



Journey to Damascus Houston Community Newsletter

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Welcome New JTD Community Members

The Houston Journey to Damascus would like to welcome the pilgrims of JTD #214 and #217 to the community.

#217

Cheryl Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Pattie Best, Julia Bradley, Vanessa Castor, Karen Duran, Valeria Garcia, Jacqueline Gibbs, Ramdaye Gokool, Eileen Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Ada Main, Susan Mule', Lisa Tolhurst

#218

Lance Baird, Charles Brink, Thomas Brink, Pete Brown, Adam Bryant, Eduardo Cervantes, Dalton Chapman, Gerald Davis, Norson Fernandez, Rodney Johnson, Josh Lopez, Phil Magee, Jose Moreno, Ruben Ortiz, Mark Spann, Jeremy Sulistio, Kirk Tucker

Meet a JTD Board Member *Susan Norman*

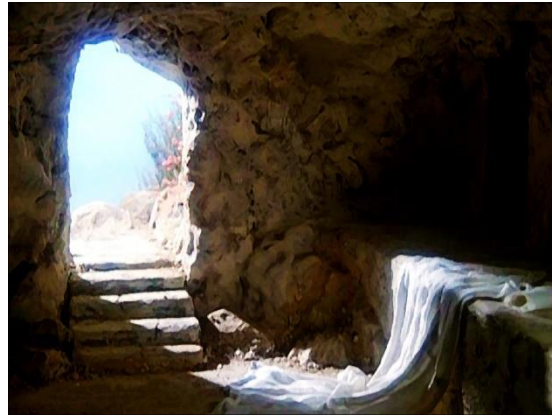


I was born and raised in Philadelphia – *but I moved to Texas as fast as I could!* My husband Bob and I are both US Navy veterans (that's how a girl from Philly meets a guy from Freeport, Texas!). We have two children, two grandchildren and an adorable great-grandson. We live in Sugar Land and attend St Laurence Catholic Church.

My pilgrim Journey was in April 2015 (JTD #139) and I was moved not only by the presence of the Holy Spirit but by the wonderful angels that surrounded us all weekend. I am a member of the Sophia Sisters Reunion Group and getting to know these wonderful sisters in Christ has been a blessing as we pray and support each other. I have served on all but one women's Journey weekend since my pilgrim Journey and I was honored to be the Lay Director for (the long awaited after Covid) Journey #199.

It's my pleasure to serve as the Secretary for the Houston Journey Board.

WOMEN'S JTD #221, MAY 2-5, 2024



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 Strempe

Peace and blessings JTD Community,

My name is MaryClare Cullen and I will be the Lay Director for the upcoming women's journey May 2-5, 2024. I am so honored to lead the planning and facilitation of this wonderful transformative weekend. My prayer is that we glorify God in all we do. My Scripture verse is from Mathew 28:20, "And remember, I am with you always, until the end of the age." This scripture has had deep significance for me. It reminds me that no matter what joys or sorrows we experience, we are never alone. I have been a member of the JTD community since August of 2006 when I made my pilgrim weekend. I have been on team for many weekends and was honored to be Lay Director for JTD 100 in October of 2011. In more recent years I have served on the Spiritual Team having received my certification in Spiritual Direction in May of 2016. I have served as the President of the JTD Board of Trustees and am currently the Assistant Spiritual Director for the Houston JTD Board of Directors. Serving in this community of the Body of Christ is part of my DNA.

You may wonder why I am serving as a Lay Director again. It is not common, but there is guidance in the by-laws for someone to serve as a Lay Director more than once. I felt the call of the Holy Spirit to serve as Lay Director for this weekend when the board was having trouble finding someone to say yes. May is often a challenging time for the ladies with school, graduations, etc. After 38 years working in corporate America as a Program Manager, I retired in October 2023. This was an answered prayer. So, when the Holy Spirit kept putting it on my heart, I said a joyful yes.

St. Elsewhere Team:

LD – MaryClare Cullen	ALD – Cokey Clark
LDIT – Jean Jablonski	ALD – Melissa Waldschmidt
BR – Susan Norman	ALD – Miki Smith
Head Angels – Treva Gallup	
Charlotte Bame	

Spiritual Director - Fr. Stephen Payne
 ASD – Pastor RaMona Riggs
 ASD – Nikki Costello

Upcoming Journey Weekends

Women's JTD #221
May 2-5, 2024

Men's JTD #224
August 1-4, 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>

Table Leads: Barbara Slanis, Kristin Rehel, Katherine Moore, Lelia Sprague

Assistant Table Leads: Roseann Carothers, Elizabeth McDonald, Ada Main, Eunice Morgan

Music Team: Carmen Hanshaw, Lucia Dziadul, Susan Luyckx, Princess Helin

Angels: Juli Salvagio, Laurie Brignac, Pam Gonzalez, Holly Cullen, Dianne Terry, Deborah Hunt, Sandy Barber, Ashley Duran, Nancy Hernandez, Jackie Gibbs, Julie Chovanetz, Cindy Ramirez, Nikita Salcedo, Nora Ochse, Mary Green

Outside Team: Eric Gallup

Talk Schedule:

Friday, May 3, 2024

Priorities – Jean Jablonski
 Grace – Nikki Costello
 Priesthood of all Believers – Cokey Clark
 Faith – Pastor RaMona Riggs
 Life in Piety – Lelia Sprague

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Growth Through Study – Laurie Brignac
 Sacraments – Fr. Stephen Payne
 Christian Action – Holly Cullen
 Obstacles to Grace – Nikki Costello
 Discipleship – Miki Smith
 Love and Unity (at Candlelight) – Deacon Tim Cullen

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Changing Our World – Sandy Barber
 Body of Christ – Melissa Waldschmidt
 Perseverance & Fourth Day – MaryClare Cullen

Sign up for the JTD #221 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:

[Houston Women's JTD #221 Prayer Vigil](#)

JTD Annual Gathering

Our annual JTD Gathering was held on February 17 at St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Houston. It was an amazing day that started with a potluck lunch followed by fellowship, music, and inspiring talks by community members, Joy Willison and Steve Hanshaw. If you didn't have a chance to join us this year, we look forward to seeing you next year. The below photos highlight the fun and fellowship had by all.





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.

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.

De Colores,

Your BOD Donations Committee & BOD

**Women's JTD #221 Candlelight
May 4, 2024**

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As another group of women prepare to step outside the world the first weekend of May on JTD 221, we find ourselves looking back on the miracles that happen EVERY 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:

***May 4th 7:00 p.m.
Camp Lone Star Pines***

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

MEN'S JTD #224, AUGUST 1-4, 2024



I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart, I have overcome the world. John 16:33

St. Elsewhere Team:

LD – Bill Ewing, Jr.	ALD – Randy Bame
LDIT – TBD	ALD – Tom Donlin
BR – Brad Whitt	ALD – Jason Willison
Head CHA – Tim Broxson	

Team Meetings:

Chapelwood United Methodist Church
11140 Greenbay
Houston, TX 77024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

April 20
May 11
June 8
July 13

If you have a pilgrim or would like to serve on team, please use the links below:

[Men's JTD #224 - Pilgrim Application - August 2-5, 2024](#)
[Men's JTD #224 - Sponsor Form - August 1-5, 2024](#)
[Men's JTD #224 - Team Application - August 1-5, 2024](#)

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.

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!

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.



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

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

Location: Panera Bread, 26003 NW Freeway, Cypress

SEASoned Warriors

Every other Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Contact: Greg Bedell, 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

Mama's Boys

Fridays, 8:00 AM

Contact: Mike Main, 832-444-1728, 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

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

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

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

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

His Honeys

Every other Saturdays, 9:00 AM

Contact: Pam Gonzalez, 713-854-6587, 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

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

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

Location: La Fiesta, 11623 Katy Freeway, Houston

Mary Martha

2nd & 4th Saturday, 11:00 AM

Contact: Agnes Fernandes, 281-933-3721, 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

Location: La Madeleine, 929 Bay Area Blvd, Webster

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