



Epiphany Ministries of Texas, Inc.

"Reflecting the love of Christ to youthful offenders."

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER:

Hello to everyone! Thank you all for your dedication and hard work on behalf of Texas Epiphany.

I feel, as I am sure you do, that just being able to do God's work with His children is reward enough. However, on occasion we get to see firsthand how Epiphany has had a positive impact on the Stars.

Recently a young woman sought out my wife on Facebook. This young lady had been Lu Ann's Star on a Brownwood Epiphany a few years ago. She has completely turned her life around and they remain in touch. I bet something very similar has happened to many of you.

Last September, Lu Ann and I along with five others who have worked with Texas Epiphany had the privilege of attending the 25th Anniversary of Epiphany Ministries in Monroe, Louisiana. We worked, communed, prayed, and worshipped with a host of other Epiphany volunteers from around the USA. However, the highlight of the celebration was the night when four boys who had attended an Epiphany weekend talked about how that experience has changed their lives.

I believe the good news is there are many young lives that have been similarly transformed by Epiphany that we will never know about. It's truly a blessing when we get to see that we made a difference but that is not the reason we serve.

Remember Paul's words from I Corinthians chapter 3, verses 6-8: "I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow. It's not important who does the planting, or who does the watering. What's important is that God makes the seed grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work."

Grace and Peace,
Roy

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Important Dates

<u>Facility</u>	<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brownwood	E 32	Sept. 3-5
Clemens	E 42	Sept. 30-Oct 2
Mart	E 25	Oct. 7-9
Post	E 19	Oct. 7-9
Giddings	E 28	Oct. 7-9
Krier	E 21	Nov. 4-6

State Board Meeting Aug, 27
State Board Meeting Nov. 19

New Board Meeting Dates

At the May Board meeting, members voted to make the following changes to our stated quarterly meeting dates. The new dates are now in effect.

- **February:** 4th Saturday
- **May:** 3rd Saturday
(to miss Memorial Day Weekend)
- **August:** 4th Saturday
- **November:** 3rd Saturday
(to miss Thanksgiving Weekend)



EPIPHANY:

More Than A Passion

- 6 “I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.
I will keep you and will make you
To be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,
7 to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon
those who sit in darkness.

Isaiah 42:6-7 (NIV)

Thanks for answering
“The Call”

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department Board of Directors Honors Dr. Patrick Holden



Pictured in the photo from left to right are Lisa Ortiz, Mike Mellina, Kate Mellina, Sheri Short, TJJ Board Chairman Scott Fisher, Sarah Holden, Pat Doughty, David Ricks, and Texas Epiphany Board Chairman Roy Bradshaw.

The Texas Juvenile Justice Department’s Board Chairman Scott Fisher presented a formal resolution Friday, May 20, posthumously honoring, Dr. Patrick Holden for his outstanding service and devotion to the youth in the Texas juvenile justice system. Dr. Holden had chaired the Texas Epiphany Ministries Board for three years when he unexpectedly passed away this past January, as he was driving to TJJ’s Evins Regional Juvenile Center in Edinburg to lead an Epiphany weekend retreat. Mrs. Sarah Holden, along with other members of Epiphany Ministries, accepted the resolution in honor of her late husband.

Epiphany Ministries provide an incredible service to our TJJ youth. During fiscal year 2015, TJJ recorded 18,180 hours of service performed by 211 Epiphany volunteers across the state. Most of TJJ’s faith-based mentors are comprised of Epiphany volunteers and the agency recorded more than 4,500 hours of mentoring last fiscal year.

Dr. Pat Holden was a graduate of the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. He was “triple-boarded” in Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. He was a past President of both the Texas Society of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry and the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians. It goes without saying that Dr. Holden was a tremendous physician and his professional credentials were commendable.

TJJ also remembers this great man as someone with a strong spiritual sense of duty to the community. We are indebted to Dr. Holden and each of the Epiphany volunteers across Texas.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT GAINESVILLE

Leadership Training is a very important part of the Epiphany Ministry and is a required training before becoming a Weekend Lay Director. It will also help others to know and understand more about the ministry and how it operates. Much of the instruction focuses on the “why” of Epiphany to give a better understanding of why we do some of the things we do and why there are some things we do not do.

There was a Leadership Training for the Gainesville team that was held on August 16 at the Cumberland Children’s Home in Denton with three members of the State Board and about forty of the Gainesville community. Some of the topics covered were an Overview, Our Mission Statement, Following the Manual, and Talk Outlines. How each talk builds

on the talk before and how each day builds on the previous day. The Ministry and the Institution, Team Composition and Leadership Progression were also discussed.

There was a great worship time lead by 5 boys from Gainesville State School’s choir. They not only sang but each young man gave a personal testimony. We also enjoyed some super good food, and fellowship with everyone. A large number of attendees were experienced team members from previous weekends and even some of them that had worked a lot Epiphanies said that they had learned some things that they had never known before.

Outside Board Representatives Needed

With approximately 16 Epiphany Weekends happening each year there is a need for extra persons to step up and serve as Board Representatives for upcoming weekends. The one requirement is that you have previously served as a Lay Director for an Epiphany weekend. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Epiphany members and see how things are done in other facilities. Often we learn that by adhering to the manual our weekends can and will run more smoothly. We would ask you to prayerfully consider serving our ministry in this capacity. Should you have an interest in serving as an Outside Board Rep. Contact your local UAC Representative and let them know when and where you are willing to serve.

Upcoming Weekends				
Facility	Weekend	Date	LD	Board Representative
Brownwood	E 32	September 3-5	Peggy Coppage	Loretta Ehler
Clemens	E 42	Sept 30- Oct 2	Kathy Nasse / Debi Fiegenger	
Evins	E 5		Jeff Eaton	
Gainesville	E 34		Sheldon Ledbetter	
Giddings	E 28	October 7-9	Carol Sims	
Krier	E 21	November 4-6	Debbie Mattke	
Mart	E 25	October 7-9	Harry Harrington	
Post	E 19	October 7-9	Darrell Browning	

Mart says good-bye to Epiphany brother in Christ, Howard Hatfield

*Our Father in heaven
announced the arrival of His child
Malcolm Howard Hatfield
into His Kingdom on June 10, 2016*



*"To be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord"
2 Corinthians 5:8*

Malcom Howard Hatfield, 85 of Temple, passed away on June 10, 2016 after a two-year battle with cancer. Howard was born in Centerville, MS on June 2, 1931 to John Howard Vincent Payne Hatfield and Addie Elaine Shirley Hatfield. After moving to Houston to live with his beloved Aunt Lillian, he attended Spring Branch High School and was in it's first graduating class in 1949. While attending the University of Houston, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines for two consecutive terms in Korea on the USS St. Paul.

Howard was employed with Western Auto for almost 40 years - covering most of the southeastern states - beginning in 1958 as Assistant Store Manager in the Houston area and working his way up to Wholesale Sales Manager in Jackson, MS. He was very competitive playing tennis, golf, ping pong and any type of card game. But what became a passion was ministering God's word to the juvenile boys at McLennan County State Correctional Facility in Mart, Texas, in his later life.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Harold Clyde Hatfield and Wenton Wayne Hatfield; three sisters, Ann Louise Capes, Mena Cook, Johnnie Elaine Lilly- Thompson; and a stepson Glen Wayne Patton.

Survivors include his wife Josie; sons, John Randolph (Ginger) of Laguna Beach, CA, Kenneth Wayne (Edna) of Rockport, and James Andrew (Connie) of Beeville; and daughter Jerri Lynn (Craig) Deardoff of Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



Mart Board Representative Kate Mellina shares that, "Howard was a wonderful brother in Christ who started in 2004 coming to Mart. He and Jodie had worked a Kairos before coming to us. The did bible studies every week for a long time. He only got sick about a 2 1/2 years ago, stopping them from coming."

The Epiphany Board mourns with our family at Mart and offer our condolences to Howard's wife Jodie and the family. We thank God for his life and the work he did to further the Kingdom at McLennan County State Correctional Facility.

THE MANY FACES OF EPIPHANY....

Garza County Epiphany 18 Team



McLennan County Epiphany Santas

Board Representative Weekend Reports

Evins Epiphany 3

January 15 – 18, 2016 LD: Gene Palmos

The weekend began on a bittersweet note with the passing of our Brother Patrick Holden, who had a fatal heart attack on his drive down to the Valley. The consoling factors were that we will see him again one day, and that he beat us to the gates of Heaven where he can now spend all his time worshiping our Heavenly Father.

The team itself had a beautiful spirit. They were very willing to do whatever was asked of them. The Unit seemed to show them favor as far as the facility was concerned, giving them the entire cafeteria for the whole weekend.

We began the weekend with 26 young men and finished with 25. There was a young man who had denounced demons and when the weekend was over he informed all his peers at open mic that he didn't care what they did to him back on the dorm, he was still going to live for Jesus.

It was an honor for Rafael Trevino to do Pat Holden's talk Discovery, very emotional for the team.

Overall, everything went as planned.

Brownwood Epiphany 31

February 20-22, 2016 LD: Jeremy Woodruff

The weekend began with 17 stars, we lost one on Sunday afternoon, during recreation time following the presentation of the agape letters. Each girl accepted her cross when offered. Five girls had requested baptism at the close of the weekend.

The team was very experienced and well trained for the weekend. The Outside Kitchen prepared wonderful meals and had them ready as scheduled.

Although the Agape, Table Servant and Skit Coordinator positions were filled by one person everything ran smoothly. The Super Stars were very effective as Table Servants and decorators, they also did a fair job with skits.

The Music Team was amazing and the Recreation coordinator a member of the music team was prepared with a number of activities to fill in when time allowed. The Prayer Team consisted of one person and she did a great job of covering the prayer requests.

I applaud Lay Director, Jeremy Woodruff and his ALD for being on top of things and making adjustments when scheduling issues arose.

Gainesville Epiphany 32

Brother and Sisters in Christ...

Romans 13:12 states that, Spiritual Armor prepares us for life!!

Spiritual Armor is what the team of volunteers, stars and superstars of Gainesville Epiphany 32 learned and acted on this weekend. That was the attitude and spiritual action of the team which consist of a star devoted group of high energy with loving care.

The Lay Director Steven Vinet and ALD Alyssa handled this weekend and team very well. From making up time to always being in contact and available for the team even at night when they should be resting for the next day.

ALD Alyssa was always in contact with the JCOs/team and staff pitch sitting (sitting at tables for speakers/rest room breaks for team members) and engaging with stars at the tables besides her other duties. I feel she will be an attentive LD on the next weekend.

We started the weekend with 36 stars, we had a proclaimed Satanist and lost him half way through the first day. The next day four of his followers were determined to be disruptive, so the head JCO made the call to remove them Saturday. We completed the weekend with 31 stars and 12 superstars.

Inside team -34, Kitchen team - 6, and 2 runner drivers.

The speakers followed the talk outline well, but cut time was a slight factor, but all were on

Board Representative Weekend Reports continued:

point. The meditations were attentive and the skits were very well acted out, the super stars worked with Barry (Band) the boys enjoyed and seem to be in tuned with the skits.

The table spiritual coordinators were engaging with the stars and keeping our prayer request coming. The Spiritual Director and assistant SD were busy, (with those stars that left) also praying for the stars and team members all weekend. The team members communicated well with their stars at star guide time and for discussions after each talks. The 4th day speaker was an ex Gainesville youth who shared about his time in Gainesville and how he overcame by forgiving others and finally making a decision, to make the right decisions.

Team meeting after the day were informative, Table leaders and assistants would talk about communications being slow, but their spirits were strong and looking forward to the next day. Church Services were conducted spiritually, the team was given plenty of time to pray over crosses for the young boys and for themselves.

This BR has faith that with team building/training and prayer, this team will continue to grow in spirit and knowledge of Epiphany.

Garza County (Post) Epiphany 18

March 4-6, 2016 LD: Beverly Moreno

Post Epiphany started off with 37 team members by Thursday afternoon we had lost 9 team members. There was a last minute panic shuffle to arrange the team schedule, and Beverly and Lisa did a remarkable job. By Thursday night, every position was covered and the table assignments were made.

There were three tables with six stars and two tables with five stars. This was all well and good until about ten o'clock Friday morning when we gained an additional star that had just arrived at the unit. Now we have four tables with six stars and one with five stars. All was going well until Saturday when one of the stars decided not to return. This took us back to the original twenty-eight stars and that is what we ended with.

One of the stars on the Epiphany was possessed with a demon at the beginning of the walk. He even called him by name. During the walk, our prayer team and several others prayed so much for this young man that this demon had no other choice but to give up and leave and you could just see the difference that it made in this young man when the demon left.

None of the team members that dropped off had been assigned talks and the talks all were good and seemed to follow the outlines. The last minute fill-ins on some of the meditations and skits all did wonderful along with all of the Super Stars. We finished with a total of twenty-eight stars, all of which accepted their cross. Five of the stars accepted Christ during the Epiphany. There were a total of twenty-eight team members, fourteen staff, and four Super Stars.

All in all, God showed up and showed off.

PRAISE GOD!

Giddings Epiphany 27

March 18-20, 2016

The Lay Director and team did an outstanding job. I did not see any deviation from manual guidelines, and it was clear that the Holy Spirit was present and active. The music was engaging and all sang with enthusiasm. I particularly liked the colorful photos behind the song lyrics on the PowerPoint; they kept the boys looking at the screen and, I think, increased the strength and energy of the singing.

The talks were solid and spirit-filled. They followed the outlines. The Star Guides' conversation with the Stars appeared to be deep and encouraging. I liked that assistant spiritual directors were not assigned as Star guides so that they could have extra spiritual direction time with the young men during Star guide time when needed. Clearly there were enough team members so that all the jobs could be done efficiently. I was struck that things were so calm and the leadership did not seem to be stressing out.

Board Representative Weekend Reports continued:

The team was loving and respectful toward each other, the Stars, the staff, and the Board Rep. Overall the weekend honored God and gave Him glory.

Mart Epiphany 24

March 25-27, 2016

LD: Sheila Boggess

From the very first team meeting it was obvious the Mart team was well equipped to handle the challenges of an Epiphany weekend. Several members had worked ten or more weekends and the experience of the team bonded them together and helped them focus on the mission of offering the youth an opportunity to change their lives by introducing them to Christ.

Sheila Boggess was an excellent Lay Director. She managed the team well and did a great job with team selection and assignment. Her assistants were a step ahead all weekend. The team was welcoming to new members which is very important to the continued growth of the ministry. The talks were excellent. She assigned talks to new team members and more experienced team members. There was a good mix.

The Kitchen team prepared enough food and it was excellent. The Prayer team members were committed and earnest in their prayer responsibilities. Barry Hansom and the music team were wonderful. The team had done an excellent job of preparing in advance so there was good organization and coordination throughout the weekend.

When the weekend began, the team was not only unified in their purpose but were working in sync and were able to resolve issues quickly. They had a depth of resources that allowed them to "punt" when obstacles were presented.

There was tremendous support from Chaplain Bob Boggess and Mr. Parks, the Superintendent. The staff was supportive and some participated in activities and prayer. Mr. Parks actually sang with the band and took many opportunities to be present and participate in various ways.

It was my joy and pleasure to serve as Board Representative. Sheila assured the program was followed and the rules and regulations of the facility were followed. She served with humility and as a true servant of Christ.

This was the easiest Board assignment I have ever had. This team is awesome!

Krier Epiphany 20

April 14-17, 2016

Epiphany #20 was the first girls' weekend held at the Cyndi Taylor Krier Unit since 2008, although we did hold a girls' weekend at the Mission Rd. juvenile detention center in 2014. Only twelve girls are housed at the facility, and we started the weekend with all 12.. On the first day Satan attacked, and six girls chose to drop out for various reasons. The Holy Spirit comforted the team, and reminded them that in God's time, these girls may be more receptive. The remaining six girls finished the weekend and accepted their crosses.

The Lay Director Mary Helen Silva did an excellent job of assigning team members to their jobs despite having the challenge of too many volunteers and not enough jobs. We were blessed to have a new volunteer who already knew the girls because she has been doing Bible study at the unit. Another challenge was not having superstars since the facility did not allow the boys from Epiphany 19 to participate. But our God is so GOOD! He provided enough adults for the skits, and the girls loved seeing the adults having fun in their acting roles. The whole team pulled together and worked very well together.

The talks followed the outlines, and the speakers' stories were a witness to God's transforming power. Weekend guide time allowed team members not sitting at the tables to share with the girls. Rest room breaks and tray processing went smoothly, and as always, the food was outstanding.

My only concern was that the girls did not ask much for spiritual director time, and that may be because they were getting a lot of one-on-one time at their table families and with their Star Guides.

