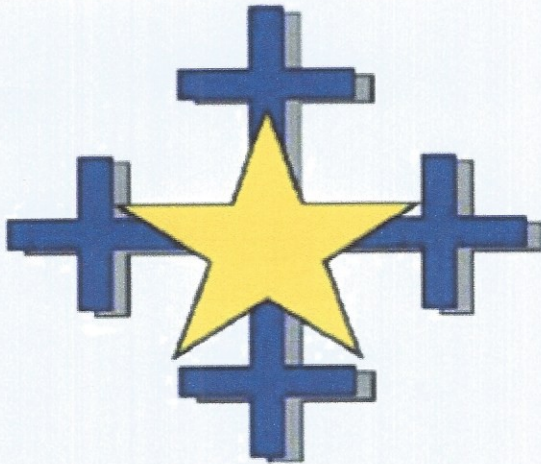


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*Then the King will say to those
on his right,
'Come, you who are blessed
by my Father;
take your inheritance,
the kingdom
prepared
for you since the creation
of the world. 35*

*For
I was hungry and
you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and
you gave me something
to drink,
I was a stranger and you
invited me in,
I needed clothes
and you clothed me,
I was sick and
you looked after me,
I was in prison and
you came to visit me.
--Matthew 25:34-36*

Patrick Holden, M.D.

Aug. 13, 1945 - Jan. 15, 2016

Patient Pat Holden will truly be missed by the Epiphany Ministry volunteers as well as by his family and many other people who worked with him in various roles

A faithful and true disciple of Jesus Christ and a devoted family man, Dr. Pat Holden was welcomed to heaven on Jan. 15, 2016.

He is survived by his wife Sarah; children Carlos (wife Karen Grund), Rachel, and Kathleen (husband Wayne Kirk); grandchildren Arianna, Daniela, Annalyse, Matt, Elliot, and Laurie; mother Guadalupe Holden; brothers William, David, and Richard, and his sister Carmen.

Pat grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico. After serving in the Air Force for four years, he received his M.D. and worked as a faculty child psychiatrist at the UT Health Science Center for over 30 years. He was a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry.

Pat served on many Epiphany teams at Texas juvenile detention facilities and served as President of the Epiphany state board. He was a faithful member of University United Methodist Church for almost 40 years.

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From David Reilly,
Executive Director,
TJJJ

The following letter was sent to Mrs. Sarah Holden in appreciation for Pat's work in Epiphany and was provided to me to be inserted into the newsletter. The letter shows an appreciation for the Epiphany Ministry and its volunteers as well as a personal appreciation for Pat Holden.

David Reilly, Executive Director, TJJJ, Austin, wrote to share his appreciation and condolences to Sarah Holden. Excerpts from the letter follow:

"... We know how much he will be missed, but we are also filled with joy and warmth when thinking of the tremendous impact he had on the countless number of young men in the juvenile justice system. In those young lives, the memory of your husband Pat, his wisdom, and his compassion will continue to be in this world.

As you know, the youth who come to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department have all committed serious offenses. When the pain and hurt they have caused begins to subside, it's easy for most people to forget about these youth, knowing they are safely tucked away at a TJJJ facility—but not your husband. He made the time to help these young men as they sought to find their way again.

May God bless you and be with you during this difficult time. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers and that Pat remains in the hearts of everyone here at the TJJJ."

Mr. Reilly's sentiments are very much those of Epiphany volunteers who knew him.

One astonishing and sad event marked the weekend of Evins Epiphany #3, January 16 - 18, 2016. It was the passing of Pat Holden as he and his wife, Sarah, were en-route to join the team on Friday, January 15.

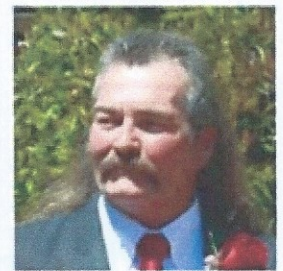
Pat was scheduled to give the Discovery Talk. He had already turned in his talk and power point, so Raphael presented it for Pat during the weekend. It was poignant for all who heard it.

Pat had helped Epiphany get established at Evins and was greatly loved and respected there. We thank God for Pat's service at many Epiphany weekends around the state and also serving on the State Epiphany Board. He will be missed by all and especially by this team.



Patient Pat Holden
in a skit during
an Epiphany
weekend.

William Lee "Wild Bill" Douds Jr
August 9, 1957 -
November 14, 2015



Beloved Bill Douds
Giddings Epiphany Team

As Christian author Max Lucado reminds us, "You change your life by changing your heart." Reborn through coming to know Christ, Billy Douds gave up his shortcomings in order to become an instrument of God's love in the lives of His children on earth. He passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at age 58.

Born on August 9, 1957 in St. Petersburg, FL, Billy grew up in a nomadic military family thanks to his father's position in the United States Coast Guard. His father, William Douds, Sr., and his mother, Colleen McDowell Douds Burke (a homemaker, now deceased), had their hands full with four sons and one daughter: Mike Douds, Debbie Douds, Jim Douds and Richard "Rich" Burke. They could assemble a truck camper in three minutes, fifteen seconds. Dad timed them, just to be sure. Billy's faith proved to be his anchor at this time of changing schools and homes every two years.

After making his way back to St. Petersburg in time for graduation from Gibbs High School in 1975, Billy served in the Army for three years. When his active duty service ended, Billy moved to Texas to pursue a career as an ironworker alongside his brother, Mike. He lived and worked in Houston for both Frontier and Steelmasters and even enjoyed a sideline as a clothing model for Bonjelle, looking sharp in his favorite color, blue.

He had two daughters, Lisa Douds McNear (and husband Jason) and Kyla Douds Gayles (and husband Theo). He was preceded in death by his wife, Rochelle Neumann Douds, just a few months before Bill.

He served with the Giddings Epiphany team and he served faithfully on the church facility team only three weeks before his death.

Bill also loved to sing in church and send inspirational text messages to friends and family. His latest creative work was a

Giddings Epiphany #26, October 9 - 11

The Stars began this weekend ready to praise and sang loudly and enthusiastically. It is best described in these lyrics:

Awake, awake, awake my soul,
God resurrect these bones
From death to life, for You alone
Awake my soul
I come alive, I'm alive when You breathe on me!

The talks were riveting. The talk on Love brought a Holy Hush that hung in the air.

All Family leaders at the tables reported the stars participated and were super attentive and absorbing all that they could take in. There were no distractions or interruptions--a miracle for sure.

Several of the stars gave genuine and detailed stories describing where and when they had asked the Lord into their lives either awaiting trial or alone in their cells. This was a blessed weekend pleasing unto Him.

Evins Epiphany #2, July 24 - 26, 2015

A very successful weekend with the team being led by the Holy Spirit. The leadership team was spirit led. There were 20 team members from the Rio Grande Valley and 11 team members from "up north". Each of the speakers followed the talk outline and gave a powerful personal witness. The Forgiveness meditation was powerful and appeared to touch the Stars, helping them to develop their own forgiveness lists. The weekend was a success and the team is to be commended for working so well in a challenging mission field.

Evins Team
Epiphany #3



Gainesville Epiphany #31, July 31 - August 2, 2015

The team was united in presenting the gospel message to the stars and the chain of command speaks well for weekend events to come. The weekend began with 35 stars and all completed the weekend and accepted crosses at closing. Spiritual direction time was emphasized throughout the weekend as well as at weekend reunions. Chaplain Banks is fairly new to Gainesville and is a major plus for the facility. He has recently attended a 3 day retreat to better appreciate the workings/mechanics of Epiphany ministries. The fourth day speaker was a former resident of the facility from the age of 13 to 17. He was a star for Gainesville #17. He now works with at risk youth at the church of an Epiphany member that he refers to as his "spiritual mom". His story resonated with the stars.

Krier Epiphany #19, November 6 - 8, 2015

The team lost five members within the two weeks before the weekend so the stars were limited to 24. The talks, meditations, and Life of Christ series and the skits are the backbone of every weekend; in combination with prayer, spiritual direction, worship services and the family atmosphere, the Holy Spirit does its work with the young men. The speakers illustrated the key points from the outlines with powerful personal witness. The Forgiveness meditation was powerful and touched the Stars. Twenty-one stars completed the weekend and accepted their crosses.

Post Epiphany #17, October 9 - 11, 2015

The weekend began with 30 stars and ended with 23. The team worked harmoniously together in accomplishing the mission of the Epiphany Ministry. The talks were timely and followed the outlines. The skits and meditations were well done and the skits were great. It was, overall, a very smooth weekend with complete cooperation from the staff and team.

Please pray for upcoming Epiphany weekends:

Brownwood #31, February 13 - 15
Giddings #27, March 18 - 20
Krier #20, April 22 - 24
Mart #24, March 18 - 20
Post #18, March 4 - 6 or 11 - 13
Clemons #41 TBA

Evins Epiphany #3, January 16 - 18, 2016

The Evins Epiphany is very new and very committed with a fiery passion for the Lord and for the Stars of Evins. All that God had in mind for this new work could be seen by the response of the Stars during closing. For example, one young man looked out at his peers and said, "I am gonna live for Jesus. . . I don't care what you do to me." There is a strong gang presence at Evins, but God is working right in the middle of it all. About eight or nine stars shared what God had done for them. It was a very rewarding weekend.

Brownwood Epiphany #30, September 5 - 7

The weekend was very successful. The lay director was led by the Holy Spirit and it was evident in her leadership and her love for the girls and team members. The forgiveness meditation was very heart touching and the stars seemed to relate well to forgiving those who have hurt them and those they have hurt. The life of Christ was well done and inspiring. The cross ceremony was beautiful and all of the young ladies accepted a cross. The team members were in unity and demonstrated the love of Christ that radiated into the lives of the stars. All praises to God in what He is doing in the Epiphany Ministry.

Mart Epiphany #23, September 25 27, 2015

We were very tested this weekend. God had to remind us that we were to stay calm; He was in control. Our spiritual director's father-in-law had surgery in Houston and she was needed for her mother-in-law's sanity. Our co-SD jumped in and was awesome. We had four team members drop out and one come in on Saturday due to health and work issues, and a death in the family. Two days before the weekend began we were told the facility would be having a youth team building session on Friday morning from 8 to 11 am on Side Two. This was going to be the second weekend we had youth from Sides One and Two together. Side One are youth dealing with emotional problems and Side Two are long term youth. We welcomed the youth at 12 noon on Friday and after introductions, went to lunch. By Friday evening we were only one hour behind schedule. Saturday and Sunday went smoothly. We started with 37 stars and ended with 36.

Please Consider a Volunteer Position with the Texas Epiphany Board

There are several board positions open. Some are as voting, working board members, and some are non-voting positions such as being the state agape coordinator or the Epiphany newsletter creator and editor. If interested, contact any Epiphany board member.