



# *The Light*

*August 2017*



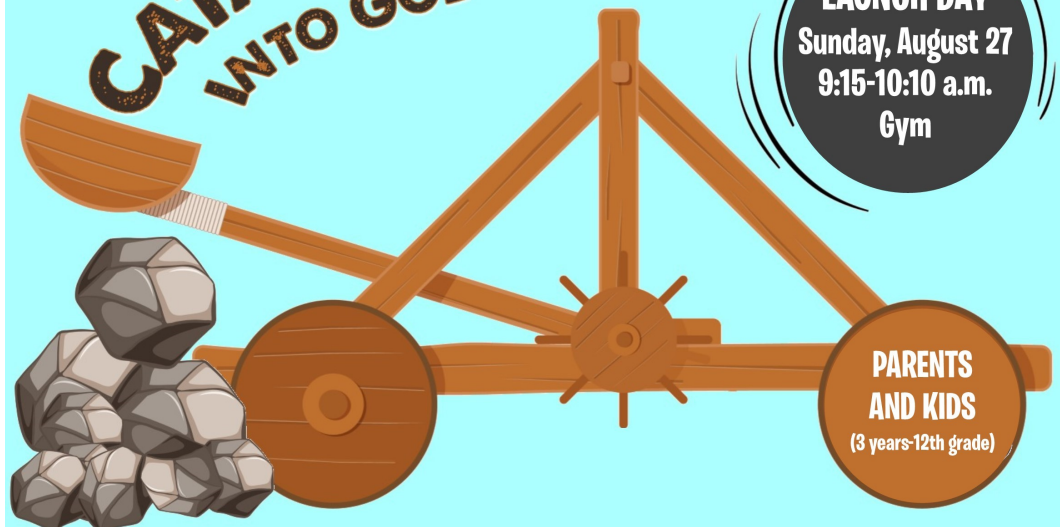
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**CATAPULT  
INTO GOD'S WORD!**



**Join us as we catapult into a new year of  
Sunday School and Youth Ministry at Epiphany!**

**This year we celebrate our annual Launch Day with CATAPULTS! Parents and kids (3 years old-12th grade) are invited to join us in the gym for food, music, prizes and catapult building! Plus come get all the information about youth and children's ministry at Epiphany! The Adult Bible Class will meet in the sanctuary on August 27.**

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**Four Fat Frogs  
Fanning Fainting Flies**



**Fish are friends,  
not food!**



**Semper  
Gumby!**



**Come to  
Adult Choir for  
incredible fun!**

**Memorable  
phrases ...  
outstanding  
song!**

**Wednesdays  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
beginning  
September 13**

**Bounce the  
consonants!  
Send the vowels!  
Phonate!**



**Bee-lieve in Jesus!**

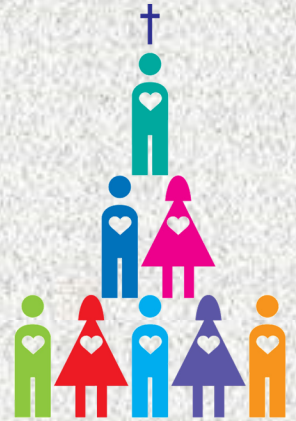


**Outdoor BBQ for  
all Epiphany's musicians  
and families  
September 6  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
AFLC**

# **I AM THE CHURCH, YOU ARE THE CHURCH, WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER!**

Years ago I remember hearing Epiphany's Sunday School children sing a song that has stuck with me. The words are simple and yet profound:

I am the church  
You are the church  
We are the church together,  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,  
Yes, we're the church together!



I like that song. It reminds me that the church is bigger than any one person. It is made up of all God's people and each one of us has an important place in it. St. Paul said as much when he wrote to the Christians living in the city of Corinth, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).

At Epiphany we try to operate from the perspective that every single person of Epiphany is an important part of the body of Christ. There are no unimportant parts! There are no unnecessary parts! Each of us is precious to God and vital to the health and well-being of the body.

I am the church! Praise God! I have a place at Epiphany. I have certain gifts and abilities that contribute to the building up of the body and give glory to God.

You are the church! You too have a place at Epiphany. You too have gifts and abilities that contribute to the building up of the body and give glory to God.

We are the church together! Together we form this wonderful thing called the church where God's Word is proclaimed and taught, God's love is shared, God's power is experienced and lives are changed forever. We may have different talents and abilities but God in His wisdom puts us together like a puzzle and each one of us contributes to the big picture.

Don't sell yourself short. You are God's child. You are uniquely and wonderfully made. God has a plan and a purpose for your life and for all the lives He brings together to form the body of Christ in this place.

If you haven't done so already let me challenge you to find your place in the body of Christ. Consider the talents, abilities and gifts God has so freely given to you and discover how you can use those blessings in such a way that God is glorified through you and others are blessed because of you. If you are one of the many people who are already an active part of the body of Christ, thank you. Keep it up. What you do has eternal significance. Remember what St. Paul also wrote to the Christians in Corinth, "Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

I thank God for you—and that we are the church together! I look forward to working with you as we have the privilege and responsibility to share God's love all around the world.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Jon

## COMMUNITY SERMON SERIES

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for man to be alone’” (Genesis 2:18).

When we hear those words of Scripture our minds often go to thoughts of marriage. Rightfully so, because those words were said shortly before God instituted the covenant of marriage when He created Eve as Adam’s lifelong partner. After creating Eve and presenting her to Adam, God’s Word says, “For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24). So obviously the “it is not good for man to be alone” applies to marriage. It is, however, much bigger than just marriage. Community is not only important—it is necessary for our health and well-being.

Come and join us on Sunday morning as we let God’s Word teach us not only why it’s not good to be alone, but how He really is the God who restores the community we need to thrive and grow. The “Community Sermon Series” will begin on August 6 and can be heard at all three services.

<b>August 6</b>	<b>“Created for Community” (Genesis 2:15-18 and Matthew 19:3-6)</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>“Broken Community” (Genesis 3:6-16 and John 1:1-5)</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>“Community Restored” (2 Corinthians 5:17-21 and John 19:26-30)</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>“Reflected Community in the Body” (1 Peter 2:4-10 and Mark 10:35-45)</b>
<b>September 3</b>	<b>“Reflected Community in the World” (Acts 2:42-47 and John 17:15-23)</b>

# Listen up!

**NEW 2017-2018  
FACILITY USE FORMS  
DUE AUGUST 6, 2017!**

It’s time to fill out a Facility Use Form for any activity taking place in any room in any building at Epiphany. Anyone wishing to use the church facilities for ongoing events must turn in a new Facility Use Form no later than Sunday, August 6, 2017 to be sure you have a room reserved. The green forms are located on the wall in the hallway outside the main office. Changes become effective September 1, 2017. For questions, please call Debbie Oravetz at 281-485-7833.





# WANT TO GET INVOLVED? HERE'S HOW!

## **LEADER NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH MINISTRY**

A leader is needed for our Health Ministry, which is dedicated to providing a ministry of holistic health support of body, mind and spirit. The ministry also offers blood pressure screening, blood donor information, CPR training and organ donation information.



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## **LEADER NEEDED FOR THE COMFORT MEALS MINISTRY**



This important ministry is dedicated to supporting and encouraging our members, extended families and community during times of joy, hardship and sadness. The ministry delivers meals upon the birth or adoption of a new baby and during times of health-related hardship. The ministry utilizes volunteers to: provide entrees, salads, breads and desserts and to deliver meals.

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## **LEADER NEEDED FOR THE BUSY BAGS MINISTRY**

You may be asking, "What is the Busy Bag ministry?". As a parent, you have probably seen the bags; maybe your kids have even used them. In the sanctuary, the bags are kept on a "tree" in the back of the sanctuary. In the Family Life Center, the bags are located on a cart next to where you pick up a worship folder. Each bag contains a few books, crayons, a pencil and scratch paper. They are very useful to keep little ones occupied during church. The leader for the ministry would need to check the bags at least twice a month to make sure each bag has books, crayons, scratch paper and a sharpened pencil.



If you are interested in leading one of these ministries, please contact Dorian Cornelius at [dorian@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:dorian@epiphanypearland.org) or 281-485-7833.



**Ladies age 10 to ...  
You're invited to a fun and funny  
fashion show.**

# **“Rags and Riches”**

*“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.”*

Luke 12:27 NIV

**Saturday, September 23, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. - Noon**

**Family Life Center Gym**

Come and see ladies of the LWML present God's message in a new and fun way. We'll complete the day with refreshments and door prizes.

Pick up your free ticket (for head-count purposes) at the Welcome Centers beginning August 27.

**Babysitting will be provided!**

**Infused Youth Ministry Presents...**

**Epiphany Night at the Movies**  
**Starring: YOU Directed by: YOU**  
**Sunday, August 13 || 6 - 9 p.m. || Gym**  
**Completed 5th-12th Grade**

Don't miss this special night as YOU become the star of the show.  
We'll have food, fun and amazing awards! Invite a friend!

## **Fall retreats**

### **CAROLINA CREEK**

**7th-12th Grade: October 6-8**

**5th-6th Grade: October 7 (Day Retreat)**

**Come get more details on Launch Day!**

### **CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION** **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10** **5th-7th GRADERS AND PARENTS**

All 5th-7th graders and their parents are asked to join us in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 10 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. for Confirmation Orientation. Pizza available - 2 slices and a soda for \$3.

Come find out about our program and all of our upcoming events! We'll also have t-shirts, catechisms and Confirmation notebooks available for purchase. The 7th graders will be measured for robes and get information on the upcoming confirmation service on October 28. Regular confirmation classes begin on September 17.

Online registration is available at  
[www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org).

### **FALL KICK-OFF**

**7th-12th Grades**

**August 27 || 6 to 9 PM || Gym**

**Invite a friend!**



**We're head over heels with excitement over a new year of youth ministry at Epiphany!**



## Summer Service and Fun at Camp Lone Star

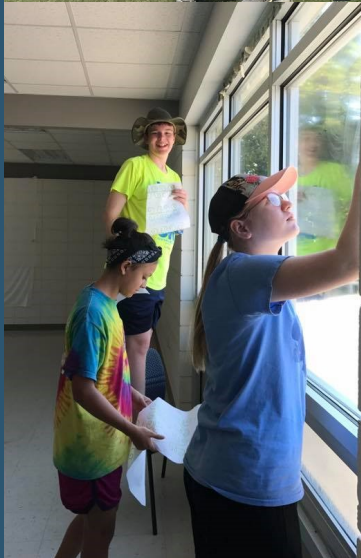
On July 7-9, Epiphany's 3rd-6th graders headed to Camp Lone Star for a weekend of service and fun. The kids worked hard on Saturday morning to clear brush for the camp. Afterwards we enjoyed Bible study, crafts, swimming, canoeing and the slip-n-slide! It was a great weekend of fun and growing in our relationship with God! Special thanks to Epiphany's youth interns, Rachel Moore, Jordan Gilbertson and Cameron Davies for helping to lead the weekend.





## Youth Mission Trip 2017

From July 15-22, 33 Epiphany youth and adults traveled to Eureka Springs, AR to serve the community. During the week, we served The Great Passion Play to help them continue sharing Jesus' love in an amazing way (We even got to be in the play!). We also worked to help turn the old high school into a community center! The youth also spent every night in chapel learning the names of God in Isaiah 9:6. On the way back, we stopped in Hot Springs for some lake fun. Overall, our youth served God faithfully and grew closer, not just to each other, but to God. This was a great trip and we look forward to serving God now that we are home!





## BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Katherine Kelley  
 08/01 Craig Lodrigue  
 08/03 Grace Ring  
 08/03 Martha Meyer  
 08/04 Justin Piel  
 08/05 Elisabeth Helton  
 08/06 Cameron Tharp  
 08/06 Ken Schesser  
 08/06 Glenn Bigon  
 08/07 David Klewer  
 08/07 James Keys  
 08/07 Leandra Maly  
 08/07 Mariam Pontifes  
 08/08 Jeff West  
 08/08 Jake Klewer  
 08/08 Janice Jeske  
 08/08 Pamela Van Maaren  
 08/08 Ellen Roberson  
 08/09 Thomas Kidd  
 08/09 Beverly Stanford  
 08/10 Luke Anderson  
 08/11 Caitlyn Jardon  
 08/11 Abby Van Maaren  
 08/12 Sarah Kiihne  
 08/12 Mike Hobizal  
 08/13 Ashten Hollis  
 08/13 Jessica Elston  
 08/14 Eric Helton  
 08/14 Ryler Hartman  
 08/14 Peyton Birkelbach  
 08/14 Renee Medack  
 08/14 Megan Keasler  
 08/15 Jon Thomas Pierce  
 08/16 Charles Stager  
 08/17 Alexander Heer  
 08/17 James Kramer  
 08/17 Cash Sites  
 08/17 Elaine Ward  
 08/18 Paula Klewer  
 08/18 Mary Zeller  
 08/18 Eric Anderson  
 08/19 Maddie Allen  
 08/19 Daniel Tunstall  
 08/19 Ed Kaspar  
 08/19 Gabriel Ortiz  
 08/20 Chris Kiihne  
 08/20 Nicholas Robinson  
 08/21 Trisha Meiller  
 08/21 Donna Ellwanger  
 08/22 Mike Zuelke  
 08/22 Tricia Robinson  
 08/24 Amber Cotter  
 08/24 Linda Salminen  
 08/24 Jayla Greer

08/24 Jennifer Turner  
 08/24 Jack Pavlovic  
 08/25 Mary Lou Medack  
 08/25 Cassidy Freeman  
 08/25 Kevin Schlachter  
 08/26 Cameron Piel  
 08/27 Adam Aaron  
 08/27 Richard Juroska  
 08/27 Rob Robinson  
 08/28 Greg Kunkel  
 08/28 Elsie Schulze  
 08/28 Stephen Wolff  
 08/29 Cathy Ashcraft  
 08/30 Caleb Herbrich  
 08/30 Michael Helton  
 08/30 Renee' Van Bramer  
 08/30 John Meiller  
 08/31 Kimmie Misch  
 08/31 Presley Lester  
 08/31 Verna Allbee  
 08/31 Lou Heinrich



## ANNIVERSARIES

08/01 Chris & Kathryn Davies  
 08/01 Phillip & Stacy Keys  
 08/04 Robert & Cathy Ashcraft  
 08/06 Eric & Patty Aaron  
 08/06 Richard & Shirley Juroska  
 08/06 Steven & Jennifer Turner  
 08/09 Brent & Amanda Snyder  
 08/13 Chris & Rachael Herbrich  
 08/17 Craig & Phyllis Carothers  
 08/18 Mike & Judy Cotter  
 08/20 Andy & Bernice Bilich  
 08/23 Saul & Mariam Pontifes  
 08/24 David & Paula Brewton  
 08/25 Jeff & Laura Otto  
 08/26 Max & Karen Daugherty  
 08/30 Curtis & Terri Garner



## SYMPATHY

John Bogar  
June 24, 2017

DJ Knight  
June 27, 2017



## THANK YOU

There are no words to express my gratitude for your prayers and concern for my sister, Barbara Lay, who recently underwent a ten hour surgery for cancer of the gum and lymph node. Three days later she was diagnosed with pneumonia and, as a result, underwent two more surgeries. By the grace of God, she is recovering better than expected and now is in rehab. A special thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

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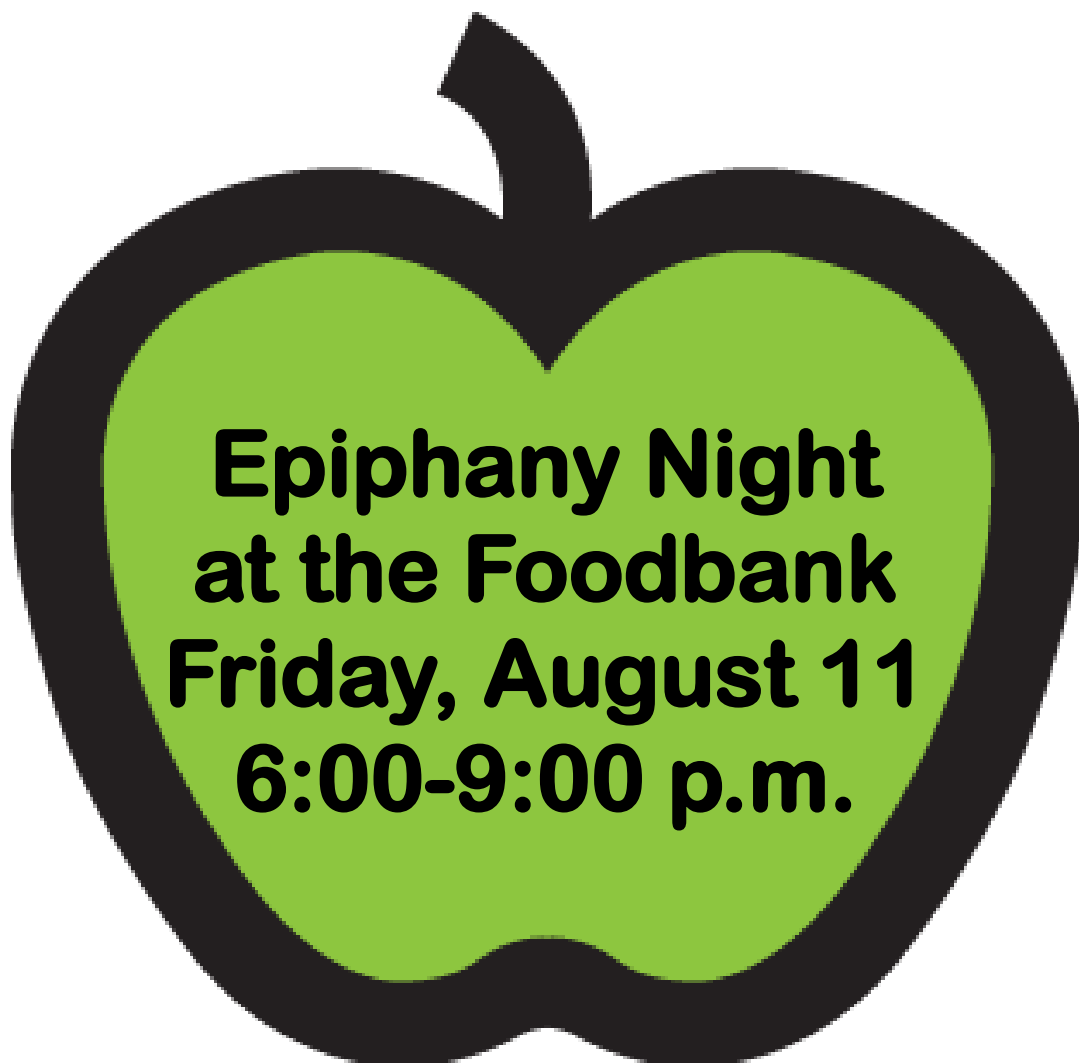


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**SEPTEMBER  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES DUE  
AUGUST 10!**

# houston foodbank

Filling pantries. Filling lives.



Calling all volunteers (age 6 and up)! Be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve at the Houston Food Bank! Meet at Epiphany at 5:00 p.m. to carpool or meet at the Foodbank at 5:50 p.m.

Register by August 7 at [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org).