


# INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP CENTER 

## Mark 16:15

## He said to them, "Go into all the world and

 preach the good news to all creation." (NIV)
## CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

The International Friendship Center (IFC) officially launches this month with classes beginning on Monday, February 4 and Tuesday, February 5 in room 203 of the AFLC. Monday classes will take place in the evening at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday morning classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. We would like to thank those who have prayed and volunteered their time to help us achieve our goal of launching the center!

## PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US!

Many hands make light work! We are still looking for extra helpers in these areas:
Greeters: Greeters will arrive 30 minutes before class to set up the welcome table with participant nametags, snacks and drinks. When class time begins, greeters will welcome students, assist them with getting their nametags and settling in. Greeters are welcome to stay and participate as conversation partners.

Conversation Partners: Each class has a topical lesson introduced by the instructor and then students will be divided into small groups or pairs to practice the concept. You do not have to be bilingual to be a conversation partner! All practice will be conducted in English.

Snack/Beverage Shoppers: As part of providing a welcoming, friendly environment, we will have complimentary snacks and drinks for students during classes. Would you consider donating? We are requesting donations of nonperishable, single-serving snacks. Some ideas are individual packages of trail mix, crackers, breakfast bars, pretzels and raisin boxes. We would also like to provide small bottles of water and have large bottles of juice to serve. Donations can be given to Tammy Green or left in the kitchen in room 203 of the AFLC; please label them "International Friendship Center".

Advertisers: Do you have an idea of where to advertise? Please pick up some postcard-size handouts at the Welcome Centers in the narthex and the AFLC!

Prayers: We always welcome prayers. Our prayer team leaders, Donna Ellwanger and Kimmie Misch, will be keeping the congregation up to date on our latest prayer needs during the semester.

Email Tammy Green at ifcepiphany@yahoo.com to volunteer. Note: Greeters and Conversation Partners do not have to volunteer every week. Volunteer as you are able!

Thank you for your consideration in helping! We are so excited about Shining God's Light in our community in this new way. We are certain God's love will touch hearts and change lives through this ministry!

Deuteronomy 30:18a, 19-20a - "This day ..." (Moses says) "I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to His voice, and hold fast to Him ..."

Valentine's Day is almost here. It's a day to choose love, if you will. It's a day when we try to put our best efforts into showing our wives, our
 girlfriends, our boyfriends and husbands that, yes, "You are the most important person in our lives!" It has become the focal point of romance in our culture. It's a time of cards and flowers and lavish dinners, all in service of love, well, at least, romantic love.

But, what you may not know is that originally Valentine's Day was a Christian festival celebrating the loving leadership of a Christian bishop named, you guessed it: Valentine. You see, in the first few centuries of the Christian church, it was dangerous to be a believer in Jesus; it was even more dangerous to be a leader, a pastor, a bishop in the Christian church. The feast of St. Valentine celebrated the loving, even protecting, leadership of people who gave their lives so that others might know the love of Jesus Christ and be protected from government persecution. It was more than a day of human love; it was a day of Christ's love shown in the lives of those who sacrificed for others so that they too might live!

Because of our sinfulness, our natural selfishness, we do not have a natural reservoir of love and kindness stored up in us, ready to spring forth when the going gets tough. The fact of our fallenness is that you and I ultimately can't show love, and we can't choose life on our own terms. But here's some very good news: we can love because we have first been loved by God in Jesus Christ. We can bless because He blesses us. We can forgive because He forgives us. In fact, we can choose life because Jesus chose to be our Savior first. He came before we asked. He stepped into our world as the Friend of sinners. Remember the Bible verse: "While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8b)? That's life; that's love.

So in the midst of the roses and candy and candlelight, remember the Rose of Sharon, the sweetness of our Savior, Jesus, the Light of the world. He makes love and life possible, even for those of us who can't seem to get the romance stuff right. And remember, Jesus came to give us life so that we can really get to living. Enjoy sharing that perspective on life and love with those you love. And put the love and grace and peace and joy of Jesus to work by blessing others with the blessings He has given you to share.


Pastor Jon


March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10 Join us in the sanctuary for our midweek Lenten Services.

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 Wednesdays March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10 5:15-6:15 p.m. Family Life Center
## Voters' Meeting \& Lunch

 Sunday, February 10, 2019 NoonAFLC, Cym

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## Epiphany Night @

## Houston Food Bank



Help end hunger with Epiphany friends and family at the Houston Food Bank! Meet at Epiphany at 5:00 p.m. to carpool or meet us at the food bank at 5:50 p.m. All participants must be $6+$ and anyone under 13 MUST be accompanied by an adult. Sign up at ShiningTheLight.org!

## Let <br> your Light Shine

As the "This Little Light" sermon series comes to a close, let your light shine! Below are some ideas of how to do that! Some are with the church and some are on your own. We hope you'll join us in shining your light this year in these and other ways!

Night at the Food Bank - Friday, February 15, Epiphany is headed to the Houston Food Bank to help end hunger! Meet at Epiphany at 5:00 p.m. to carpool or meet us at the food bank (535 Portwall St., Houston, TX 77029) at 5:50 p.m. Sign up at ShiningTheLight.org. Must be $6+$; anyone 13 and under MUST be accompanied by an adult.
Singing at Trinity Oaks - Sunday, February 24, Epiphany's adult and youth choirs will share the praise of Jesus at Trinity Oaks assisted living after services. Contact Pastor David for more info. Prayer Walk - Walk around your neighborhood, a local park or somewhere around town. As you walk, take notice of God's creations. Pray and thank God for what He made. Pray also, that He would bless the people who come by that area and pray that those people may know God. Also pray over other things you see in need of God's blessings.
Food Donations - Donate extra canned or dry foods to Christian Helping Hands! Bring food to church and deposit it in the brown crate in the hallway by the main office. Help fight hunger! Messages of Hope - Use sidewalk chalk or sticky notes to write messages or draw pictures of Jesus' love and hope and leave them where people will see them.
Asking Questions - Ask people around you (family, friends, coworkers, the Starbucks barista) what's going on in their life. Ask them if you can pray for them in any way. (You can ask nonChristians this too!). Pray for their requests this week. Follow up with them next week about it! Bring a Friend - Did you know over $1 / 3$ of people would go to church if asked? Who can you invite to church this week? If they say no, ask why and respond to questions or answers in love!

# Rencuar Retreat Camp Lone Star March 1-3 

The Women's Renewal Retreat is time set aside for ladies to reflect on Christ and His Word, be in fellowship with other sisters in Christ and spend time in His creation. Author and teacher, Donna Pyle, will lead sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Participants can also take part in all of the camp activities or spend time in quiet reflection and rest.

The registration fee of $\$ 146$ includes lodging, meals and programming. The deadline is February 15 and a link can be found at ShiningTheLight.org. Please also email Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanypearland.org so we can make plans for transportation.

## Painted Churches Tour

Wednesday, March 27
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Come see these amazing and historic churches around Schulenberg and witness the artistry of the 19th-century German and Czech immigrants.

The $\$ 25$ fee includes transportation and guided tour. Bring money for a lunch at the Oakridge Smokehouse.
Space is limited! Register at ShiningTheLight.org. For more information, contact Beth Milbrath at beth@epiphanypearland.org or 281-485-7833.


## Share the love of Christ on Super Bowl Sunday!

On Sunday, January 27, Epiphany's youth will be passing out bags after the services. Fill the bags with nonperishable food and bring them back on February 3.

All proceeds benefit Christian Helping Hands.

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT FALL 2019 REGISTRATION

In House/Waitlist: Tuesday, February 5 Community:

Wednesday, February 13
10:00 a.m. - narthex

Registration Fee: $\$ 100$ per child for 2 days a week $\$ 200$ per child for 4 days a week (The non-refundable registration fee is required to secure your child's spot.)
Monthly tuition for the 2019/2020 school year is as follows:

| 1 child | 2 days | $\$ 215$ |
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| 2 children | 2 days | $\$ 375$ |
| 3 children | 2 days | $\$ 590$ |
| 1 child | 4 days | $\$ 430$ |
| 2 children | 4 days | $\$ 810$ |
| 3 children | 4 days | $\$ 1240$ |

May tuition is included in the 8 equal monthly payments
For accounting purposes the tuition will be divided into 8 equal payments. For consistency, there will no longer be the option to pay May up front.


At Miraculous Mission VBS. kids diliscover Jesus mission to save the world. Miraculous Mission is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that kids will see, hear, touch and even taste. Don't miss the funi: Votunteer sign up begins April 7. Registration openns April 4.

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## MENU 2019

Entrée Choices Smoked Turkey Herb Pork Loin Savory Pot Roast

Sides Green Beans
Potato Casserole
Seasoned Corn Rolls Fudge Brownies

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## When: July 14-20

Where: Lutheran Valley Retreat, Woodland Park Colorado
What: An amazing week of service and adventure

## Cost: \$350

Non-refundable $\$ 175$ deposit due by February 4
More info and registration at ShiningTheLight.org


## BIRTHDAYS

02/01 Amy Hill
02/01 Iris Lawrence
02/02 Terensa Castro
02/03 Jo Lauppe
02/03 Judy Cotter
02/04 Nancy Canalito
02/06 Ashton Walker
02/06 Robin Quinton
02/07 Carol Lester
02/07 Rick Wolff
02/07 Christina Hartman
02/07 Jim Tschoepe
02/07 Dave Schlothauer
02/08 Amanda Clark
02/09 Betty Gasaway
02/09 Rylee Underwood
02/09 Becky Broussard
02/09 Kathryn Ayres
02/10 Dalton Keels
02/10 Steve Dawson
02/10 Liberty Eubanks
02/13 Shirley Hannes
02/13 Mallory Fowler
02/13 Grace Elliott
02/14 Emma Quinton
02/14 Jean Toomes
02/14 Cindy Eppelheimer
02/15 Brian Wukasch
02/15 Tristan Long
02/15 Jack Davies
02/15 Chris Parrack
02/15 Mary Gurrala
02/16 Linda Easto
02/16 Renee Kunkel
02/16 Tony Kunkel
02/16 Nicholas Medack
02/16 Sherry Riveness
02/17 Lauren Ayres
02/18 Sarah Whalen
02/18 Sharon Singleton
02/19 Beth Roos
02/20 Lois Armstrong
02/20 Travis Morton
02/21 Gina Petry
02/21 Barbara Ellis
02/22 Taylor Stewart
02/22 Jac Rubright
02/23 Tomika Greer
02/23 Lilah Gustin
02/23 Asher Curless
02/23 Jared Curless
02/23 Allison Gregory
02/24 Betty Stallings
02/24 Robert Tennessen
02/24 Bill Bente

02/25 Marsha Ebeling
02/26 Chloe Graff
02/26 Michael Rupe
02/26 Blaine Birkelbach
02/27 Allison McDonald
02/27 Angie Schesser
02/28 Sabrina Smith
02/28 Rick Keniston
02/28 Mitchell Lester


02/04 Patrick \& Gail Kramer
02/05 John \& Dottie Reimer
02/06 Mike \& Jodi Harris
02/09 Dean \& Jo Lauppe
02/12 Sverre \& Laila Andersen
02/12 Daniel\& Susan Karloski
02/14 Keith \& Vera Armstrong
02/14 Thomas \& Jeanette Holt
02/17 David \& Judy Klewer
02/17 John \& Lynda Lund
02/25 Chaplain Ryan \& Lisa Rupe
02/26 Gregg \& Allison Lynch
02/26 Sonny \& Melinda Metz

## OBaptisms

## BAPTISMS

Avery Elise Manning January 27, 2019


## SYMPATHY

Shelby Bass
January 11, 2019

Carolyn Melton
January 13, 2019
Dorothy Dreissner January 24, 2019

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| Sunday Morning Schedule: "WOR: Worship <br> 8:00 am - Traditional Worship Service-sanctuary COM: Worship with Communion <br> 9:15 am - Sunday Schoor \& Adult Bible Class SS: Sunday School <br> 10:30 am - Blended Worship Service-sanctuary ABC: Adult Bible Class <br> 10:30 am - The Light Worship Service-AFLC  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 3 COM/SS \& ABC/COM/WOR* LWML Mite Box Sunday <br> 9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106 <br> 9:15am-201 Class-207 <br> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 <br> 9:15am-FPU-203 <br> 9:15am-Spring Fair Planning Meeting-7MB <br> 1:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary <br> 11:45am-Youth Choir-203 <br> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <br> No Confirmation! <br> No Youth Nights! | 4 Announcements Due! 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207 <br> 6:30pm-GriefShare-sanctuary <br> 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203 <br> 7:00pm-The Light Worship Team -AFLC | 5 9-2 MDO <br> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203 <br> 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 <br> 7:00pm-Board of Elders-202 | 6 9-2 MDO <br> 6:30pm-Praise Team <br> 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 7 9-2 MDO <br> 9:15am-LifeLight-203 <br> 6:30-8:30pm-Homework <br> 7:00pm-Handbells Hangout-204 -sanctuary | 8 9-2 MDO $\begin{array}{\|r\|} \hline \text { Youth Lock } \\ \text { 6:30 p.m. } \end{array}$ | 97:30am-Men's Bible <br> Breakfast-gym9:15am-Elders' <br> Meeting-203 <br> 9:30am-Altar Guild <br> Meeting-narthex(grades 5-8) <br> LC <br> 8:00 <br> a.m. |
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| 24 WOR/SS \& ABC/NOR/COM* <br> 9:15am-201 Class-207 <br> 9:15am-New Member Class-202 <br> 9:15am-FPU-203 <br> 11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary <br> 2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym <br> 6:00-::00pm-Contirmation 6:00-:000pm-Youth Nights-gym/204 | 25 Announcements Due! <br> 9:30am-Ladies' Bible Study-203 <br> 6:30pm-GriefShare-sanctuary <br> 7:00pm-IFC-ESL Classes-203 <br> 7:00pm-The Light Worship Team -AFLC | 26 9-2 MDO <br> 9:00am-IFC-ESL Classes-203 <br> 4:00pm-Bible Study-202 <br> 6:00pm-HWS Meeting-202 | 27 9-2 MDO <br> 9:00am-Quilting-202 <br> 6:30pm-Praise Team 7:30pm-Adult Choir | 28 9-2 MDO <br> 9:15am-LifeLight-203 <br> 6:30-8:30pm-Homework Hangout-204 <br> 7:00pm-Handbells -sanctuary |  | MARCH NEWSLETTER articles due FEBRUARY 10! |

## Jpring Fair

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Family Life Center
5515 W. Broadway, Pearland, TX 77581

The Women of Epiphany cordially invite you to our curated home, gardening and handmade craft event.
Join us as we shop for a cause!

We are excited to provide a venue for you to support local businesses and artisans in one convenient location. You will be delighted to discover what a talented region we live in! Proceeds from our raffle, plant sale, cafe \& bake shop will be given to local and national nonprofits dedicated to supporting our community and world-wide humanitarian efforts. We are also pleased to offer free gardening and wildlife education classes!

Now accepting handcraft vendor applications! Please visit www.ShiningTheLight.org and click on the fair logo


