



Trinity Valley Tres Dias

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Message from the TVTD President

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New Pescadores

My heart is full after the awesome set of weekends that just occurred at Heavenly Acres TVTD # 14. Thank you to the awesome teams and to two very special very humble Rectors Sheryl Allen and Paul Weis. Welcome new Pescadores to your new community. I am just giving you a few thoughts here on telling others about Tres Dias. I call it "NO SECRETS". Something secret? NO! There is NOTHING secret about Tres Dias. Never imply that there is. When you talk about Tres Dias, let people know what happens on a weekend. Tell them that there is Chapel and communion every day. Talk about the 15 talks given throughout the weekend, and how they all flow together into one talk. Tell them about table groups and discussion. Tell them about the wonderful food and various themes throughout the weekend. Tell them that the weekend is an opportunity for them to have a personal encounter with the Holy Spirit; something to be experienced. Remind them that the weekend isn't really a retreat with free time, but rather a structured weekend designed for them to have a deeper walk with the Lord, Jesus Christ. Answer all questions openly and honestly. If there are "surprises" you would rather not share, please remember that even those can be shared. Most folks don't know to ask about them anyway. Tres Dias is about building Christian Leaders, and servant leaders are setting that example throughout the weekend as they serve to bless our brothers and sisters in the Lord. After experiencing a Tres Dias weekend, we feel so full and so free that we want to share everything about the weekend with others. But then comes the dilemma. What do we say? Here's how it goes, on occasion: "I just went on a Tres Dias weekend. It was great and you need to go, too." Actually, we realize that wasn't the best wording, but that's how we, in our enthusiasm, sometimes blurt it out. They respond, "Ok, what is it?" We then panic and say, "I can't tell you."

Why do we stumble that way? Perhaps it's because the question reminds us of all the special moments on a weekend that are . . . well . . . indescribable, and we don't want to spoil the surprises. In reality, "I can't tell you" is the worst response we could give; it implies that there are secrets. Remember, there are no secrets in Tres Dias. Consider this, too: Since the other person doesn't know about the surprises, they won't be asking about them! Trust me: You can tell them about virtually everything that went on during a weekend and you won't spoil anything! It is God that shows up on a weekend. He is the one that blesses and transforms, not the surprises. So how should we tell people about Tres Dias? First of all, don't say they "need" to go. The word "need" indicates some kind of lack on their part. You might say, "I was amazingly blessed. In fact, I have never felt more blessed, and I want God to bless you in the same way He blessed me." Another thought you could add is, "I want to share God's love with you by sponsoring you to attend a Tres Dias weekend." If they ask, "What's it all about," here are some ideas to help you know what to say: "Well, it's three days where we take time for Fellowship with other Christians and learn more about Jesus, God's grace, and the Christian life. We sing, eat, pray, and worship. Have I mentioned the food is great? We listen to "talks" on various topics and testimonies by other people just like us. We Discuss the talks in small groups." Sometime in this conversation, the other person will likely say, "Sounds like an ordinary retreat to me. What's the big deal?" You can respond with, "Well, I believe what makes it so special is all the prayer that covers the

Pre-Weekend Couple

Calling all Sponsors!

The Essentials of the Pre-Weekend Phase

1. That the candidate be sponsored for participation in all phases of the TRES DIAS Movement, rather than just the Weekend.
2. That candidates be sponsored by a member of a chartered TRES DIAS community or a similar community approved by TRES DIAS.

I know we would all like to believe that if "we will just build it they will come," however, this is not reality. 92% of un-churched folks reported they do not attend church because they have never been invited. Likewise there are many folks you know who have never been invited to attend a Tres Dias Weekend. Without a continued concerted effort on everyone's part to sponsor new candidates the movement will cease to exist.

Please begin to pray for the Lord to reveal the folks in your life He wishes to bless in the same way that you were blessed by the one who sponsored you. Sponsoring candidates is a lifelong commitment, that yields a lifelong blessing! How awesome it is to see how God changes lives through Tres Dias and how blessed we are to be a part of His plan! Please begin praying today.

If you have any questions about sponsoring a candidate, please send us an E-mail at: gilliamt@embarqmail.com or mamajag@embarqmail.com

DeColores!

Tim and Rhynda Gilliam
Pre-weekend Committee

Keep Looking
Up Because
The Best Is
Yet To Come!

Fourth Day Committee

SECUELA Sat Aug 14th at Heavenly Acres and we hope to see everyone there. Bring your family (children are welcome) for a day of fun, food, music, and surprises. Bring your favorite covered dish enough for your family and a little extra to share. Drinks will be provided. New Pescadores come and spend time with you new Tres Dias Family. For info and directions call Maudie Jones at 903-887-7654 or Shirley Jones at 903-887-6173

Leaders Committee

Wow what a summer! So many people have worked so hard for this community! We are reaping God's blessings for your sowing. I see a cornucopia of praise and thanksgiving this fall. #14 just ended and #15 has begun.

Busy Binary Weekends:

I coined the example for these two back to back weekends as busy binary weekends:

" Binary star is a star system consisting of two stars orbiting around a common center of mass (companion star and primary star) In some cases these close binary systems can exchange mass that single stars cannot attain."

We've been working feverishly to blend mass and not collide mass. With Divine aid and your

cooperation it seems to be working. We bent some of our traditions at the same time keeping the essentials. Keep it up and remember Gal. 5:13-14.

"...Rather, use your freedom to serve one another in love; that's how freedom grows. 14 For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others a you love yourself. That's an act of true freedom." (read the rest of this chapter)

Now on to The Delegate Situation:

Thank You for Sending Sheryl and I as delegates to Tres Dias International in Houston!

We learned more about essentials and had a wonderful fellowship and worship.

SETTD host did a fantastic hosting- Kudos!!!!

Everyone contact Jerry Buss and Carla Brunson and tell' um ya wanna work.

Faithfully, Chuck and Sheryl Allen

Men's Rector #14

De Colores!

A mighty movement of the Lord took place last weekend and I was privileged to be a witness to it. I was both humbled and honored to serve Trinity Valley Tres Dias as the rector of Men's Weekend #14. The mighty men of God serving as team on the weekend went above and beyond in their service to the Lord. Everyone pulled together making sure everything got done. They truly worked as a unified team. We were blessed with a great group of new Pescadores, who have now joined this community, and will be a blessing to those they come in contact with in their 4th day.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support for this weekend; all those who worked on the facility to prepare it for they weekend; the ladies who blessed us with song; everyone who showed the true meaning of palanca – the lever moving us closer to the Lord. I have been blessed to have served.

In Christ,
Paul Weis

Women's Rector #14

Praise the Lord! What a glorious weekend we all had at Heavenly Acres. God is always faithful and He honors his people who humble themselves in service and obedience to Him. It was very evident that the candidates received God's abundant blessings of healing and forgiveness. We were all witness to these miracles in the lives of both candidates and team members. We also heard the report of God's goodness in the personal testimonies of the new pescadores at closing. Special kudos goes to all the staff and volunteers at Heavenly Acres for adding the blessings of the weekend with their service, wonderful facilities and Godly attitudes. I want the also sing the praises of all the team of Women's #14. Everyone went the extra mile and then some to make the whole weekend run smoothly. All the ladies and men on the team had such a pleasant, sweet attitude of true servants of the Lord. A special "thank you" goes to all the community of TVTD who supported the weekend with pray, set up, take down, serenade and closing. None of this would have been possible without all you. All praise, glory and honor to our Heavenly Father for his faithfulness and mercy to TVTD in our desire to serve Him with all our hearts, souls, minds and body. I pray God's richest blessings on you all and all the members of TVTD that God will give you the deepest desires of your hearts as they are in accordance to His will.

Your servant in Christ, Sheryl L. Allen, Rector TVTD Women's #14

Newsletter Committee

Hello Community,

Once again, it has been a privilege to be able to do this newsletter. The newsletter will be sent out via email or you can view on www.trinityvalleytresdias.org. For those who do not have email, the committee will be mailing them out to you . If you have any information you would like sent out in the next newsletter please contact me via email at kapenland02@yahoo.com or call me on my cell at (903) 275-5889.

De Colores,
Angela Penland

Elections will be held at August 14th Board Meeting! !



Women's Rector #15



Trinity Valley Tres Dias Woman's # 15
Disciples Crossing Camp
Athens Tx. October 14 thru 17
Rector Carla Brunson

Scripture Psalms 139:14
I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully
made Marvelous are Your works.
Our weekend song Lord Reign In Me
Our theme & visula is Fearfully and Wonderfully made
Weekend colors are blue's and pink's

We all posses a desire that our work should have meaning however it must conform to the work God has designed. This work for the present day can be only from God's word.

Tres Dias is a present day of God's work and word. We as Christians come together every six months to show and give of God's Love.

Tres Dias is showing Grace, if we serve by grace then it will be grace that will make the weekend a Blessing to God and God will find a favor with each and every one.

Grace is used with reference to a voluntary act of goodwill or that which one grants freely even though there is no obligation to do so. In the NT Grace is used mostly with respect to God's gracious intentions and deeds toward humans.

Tres Dias is serving with your heart, the bible uses the term heart to represent the center of our motives, our desires. The bible makes it clear that our hearts were designed by God, but we make the choice to use it for good or evil, for selfish purpose or for service

My prayer for the men and woman's # 15 is to ,use our Love for Christ. to be obedient to his word, use the grace that God has so freely given us , to voluntarily act of goodwill, to have gracious intentions and deeds toward each other, and allow God to find favor in us and let's Bless God

If anyone wants to work please call Carla @ 936-685-7557

The meeting will be held @ Trinity Church Ben Brook Dr. Palestine TX,

Heads Meeting - July 17 starting promptly @ 8:30 till

Meeting's for team - August 7, Aug 21 , Sept. 11 , Sept. 25 need more information give me a call

Carla Brunson Rector T.V.T.D #15

www.trinityvalleytresdias.org

Men's Rector #15

I am finding it to be such an Honor and a Humbling feeling to be putting the Team together for TVTD # 15. We must saturate the weekend in Prayer. The Team, Rector, Candidates the coming up Heads and Team meetings . Pray for God to prepare the hearts, minds and way of the 42 Candidates that are to attend this weekend. With God as our guide and leader and with constant Prayer support this will be an awesome weekend. This is Gods party and I am so honored to be part of it.

REMEMBER the way we get Candidates is for you to SPONSOR. Ask God to guide and direct you to just the people he has for this weekend. Make sure it is a person that is week-end ready. When I talk to someone I like to say " You deserve to attend this weekend with Jesus". When you sponsor a Candidate lets be there for them during and after the weekend. Get with the Program and Lets Roll !!

Any of you men out there that have not been called to be on the team, Please give me a call at # 936-855-2660 or Email me at jnbuss@valornet.com and let me know you would like to work. God and I would love to have you on our team.

Our Weekend Theme is " United we stand"

Weekend Song - " Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Weekend Color - Red, White & Blue

Scripture - II Chronicles 7:14 " If my people who are called by my name humble themselves & Pray & seek my face & turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven & will FORGIVE their sin & HEAL THEIR LAND". YES & this is exactly what our nation needs to do.

If anyone has any questions or thoughts please give me a call because this is our weekend. Let's make Jesus Smile.

DeColores
Jerry Buss – Rector
Trinity Valley Tres Dias # 15



Upcoming Weekends

Men's #15
October 7-10

Women's #14
October

Come and have
your faith
lifted!

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Fourth Day Committee ~ Maudie Jones & Shirley Jones

Newsletter Committee ~ Angela Penland

New Pescadores from TVTD #14

Jason Brown
David (Dave) Dailey
John Spradling
Doug (Sheki) VanHoose
Martin Gant Jr
William (Burnie) High
Donald McMaster
Cristian Proana
Miller Talley
Bryant Mahaney
Charles (Bubba) Davis
Coy (CJ) Dickenson
Jason Matthews
Rodney Marshall
Ralph Brewer

Jennifer (Jen) Brown
Paula Dailey
Casey Spradling
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Rebekah Atkins
Scarlett Roberts
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Mary Sue Watson
DeShea Phelps
Stacey Dickenson
Pamela Whalen
Monica Corker

Note from the Spiritual Director

Greetings New Pescadors of TVTD#14,

Isn't God good! It really does just get better and better IF WE WILL STAY THE COURSE and MOVE FORWARD in Him. Don't get over the weekend, get IN IT! Don't let your weekend just be a memory; let it be a new, exciting way of life everyday. Remember the disciples of the road to Emmaus? They were blind; they didn't recognize Jesus, like many of us who have grown cold or forgot our "first love" with Jesus--remember the story, when He broke the bread, there was a revelation that came into them. They said, "We know who you are.....Poof, and He was gone!!!" *You have seen Jesus this Tres Dias weekend.* Now, go forth and grow deeper in love with Him; a dynamic growing relationship. Spend daily time in prayer, reading his word, attending your local church and staying pure in heart and humble before Him. Don't let the anger, bitterness, and other sin cloud out your love relationship with Him. The enemy tries everyday to steal back ground that was taken back during your weekend. Don't be so polite with the enemy! Stand up, stand firm and throw the Word of God back in his face when you feel discouraged or off-track. Remember, your relationship with Him is a journey, not just a destination. You CAN live victoriously today in His grace, not just when you get to Heaven.

Pescadors, many are walking with us and are here to encourage you in the Tres Dias Community. Make up your mind today--draw a line in the sand and say, I'm going to move on with Jesus and be "addicted to Him." If someone doesn't call you from the community or stay in touch with you--make up your mind to **not quit** and move forward with Christ. Your walk is personal. Each of us has to establish, develop, and maintain their own relationship with God. The Holy Spirit looks different on each one of us! Remember, "you can't keep it, unless you give it away." If you have a need, sow a seed. Once way is to come back and work the next weekend as a team member. Take what you've learned and experienced over the weekend and PUT IT INTO PRACTICE and "give it away" right now, every day. Blessings to each of you as you walk the walk!

Cheering you on,
Joseph Bennett, Community Spiritual Director

Message from the President

just can't do it. A Tres Dias weekend is something that has to be experienced. You just have to be there. Words alone are not adequate." Then let it alone. Let God work. It's not your job to push, convince or pester. Let God do His work. He knows the right time for them to attend a Tres Dias weekend. Sometime you could also say, "Now, you know me, right? Do you trust me? Do you believe I'd want to invite you to attend something that would be harmful to you?" They should answer no to that, but again don't push or pester. I didn't go the first time I was invited and you probably didn't either. One final thought, not about inviting someone to attend, but about how you adapt to fourth day living. Don't get frustrated when what happened on your weekend doesn't happen at church on Sunday. It's not going to happen. Remember, it took three days away from distractions for God to get your attention and work in your life the way He did. It took two or three CHAs serving and loving each candidate to create the dynamic of a weekend. Your job is to live a transformed life and transform your environments one person at a time. Also, get in a reunion group and attend *secuelas*. That's where the Tres Dias dynamic is refreshed. Then you are prepared and strengthened for continued service in your world. Remember "Be Palanca"; be the lever moving people from where they are to where God wants them to be.

How to Tell Your Pastor about Tres Dias

With a heart of love, you desire for your pastor to experience the blessing of a Tres Dias weekend. So how do you approach him? Inviting a pastor to attend Tres Dias or explaining it to him is a special process. I learned this from a Minister, He told me how Pastors usually respond To impress your pastor, be the best church member that he has. Do you want to encourage him to attend a weekend? Then live a transformed life in front of him. Show him that attending Tres Dias makes you more faithful in worship and service than ever before. When he asks for people to show up for or to support something, be the first to volunteer or to arrive. Faithfully give the tithe to your church. Nothing impresses church leaders like faithful giving. Your pastor may be very open to attending when he sees the difference it made in you. Remember the position he's in. Pastors have to be very careful what they endorse. Some of them have heard rumors about Tres Dias – that it is a secret society or that people who get involved in Tres Dias are less active in church. The reality is that your pastor may never attend. He is incredibly busy. Some pastors get only two weeks' vacation a year, and he may have good reasons for not using one of those vacation Sundays for Tres Dias. Even if he doesn't attend, he will support your involvement *if* you are faithful to him, to the church, and to the Lord Jesus Christ. Please, never, ever criticize your pastor for not attending or not getting involved in Tres Dias. Concerning faithfulness to the church, never let Tres Dias become a substitute for your church. Even though your church may not have the atmosphere or be as exciting as a weekend, the church is where the hurting people are, and it's where God has called you to serve. Yes, I know something special happens on a weekend that we wish could happen at church, but that's not reality. It's also true that Tres Dias can become addictive—some have let it become so – and have greatly damaged the reputation of Tres Dias in the process. Is that what Tres Dias teaches? No. We teach that Tres Dias prepares you

for greater service in your church. Remember the talks: The Church, Sacred Moments, Christian Community in Action, etc. Remember as well, that Jesus died for the church, not for Tres Dias. If you let Tres Dias become your church, then you have just confirmed that the rumor some hear is true. Please don't do it. I encourage you to serve on Tres Dias weekends, but be balanced. Serving on one or two a year seems about right to me. That way you have plenty of time to both serve in your church and minister to people through Tres Dias. This is my personal opinion and encouragement, spoken by someone that loves both the church and Tres Dias. Another vital word: I encourage you to never use your tithe money to pay team fees or to make palanca. In my opinion, you are in disobedience to the Lord and His word if you do that. You see, everything I've said in this article is based on what I've heard pastors say. Yes, I've had pastors say, "I dread Tres Dias weekends coming up because I know the church giving will go down and so many of my members are going to disappear for those weekends." I personally know pastors that will have nothing to do with Tres Dias because Tres Dias participants from their church have hurt them with words, actions, and negative attitudes. That should never happen, even if you disagree with him. Pescadores "fishers of men," let's make the opposite true! Let's love, worship, serve, and give like never before. Let's honor and encourage our pastors. Remember, they're human, too. It may be your encouragement that carries them through and enables them to win the battles that they face. Make it your goal to always be an encouragement to your pastor.

DeColores,
Judy Ligon