



# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS NEWSLETTER

The Journey to Damascus Board of Directors would like to apologize to the community for the unforeseen delay in communication due to our omission from the Rainbow Bend Newsletter by the Coastal Bend Emmaus Community. We continue to support our brothers and sisters in Christ in the CBEC though we have to remain separate functioning entities. The Journey to Damascus will continue in its ecumenical ministry to welcome all 4<sup>th</sup> day communities to participate on the weekends as team members, in prayer, at the Candlelight Service, and any community function.

As times continue to change, we will strive to improve our communication and offer new ways to inform the community. With this first newsletter, there will be a learning curve and time for adjustment. Please be patient with us.

**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:11-12**

The following is an excerpt from the Rainbow Bend newsletter that was in the June newsletter:

“We have learned that crossover service between Journey to Damascus and Walk to Emmaus groups is not permissible through our covenant with Upper Room Emmaus. This is not because there is a lack of love between groups. It is because there are things done differently and with different purpose in each group, that creates some separation when attempting to combine team servants. Since we want to get away from those things that create conflict and confusion among us, going forward all Emmaus walk teams will be made up of Emmaus alumni (Pilgrim walk was Emmaus) as according to the Covenant. Please understand that we dearly love our Journey to Damascus brothers and sisters, and that this is a covenantal policy that we must abide.”

We in the Journey to Damascus are praying for our brothers and sisters as they go through this difficult process. Please pray with us that the Holy Spirit will guide each community and help each to stay close to His will.

The original Journey to Damascus community was formed by a number of Catholics who had attended a "Walk To Emmaus" and who wanted to have more Catholics participate but understood the hesitancy of many to attend. This movement is being greatly supported and encouraged by members of the Methodist Emmaus, Episcopal Cursillo and Catholic Cursillo communities with the common goal being that we will all work together to make lives better.

If you have made a Walk to Emmaus, Cursillo, ACTS or similar type weekend and wish to contact us or if you are interested in going on a Journey weekend, please email or write to us:

Journey to Damascus  
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[journeytodamascus.org](http://journeytodamascus.org)

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**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** – The JTD Board of Directors encourages community members to get involved in these committees as another form of agape. If you have been blessed with talents and are called to serve, contact these committee members.

- Fourth Day Committee Chairperson – CC Allan Daehne; Houston Travis Bednarz
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- Candlelight & Closing Committee Chairperson – CC Jeff Hunt; Houston Robert Patterson
- Team Selection- CC Diana Salinas; Houston Jennifer Hancock & Mike Merritt
- Facilities/Logistics – Houston Steve Hanshaw

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**JTD # 95**  
**Rick Oliveira, Lay Director**  
**June 16-19, 2011**

*"And whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many"*  
*Mark 10:44-45*

It (was) this team's honored duty to serve the Pilgrims of JTD 95. What better way is there to bring others closer to Christ than through our actions. Just as Jesus came to serve and not be served, we (were) eager to do the same for others so that our works might show them the way. I (was) humbled to be able to serve, and honored to be surrounded by so many awesome Men of God. Men who have the ability to change the way the world thinks one Journey at a time, one Pilgrim at a time. The talks this team (had) put together are the basis for opening these pilgrims' hearts in serving the Lord. We are by no means perfect, but we continue to make it our life's mission to run the race till the end in the way we all should. Our wishes of you the community are prayers for those on the weekend who need prayer the most, and especially for those who believe they need it the least.

We ask this in Jesus' name,  
 Rick Oliveira  
 Lay Director

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## **FUTURE JTD WEEKENDS**

Corpus Christi	JTD #96 July 20-23	LD BR SD	Gracie Martin Christina Purnell Fr. Tom Goodwin	Houston	JTD #97 August 4-7	LD BR SD	Clay Evans Travis Bednorz Fr. Carl Tennefield
Corpus Christi	JTD #98 August 25-28	LD BR SD	Tim Legamaro Jim Kollaja Fr. Bob Dunn	Corpus Christi	JTD #99 September 22-25	LD BR SD	Anna Adrian Michele Hoelscher Fr. Patrick Higgins
Houston	JTD #100 October 6-9	LD BR SD	Mary Clare Cullen Pam Peters Fr. Carl Tennefield				

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## **Journey to Damascus #96**

*"As it is, these remain: faith, hope and love the three of them; and the greatest of them is Love" 1 Cor. 13:13*

I humbly sit in awe at the Holy Spirit working diligently from the beginning of team formation through the entire journey process. God has sent the most amazing, dedicated and LOVING women to make up the team of JTD #96. I am so overwhelmed at the outpouring of support and willingness to help that we have received from the team and the community. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I ask for your continued prayers for the team and pilgrims. I anxiously await to see Christ's light shining through you at candlelight. Let us continue to spread Christ's Love!

De Colores,  
 Gracie Martin, LD

**Lay Director:** Gracie Martin  
**Spiritual Director:** Fr. Tom Goodwin  
**Board Rep:** Christina Purnell

**Asst LD's:** Celeste Lutz, Letty Perez, Vicki Shull  
**Clergy:** Rev. Billy Storms, Sr. Angela Murdaugh  
**Observing LD:** Anna Adrian

**Music Team:** Katelijne Acker (music director), Melanie Brown, Heidi Schneider, Jo Fern Thomas

**Table Leaders:** Mary Ann Garcia, Inez Matthijetz, Barabara Moretich, Donna Quinn, Norma Rodriguez, Sandi Rodriguez

**Asst. Table Leaders:** Linda Avila, Cheryl Brown, Marilyn Garcia, Sylvia Mulinix, Elvira Villarreal

**Co-Head Angels:** Valerie Pompa, Becky Weaver

**Angels:** April Amo, Theresa Arizmendi, Debbi Burnett, Ewa Grzelecki, Marina Hays, Dale Hernandez, Claudia Huerta, Rose Ann Lugo, Lisa Newell, Lindsay North, Nicole Roschetzky, Aide Saenz, Yvette Villarreal, Sharee Weaver

Thursday, July 21 Community Schedule

6:30 pm Sponsor's Service

Friday, July 21

8:35 am	Priorities	Vicki Shull
10:30 am	Grace	Rev. Billy Storms
1:10 pm	Priesthood of all Believers	Celeste Lutz
2:35 pm	Faith	
6:50 pm	Life in Piety	Sylvia Mulinix

Saturday, July 22

8:20 am	Growth through Study	Cheryl Brown-Yeager
9:40 am	Sacraments	Fr. Tom Goodwin
1:30 pm	Christian Action	Linda Avila
3:00 pm	Obstacles to Grace	Sr. Angela Murdaugh
6:30 pm	Discipleship	Letty Perez

Sunday, July 23

9:15 am	Changing Our World	Elvira Villarreal
10:15 am	Body of Christ	Becky Weaver
11:15 am	Perseverance & 4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Gracie Martin

Saturday, July 22

8:00 pm Candle Light

Sunday, July 23

2:00 pm Closing

**Pilgrims:**

Jo Ann Rodriguez	Bernadette Howard	Nickita Miller	Amanda Alonzo
Christina Zapata	Christina Torres	Frances Garza	Renee Perez
Brittany Salem	Cindy Soza	Suzie Gatz	Terri Burleson
Kathy Champagne	Connie Pilarczyk	Rachel Unterbrink	Darlyn Chapa
Paula Crawford	Maggie Salinas	Lisa Hickham	Nancy Flanagan
Laura Palreiro	Nicole Morin	Jackie Cuevas	Lesley Hearne
Mary Crabtree	Becky Salinas		





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## **2011-2012 Lay Director / St. Elsewhere**

**Training – Houston  
Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Training – Corpus Christi  
Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
9 AM to 5 PM  
St. Patrick's Hall  
Community Center  
420 Rossiter St.  
Corpus Christi, TX 78411**

Lay Direct and St. Elsewhere Training is a must for all 2012 Lay Directors. Any one in the community interested in serving as an Assistant Lay Director, Co-Head Angel or CHA, or Board Representative must attend the training. The BOD is committed to preparing and training current and future Lay Directors whom God is calling to serve in this capacity. Lay Directors must have been on an Emmaus or Journey to Damascus weekend, are currently active in a reunion group, LD's must have served in three different team positions including the following:

- Table leader/Asst. Table leader,  
(one or the other but not both are required)
  - Assistant Lay Director
  - Angle/Cha
  - Lay Director in Training.
- The candidate shall have given 2 different weekend talks. Afterglow 4th day and love & unity not included.
  - Agree to sign the Journey To Damascus Weekend Leadership Agreement
  - Agree to attend a Lay Director training
  - Lay Directors should be catholic (not required)
  - Exceptions to the above requirements may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors