Matt Stelter and Jeremy Wright on Friday, November 8th at 7 PM. The ceremony will be held in the Theatre Room at the First Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. The FBC is located across the street from the House of Disciples at 209 E. South St. A reception with refreshments will follow in our new dining room at HOD. Please make plans to attend this inspirational event and show your support for our graduates.



**ROPES Course**



Recently, a group of H.O.D. men climbed, balanced, tumbled and swung on the ROPES Course high off the ground and mid-air near Big Sandy, Texas thanks to the charitable contributions of Sister Margaret Cunzalo and the Azleway Boys Ranch. Site coach Lisa Smith said the outing was a great success and worthwhile experience for the guys in learning team sportsmanship. Resident Robert M. added, "It was an incredible chance to learn that we could overcome our fears and find strength in relying on each other."

**Fall Fest Block Party**

The residents of HOD had the privilege of being a part of the R.O.C. Fall Fest Block Party hosted by First Baptist Church, the Longview Fire Department and Buckner. Vender booths were set up and volunteers provided games for the kids to play. The HOD booth included a bag toss. The residents had just as much fun as the kids.



**Keith B. Baptized:**

Recently, Keith B. was baptized by Pastor Cary Hilliard of First Baptist Church in Longview. We have seen so much growth in Keith since he came to HOD. We are so honored to be a part of his life journey. We pray the Lord will continue to lead you in everything.



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**Gifts of Grace Resale Store**

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

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

**Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, Nov 2 - Saturday, Nov 9 / 9 AM - 6 PM**

Gifts of Grace Resale Store / \$1 MEGA SALE

**Friday, Nov 8 / 7 PM**

HOD GRADUATION, Longview, TX

**Friday, Nov 15 / 7 PM (Cardboard Box City)**

HOD Band - St. Andrews Presbyterian, Longview, TX

**Wednesday, Nov 20 - Thursday, Nov 21 / 6 PM**

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

**Wednesday, Nov 27 - Thursday, Nov 28**

Gifts of Grace Resale Store - CLOSED

**Thursday, Nov 28 - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**