



# Epiphany Tidings

Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany



June 2010



## Curate's Corner

### **Coleman Mission Trip: Building up the Body of Christ**

On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, twenty-five missionaries from Epiphany headed to Coleman, Texas to spend a long week end at work renovating the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank. In the process of serving, we learned a lot about the Body of Christ. The first thing we learned is that serving in such a way strengthens the Body right here at home. Before we left on our trip, we all gathered for dinner and fellowship. That evening I asked the members of the mission team to raise their hands if they had met someone for the first time at this dinner. Every member of the group held up a hand! By the end of the trip, we knew all knew one another in a way that only can happen if you work alongside one another in service to God. As one member put it, "Now when I come to church and I see someone from the trip, we just smile at each other. We have a bond that is deep."

Secondly, we found that serving on a mission trip can strengthen the Body of Christ in the Church at large. Epiphany partnered with St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Coleman. The folks at St. Mark's opened their homes to us, fed us and worked with us on the renovation at Loaves and Fishes. Our time together culminated in Sunday worship and a delicious dinner hosted by St. Mark's. One member of St. Mark's said that this project was "unsettling, energizing, and a wonderful blessing." God's call to serve is indeed unsettling at times, but if we step out in faith, God does bless us in a transformative way!

Finally, it was a joy to serve with not only our fellow Episcopalians, but with Christians from other denominations as well. Working along with Epiphany and St. Mark's were also folks from local Baptist, Methodist, Church of Christ, Christian (Disciples of Christ), and Presbyterian churches. We give thanks for God's invitation to serve in the Body of Christ and the blessings that come from such service. We look forward to serving in Coleman again in late September. Is God calling you to join us on our next trip? If you want more information, contact The Rev. Betsy Randall at [brandall@epiphany-richardson.org](mailto:brandall@epiphany-richardson.org).

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# NEWS & NOTES



## Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry at Epiphany continues to grow with wonderful people offering their skills in making new shawls for our parish. There are 27 receiving shawl ministry email updates as of now and if you would like to be on this list too, email [Sharon\\_ricks@tx.rr.com](mailto:Sharon_ricks@tx.rr.com). As of now, we have given 100 shawls to those in need of comfort and prayer within our parish. Each shawl is handmade with prayerful thought. The shawl is then blessed by other members of the ministry and ultimately blessed by Fr. Bill at the Altar on a Sunday. We gather once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday to knit/crochet and share fellowship. Please join us anytime. If you would like a shawl or know of someone who may like one, please contact Elsie Hendricks at 972-495-8526, Sharon Ricks at 972-690-6204 or any member of the



Check these dates !!



## **Vacation Bible School**

**Vacation Bible School will be held July 26-30th. Cost is \$20 fee per child (a max fee of \$50 per household). Scholarships are available. Registration closes Sunday, July 11th.**

## Blood Pressure Screening

Parish nurses do blood pressure screening Sunday, June 6th and 20th between services and after the 11 a.m. service.



The Caregivers Group will meet Monday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the PLC. This is an open support group for those who provide care for elderly family members and is led by Kay Paggi.

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 ★ Upcoming *deadlines* for the ★  
 ★ *Epiphany Tidings* are ★  
 ★ Thursdays: June 17th & July 15th ★  
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# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

## Sunday Morning Fellowship

Jesus was able to do the impressive miracle of turning water into wine. Your vestry does a somewhat less impressive version of this by turning water into coffee in St. Marks Hall each Sunday! Come join us between services for coffee, conversation and a chance to get to know your fellow Epiphanyites better. We occasionally have sweet goods as well as other treats also available. Come join us!

Epiphany Vestry



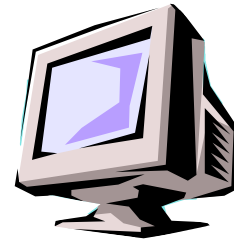
## Website Update

Our Epiphany website continues to grow and improve. There is a new color scheme, pictures of the Epiphany garden being planted, pictures of the Coleman Mission trip, updates from Father Bill in Honduras on a regular basis including pictures, as well as all that is new at Epiphany. Your website is your best source for information on ministries, events and recaps of recent activities. Stephanie Broyles is our webmaster and does a great job.

If you haven't been to the website lately check it out. We're at [www.epiphany-richardson.org](http://www.epiphany-richardson.org).

## Vestry Minutes Available

Vestry minutes are available on the Vestry portion of the parish website under "documents." To locate the minutes: first click on *ministries*, then scroll down the listing and click on *vestry*. Because the minutes are now available on the church's web site they will no longer be forwarded to parishioners who have previously requested them.



## **New window decal**

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## Richardson, Texas

## Epiphany Car Window Decals

Epiphany car window decals are now available for your use on your car window or possibility your home window if you so choose. These are removable decals which show you support for Epiphany. We also want to promote Epiphany as THE Episcopal Church in Richardson to the community while hopefully attracting newcomers and visitors. The decals are placed on the outside of the window. Several years ago we had Epiphany bumper stickers which were very popular, and this is the next generation of that effort.

Decals may be picked up in the Epiphany bookstore, or check in the narthex or parish office.

Epiphany Vestry

## Musical Musings



### Year-end Choir Festivities

It has been a whirlwind of year-end activities for Epiphany's choirs during the month of May. The Cherub Choir had a scavenger hunt, played games, and ate pizza and ice cream on Wednesday, May 12th. The St. Cecilia Choir went to CiCi's, swam at the natatorium in Allen, and finished their Sunday afternoon with Braum's ice cream on May 16th. The Carillon Ringers met at Campisi's for food and fellowship as they exchanged birthday presents on Wednesday, May 19th. The Epiphany Ringers and Adult Choir gathered at the home of Jeff and Sally Stillings for food and fellowship on Sunday, June 6th. It's been a GREAT year of music making for the choirs of Epiphany. Keep Tuesdays and Wednesdays free for rehearsals in the fall and we'll see you back "in the saddle" in September.

# Help needed

### Cleaning Choir Vestments

Hazel Hill deserves a HUGE pat on the back for washing all of the Cherub and St. Cecilia vestments single handedly. If you have time to help with the Adult choir robes, please call David Stinson at 214.690.0095 ext. 108 and let him know you'd be happy to help.



## Habitat Charity Golf Tournament

This year's golf tournament sponsored by the Dallas Area Brotherhood of St Andrew will be held at Canyon Creek Country Club on Tuesday, June 8 with a 12:30 PM shotgun start. All net proceeds will be used to assist the funding of the Dallas Area Habitat house build. This is the Dioceses' 15th house funding and house build. Golfer fees are \$150 that includes green fees, cart fees, putting green, driving range balls, and dinner. Brochures containing entry forms are located in the reader's rack in the Narthex. Hole and tee sponsors are also available for non golfers for as little as \$100. This is a great diocesan and parish outreach function. For additional information see Jim Vineyard, 972-495-7633, or Don Candy, 972-424-2426.



## Ranger Baseball Family Outing

Members of the men's club have again put together another Ranger baseball outing. The date is Sunday, June 27 against Houston. Game time is 7:05 PM. The cost per person is \$20 that includes game ticket, hot dogs and beverages prior to bus pick up, and beverages on the bus. The bus will depart the South parking lot at 5:30 PM. This is our 25th year of attending Ranger baseball games.

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## Stewardship Corner

### Stewardship Reflections

For my contribution in this year's collection of Lenten Passages, I spoke about the passage in Matthew when Jesus taught the disciples to avoid the folly of pursuing worldly, material things. He says *"Therefore, do not be anxious, saying 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."* (Matthew 6: 31-33). Jesus insists that if people are righteous and keep God in the center of their lives, God will provide them all that they need. Unfortunately, too many people fail to put faith in Jesus' words. The economic collapse of the past two years is vivid testament to the folly of placing excessive emphasis on acquiring wealth. Thousands of families in this country purchased homes they knew they could not afford, in hopes of acquiring the admiration of their friends and business associates, just like the Jews of two thousand years ago. Now, those homes have been foreclosed and the owners are bankrupt.

I know that many members of our Epiphany family have also suffered from the current economic recession. We become worried and concerned for our welfare, not knowing how long our savings will last or whether we will be able to keep our house, or car. But we should be careful not to let our worrying turn into a continuous exercise in self-pity. There is a web site that I found that is devoted to Oswald Chambers, an Anglican scholar who lived early in the 20th Century. For those interested, the web site is "My Utmost for His Highest"; the URL link is <http://www.rbc.org/utmost/index.php>. The web site contains a collection of his Christian devotionals. One of his essays involved the sin of self-pity, which he maintains is one of the greatest sins because "it removes God from the throne of our lives, replacing Him with our own self-interests. It causes us to open our mouths only to complain, and we simply become spiritual sponges— always absorbing, never giving, and never being satisfied. And there is nothing lovely or generous about our lives." He insists that we will remain in a precarious position all our lives until we fully turn to God and, in faith, believe he will provide us all that we need.

Whether we are enjoying times of wealth or suffering through times of trouble and impoverishment, we should always keep God the center of our lives and constantly pray to Him for help and guidance. When it comes to giving to Epiphany, whether it is our treasure, our time, or our talents, we should never worry if we have enough to give. Through prayer and open hearts, God will tell us the right amounts to contribute. Through prayer our generosity will not be something forced that we feel uncomfortable or guilty about, but will come freely, with joy.

Randy Moravec

## EPIPHANY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGH APRIL 2010

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Total <u>2010 Budget</u>
Pledges - Recurring	\$133,208	\$141,109	\$ 463,121
- Prepaid	103,713	103,713	103,713
Non-pledged & Other	<u>41,836</u>	<u>22,586</u>	<u>73,350</u>
	\$278,757	\$267,408	\$ 640,184
Total Spending	<u>207,516</u>	<u>207,883</u>	<u>640,184</u>
Net	\$ 71,241	\$ 59,525	0

Cash on Hand \$ 60,937

Diocesan Assessment, Outreach and all Parish Ministries  
are fully funded, in accordance with the budget, through April.

**Sunday, June 27**

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Outing**

**RANGERS BASEBALL**

**\$20 per person**

**The Outing is SOLD OUT!**

**To be put on a waiting list for tickets  
should someone cancel,**

**Contact Jim Vineyard**

**972-495-7633**

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