



De Colores Communique - April, 2020

**So do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

Isaiah 41:10

From the Secretariat

Greetings Community, I hope all of you are adapting to our social distancing amid this pandemic we are experiencing right now. I know that we are a community that serves and prays, and I can't think of anything better that we can do right now. I personally am so glad that we are going through this in an age that has technology so we can be in touch with one another.

As hard as it was to have our Executive Committee vote to delay the Spring Tres Dias weekends to the fall, it is obvious that the Lord knew what was to come. Our main concern always has been, and always will be, for the safety of our community as well as the safety of all those who live near and around the campground. I would ask you to continue to pray for Rodney Whitfield and Anne Lisk who were just finishing up their last meetings when this decision was made, as well as the team that was so excited to serve. I know that our steps are ordered by God and I truly believe there will be an extra sweet anointing on the weekends this fall.

We have an incredible community and I want all of you to know that it wouldn't be the same without all of you. Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ during this time and let your light shine to all the world.

Blessings,

Judy Kirk

Chairman of NFTD

2 Chronicles 7:12-14

12-14: The LORD appeared to him at night and said: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

The Lord has heard our prayer for salvation and chose our hearts as fellow believers for His temple that the Holy Spirit would reside there. We must sacrifice ourselves daily to Christ and follow the will of God. For HE will bring a refiner's fire to purify His people and their land (nations).

What are we called to do?

- Humble ourselves and pray before God always - **Piety**
- Seek HIS face (His word) daily - **Study**
- Turn back to Him and repent of our sins daily - **Action**
- Then God almighty will hear, forgive, and heal us.

It's not the circumstance but what we choose to do during the circumstance that matters.

Choose:

Piety to God,

Study His word daily and

Action that shows others you love God and lead them to HIM.

From God's life changing Word to grow His kingdom.

De Colores,

Barry Mason, Community Spiritual Director

Men's Leader

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each of us woke up this morning to a world that is rapidly changing. Some of us are fearful and depressed by the relentless “march” of COVID-19 around the world. Others have become “numb” to the avalanche of information, predictions and instructions.

Today I would like to suggest another way to start our day, with another channel to watch and download into our spirits.

HBO

HEAR

BELIEVE

OBEY

What is God saying to you this morning?

Do you really believe He is in control?

Are you ready to obey Him?

HBO, continued

Matthew 11:28 tells us to seek Him when we are weary and He will give us rest. I don't know about you but I can use some of His holy rest.

Are you frustrated and confused about what to do to protect yourself and loved ones? Hand washing, social distancing, sanitizing, etc., are these signs of unbelief for Christians? No, I think not.

God gave us brains to use and wisdom to guide us. Hear His practical words in James 4:8. If you need more wisdom:

Hear, Believe and Obey His words from James 1:5, for Wisdom is there for the asking.

I believe God is speaking to all the earth in this pandemic. I believe that His goodness and mercy rises far above any virus or economy.

Are you ready to **HBO**?

Ben Wilds, Men's Leader

Women's Leader

Blessings Family,

I wanted to say a few things to encourage you not only in the Lord but as a community as well. We are in a season that we can shine a light into the darkness. We are His cha...Christ's Hands in Action. We, as His Body, are living in a season where the church gets to be who we were called to be outside of the 4 walls. Do you have family, friends, neighbors, co-workers and others that need Jesus? Do they need food, a listening ear, help with getting essentials into their homes? You are His cha right now, that's who you get to be to the world right now, and in the process, you get to represent your Father and He gets all the Glory!!!

I know that not having the weekends when we planned to have them came as a shock to all of us, but not to God. I laughed as I really considered the themes and scriptures that God gave each of our Rectors...Isaiah 6:8 has "***Here am I! Send me***" (into our neighborhoods and community as your hands and feet) and Esther 4:14 "Yet who knows where you have come to the kingdom ***for such a time as this?***" (when everything seems crazy but we know the answer)

Here we are Lord - send us for such a time as this!!!!

Love and Blessings Chris Farney, Women's Leader

Men's Weekend #62

Improvise, Adapt and Overcome!

These words run through my mind as we will have to adjust the way we go through our everyday lives. I try to look at this as a gift to slow down and realize what is precious and valuable in my life. How I had forgotten the enjoyment of a simple board game or realized how much we are all on the go, so much escapes me.

I know that the postponement of the weekend is disappointing, believe me. I/We have two choices, we can stay disappointed or we can seize an opportunity. I am choosing to see it as an opportunity to continue to pray for the candidates to come, our churches, this Tres Dias community, and the team of NFTD #62. I hope you will join me in that. It is also an opportunity to get those General Palanca letters written, we have no excuses now. We also have time to make and gather Palanca and get our candidate letters written before Thursday night of the weekend.

I'd like this time to thank the team of NFTD #62 for walking out this journey with me. I understand that the dynamics of the team will change due to the postponement. Some have had to drop, and as I stated when I spoke to those that have, I understand and am thankful for the work you put in to make this weekend what it will be. That being said, if you haven't turned in an application, and you feel as though you should, please do. As we get closer, I may have a need to fill spots that weren't there before.

I would like to also express my appreciation to the Secretariat and thank them for their dedication. I know the decision that was made was not an easy one.

This is just a small detour in our journey. This didn't take God by surprise. I have to believe that there will be good that comes from this, whether I see it now or in eternity.

Again, I ask for continued prayers for my family and me, as well as Anne & Stormy and the Pooles and Tillmans.

I am still here, Lord, send me,

Rodney Whitfield,

Rector NFTD #62

Women's Weekend #62

Tres Dias Family,

There is so much I can say but as I have said before, Weekend #62 is the Lord's weekend and He alone is in control. I am thankful for our Secretariat and their love of our community. They listened to God's direction and had the wisdom to postpone the weekends. I know it was a hard decision for them to make, yet they were obedient. This was not a surprise to God. It was all in His plan.

The weeks past, and weeks to come, have brought about lots of changes; we are suddenly facing a new normal it seems every day. Yet God is faithful. He walks with us through it all. He will continue to guide and protect us. "For such a time as this" reveals God's providence, whether we hesitate or move forward in His strength, trusting in His word. He works all things together to fulfill His purpose. He saw the need for more time in planning for Weekend 62. And His timing is always perfect. Even in times of doubt and fear, when we feel as if the odds are stacked against us, God's plan will always prevail.

In reflecting on Esther during a season of prayer and meditation, I have been reflecting on how Esther followed God's direction, trusting in His timing and His guidance, patiently waiting for the right moment. God opened the king's heart to the plight of Esther's people and the king bestowed favor on her. Whatever our circumstances, we can wake up each day knowing our "for such a time as this" is right now, right here. We can trust the King of kings to guide us as we follow Him in obedience and trust His timing, His will. He has great plans for His weekend!

I am so very thankful for the words of encouragement that have come from our Tres Dias family. And thankful for the awesome team God is assembling and the unity they share. Please continue to pray as we embark on a new journey into uncharted waters. Please pray for Rodney Whitfield, Men's Rector #62, as he continues to pray, listen and follow God's direction. Pray for the candidates, teams and their families. Also keep our upcoming rectors for Weekend #63, Annie Tillman and David Poole, in your prayers.

Finally, If God has laid someone on your heart to sponsor, please don't let the opportunity to bless someone's life in a way only Tres Dias can pass by.

Thank you for your continued prayers and love.

DeColores,

Anne Lisk, Rector, Women's NFTD #62

Sequelas

Hi Tres Dias Family,

We pray everyone has taken all necessary precautions to stay safe and stocked up on lots of toilet paper. Seriously, we pray you are well and God has you covered with His protection. Too much isolation is not good for us so we strongly encourage you to reach out to your reunion group. Check on each other and encourage one other.

Due to the postponement of weekend #62 and the continuing threat of COVID-19, the May Victory Sequela is canceled. Plans are still underway for the June Sequela with location and date to be announced.

Much Love and Blessings!

Mark and Karen Savage

Fourth Day Couple

Pre-Weekend

Hello Tres Dias Community,

Patrick and I would like to say, NEVER GIVE UP! We want to encourage everyone, that this too shall pass! We serve a mighty God who loves His children. In Romans 12:8 it says, "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Our hope isn't in this world or in any human power. He is our refuge and strength."

I can tell you this, NFTD #62 will happen! The only thing that has changed are the dates. Our new dates are October 8th-11th for the men and October 22nd-25th for the women. Sponsors don't worry, your candidates will have a spot in October. We will contact you about 2 months before the weekend happens and confirm that your candidate is able to attend the weekend and send out new confirmation letters that they will need to return. With that being said, we still have spots available so be praying asking our Father who He wants you to send.

Stay Safe!

Patrick & Melissa Smith

Pre-Weekend Couple

I HOPE YOU SHARE, I HOPE YOU SHARE

To paraphrase a title from a popular country song I HOPE YOU SHARE, I HOPE YOU SHARE!!!! The closing ceremonies on Sunday night of your weekend are not the end of your Tres Dias experience, but I hope only the beginning. There are several exciting ways to share in future Tres Dias weekends, and I will elaborate briefly on a few of them.

- Share by serving. Future rectorors are always looking for new pescadores to serve on the next weekend. You may experience many of the great happenings similar to your weekend, and serve and get to know some new people who will become new friends. Much of the weekend consists of like topics as your weekend, but the talks and meditations are always different too. Join us on a future team by filing out an application to serve and mail it to our post office and prepare yourself for a great weekend.
- Share by sponsoring. The last few men's weekends we have not had enough candidates to fill our normal total of 36. Thus men have not been blessed by his wonderful love and marvelous grace. They have not enjoyed being served and blessed by a group of men who love and care about them even though most of the team do not know who the candidates are until the weekend begins. They failed to receive the rich blessings of a Tres Dias weekend because they were not there, and they were not there because we failed to sponsor them. I urge you to seriously pray and consider sponsoring someone in the fall.

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- Share by serenading. Come To Camp Suwanee and enjoy a nice plate of food, fellowship with other men and/or ladies, and praising the Lord and truly worshiping him. You will also greatly enjoy serenading the candidates and team members. Come on down. You will have a wonderful Saturday afternoon and evening.
- Share by coming to the sequelas, making new friends and seeing old friends. Bring a covered dish and we will eat, praise the Lord, hear a meditation and Tres Dias news from the community. We will all have a good time.
- Share by sharing time & \$\$ (PALANCA). Many possibilities exist for you to share in palanca on a future weekend. You and your reunion group can prepare some special table palanca (edible or not). You can sign up for the prayer banner and pray an hour or more if you like for the candidates and the weekend. You will enjoy yourself by joining in and doing some type of palanca for a weekend.
- Share by sending off. Come and join us in sending the candidates to their special weekend. Even if you have not sponsored a candidate come anyway. You will enjoy the enthusiasm as they run down the aisle, maybe shout out loud and join the other candidates. We will then sing the rooster song, and then join in special prayer and communion after the bus leaves.

This is by no means a complete list, but it gives you some food for thought. I have participated in each and every one of these activities several times and have enjoyed each of them very much. Join us in these activities and you will not be sorry, I promise you!!!!