



The Light

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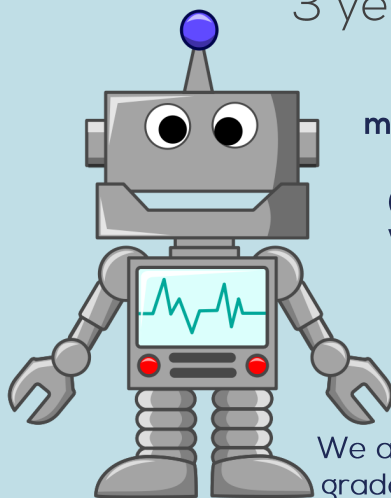
Pastor David Johnson

(Pastor of Music Ministries)

GAUGE'S & GIZMOS

Vacation Bible School 2017

June 12-16 || 9:00 a.m. to Noon
3 years - 5th Grade



Get ready to create and discover that God made us special and for a purpose! Our VBS adventure is for children ages 3 years old (must be potty trained) through 5th grade. We can only accommodate 275 children so register now! The \$10 cost includes Bible stories, snacks, crafts, games, imagination station and a t-shirt.

We also need adult and youth (entering 6th grade and up) volunteers! We need volunteers in all areas including crew leaders, crafts, games, snacks, set-up and more. Sign up and let us know how you'd like to help. All VBS volunteers are asked to attend a volunteer meeting on Wednesday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m. in room 203 of the AFLC or Sunday, June 4 at 9:15 a.m. in room 202 of the AFLC. Come share Jesus!

More information can be found at the VBS displays in the gym and narthex and at www.shiningthelight.org.

For more information contact us at vbs@epiphanypearland.org.



THE LATEST FROM EPIPHANY'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Epiphany's Leadership Council met for their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

The following topics were discussed:

*Jonté Greer, President
Scott Stewart, Vice-president
Kim Garza
Michelle Gilbertson
Dale Green
Jo Lauppe
Ray Martinez
Wayne Roberson
Brent Snyder
Renee Van Bramer
Pam Van Maaren*

- ◆ Epiphany's worship attendance and membership numbers: baptized members -1311, communicant members - 1030, worship attendance average for 2017 - 444.
- ◆ Easter attendance was around 850; this was about 100 people less than last year. During the three worship days of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), Epiphany had approximately 2200 people in worship.
- ◆ It was reported that Eggstravaganza was very successful. By taking the event "off-site" we saw more non-church members in attendance. Beth Milbrath, Chase Drake, Senior High Youth and a host of others helped to make this event so successful.
- ◆ Policies for Epiphany's governance continue to be updated and adopted. A policy concerning duties for an interim Church Administrator have been clarified and approved.
- ◆ The foundation for a sub-group and a committee has been formed to address the possible upgrading of Epiphany's sanctuary space. The group will discuss setting the necessary parameters for any suggested changes to the current sanctuary.
- ◆ The Leadership Council Nominating Committee will meet on April 27, 2017 to discuss possible candidates for the upcoming 2017-2020 term of the Leadership Council.
- ◆ The next regularly scheduled Voters' Meeting of 2017 is set for Sunday, June 18 at noon in the AFLC gym.
- ◆ The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Leadership Council will be Sunday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in room 202 of the AFLC.

THE GIFT OF MOM

I read an article about how nurturing mothers can have a dramatic impact upon the brain development of their children. Here is one quote from the article: "Brain images have now revealed that a mother's love physically affects the volume of her child's hippocampus. In the study, children of nurturing mothers had hippocampal volumes 10 percent larger than children whose mothers were not as nurturing. Research has suggested a link between a larger hippocampus and better memory."

Of course those of us who have had nurturing mothers didn't need this article to tell us that a mother's love has a powerful and positive impact on our lives. We've known it all along. It was part of the design—part of the plan—God's plan. God gave us the gift of MOM. It was His plan from the very beginning that children would experience love, acceptance, care, protection, support, nurturing, encouragement, understanding, wisdom, value and a host of other wonderful things from this gift we call MOM.

But the greatest gift any MOM can ever share with her children is the gift of God's love to us in Jesus Christ. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) pray with their children. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) worship with their children. What a blessing it is when MOMs (and dads) raise their children in the knowledge and the love of the Lord Jesus. That truly is the gift that keeps on giving and will be a blessing to their children for all eternity. I thank God my MOM knows Jesus as her Savior and that she shared Jesus with her four boys. One of my brothers is with Jesus in heaven and the other three will join him there someday thanks to our MOM who raised us in the Christian Faith. I also thank God that my children have experienced the love of a godly MOM and have had the privilege of being raised by a truly remarkable MOM.

As we head into the month that we celebrate the gift of MOM (Mother's Day is May 14), it is appropriate for each of us to take the time to thank God for our mothers. For some, we thank God for our moms who have finished their race and now bask in the presence of our Risen Lord Jesus in heaven. For others, who are still blessed to have their moms with them this side of eternity it is appropriate, not only to thank God for their mother, but to take the opportunity to tell and show their moms they are loved and appreciated.

While no mom is perfect, I rejoice that every mom has the opportunity to share the perfect love of Jesus with her children. To all the moms who read this let me say, "You are a special gift to us from the Lord and we thank God for you!" To all the children of moms let me say, "Thank God for your mom and don't take her for granted."

I pray you will all have a Happy Mother's Day and take the time to thank God for the gift of MOM!

Yours in Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pastor Jon", written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Jon

KIDS SAY THE DARNDDEST THINGS ...

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

What kind of little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just got to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Military Appreciation

In honor of Armed Forces Day (May 20), the Connect Ministry has adopted a military unit through “Project Frontlines” as part of Adopt a U.S. Soldier. The particular unit that we have adopted consists of 9-12 soldiers, both male and female. We would like to send a care package to each soldier along with a note of appreciation for their service. The unit’s hobbies are sports, games, movies and outside activities. The things they need are snacks, razors, shaving cream and anything that will put a smile on their faces.

We have extended the collection time for “Project Frontlines” through the month of May and will ship the packages in June. A collection box marked “Project Frontlines” is in the narthex of the main building.

Connect’s goal as a ministry is to get the congregation involved in various ministries/projects at Epiphany. This is a project in which we would like the whole congregation to get involved. Involvement can be as simple as donating an item to go into the care packages or it can be as complex as putting together the care packages when it comes time to ship them out. If you are interested in helping put together the care packages, please contact Dorian Cornelius at dorian@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833.



Do you have a passion for connecting people to other people? Would you like to help people bridge the gaps 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





WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

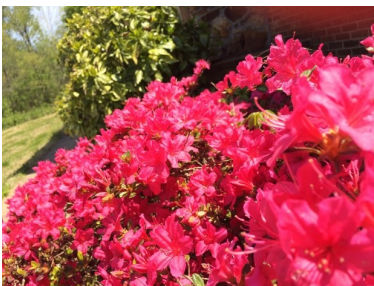
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Women's Prayer Breakfast has been canceled for this year. We sincerely regret this decision but hope to develop some new and exciting events in the coming months. We will keep you posted as plans come together.

So ... what would you think of a presentation by the A.D. Players performed for - not just the ladies but - the congregation? We'll let you know!

NEWS FROM EPIPHANY'S LWML (LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE)

You may not be aware of an LWML ministry that is available to all Epiphany members. In a corner of the narthex, there is a greeting card stand. It contains a variety of cards - birthday, get well, sympathy, etc. The cost to purchase one of these cards is only **50 cents** - a big difference from the cost of a card in a store! These cards are so helpful for those last-minute or unexpected needs that arise.

The money the LWML receives from this ministry goes only to purchase additional cards to place on the stand. Please, remember ... you can help this valuable ministry by placing the donation for your purchases in the small box atop the card stand. Thank you!



NEW FLOWER BEDS

This winter there was a freeze in Pearland and it killed or damaged the plants/flowers in the beds in front of the church. We have the opportunity to rebuild those beds and make them beautiful again. One of our members owns a landscaping business and has made the church a very generous offer to rebuild the beds. We did not budget any funding for this project but, if the members will donate to it, we will have beautiful flower beds again. In order to accomplish this, we need to raise \$1,000. If you would like to be part of the beautification of the church this year, please put your check in the offering plate and note "flower bed project 2017" in the memo section of your check.



Eggstravaganza 2017

Thank you to everyone who came out to Eggstravaganza in the Park! It was a great morning filled with crafts, music, puppets, fun running, egg hunting and, most importantly, God! Also a BIG thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make the morning a great success!





**Sunday School Offering Trip
Build-a-Bear at Baybrook Mall
Sunday, May 21 || 4:00 P.M.**

All kids (preschool-4th grade) are invited to join us as we use our Sunday School offerings to build bears to donate to Texas Children's Hospital. Remember, we'll just be building bears to give away to kids in need on this special day!

It's free, but sign up at
www.ShiningTheLight.org.

Mother's Day

PHOTO BOOTH

Come celebrate God's great gift to us on May 14! A photo booth will be set up outside the sanctuary before and after all services!



SUMMER CAMP

2017

COME SERVE THIS SUMMER!

**July 7-9 || Camp Lone Star
Completed 3rd-6th Grade**

Cost: \$75

**Register at ShiningTheLight.org by June 30
Join us for an amazing weekend of service and camp fun!**



MAIN EVENT

When: May 7 || 5:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Who: 5th-12th Grades

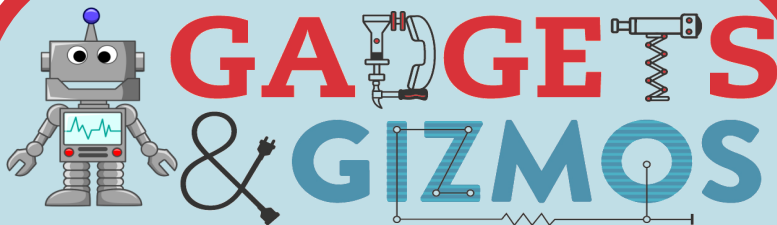
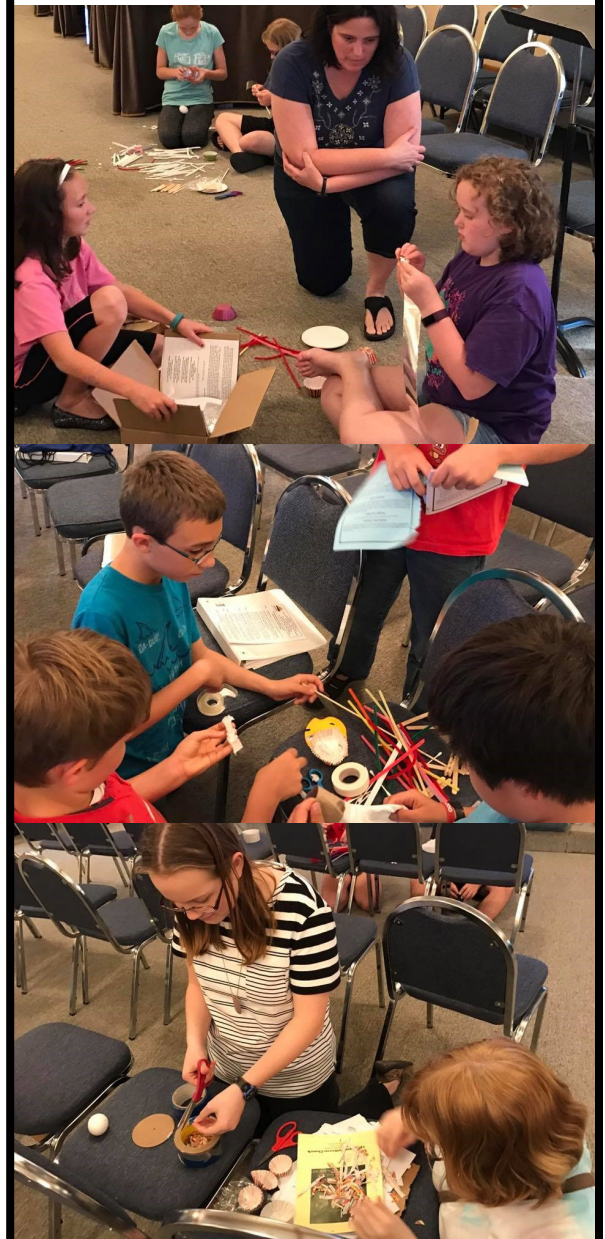
Cost: \$18

Sign up online at shiningthelight.org by May 1!

**NO YOUTH NIGHTS ON
MAY 14 AND MAY 28
FOR MOTHERS DAY
AND MEMORIAL DAY.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

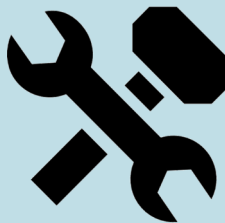
Egg Drop FUN!

On April 23 our youth did an experimental egg drop as an illustration of God's protection.



Crew Night || June 10 || 6:00-8:00pm
Entering 6th Grade-12th Grade

Crew night is both a training and a thank you for our great youth volunteers! We will eat food, go over training and have fun with great games and activities! You won't want to miss it! Note, youth volunteers do NOT need to attend regular training meetings. Sign up at www.ShiningTheLight.org to help at VBS this year!





05/01 Nicole Knudson
 05/02 Lucy Silberfein
 05/02 Dave Brackney
 05/03 Patrick Kramer
 05/03 Lauren Reyes
 05/03 John Kramer
 05/04 Abby Mullins
 05/05 Grace Anderson
 05/05 Peggy White
 05/06 Kenneth Ward
 05/06 Ray Martinez
 05/06 Ford Hill
 05/07 Madison Tews
 05/07 Matthew Lynch
 05/10 Lydia Ward
 05/10 Christy DiLuca
 05/10 Linda Baker
 05/11 Alain Belanger
 05/11 Jackson Cody
 05/12 Matthew Pontifes
 05/12 Paul Meyer
 05/12 Meda Kaspar
 05/13 Frank Tausch
 05/14 Allison Broussard
 05/14 Robert Frers
 05/15 Carol Dingas
 05/15 Dean Lauppe
 05/15 Robert Ashcraft
 05/15 Tyler Ortiz
 05/15 Julie Weiss
 05/16 Bob Wiesenborn
 05/17 Hanna Long
 05/17 Wayne Roberson
 05/17 DeeDee Bulerez
 05/17 Marsha Albert
 05/18 Gene Green
 05/18 James Quinton
 05/20 Robin Zapalac
 05/20 Grace Milbrath
 05/20 Terri Garner
 05/21 Mary Andrews
 05/21 Thomas Milbrath
 05/22 Linda Cerisano
 05/22 Nick Brunette
 05/24 Corey Stansfield
 05/24 Frances Von Gonten
 05/24 Jeff Hartwig
 05/25 Gary Marsh
 05/25 Melina Munoz
 05/26 Megan St. Romain
 05/26 Kelly Elliott
 05/27 John Lund
 05/27 Aubrey Underwood
 05/29 Jackson Calderon

05/29 Scott Troyer
 05/29 Katie Tews
 05/29 Haylie Gutierrez
 05/29 Suzanne Reed
 05/30 Audryna St. Romain
 05/30 Bob Berdine
 05/30 Ashton Davis
 05/30 Karen Mullins
 05/30 Billy Roesler
 05/31 Dennis Mills
 05/31 Nancy Kummer
 05/31 Craig Sites



ANNIVERSARIES

05/06 Nick & Celina Brunette
 05/06 Will & Melissa Cheung
 05/06 Steve & Renee Kunkel
 05/07 Steven & Paula Klewer
 05/09 Leroy & Sara Cantu
 05/09 Randall & Sandra Martin
 05/11 Charles & Sharla Ortiz
 05/12 Matt & Nikky Walliser
 05/12 Mike & Tania Zuelke
 05/14 Bob & Sarah Hurley
 05/15 Billy & Vicki Roesler
 05/16 Rev. Vijay & Mary Gurralla
 05/16 Chris & Dianne Hendricks
 05/16 Jason & Laura Lund
 05/16 Soren & Melissa Olesen
 05/18 Bobby & Stephanie Hebert
 05/22 Mannie & Jan Steglich
 05/23 Wayne & Janice Brashier
 05/23 Keith & Julie Weiss
 05/24 Chris & Leigh Ann Moore
 05/24 Kristin & David Pham
 05/27 Al & Anna Lentz
 05/28 Seth & Susan Kirk
 05/28 Dario & Kelly Murillo
 05/28 James & Jan Pierce
 05/28 Vernon & Mary Smith
 05/29 Chris & Susan Daniels
 05/29 Dale & Tammy Green



BAPTISMS

Charles Jordan Smith
April 23, 2017

Grace Annette Ring
April 30, 2017



SYMPATHY

Jerry White
April 20, 2017



Thank you for all you do.



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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Announcements Due! Meals on Wheels 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 7:00pm-Prayer Shawl Meeting-207	2 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	3 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:00pm-Band-AFLC 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	4 9-2 MDO 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	5 9-2 MDO	6 7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-gym 9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203
7 COM/SS & ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 9:15am-201 Class-203 11:30am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary 11:45am-Children's Choir-101 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym 5:15-8:30pm-Main Event (youth grades 5-12)	8 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Goodtimers-104 9:30am-Mom's Bible Study-203 7:00pm-Band-AFLC	9 9-2 MDO 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202	10 9-2 MDO 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary	11 9-2 MDO 7:00pm-Bell Choir -sanctuary	12 9-2 MDO 5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group -MB kitchen	13
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28 WOR/SS & ABC/WOR/COM* 9:15am-201 Class-203 No Orchestra Practice! No Children's Choir! 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym No Youth Nights!	29 Announcements Due! Holiday-Church Office Closed!	30 4:00pm-Bible Study-202	31 6:30pm-PT-sanctuary 7:00pm-VBS Training-203 7:30pm-Choir-sanctuary			JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE MAY 10!

Good Shepherd Sunday

May 7th

Proclaiming

Receiving

Sharing

JESUS—the GOOD Shepherd

in word...

Sacrament...

and Song

Celebrating the gift of music at Epiphany in our sanctuary services!

8:00 AM

Handbells

10:30 AM

Choir

*...all telling the redemption story of **Jesus—the Good Shepherd***

creatively

intentionally

musically

