



North Florida Tres Dias

September 2012

Upcoming Weekends

Men's #47
October 11 - 14, 2012
Duane Thurmond • Rector

Women's #47
October 25 - 28, 2012
Becky Goff • Rector

Men's #48
April 11 - 14, 2013
Robert Bass • Rector

Women's #48
April 25 - 28, 2013
Hazel Long • Rector

Where Is Your Focus?

"But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down." Matthew 14:30-32

God wants us to walk in faith. You might think that when Jesus told Peter to come out of the boat and walk on water that He would keep the water still to make it as easy as possible, but that's not how He works. Peter got out and the wind got stronger leaving Peter a choice to either keep his eyes on Jesus or to give in to the fear of self preservation and look at the wind. Clearly the wind was under the Lord's control because as soon as they got to the boat it stopped. The test was then over, Peter got rebuked for his lack of faith, but he was no worse for the wear for going through it. It wasn't really about life or death as Peter might have thought, it was just a test.

Just like clockwork - as the weekends approach, Satan seems to hit the team, candidates and their families with all sorts of unforeseen challenges. How does God look at our present difficulties and challenges? He could easily solve every problem we are facing right now, but He's trying to build our faith. The wind is blowing and seemingly calling for our attention, but we must keep our eyes on the Lord to stay walking on our circumstances instead of under them. As Paul says, *"We walk by faith and not by sight."* 2 Corinthians 5:7

Where will we focus our eyes? Joshua could look at God's promise and presence, or at the giants they would face in the land. Gideon could look at the odds of his army of 300 defeating the Midianite army of 135,000, or he could look at the One who sent him and gave him a promise. David could look at Goliath or the One who made Goliath look like a little school yard bully that needed to be taught a lesson.

As we prepare for the upcoming weekends, as well as face our everyday challenges, keep in mind that those challenges are a test. Will we keep our focus on Jesus and face those challenges with a spirit of power, love and a strong mind, or will we allow those challenges to defeat us and crumble our faith?

"For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love, and of self discipline." 2Timothy 1:7



Do you have any extra chapel spikes? Would you be willing to palanca the community with those extra spikes?

The spikes are becoming more difficult and costly to acquire. If you answered "Yes" to either question, please bring the spikes to the team meetings or send-offs and give them to Jay or Lisa Lowe, or palanca & they will get them to the weekend supplies for the chapel.



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From The Hearts of the Upcoming Fall Weekend Rectors...

Our team has been assembled by God Himself to accomplish His will on this upcoming Men's weekend. He's given us the theme of "It's All About Relationship". As he leads us through the process of team assembly, He's taking us deeper in our understanding and wider in our scope of vision. He is doing what no man can do. He is crafting something special for both the team and the candidates of NFTD #47 that will change lives forever. I am very honored and humbled by His selection to stand close to Him and watch Him at work. My title may be rector, but I'm definitely watching Him work as He moves people into position and challenges us all with "What will you allow me to do through you?" Let's not try to limit God. Believe that He can do all things and it is He who is working in us both to WILL and to DO as He pleases. I am expecting lives to be revolutionized as they come into intimate contact with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He changes us in every encounter. Let us endeavor to grow in our relationship with Him. Allow Him to do His good work in you. Like our Word for the weekend says: John 17:3 "Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." Live the Life Eternal. Get to Know Him better.

Duane Thurmond

Greetings to the NFTD community,

I am so excited about the team that God has selected for women's NFTD #47! I thank you for your many prayers and support for the upcoming Fall weekends.

The preparations for weekend #47 began several months ago including the women's team being called and our first team meeting on August 21st! The women are eager to serve and excited about what God is going to do through them for the candidates of NFTD #47! They are ready to come together as a team unified to represent the face, hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

The theme for the women's weekend is "Under His Wings" and is taken from Psalm 91:4. "He will cover you with His feathers and under His wings you will find refuge. His truth will be your shield and buckler." The word of God tells us that there is refuge under the shadow of God's wing. We can draw near to Him as the Scripture commands us to do. We can trust that He is capable to handle ALL circumstances, and we can stop wrestling, stop striving and 'be still'. He promises us safety, love, protection, shelter, healing and communion. It is up to us to turn and seek His presence, to rest in His arms, and to hide under His wings!

We humbly ask for your contributions of palanca for the weekend to bless both the candidates and the team! Mostly, we covet your prayers that God's will in our lives be fulfilled!

It is a blessing beyond measure to be the Rector for the women's NFTD #47. I ask that you continue to lift up the team and me in prayer over the next few months as we continue to prepare and serve Him. Blessings to you all!

Under His Wings... Becky Goff

LOVE...

HOPE...

FAITH...

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