



# Journey to Damascus Houston Community Newsletter

November 2025

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## Welcome New JTD Community Members

The Houston Journey to Damascus would like to welcome the pilgrims of JTD #237 to the community.

### Women's Journey #237 October 2025

Ana Martinez Larumbe, Angie Baeza, Anne Grossey, Ashley Boykin, Heather Young, Janeth Falco, Jen Babez, Joanne Craig, Kathleen Torres, Katie Fabila, Leslie Vasquez, Mrs Barnum, Nevaeh Lara, Silvia Kroeck, Sunni Monroe, Willow Ross, Yvette De Los Santos



“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

John 10:27

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Journey #237

AFTERGLOW

November 15, 2025

Chapelwood United Methodist Church: 11140 Greenbay St

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Please provide salads, sides, and desserts to feed 10 people.

Last name A-G; Salad

Last name H-L; Sides

Last name M-Z; Desserts

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## Upcoming Journey Weekends

**Men's JTD #238**  
January 15 - 18, 2026

**Women's JTD #241**  
April 30 - May 3, 2026

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>

Men's JTD #238 - January 15 - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Message from Shawn Royer: Lay Director for Men's Journey #238



Hello Journey Family!

My name is Shawn Royer, and I had the blessing of attending the best Journey ever—JTD #144—back in August 2016. I said “No” to Brad Whitt’s invitations, 5 times previously. Thankfully, my loving wife made me go this time. It turned out to be a lifechanging weekend for me.

Ten years later, I have the incredible honor of serving as the Lay Director for the upcoming men’s Journey, JTD #238, January 15 through January 18th, 2026.

I pray that every Pilgrim and Team member who joins will experiences the fullness of God’s love throughout the weekend. To make that happen, we will need a strong, faithful team to walk alongside these men— caring for their physical and spiritual needs. Please consider serving in any way you can. Whether you’ve served many times or it’s your first time, your presence matters. If you can’t serve this time, I encourage you to reach out to the men in our Journey family—both new faces and familiar ones—and invite them to be a part of this mission.

Team meetings will be held at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, 11140 Greenbay St. Houston, TX 77024, at 8:30 AM until 1:00PM, on the first Saturday of each month. Our next meeting is December 6th and a last-minute meeting, if needed, will be on January 10th.



We're also looking for our wonderful Journey ladies to serve dinner on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, and of course, we'll need lots of smiling faces at Candlelight and Closing to remind the Pilgrims they are not alone.

Let's make this the most powerful Journey ever and bring more men closer to the heart of God!

Team info and application link:

[Weekend Registration | Journey to Damascus](#)

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you. Joshua 1:9*

If the Holy Spirit moves you to help or would like more information, feel free to reach out to me. Text me or call at 713-834-5669 or via email at [shawn@houstonpermitservice.com](mailto:shawn@houstonpermitservice.com).

We ask for prayers as we finalize our preparations in the weeks ahead.

De Colores!

Shawn Royer  
LD JTD#238

#### **Men's Journey #238 - St. Elsewhere Team:**

LD - Shawn Royer	ALD - Johnny Mejia
Board Rep - Brad Whitt	ALD - Eric Casten
Head CHA: Kevin Clark	ALD - Ian Cullen
Head CHA: Daniel Cunningham	

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**Women's JTD #241 - April 30 - May 3rd, 2026**

#### **Message from Charlotte Bame: Lay Director for Women's Journey #241**

Hello Journey Family!

I cannot believe what God has done in my life to bring me to writing this note to you! From the time of my pilgrim Journey #199 in November of 2021 (the longest awaited journey ever!) to today, He has worked to bring me into being still and knowing He is God, understanding that I am



His workmanship created just for His purpose and hearing His voice and following Him. Finally understanding that He was working all things together for my good because I love Him and am called according to His purpose!

When I received the call last spring, I had no idea what to say. I took time and reviewed all this community has meant to me, fought off saying yes, thinking it wasn't the 'right time' and even changing my mind a few times. It just happened to be on the way to the last meeting for JTD #231 that God confirmed what I had been rejecting in the days prior. I was to accept the Lay Director calling.

Most of the time we don't hear His voice directly, but we do hear it through music, through the voices of our sisters and brothers in Christ, and through his word. Thank goodness He knows how to reach us!

The scripture I have chosen is one that has brought me through much of my life, but I didn't realize how special it was until a dear friend explained so clearly that God never wastes a hurt! (thank you Matt Hoffman)

***And we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28***

We will hold our **first team meeting on November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at Chapelwood UMC in the Fireside room. Starting with social time at 0830 and meeting start time at 0900 until 1pm. I invite all women who would love to be a part of the team (or are curious, or are not sure) to come, or to reach out to me directly if you are unable to make the first meeting. The other meetings are scheduled for:

January 3, 2026

March 7, 2026

February 7, 2026

April 4, 2026

Praying to see you all very soon!

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### Lay Directors Needed

We need both men and women who have a desire to plan, lead, and grow the Houston JTD community in 2025 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](http://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).

#### ***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.

#### ***GOLF TOURNAMENT!***

The 2026 Journey to Damascus Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this coming Spring on **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, at Gleannloch Farms Golf Course. The tournament will **start registration at 10am** with the putting contest prior to the **shotgun start at noon**. Contact Randy Bame (425-449-2263) for registration details and to volunteer to help that day. More details will come in the next newsletter! Hope to see everyone there!





## Board Update

The purpose of the Houston Community Board of Directors is to serve our community and through prayerful discernment, carry on the work of Journey to Damascus: to support weekends and fourth day activities, coordinate spiritual directors, engage with the Board of Trustees as needed, manage facility relationships, finances and community member lists, facilitate Lay Director Training, community-wide communication, and to support the weekend team nomination. The 2025 Houston JTD Board Members are:



President	Eric Gallup	Tccsuper01@yahoo.com	832-253-4766
Past-President	Shawn Royer	shawn@houstonpermitservice.com	713-834-5669
Vice President	Randy Bame	Randy.bame@yahoo.com	425-449-2263
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BOT Member	MaryClare Cullen	Mchamma16@gmail.com	713-480-7511
BOT Member	Edward Stempel	ebstempel@icloud.com	832-589-4714
Member	Timothy Broxson	Tim.broxson@dixieinteriors.com	832-707-6002
Member	Ian Cullen	lancullen01@gmail.com	832-289-1841
Member	Joy Willison	jywillison@gmail.com	281-917-5397

### Join Our Board: Seeking Passionate Members!

We are looking for two new board members to join our team! To maintain an ecumenical balance, we are seeking one Catholic and one Protestant representative. If you or someone you know is interested, we would love to hear from you!

Board members are dedicated individuals from the local community who commit to serving a minimum of three years. Their role includes attending monthly meetings and contributing additional time to support committee work and other essential board activities. Beyond assisting with a single Journey to Damascus weekend, board members typically dedicate 2-8 hours per month to meetings and related responsibilities.

But don't let that intimidate you! Our board is a welcoming, passionate group of people who love this ministry and are committed to its growth and success. If you're looking for a meaningful way to serve, we'd love to have you join us!



### REUNION GROUPS

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

*Please call or email 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: Starbucks in Kroger, 20355 Cypresswood Dr., Cypress, TX 77433

##### **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 Saturday, 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

**Bay Area Blessed Sisters**

3rd Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Contact: Claire Hackney, 281-797-6597, [ctrieng2\\_crh@swbell.net](mailto:ctrieng2_crh@swbell.net)

Location: La Madeleine, 929 Bay Area Blvd, Webster



## Houston JTD 2025-2026 Calendar

<p><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>11 - Board meeting 15 - JTD #237 Afterglow 22 - Women's JTD #241 Team Mtg #1</p>	<p><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>6 - Men's JTD #238 Team Mtg 9 - Board meeting</p>	<p><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>03 - Women's JTD# 241 Team Mtg #2 10 - Men's JTD #238 Team Mtg (if needed) 13 - Board meeting <b>15 - Men's JTD #238</b> 17 - Candlelight</p>
<p><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p>07 - Women's JTD# 241 Team Mtg #3 10 - Board meeting</p>	<p><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>07 - Women's JTD #241 Team Meeting #4 10 - Board Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>04 - Women's JTD #241 Team Meeting #5 30 - Women's JTD #241 Journey!</p>
<p><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Women's JTD #241 Journey! 2<sup>nd</sup> - Candlelight</p>	<p><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>9 - Board Meeting</p>	<p><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>14 - Board Meeting</p>

**Be an ambassador for Houston JTD!****JTD merchandise**

We have the following items available for purchase:

To purchase these items, please visit the link below on our JTD Houston website

[Merchandise | Houston Jtd](#)

We are working to replenish our inventory soon, so if we are low on sizes,  
please visit the site again soon.

