JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

August 2016 Newsletter

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Reminders - This Weekend

Corpus Christi - Women's Journey to Damascus # 155
Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center
August 4 - 7
Sponsor Service - August 4 - 6:30 pm
Candlelight - August 6 - 8:00 pm

Closing - August 7 - 2:00 pm

JTD # 155 - Corpus Christi Women's

SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #158 - Corpus Christi Men's September 15 - 18

2016 Weekends

JTD #155 - Corpus Christi Women's August 4 - 7 Becky Weaver - email

JTD #157 - Central Texas Men's August 11 - 14 Steve Hanshaw

JTD #161 - Central Texas



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Journey to Damascus # 155

Corpus Christi August 4 – 7, 2016

"For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls"

1 Peter 2:25

Women's August 18 - 21 Georgia-Lynn Porche

JTD #158 - Corpus Christi Men's September 15 - 18 Jason Rodriguez - email

JTD #160 - Corpus Christi Women's November 17 - 20 Alison Alonzo - email



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I truly can't believe the weekend is almost here. We are prepared and ready...and anxiously awaiting the beautiful women the Lord has chosen for us to serve. As always, our blessed community has showered us with incredible agape, heartfelt prayers and their valuable time.

I can't even begin to thank each and every one of our team for their dedication and commitment to offering their hands and feet for these pilgrims...and for each other.

At each of our team meetings, we began with this prayer. "I ask that you bless this team and ignite them with Your light. May we each work together with joyful hearts, kind words and prayerful spirits. Let us always remember that we are Your body - Your hands and feet, and that when we do your work, we humbly give our all. Lord, help me to decrease, so that You will increase in my Life. More of You, Lord, and less of me." May His light shine brightly through us for these Pilgrims!

We look forward to seeing you all at candlelight....

Blessings and love, Becky Weaver Lay Director JTD #155

<u>Lay Director</u> Becky Weaver "Fourth Day/Perseverance"

Music Team

Elsie Reichenbacher - Music Director Jeannie White Donna Linnane

Spiritual Director

Fr. Paul Hesse "Sacraments"

Spiritual Team

Rev. Billy Storms "Grace" Sr. Angela Murdaugh "Obstacles to Grace" Rev. John McCain "Faith"

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Donna Jo Grove

Cheryl Brown-Yeager "Priesthood of all Believers" Kathy Clark "Life in Piety" Susan McCain

Lori Green

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Nikki Cantwell

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Notes from the JTD BOD

Dear Journey to Damascus Community,

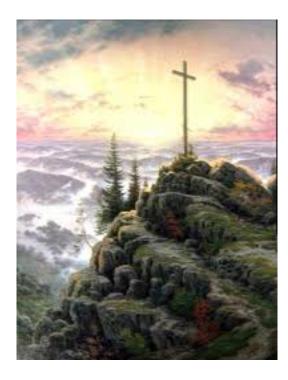
As we look forward to JTD #155 this weekend, we are also closely monitoring the potential for adverse weather from the impending tropical storm in the Caribbean Sea. As of today, our plan for Candlelight is to have the pilgrims/team go for a long walk around the retreat center grounds while the community sings "Amazing Grace" and then departs quickly and quietly from the retreat center before the pilgrims/team return to the Chapel. If the potential for adverse weather exists that evening, then the pilgrims/team will remain in the Chapel after singing the "Jesus, Jesus" song and the community will exit the Chapel while singing "Amazing Grace" and then depart from the retreat center. We will let everyone know which format we will follow just prior to the start of the Candlelight service.

In other news, we held Lay Director Training for the 2017 Lay Directors and their St. Elsewhere teams this past weekend, which means the team selection process for 2017 teams will begin very soon. If you would like to be considered for team service in 2017, we will have forms available for you to fill out at Candlelight. We will also have 2017 team applications available on the JTD Website (www.journeytodamascus.org) in the next few days that you can fill out and email to the Team Selection Committee Chairperson, Jim Stegall (jstegall64@gmail.com), which he will distribute to the 2017 Lay Directors for consideration.

We look forward to an overwhelming turnout at Candlelight and Closing this weekend as an expression of God's grace, mercy and love. Christ Jesus, the pilgrims and the team of JTD #155 are counting on us! May our response continue to be "Here I am Lord"!

In His love, Shane Beckwith JTD Board of Directors President Corpus Christi

JTD # 158 - Corpus Christi Men's



Journey to Damascus # 158

Corpus Christi Sept. 15 - 18, 2016

"And though I have the power of prophecy, to penetrate all mysteries and knowledge, and though I have all the faith necessary to move moutains
-- If I am without love,
I am nothing"

1 Corth. 13:2

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The team of JTD #158 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 have one team meeting left and I am continually amazed at how our complete faith in Christ 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!! Please continue to keep the teams and pilgrims of all the 2016 Journey to Damascus weekends in your prayer and, above all, continue to cast your nets.....because Christ is counting on all of us.

Blessings, Jason Rodriguez Lay Director – JTD #158

p.s. Our Agage list is coming along nicely, but we do need help from the Community to fill the prayer vigil slots. We will circulate the prayer vigil book at Candlelight on Saturday and it is also posted online. Click here to sign up.

Past Lay Director's THANK YOUs

Journey to Damascus #154

Dear JTD Community,

I would like to thank our Lord Jesus Christ for the great Damascus community he has surrounded me with. As they blessed us by attending Candlelight and Closing also all the acts of agape that JTD #154 was so blessed to receive.

I would also thank God the Father who brought me such an amazing team and for the pilgrims who were called to JTD #154 the Best Journey Ever.

Decolores, Luis Javier

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through Me will be saved, will come in and go out and find pasture." *John 10:9*

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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