



North Florida Tres Dias Newsletter

February Sequela
 Saturday - February 21
 6pm
 Freedom Church
 2801 Thomasville Road
 Bring a Covered Dish or Dessert
 to share



Pescador Orientation February 28 @ 9:00 a.m.

As we approach another weekend of opportunity for God to show up and move mightily in the lives of the candidates, we must not overlook the preparations that ensue these wonderful weekends.

What happens at Pescador Orientation and why should I attend? Let's start out with that question; you notice we did not say "why do I have to attend? Attendance is not an essential but highly recommended, at "PO" we cover "The Essentials" of Tres Dias put in place by the founding fathers of this great organization. The essentials are much like the main ingredients of a cake recipe, try to add just a tablespoon or more baking powder to the recipe and you will most likely will not be happy with the results. Then there are the "Nonessentials" elements of the weekend (recipe) that just add, well let's say, much appreciated flavor. The bylaws and guidelines that were set in place have been proven over and over again in the test kitchen.

Please join us February 28th at 9:00 am at Life Point church, 1224 Pedrick Road, Tallahassee, Florida for a great time of education and fellowship where we will share with you some of you the ingredients that make up a great weekend. And for those of you that have not attended PO in the past 2 years, it's time to come back and review the recipe. It is vital for us to not stray from the essentials and all of us could benefit from a review. A couple hours of your time is all it takes. We look forward to seeing you there.

Omer and Nannette Kenworthy

Upcoming Weekends

SPRING

Men's #52
April 9-12, 2015
Marty McClamma, Rector

Women's #52
April 23-26, 2015
Ginny Sapp, Rector

FALL

Men's #53
October 8-11, 2015
John Blackwell, Rector

Womens's #53
October 22-25, 2015
Cathy Corredor, Rector



God's Box of Chocolates

Everywhere I look near Valentine's Day, there's chocolate: boxes of chocolate in all the stores, chocolate on TV promising to be the only love you need, chocolate girl scout cookies--CHOCOLATE! I even saw chocolate Altoid breath mints in the grocery checkout aisle the other day! I think that's what led me to remember the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "Life is like a box of chocolates...you never know what you're gonna get." (I even remembered it with his accent.)

In reality, that phrase can be true in many ways. We wake up every morning completely unsure of what the day may hold for us. We've made our plans. Sometimes they even happen the way we make them. But we never know for sure, do we?

God knows that life as it pertains to circumstances is uncertain for us. That's why He comforts us and reminds us so many times that He is our

constant companion, our steadfast friend, our consistently loving God and Savior. He doesn't keep promises the way we do:

"When people make promises, they guarantee them by appeal to some authority above them so that if there is any question that they'll make good on the promise, the authority will back them up. When God wanted to guarantee His promises, He gave His word, a rock-solid guarantee--God can't break His word. And because His word cannot change, the promise is likewise unchangeable." (Heb. 6:16-18, the Message)

You see, no matter what chocolate we are "in the middle of" right now, He is there--with the certainty of His promise today as well as His hope of heaven in the future. Listen to how the verse above continues to encourage us: (vs.19-20)

"We who have run for our very lives to God have every

reason to grab the promised hope with both hands and never let go. It's an unbreakable spiritual lifeline, reaching past all appearances right to the very presence of God where Jesus, running on ahead of us, has taken up His permanent post as high priest for us, in the order of Melchizedek."

I love the visual picture of grabbing on to Him with both hands as He runs ahead of me to the Father. That makes me able to get up today and praise Him for whatever comes my way. This faith, this confidence, this hope is our unbreakable spiritual lifeline--HIS love for us no matter what, when, how or why. Let's binge on His priceless box of chocolates today...the sweetest and most satisfying of them all.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him."
Psalm 34:8

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