

Make Plans Now to Attend the 7th Annual Graduate Homecoming April 28, 2019

No, you are not mistaken; it *IS* that time again! Another year has come and gone, and the Damascus Home event of the year is right around the corner. Calling all graduates and graduate family members: this year's Homecoming marks 7 years of reunions (and 21 years of ministry) and **YOU ARE INVITED!** Save the date and plan to join us at Redwater First Baptist Church Sunday, 04/28/19. Registration and mingling begins at 9:00 am. Come early and visit, sign in and sign up for a gift or prize!

This year's keynote speaker is Chad Trent. A "Gideon" for over 14 years, Chad is a frequent speaker for the Gideons International. In addition to personal witnessing wherever the Lord takes him for work, Chad speaks to congregations all over Texas. He also participates in the traditional duties of a Gideon, which includes Bible distribution to schools and businesses. Though a Texas transplant, Chad is a good ol' East Texas family man. When not speaking for the Gideons, he ranches, serves as Bible study teacher and is a deacon at Hainesville Baptist Church in Mineola, TX.

Chad is the spouse of Damascus Women's Center graduate, Denise Trent. Chad and Denise have been married for 27 years. They have two children: Ashton and Eden. Chad's niece is also a graduate of the program. Chad actively engages in family recovery and considers it a significant piece of his transformational walk with the Lord.

Due to his busy speaking schedule, we have waited several years to book Chad for Homecoming. We are excited to have him join us for an event you do not want to miss!

Expect to enjoy a morning of worship, thanksgiving and encouragement. Plan to sign up for great door prizes, our annual quilt drawing, photo ops and testimony time. As in past years, our devoted board member Steve Morgan and his crew will prepare a delicious lunch.

Decide today to attend and help us get the word out: share on your FB page, text your phone contacts, post on your Twitter feed and Instagram account.

You are loved and you are welcome at FBC Redwater. Jesus is why and who we celebrate. Come celebrate and be celebrated in the Lord! Without you, Damascus Home of Redwater would not be here. Perhaps without Damascus Home ministry you would not be here. Without the Lord Jesus Christ, who of us could say we would be where we are today? Jesus: the last fix you will ever need.



Chad Trent

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DAMASCUS HOME

DISCOVERING HOPE AND A PURPOSE

YOU HAVE 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 two decades 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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Damascus Home of Redwater, Inc partnering with East Texas Giving Day April 30, 2019

The Damascus Home of Redwater, Inc will be participating in the annual East Texas Giving Day (ETGD) again this year. East Texas Giving Day is an 18-hour online event. It conveniently follows our Damascus Homecoming Event held just two days prior. This will be the third year Damascus Home of Redwater, Inc has participated. ETGD has contributed to our Homecoming Event goals for the past two years.

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.

Two Ways to Give: **Schedule your gifts ahead of time starting April 15, 2019 or make donations throughout the day.** Any individual with a credit or debit card and access to the internet can donate. Credit card, debit card and e-check donations will be accepted April 30, 2019 from 6:00 a.m. to midnight by using MasterCard, Visa, Discover or American Express online at www.EastTexasGivingDay.org. Donations made via check or cash will be accepted by contacting East Texas Communities Foundation at 903-533-0208 or toll free 866-533-3823. You can also come into the Damascus Home Resale Store (our non-profit thrift store and make donations) as they can assist you with gifts made by check or cash.

My name is Roger Washington. I am a follower of Jesus Christ. I came to Straight Street in the summer of 2012. Broken. Scared. Trying to save my marriage and family.

Nestled in the bottoms of the Sulfur River basin (pine trees, wildlife, etc.), I was able to find peace and was nurtured by a staff of former residents and ministers that did not hold my past against me.

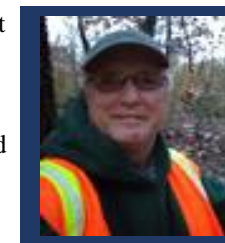
I was held accountable by my brothers and received the spiritual tools to fight my sins.

I was diagnosed as alcoholic. But that was only a symptom. I had a heart problem. I am sinful by nature and Jesus is the only One that could help.

The Street is not just a place for alcoholics and drug abusers to get sober. It is a loving home and environment that helped me to get closer to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

After I graduated the 90-day program I made some bad choices, but I had the spiritual tools and resolve to recover and get back on the path I am on today.

I am currently on staff as a humble member of the Damascus Home ministry. They have given me the opportunity to become the man I am today. I am a better man, husband, father, and son because of Jesus Christ and because of The Street.



"The only right response to Christ's lordship is wholehearted submission, loving obedience, and passionate worship." — John F. MacArthur

Damascus Home Resale Store Update - by Donna Cooley

2019 rolled in with the glitz and shine of a smooth ride! Our October thru December 50% off sale blessed a lot of people. The five dollar fill a bag of Christmas decor was also a big deal. People loved it!

So what's new in 2019 at the Damascus Home Resale Store? In addition to our half off of clothes and shoes every Wednesday and Saturday we have a discount room. You will be able to find all kinds of discounted items. Just look for the orange sticker. We have an amazing inventory to choose from. If you are planning a wedding, we have beautiful serving glassware and decorations fitting for any wedding reception. In our boutique, there are very nice dress clothes, men's suits, name brand jeans, formals and a very beautiful wedding gown and veil. In our general clothing room there is an extensive supply of amazing clothes for men, women and children. We have a steady stream of vintage items, collectables and a gallery of pictures. Sometimes we get a once in a lifetime item, something we have never seen, kind of like the Kenmore pink & white wringer washer we just received. Occasionally, a gadget comes in that no one recognizes.

Spring is right around the corner and sports is too. Come in and see if we have equipment just like you were needing? Let us help you meet your teams' budget. Tell your friends and watch our live face book infomercials weekly for discounts and Frequent Shopper promotions. Like and share with all your FB friends and help us promote the ministry.

Most of all, please pray for this ministry. Damascus Home Ministry has been available for more than 20 years and it has always struggled financially. Many lives hang in the balance and those addicted to substance abuse are able to find deliverance through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are faith based residential care. Our method is to provide a safe clean environment for 90 days away from the pressures of the world and daily share what the word of God says. Many have found deliverance over these many years. We are so thankful. God is so faithful!



Discount Room



Vintage 50's Kenmore
Wringer Washer



Tom...another happy
customer!



70's Entertainment Center



Library

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A Journey down "The Street!"

The Greatest Gift... expresses its greatness when it's shared!

It is the beginning of December. As I set down at my desk and open my laptop, my thoughts for this message become filled with the spirit of God's Gift to the world. This Gift from God was prophesied and promised 2,718 years ago...

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

How can this fulfilled prophetic message become our gift? Notice it doesn't just say, "For unto us a Child is born." It also reads, "Unto us a Son is given." That's the gift, "the given Son!" He can only become our Gift if we are willing to receive Him as a gift of Grace through Faith. But altogether too frequently we ourselves or a loved one will be pondering... "While during this season, a lot of the world is rejoicing and celebrating God's Gift to us and why, therefore, am I the only one in sorrow and pain?"

Christmas is a time of joy and love, but for many people it brings only sorrow and painful memories, and their heart aches to remember about their past experiences, which makes it very hard if not impossible to celebrate and or appreciate any gift. During this season and beyond, "Straight Street" ministry is a place in which many men spend the holiday season. They are not only away from family but become mindful and reminiscent of Christmas past. This circumstance is not restricted to spending ninety days at the "The Street" and undoubtedly not limited to men.

That's where we come in, not just during this time of year, but every day of the year when we share Jesus, our Gift. His love is expressed when caring-for, listening-to, and while helping one-to-another find the resources, in Christ, making it through their time of pain. In this world with all its trials and tribulations, each one of us needs a relationship with at least one other person who seeks truth and proclaims their faith in the greatest Gift ever offered - Jesus Christ. This sort of friend is one who listens without judgment when we are sharing our deepest feelings. They support us when we are struggling. They guide us gently with love and forgive when we fail (review Galatians 6:1, 2).

It is my hope and prayer that we all have this type of Earthly relationship, not only during the season of Christmas, but every day of the year!

Have you received the "Greatest Gift" offered, and if so, are you sharing your "Gift" from the Father?

THE WORD OF GOD SAVES!

In January of 2013 I became a resident of Straight Street Restoration Center. Now it is 2019 and for the past year I have been a teacher at "The Street" as we like to call it. What a reversal God can do in a life! No credit goes to me: I give all glory to my Lord Jesus! My experience as teacher has been one I can not express fully in words. I know that I am doing exactly what the Lord wants me to be doing by giving back at The Street. I love being with the guys there and I love to bring them the Word of God each week. Indescribably, the Holy Spirit consumes me when I begin to teach. I can speak to the men in ways that I can not to anyone else because I have been where they are at in their struggle with sin.

Some of the topics we cover include: the truths of salvation, what God's Word says about salvation, what God's Word says about how you know that you have eternal life, Strategies of Satan (Warren Wiersbe), and whatever else the Holy Spirit instructs me to bring to them through God's Word alone. The Word of God saves, sustains, sanctifies and we should trust in it completely. The blessings I have received as a Straight Street teacher are rich beyond words, but I wish I *could* describe it to you. All I know is this: God caused me to be Born Again and called me to minister to the men who come to The Street. He has caused me to love these men dearly. It is a very serious thing that I am doing because the wages of sin is death. Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to serve you at the Damascus Home of Redwater Straight Street Restoration Center!. Thank you, Jesus! Russell Turner

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