

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

June 2018 Newsletter

-- REMINDERS --

Corpus Christi Women's Journey to Damascus #177

Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center

June 21 - 24, 2018

Sponsor Service - Thurs. June 21 - 6:30pm

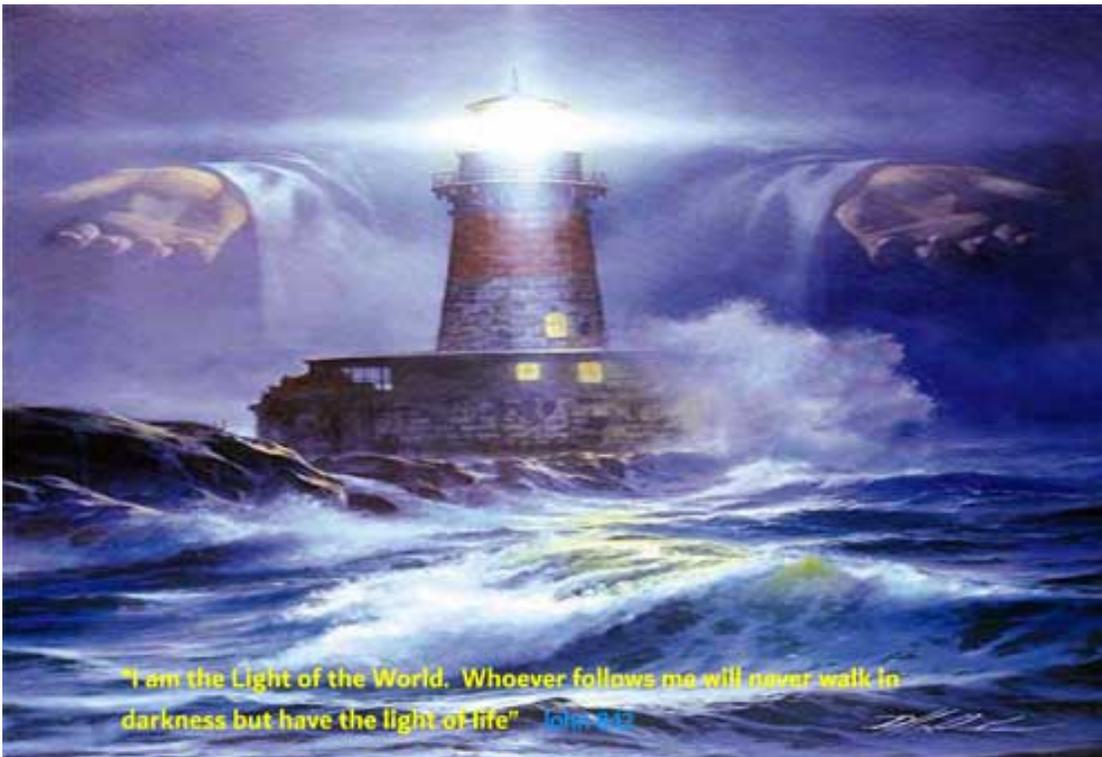
Candlelight - Sat. June 23 - 8:00 pm

Closing - Sun. June 24 - 2:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #178 - Corpus Christi
Women's
July 19 - 22
LD - Angela Wendel

JTD #177 - Corpus Christi Men's



"I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life" John 8:12

Journey to Damascus # 177
Corpus Christi Men's

2018 Weekends

JTD #178 - Corpus Christi
Women's
July 19 - 22
LD - Angela Wendel

JTD #179 - Central Texas
Women's
July 26- 29

JTD #181- Corpus Christi
Men's
August 23 - 26
LD - Roger Flores

JTD #182 Central Texas
Men's
September 20 - 23

JTD #184- Corpus Christi
Women's
October 25 - 28
LD - Dale Hernandez

June 21 - 24, 2018

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but have the light of life"
John 8:12

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

The time has arrived for the Men's JTD #177 to set sail! The Best Journey Ever is set to begin Thursday June 21st through Sunday June 24th. The Holy Spirit has remained strong in the hearts of everyone and the preparations are complete. The team's light has been shining bright and does not show any signs of dimming! We are ready and extremely excited to welcome every single pilgrim and will make sure that their experience is nothing short of the best. With the guiding light of our Creator beaming down upon us, I am certain that the powerful meaning of the weekend and the depth of the experience will be felt by all pilgrims. My team and I are certain that the grace of the Holy Spirit will fall upon them and their hearts will be open and accepting.

The prayers and contributions from our community have far exceeded our expectations. From the agape we continue to receive to the flood of pilgrims who have reached us, we know the hand of God has been upon us guiding our steps to reach our goals of ultimate fulfillment. My team and I humbly and graciously appreciate the abundance of community support and all has not gone unnoticed.

I welcome everyone to further show your support to our pilgrims by attending candlelight on Saturday, June 23rd and to our closing ceremony on Sunday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing everyone there!

De Colores,
Eddie Rodriguez
Lay Director
JTD #177

TEAM

Lay Director

Eddie Rodriguez
"Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Spiritual Director

Fr. John Chavarria
"Sacraments"

Spiritual Team

Sr. Teresa Diaz
"Obstacles of Grace"
Rev. Tom Dowdy
"Grace"
Rev. John McCain
"Faith"

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"Discipleship"
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"Priesthood of all Believers"
Joe Willesden
"Priorities"

Table Leaders

Mark DeKoch

Music Team

Rick Svetlik, Director
Owen Gallagher
Alex Bayarena
"Growth thru Study"
Gary Richards
Vernon Haney

Co-Head CHAs

Alonzo Garza
"Changing Our World"
Rudy Lerma

CHA's

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Jerry Dally
Stuart DeKoch
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Oscar Flores
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Eligh Gonzalez
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Jonathan Chapa
Lance Charvat
Kenny Clark
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Eddie Saenz
Aaron Shockley
Paul Sotelo
Danny Velasquez
Stevie Ray Velasquez
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Letter from the Board

Notes from the last Board Meeting

The community elected to serve on the JTD Board the following 3 people.

1. Daniel Bluntzer
2. Marisa Vera
3. Alex Bayarena

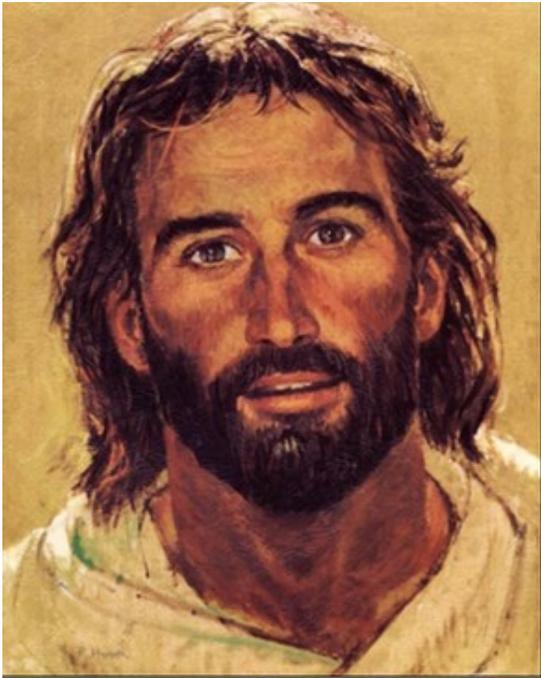
The Board would like to thank these people for accepting to serve on the Board.

The Board would also like to thank Patricia Stegall for her many years of service to the Board and community. Thank you sister.

The JTD Board of Directors would also like to recognize Past Board President Shane Beckwith for his devotion and service to the JTD Board and community. Shane has truly been Gods hands and feet on many weekends. Thank you brother.

Rev. John McCain
President

JTD #178 - Corpus Christi Women's



Journey to Damascus # 178

Corpus Christi Women's
July 19 - 22, 2018

"Seek first the kingdom of God and His
righteousness, and all these things will be given
to you."
Matt 6:33

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I am very humbled and honored to be the Lay Director for Journey to Damascus #178. God does not call the qualified he qualifies the called. As I contemplate the scripture for the weekend I realize that as long as we keep God first in all we do and say, He will take care of the details. This is God's weekend we are simply His servants.

We still need pilgrims!! We ask you to send us your beautiful wives, daughters, sisters, mothers and friends. Our Prayer Vigil is full!! We also need Pillow/Conference room Agape and most of all, your attendance at candlelight. It means so much to the pilgrims to see Jesus in each of your faces as they walk through the church at candlelight. Please be there by 8pm to participate in the service and visit with the community.

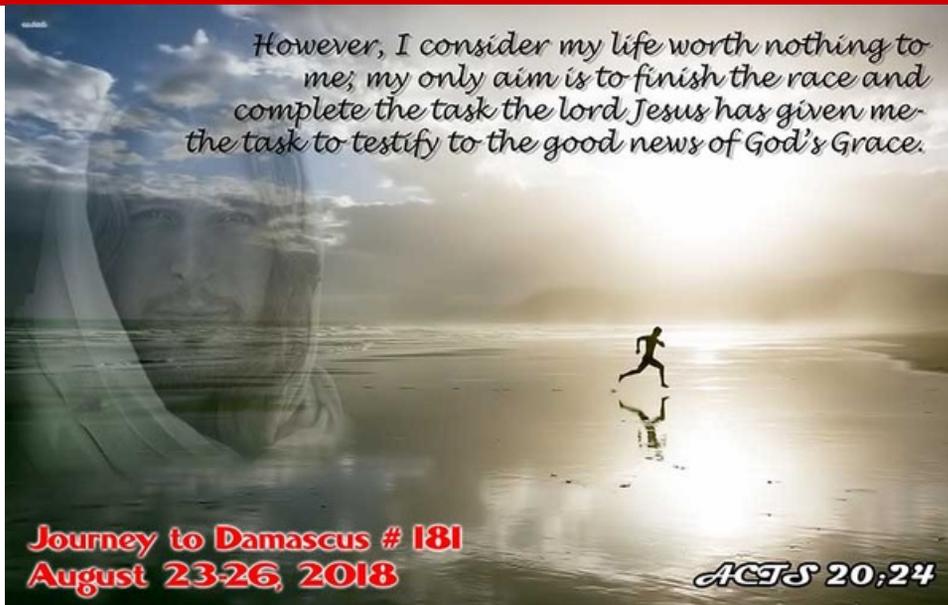
I want to thank God for putting His trust in me. I would also like to thank JTD #178 "Team Awesome!" The entire team has gone above and beyond to make this weekend "The Best Journey Ever!". This team has worked extra hard to finish up the meetings and we continue to prepare for the weekend through prayer.

Journey to Damascus #178 will be here before we know it. We ask for your prayers as we finalize our preparation for the weekend and throughout the weekend. Come Holy Spirit!

God is so good, His mercy and grace overwhelms me!

De Colores,
Angela Wendel
Lay Director, Journey to Damascus #178

JTD #181 - Corpus Christi Men's



JTD#181 has had four meetings so far and as one of our team members said at his recent Journey closing "The Holy Spirit is alive and well in Corpus Christi." The team is energized and we pray that, Lord willing, the remaining two meetings are as productive as the first four. The Damascus community is also graciously offering to help with all of the various intricacies that are part of the preparation and we are truly grateful.

We ask that the community prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim. Please submit them as soon as possible. God's Grace awaits. Also, please sign up for the prayer vigil online. [Click here to sign up.](#) Please check the other upcoming retreats to see if any slots require prayer. There's really nothing more powerful that we can do for the pilgrims than to pray for our pilgrims. It's really heartwarming and motivating to see all of the prayer vigils occurring all over the world for these retreats. Don't forget Candlelight for the upcoming weekends and attend if possible. Lastly, we humbly ask that the community continue praying for the pilgrims, the team, and all of those who will be the serving as the hands of Christ on this Journey.

De Colores,

Roger T. Flores
Lay Director
JTD #181 Aug 23-26

Past JTD "Thank you"

Luke 1: 48-49 "For He has looked upon His handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is His name."

The ladies and gentlemen of JTD #176 will forever be grateful for all of the blessings poured out on us before, during, and after our weekend Journey. The Pax Christi facilities were filled with the Holy Spirit the entire weekend; everyone could feel it, those who stayed all weekend and those who stopped by to help and/or participate in various tasks and activities. The Candlelight BLEW us all away, so GREAT was His love in that Chapel.

Of course, as with any complicated event like a Journey, there are far too many people to thank individually for their caring and support. The pilgrims deserve our appreciation for their openness to His love and blessings; they took it all in like hungry baby birds. The team deserve our gratitude for their hard work and servant attitude. Because they stayed focused and organized, they all had time to participate in many of the weekend talks and activities so that they grew spiritually as well. And the JTD and wider community deserve our thanks for their 110% support of us all. Many of them served us quietly and without recognition out of love for our Father.

Truly the Mighty One did great things for us over the weekend! And He continues to bless us every day, as we share with one another, pilgrim and team, about how our lives have changed. Holy be

His name!

Linda Avila, Lay Director
Journey to Damascus #176

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 dale_hernandez@yahoo.com.



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