

DAMASCUS HOME

DISCOVERING HOPE AND A PURPOSE



ABOUT US

We provide quality care and services for men, women, and their families suffering from the crippling effects of addiction. As a non-medical treatment and recovery program, our vision is to empower men and women through a faith-based, 12 step recovery program. We provide extensive spiritual application and life skills to help them discover hope and God's purpose for their lives.

Over a decade ago and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the organization of Damascus Home of Redwater, Inc. was established. Damascus Home Rehabilitation Center is a non-profit organization in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. This ministry for recovering adults has maintained uninterrupted status with the Texas Department of State Health Services as a "Faith-based Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility" (FB3152).

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YOU HAVE A
Purpose



What a joy it is to be part of the first newsletter for the Damascus Home Ministry! In Jeremiah 29:11 God said, "I know the plans I have for you, it is to give you hope and a future". Until April 19, 1995 I didn't have either. That day God heard my cry and gave me hope. It is only through the person, His Son Jesus that we have hope. It's been a blessing sharing that hope with over 400 men and women through the years. What an awesome God we serve! God is good! Day by day, week by week, month by month and year by year, He shows us more of the plan, as we continue to grow and serve Him. This newsletter will be one of hope as we share many encouraging testimonies. Thank you for your prayers and support. -Jim Cooley

6th Annual Graduate Homecoming & 20th Anniversary Celebration

Damascus Home of Redwater celebrated its 6th annual graduate homecoming and 20th ministry anniversary Sunday, April 8 at its traditional host site, First Baptist Church in Redwater, Texas. This year's theme was, "Celebrating the Family." About 40 graduates and their families attended, along with current and former staff, teachers, board members and friends of the ministry. Gary Lockaby, friend of the ministry and brother-in-law to a Women's Center graduate was the keynote speaker. He encouraged everyone with his exhortation to the church that we all need recovery from something, God has a mission for all of us, and to fulfill that mission, need an action plan. The family unit and the extended family, the body of Christ, is key to fulfilling that mission.

A barbeque plate lunch was held afterwards, sponsored by Jason Edge of Big Daddy's Rib Shack, Tyson Foods, Albertson's, Super 1 Foods, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. As usual, a whole host of folks pitched in to make this year's event a roaring success. Thanks Steve and Tammy Morgan who planned the luncheon, ran the kitchen and, together with FBC RW kitchen crew, served the guests. A big hand to Lonnie Creed and friends who used their decorating expertise to ensure the fellowship hall was lovely and festive. Beautiful original, handmade crosses served as centerpieces and were donors purchased afterward. They were cut out by Joel Cain and crafted by Damascus Home Resale Shop volunteers.

Ministry T-shirts made their debut. Too many door prizes to count were awarded. This year's Anniversary Quilt was won by Roger and Amy Washington. Graduate group photo, testimonies and happy reunions were happening all through lunch. Everyone had a great time, pitched in to help clean and the whole event wrapped up by 2:00 pm. We deeply appreciate all who contributed: whether monetarily, through gifts of service, items for auction or through participation in this year's event. Through our joint efforts, the ministry raised over \$7,500 in financial gifts which were then matched by a generous donor.



Mark your calendar for next year's Homecoming – Sunday, April 28, 2019 with keynote speaker Chad Trent. Chad Trent is a friend of the ministry from the Tyler area, is married to a graduate of the Women's Center and relative to several other graduates. He is a long-time member of and speaker for Gideon's International and is active in his church. We look forward to another exciting time.



Christian Buying Club – free to participate – all profits go to ministry of your choice!

Damascus Home of Redwater Campaign Code USA013



The Damascus Home Resale Store

Located at:
2604 New Boston Road
Texarkana, TX

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Find the Resale Store on Facebook:
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Damascus Home Resale Store is a nonprofit organization that helps raise money to fund Straight Street Restoration Center. Straight Street is a 90 day, in-house, faith-based rehabilitation program to help men who struggle with drug and alcohol abuse. The Damascus Women’s Center operated in Queen City from 2008 to 2014. It is our vision to again have a facility for women.

After almost two years of operation, Damascus Home Resale Store has been successful in supporting the ministry through store profits and donations of its supporters. We would like to say thank you to everyone in the community who has helped us with their generous donations. Considering the volume of items, we receive daily and the customer traffic, we are always in need of more volunteers.

Damascus Home wants to recognize the current, faithful volunteers we are blessed with and say thank you for the endless hard work and dedication you have shown this ministry. We pray for continuous support from our community as we stand firm in faith that God will keep using this ministry to touch and change many lives!

Volunteer of the Month-Ella Fowlks

Ella has been volunteering at the Resale Store for 10 years (the past two with us)! She never misses a beat! Ella is a member of Oak Street Baptist Church and she just enjoys the atmosphere of the store and the people.

"This is my way to give back to the community. It allows me to encounter people from all walks of life. This gives me opportunities to share my life experiences with others." Thank you, Ms. Ella!



Damascus Home Resale Store
Specials

50% off on clothes and shoes (excluding \$1.00 items)

Every Wednesday and Saturday!

Some Resale Departments Include:



Books



Furnishings



Housewares



Clothing

Are you looking for somewhere to serve, to volunteer, to give back? **Damascus Home Resale Store** has a place for you! A premier place to shop in Texarkana, Damascus Home Resale Store is seeking volunteers in the following categories:

Volunteer Coordinator, Marketing/Social Media, Construction/Renovation/Repair, Merchandising, Receiving, Stocking, and Sales Associates.

We offer a bright, clean, newly renovated and uplifting outreach environment in which to give back, make friends, share the love of Jesus and be the hands and feet of Christ. We have service shifts available to accommodate almost any schedule.

Store Hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Closed Sunday.

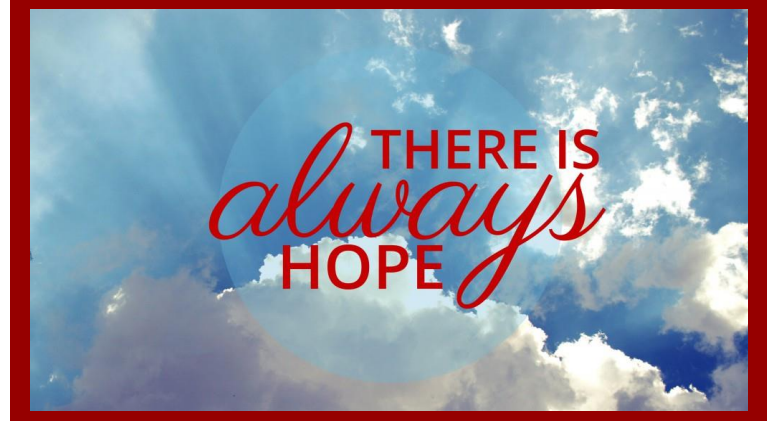


“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Tucker Long

(Recent graduate of Straight Street, shown in the photo at a campus visit to Letourneau.)



Over the past 6 months, from the time Tucker’s journey to LeTourneau University began, Proverbs 3:5,6 have been the cornerstone Scripture from God’s Word he has stood on. The new chapter in the race of faith began after Tucker prayed one night in December 2017 concerning a remark a few friends had made of Tucker in the past: “I could see you as a youth pastor”. A few days after Tucker prayed, asking his Father in Heaven if He had called him to full-time ministry, whether as a youth pastor or another form of ministry, he had a conversation with the program director of Straight Street. Their conversation sparked Tucker on the road towards LeTourneau!

Now at the threshold of the open door of Bible college – seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Ministry – gratitude, thankfulness, excitement, joy, nervousness, and anticipation are brewing in Tucker’s heart. The grace of God erupts gratitude, thankfulness, and joy in the hearts of the recipients: it is only by the grace of God that Tucker is where he is at, and in the direction that he is going. It was only sixteen months ago that he was crying out to the Lord late one night: the loneliness, fear, lost-ness, hopelessness, and despair was overwhelming. That was shortly before the Lord Jesus brought him to Straight Street. It has been a journey since! Through an abundant amount of time to study the Word of God, seeking and praying to the Father through the Son (which has been a GREAT gift and blessing from the Lord!), Tucker has received the Greatest Gift – and far better than the gift of going to LeTourneau University: a personal relationship with Jesus Christ –the Great Treasure.

This journey is for the glory of God – that He is glorified in Tucker’s life: that His goodness, His love, His mercy, His truth, His righteousness, His Presence being manifested through Tucker. Tucker isn’t going to LeTourneau for Tucker – it is for the glory of the Lord! The Prophet Isaiah prophesied in regard to John the Baptist making way for Jesus – God Incarnate, the Son of the Living God, the Only Begotten of the Father – to begin His ministry. In turn, too, we all, as Christ-followers, can have these words from Isaiah applied to each of our own lives:

“Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

A journey down “The Street!”

As with any Program Director, of any curriculum-based agenda, one must seek ways to best communicate the subject material and continue seeking ways to best make the message understood by the listeners. Parables were Jesus’ means of explaining a spiritual understanding (subject material) by using natural elements or earthly circumstances (curriculum) to teach.

John 15:4-5 (NKJV)

⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

⁵ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Turning to the Word of God should be the first place we seek for knowledge and instruction. From the teachings in **John 15:4-5**, one can learn much about (but not limited to) leading, directing, and or mentoring. At “The Street” the foundational principles for discipleship curriculum derive from the fundamental teachings expressed in **John 15:4-5**. These principles are not limited to instructing but for this moment we will focus on the relativeness of Jesus’ message toward instructing.

The importance of curriculum/instruction is not based on what or how we “do it,” but Whom we abide in while we “do it;” ...**for without Me you can do nothing**. In all things we can plan some function, but we cannot plan for results. This principle theme is emphasized throughout the above verses.

“Proclaiming Jesus” and “pointing others to Jesus” is a must, but never with the idea of what we are going to harvest (the fruit). Results are always in the Hand of God. And there is freedom in knowing that we need not worry about the outcome. At The Street, we only have the privilege to witness His work as a **branch abiding in the Vine!**

Sharing His love, one to another,

~Lee Woods

EAST TEXAS GIVING DAY



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About Damascus Home

Damascus Home of Redwater is devoted to the purpose of pointing the willful person toward victory and freedom through our Lord Jesus Christ. From day one until completion of the ninety-day Christian faith-based treatment program, **the Lord Jesus Christ is the focal point.**

Daily schedules are filled with one-to-one counseling, bible studies, life management skills, and sermons. The Christ-centered activities present topics such as, salvation, repentance, grace, sanctification, and the sufficiency of Jesus Christ. The life skills classes include, and are not limited to budgeting, parenting and nutritional training. God's directive tasks of evangelism and discipleship are the essence and standard within the treatment curriculum.

It is assured that **“There can never be true recovery and restoration without Jesus.”** With Jesus, the outcome is predictable! Men and women transformed – freed from the bondage of addiction – and, by faith, placing their total dependency and life in Jesus Christ.

The treatment and recovery services offered by Damascus Home of Redwater, Inc. are exclusively religious in nature and are not subject to licensure or regulation by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse. We offer only non-medical treatment and recovery methods, such as prayer, moral guidance, spiritual counseling, and spiritual study.

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2 Timothy 3:16-17



East Texas Giving Day 2018

“There are two ‘i’s’ in Fundraising – they should stand for inspiration and innovation, not imitation and irritation.” Ken Burnett, lecturer for Fundraising 101.

Damascus Home of Redwater ministry has sought over the years to make fundraising as innovative, inspiring, fun and painless as possible for its supporters. Some of the fundraising events that we have enjoyed hosting include: The Benefit Golf Tournament (it rained!), the Homecoming Banquets (yum), Kiosks in the Mall (long hours), Booths at Church Conferences (always interesting), to name a few. And who could forget Donna's garage sales?

Maybe you remember and have even participated in some or most of them. Unfortunately, in nearly every case, for non-profits fundraising is a foregone conclusion: “You may have a loyal support base, but a non-profit cannot exist on monthly support alone. Various fundraising endeavors are essential. Try what others recommend, and stick with what works,” says Monica Beeman of *Simply Perfect Marketing*.

A group fundraising event that is working and gaining momentum for many East Texas non-profits is East Texas Giving Day (ETGD). East Texas Giving Day was founded by East Texas Communities Foundation (ETCF), a 501C3 charity founded in 1989. East Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online event that takes place the 4th Tuesday of each April. ETGD provides critical funding for our area nonprofits. ETCF is partnering with area nonprofits to give thousands of donors from every community in East Texas a chance to raise funds for local needs. ETGD was launched in Bowie County in 2016.

According to the organization's web site, “the purpose of an area-wide Giving Day is to bring the region together on one day and as one community, raising money and awareness for East Texas nonprofits. This initiative, organized by East Texas Communities Foundation (ETCF), provides citizens across ETCF's 32-county service area an easy platform to support the mission of local nonprofits that serve our communities. Approximately 94% of each tax-deductible donation goes directly to the non-profit. The minimum donation is \$20. It can be made in honor of or in memory of someone, and donors can donate to multiple non-profits.”

In addition, East Texas Communities Foundation and some nonprofits are hosting donation stations throughout the region. ETGD was opened to Bowie County in 2016. 2017 was the first year that Damascus Home elected to participate.

In 2017, over \$498,000 was raised through nearly 2,000 donations to 177 organizations. Damascus Home's piece of the pie was \$2,165 in 10 donations. We were 1 of only 3 Bowie County non-profit participants. About ½ of those donors elected to include the administrative cost in their donation.

In 2018, over \$754,000 was raised through 2,488 donations to 152 organizations. Damascus Home's piece of the pie was \$3,600 in 5 donations and was the top earning recipient in Bowie County. In 2018, through clearer instructions, all five donors elected to include the administrative cost in their donation, so we received a check for 100% of the funds donated. Thank you to everyone who elected to participate in 2018!

ETGD hopes to have at least one donation station in Texarkana in 2019, which will be a fun, new way for local supporters and non-profits to participate. Damascus Home has set a goal to double our donations and donors for 2019 and will be promoting it in various ways in the coming months. Mark your calendars today for East Texas Giving Day, April 24, 2019, and start saving your pennies now!