

"If you want to be greatly blessed, then do things God's way - get out of the shallow, and launch out into the deep!"

Needs List:

A/C in Chapel	\$12,000
Kitchen	\$24,000
Remodel Dining Hall & A/C	\$26,000
Comp Software	\$ 1,000
Building Payoff	\$198,000

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Mission Statement:

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

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



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Launch out into the deep by Phillip Briggs

In Luke 5:4-6, we read about a fishing story with Jesus and Peter, which we can learn from: "When He [Jesus] had finished speaking, He said to Simon [Peter], 'Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered and said, 'Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing, but at your word, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they enclosed a great quantity of fish, and their nets began to break..."

There are 3 lessons that we learned from this:

1. Trying hard doesn't necessarily get the job done: Peter and his colleagues had "worked hard all night," so no one can doubt their efforts. They simply were too shallow, and all the efforts in the world wouldn't have gotten them the catch they were hoping for. Like Peter and his partners, the White Chocolate ministry team had toiled several weekends a year just trying to catch the one. We became discouraged. In May 08, while in Dallas with Larry Locker on his Memorial Weekend outreach, something was different. As Larry prayed for us, he said that we were to launch out and begin doing outreaches in our own backyard. I remember on the way home that night, we all had come to the same conclusion... it was time. In July 08, God gave us our first catch with a man named James Hall. One month later, we picked up our next 3 men. Before we knew it, Tim and Misty had 5 men sleeping on their living room floor. By Sept, we rented our first house and grew to 14 guys. Later we rented our 2nd home and grew to 21 men.

2. The deeper life is the key to abundant life: Two years ago, we were all employed and doing financially well. We lacked nothing... So we thought... During our 1st year, God would use Tim's income to support HOD. Little did anyone of us know, that God was going to require

'Greater Faith' from us. This type of Faith was that which would move mountains and withstand storms. Remember the parable of the wise and foolish builders? Both built a house, but when the storms came, only the wise man's house was still standing. Why? Because, as Jesus said, he "dug deep and laid his foundation upon the rock."

3. Doing things God's way, no matter how uncomfortable or unusual, will result in the greatest blessings: Peter was a professional fisherman, yet his willingness to "let down the net" (his pride) was what allowed him to obtain a great catch. What has been the key to our success is our willingness to humble ourselves and surrender to God's will in each of our lives. To give up what we know and to trust in God. We have stepped into HOD full time. We left the comfort of financial security and stepped into depending on God to meet our needs. Today, not only does God meet our needs, but He meets the needs of 21 men and the staff. Also, thru this ministry, we help provide food to other ministries in Longview. In Feb 09, God opened the door for us to obtain a 12,000 sq ft funeral home in downtown Longview. This funeral home, which was once a place the dead were brought to be put to rest, has now become a place for the dead to come alive in Christ. We offer a structured discipleship program for men who are ready for change. During this time they develop a relationship with Christ, through daily devotions and classes. The Word of God being daily imparted into the lives of our men is the key to their deliverance. Since Oct 08, we have maintained 16-22 men at any given time. Like Peter, we are asking for your help. Not necessarily financially, but with your prayers. It is the prayers of God's people that help us the most.

Gifts of Grace Resale - Opening Soon

The Gifts of Grace Resale store will open soon, with all proceeds going to support the House of Disciples. We are currently accepting and processing donations. The store is looking great and will carry everything from clothes, to furniture, to appliances. Is it time for you to clean out

your closets, storage areas and/or garage? We can even use your extra hangers. Remember that your donated items may be tax deductible. We will even pick up your items for free.

The store is located next to Posado's Café off Judson Rd. at 110 Triple Creek Dr. Suite

32 in Longview Texas. You can call 903-234-2341 for more information or email at gog@wisemanministries.com

Gifts of Grace Resale



Our First Annual Teacher Appreciation was held on May 2. It was a very moving experience, as each of our men got to share their thanks and the difference that these teachers have made in their lives. This will be an event that we look forward to every year.

What is... Party in the Park?

Party in the Park first began many years ago when our sister ministry, the "White Chocolate" (WC) band, began to go into the inner-city of Dallas and other areas and minister. When they began to play and minister, people would come forward and get saved. Year after year, WC would see the same people

rededicate themselves to God, but never saw any significant life change in the individuals. For that reason, they felt led to start Party in the Parks here in Longview at Teague Park. Then we could minister to the individuals on an ongoing basis, not just once or twice a year. Hence, the start of the House

of Disciples. Party in the Park is scheduled for the 2nd Saturdays in June, July & August at Teague Park. Come out and get involved. Everything is FREE... free food, free clothing for the needy, & free entertainment by the White Chocolate ministry and other special guests!



Serving Others:
Here is one of the many ways God has called us to serve. This Lady contacted us to clean her yard because she was unable to do so. We are thankful that God gave us the opportunity to serve.



Located in the HOD Chapel on Sundays

Outreach Service 8:00 am
& Anchor of Hope 9:30 am
Powerhouse Ministries 11:00 am

The Outreach Center **FOOD GIVEAWAY**
3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
NEXT DATE: JUNE 16TH AT 6PM



Upcoming Events

Friday, June 4 - 7 pm & Sat., June 5 - 6 pm
White Chocolate at Cornerstone Church in Mt. Vernon for Prayer & Praise Service.

Friday, June 11 - 6 pm
White Chocolate at First Baptist in Kilgore
Hosted by Celebrate Recovery

Saturday, June 12 - 3 to 7 pm
Party in the Park - Teague Park

Wednesday, June 15 - 6 pm
Food Distribution at The Outreach Center
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Saturday, July 10 - 3 to 7 pm
Party in the Park - Teague Park

Wednesday, July 21 - 6 pm
Food Distribution at The Outreach Center
Doors open at 5:30 pm

Friday, July 23 - 7 pm & Sat., July 24 - 8:30 am
Men's & Women's Conference hosted by Powerhouse Ministries at The Outreach Center

Friday, August 13 - 8 am to 6 pm
School Supply Train at First Baptist Church LV
Hosted by Junior League, FBC & HOD

Saturday, August 14 - 3 to 7 pm
Party in the Park - Teague Park

Wednesday, August 18 - 6 pm
Food Distribution at The Outreach Center

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