

JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS

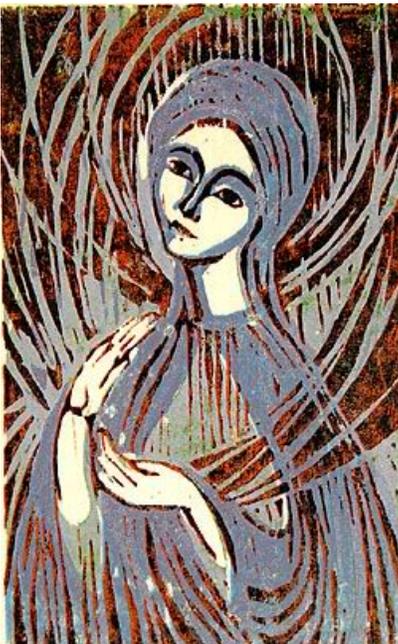
April 2018 Newsletter

-- REMINDERS --

Corpus Christi Women's Journey to Damascus #176

Pax Christi Sisters Retreat Center
April 26 - 29, 2018
Sponsor Service - Thurs. April 26 - 6:30pm
Candlelight - Sat. April 28 - 8:00 pm
Closing - Sun. April 29 - 2:00 pm

JTD #176 - Corpus Christi Women's



Journey to Damascus # 176

Corpus Christi Women's
April 26 - 29, 2018

"For He has looked upon His handmaiden'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."
Luke 1:48-49

Brothers and Sisters of the Journey Community,

What a life-altering experience it has been to participate in our Lord's work on JTD #176! Using our guiding Scriptures, we as a team have worked hard to remain humble and listen to our Father's directions, hoping to be His handmaids in accomplishing His purposes. We believe this obedience

SAVE THE DATE!

JTD #177- Corpus Christi Men's
June 21 - 24
LD - Eddie Rodriguez

2018 Weekends

JTD #177- Corpus Christi Men's
June 21 - 24
LD - Eddie Rodriguez

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

has been rewarded by the great joy and peace we have felt throughout the preparation process and the weekend with our pilgrims. From praying for one another to collecting donations for various community service organizations to helping each other, the team has demonstrated truly the kind of LOVE that a Christian community embodies. We have lived through specific examples of the Lord's blessings flowing and of prayers being answered. These "God-incidences" have been too numerous to go unnoticed by team members; we have ALL been richly blessed for our work on this weekend.

We also have been gifted by the Journey to Damascus community with SO many acts of kindness and generosity. Though there was much work to do, we always knew that someone in the JTD community would notice our needs and supply solutions, often without even being asked. Our requests were answered abundantly and quickly, with much love; through the JTD community, the Mighty One certainly supplied all of our needs and wants. We are SO grateful and humbled by the community's great love—evidence of our Father's willingness to do great things for us and the pilgrims!

We would like to praise and thank our God for this opportunity to labor in His garden. Holy is His name!

Please join us this weekend for Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight and Closing!

DeColores,
Linda Avila
Lay Director, Journey to Damascus #176



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Letter from the Board

Dear JTD Community,

As we move into our second JTD weekend for 2018, your Board of Directors, after prayerful discernment, are pleased to announce the three qualified women and three qualified men that have been selected for the privilege of serving as Lay Director in 2019:

Cheryl Brown-Yeager
Richard Arizmendi
Joanna Busenlehner
David Sisk
Hilda Curry
Jason Atkinson

Congratulations to all of you!

As we continue to prepare for the future of the Journey to Damascus ministry, let us take a moment to reflect on our own pilgrim weekend and its impact in our lives.

For some of us, our pilgrim weekend was a means to strengthen our faith. For others, it was the most profound, life-changing experience of our lives. I have found that the impact of the weekend depends on the distance one travels to get back to Christ from Thursday to Sunday. Some of us never strayed too far, while others, like me, were in a distant land squandering God's immeasurable grace. Whether you were the Prodigal Son or the Son that never left, God's loving embrace was the same and we were all asked to respond to that love in our own unique way.

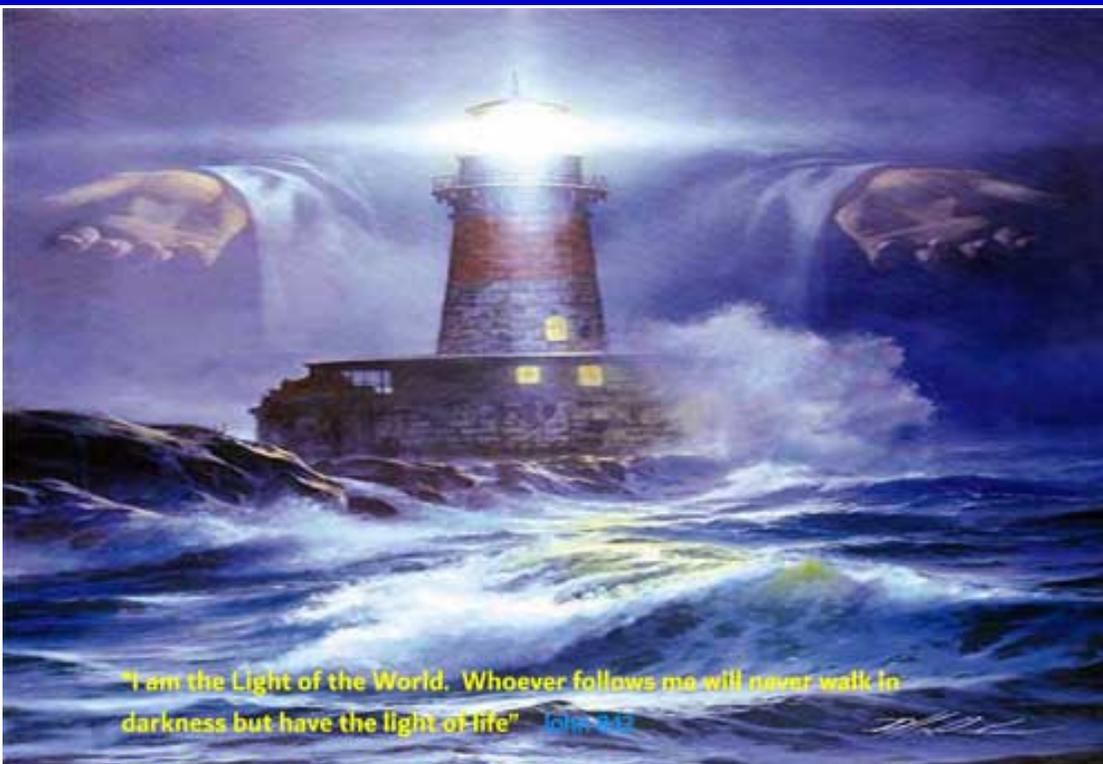
What has the Journey to Damascus meant to you? What are you going to do about it? We were all asked these same two questions on our pilgrim weekend and we each had an opportunity to respond. Do you remember your response? Some will remember every word they said that Sunday afternoon, while others will only remember the essence of their response. Regardless of what you said that day, your true response to those two questions has been how you have lived your every

fourth day since. Our collective response as one Body in Christ, unified in His love, has the power to change the world. We are the light in the darkness. We are the hope of nations. We are the change the world needs to see. We are the new creation. We are the smile on God's face! We are....because He is.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve all of you as board president the past two years. May the love of Christ Jesus continue to burn brightly in your hearts and may the richness of His grace continue to shower down upon you and your families!

In His love,
Shane Beckwith

JTD #177 - Corpus Christi Men's



Journey to Damascus # 177

Corpus Christi Men's
June 21 - 24, 2018

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

My Fellow JTD Community –

As the date quickly approaches, our JTD #177 team meetings continue to build in strength with everyone's deep desire to ensure that this journey is not only a powerful journey, but, also "the best journey ever" for each and every pilgrim who seek the guiding light that has been overshadowed by dark clouds and the light that will ignite the flame of the Holy Spirit within their hearts. My team remains faithfully dedicated and completely devoted to providing an everlasting, genuine experience.

To ensure that our pilgrims have the ultimate weekend experience, I ask that our community continue to provide the wonderful pillow agape that will help bring contentment to the hearts of our pilgrims and will also provide them with a meaningful purpose and a sense of comfort. Everyone's

considerate contribution will indeed secure that special moment(s) for each and every pilgrim. My team and I graciously appreciate our community's involvement. Additionally, I am requesting that everyone, please sign up for the Prayer Vigil, either online or at our upcoming Women's Journey #176. Prayer Vigil's also play an intricate part in ensuring a powerful experience for our pilgrims and team.

JTD #177 continues to seek added pilgrims. Our list is still open to accommodate those who are in pursuit of His grace. We welcome all those who feel they need this experience or are unsure of where they stand in their spiritual life.

I ask that your prayers continue to flood our community and we all also lift those who are suffering in and out of our community. It is only by His hand that we all be shielded from the negative energy that surrounds us.

De Colores,

Eddie Rodriguez
Lay Director
JTD #177

Past JTD "Thank you"

Brothers and Sisters In Christ –

The peace of the Lord be with you and to everyone for making JTD #174 a complete success! My eyes and heart were receiving plenty of love when we walked through for Candlelight and we saw all the love and support from this outstanding community.

As JTD #174 goes down in the history books for the glory of the Lord. I would like to include a couple of side notes. First and foremost, thank you to everyone in the community who supported from day one the Lord hands and feet. Because of your generosity and the best, for the team to make the pilgrims never felt our imperfections. Praise God!

JTD #174's Afterglow was full of emotions and rewards since many new members of the community are already in reunion groups...again Praise God.

Thanks plenty to our JTD Board of Directors, to Mr. David Walsh, Mr. Shane Beckwith and to Father Scott Braathen for the extraordinary work in keeping me straight....hard work!!!!.

Thank you again Journey family. You have truly made most blessed experiences of my life these past 9 years.

God bless all of you.
De Colores.

Jorge Arteaga, Lay Director JTD #174

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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