# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

## **January Newsletter**

### -- Annual Gathering in February --

#### **Corpus Christi 2020 Annual Gathering**

Saturday, February 29, 2020 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Parish Hall @ St. Pius X Catholic Church

5620 Gollihar Road, Corpus Christi, Texas

The Journey to Damascus Board of Directors cordially invites the entire JTD Community and your family to our annual gathering for fellowship, music and sharing a meal together.

The BOD will provide the main entrée and the community will be asked to provide appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts as follows:

Last Names A - F: Provide Dessert

Last Names G - L: Provide Side Dish

Last Names M - T: Provide Salad

**Last Names U – Z:** Provide Appetizer

Please bring enough to feed 8-10 people.

The music and celebration will begin at 7:00 pm, with a blessing and meal to follow. There will be two speakers from the community.

We would like for all of the past Lay Directors to bring your weekend cross to serve as table centerpieces.

Please RSVP with our food & attendance coordinator, Angela Wendel, at <a href="mailto:sunshineaggie@gmail.com">sunshineaggie@gmail.com</a> or (361 533-1741) so we can provide an adequate main entree and seating for everyone.

# SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #197- Corpus Christi Men's March 26 - 29 LD - Shane Beckwith

2020 Weekends JTD - Corpus Christi

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JTD #198- Corpus Christi Women's April 16 - 19 LD - Marivel Garza

JTD #200 Corpus Christi Men's June 18 - 21 LD - Joe Willesden

JTD #201- Corpus Christi Women's July 23 - 26 LD - Edna Lopez Alonso Don't forget to wear your name tag and lanyard.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

In His love, JTD BOD

JTD #203 Corpus Christi Men's September 17 - 20 LD - Rick Oliveria

JTD #204- Corpus Christi Women's October 22 - 25 LD - Janie Riojas

#### 2020 Weekends JTD - Austin

JTD #194 - Belton, TX Women's June 11 - 14 LD - Velma Luna

JTD #195 - Belton, TX Men's July 16 - 19 LD - Pat Kelly





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's team for JTD #197 is truly filled with the Holy Spirit and is quickly becoming one Body in Christ to serve the pilgrims He is calling to the weekend. We are more than halfway through our team meetings and I am continually amazed at how our complete faith in Him is so quickly and perfectly translated into blessings beyond measure. The outpouring of love and support from the community has been amazing and I am so very grateful. God is SO good!! Our greatest need as a team right now is help filling up the prayer vigil. The link to the prayer vigil can be found here <a href="JTD#197 Prayer Vigil Link">JTD#197 Prayer Vigil Link</a> (access code is DeColores). Please continue to keep the teams and pilgrims of all the 2020 Journey to Damascus weekends in your prayers and, above all, continue to cast your nets for pilgrims.....because Christ is counting on all of us.

In His love, Shane Beckwith Lay Director JTD #197 "Who do you say that I am?" Luke 9:20

# **BOARD NEWS - Agape Appeal**

Annual Agape Appeal - Please Help!

The Annual Agape Appeal will be used to assist those who need financial support in order to attend a Journey to Damascus weekend.

By offering your monetary donation, we can ALL continue to be Fishers of Men and insure JTD's continuation for our friends, family and strangers.



#### **Contact Us**

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#### GOAL

Due to an increase in food and lodging costs over the last few years, the Annual Agape Appeal will be used to off-set these increased expenses for the Team and Pilgrims.

# The Annual Agape Appeal's goal is to:

- Never turn anyone away by making the weekend affordable for ALL.
- Provide a sustainable, annual fund to insure the continuation of JTD for ALL.

The intent of this appeal is to assist those who need monetary support in order to attend this Christian weekend. No one should be turned away due to financial need.

By joining our resources, we can insure JTD's continuation for friends, family and strangers.

#### AGAPE DONATION

#### Suggested donations:

- · \$5.00 each month
- \$60.00 Annually
- \$30.00 Semi-annually
- \$15.00 Quarterly
- · \$100.00 Husband and wife

Or... Whatever you can GIVE

It's not about how MUCH each one can give. It's about how MANY will give.

Only \$5.00 a month folks!

#### UNITY

With God all things are possible. And by uniting together, we can change the world!

Please sign up for the
JTD News Letter at:
www:journeytodamascus.org
All the information on how to send
your Annual Agape Appeal will be
available.

Please make checks Payable to Journey to Damascus and write <u>JTD</u> <u>Appeal</u> in note section of check. Please include your name, address, email address and phone number.

You may send it to JTD Appeal, P.O. Box 948, Corpus Christi, TX 78403.

Please help spread this opportunity by word of mouth or social media to encourage all the JTD community members to participate in this appeal.

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Click here to view the PDF version of Annual Agape Appeal

# **Austin JTD Community Requests**

Women's JTD #194 - Belton, TX June 11- 14, 2020

Links:

Pilgrim Form Sponsor Form Team Form

Mens' JTD # 195 - Belton, TX July 16-19

Links:

Pilgrim Form Sponsor Form Team Form

**Dear JTD Community** 

The Gospels tell us to never give up, but to constantly strive to fulfill God's plan for each of us. As Christians, we face adversity and resistance daily, yet we know that with the power of the Holy Spirit behind us, we can succeed. The JTD-Austin community (formerly Central Texas JTD) has struggled to develop a large enough alumni base to sustain itself. The women's community has done a good job and is well on its way to complete independence. The men's community however, has had a hard time and a few false starts as we've searched for the proper retreat venue and for support from the religious communities of the Austin area. Things have improved this last year.

Now that 2020 is here, we are ready to give it all we have and truly make Journey # 195, "the best Journey ever". The dates are 16-19 July, 2020. We have a super new retreat location, the Cedarbrake Retreat Center, located near Belton, Texas. Cedarbrake has everything needed for a Journey weekend, so no compromises will be necessary. It is also an ideal location for the Austin JTD community as it is centrally located for Austin, Round Rock, Temple, Killeen (Ft. Hood), and Waco. These are all major cities in the Central Texas area and can provide large numbers of pilgrims for future Journeys.

But, we need your help putting together a dynamic men's team to kick-off the JTD-Cedarbrake connection. We are praying that a number of men from the Corpus Christi, Houston, San Antonio and Laredo areas will join us on the JTD-195 team to augment the local alumni, many of whom who are serving with little previous experience beyond their own pilgrim journey.

Prayerfully consider helping our community with Journey # 195. We will hold our team meetings ,beginning in early February, at locations that favor the out-of-area team members. We will of course, have a trip up to Cedarbrake early on so everyone can see how great this location really is for the Journey. Applications are available online, or you can contact me and I'll fax you one at once.

Pray for our success as we continue to evolve into new communities throughout all of Texas. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

De Colores J. Patrick Kelly (JTD #19) Lay Director, JTD #195 16-19 July 2020 361-946-1850 Jpkelly3@earthlink.net

# 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 Dale Hernandez at <a href="mailto:dale\_hernandez@yahoo.com">dale\_hernandez@yahoo.com</a>

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