



# Journey to Damascus Houston Community Newsletter

Fall 2024

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## Welcome New JTD Community Members

The Houston Journey to Damascus would like to welcome the pilgrims of JTD #221 and #224 to the community.

### **#221**

Zulema Granie, Sally Heer, Susan Magee, Tina Olvera, Teresa Pace, Lacreacia Turlington, Deborah Ultsch

### **#224**

Kerry Akin, John Bean, Garrett Bigelow, John Cruz, Herbert Cummins, Cameron Duecker, Jake Ewing, James Ewing, Joshua Ewing, Michael Ewing, Zachary Ewing, Christopher Guinn, Brad Handsome, Derrick Jernigan, James Kelly kveton, Nolan Lynch, Anthony Mayland, Robert Mittelbronn, Hobby Rehel, Stan Terry

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## Meet a JTD Board Member

### *MaryClare Cullen*



MaryClare has been a member of the Houston Journey Community since August of 2006 when she attended JTD #45 at Circle Lake Retreat Center. She has served on multiple weekends in many roles. She was Lay Director for JTD #100 October of 2011. The Journey weekend was a renewal of her faith, which prompted her to attend a 3-year spiritual direction certification program at the Houston Cenacle School of Spiritual Direction (now the Emmaus School of Spiritual Direction). MaryClare graduated in May of 2016. MaryClare is married to Deacon Tim Cullen and graduated from St Mary's Seminary in December 2020 with a certification in Pastoral Theology. She has served on the Journey Board of Trustees and is currently the Assistant Spiritual Director for the Houston Board of Directors.

**Board of Directors:**

**Princess Helin, Past President**  
**Shawn Royer, President**  
**Eric Gallup, Vice President**  
**Kevin Clark, Treasurer**  
**Susan Norman, Secretary**

**Randy Bame, Member**  
**Kevin Clark, Member**  
**Brenda Tolbert, Member**  
**Rachelle Vento, Member**  
**Joy Willison, Member**

**Spiritual Advisors:**  
**MaryClare Cullen**  
**Deacon Tom Whited**

**Board of Trustees:**  
**Gerald Blackwell**  
**Charley Green**  
**Ed Stempel**



**09-27-24 / HOUSTON JOURNEY TO DAMASCUS / STARTS 8 AM**  
**Cypress Lakes Golf Club**

18700 Cypresswood Drive Cypress, Texas 77429



**GOLF**



**TOURNAMENT**



Format: Four Man Scramble

Contests: Closest to Pin, Longest Drive and Putting Contest

**Player Registration: \$150 per person / \$600 per team**

Players will receive retail gift, breakfast tacos, burger bar lunch and drinks.

We will have a raffle with chances to win great prizes!



**Register online at [houstonjtd.com](http://houstonjtd.com) or use the QR code to the left.**



07:00 AM – Registration and Breakfast

08:00 AM – Shotgun Start

12:00 PM – Lunch and Awards Ceremony

1:00 PM – Raffle Drawing

Dress Code: Collared shirts and Bermuda length shorts or pants. No jeans or metal spikes.

**Sponsorship**

All sponsors receive recognition at awards ceremony. Company logo or family name will be displayed on a digital scoreboard monitor. Consider company gift matching contributions. For tax deductions, JTD EIN Number is 26-0778685.

- \$2,500 Title Sponsor**
- \$1,000 Prize Sponsor**
- \$ 250 Hole Sponsor**



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For questions, contact: Randy Bame at 425-449-2263 or [randy.bame@yahoo.com](mailto:randy.bame@yahoo.com) OR Shawn Royer at 713-834-5669 or [shawn@houstonpermitservice.com](mailto:shawn@houstonpermitservice.com)

## Upcoming Journey Weekends

Women's JTD #226  
**October 17-20, 2024**

Men's JTD #228  
**January 16-19, 2024**

Come with open hearts and empty hands. As we focus on our common Christian beliefs while still respecting our differences, we may be gradually and slowly working our way toward truly being one in Christ.

All journey weekends will be held at:

**Camp Lone Star Pines**  
**22610 Tuwa Rd. Tomball,**  
**TX 77375**

Registration forms for Pilgrims and Team can be found at

<https://Houstonjtd.com/registration>

## WOMEN'S JTD #226, OCTOBER 17-20, 2024

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you;  
 I have called you by your name, you are mine.  
 Isaiah 43:1



Greetings and Love JTD Community,

My name is Jean Jablonski and I will be the Lay Director for the upcoming women's journey October 17-20, 2024. I am honored and humbled to be leading this life changing weekend. My Scripture verse is from Isaiah 43:1 "Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by your name and you are mine." This passage is important to me because I have struggled with anxieties, and this gives me peace and makes me realize that God loves me, and I am important to Him.

My pilgrim Journey was Journey #139 in April of 2015. I have served on team for many Journeys and was ALD for Journey #217 in October of 2023.

I had often said that I never wanted to be a Lay Director, but when serving as ALD, the Holy Spirit opened my heart to be willing to serve. I have felt that I couldn't do the job, but with the help of an amazing St. Elsewhere team, we are going to have an incredible weekend. Keep us in your prayers so we can bring new members to the JTD community.

### St. Elsewhere Team:

LD – Jean Jablonski	ALD – Mary Gillis
ALD Mentor – Susan Norman	ALD – Joy Willison
BR – Treva Gallup	ALD – Pam Gonzalez

Head Angels – LeAnne Strempele  
 Julie Casten

Spiritual Director - Fr. Stephen Payne  
 ASD – Deacon Tom Whited  
 ASD – MaryClare Cullen  
 ASD – Elizabeth Henson

**Table Leads:** Ashley Duran, Shay Christopherson, Nancy Hernandez, Charlotte Bame

**Assistant Table Leads:** Lucrecia Turlington, Deb Ultsch, Gloria Cabral, Vanessa Castor

**Music Team:** Tammy Bilski, Rose Bue, Claire Hackney, Lisa Malik

**Angels:** Keri Whitt, Barbara Slanis, Cokey Clark, Roseann Carothers, Ada Main, Brenda Tolbert, Brittany Hackney, Lelia Sprague, Sandra Miller, Liz Whitenton, Sandy Barber, Lucia Dziadul, Susan E. Norman, Nora Ochse, Nikki Costello, Valeria Garcia, Nikita Salcedo

**Outside Team:** Eric Gallup

**Talk Schedule:**

**Friday October 18, 2024**

Priorities – Charlotte Bame

Grace – MaryClare Cullen

Priesthood of All Believers – Joy Willison

Faith – Deacon Tom Whited

Life in Piety – Keri Whitt

**Saturday October 19, 2024**

Growth Through Study – Mary Gillis

Sacraments – Father Stephen Payne

Christian Action – Lucia Dziadul

Obstacles to Grace – Elizabeth Henson

Discipleship – Ada Main

Love and Unity (at Candlelight) – Susan Norman

**Sunday October 20, 2024**

Changing Our World – Ashley Duran

Body of Christ – Pam Gonzalez

Perseverance/Fourth Day – Jean Jablonski

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**Sign up for the JTD #226 Prayer Vigil**

**Please support the pilgrims and team for this journey weekend in prayer by signing up for the prayer vigil at the link below:**

[Journey To Damascus - Houston: JTD #226 Women's Prayer Vigil](#)

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**Join us for the JTD #226 Afterglow**

The JTD community is invited to attend the JTD #226 Afterglow which will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 11:30 – 1:30 at Chapelwood United Methodist Church 11140 Green Bay Drive, Houston TX 77024



## Donations Committee Members Needed

My name is Joy Hunt and I have the privilege of working alongside MaryClare Cullen, Kevin Clark and Eric Gallup on heading up the Donations Committee for the Board of Directors of the Houston Journey to Damascus community.

We are currently recruiting committee members and still need four (4) more members to dedicate an hour of their time per week to help us gain traction in the community. Currently, we have Jason Willison and Joe Matula sitting on this committee and would like to identify four more members in the next 30 days.

To give you an idea of what our current plans are for the year, we are in the process of sending out an invite to the new Houston JTD Facebook Group that will need an administrator. We are putting together Amazon wish lists to send out for agape with the intention of lifting some of the financial burden off of the core team who is also paying to be there on the weekends, and we are looking at touring reunion groups at least once per year so we will need men and women on this committee (perfect for husbands and wives who want to serve a ministry together) and we have tons of other fun stuff on the horizon in terms of community outreach that would ruin surprises if mentioned here but I'm happy to discuss on the phone.

If you are interested in working with us, please reach out to me on my cell (281)917-5397 or email [JYWillison@gmail.com](mailto:JYWillison@gmail.com).

I honestly believe we are the 'hands and feet' and after listening to a recent community member's AMAZING practice talk, I believe we are also the heart of Christ on earth until His return. We are the doers of His love in action. Will you answer the call and help our community grow and remain sustainable?

If this message is not for you but you would like to help, please consider setting up a reoccurring monthly donation of \$25 per household with the donations tab on our website at <https://www.houstonjtd.com/donate-to-jtd>

Our biggest goal is dropping the weekend prices so that we can continue to change lives as well as building a scholarship bank for those with financial need during a time where inflation is thriving.

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Your BOD Donations Committee & BOD

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### JTD Leadership Training

JTD Leadership training will be held on Nov 9th from 9-12:00 noon at St. Laurence Ave Maria Parish Center  
3103 Sweetwater Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77479

Leadership training is NOT just for Lay Directors. It is for anyone who wants to participate on JTD weekend teams. The training will provide a great overview of Journey to Damascus weekends. If interested, please reach out to Kevin Clark – [kevin@riveroakscouriers.com](mailto:kevin@riveroakscouriers.com)

## Women's JTD #226 Candlelight October 19, 2024

**Brothers and sisters in Christ,**

**As another group of women prepare to step outside the world on the weekend of October 17-20 and attend JTD 226, we find ourselves looking back on the miracles that happen EVERY JTD weekend.**

**Significant among those is the candlelight experience. It stays with you as if it was a brief visit to heaven. The beauty, the love, and the amazing realization that SO MANY PEOPLE would show up just to express their love!!!**

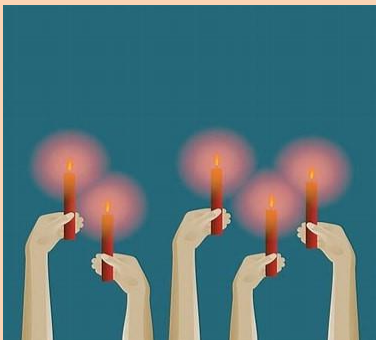
**So, as a community let's pull together and show up in-force for them. I know many are unable to participate in an entire weekend, but this is such an important experience for the pilgrims, that only an entire roomful of smiling, loving faces, lit only by candles and the Holy Spirit can bring.**

**It's the best date night (free!) there is. Plus, it is sooo great to see everyone. Like a family holiday party.**

**We look forward to seeing you there, so plan now for:**

***October 19th 7:00 p.m.  
Camp Lone Star Pines***

***22610 Tuwa Road  
Tomball, TX 77375***



## Lay Directors Needed

We need both men and women who have a desire to plan, lead, and grow the Houston JTD community in 2024 and beyond. Being a Lay Director is both a privilege and a calling to which takes prayerful consideration. If you meet the below criteria and/or would like to learn more about this very important commitment, please contact any board member or email MaryClare Cullen, BOD Spiritual Advisor - [clarecullen@windstream.net](mailto:clarecullen@windstream.net).

Criteria for consideration of a Lay Director:

- Must have given two (2) different weekend talks (not including Love and Unity)
- Have served in three different team positions:
  - As Table Leader or Assistant Table Leader
  - As an Angel/Cha
  - As Assistant Lay Director

Christ is counting on you!

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## Ways to Support the JTD Community

### ***PILGRIMS***

**The most important piece to this pie is PILGRIMS! To continue this ministry that is so needed during these trying times we need the community to be intentional in inviting and sponsoring pilgrims. Should you need help on how to share what JTD is about please reach out to a board member who can provide brochures, details to go in church bulletins, etc.**

### ***Recurring Donation***

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, JTD relies on the generous donations from the community.

To support JTD by recurring donation you can pay online via credit card at [houstonjtd.com](https://www.houstonjtd.com) at the link <https://www.houstonjtd.com/donate-to-jtd>. Next go to 'Donate to JTD' and enter a weekly, monthly, yearly, or one-time amount. If you prefer to make your donation by check please email us at [houstonjtd.com](mailto:houstonjtd.com).



We thank our generous donors in 2022 and hope that we can have your continued support in 2023.

### ***Company Matching***

Many companies provide matching of your donations to a charity or non-profit. Please be sure to check with your company and request a match form. You may contact a board member for the JTD Tax ID as your company match will usually require it.

**Connect with your brothers and sisters in Christ  
and keep the JTD fire going by joining  
a Houston reunion group near you:**

*Please call/e-mail the reunion group contact before attending a group for the first time*

### **Men's Reunion Groups**

#### **Dixie Farm Boys**

Mondays, 6:00 PM

Contact: Matt Hoffman, 713-819-2297, [mhof1100@aol.com](mailto:mhof1100@aol.com)

Location: Gateway Community Church, 760 Clear Lake City Blvd., Webster

#### **STRIVE!**

Tuesdays, 6:00 AM

Contact: Brad Whitt, 713-469-1565, [brad.t.whitt@gmail.com](mailto:brad.t.whitt@gmail.com)

Location: Panera Bread, 26003 NW Freeway, Cypress

#### **SEASoned Warriors**

Every other Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Contact: Greg Bedell, [gjbedell@mdanderson.org](mailto:gjbedell@mdanderson.org)

Location: Willie's Grill & Icehouse, 7092 Hwy 6 North (FM 529 & Hwy 6) Houston

#### **Walking Tall**

Fridays, 6:00 AM via Zoom Call

Contact: Tom Stallings, 281-450-8101, [tom@tomstallings.com](mailto:tom@tomstallings.com)

#### **Mama's Boys**

Fridays, 8:00 AM

Contact: Mike Main, 832-444-1728, [mike.j.main@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.main@gmail.com)

Location: Buffalo Grille, 1301 S. Voss Road (S. Voss & Woodway) Houston

#### **Blurry Eyed Boys**

Saturdays, 7:00 AM

Contact: Tim Cullen, 281-948-1417, [tpcullen@windstream.net](mailto:tpcullen@windstream.net)

Location: La Madeleine, 2675 Town Center Blvd., Sugar Land

#### **Gravy Spoon Disciples**

Every other Saturday (or when His Honeys meet), 9:00 AM

Contact: Eric Gallup, 832-253-4766, [tccsuper01@yahoo.com](mailto:tccsuper01@yahoo.com)

Location: Black Walnut, The Vintage Park, 10623 Louetta Rd. Houston

### **Women's Reunion Groups**

#### **SEAS Sisters**

Mondays, 11:30 AM

Contact: Denise Dreyling, 281-855-7745, [denise@thoede.com](mailto:denise@thoede.com)

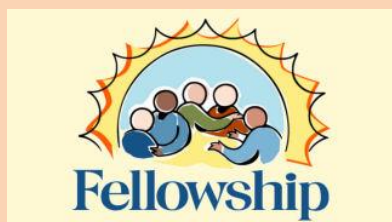
Location: Romeros, Hwy 6 & Longenbaugh, Houston

#### **Sisters with a Purpose**

2nd & 4th Monday, 1:00 PM

Contact: Shay Christopherson, 281-799-2002, [christopherson.shay@gmail.com](mailto:christopherson.shay@gmail.com)

Location: Jason's Deli, 529/Hwy6, Houston





**His Honeys**

Every other Saturdays, 9:00 AM

Contact: Pam Gonzalez, 713-854-6587, [furnituregirlpam@gmail.com](mailto:furnituregirlpam@gmail.com)  
Location: Black Walnut, The Vintage Park, 10623 Louetta Rd., Houston

**The Breakfast Club**

Thursdays, 6:00 AM

Contact: Toni Weyand. 281-731-6883, [toniweyand@gmail.com](mailto:toniweyand@gmail.com)  
Location: Dennys's, 1422 Highway 6, Sugar Land

**Sophia Sisters**

Every other Saturday, 8:00 AM

Contact: MaryClare Cullen, 713-480-7511, [clarecullen@windstream.net](mailto:clarecullen@windstream.net)  
Location: La Madeleine, 2675 Town Center Blvd, Sugar Land

**Grace Girls**

3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:00 PM

Contact: Rachelle Vento, 713-851-0364, [rachelle.vento@gmail.com](mailto:rachelle.vento@gmail.com)  
Location: La Fiesta, 11623 Katy Freeway, Houston

**Mary Martha**

2nd & 4th Saturday, 11:00 AM

Contact: Agnes Fernandes, 281-933-3721, [agnesffernandes@gmail.com](mailto:agnesffernandes@gmail.com)  
Location: Panera Bread, 7041 FM1960 East, Atascosita

**Bay Area Blessed Sisters**

3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Contact: Sherry Metcalf, 832-643-9689, [sherry\\_metcalf@yahoo.com](mailto:sherry_metcalf@yahoo.com)  
Location: La Madeleine, 929 Bay Area Blvd, Webster

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please visit the site again soon.



