

# *The Light*

*June 2019*



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## EPIPHANY GAME DAY



**AUGUST 6 || GAME TIME 7:10 P.M.**

**\$15 PER TICKET**

COME SEE THE ASTROS VS. COLORADO  
ROCKIES! FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO  
SIGN UP GO TO SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG.



**BUILDING**

**Apply to be a voting member at the June Voters' Meeting to have a voice in this project!**

*In the name of Jesus*

**Here We Stand Project Update—  
Survey Results Are In!**

We collected over 200 responses to the congregational survey. Surveys were made available to all members of the congregation at all three services both in hardcopy and electronically. Below are some of the top responses to several of the key questions (respondents picked their top three choices):

1. **What do you like most about Epiphany?**  
73% **Pastoral/Admin Staff**      35% **Friendly Congregation**  
46% **Spiritual Fulfillment**      32% **Liturgy Presentation**
2. **Our greatest strengths to use in planning?**  
54% **Youth Ministry**      26% **Diversity of Worship**  
42% **Music Ministry**      25% **Liturgical Worship**  
30% **Children's Ministry**
3. **Master plan goals to consider?**  
59% **Renovate our buildings**      34% **Improve space utilization**  
48% **Increase campus visibility**      25% **Liturgical worship**  
39% **Grow worship space(s)**

Based on survey results, Studio Red Architects and the Steering Committee developed the preliminary priorities list below.

**Sample of Priorities:**

- \*Renovate worship center (seating quality, worship environment, narthex/fellowship, restrooms)
- \*Increase campus visibility
- \*Adult classroom spaces
- \*Children's spaces

## **GROW UP!**

During this time of year (May and June) many people celebrate the movement from adolescence to early adulthood. High school and college graduates move to the next stage in their personal development. Many lovers move to a deepening of their relationship through the covenant of marriage. We expect that a normal part of life is to grow up and move on to experience life in newer, deeper and more wonderful ways. In fact, when children don't grow, we get concerned that something is wrong because we know that it is the nature of healthy children to grow.

Do you realize the same thing is true for the spiritual life? It is God's will for us to grow up in the Christian Faith. While God wants us to have childlike hearts He doesn't desire that we remain immature in our walk with Him. The good news about spiritual growth is that God provides the ways for us to grow. And, unlike physical growth, spiritual growth doesn't peak, slow down and then stop as we get older. We should expect that we will continue to grow up in our relationship with Jesus Christ until that day when we leave this world.

1 Peter 2:2 says, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk so that by it you may GROW UP in your salvation." Let me suggest six things that will help you grow up and mature in your relationship with God.

- G** GO to Him every day in prayer and seek His will.
- R** READ the Bible daily. The Word is spiritual food that nourishes our spirits.
- O** Look beyond yourself and seek to serve and bless OTHERS. The Christian faith is all about community.
- W** Take the Lord's hand and WALK with Him. The Christian Life is a marathon not a sprint. I could also say take time to WORSHIP Him. As we get to know Him better we can't help but bow down before Him in worship.
- U** UNDERSTAND that God has a plan and purpose for your life. You are not just taking up space until you die. God is using you for His purposes.
- P** PRESS ON! Life is not always easy. A blessed life is filled with trials and challenges. We need to PERSEVERE and PRESS ON toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us in Christ Jesus.

It is my desire to GROW UP and I pray I am not alone. May we, who call ourselves the children of God, continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and become mature men and women of God!

In Christ's Love,



Pastor Jon





# ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP

## AUGUST 2-4 CAMP LONE STAR ALL AGES

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO SERVE GOD! DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING WEEKEND OF SERVING AT CAMP LONE STAR AND IN THE AUSTIN AREA. ANYONE 14 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

OVER 18 - \$75 || AGES 5-18 - \$50 || UNDER 5 - FREE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP GO TO  
[WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG](http://WWW.SHININGTHELIGHT.ORG).



**MISSIONARIES FROM RUSSIA  
TO VISIT EPIPHANY**

Join us on Saturday, July 6 for a continental breakfast  
and informative presentation by Rev. Charles and Connie  
Cortright, missionaries to the Evangelical Lutheran  
Church of Ingria in Russia as they tell us about their  
mission experiences in Russia.

Saturday, July 6, 2019  
9:30 a.m.  
203 AFLC

**For more information, contact Donna Ellwanger.**

June 14, July 26, August 9  
Family Life Center Gym  
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

# *Friday Night Youth*

**A FUN-FILLED NIGHT FOR 5th-12th GRADERS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Epiphany is partnering with Pearland ISD Life Skills teacher Natalie Pizzo to offer a youth night for students with special needs. Adult and youth (entering 8th grade and above) volunteers are needed to help make this possible. Come share the love of Jesus with the students and provide parents with a much-needed night out. More information and volunteer registration at [ShiningTheLight.org](http://ShiningTheLight.org).





## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING

The ingathering for this season has been completed.

The Women of Epiphany have delivered 88 quilts in 14 boxes, 9 fabric kits in 3 boxes and 36 school kits in 5 boxes.

These items were taken to Epiphany Lutheran Church in Houston where they were loaded onto two eighteen wheelers. Other churches in the southeastern area of Texas also brought their items to be shipped. From there the trucks went to the San Antonio area and then to the Dallas area to do the same thing. Then they were taken to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in Maryland where they were combined and sent to various places of the world where there is a need.



Since 2003, our quilters have made and given 1,598 quilts to Lutheran World Relief. To help make quilts, quilt workshops are held the third Monday and the last Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in room 202 of the Family Life Center. No sewing experience is needed. At the Women of Epiphany meetings decisions are made about which projects such as school and

fabric kits will be made. Meetings are held the fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in room 203 of the AFLC.

**PSALM 68.5 LUNCH & GAMES**  
**Sunday, June 9, 2019**  
**203 AFLC**  
**11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

The Ministry of Psalm 68.5 – “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation”.

This ministry was founded at Epiphany by members, Bryan and Rebecca Johnson. They have a heart for helping the fatherless and widows/widowers. The ministry has in the past sent fatherless children to summer camps and hopes to provide the same in the future along with other assistance as needed. The widows/widowers are provided activities for fellowship and support each other as they learn to go about their daily lives without their mate. They share a unique understanding of the grief that none of us want to experience, but know, that at any time we may also.

On Sunday, June 9, Psalm 68.5 will host a light lunch and games after the late service for widows/widowers. Please join us in room 203 of the AFLC. The elevator should be working. If you have a favorite game, please bring it along. We can set up multiple tables to accommodate.

Please RSVP by June 2 to Lynda Lund.

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**



**WE'RE SAVING A  
SEAT FOR YOU!  
COME JOIN US!**

**Voters' Meeting & Lunch**  
**Sunday, June 23, 2019**  
following the 10:30 a.m. services  
**AFLC Gym**

**There's  
Room  
for  
YOU!**

**LET'S HAVE A RECORD  
TURNOUT FOR THIS VERY  
IMPORTANT MEETING!**



**YOUTH WORSHIP TEAM**

We are gauging interest in forming a youth worship team for *The Light*. They would lead worship two to four times per year at *The Light*. Positions will include audio/visual team and band members. We are looking for youth in grades 9-12.

If interested, please contact Pastor Nathan for more information.



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 7!**

# **in a GALILEE FAR, FAR AWAY**

**JUNE 17-21**

**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (M,T,W)**

**9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. (TH)**

**9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (F)**

**3RD - 5TH GRADE**

**CAST LIMIT: 30**

**COST: \$125**

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**

**a kids' Christmas musical of GALACTIC proportions**  
created by ● Steve Moore ● Rob Howard ● David Guthrie

**Visit [www.ShiningTheLight.org](http://www.ShiningTheLight.org) to register.**



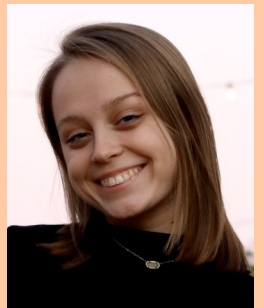
# Youth Ministry Summer Interns

Each summer a small team of our high school youth serve as summer interns. This gives them an opportunity to grow in their faith and also see what working in full-time ministry is all about. They will assist with children's messages, youth nights, Sunday School, care ministry and more. Take a minute to meet this year's fantastic summer internship team!

Hey y'all, my name is Abigail Van Maaren and I am one of this year's interns at Epiphany. I am looking forward to this opportunity. I hope through this internship, I will be able to strengthen my faith and have an opportunity to share faith and love with the children and parents God brings my way. I am excited to work with Beth and Chase in their mission to spread God's word and educate the youth. I am an upcoming senior at Turner High School, as well as a dual credit student, planning to graduate with my Medical Assistant certification as well as an associate degree. I am looking forward to the new challenges and opportunities God has in store for me.



Hi, my name is Jordan Gilbertson, and I am graduating on May 29 from the High School for Performing and Visual Arts where I have studied dance. Next year, I will go to the University of Texas to major in dance and I plan on adding a major in physics once I am on campus. This is my second time doing the summer internship and I am so excited to learn from the kids I get to work with all summer. Last time I did the internship, I learned so much more about my faith and how to fully trust God through teaching and working with the youth of the church and I am ready to learn even more. Going to college can be a scary experience but, by spending the summer doing this internship, I look forward to getting even more grounded in my faith so the transition is as easy as possible.



Hello, my name is Cohen Carpenter and next year I will be attending Fort Bend Christian Academy

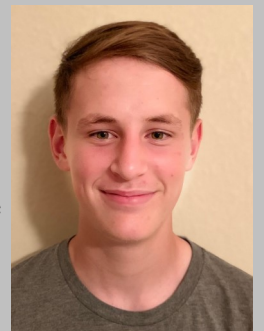
as a junior. When it comes to my internship, I am most excited about the responsibility that comes with having a job and how that will shape me in the future, especially due to the fact that I am working with such a great church with so many extraordinary people around me.



Hello, my name is Cade Hollis and I am very excited to be an intern in the upcoming summer. I attend Glenda Dawson High School and will be a senior in the upcoming school year. I look

forward to being an intern for the opportunities that come along: helping out with VBS, designing and delivering a children's message and anything else that I can do to help. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16 because it sums up all of what God has done for us so simply when in reality the sacrifice made is unimaginable. This verse reminds me in the good times and the bad that no matter what I do, I am loved by God and nothing can change that.

Hi, my name is Mitchell Lester and I'm going to be in the 11th grade next year at Robert Turner




College and Career High School. I look forward to serving the youth program that has taught me and helped me grow in my connection with God. I hope to help other kids in the same way. My favorite Bible verse is Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them."





## **RICE BOWLS**

This year our VBS offerings will go to Rice Bowls! This organization helps feed orphans all over the world, in places like Haiti, Ethiopia, and the Philippines. They partner with 58 faith-based children's homes in 9 countries and provide 100% of the food for the orphan children in their care! Please join us in supporting these children!

"Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed.  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow."  
Isaiah 1:17

 Nearly 160 million children across the world are orphans

 Every few seconds, another orphan dies of malnutrition.

 Rice Bowls feeds over 1775 children. That's over 1.9 million meals a year!



### MEET SATHYAM

Sathyam's grandmother was his only caretaker and struggled with addiction, unable to care for him. He had to beg for food. An ear infection led to hearing loss in one of his ears. Things were bad. Fortunately, Sathyam was placed into the loving care of one of our partner homes in India. Now Sathyam gets 3 meals each day. He loves to garden and do "gymnastics". One day, he hopes to become a doctor and a guardian to kids like himself.

  
WE CALL THEM HEROES



# Vacation Bible School

## June 3-7 || 9:00 a.m. to Noon

### Miraculous Mission - Jesus Saves the World

**OPEN HOUSE** - June 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the gym. Pick up your name tag and t-shirt and enjoy snacks, crafts and a movie! You must pick up your nametag in advance if you would like to take advantage of our drop-off line. ***All children who do not have a nametag will need to be walked in by a parent on the first day.*** Shirts and nametags will also be available for pick up on Sunday, June 2 from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the narthex.

**SET UP** - Help us turn our buildings into an outer space adventure for VBS! Set up on Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 a.m. - noon.

**YOUTH CREW NIGHT** - Saturday, June 1 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All youth volunteers are asked to join us for training, food, games and fun!

**BRING A PICTURE ID TO PICK UP** - This year at VBS we will be asking for parents to show a picture ID when picking up their child from VBS each day. We appreciate your help as we work to keep all of our children safe!





# SKATE NIGHT

**JUNE 12 || 6:00-8:00PM**  
**PEARWOOD SKATE**  
**ALL AGES || FREE**

**COME FOR A FUN NIGHT OF SKATING AND A CHANCE  
TO BE WELCOMING TO VBS FAMILIES AFTER VBS!**

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.



## Midweek Meetup

**Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm**

High School Seniors (completed 11th grade) - Young Adults

Take time to hang out with friends and study God's Word.  
First meeting: May 29 @ Chick-fil-A , 2660 Pearland Parkway.  
Contact Chase Drake at [chase@epiphanypearland.org](mailto:chase@epiphanypearland.org)  
to get on our text message group for all the updates.





## Sunday School Offering Trip

**Build-a-Bear at  
Baybrook Mall**

**On Sunday, May, 19, Children's Sunday School visited Build-a-Bear at Baybrook Mall to make bears to comfort sick children in the hospital. It was a great afternoon filled with love, fun and service! The kids were great examples of servants and were happy to give the bears away. Thanks to all who came out to make a great afternoon!**







## BIRTHDAYS

06/01 Jonathan Hay  
 06/01 Kyle Woelfel  
 06/01 Lorin Dick  
 06/02 Anna Walliser  
 06/03 Kathleen DeWolfe  
 06/04 David Kazmierski  
 06/04 John Reimer  
 06/05 Katie Russo  
 06/05 Cameron Davies  
 06/05 Brady Turner  
 06/06 Eric Seale  
 06/06 Eric Aaron  
 06/07 Janet Frers  
 06/08 Jennifer Williams  
 06/08 Tim Cornelius  
 06/09 Charlene Threlkeld  
 06/09 Martha Balzer  
 06/10 Candace Earley  
 06/10 Lisa Maly  
 06/11 Kim Brackney  
 06/11 Anna Riveness  
 06/11 Rachel Moore  
 06/12 Michaela Kaspar  
 06/12 Meredith Kaspar  
 06/13 Sandy Burton  
 06/14 Olivia Ulbricht  
 06/15 Emma Lynch  
 06/17 Frank Dittman  
 06/17 Kim Raess  
 06/19 Caleb Petry  
 06/19 Amanda Sterling  
 06/19 Randy Wuensche  
 06/21 Jonte Greer  
 06/22 Beverly Quinton  
 06/22 Ken Mills  
 06/23 Miller Broussard  
 06/25 Isaak Baumann  
 06/26 Brittany Earley  
 06/26 Reid Davies  
 06/26 Susan Keys  
 06/26 Gloria Mills  
 06/27 Charley Alderman  
 06/27 Jake Miller  
 06/27 Brady Smaistrila  
 06/27 Weston Barrera  
 06/28 Dorian Cornelius  
 06/29 Logan Williams  
 06/30 Misty Paden  
 06/30 Kevin Ayres



## ANNIVERSARIES

06/01 Gary & Pat Doerre  
 06/01 Kelly & Traci Elliott  
 06/02 David & Marsha Albert  
 06/05 Robert & Janet Frers  
 06/05 Steve & Denise Hager  
 06/05 Merlin & Rhoda Mohr  
 06/06 Cecil & Barbara Ellis  
 06/06 Bill & Brenda Johnson  
 06/06 Jay & Beth Milbrath  
 06/08 Marty & Lynn Meyers  
 06/09 Pastor Jon & Linda Salminen  
 06/13 Brian & Fran Wukasch  
 06/15 Blaine & Caitlyn Prescott  
 06/16 Jerry & Diana Langer  
 06/20 Eric & Laura Anderson  
 06/20 Mike & Keila Crews  
 06/20 Jeff & Susan Whitehead  
 06/21 Jimmy & Kristen Vollman  
 06/22 Jimmy & Debbie Dick  
 06/22 Gary & Danette Marsh  
 06/23 Dan & Allison Oberlies  
 06/25 Vicente & Christy DiLuca  
 06/26 Kevin & Tammie Allen  
 06/26 Tony & Tasha Davis  
 06/26 Jonathan & Kim Raess  
 06/27 Adam & Amy Aaron  
 06/27 Joe & Vickie Heinrich  
 06/29 Jacob & Meredith McGowan  
 06/29 Wayne & Ellen Roberson  
 06/30 Clyde & Shirley Hannes  
 06/30 Larry & Jill Woelfel



## BIRTHS

Ezra Christopher Ackerman  
 April 25, 2019



## SYMPATHY

Thomas Stine  
 May 19, 2019



## WEDDINGS

Sarah Durfee & Thomas Milbrath  
 May 11, 2019



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# 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

<div>JULY</div> <div>NEWSLETTER</div> <div>ARTICLES DUE</div> <div>JUNE 10!</div>									<div>1</div> <div>9:00am-Noon-VBS Set Up</div> <div>4:00-6:00pm-VBS Open House-gym</div> <div>6:00-8:00pm-VBS Crew Night-204/gym</div>
	<div>2</div> <div>COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/WOR*</div> <div>Ascension Observed</div> <div>LWML Mite Box Sunday</div> <div>9:00-10:15am-Blood Pressure Screening-106</div> <div>9:15am-201 Class-203</div> <div>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary</div> <div>11:45am-Youth Choir-203</div> <div>2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym</div> <div>No Youth Nights!</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Announcements Due!</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div> <div>5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group –MB kitchen</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7:30am-Men's Bible Breakfast-203</div> <div>9:15am-Elders' Meeting-203</div>		
	<div>9</div> <div>WOR/SS &amp; ABC/WOR/COM*</div> <div>Pentecost</div> <div>9:15am-201 Class-203</div> <div>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary</div> <div>11:45am-2:30pm-Psalm 68.5 Lunch/Games-203</div> <div>2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym</div> <div>6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Announcements Due!</div> <div>9:30am-Goodtimers-104</div>	<div>11</div> <div>4:00pm-Bible Study-202</div>	<div>12</div> <div>6:30pm-Praise Team</div> <div>6:45pm-The Light Worship Team-AFLC</div> <div>7:00-8:15pm-Midweek Meetup</div> <div>7:30pm-Adult Choir</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div> <div>6:00-9:00pm-Special Needs Youth Night-203/gym</div>	<div>15</div> <div>9:30am-Altar Guild Meeting -narthex</div>		
	<div>16</div> <div>COM/SS &amp; ABC/COM/WOR*</div> <div>Trinity Sunday</div> <div>Father's Day</div> <div>9:15am-201 Class-203</div> <div>11:45am-Orchestra Practice-sanctuary</div> <div>2:00-4:00pm-Basketball-gym</div> <div>6:00pm-Leadership Council Meeting-202</div> <div>6:00-8:00pm-Youth Nights-gym/204</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Announcements Due!</div> <div>9:00am-Quilting-202</div> <div>10:00-11:30am-Bible Markers-207</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>6:30pm-Praise Team</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div> <div>5:30am-Men's Bible Study Group –MB kitchen</div>	<div>22</div> <div>9:30am-LWML Meeting-203</div>		
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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KNOWN 2019 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Jack Armstrong

Nathan Cloeter

Spencer Cody

Jordan Gilbertson

Michaela Kaspar

Sarah Kiihne

David Klewer

Colton Weiss

Catie Cheryl Wuensche

Manvel HS

Brazoswood HS

Dawson HS

HSPVA

Manvel HS

Brazoswood HS

Alvin HS

Brazoswood HS

Brazoswood HS

Auburn University

Rice University

Northwestern State University

University of Texas

University of Texas

Texas A & M University

Alvin Community College

Texas A & M University

Houston Baptist University

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR KNOWN 2019 COLLEGE GRADUATES!

John Cloeter

Rakel Hill

Chris Pontifes

Christopher Wolff

St. Olaf College

Bachelor of Music (performance)

Lamar University

Masters of Education in Teacher Leadership

University of Houston Clear Lake

B.S. General Business

Université de Toulouse-Jean Jaurès

B.A. Sociology

Attending Graduate

School at Indiana

University in the fall