

The Light

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EPIPHANY GAME DAY



AUGUST 6 || GAME TIME 1:15 PM
\$18 PER TICKET

**EACH TICKET INCLUDES ADMISSION, A HOT DOG
AND A DRINK. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO
SIGN UP GO TO SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG.**

IT'S UP TO YOU

If the church grows, it is because YOUR attendance is regular and YOU invite and bring friends regularly.

If it is an active church, it is because YOU are committed to its ministries and give YOUR time and influence.

If it is a scriptural church, it is because YOU are a part of Bible Studies and desire to grow in and through God's Word.

If it is a friendly church, it is because YOU are friendly. YOU take the initiative to meet and greet new and old alike each week.

If it is a soul-winning church, it is because YOU are a witness and YOU are interested in bringing others to Christ.

If it is a teaching church, it is because YOU attend the Sunday School and other educational opportunities and desire to learn.

If it is a giving church, it is because YOU give: not just of your tithes and offerings, but of YOUR God-given abilities and time.

LET'S WORK AT MAKING OUR CHURCH THAT KIND OF CHURCH

We are called to work in and toward God's kingdom. But the direction, the energy, the inspiration, the motivation and the love come to us by God's grace. And of that we have an abundant measure.

As I write this article the day is overcast and dreary. I could be wrong, but it seems that ever since summer officially arrived last week, it has rained or threatened to rain every day. During the days of summer, I am accustomed to bright, hot and sunny days. And, yet, as I look out the window today all I see are clouds and rain drops. The forecast is to be much the same tomorrow. While patches of sunlight cut through the clouds periodically, much of the light is blocked by dark clouds and stormy weather.

That's the way it often is in the Christian life, isn't it? We claim to be people of the light. As followers of Jesus Christ, we celebrate the fact that our Savior has come and has dispelled our darkness. That doesn't mean, however, that this dark world doesn't attempt to block out the Son's rays of love, life, forgiveness and mercy in our lives. At times it seems to do a pretty good job of it.

Maybe that's where you are as you read this article? Maybe the hassles, trials and demands of life have formed what seems like an impenetrable barrier between you and the Light that comes from the Son, Jesus Christ. If you feel that way be assured you are not the first nor will you be the last child of God who has felt this way; we all do at times. But be assured of this as well: the Son is more powerful than the barriers—those dark clouds of life. Christ is more powerful than Satan. Jesus' forgiveness is greater than your sin.

Again, I look out the window and I don't get a clear picture of the sun, because of the clouds, but I still know the sun is up and doing what it has always done—it is shining and giving light. I know this because there is still light outside my window. It may not be as brilliant because of the clouds but it still is giving light to my day. In the same way, you may not always be able to see Jesus clearly, but He is still doing what he always does: shining His light of love on you and offering forgiveness for your sin.

I pray that if you are having a cloudy day you will take comfort in the Son. If, on the other hand, you are basking in the light of His love, enjoy it and be thankful. The truth is we live in a broken world. And as long as we live in this broken world—dark times will come! The Good News is that the days of darkness are numbered. They have a beginning and they will end. One day all those dark clouds will disappear forever and you will see the Son, Jesus Christ, face to face!

Living in His Light,



Pastor Jon

"In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not overcome it."

John 1:4-5

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) of Epiphany has scheduled a fun event for Saturday, September 23. The plan is for a fun and funny fashion show complete with refreshments and door prizes. Look for more information to come in next month's newsletter.



THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who offered prayers for our daughter-in-law, Cheryl. She is now breast cancer free. The Lord is good. Blessings!

The Mills Family

Returning home after my mom's funeral, I found my mailbox filled with cards of sympathy. All of these from my sweet church family at Epiphany. Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers. Thank you for your financial contributions. I loved my mother and we were close. Your presence with me has helped to carry me through this hard time. In my mom's things I found an Epiphany worship folder from 2011. This was the year I began playing here. She had been praying for me and you since then. I thought that might bless you. Many thanks!

Terensa & Caleb Castro



We Need You!!!

We are all called to serve one another—the Bible says so. Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are designed for service: “For we are God’s handiwork, **created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**”

We are also called to be like Jesus, who came to earth to serve, not be served. When you give of your own time for others, you become more like Jesus. Service to others is humbling and when you serve someone else you feel like you have a purpose.

During the summer many of our faithful volunteers go on vacation, which leaves us short-handed for the many ministries that operate year-round. Just a few of the ministries that become short-handed during the summer are Sunday School teachers, greeters, ushers and the welcome center.

Another group that you could serve is our widows or homebound members who would love to receive a phone call or a handwritten card from you. If this is something you are interested in doing, please contact Dorian Cornelius in the church office to get information on who you can call or to whom you can send a card. We also have some senior members who need rides to the church on Sundays. If you are able to provide transportation for someone, please contact the church office and we will connect you to those needing a ride. Without a ride to church, some of our members miss out on being spiritually fed each Sunday.

Lastly, serving others enables you to focus on larger issues and not simply focus on yourself. If you ask any of our many volunteers, they will tell you that serving is very rewarding because you can see the positive impact you have made on others’ lives.

Do you have a passion for connecting people to other people?

Would you like to help people bridge the gap between generations? Do you like to think outside the box when it comes to doing ministry?

Then Connect needs YOU! Please give me a call or send me an email at dorian@epiphanypearland.org so we can talk about your interest in the Connect Ministry.

- Dorian Cornelius





2017
GADGETS AND
GIZMOS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





On June 12-16, Epiphany was filled with Gadgets and Gizmos for Vacation Bible School! Each day we welcomed over 250 children to learn about Jesus and that we are uniquely wired and wonderfully made by God! It would not have been possible without our amazing volunteers. Over 100 youth and adults served each day to help the kids enjoy Bible Stories, crafts, games, science, snacks and more. Thank you to all who helped!

This year the children brought over \$1,200 in offerings to help support hungry kids through Feed My Starving Children. They also voted with their offerings for who they wanted to see “greased” at the end of the week. Science Steve (who might look a bit like Chase Drake) was the winner and bravely faced the grease on Friday! The children also brought food donations for Christian Helping Hands to help families in our area.

It was an awesome week and a great opportunity to share the Gospel each day. We pray God’s blessing on the many seeds that were sown. Thanks again to everyone who helped make it possible!



7TH-12TH GRADE SUMMER MISSION TRIP INFO AND MEETINGS



Our summer mission trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas on July 15-22 is approaching quickly. Don't miss our other important meetings! Pre-trip meeting will go over all you need to know about our trip and prepare you to serve as a team. Post-trip meeting focuses on bringing our trip home, applying it to our lives and remembering the fun we had. Trip presentation lets the congregation know what we did and lets you share your experiences. Dates and times below. All meetings in room 204 AFLC.

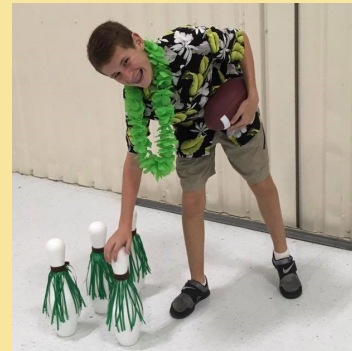
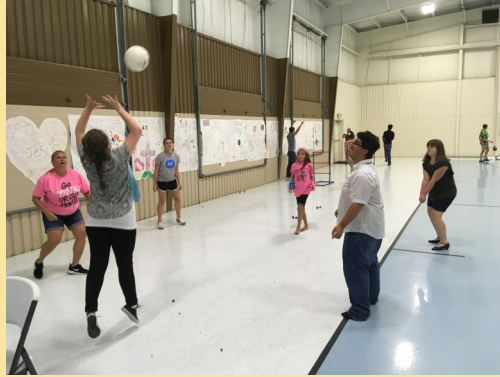
PRE-TRIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
(PARENTS ARE ASKED TO JOIN THE FIRST 30 MINUTES FOR TRIP INFO!)

POST TRIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

TRIP PRESENTATION - SUNDAY, JULY 30 9:00 - 10:10 A.M.

LUAU NIGHT

5th-12th graders enjoyed a night of Hawaiian music, games, food and watching Moana. It was a great night to remind us that we are called to make disciples by the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19)!





BIRTHDAYS

07/02 Jordan Garner
 07/02 David Brewton
 07/02 Dianne Hendricks
 07/02 Larry Cornelius
 07/03 Stefan Riveness
 07/04 Annette Tausch
 07/04 Megan Mills
 07/05 Kaleb Savage
 07/05 Laura Tunstall
 07/05 Celiste Kelley
 07/05 Bob Hurley
 07/06 Lilliana Kelley-Rojas
 07/06 Juliette Kelley
 07/06 Sue Ellyn Kunkel
 07/07 Rachel Cloeter
 07/07 Larry Knebel
 07/09 Vickie Heinrich
 07/09 Noah Gilbertson
 07/09 Emma Schlachter
 07/09 Jennifer Gunn
 07/10 Sarah Hurley
 07/11 Ava Green
 07/11 Laura Turner
 07/12 Gregg Kiihne
 07/12 Heather Gordon
 07/12 Arlene Gumbiner
 07/13 Elizabeth Conner
 07/13 Pam West
 07/13 Graham Silberfein
 07/14 Catherine Hager
 07/15 Chaplain Ryan Rupe
 07/15 James Young
 07/16 Larry Helton
 07/17 Sheral Ballard
 07/17 Zachary Kunkel
 07/17 Frank Parmigiani
 07/17 Amelia Galka
 07/18 Pastor David Johnson
 07/18 Jimmy Walker
 07/19 Gina Dombrosky
 07/19 Shirley Rubright
 07/20 Caitlyn Prescott
 07/20 Deana Hebert
 07/21 Parker Cheung
 07/22 Leslie Cummings
 07/22 Ronnie Reeh
 07/22 Doran Freeman
 07/22 Paula Brewton
 07/23 Alicia Frampton
 07/23 Sarah Toomes
 07/25 Jeff Lester
 07/25 Brooke Carothers
 07/25 Valerie Freeman
 07/25 Quinn Chauvot

07/25 Lisa Rupe
 07/26 Chase Drake
 07/26 Mason Brackney
 07/27 Jeanette Holt
 07/27 Jennifer McGinley
 07/27 Brody Underwood
 07/27 Justin Paden
 07/28 Kevin Munoz
 07/28 Jeff Erdman
 07/28 Patricia Roberts
 07/30 Chelsea Pierce
 07/30 Matthew Kiihne
 07/30 Blaine Prescott
 07/31 David Latlip
 07/31 Colton Weiss
 07/31 Cade Hollis
 07/31 Janice Brashier



ANNIVERSARIES

07/01 Willie & Frances Von Gonten
 07/04 George & Renee Hernandez
 07/06 Gary & Jeanne Hazen
 07/07 Mike & Rachel Cloeter
 07/07 Brad & Valerie Freeman
 07/08 Fred & Amy Heer
 07/08 David Rumsey & Martha Meyer
 07/08 Kenneth & Jennifer Ward
 07/11 Daniel Grabau & Lauren Ayres
 07/11 John & Beth Roos
 07/12 Kevin & Meredith Ackerman
 07/12 John & Christina Hartman
 07/14 James & Ethel Keys
 07/15 Alex & Katie Tews
 07/16 Jared & Kelly Cmaidalka
 07/16 Larry & Rosa Kelley
 07/19 Aaron & Joyce Carpenter
 07/19 David & Renee Medack
 07/19 Pastor Nathan & Kimmie Misch
 07/20 Kenneth & Chelsea Jones
 07/21 Richard & Lois Armstrong
 07/21 Robert & Janet Williamson
 07/25 Scott & Elizabeth Stewart
 07/26 Robert & Carolyn Melton
 07/29 Bill & Joan Bente
 07/29 John & Sue Hufnagel
 07/29 Larry & Jennifer Williams
 07/30 Grant & Nancy Runge
 07/30 Carlos & Rebecca Torres



BAPTISMS

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Logan Henry Zapalac
June 11, 2017



WEDDING

Summer Danley & Vincent Ortiz
June 17, 2017



Sunday Morning Schedule:
8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary
9:15 am - Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary
10:30 am - *The Light* Worship Service-AFLC

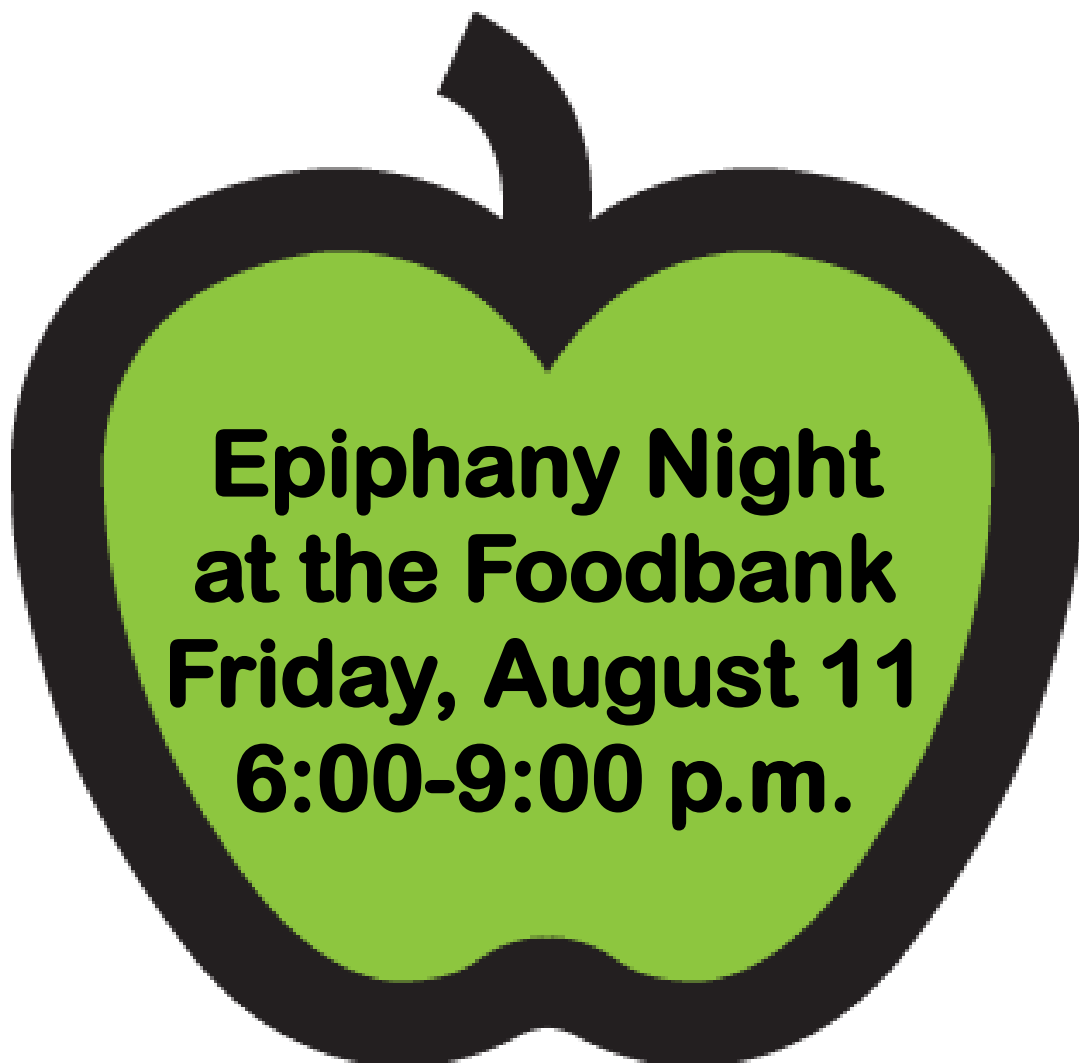
***WOR: Worship**
COM: Worship with Communion
SS: Sunday School
ABC: Adult Bible Class



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday No Blood Pressure Screening! 9:15am-201 Class-203 No Orchestra Practice! 11:45am-Voters' Meeting-AFLC 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	3 Announcements Due! 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	4 Holiday-Church Office Closed! 	5 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:00pm-Summer Choir 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202 -sanctuary	6 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup (high school juniors - young adults)	7 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen <div> Summer Camp 2017 (grades 3-6) July 7-9 @ Camp Lone Star </div>	1
9 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 No Orchestra Practice! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204	10 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	11	12 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary No Summer Choir!	13 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup (high school juniors - young adults)	14 <div> Leadership Council Retreat @ Camp Lone Star </div>	15
16 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary Noon-Psalms 68.5 Ministry Event-203 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	17 Announcements Due! 9:00am-Quilting-202 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	18	19 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:00pm-Summer Choir -sanctuary	20 No Midweek Meetup!	21 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	22 9:30am-LWML Meeting-203
23 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	24 Announcements Due! 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	25	26 9:00am-Quilting-202 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:00pm-Summer Choir -sanctuary	27 7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup (high school juniors - young adults)	28	29
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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.