

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

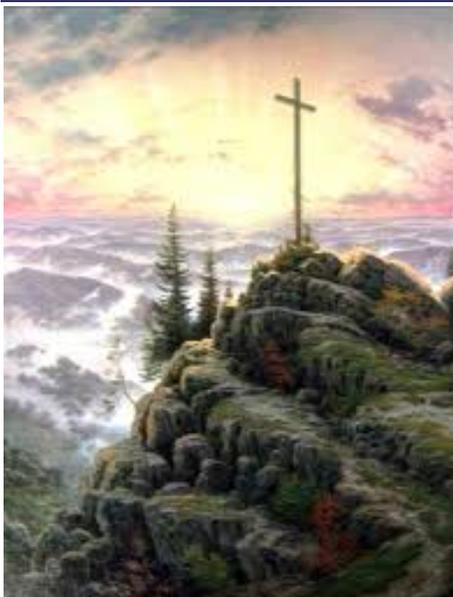
September 2016 News!

In this Issue: [JTD #158](#) | [Notes from the BOD](#) | [JTD # 160](#) | [Past Lay Directors Thank You](#) | [St. Angela Scholarship](#) | [Journey Boards](#) | [Save the Date](#) | [2016 Weekends](#)

Reminders - This Weekend

Corpus Christi - Men's Journey to Damascus # 158
Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center
September 15 - 18
Sponsor Service - September 15 - 6:30 pm
Candlelight - September 17 - 8:00 pm
Closing - September 18 - 2:00 pm

JTD # 158 - Corpus Christi Men's



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the final week is here it is with a bit of sadness and excitement that I write to the JTD community. I have truly felt Christ presence throughout this process. The team has grown to be one in Christ and prepared to serve our pilgrims. I will miss the team meetings, but cannot wait to watch God work in our Pilgrims. It amazes me how men & women can come together as friends and strangers

Journey to Damascus # 158

**Corpus Christi
Sept. 15 - 18, 2016**

“And though I have the power of
prophecy, to penetrate all mysteries
and knowledge, and though I have all
the faith necessary to move mountains
-- If I am without love,
I am nothing”

1 Corth. 13:2

SAVE THE DATE!

**JTD #160 - Corpus Christi
Women's
November 17 - 20**

2016 Weekends

JTD #158 - Corpus Christi
Men's
September 15 - 18
Jason Rodriguez - [email](#)

JTD #160 - Corpus Christi
Women's
November 17 - 20
Alison Alonzo - [email](#)



Contact Us

and do Great things to glorify God.

The outpouring of love and support from the community has been amazing and I am so very grateful.

Christ Love is evident in this community and my prayers are that we as a community can continue to be the Body of Christ to all we come into contact. Please continue the prayers for our team and especially the Pilgrims. We still have spots so please keep them coming.

Blessings and love,
Jason Rodriguez
Lay Director JTD #158

Lay Director

Jason Rodriguez
"Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Spiritual Director

Fr. Richard Gonzales
"Sacraments"

Spiritual Team

Rev. Billy Storms
Sr. Angela Murdaugh
"Grace"
Deacon Frank Rodriguez
"Faith"

Board Representative

Shane Beckwith

Assistant Lay Directors

Monte Nichols
"Obstacles to Grace"
Sergio Villarreal
"Priorities"
Frank Avila
"Discipleship"

Table Leaders

Casey Menger
Mark DeKoch
"Changing Our World"
Dallas Uvalle
Richard Arizmendi
Monty Nichols III
Marty Nelson
Carlos Lopez
Robert Cockrell
David Rodriguez
Jason Cartwright
"Growth through Study"
Richard Rosales
Matthew Guzman

Pilgrims

Steve Landin
Chris Ardueser

Music Team

Brandon Lutz - Music Director
"Piety"
Jason Benavides
Tommy Northcutt
Frank Newell
Reagan Johnson

Head Chas

Mathew Rodriguez - Co-Head Cha
"Christian Action"
Jim Stegall - Co-Head Cha
"Love & Unity"

Chas

John McCain
Darrell Thompson
Steve Jones
Gene Guernsey
Glenco Jackson
Richard Lutz
David Weaver
Jacob Hunt
Hilario(Larry) Aguero
AR Elizondo
Mark Schuman
Pat Kasperitus
Casey Hunt
Rick Pedraza
Dan Washa
Tom Crossland
Norman Acker
Arthur(Bud) Colwell

Observing Lay Director

Steve Tagliabu

Mark Martinez
Hector Rendon

Corpus Christi
Journey to Damascus
PO Box 948
Corpus Christi, TX 78404
j2damascus@yahoo.com

Brian Boatright
Sam Longoria
Fernando Trejo
J.J. Benavides, Jr.
Mark Johnston
Derek Mick
J.R. Ibarra
Paul Steen
Josh Burgess
Edward Huerta
Aaron Alexander
Freddy Garcia

Moe Bueno
Taylor Havelka
Rob Stewart
Mario Rodriguez
Gerald Briones
Gilberto De La Rosa
Jerry Stillman
Kevin Edwards
Ted Cruz
Federico Rivera
Pat Hubbard
Bob Buchanan

Notes from the JTD BOD

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

As we prepare for JTD #158 this weekend, we are also closely monitoring the potential for rain on the weekend which could affect Candlelight. As of today, our plan for Candlelight is to have the pilgrims/team go for a long walk around the retreat center grounds while the community sings "Amazing Grace" and then departs quickly and quietly from the retreat center before the pilgrims/team return to the Chapel. If the potential for rain exists that evening, then the pilgrims/team will remain in the Chapel after singing the "Jesus, Jesus" song and the community will exit the Chapel while singing "Amazing Grace" and then depart from the retreat center. We will let everyone know which format we will follow just prior to the start of the Candlelight service.

Pax Christi is the third home retreat facility for the Journey to Damascus since its inception in 1999. With each move there have been challenges that must be overcome. Our greatest challenge thus far is the logistics of Candlelight and the delicate balance of doing what works best for the pilgrims and what works best for the community. Although the weekend is all about showing the pilgrims the grace, forgiveness and love of Christ and giving them the tools to be a visible sign of Christ in their world, we cannot overstate the importance of the community and their involvement in the weekend process. Without the community, there would be no teams. Without the community, there would be no pilgrims. Without the community, there would be no Candlelight or Closing. Without the community, there would be no reunion groups welcoming new pilgrims with open arms. Without the community.....there would be no Journey to Damascus. The BOD wants you, the community, to know how much you are valued and how much we appreciate your patience with us as we work through the challenges at hand. So, I invite and encourage all of you to contact me personally via email with any of your questions, comments or concerns regarding Candlelight, Pax Christi or the Journey to Damascus in general. Thank you for your continued commitment to this ministry that we all hold so close to our hearts.

We look forward to an overwhelming turnout at Candlelight and Closing this weekend as an expression of God's grace, mercy and love. Christ Jesus, the

pilgrims and the team of JTD #158 are counting on us! May our response continue to be "Here I am Lord"!

In His love,
Shane Beckwith
JTD Board of Directors President
Corpus Christi
Jtd119sb@gmail.com

JTD # 160 - Corpus Christi Women's



Journey to Damascus # 160

**Corpus Christi
November 17-20, 2016**

“Do not fear: I am with you;
Do not be anxious: I am your God.
I will strengthen you, I
will help you, I will uphold you with
my victorious right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

De Colores! The Journey Team #160 is coming along fantastic! The Holy Spirit is truly present at each of our meetings and present in the hearts of each of our team members. The team formation is so strong and I am amazed daily at how blessed I am to have this team. I love each and every one of these women and men and I am so grateful and blessed to all who have been called to serve on my team. The talks are so inspiring and each talk will bless the hearts of each of the pilgrims. We have two more meetings planned before our weekend and all of the team is so anxious to meet the pilgrims. We have been praying so hard for all of the pilgrims and we ask the community to please keep the team and the pilgrims in your prayers. Our agape is coming along great and I am so amazed and blessed at how giving the community is. I am so grateful to each and every one who has prayed or given agape. God is so good! We are in need of pilgrims and our prayer vigil is lacking some spots so if you can please pray for pilgrims and sign up for a prayer vigil spot here:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=12312&commid=802>

that would be such a blessing. We will have our prayer vigil binder at the next men's candlelight and I look forward to seeing you all there. We are looking forward to the next couple of months and so anxious and excited to meet the pilgrims!

Blessings,
Alison Alonzo
Lay Director – JTD #160

Past Lay Director's THANK YOUs

Journey to Damascus #155

Dear JTD Community,

What an absolutely amazing weekend! Our loving, ever-present Lord never fails to provide! And He was with us from the very beginning. The Holy Spirit molded and moved our awesome team to be exactly what was needed for the pilgrims. The team's loving, Christian Action all weekend long touched the hearts of everyone on JTD # 155. I offer my sincere gratitude to each and everyone for their total gift of 'self' to the pilgrims and to each other. They epitomized the true meaning of being 'Servants of God.'

There are so many members of the community who were so generous in their support of this team and these pilgrims. I thank you all for your overwhelming agape, your continual prayers, and your participation and support throughout the weekend.

I have been blessed beyond measure and thank the Lord for allowing me to humbly serve and share this incredible experience with this wonderful team and pilgrims. It is something I will never forget and will hold in my heart forever.

With my deepest gratitude and love and with God's perfect blessings for each of you,

Decolores,
Becky Weaver
Lay Director JTD#155

Sr. Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund

We are also very pleased to announce the establishment of the Sister Angela Murdaugh Scholarship Fund. The goal is to be able to pay the weekend fee for one pilgrim per JTD weekend from this scholarship. To raise money to fund this endeavor we are selling JTD car emblems. The cost of the emblems is \$15 for one and \$25 for two. We should have the car emblems for sale before candlelight services and at the Sunday weekend closings. If you would like to order emblems for your Reunion group or to sell at your team meetings please contact Jim Stegall at jstegall64@gmail.com.



Boards

Corpus Christi

Board of Directors

Fr. Paul Hesse
Spiritual Director

Rev. Billy Storms
Asst. Spiritual Director

Shane Beckwith
President

David Weaver
Past-President

Delma Edge
Vice-President

Marisa Herrera
Treasurer

Patricia Stegall
Historian

Joanna Busenlehner
Secretary

Members:
Martha Ruiz
Rick Oliveira
Ron Alonzo
Daniel Bluntzer
Janie Riojas
Dale Hernandez
Gregory Gowan
John McCain

Central Texas

Board of Directors

Daniel Garza
President

Jennifer Ostarch
Vice President

Virginia Edge
Treasurer

Edna Dunger
Secretary

Elaine William
Registered Agent

Members:
Belinda Bayarena
Rudy Garza
Gary McLearn
Vilma Luna
Georgia Lynn Porcher
Katie Stillman

(Past President & Member)
Sister Angela Murdaugh
(Spiritual Director)

DECOLORES!

[Click to view this email in a browser](#)

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line or simply click on the following link: [Unsubscribe](#)

[Click here](#) to forward this email to a friend

Journey to Damascus
P.O. Box 948
Corpus Christi, Tx 78403
US

[Read](#) the VerticalResponse marketing policy.

vertical DELIVERED BY
response
Try It Free Today!