

# EPIPHANY TIDINGS

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## Roy's Ramblings...

*I had the good fortune this past weekend to attend a Christian mens conference in Mineral Wells. There were attendees who were Past, present, and potential Epiphany team members. One of the things I noticed was the amazing amount of mutual support for each other. As Epiphany Team members we are very supportive of each other in general.*

*I saw some men who came in the door head down with obviously heavy burdens. I saw those men leave ready to take on the world. In Epiphany we see that same thing from our stars. That comes from God, and the abundant amount of support we give the Stars during the event.*

*Something we should remember as teams is, that it's our job as Christians to support and be there for each other. That love and support for the Stars is of course the objective of the weekend. However, that love of God, and support of each other on the team, is what makes it all work.*

*Blessings,  
Roy*

### Have you heard?

Did you know Epiphany Ministries of Texas, Inc. has an online store? Team members can choose Texas Epiphany logo apparel in a variety of styles, colors, and prices! The secure link for the store is:

<https://texasepiphany.qbstores.com>

Happy Shopping!

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### Epiphany Events

- Giddings #36 - March 19-21, 2020
- Post #26 - March 27-29, 2020
- Mart #32 - April 24-26, 2020
- Krier #28 - May 2-3, 2020
- Ellis #1 - July 9-12, 2020
- Evins #11 - July 2020
- State Board Quarterly Meeting:  
May 23, 2020.



REFLECTING THE  
LOVE OF CHRIST  
TO YOUTHFUL  
OFFENDERS.

# EPIPHANY ON FACEBOOK



## Texas Juvenile Justice Department

January 28 at 2:00 PM

Nineteen youth participated in an Epiphany event at Evins Regional Juvenile Center earlier this month.

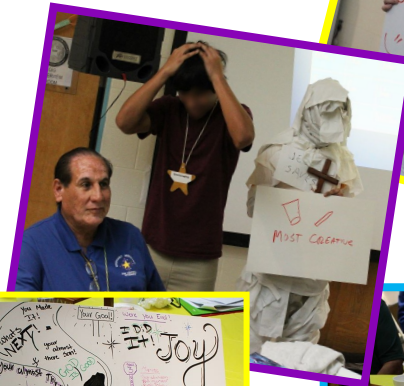
These spiritual retreats take place on weekends, often three-day weekends, so adults and youth can get to know each other and bond over faith activities that also include meals and food treats, entertainment and games that provoke discussion.

At this event the youth competed in a mummy-making contest, organized around the Biblical story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and the concept of Christianity's belief in life after death.

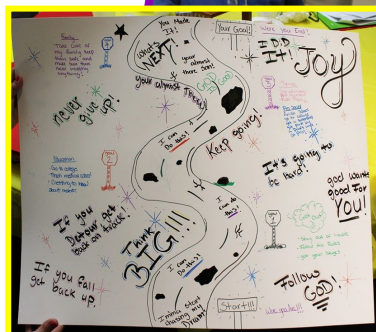
Religious volunteers generally conduct Epiphanies quarterly at TJJD secure facilities and mentor youth in a variety of ways, helping them to see that redemption is possible.



The youth competed to make the best mummy.



Breaks included sweet



They talked about staying on track in life, and following their



## Las Palmas Pharmacy

January 18

Two of our pharmacists are serving this weekend with Epiphany Ministries, a ministry outreach to incarcerated youth. They'll be spending Saturday, Sunday, and Monday teaching these young men about Jesus Christ. Tell us, what are your favorite ways to serve? — at [Evins Regional Juvenile Center](#).





# A Very Mart Christmas!



We had a blast last Saturday.

We had 15 Epiphany volunteers, served 240 youth, and about 30 staff.

There were BBQ sandwiches, Sausages, Chips, and lots of homemade and bought desserts. The volunteer council bought all the paper goods, sodas, a few trays of cookies from Sam's, Pizza and Sandwiches from Subway.

The youth came from each of the five dorm for one hour at a time. So it was from 10am to 5pm, with 30 minute intervals, to replenish our supplies.

There were two other groups who came and brought food and desserts to two of the dorms, sang and visited with the youth. Usually the parties are held in each dorm on different nights, but our new super wanted them all in one day. So this really worked out well. Just a very long day.

We also fed the Staff and youth in security, the Phoenix dorm (youth who are very dangerous to them selves and others) and the CSU group, also called Tejas group.

So we used \$321.79 of the \$500.00 given to us. I would like to ask that we give the Volunteer Council the remaining \$187.21 of the State's money.

Kate Mellina



## UPCOMING EPIPHANY WEEKENDS

Facility	E#	Date	LD	ALD	WC	SD	B. Rep
Brownwood	E 41	TBD	Trish Bull				
Ellis	E 1	July 9-12, 2020	Neil Atkinson	Joe Lee			
Evins	E 11	July 2020	Jeff Eaton	Alicia Rodriguez			
Gainesville	E 41	TBD	Steve Thacker	Patty Jackson			
Giddings	E 35	Mar.19-21, 2020	Andrew Perry	Shirley Perry	Sharon Marks	Mike Jones	
Krier	E 28	May 2-3, 2020	Chrissie Smith	Tod Clarke	Mary Helen Silva		
Mart	E 32	April 24-26, 2020	Mile Mellina	Le Ann Radell			
Post	E 26	Mar. 27-29, 2020	Paula Swanson	Larae Greer	E.C. Harlan	Dan Swanson Jack Owen	

## WEEKEND BOARD REPORTS

### SA - Krier Epiphany # 27

October 2019

LD: Carolyn Wallock



Despite losing some team members shortly before the weekend was scheduled, team members and leadership made necessary changes to which were seamless and without distraction to the weekend. It involved some shuffling of job assignments but the team is very experienced and performed admirably. One enhancement observed was that staff members on duty for the weekend were given name tags with modifiers which initiated participation in the events. Kitchen team was slightly understaffed but completed all tasks on time and food was delicious.

One other occurrence that was slightly unusual was that 4 stars from one table decided to return to dorms on Saturday and shortly afterwards two of them requested to return (after only being gone for close to an hour) they said they felt 'pressured' to leave from the other boys. I discussed with leadership and decided to allow their return. They were appreciative and participated enthusiastically for the remainder of the weekend.

Krier is an experienced team unit and does a great job of handling any issues that arise over the weekend.

Mike Mellina, State Board Rep.

## WEEKEND BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED...

### Garza County (Post) Epiphany #25

October 11-13, 2019

LD: Christy De La Cruz

Epiphany #25 at Garza County (Post) was a great success! We had been told by the facility prior to the weekend that we would have 16 boys; however, before we arrived 2 of the boys had discipline issues and the staff felt like it would be best if they didn't attend. The 14 who did attend were some of the most polite and respectful young men that I've encountered in a long time. They seemed ready to learn and were eager to participate in the activities. I was impressed that they were concerned about the 2 who missed out on the events of the weekend and even discussed ways that they could share what they'd learned (as well as the agape and birthday gifts) with their friends.

Although almost a third of the team was made up of new team members, they seemed to be well informed and added renewed excitement to the weekend. This team did a great job with the monologues in the Life of Christ series and the Super Stars enjoyed participating in the skits. This made the Chapel Services both meaningful and interesting. Most all of the talks were solid and followed the outlines, and the conversations afterwards at the tables with the Stars appeared to be deep and encouraging.

The Stars seemed to be impacted by the love that was shown them throughout the weekend and all 14 of them received the cross during the Cross Ceremony. This is a great team and they did a wonderful job of ministering to the young men of Epiphany #25!



Meet Team Post #25  
Best Team from the  
Best Weekend Ever!



*Epiphany Ministries of Texas has given it's approval for Epiphany teams to receive Communion at Team Worship. The choice to serve Communion or not will be at the discretion of the Lay Director and the Spiritual Director.*

-Chris Seaton, State Board Rep.



# WEEKEND BOARD REPORTS CONTINUED...

## Board Report Mart McClennan Unit

### Epiphany #31

By: (Praising)Priscilla Lozano

God is so good! The Mart McLennan Epiphany Team is amazing. They are diligent, hard workers for God's kingdom and the incarcerated boys. They made me feel welcome and their love is so evident.

They are an experienced team. Right from setup, they unloaded their very organized trailer containing wooden storage units with wheels at the bottom holding Agape and Skit costumes, all in their own place. During setup, I witnessed these Mart volunteers truly working as a family – working together and loving one another!

Relative newbies were welcomed into the family and instructed with humility. I witnessed this for one brother's talk pre-viewed the night before the first day of the retreat. The Epiphany veterans provided non-judgmental and positive feedback.

The first day, the morning of the retreat, everyone knew where they needed to be and did what they needed to do as soon as we arrived – Sue Kalka handed out leather stars to the volunteers in preparation for our name modifiers, Lee Ann Radell kept track of time and reminded everyone in order to stay on schedule, the Table Leaders prayed over the chairs, and Barry Hanson and the music team did sound check – again, all this at the same time as soon as we arrived into the gym.

The Life of Christ and Chapel Meditations were handled in a Holy way and always beautiful.

Weekend discussion time was always quality discussion. Both Stars and Weekend Guides were truly in the conversations.

Another thing I saw that really made me appreciate in wonder, was the way these volunteers used their personal super-cool talents and gifts to bless Epiphany. There were carpenters that built the rolling storage units, and painters that painted a tree for the Fruits of the Spirit and a banner with a theme picture and verse for the weekend (a neat tradition unique to this team). I also saw one of the "Extreme" Bibles – and I don't know if all the Bibles were like this – but I saw one at the tables that someone had organized with tabs to help the Stars better find scripture. It was something small I noted and appreciated for the boys too.

Lastly, I really, really liked how the Mart Team had an abundance of candies throughout the weekend that were passed out by our friendly Superstars to keep us all awake. There was also a coffee area, back of the St. Elsewhere tables with coffee warmers all day for the volunteers.

Speaking of ready coffee, the Outside Kitchen Team was fabulous. The food was good and there was plenty every time! They were ready for the volunteers from early morning breakfast, to every meal, and birthday party!

All in all, the Mart-McClennan team is DEFINITELY worth a visit. I can't wait to go back to learn from and work alongside this experienced and absolutely loving team. Krier is an experienced team unit and does a great job of handling any issues that arise over the weekend.

*Listen, Listen*



*Love, Love!*