UPCOMING WEEKENDS

Men's #50 • March 20-23, 2014 Ben Wilds, Rector

Women's #50 • April 3-6, 2014 Jo Arrington, Rector

Men's #51 • October 2-5, 2014 Jim Arrington, Rector

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Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

Mother Teresa

The Vitimate Love Letter

Where do I go when all hope is gone
When the cares of this life my soul has worn.
When troubles surround me like a raging sea
When it seems there is no one who loves me?

Where are the answers when I ask and ask
When the burdens to heavy and there's no help with the task
When peace is evasive and sleep comes no more
When sickness overtakes me and my heart is sore?

Where are my friends and my family
When depression has left its mark on me
When my mind is confused and all reason has left
When my speech is garbled and I sit with the deaf?

There is an answer to all of these
Its written on paper for all eyes to see
The Word of Life the Bible can be
The road to blessing for all to receive.

It's a beautiful letter, lovingly wrote
By the Spirit of the Lord that mankind smote
It's the heart of a Father who only knows
By reading this word you will grow and grow.

There is a reason for all things you see
In this great big world God created for you and me
Mysteries are hidden with paper and pen
unfolded in the pages as you dig in.

God's character revealed His heart open wide Nothing is hidden from the eyes of His Bride The table is spread, the banquet of the Word So feast in His presence and be full of His Word.

by MARY E WHITE



From The Vpcoming Rector's Heart...

Rush! Rush! Rush! We live in a "get it now" society that has lost the will to wait. But, God does not rush His work in us. While reading a commentary on Psalm 15, the author pointed out that before God does anything for us, He wants to do something in us. It's the journey and not the arrival that develops our character. Scripture tells us in Psalm 27: 14 "Wait for the Lord; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the Lord." And, my personal favorite is Isaiah 40: 31, "Yet those who wait for the Lord Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary."

Like many others, I have a busy mind. If not careful the day swoops in fills my consciousness with the agenda and problems for the day. How can God do anything in us if we do not take time to listen? Taking time to spend in prayer and study changes the course of the day's journey. No longer do we have figure it out because as we wait before Him, God takes control. We can live in His truth, Isaiah 26: 3 (AMP) You will guard him *and* keep him in perfect *and* constant peace whose mind [both its inclination and its character] is stayed on You, because he commits himself to You, leans on You, *and* hopes confidently in You

Who would attempt a drive and gas a vehicles at the end of the trip? Yet, many times we begin our day with a spiritually empty tank then wonder where God was when we encounter challenges. Our "wait" should be the first thing we do every day; wait before God and fill our spiritual tanks.

May you take time every day to say, Your day, Your way, Lord ~ Jo Arrington, Rector NFTD #50

When I was called to be Rector for Men's NFTD #50 almost immediately I was given the theme song for the Weekend: Days of Elijah by Robin Mark. It was nearly 3 months before the Weekend Scripture and theme were revealed. During this period I know that God was teaching me both patience and trust. Each time I'd try to "make" something fit, He'd gently remind me whose Weekend it really was.

Isaiah 61:1 is the heart of the Weekend. As anointed men of God, we have a task to complete.

The theme, "Let the men of God arise- A time for Jubilee", is a call to action during this Jubilee celebration of North Florida Tres Dias.

I am humbled and extremely honored to have been chosen to walk with my brothers in Christ on this journey.

We have already felt the prayers of the Tres Dias Community as you partner with us as we prepare for NFTD #50.

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