

# EPIPHANY TIDINGS

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## Roy's Ramblings...

Hi All,

What an absolutely crazy last few months this has been. I know we all miss our young men and women. I sincerely hope everyone is writing the Stars so they know we haven't forgotten them. In my humble opinion, one of the biggest problems today is who on the National scene can you trust. Some say you can't trust media. Some say You can't trust a political party, take your pick which one. People argue about the trustworthiness of the WHO. People argue about the trustworthiness of Federal, State, and local leaders. The world is in turmoil. Is it because of a disease, political unrest, or people who are followers with nothing else to do? I am not qualified to answer that for everyone, although I certainly have my opinion. There are some constants in all of this and they are God the father and his Son Jesus. We all absolutely understand that. However, a great many of our Stars are baby Christians, our letters to them can help them focus on the only true stability in these times. I strongly encourage you all to keep those cards and letters going out. If you know of a Star in need of an extra letter send me their info and a little about them and I will write them also.

Grace and Peace,

Roy

*"Listen closely. Love deeply. Serve humbly."*

Is the new and original Texas Epiphany Motto chosen as a replacement for "Listen, Listen...Love, Love" which is the motto of Kairos.

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### Epiphany Events

- State Board Quarterly Meeting:  
November 21, 2020.



REFLECTING THE  
LOVE OF CHRIST  
TO YOUTHFUL  
OFFENDERS.

## Obituaries and Condolences for Epiphany Servants, Steve Campbell and Dan Barnett



### Steve Campbell

November 2, 1947 - July 5, 2020

Slaton- Steve Campbell, 72, of Slaton, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2020.

A Graveside Service was held at 10:00 am Friday, July 10, 2020 in Englewood Cemetery in Slaton.

Steve was born November 2, 1947 in Fairfax, Oklahoma to F. P. and Mary Margaret Campbell. He graduated in 1966 from Phillips High School, McMurry University in 1970, and SMU Seminary in 1973. Steve's first church to serve as minister was in Groom. From there he served in Vega, Booker, Trinity Methodist in Amarillo, Abernathy, New Deal, Agape Methodist in Lubbock and then First United Methodist in Slaton, retiring in 2015. Steve stayed active in the Methodist Church, helping with missions and prison ministry. He also was an active member

of the Slaton Lions Club and supporter of Meals on Wheels. Steve was an avid sports fan and supported the local sports booster clubs. He loved playing Monopoly and hated cheese.

Steve is preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Cheryl Lynn Aaron; and his nephew, Don Aaron.

Steve is survived by his sister, Lisa Moore of Ponder; his brother Sam Campbell of Amarillo; and nephew Forrest Moore of Ponder.

The family request memorials to Slaton Meals on Wheels and First United Methodist Church in Slaton.

Dear Epiphany Family,

I just heard the sad news that our brother Steve Campbell has passed away. Steve was a big part of Garza County Epiphany. He was always faithful to serve at Epiphany weekends and reunions up until the time his health wouldn't allow him to any longer. He was very loved and respected by us all and he will be greatly missed. Currently a graveside service is scheduled in Slaton on Friday at 10 a.m. Rest In Peace "Sexy Steve"

So sad to hear of the loss of a dear friend. I loved working with Steve. He was such a faithful servant. Hope he's having a great feast in heaven. I'm sure he'll be the first in line. He will be missed.

Precious man...I have missed him so much and consider myself blessed to have known him.

Such a precious man. He truly was the hands & feet of Jesus! Gant & I both loved him so much. 😭

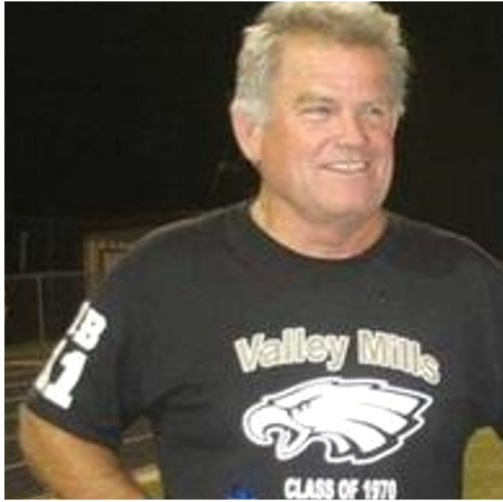
Oh no, I'm sad to hear this. He was a great person to get to know through this ministry. Prayers for his family. 🙏

I loved him. Very sad. My sympathy to his family. 🙏🙏🙏

My condolences to his family. He was definitely one of the best and the sexiest ever! He will truly be missed!

A true man of God. He loved the opportunity to serve in many ministries. Epiphany was truly blessed that Steve wanted to serve with us but our team received his blessing as well as the youth. His eyes were always on God.

Steve was gentle, kind, quiet, and the joy in our local Epiphany community. His health kept him from joining us on the last few weekends. Man, did we miss him! We will remember you forever Steve Campbell! Get ready for us because one day in His time we're going to have the best reunion ever!



## Dan Barnett

### Apr. 30, 1952 ~ Feb. 21, 2020

Daniel “Danpa, Dadder, Roadgraderman” Linton Barnett went home to be with Jesus on February 21, 2020, surrounded by his family and friends. Funeral services was at 10 AM Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at Renew Church, 6509 Bosque, Waco, Texas, under the direction of Foss Funeral Home and Cremation Center. Graveside service were at 1 P.M. at the Valley Mills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Kairos of Texas/Boyd Unit, PO Box 7274, Waco, Texas 76714

Dan was born on April 30, 1952 in Clifton, Texas to Robert and Mary Jo Barnett. He was raised on a farm near Valley Mills and graduated from Valley Mills High School in 1970.

During high school, Dan was active in sports and many school activities. He participated in football, basketball, baseball, and track & field. He also participated in class plays. Dan was popular in high school and was voted most friendly boy in VMHS.

He worked a variety of jobs while in school, including hauling hay and various farm jobs for many in the Valley Mills area. After graduation, Dan worked several construction jobs. He spent 50 years working as foreman and heavy equipment operator for his late brother, Bob, at Barnett Contracting .

Dan was active for many years in prison ministry and spread the gospel to many who were incarcerated. He played guitar and sang, providing hope, enjoyment and inspiration to many. He made friendships and inspired a great number of prisoners and employees through his love and commitment. He left no doubt that he was a man of faith. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Bob, sister Rosemary, and his son Jeremiah.

As grandparents, Dan and Linda hosted their grandchildren every other weekend in their home. These regular visits were a highlight and provided a lifetime of memories for all.

Dan is survived by his wife Linda of 31 years and his children: Mike Chrisman and his wife Tammie, Niki Hodges, Butch Chrisman, Dana Krumnow, Bill Chrisman, and Harley Probst; his grandchildren: Chad, Kelby, Nicole, Jessica, Holly, Gage, Shauna, Brittany, Hailey, Ashley, Hunter, Paige, Saige, Avagrace, and Chrissy. He is also survived by 6 great grandchildren and another on the way.

In addition, Dan is survived by a brother, Joe Barnett and wife Marilyn, sister Sara McMillan and husband Dwight, sister Jane Trainor, and sister in-law Elaine Barnett. He is also survived by many relatives and friends who loved him.

Pallbearers are Gage Hodges, Hunter Krumnow, David Fisk, Curtis Coomes, Adam Klaus, Scott Barnett, Mike Barnett, and Pat Barnett.

**His favorite scripture for the grandchildren: There are none that doeth good. No, not one. That is why we need a Savior.**

Bless him in heaven...

Dan once play the guitar with me playing the blues ... I sat piano and he improvised on the guitar one Sunday at Valley Mills UMC while I was pastor there.

The Spirit woke up ... Dan’s jamming for the Lord now... and yes he is at perfect peace... I will miss his wit and humor and sincere love for all of us

May God’s peace and comfort be with Linda.

Gracious God, thank you giving us Dan for a while, now we give him back to you. May he know peace and joy with you.

We can't believe this...so saddened by this news. How blessed we've been in his love and laughter. God bless us all who mourn. Praying for peace for his precious loved ones.

DANPA DAN was an amazing brother who deeply touched my life in ways like no one else could. I would always wake up with my mind stayed on coffee... then Dan would REALLY wake me up with his mind STAYED ON JESUS!!!

I shamelessly stole his Amazing Grace version of Sweet Home Alabama to delight prisoners whose homes are not-so-sweet gated communities all over Texas.

I believe that soon enough, I'll be jammin' with him again on harps of solid gold in the Big Big House where all our tears have been wiped away.

All my love to Linda and Family. That was the best funeral EVERRRRR!!!!

Hello Family, I am just learning of the passing of Uncle Dan B. Talk about a man of God, someone who was consistent with letting his light shin, and leading others to Christ. (Me)

I'm heading to a music studio at Cedar Valley College to record my guitar playing, i would not be able to afford such opportunities and skills without my Uncle Dan. I would know a "lick" of music without him. Every time I play live, I thank God for safety and Uncle Dan for teaching me.

I am eternally grateful to him, for his Godly Compassion, his ability to teach in his unique way, and homeliness when I wasn't at home.

I'm praying for the Barnett Family, and Everyone strength.

*Editors note: the previous tribute and the message below were written by a former Epiphany Star. May the message remind you of why we do Epiphany.*

#### MY MESSAGE OF RECHARGING YOUR FAITH!

I haven't had the opportunity (YET) to be apart of the Epiphany Outreach teams, but I can't wait!

But I wanted to say this.

IT WORKS. Keep going. IT WORKS.

The light shines, even when we're all tired, if the guys look like they're not listening, looks like they have given up, I promise you it works.

This program sparks conversation and conVersion. It's helps keep the mirror of Accountability shiny, even if the inmates don't wanna look. I was there, I know, but I needed Jesus, and being introduced to him at my lowest point was the necessary glue for me to stick to him, even today.

So yes! Let's enter His courts with praise and Thanksgiving, and be glad Jesus and his blood STILL WORKS!

You can't wait to sing and rock out with the Handsome Barry Hanson

And share stories of Triumph over the enemy thru Christ with my Older brother David McElreath and Paul Archibald!!

And look as cool as Kate Taylor Mellina and Family with those cool T-Shirts!

Be of Good Strength! And have a Blessed day.



Texas Juvenile Justice Department  
August 13



Youth at Evins find that some activities are just intrinsically helpful, like unwinding mentally over board games or crafts.

Bingo, just a fun time -- and a way to win treats.





# COVID-19 and TJJD

## COVID-19 in TJJD facilities

### [POSITIVE TESTS, YOUTH](#)

Since the start of the pandemic, 191 youth at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 30  
Gainesville State School: 13  
Giddings State School: 83  
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 42  
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 23

### [POSITIVE TESTS, STAFF](#)

Since the start of the pandemic, 168 staff members at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 55  
Gainesville State School: 10  
Giddings State School: 40  
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 22  
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 41

Since the start of the pandemic, 17 staff members at the agency's halfway houses have tested positive for COVID-19.

Reporting is accurate through August 17, 2020

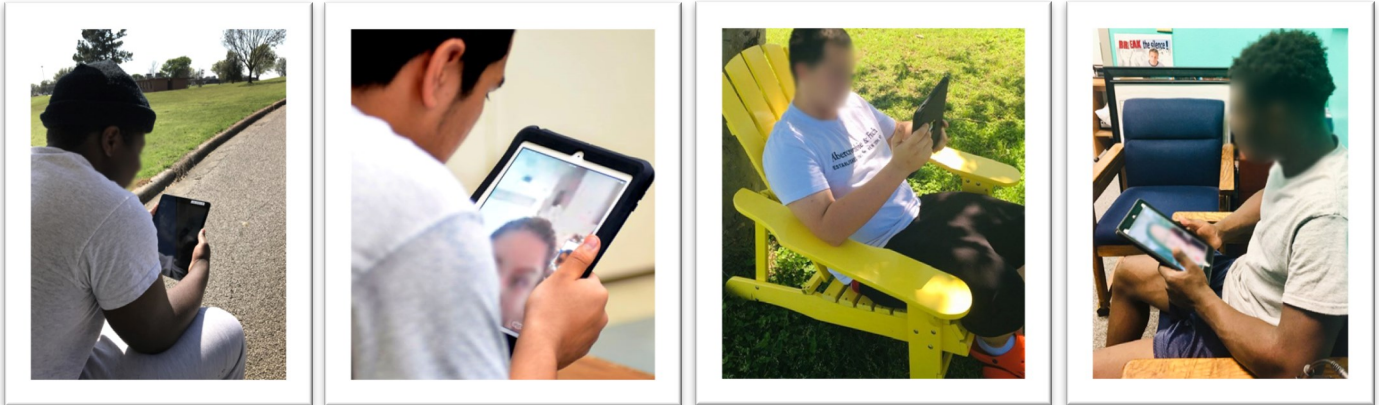
## TJJD Response to COVID-19

As an agency focused on public safety, the highest priority of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department is to protect the youth in our care and our dedicated employees. TJJD remains in daily contact with the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Texas Department of Emergency Management to remain fully informed and respond to events as the situation changes.

- **Screening.** Everyone who enters our facilities receives a health screening and has their temperature taken at the gatehouse. All youth committed to our care receive a health screening by the local probation department prior to movement and again upon arrival at TJJD. All newly admitted youth wear a mask until a complete medical history and assessment can occur.
- **Hand washing.** TJJD has installed portable handwashing stations outside our gatehouse for staff and throughout the secure facilities for both youth and staff.
- **Masks.** All staff at TJJD secure facilities and halfway houses are issued and required to wear protective masks.
- **Small groups.** TJJD has implemented policies to ensure that youth within the facilities are kept in the smallest groups possible.



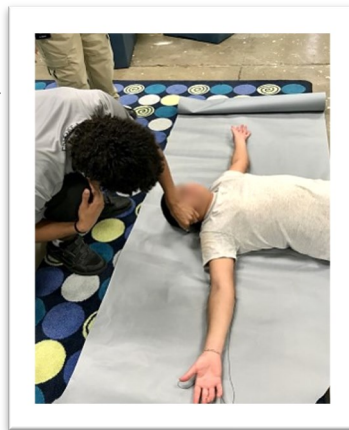
- **Volunteers and visitors.** In-person volunteer activity and family visitation have been cancelled. TJJD has increased the use of virtual visits and has provided each youth with additional funds for their phone account to allow maximum connection with families during this time.



When coronavirus pandemic took hold and TJJD visitation had to be suspended, the youth at Evins brainstormed about ways to keep in touch with families.

One young man said he wished he could hug his mother and his girlfriend – and an idea was born.

The group decided to trace their outreached arms and send their “hugs” home. The activity helped assuage anxieties about missing in-person visitations and also employed teamwork.



Volunteers in the Waco area showered TJJD youth at the McLennan County state facility with an outpouring of Easter love, sending more than 600 greeting cards to the young men. The cards just kept coming in, until there were enough for each boy to receive three.

- **Intake.** On April 14, TJJD temporarily halted all new admissions to its facilities to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. Admissions have slowly resumed since May.
- **Medical quarantine and COVID-19 testing.** Each TJJD facility has set aside space for medical quarantine.
- **Cleaning.** We have provided guidance and our facilities are cleaning routinely with a focus on high-touch surfaces.



Students at Mart are exercising their art skills on wastebaskets that have been designated for mask disposal.





- **Education.** Youth are receiving alternative education through assignments with a small number of teachers providing support and tutoring on the dorm and are observing rules that require no more than 10 people to a group, social distancing, and masks.



Youth at Ron Jackson have decorated their dorms with rainbows and prayerful messages to express their concern for those affected by the coronavirus pandemic and their hope that it will end soon.

The displays were part of a contest that helped everyone contemplate the crisis.



- **Recreation.** We understand that engagement and interaction are essential to our youth and that when youths' daily activities are interrupted, it can cause frustration and anxiety. From both Central Office and our facilities, we have a team charged with providing as many structured activities, physical activities, and opportunities to be outdoors or other recreation spaces as possible.



Youth and youth coaches at Ron Jackson enjoyed an "All Youth Swim Weekend," celebrating the reopening of the campus pool after recent renovations to the pool and recreation area.



At Gainesville State School, the young men are taking advantage of the spring weather and outdoor spaces to fly kites, exercise with hula hoops and coax coaches into impromptu football practices.



Twice a year, the Emmaus Community and Epiphany Ministry of West Texas offers a three-day, intensive spiritual training program for the youth at Ron Jackson Juvenile Correctional Complex. Volunteers from across Texas work one-on-one with the young women, helping them find their spiritual identity.

The gathering, part of Ron Jackson for nearly 20 years, aims to bring hope and healing to the youth, who engage with Biblical teachings, skits, art projects, music and fun, such as this year's line dancing lesson. Mentors work with the youth throughout the weekend, encouraging involvement and spiritual development. Near the end of the activities, several youth stand and offer testimony about a spiritual awakening they felt or something positive they learned. Both tears and laughter mark these moments.

Epiphany Ministry is a non-denominational organization that exists exclusively to present youth with hope, healing and the concept that they are not alone and each has a place and destiny in the world.

We are grateful to Becky Reynolds, a Brownwood resident who serves as community liaison and organizer of Ron Jackson's Epiphany program.



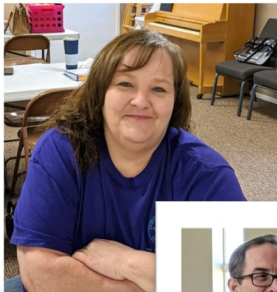
*Brownwood Epiphany #37*



### Upcoming Epiphany Weekends

Facility	W/E#	Date	LD	ALD	WC	SD	B. Rep
Brownwood	E 41	Feb '21	Trish Bull				Roy Bradshaw
Ellis	E 1	TBD	Neil Atkinson	Joe Lee	Dan Swanson	Steve Wilson	Roy Bradshaw
Evins	E 11	TBD	Jef Eaton	Graciano Castanada	Raul Rodriguez	Hamilton Musser	
Gainesville	E 41	TBD	Steve Tacker	Patty Jackson	Nichole Collingsworth	Steven Miller	
Giddings	E 35	TBD	Andrew Perry	Shirley Perry	Sharon Marks	Mike Jones	Neil Atkinson
Krier	E 28	TBD	Chrissie Smith		Mary Helen Silva		
Mart	E 32	TBD	Mike Mellina	Leeann Radell			
Post	E 26	TBD	Paula Swanson	Larae Greer	Mark Wright	E.C. Harlan	

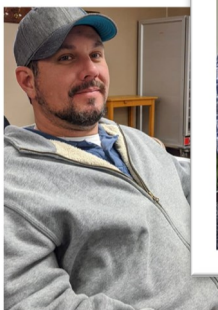




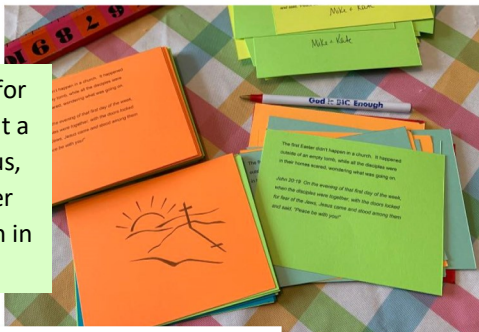
## Post Epiphany #26 Team Meeting 2



The team cheered when they learned we would be allowed to serve Communion during our team worship. Thank you, State Board, for approving this with the understanding that careful consideration of each team member take place.



Easter Cards for the Youth, but a reminder to us, the first Easter didn't happen in a church.



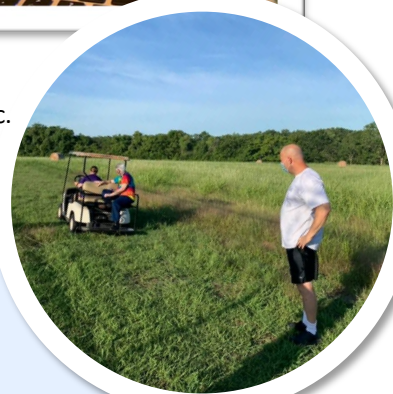
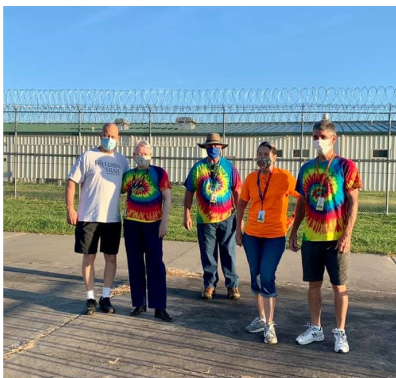
Mart Zoom meeting May 31. Some of our Epiphany team members. love them and those who weren't there!

## MART EPIPHANY

Keeping ministry alive through the pandemic.  
You guys rock!

We walked the perimeter of the facility.  
We prayed and waved.  
We miss our youth and our team family.  
Prayers for healing, patience and the end of this pandemic.

July 2020





During these challenging times...

Keep the faith in Christ!

Fear not saith the Lord

Exercise prayer and discernment loved ones!

May God continue to protect and shield you from harm!

FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A  
**SPIRIT OF FEAR,**  
BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE  
AND OF A SOUND MIND.  
2 TIMOTHY 1:7

## 33 VERSES ABOUT FEAR AND ANXIETY

Isaiah 41:10  
Psalm 56:3  
Philippians 4:6-7  
**John 14:27**  
2 Timothy 1:7  
1 John 4:18  
PSALM 94:19  
Isaiah 43:1  
Proverbs 12:25  
Psalm 23:4  
**Joshua 1:9**  
Matthew 6:34  
**1 PETER 5:6-7**  
Isaiah 35:1  
Luke 12:22-26  
Psalm 27:1

Psalm 55:22  
Mark 6:50  
Deuteronomy 31:6  
ISAIAH 41:13-14  
**PSALM 46:1**  
Psalm 118:6-7  
Proverbs 29:25  
Mark 4:39-40  
Psalm 34:7  
1 Peter 3:14  
Psalm 34:4  
**DEUTERONOMY 3:22**  
Revelation 1:17  
Mark 5:36  
Romans 8:38-39  
Zephaniah 3:17  
Psalm 91:1-16

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# HELP!

This newsletter is in need of input from all of the Texas Epiphany units. If you find that you are not getting good coverage it is because I have not received input from your unit, or I have not been able to find anything to publish about your unit. Should you have events, activities or any news from your unit or team, send me an email using the subject: Epiphany News.

My email address is - [pjc903@aol.com](mailto:pjc903@aol.com). I'll be watching for your emails!

God Bless you!  
Paula Swanson