



North Florida
Tres Dias

*experiencing grace
so we can
serve others*

May 2014

Fall 2014

Men's #51 • October 2-5

Jim Arrington, Rector

Women's #51 • October 16-19

Lillian Arrington, Rector

Spring 2015

Men's #52 • April 9-12

Marty McClamma, Rector

Women's #52 • April 23-26

Ginny Sapp, Rector



A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love can understand our tears, can soothe our disappointments and calm all of our fears. There are times when only a mother's love can share the joy we feel when something we've dreamed about quite suddenly is real. There are times when only a mother's faith can help us on life's way and inspire in us the confidence we need from day to day. For a mother's heart and a mother's faith and a mother's steadfast love were fashioned by the angels and sent from God above.

May Sequela

**Saturday, May 10th
@ 6:00 PM**

**First Baptist Church of
Lloyd
291 Main Street
Monticello, FL**





SPONSORING A CANDIDATE

How exciting the idea of sponsoring someone to have the wonderful experience of Tres Dias! You have the opportunity to bless the lives of your friends and family with the gift of spending 3 days with our Lord.

Sponsoring a candidate for Tres Dias entails a true commitment from you.

First you must be in prayer. Let us say that again.. YOU MUST BE IN PRAYER.. This is essential. If God puts someone on your heart to sponsor, pray and seek His guidance of when to send them.

After you seek His guidance and get the confirmation to sponsor; ask them if they would like to attend. Be honest in answering their questions; just don't tell them the surprises. We tell our candidates that they will have a time away to spend 3 days with the Lord, to walk with Him, to hear His voice, to sing praises and hear testimonies.

If they agree, fill out the application and send it to us. You are asking them to make a commitment of 3 days away from family and work. Make sure they can get the time off without a hardship.

If they are married the husband and wife must attend the same weekend. The fees need to be paid prior to sendoff if at all possible and are non-refundable. (We have to pay in advance for many of the weekend supplies and campground needs). Let them know they will be without cell phones, pagers, watches and TV; but that you can get in touch with them if there is an emergency at home.

It is your responsibility to get their letters, to get them to the church for sendoff and pray.

While they are at the campground, it is your responsibility to see to the needs of their family and pray.

At the end of the weekend, it is your responsibility to attend closing and pick them up and return them home.

After the weekend, encourage them to join a reunion group, invite them to your reunion group, get them to sequelas and pray that the love poured over them continues into all of their 4th days. Encourage them to attend a Pescadore orientation and serve.

You may go to www.nftd.org/Applications to print applications.

Terry and Rossie Tullis

Pre-Weekend Couple



Rest for the Weary

Do the stresses and pressures of life sometimes wear away at you till you've just had enough of going on? It might be pressures from work, school, family or friends and you're just longing for some kind of relief.

Don't give up! Jesus promises just the relief you long for.

"Come unto me, all [ye] that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke [is] easy, and my burde is light." - *Matthew 11:28-30*

The term 'heavy laden' means to be loaded or weight down with a heavy burden. Are you feeling heavy laded and worn with labour? Come to Jesus and not if, but or maybe, no! He says **"I will give you rest"**. What a wonderful promise!

But now let's think. What is His yoke? What does a yoke mean? Before tractors became the norm, men used to use oxen to plough their fields. Two oxen were often teamed together with a curved piece of wood fitted with bows to receive the necks of the oxen. So the yoke symbolizes a bond or connection and is often to do with service.

So to take the yoke of Christ is to enter into a connection and bond of union with Him. It means Christ wants to unite His strength with your weakness! Why is the yoke of Christ easy and His burden light? because He promises to bear the heaviness of it.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." - *1. Peter 5:7*

Jesus also says to **'learn of me'**. This is powerful, because following this we read **'for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls'**. Do you know why there is so much conflict, strife and tension in families, workplaces, schools etc.. It is because we haven't learnt of the meek and lowly Jesus. It is because we are too protective of self.

Jesus was the king of glory, He could have come with thousands of angels showing the power and indescribable majesty of the heavenly hosts! Yet to be the perfect sacrifice He chose to humble himself to such depths that we don't even fully understand.

Jesus was meek and lowly, ever ready to help the wants and needs of those around Him. He wasn't trying to keep up His 'self esteem', he wasn't trying to do things that would make him look good in the eyes of others. He lived to please His father in heaven and was alike dead to the censure and praise of man.

You will only find true rest when you learn of Jesus! When you can learn to cast all your cares upon the one who cares for you and rest in His loving embrace; turning from a life of selfishness to a life of service!

- by Emmanuel Higgins

