

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS NEWSLETTER

Fall

September 2013

REMINDERS - THIS WEEKEND:

Journey to Damascus #119 - September 26 - 29, 2013

Candle Light - September 28 - 8:00pm

Closing - September 29 - 2:00pm

******Babysitting is available at Dougherty Hall for Candlelight and Closing ceremonies*******

Greetings!

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Men's Journey to Damascus #119 Corpus Christi September 26-29, 2013

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with great joy and honor that we welcome the pilgrims that God has called to the weekend for JTD #119 on Thursday. The team meetings are over, the talks have been practiced, and the Body of Christ that is His team for JTD #119 has been solidified in His love and unity. The road has been long, with twists and turns along the way, but this humble, Christ filled team is ready, willing and able - in His strength - to fulfill the call to discipleship for what the pilgrims will come to know as the "Best Journey Ever!". The scripture for the weekend is 2

CC - Men's
JTD #119 Sept. 26 - 29
Shane Beckwith

Houston - Women's
JTD #122 Oct 3 - 6
Cheryl Battaglia

Central Texas - Men's
JTD #120 Oct 31 - Nov 1
Luis Aguilar

CC - Women's
JTD #121 Nov. 21 - 24
Marisa Vera-Herrera

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Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" and for many of the pilgrims, the old will surely be left at the foot of the Cross as the newness of God's grace, forgiveness and love propels them into a new life "in Christ".

There are no words to properly and completely express the gratitude we as a team feel for this awesome Journey to Damascus community that has so generously gifted it's time, treasure and talent to make #119 a reality. Please keep the team in your prayers that we may truly be instruments of God's grace to the pilgrims, but most importantly, pray that the pilgrims will give themselves completely to the weekend so they may see, hear and feel the reality of God's love for them. I look forward to seeing all of you on the other side of the candle at Candlelight!

In His love,
Shane Beckwith
Lay Director

Friday, September 27th		
Priorities	8:30 am	Steve Tagliabue
Grace	10:30am	Rev. Billy Storms
Priesthood of All Believers	1:10 pm	Dylan Garza
Faith	2:30 pm	Sr. Angela
Life in Piety	6:50 pm	Richard Arizmendi
Saturday, September 28th		
Growth Through Study	8:20 am	Joel Valdez
Sacraments	9:40 am	Fr. Richard Gonzales
Christian Action	1:30 pm	Jorge Arteaga
Obstacles to Grace	3:00 pm	Rev. Monte Nichols
Discipleship	6:45 pm	John Rodriguez
Love and Unity (at Candlelight)	8:00 pm	Mat Rodriguez
Sunday, September 29 th		
Changing Our World	9:15 am	Bill Green
Body of Christ	10:15 am	Jonathan Cartwright
Perseverance/4th Day	11:15 am	Shane Beckwith

Journey # 119 Team:

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Rev. Billy Storms	Asst. Spiritual Director
Sr. Angela Murdaugh	Asst. Spiritual Director
Rev. Monte Nichols	Asst. Spiritual Director

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Joel Valdez	ALD
Bill Green	ALD

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Prayer Vigil Signup 101

This is how easy it is to sign up
online:

Step 1. Log on to the website
3dayol.org (Cut and paste it
from this email or double click
on the link)

Step 2. Click on the "prayer
vigil" link at the bottom of the
rainbow on the far left side of
the webpage

Jerrett Helmick
Joseph Herrera
David Kraeer
Felix Linan

Thomas Taylor
Richard Voss
John Watson

Women's Journey To Damascus #120 Corpus Christi November 21-24, 2013

This hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

Dear JTD Community,

The Holy Spirit continues to work through our team as we prepare to pour Christ's love upon the 36 pilgrims that have been handpicked by God to be there in November. The team becomes closer each meeting and everyone feels the excitement and joy that the retreat has to offer the pilgrims. The talks have been filled with inspiring words from the Holy Spirit that the pilgrims are sure to be moved by the out pouring of honesty and the examples of fearlessness to follow Christ through any challenge. The agape list is complete; however, we can always use more agape for pilgrims' pillows. We are always in need of your prayers.

Please sign up on line at

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=8298&commid=802>

One last request, please, mark your calendar to be at Candlelight
November 23 at 8pm.

I love this community and my constant prayer is its continued success
bringing our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

Thank you for your support, love, and prayers.

YSIC,
Marisa Vera-Herrera
Lay Director

Women's Journey to Damascus #123 Central Texas Letter from Anna Adrian, Lay Director

Step 3. Click on "Check out a list of Prayer Vigils"

Step 4. Every weekend is in Alphabetical order. Scroll down to "Journey to Damascus" and chose the desired weekend.

Step 5. Chose an available time highlighted in Blue to the left that indicates "sign up"

Step 6. Enter your Name, Email address, City and State of Residence, Country of Origin and submit

Quick Links

JourneyToDamascus.org

"THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS..." JOHN 15:13

This scripture spoke to my heart immediately after being asked to serve as lay director for the Central Texas community. It's truly amazing to me that these women and Fr. Tom were willing to put aside their own daily life in order to make a 3-hour round trip to attend the team meetings on a Saturday morning. I know it was tough to get "one more thing" added to very busy summer schedules. God truly answered my prayers by blessing me with this amazing team of women and Fr. Tom who were able and willing to serve. Words cannot express the gratitude I have for all the hard work and dedication this team has given these past six months. It's been an amazing journey for us.

THANK YOU TO THE JOURNEY, EMMAUS, KAIROS, CURSILLO AND SHALOM COMMUNITIES FROM CORPUS CHRISTI AND HOUSTON, FOR ALL YOUR PRAYERS, AGAPE AND LETTERS OF LOVE. I am truly humbled by the generosity of so many in our community.

A special thank you to the following:

~ My parents for showing me what faith and perseverance truly are; my brothers and sisters who love me unconditionally; my husband, Marty, who showed his Christian Action on the day we met -- I love you; Anthony, Andrea & Aaron -- I thank God every day for picking me to help Him raise such beautiful children. My love for each of you is eternal.

~ St. Elsewhere Team; it wasn't easy getting everything done via email, conference calls, meetings, text messages, etc., but through commitment and perseverance, God made it all possible.

~ JTD 123 Team -- you're an awesome group.

~ Spiritual Team, thank you for saying YES to leading us spiritually.

~ My reunion groups Circle of Sisters and Sugar Sistas ... you're always in my heart.

~ The Music Team....YOU LADIES ROCK!!

~ Randy Cartwright and my husband for creating this beautiful cross.

I will treasure it forever.

~ All the sponsors who went "fishing" and provided us with 22 beautiful "keepers."

THE BIGGEST THANK YOU TO GOD FOR SENDING HIS ONLY SON TO DIE SO THAT WE COULD ALL BE SAVED BY HIS MERCY AND GRACE.

Anna C. Adrian
Lay Directory

Team

Spiritual Director: Fr. Tom Goodwin (Ecumenism & Sacraments)

Spiritual Team: Rev. Kay Johnson (Faith); Sister Angela Murdaugh (Grace); Sister Kathleen Higgins (Obstacles to Grace)

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Angels: Martha Ruiz [Co-Head]; Laura Cantwell [Co-Head]; Edna Dunger [Assistant Head Angel] (Life in Piety); Belinda Bayarena; Billie Becak; Pamela Benson (Priesthood of All Believers); Cindy Cardiel; Jan Clark; Beverly Cunningham; Hilda Curry; Shea Enderle; Lynda Gonzalez; Jennifer Ostarch (Christian Action); Monica Narvaez; Tina Panek; Sang Sananikone

Table Leaders: Barbie Boeck; Kathy Campbell (Priorities); Diana Devereux; Amy Dotin; Virginia Edge; Emily Garza; Sara Hutchins; Adele Langlois; Clara Medina; Chris Molina; Cindy Ramirez (Body of Christ); Adelita Rojas (Discipleship); Terria Schmidt; Elaine Williams

Music: Melanie Brown; Tiffanie Clausewitz; Magdalene Madla; Terri Lynne Schofield
(Martin Adrian, Love & Unity)

Pilgrims

Yolanda Aguilar
Adrianna Alvarez
Samantha Becak
Deborah Bloomingdale
Janet Dirmeyer
Pat Good
Bobbie Grobard
Ilisayh Little
Jo Ann Luehring
Pegi Maggart
Shanna Lea McCreary
Amanda Medina
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Women's Journey to Damascus #118

Letter from Crystal Valdez, Lay Director

"Delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the desires of your heart"
Psalms 37:4

With much love and open hearts our beautiful team of Christ filled women all came together in prayer, mind, body and spirit to humbly serve our Savior Jesus Christ. It was an amazing and humbling experience that has forever marked the footprints of God in my heart. To witness 35 beautiful women come in Thursday evening and leave Sunday afternoon with smiles from ear to

ear. I can truly say I saw Gods face in each and every one these women. A heartfelt thank you to all the community for your prayers, support and gifts of agape. Lastly, thank you to my family for your endless support. I love you all from the bottom of my heart.

De Colores,
Crystal Salinas-Valdez
Lay Director

Men's Journey to Damascus #116

Letter from Pete Flores, Lay Director

Thank You note from the ramrod of Windmill Journey, AKA JTD 116

Ole Cowboy Wisdom: Ride for the brand, be happy and do things from the heart... Give thanks to the Lord for each moment...

Working at something starts with positive thinking and positive attitude. Your goal is to be the best you can be with a smile. There is no room for negative thinking of the brand, because once negative thoughts are present, they will replace the positive and good thoughts. Pray for a Happy Heart....

I cannot say it any better than that Ole Cowboy with this advice, The Windmill Team along with the community made the journey an awesome journey. All were riding for the brand and the gift of agape were indescribable. While on the journey some awesome pilgrims came along for the brand.

I have to Tip My Hat to the Windmill Team, the Pilgrims and Community. Together we rode for the brand, the Lord's brand!!!

Thanks from the Ramrod
Pete Flores
Lay Director

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