# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

### September 2015 Newsletter

### WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE!

Team and Pilgrim information for JTD #145 has been updated and corrected.

### **Reminders - This Weekend**

Corpus Christi -

Men's Journey to Damascus #145

September 24 - 27, 2015

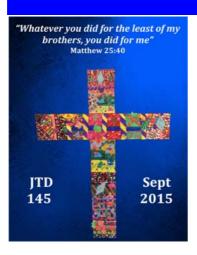
Sponsor Hour - Sept. 24 - 6:30 pm

Candle Light - Sept. 26 - 8:00 pm

Closing - Sept. 27 - 2:00 pm

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

### JTD #145



### **Journey to Damascus #145** September 24 - 27, 2015 Gregory Gowan

"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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The weekend has arrived. After a year in planning, countless hours of preparation and an outpouring of agape from everyone, the "best journey ever" is here. Thank you to everyone on the team and in the JTD community for your agape, thoughts and prayers. Thank you to the team for the hard work and putting up with me. We look forward to helping in any way we can the 36 pilgrims that will experience their first,

## SAVE THE DATE!

JTD # 147

Corpus Christi Women's When: October 15-18

#### 2015 Weekends

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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and probably not last, Journey to Damascus. By the grace of God, may we be a light unto the pilgrims this weekend.

May God bless and protect you,

Gregory Gowan Lay Director

Lay Director Music Team

Gregory Gowan Ric Ricard - Music Director

"Fourth Day/Perseverance" Reagan Johnson "Christian Action" **Spiritual Director** David Reichenbacher

Fr. Tom Goodwin Phil Monroe "Sacraments" Robert Cockrell Frank Newell

**Spiritual Team** 

Rev. Billy Storms

"Grace"

Rev. Gwen Becka Jennings

"Faith" Co-Chas Angels Sister Angela Murdaugh Justin Kerr

Monty Nichols, Jr. "Discipleship" "Obstacles to Grace" Oscar Ramos

Fr. Joseph Lopez - Observing Fr. Al Abainza - Observing

**Board Representative** 

**Assistant Lay Directors** Mike Reilly

"Priesthood of all Believers"

Frank Avila

Jim Stegall

"Growth through Study" Paul Pilarcyzk

"Priorities"

**Table Leaders** 

Benjamin Oliveira Rudy Lerma Steve Swetlick "Changing Our World" Thomas Burleson Bernie Sullivan Adrian Cuevas "Body of Christ" Jimmy Rivera Bill Stith John McCain

Daniel Covich Richard Arizmendi Luciano Salazar

**Assistant Table Leaders** 

Jake Atkinson Gustavo Barrera Carlos Lopez Matthew Guzman

Rey Pena David Kenyon Sponsor Service

Luis Constante

Ron & Margo Alonzo

**Photographer** 

Chas Casey Hunt

Mike Wagoner

Russell Samples Willie Rivera

Tom Crossland

"Life in Piety"

Frank Pompa

"Love & Unity"

Dave Johnson L.A. Elizondo

Jonathon Cartwright

Patricia Stegall

**Pilgrims** 

Hilario Aguero Chris Huff Joma Bathan Jacob Hunt James Beeson Mario Jimenez John Borkowski Jeremy Jones Pat Kasperitis Thomas Carlile Fabian Ceballos Keith Landreth Kevin Craven Israel Lopez Ted Cruz Mike Mares

John Deusing Jonathan Merritt Mike Fitch Brett Rhuland

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Oscar Flores Mando Romero Felipe Salinas Rene Garcia Corey Garcia Rick Salinas Harlan Garrett Kyle Sisk Chris Garza Ken Soto Marty Grieme Bruce Thomas Roque Hernandez Dallas Uvalle Victor Hinojosa Rick Villareal

### JTD #147



Journey to Damascus #147 October 15 - 18, 2015 Cathy Benavides

"For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Preparing for Journey to Damascus #147 has been revealing, humbling, and beautiful. This experience has been quite the roller coaster but truly full of God's grace. I can say now, that this experience has bought me much love, many blessings and tremendous joy! God's plan for me and for the JTD#147 team is better than I could have ever imagined. His plans for us are glorious! It's always sooo amazing how He works everything out. Our team is the epitome of support, generosity, love and service. I have been brought to tears numerous times just thinking of how full of life and full of joy our team is. I'm truly grateful for their endless support. Many tears, much laughter, and countless hugs have been shared. We are ready to serve the Lord, spread His mercy and reflect His light. To be given the opportunity to share our love for Christ with each other and soon the pilgrims is humbling. I know that God is proud of our work thus far and will continue to be throughout our "journey" to the Journey. We are merely His vessels. May we be obedient, glorify Him in all that we do, and be the instruments that God intends us to be.

We look forward to seeing your smiling faces at candlelight and closing. If you haven't been to a Candlelight in a while, now is the time! God always shows up. Your continued prayers for Journey to Damascus #147 are greatly appreciated!

De Colores! Cathy Benavidez Lay Director Journey to Damascus #147

### 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.

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Ron Alonzo	JTD # 151	March 31 - April 3, 2016	email
Helen Orsak	JTD # 153	May 12 - 15, 2016	email
Luis Flores	JTD # 154	June 16 - 19, 2016	email
Becky Weaver	JTD # 155	August 4 - 7, 2016	email
Jason Rodriguez	JTD # 158	September 15 - 18, 2016	email
Alison Alonzo	JTD # 160	November 17 - 20, 2016	email

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 jstegall64@gmail.com.



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