

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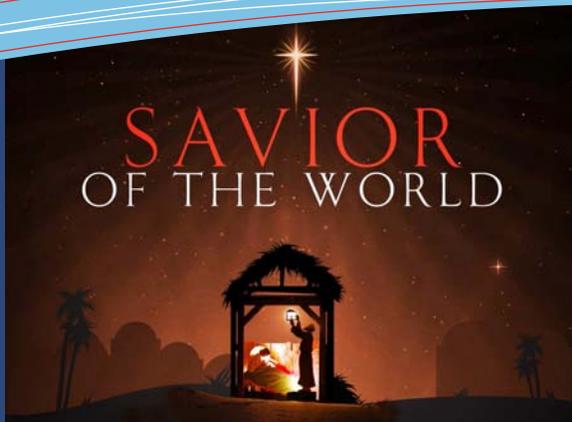
Wiseman Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit, 501c(3) organization. Our ministry operates solely on donations from individuals, churches, businesses and organizations. Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to fulfill Matthew 25 & Isaiah 58 by providing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



“My Story” by Jeremy Wright, HOD Transitional Resident



My testimony is like many others. I am the oldest of five boys. My mom had me when she was 15 years old. I was raised in Longview around drugs and my dad sold them. My grandparents lived next door and I spent a lot of time with them. When I was seven, my mom left my dad, because of him making drugs. I

started using when I was 13 years old. Drinking and drugs became the center of my life. When I was 21, my daughter, Gabrielle, was born and a year and half later, my son, Phoenix, was born. I had always wanted my own family. We had an apartment in Irving and I was working in Dallas as a carpenter. The drugs were still holding me down and soon I lost my job, my apartment and my family left me and moved back to Longview. My life spiraled downhill and I became hooked on Meth. It stole everything from me. One day, I received a letter from my kid's mom telling me that her and the kids were moving on and she had met someone else. We had been together for eight years, since I was 17. As I read the letter, my heart shattered and reality set in. I reached down grabbed a handful of pills and decided to end my life. I woke up in the ICU 24 hours later. I had quit breathing and after I was revived, the doctors told my mom that I may never be the same again. I know that God intervened that day. My brother came back to the my trailer unexpectedly and found me and called

an ambulance. At that time, I was not a Christian and I thank God for His grace, mercy and love. I began to seek help and was in and out of treatment facilities. I began to hear more and more about God and asked Him to be my Lord and save me. I struggled with my addiction for many years, but today I can say that the Lord has set me free. I have been delivered from drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. Jesus brought me to the House of Disciples and they accepted me with loving open arms. They offered me an environment where I can grow in a life that is holy and pleasing to God. I am humbled that Jesus would take such a wretched man as me and do such a work in me. I pray that my life will be an example for others to see the love of Christ. It amazes me to know that so many people tried to help me, but it was Jesus, my Lord, that changed me. I will never forget the day I hit my knees in surrender to Christ. God is faithful. I thank God for the House of Disciples and to everyone who played important roles in my life. More than anything, I want to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All praise, honor and glory goes to Him.

Jude 1:24-25, "To God who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

Thanksgiving Celebration at HOD

We were blessed to have our Thanksgiving festivities on site this year. With the remodel of our dining room underway, we took advantage of the additional floor space to set up extra tables and chairs for the event. Each man was permitted to invite their family and we spent the day eating, playing games, having fellowship and making new and sober memories. For many of the men at HOD, this was the first holiday in many years that they

were sober. The Holiday season, between Thanksgiving and News Year's Day, can be the most difficult time for alcoholics, addicts and their families. Though we often think of the holidays as a time of giving and sharing, they can also be extremely stressful and full of old memories and regrets. This can lead to an increase in substance abuse or a relapse by



(Cody H. with his mom)

someone in recovery. The key thing for an addict to remember is that with Christ, you are stronger than these thoughts and are able to resist the temptation. Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." When negative thoughts or anxieties come, it is important to reach out to someone who can encourage and pray with you.

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New Volunteer Chaplin



We would like everyone to welcome Ken Taylor to the House of Disciples as our new volunteer chaplain. Chaplain Taylor has a compassionate heart for all the men here in our program. He was raised in church and attended Pentecostal Bible Institute in Tupelo, MS. He served six years in the Army as Military Police. From 1971 to 1984, he worked in Law Enforcement. He has served as chaplain at the Elks Lodge and at the V.A. Hospital in Shreveport. Chaplain Taylor has one son, three daughters and five grandchildren. He is in a Gospel Trio called "K,T, and the Son-Shine Gospel Ministries". He is also in the praise and worship team at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Longview. We are honored to have him serve in this capacity.

Baptism Service

Three of our HOD men, Blake M., Russell J. and Cody H. were baptized by Chaplain Ken Taylor on Monday, November 19th in our chapel. Water Baptism is a public declaration of your intention to follow Christ and live your life for him.

Water Baptism is an act of obedience and identifies the believer with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. *"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*, Romans 6:4.

We are so pleased that we were a part of the spiritual journey in the lives of these men.



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.

thank
you

Outlook TV Interview:

Brett Foster, Michael Smith and Jaisen Wooten were interviewed on Outlook TV by Mrs. Rachel Rice this past month. They spoke about the House of Disciples, ways to partner with us, possible expansion, and Jaisen gave a testimony of how HOD helped him get his life on track.



November Birthdays:

Pictured above is party host, Mrs. Meyer (center), her helpers, and the birthday boys; Isaac B. and Wade W.



Residents Help with Holiday Food Box Giveaway

A group of 16 of our residents and leadership, helped with the Holiday food box giveaway at Harvest Outreach Ministries on Tuesday, November 13th. The House of Disciples partnered with them over the past year to help provide food boxes to those who need them. Harvest Outreach Ministries serves as a food pantry for the Longview area and the majority of the food items are purchased through the East Texas Food Bank. Community Distribution days are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. Applications must be

filled out in order for households to receive a food box. If you would like more information, please visit Harvest Outreach Ministries at 1505 South Green Street in Longview.



Christmas Needs List

Here are our current needs:

- Can goods for pantry,
- Hamburger meat,
- Shampoo,
- Razors and shaving cream,
- Pain killers (such as: ibuprofen, Tylenol, Advil, etc.),
- Cold & cough meds (non-alcohol & non-drowsy ONLY),
- Antacids,
- Lysol spray,
- Triple antibiotic ointment and
- Firewood & craft shop supplies.

If you can help in anyway, it would be greatly appreciated. We can provide donation receipts for tax purposes. God bless.

Holiday Meals:

The holiday season is here and we are seeking volunteers to help cook and serve the residents for Christmas dinner. 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.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Dec 4 / 7 PM

Mobberly MAPA Students perform mini-concert for men

Monday, Dec 17 - Saturday, Dec 22

Gifts of Grace - Christmas Décor 50% off

Monday, Dec 10 / 6:30 PM

HOD Christmas party - New Heights Church, LV, TX

Tuesday, Dec 11 / 7 PM

Christmas & Birthday party hosted by Mrs. Meyers

Wed, Dec 12 (Men) & Thur. Dec 13 (Women) / 6 PM

HOD Band - ETX Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Monday, Dec 17 - Saturday, Dec 22

Gifts of Grace - Christmas Décor 75% off

Monday, Dec 24 & Tuesday, Dec 25

HOD Offices & GOG are closed for the holiday

Sunday, Dec 30 / TBD

HOD Band - Polunsky Prison, Livingston, TX

Monday, Dec 31 @ 4 PM - Tuesday, Jan 1

HOD Offices & GOG are closed for the holiday

Happy New Year