# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

**July 2015 Newsletter** 

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## **Reminders - This Weekend**

Corpus Christi Women's Journey to Damascus #143
July 23 - July 26, 2015
Sponsor Hour - July 23 - 6:30 pm
Candle Light - July 25 - 8:00 pm
Closing - July 26 - 2:00 pm

\*\* Babysitting is available for Candlelight ONLY - at Dougherty Hall \*\*

# JTD #143



Journey to Damascus #143 July 23 - 26, 2015 Delma Edge

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights..." James 1-17

Dear Brothers and Sister,

Thank you all for giving so much of yourselves to JTD #143. Your thoughts, support, messages and gifts of agape, have been very much appreciated. The past 6 months have been incredibly amazing and unforgettable. The weekend has finally arrived and we are anxiously waiting to see 36 beautiful women of God walk through our doors. As the team prepares to greet these women, I ask you to please continue to keep us in your daily prayers. Please also pray for the pilgrims, as they will soon begin "The Best Journey Ever!"

God bless you,

Delma Edge Lay Director

## Lay Director

Delma Edge "Fourth Day/Perseverance"

#### **Spiritual Director**

Fr. Alfredo Villarreal "Sacraments"

#### **Spiritual Team**

Rev. Billy Storms "Grace" Pastor Tom Ferrell

#### Music Team

Melissa Ricard - Music Director Marila Colunga "Christian Action" Michele Gonzalez Laurene Raleigh Dora Tracy

# Co-Head Angels

Yolanda Rivera-Roman

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

JTD # 145 Corpus Christi Men's When: September 24 - 27

#### 2015 Weekends

JTD #143- Corpus Christi Women's July 23 - 26 Delma Edge delmaedge@yahoo.com

JTD #145- Corpus Christi Men's September 24 - 27 Gregory Gowan ggowan@gelawfirm.com

JTD #147- Corpus Christi Women's October 15-18 Cathy Benavides cathycook888@yahoo.com

JTD #148 - Central Texas Men's December 3 - 6 Rudy Garza



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"Faith"

Sister Rosa Maria Ortiz "Obstacles to Grace"

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Jennifer Philips "Changing Our World"

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# JTD #145

# Journey to Damascus #145

September 24 - 27, 2015 Gregory Gowen

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is great! It is hard to believe that the initial stages of planning for this

Journey to Damascus began over a year ago. Since the initial planning began, I have been praying and asking God that His will be done throughout this Journey. He has truly blessed me with an excellent team. The team has bonded wonderfully, and our meetings have been very productive. I know this Journey will not only touch the pilgrims' lives in September, but all of our lives thereafter.

What a humbling experience to see so many brothers and sisters in Christ step up to answer God's call into service during this Journey. Our Lord has provided our team, a lot of whom I met for the first time at the first team meeting. Over the last five months, we have grown together through many practice talks, laughs, tears, testimonies and friendship and our team is rounding the final corner running at full steam.

I would like to like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in our Journey, regardless of the role you played. Thank you for your agape, whether you gave time, goodies/pilgrim agape, your love or your prayers. It is because of you, your prayers and the Holy Spirit that we have succeeded thus far, and will continue to succeed throughout our Journey.

Please come share in the blessings of this Journey with all of us at candlelight, and come meet our new brothers in Christ at closing.

May God continue to bless and protect each and every one of you. Glory be to God!!

De Colores! Gregory Gowen Lay Director

Please help us fill the Prayer Vigil for JTD #145, there are many slots available. Click here <a href="http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?commid=&pvid=10926.">http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?commid=&pvid=10926.</a> Thank YOU

## Past Weekends

#### JTD #140

Brothers and sisters in Christ, on behalf of the entire team and pilgrims of JTD #140, I would like to express a heartfelt thank you. Your agape and prayers help the women of JTD # 140 realize Christ presence is all around us all the time. It has been my privilege to have witnessed these women accepting the gift of salvation and declaring Jesus Christ as their lord and savior. Thank you God for your Grace. Thank you for this community. Thank you for allowing us to serve you. Thank you for this ministry. May God continue to bless you all with his Grace and Peace. Always put on the whole armor of God.

Blessings,

Margie Svetlik Lay Director for JTD #140

## JTD #141

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As JTD # 141 is now in our rear view mirror, and the wondering of 'what to do with my time' is upon me, I want to thank each and every one of you! This entire community poured its love and agape all over this wonderful group of men I had the pleasure of serving with, as well as the 37 pilgrims we served.

No, that is not a typo - 37 pilgrims who are now a vital part of our ever-growing community of Christian brothers and sisters. There were so many members of the community who were selfless in their support of this team and these pilgrims. We will forever be grateful to you all. The love of Christ that was shown by this team touched many men's hearts on JTD # 141. As a living testament to that, we now have a huge new group of men attending our reunion group weekly.

First and foremost, I want to give thanks to God for allowing me to humbly serve and share this experience with this group of men. Secondly, I want to thank the JTD board for offering me the opportunity to serve Him in a way I would never have imagined. God <u>does</u> qualify the ones he calls on.

To the team members, WOW is all I can say! You men came together for one purpose - Serving God's children and showing them Christ's love through each and every one of you. I will carry these memories with me for the rest of my life.

De Colores,

David Weaver Lay Director for JTD #141

# Letter from the Board

Greetings JTD Community,

We are pleased to announce the Corpus Christi Lay Directors for 2016. There will be 6 weekends, 3 men's and 3 women's.

Ron Alonzo	JTD # 151	March 21 - April 3, 2016	<u>email</u>
Helen Orsak	JTD # 153	May 12 - 15, 2016	<u>email</u>
Luis Flores	JTD # 154	June 16 - 19, 2016	<u>email</u>
Becky Weaver	JTD # 155	August 4 - 7, 2016	<u>email</u>
Jason Rodriguez	JTD # 158	September 15 - 18, 2016	<u>email</u>
Alison Alonzo	JTD # 160	November 17 - 20, 2016	<u>email</u>

Team formation has begun. If you are interested in serving on a Team in 2016 please contact the Lay Director using his/her email address listed above or attend the upcoming Candlelight services and meet with the lay directors in person.

Remember that even if you are unable to serve on a weekend there are many other ways to stay actively involved in Journey to Damascus while supporting the teams and pilgrims on the weekends. To name a few of these things:

Provide Agape for the weekend Sign up for the Prayer Vigils Sponsoring pilgrims Attending Candlelight Services Attending Closing Ceremony

All of these activities are vitally important to the continuation of successful weekends.

De Colores, David Weaver

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 <u>jstegall64@gmail.com</u>.

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