



## North Florida Tres Dias Newsletter

**HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2016!**

### Upcoming Tres Dias Weekends

**Men's #54 • April 7-10, 2016**  
Bruce King, Rector

**Women's #54 • April 21-24, 2016**  
Paula Marshall, Rector

**Men's #55 • October 6-9, 2016**  
Andy Fowler, Rector

**Women's #55 • October 20-23, 2016**  
Debbie Hopkins, Rector

### From Your Pre-Weekend Couple

It's time to begin listening to our Father about who He wants to attend the upcoming Tres Dias weekends. The Men's weekend is April 7-10 and the Women's weekend is April 21-24.

Remember some key points:

Tres Dias is not to save or make a person better; it is to help grow leaders.

It is for people who already know the Lord, they will hopefully deepen their relationship during the weekend. If married, both spouses must attend the same weekend. Pregnant ladies need to wait until after baby is born. The weekends tend to be deeply emotional and it is best for Mother and child not to be stressed. There are no secrets, but please don't share about letters and serenades, if asked directly, please be truthful. As sponsor, you are responsible for getting the application in a timely manner, discuss with your candidate who will pay the fees (\$110/person) obtain letters, care for their family while candidate are at the campground, bring them to send-off, pick them up at closing and encourage them to attend sequels and become part of a reunion group.

We are accepting applications now and look forward to receive your candidates any time. Have a wonderful 2016,

Terry & Rossie Tullis

### New Years Prayer

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love. In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need. In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost. And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them. Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).

As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come.

Amen