



# WISEMAN MINISTRIES, INC. NEWSLETTER

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**“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
- Become a Mentor
- Become a Grace Partner

### Grace Partners:

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 Perry H. for receiving a certificate for being a Servant Leader during the month of October.

## Happy Thanksgiving

This is the *Day*  
that the Lord has made,  
let us *Rejoice*  
and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24



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## Restore: Behind the Walls of Shame

Nearly six years ago the House of Disciples Band began fulfilling another part of its mission to go into the prisons to minister to prisoners. In the beginning, the ministry team would set up their equipment, play through a set list, and invite individuals to bring a message. As traditional as it was, the idea came to them about giving inmates more. Something not taking away from the foundation of ministering, but enhancing the inmates experience, making the meeting personal evolving around a theme. The theme includes dramatic skits, videos, expository messages, along with music. The response has been overwhelming and many have responded by making Jesus their Savior, while others have found hope in grace. Last September, Chaplain Don Wayt approached the team with a challenge and opportunity to open the doors of the prison to establish a “Restorative Justice Program” founded on the House of Disciples infrastructure. The prison would designate an entire pod (groups of cells with a common room) of 84 men with less than two years remaining, who have made the decision to enter into a contract agreeing to attend all classes. HOD’s role will be to provide three days of classes and curriculum per week, teaching a range of life skills, leadership development, and establishing relationships as part of their re-entry back to society. What does this mean when it comes to the vision and mission of Wiseman Ministries? It means we have been given the privilege to bring hope to those who have served their time and develop disciples from behind the walls of shame. Over the past couple of weeks of hanging with these men, we realize that change involves far more than mere words. One of the first things we noticed was their transparency. We heard



stories of pain and regret. The men wanted to see their children and to be set free. They wanted to know God and see Him at work in their lives. We could not help but see ourselves in these men. Who knows what sort of life we would have without our loving families and community? Although we

might not be in prison for crimes against society, are we not imprisoned by the idolatry of our own lives; consumed by wants, desires, and thoughts, forgetting the needs of our brothers, failing to be grateful for God’s great gifts? Are we not at times, in a prison of our own making? We believe that these men were a gift to us. “When I was in prison, you visited me” (Matthew 25). These words of Christ remind us that our Lord is found when we meet Him in the lives of others. The prisons hunger for the Church to invite them to the table, for He came to call not the righteous, but sinners. Spending time with prisoners joined their stories to ours. We are honored that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice has allowed us this great opportunity; and we are extremely grateful that God has opened this door. For more information on this great opportunity or how you can get involved, please contact the House of Disciples at 903-553-0952.



Prison Pod

## “Because of You” Banquet

The “Because of You” Banquet was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone who came out to show their support. The staff, leaders, board members, and residents were honored to host this event and pray that you felt loved and appreciated. We would also like to thank the Summit Club and their staff for their hospitality.



## Residents Attend Retreat

Two of our residents, James R. and Jeremy S., attended the annual ACTS Retreat October 9-12 at the Lakeview Baptist Assembly Camp and Conference Center. The retreat was presented by St. Matthews of Longview and conducted by a team of 20-30 men who hosted talks and activities centered on the attainment of a new or deeper relationship with the Lord. The weekend was a powerful and personal experience for both James and Jeremy who were thankful for their sponsorship to attend. The ACTS acronym stands for Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service.



## Fall Festival



Longview Officer Phillips shows one of the many emergency vehicle attractions at the First Baptist Church Fall Fest Block Party on Saturday, October 25. H.O.D. residents assisted with set up, cleaning and passing out candy for the many game booths and demonstrations. Among the exhibits were fire trucks, a helicopter and this armored personnel carrier.

## Volunteer Highlight

Our Volunteer highlight for the month of November is Dr. Tom Webster. Dr. Webster serves as Minister of Music and Worship at First Baptist Church - Longview and as Dean of the School of Fine Arts at East Texas Baptist University. He is also a mentor to some of our musically talented residents. We are thankful for our teachers, mentors and all our volunteers who donate their time to be a blessing to the men at HOD. If you would like information on how you can volunteer, please contact the office at 903-553-0952.



## October Birthdays:



October's birthday boys are Bryan K., Jerry C., Charles A., Andrew B., and Bernard M. The celebration, hosted by Carol Meyer, is a monthly event where each resident with a birthday is sung to by the entire house, given a special gift and prayer.



## HOD Band Update

In October, the House of Disciples Band ministered at five events: Oct. 11th - Friday Night Live in the HOD Chapel in Longview with 54 in attendance and 9 responded to the alter call; Oct. 12th - Johnston Prison in Winnsboro with 154 in attendance and 123 responded to the alter call; Oct. 15th - East Texas Treatment Facility Prison in Henderson with 244 male offenders and 76 responded to the alter call; Oct. 16th - East Texas Treatment Facility Prison

with 110 female offenders and 77 responded to the alter call; and Oct. 19th - Diboll Prison Unit (pictured) in Diboll with 106 in attendance and 16 responded to the alter call.



The Ministry Team would also like to thank Cody Wilcox with SynFX Creative Services for the amazing work he did on our ministry RV. The artwork looks great.

## HOD High Island

The House of Disciples - High Island residents began participation in a four-week open forum on Wednesday nights at Cornerstone Church in Winnie. Over 200 people including youth, grades 6 and up, and adults of all ages. The panel lead discussion with the congregation exploring topics about addictive behavior and how substance abuse is related to immoral behavior in the media and American society. The success of the event marked the first planned in the month.



## November Mega Sale:

On November 13, 14 & 15 the Gifts of Grace Resale Stores in Longview and Denison will have a 3-day Mega Sale. The sale includes: Clearance Items at 75% Off; Hanging Clothes & Shoes at \$1.00; Folded Clothes, Hats & Belts at \$0.25; Media (Books, VHS, CDS, DVDS & Records) at 50% Off; and all additional items at 20% Off.

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## Upcoming Events

### Thurs, Fri & Sat, Nov 13 - 15 / 3-Day Mega Sale

Gifts of Grace / Longview & Denison, TX

### Friday, Nov 14 / 6:00 PM (Cardboard Box City)

HOD House Band / St. Andrew Presb. Church, LV, TX

### Wed & Thurs, Nov 26 & 27 / Thanksgiving Holiday

Gifts of Grace & HOD offices / CLOSED

### Wed & Thurs, Dec 24 & 25 / Christmas Holiday

Gifts of Grace & HOD offices / CLOSED



Ministries  
Include:

