

# JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS NEWSLETTER

Summer

August 2013

## **REMINDERS - THIS WEEKEND:**

**Journey to Damascus #118 - August 8 - 11, 2013**

**Candle Light - August 10 - 8:00pm**

**Closing - August 11 - 2:00pm**

**\*\*\*\*Babysitting is available at Dougherty Hall for Candlelight and Closing ceremonies\*\*\*\*\***

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## **Greetings!**

The Lay Director Training for 2014 took place on July 20th and Lay Directors are now beginning the process of team formation for the weekends scheduled. Corpus Christi will have a total of 7 Journey weekends in 2014, four women and three men. If you desire to serve on one of these teams, I encourage you to please visit our website and complete a team application. You can email your completed application Theresa Arizmendi - [arizmen\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:arizmen_2000@yahoo.com). Theresa as graciously volunteered to create a master list of completed team applications in an effort to assist the lay directors and team selection committee. Another proven effective way to serve on a team is direct contact with the lay directors. A schedule of the 2014 lay directors, weekend schedules and contact information is as follows:

Martha Ruiz, [MHRuis47@hotmail.com](mailto:MHRuis47@hotmail.com), 02/27-03/02  
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Lori Green, [lorigreen27@gmail.com](mailto:lorigreen27@gmail.com), 08/07-08/10

## Upcoming JTD Dates

CC - Women's  
JTD #118 Aug. 8 - 11  
Crystal Valdez

Central Texas - Women's  
JTD #123 Sept 12 - 15  
Anna Adrian

CC - Men's  
JTD #119 Sept. 26 - 29  
Shane Beckwith

Houston - Women's  
JTD #122 Oct 3 - 6  
Cheryl Battaglia

Central Texas - Men's  
JTD #120 Oct 31 - Nov 1  
Luis Aguilar

CC - Women's  
JTD #121 Nov. 21 - 24  
Marisa Vera-Herrera

Norman Acker, [nacker@fvbkcpa.com](mailto:nacker@fvbkcpa.com), 09/18-09/21  
Belinda Saenz, [msaenz3@att.net](mailto:msaenz3@att.net), 10/16-10/19

Please remember that besides serving on a team, there are many other ways you can help on a weekend. Gifts of Agape are always needed as well as prayers for the team and pilgrims. One of the best gifts of Agape for any weekend is to sponsor a pilgrim. Pilgrim and Sponsor applications can be found on our website. Also, your attendance at candlelights is one of the greatest gifts of Agape you can give. Please make an effort to attend as many as you can and be that Light of Christ for each and every pilgrim on a weekend.

On behalf of the Corpus Christi Board of Directors, thank you for all you do for the JTD Community. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to serve in a way that would be pleasing to Our Lord. I ask that you remember one thing... it is not about us, it is about the pilgrims sent to us by the Holy Spirit to serve. God's blessings to all and I look forward to seeing each and everyone of you at our next candlelight.

De Colores,  
Jim Stegall

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## Women's Journey to Damascus #118

Corpus Christi  
August 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2013

*"Delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the desires of your heart" Psalms 37:4*

The Journey to Damascus #118 team has been building a special bond over the past few months and are ready in mind, body and spirit to serve our Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit has been with us and has been our guide throughout our team formation. It has been an amazing and humbling experience. We are excited and ready for the "Best Journey Ever." Please continue to lift our team and pilgrims in your prayers.

Blessings,  
Crystal Salinas-Valdez  
Lay Director

Friday, August 9th		
Priorities	8:30 am	Cathy Benavides
Grace	10:30am	Sister Angela
Priesthood of All Believers	1:10 pm	Catherine Lutz

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Faith	2:30 pm	Rev. Billy Storms
Life in Piety	6:50 pm	Virginia Esquivel
<b>Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
Growth Through Study	8:20 am	Jennifer Ostarch
Sacraments	9:40 am	Msgr. Roger Smith
Christian Action	1:30 pm	Denise Flores
Obstacles to Grace	3:00 pm	Ceil McKinney
Discipleship	6:45 pm	Sara Poe
Love and Unity (at Candlelight)	8:00 pm	Lisa Porche
<b>Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
Changing Our World	9:15 am	Adriana Lopez
Body of Christ	10:15 am	Melissa Cruz
Perseverance/4th Day	11:15 am	Crystal Valdez

### Journey # 118 Team:

Crystal Salinas-Valdez.	<b>Lay Director</b>
Msgr. Roger Smith.	<b>Spiritual Director</b>
Rev. Billy Storms	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
Sister Angela	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
Ceil McKinney	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>

Valerie Uriegas	<b>ALD</b>
Cathy Benavides	<b>ALD</b>
Melissa Cruz	<b>ALD</b>

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Lisa Porche	<b>Co-Head Angel</b>

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Maria Bedia	Virginia Esquivel
Cynthia Creek	Denise Flores
Evelyn Fallon	Adriana Lopez
Edna Lopez	Sara Poe
Beatrice Martinez	Paula Ryan
Diana Sanchez	Laura Zamora

<b><u>Angels</u></b>	
Katherine Benavidez	Alex Merritt
Stephanie Betancourt	Kim Merritt
Desiree Cantu	Angie Quiroz
Yolanda Falcon	Diana Salinas
Lianna Garcia	Sang Sananikone
Sylvia Garcia	Breanna Sanchez
JoAnne Guajardo	Nelda Suarez
Catherine Lutz	Angela Wendel

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LIASON

**Prayer Vigil  
Signup 101**

### Music

Jo Fern Thomas, Music Director  
Hilda Gonzalez  
Stephanie Sananikone  
Jeannie White  
Pamela Dowdy

### Pilgrims

Belinda Bayarena	Diana Martinez
Mary Bayarena	Andrea Miller
Julie Bernhard	Tiffany Miller
Christi Cantrell	Denise Oliveira
Nadine Cantu	Erin Payne
Rebecca Castillo	Alexis Ramirez
Jeri Donahue	Beth Ramos
Stephanie Fling	Diana Ramos
Angel Flores	Jo Ann Rodriguez
Marcy Gallegos	Karen Rodriguez
Anna Garcia	Katrina Salinas
Nancy Garcia	Alexis Simmons
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Delia Gonzalez	Mary Teeter
Caimy Harbison	Jessi Thomas
Debbie Leal	Lori Varin
Anne Lovely	Emma Vera
Bobi Jo Martinez	Kathy Zundt

## Kairos Outside

Kairos Outside is designed to support the families of men and women who are, or have been, incarcerated. This interdenominational Christian ministry provides guests a chance to interact with about 30 other women who are in similar situations, and to participate in activities which will give them strength in their life journey. There is no fee for participating; food and lodging are provided, and transportation may be arranged if necessary.

The families and friends of the incarcerated do time right along with their loved-ones. They often feel alone, rejected, isolated, and ashamed. This weekend will let them know they are not alone and that there is a community of Christian friends ready to care for them right where they are.

This is how easy it is to sign up online:

**Step 1.** Log on to the website [3dayvol.org](http://3dayvol.org) (Cut and paste it from this email or double click on the link)

**Step 2.** Click on the "prayer vigil" link at the bottom of the rainbow on the far left side of the webpage

**Step 3.** Click on "Check out a list of Prayer Vigils"

**Step 4.** Every weekend is in Alphabetical order. Scroll down to "Journey to Damascus" and chose the desired weekend.

**Step 5.** Chose an available time highlighted in Blue to the left that indicates "sign up"

**Step 6.** Enter your Name, Email address, City and State of Residence, Country of Origin and submit

At this point you will be given confirmation and an email reminder will be sent to you about the date and time you signed up to pray. It is that easy!!

If you hesitate signing up for prayer vigil because you are not sure you know how to pray, offer up a Rosary for the pilgrims. If you are not catholic and you are uncomfortable with the Rosary, that is okay, say the "Our Father" over and over for 30 minutes. Meditate on the Word of God or read from a book of devotionals for 30 min and ask God to bless the pilgrims on their Journey. There is no wrong way to pray! Just talk to God, He is your heavenly Father! Maybe you just need to tell Him how your day was, that is a prayer. The purpose of prayer is to strengthen our relationship

Donations to this worthy ministry are always welcomed. Items such as teddy bears, flower vases, and various agape items, as well as green agape is appreciated.

We would also like to invite Christian community members to come to our Walking in Love ceremony where you will participate in praying for each guest by name and sing to them as another very visible form of agape. Babysitting will be available. **The ceremony will be at 8:00pm on Saturday, August 31, 2013 at Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Corpus Christi.**

## Women's Journey to Damascus #123 Central Texas September 12-15, 2013

***"THERE IS NO GREATER LOVE THAN THIS..." JOHN 15:13***

*The Omega Retreat Center  
216 West Highland Drive  
Boerne, TX 78066  
[www.BenedictineMinistries.org](http://www.BenedictineMinistries.org)*

This scripture spoke to my heart immediately after being asked to serve as lay director for the Central Texas Community. It's truly amazing to me that people are willing to put aside their own daily life in order to make a 3-hour round trip to attend the team meetings on a Saturday morning. I know how tough it is to get "one more thing" added to our already busy lives, especially when planning around summer vacations. I thank God for the women that are willing and able to serve. The team of JTD #123 is so excited to serve the Lord, spread his word, and shine His light in the Central Texas community.

We have been truly blessed with an awesome team and spiritual direction. We have shared laughter and tears, and made many new friends. We are humbled to have been given this opportunity to share our love for Christ with the pilgrims. The Holy Spirit has been with us throughout our team formation and will continue to light the way for all the pilgrims who will be attending the JTD #123 weekend. We pray that we will all grow more in His love and be guided by His word in all our 4th days. We are so thankful for all the prayers and love and support of the Damascus, Emmaus, Cursillo and ACTs communities. We ask that you continue to pray that Christ's light will shine on the team and pilgrims. We look forward to seeing you all at candlelight and closing.

De Colores,

with God. You have to have a relationship with God to make it stronger and all good relationships begin with conversation. Prayer is simply a conversation with God.

Anna Adrian, Lay Director

## Quick Links

[JourneyToDamascus.org](http://JourneyToDamascus.org)

<b>Friday, September 13th</b>		
Priorities	8:30 am	Kathy Campbell
Grace	10:30am	Sister Angela
Priesthood of All Believers	1:10 pm	Pam Benson
Faith	2:30 pm	Pastor Kay Johnson
Life in Piety	6:50 pm	Edna Dunger
<b>Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
Growth Through Study	8:20 am	Georgia Lynn Porcher
Sacraments	9:40 am	Fr. Tom Goodwin
Christian Action	1:30 pm	Jennifer Ostarch
Obstacles to Grace	3:00 pm	Sr. Kathleen Higgins
Discipleship	6:45 pm	Adelita Rojas
Love and Unity (at Candlelight)	8:00 pm	Martin Adrian
<b>Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Changing Our World	9:15 am	Carol Neyland
Body of Christ	10:15 am	Cindy Ramirez
Perseverance/4th Day	11:15 am	Anna Adrian

### Journey # 123 Team:

Anna Adrian	<b>Lay Director</b>
Fr. Tom Goodwin	<b>Spiritual Director</b>
Sr. Angela Murdaugh	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
Sr. Kathleen Higgins	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
Pastor Kay Johnson	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>

Beatriz Rodriguez	<b>ALD</b>
Carol Neyland	<b>ALD</b>
Delma Edge	<b>ALD</b>
Georgia Lynn Porcher	<b>ALD</b>

Katie Stillman	<b>Board. Rep</b>
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Laura Cantwell	<b>Head Angel</b>
Martha Ruiz	<b>Co-Head Angel</b>

### Music

Tiffanie Clausewitz  
 Melanie Brown  
 Terri-Lynne Schofield  
 Magda Madla

**Men's Journey to Damascus #119**  
**Corpus Christi**

## September 26-29, 2013

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old is gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's team for JTD #119 has truly become one Body in Christ. The love and unity that has developed through fellowship, generosity and commitment is overwhelming and beyond my greatest hopes and dreams. We completed our fifth team meeting on August 3rd and have one more team meeting in September in preparation for the pilgrims God is calling to the weekend. We are ready, willing and able to serve - not by our own merit, but through God's grace, strength and love. We, as a team, would like to thank the community for their overwhelming support and love during this team formation. Our greatest needs for fulfilling the mission God has placed in our care are the three P's - Prayers, Pilgrims and Participation at Candlelight. In all things, may His will be done!

De Colores,  
Shane Beckwith, Lay Director

Friday, September 27th		
Priorities	8:30 am	Steve Tagliabue
Grace	10:30am	Rev. Billy Storms
Priesthood of All Believers	1:10 pm	Dylan Garza
Faith	2:30 pm	Sr. Angela
Life in Piety	6:50 pm	Richard Arizmendi
Saturday, September 28th		
Growth Through Study	8:20 am	Joel Valdez
Sacraments	9:40 am	Fr. Richard Gonzales
Christian Action	1:30 pm	Jorge Arteaga
Obstacles to Grace	3:00 pm	Rev, Monte Nichols
Discipleship	6:45 pm	John Rodriguez
Love and Unity (at Candlelight)	8:00 pm	Mat Rodriguez
Sunday, September 29th		
Changing Our World	9:15 am	Bill Green
Body of Christ	10:15 am	Jonathan Cartwright
Perseverance/4th Day	11:15 am	Shane Beckwith

### Journey # 119 Team:

Shane Beckwith	<b>Lay Director</b>
Fr. Richard Gonzales	<b>Spiritual Director</b>
Rev. Billy Storms	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
Sr. Angela Murdaugh	<b>Asst. Spiritual Director</b>
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Ray Paz  
Alex Bayarena  
Frank Aguilar  
Abel Torres

**Table Leaders**

John Moore  
Jason Cartwright  
Bubba Holland  
Jason Voorhees  
Martin Salazar  
Mark DeVos

**Assistant Table Leaders**

John Rodriguez  
Dylan Garza  
Jonathan Cartwright  
Richard Arizmendi  
Corky Gallegos  
Jorge Arteaga

**Christ's Hands In Action - CHAs**

Bill Stith	John Puig
Paul Biggins	Joel Riojas
Scott Clark	Mike Hoover
Patrick Biggins	Steve Jones
Steve Cik	Mario Bayarena
Ray Garcia	Norm Paris
Randy Cartwright	Mat Rodriguez
Will Keener	Jim Stegall

**JTD #120 November 2013**

**This hope does not disappoint because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5**

**Dear JTD Community,**

**The JTD #121 team was rapidly assembled with a great**



**group of Christ loving women ready to serve the pilgrims that the Holy Spirit calls for Nov 21-24, 2012. We are all on fire and so excited as we move along and prepare for the weekend. Please contact me if you would like to help with Agape items. We have also set up the prayer vigil at [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org) - Please sign up to pray for our team and pilgrims during the weekend.**

**De Colores,  
Marisa Vera-Herrera, LD  
[marisjtd@hotmail.com](mailto:marisjtd@hotmail.com)**

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