

“If for only one”
Luke 5:4-7

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- Pray for us
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Grace Partners:

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Grace Partner. As a Grace Partner, you join with us to build, strengthen and support the House of Disciples through prayer and by committing to support the ministry with a monthly donation of any amount. As a monthly supporter, you impact the lives of each man here at the House of Disciples.

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Mission Statement:

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



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“Our New Shreveport location” by Tim Wiseman

I wanted to outline the events that have transpired over the last few months to give you a glimpse of God’s glory and power. We have a saying around HOD, “Everyday is a miracle.” And God is the provider for every miracle.

January 31st - I could hardly sleep all night. I tossed and turned from one side to another. My mind would not shut down and my body seemed very restless. All I could think about was Shreveport. I kept seeing a multiple story, tan brick building where thousands of lives were being touched for Christ. This image of people coming into this building hurt and broken, but leaving healed and freed continually reoccurred like clockwork.

February 1st - I rolled out of bed the following morning feeling as if I had been in a wrestling match for the past few hours. I knew the impression I had in my spirit. I grabbed my laptop; pulled up Google and typed in the words, “Shreveport Realtor”. It pulled up Coldwell Banker. I called and got connected with an agent. He asked, “What are you looking for?” I replied, “I don’t know.” After a brief moment of awkward silence, he said, “Hmmm, well I can’t help you if you don’t know what you are looking for.” I then described the multi-storied, tan brick building I saw in my dream. Now puzzled and wondering if this was a prank call, the agent responded, “Sir, do you know how many buildings fit that description in Shreveport!? How about I send you a list of properties on the market and we’ll start there.” I said, “Brother that sounds like a plan!” Later that evening the agent sent me a list of commercial properties that were on the market. I looked closely at each one, but none were the building I saw in my dream. I decided to wait on the Lord to lead me from there.

February 20th - I got an email from the agent with an attachment. He explained in the email that a building just came on the market that had “great possibilities”. Nonchalantly I opened the attachment and...“That’s it! That’s it!” I shouted, while jumping out of my seat. I knew it the moment I laid eyes on the photo. It was the exact building I saw over and over in my dream. I immediately called the agent and set up a time to see it.

February 21st - Phil, Johnny and I drove to Shreveport. The building is a former YWCA. It’s downtown and in a perfect location for meeting the needs of the homeless community. We were in awe

of the potential this building possesses for ministry. While we were there, we learned that the price had been reduced by \$200,000. We put a contract on it in total faith. We had no funds to put toward the building. All we knew was that God said “Go”. So we acted on His command.

March 8th - We met with a local bank and secured our financing for the building...at least we thought it was secured.

April 25th - The bank added some unexpected, additional requirements that we could not meet. Our financing had now fallen through the cracks.

April 26th - We filed for an extension. The YWCA board agreed to it and expressed that they wanted us to have the building, although there were many backup contracts. One of the back up contracts was for cash and for more money. We met with two Shreveport banks, one agreed to finance us, but stated that it would be a miracle to close by our new closing date.

May 2nd - Now seven days away from needing to close, the bank let us know that the appraisal would not be ready in time for the closing, they needed another 30 days. We filed for another extension with the YWCA, this time they could wait no longer. There was a cash offer on the table that was ready to close now. We were denied the extension.

May 4th - I’m invited to lunch by a Pastor from Shreveport. After lunch, he asked if I would be interested in presenting our ministry to his church that night. I agreed and the service went very well.

May 5th - The Pastor called and said that a man in his church approached him after the service asking many questions about our ministry. The man offered to pay for the building so we could go ahead and close.

May 10th - We closed on the building and now have a House of Disciples in Shreveport that will soon be touching many people’s lives and fulfilling the dream that God gave me.

What’s next? We are facing some big financial hurdles in trying to get the building open for serving the community. We need to raise \$125,000 to bring the building up to code so lives can be saved and changed by Christ. You can be a part of the miracle God is performing in Shreveport! Please pray about helping us meet this need.

HOD Graduates

Congratulations, to our recent HOD graduates: Larry Richie, Jaisen Wooten and Layton Vogeding. Since graduating, Larry has joined the HOD team as support staff, Jaisen is enrolled in the Isaiah 58 Institute to continue his ministry training and Layton has gone back to his



home in Oklahoma with plans to attend college.

Our Commencement Speaker for the May 22nd ceremony was Pastor Edwin Lipsey of Foundations of Life Church in Waxahachie, TX. Pastor Lipsey is the founder of a ministry similar to ours



called the "180 Center". Pastor Lipsey and the House of Disciples share the vision to see the lost and hurting find freedom through Christ.

The next graduation ceremonies are scheduled for June 5th in Madisonville and July 31st in Longview.



Teacher Appreciation:

The 2nd Annual Teacher Appreciation turned out wonderfully. We were able to honor 18 teachers who donated their time, talents and giftings over the past year. Thanks for all you do.

Prison Ministry

HOD and the White Chocolate Band are so grateful to be allowed to minister to the inmates in the TDCJ prison system. This past month we were at the East Texas Treatment Facility in Henderson and the Polunsky Unit in Livingston. We had been at the ETTF unit before to minister to the men, but this time we were able to minister on the women's side of the unit. It was amazing to see

the women come in with a tough, withdrawn demeanor, and then begin to soften up under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. By nights end, they were singing, dancing and weeping. Another new experience for us was to go to one of the toughest maximum security units in Texas, the Polunsky Unit. The inmates were thrilled. On our next visit, we plan to visit and pray for those on Death Row.

Curriculum in MV

Starting this month, our partner location in Madisonville, TX will now be operating with the full HOD Curriculum. Over the past months, we have been able to make adjustments and schedule teachers. With the completion of our trial run in Longview, all our branches will now be on the same page (literally) in their studies.



HOH - Madisonville:

Here are some of the men from our partner location at House of Hope in Madisonville. They are doing great!



Police Banquet

The White Chocolate band had the honor of playing at the 20th annual Giants of Law Enforcement Awards banquet to honor Gregg County law enforcement agencies. The banquet, sponsored by the Centurion Club of Longview, was held at the Maude



Cobb Center on May 17th. Thank you, to all who serve.

Gifts of Grace Resale Store

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Sat. June 4 - Sat. June 11

MEGA SALE

\$1 items

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110 Triple Creek Dr.
(off Judson Rd. next to Posado's Cafe)

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 4

HOD Fishing outing, States Free fishing day

Saturday, June 4 - Saturday, June 11

Gifts of Grace Resale Store - Mega Sale - \$1 items

Sunday, June 5 / 3:00 pm

House of Disciples - Graduation Ceremony at House of Hope - Gym, Madisonville, TX

Monday, June 6

HOD Curriculum starts in Madisonville

Wed, June 22 (Men) & Thur, June 23 (Women)

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry, East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Friday, June 24 / 6:00 pm

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry, Holiday Unit, Huntsville, TX

Monday, July 4 - Independence Day

Gifts of Grace Resale Store - CLOSED

Thur, July 7 & Sunday, July 17

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry, Polunsky Unit, Livingston, TX

Wed, July 20 (Men) & Thur, July 21 (Women)

White Chocolate & HOD - Prison Ministry, East Texas Treatment Facility, Henderson, TX

Friday, July 29 / 7:00 pm

White Chocolate at Powerhouse Conference

Sunday, July 31 / 3:00 pm

House of Disciples - Graduation, Longview, TX

Wednesday, Aug. 10 / 6:00 pm

"Release the Dream" with Matthew Barnett, Belcher Center at LETU, Longview, TX

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