

#### De Colores Communique -May, 2020

But I am like an olive tree, thriving in the house of God.

I will always trust in God's unfailing love.

I will praise you forever, O God,

for what you have done.

I will trust in your good name

in the presence of your faithful people.

--Psalms 52:8, NLT

The blessing of this unparalleled time is that God has given us this halt in our daily routines, a time and opportunity to seek Him and draw closer to Him than ever before. We need not worry about anything. He is always faithful.

Anne Campbell,
Newsletter Coordinator

# From the Secretariat

Greetings Tres Dias family,

I hope and pray that you are all doing well as we are still in this time of change to our ordinary lives. I am so encouraged by so many turning to Jesus and praying and calling out to Him with a new fervency. It is a way to use this time to get closer to Him and sit and listen to what He has to say in this season.

We are so incredibly blessed to have prayer warriors interceding and calling out scriptures on our behalf and for the community as a whole. I pray that we are using this time wisely and rejoice in this season and use it for spiritual renewal. I look forward to the time that we can be together for a sequela and serve on the weekends together but we can be praying for those now.

Be blessed and be a blessing, Judy Kirk

### **News from the Secretariat**

Due to mandates required by the coronavirus pandemic, the Secretariat has chosen to meet virtually through Zoom conferences on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. until the restrictions are lifted, and it is deemed safe. All members from the North Florida Tres Dias community are invited to attend. Please email Melissa Smith at melissamk0714@aol.com for the link to join the meeting.

The positions of Weekend Couple and Data Coordinator are being vacated before the completion of their terms. At the April 27, 2020 meeting of the Secretariat, Clint and Margie Willis were approved to take over Delana and Jerry Johnson's term as Weekend Couple, and Morgan Bass will replace Paul Stonecipher as Data Coordinator.

#### Welcome, Clint, Margie, and Morgan!

The March, 2020 Secretariat meeting was canceled due to the "shelter in place" order.

#### The Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand (*Piety*). <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (*Study*).

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people *(Action)*.

Band of Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God wants His sheep to have on the full Armor that He provides. Some of the sheep in our community, church and family may need help putting on their Armor of God. May we lovingly TEND HIS SHEEP and help them with their Armor, while we are ready for action in our Armor of God.

De Colores,

Barry Mason, Community Spiritual Director



### Women's Weekend #62

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Isaiah 43:2

Brothers and Sisters,

We are embarking on a new journey, on a road we have never traveled before. This season has us seemingly navigating an unchartered path. But just because we haven't traveled these paths doesn't mean God has no roadmap for this journey. He not only lives in the present and past, but HE also lives in the future! He is, as Revelation 4:8 reveals-"Holy holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who WAS and IS TO COME!" So in the midst of all the "new normals", newscasts, confusion and change, there is assurance that God is not only walking through it with us, but He has gone before us, He knows exactly what is to come; it is all Good and all part of His glorious plan! We can stand firm, knowing He is in control. The weekend is going according to HIS plan and He has chosen us to be a part of it.

We have been blessed with extra time to prepare. We have more time to pray for the candidates coming through the weekends, to pray for our churches and pastors, for our Tres Dias Community and all the communities in the world, and for the team of NFTD #62. What a wonderful opportunity!

As we gear up to seize this opportunity and once again lay the plans for Weekend #62, I want to thank the team of NFTD #62 for your servant's hearts. Yes, understandably the team has seen a few changes due to the postponement. Those who have other commitments and have had to make the hard choice to drop. I thank you so very much for each and every contribution you made to the weekend and to this team. I thank those who are able to make the commitment to continue to serve for the efforts you have made. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this unified, Christ-focused team!

### Women's Weekend #62, Continued

That being said, if you did not receive a call before, had to drop, or were not able to turn in an application, please pray for God's direction. If He leads you to put in an application, or you would like your application prayerfully reconsidered, please turn one in or let me know. As we grow closer to the weekend, I may have spots to fill that were not available before. But please, PRAY before submitting or resubmitting an application.

Please pray also about sponsoring. You can bless someone as you were blessed.

Continue to keep my family and me in your prayers and Rodney Whitfield and his family in prayer as we continue to pray, listen and follow God's direction. Also, please keep our upcoming rectors, Annie Tillman and David Poole, and their families in your prayers.

Hold on to your hope and stand firm knowing that He has anointed, appointed and equipped you for such a time as this!

Thank you so much for your continued support and love.

De Colores, Anne Lisk, Rector, Women's NFTD #62

# **Pre-Weekend**

#### Hello Family,

We are sailing on uncharted waters, but our Heavenly Father is not! Isn't that great news? He is in all things and sees all things. He was in the boat with the disciples when the storm came up and yet they were afraid. He had already told them that they were going to the other side. We know that our victory is in Christ Jesus and we will be reunited with him. Do not let the fear of the UNKNOWN stop you from living out the life the Lord has purposed for you. We are called to love Him and love others! We know that this has affected everyone in some way, whether good, bad, or even both. We know that the Lord works all things out for the good of those who love him.

We are planning for NFTD #62 to happen in the fall. We do not know how these next several months are going to play out. We will continue to meet as a Secretariat and make the best decisions for our community. There will be those who are going to be seeking a deeper relationship with the Lord and you will have the opportunity to invite them on a weekend that will change them forever!

As a community we are here for you! What are your needs? How can we help you? You are not alone! My life is still busy in a lot of ways, however, it has been nice not to be in my van for hours a day driving all over the place. Patrick is an essential worker and we are blessed to still have an income coming in. Please pray for his protection while he goes in and out of homes every day. We miss seeing and loving on our Tres Dias family.

Your Pre-weekend Couple, Patrick & Melissa Smith

# Sequelas

#### Dear Tres Dias Family,

We truly miss each and everyone of you! We miss your smiles, your hugs, and the sound of your laughter! Who would ever have thought that we would all be dealing with such challenging times. I know for our family it has been a roller coaster ride. In all honesty, in our family, in the beginning, there were moments of worry, fear, anxiety, uncertainty, and even frustration. God quickly reminded us that He is still here and in control. As a matter of fact, God has used this time almost as a reset for us, a reminder that although it is a trying time for each one of us, this is an opportune time to be thankful for all those things that we often take for granted. It is a time to be grateful that we have a home, family, and friends--a reminder that we have each other and another day to live and bless others. Take special moments to enjoy the birds, trees, long walks, and even the fresh air. God has also shown us that this is a time for us to get out of our dysfunctional comfort zones and habits. We have learned that it's the simplest of things that bring us joy, such as planting a garden, playing Mexican train, or eating a meal and watching our favorite tv show together as a family.

We all have a choice of whether we allow these circumstances to control our emotions, steal our joy, and keep us sheltered in fear. We also have the choice to Rise Up and be thankful for the hardest of circumstances and allow God to grow us and turn them around for our good and His glory. We know that God has chosen each of us for a time such as this to take up our armor of God and take action, which should always begin with prayer and fasting. God can restore all things, including lost jobs, finances, relationships, health, peace and even our hopes and dreams. Trust God in the tomorrow. It is a time such as this that God is looking to us to deepen our faith, draw us closer to Him, and to reach out to encourage others and ignite a fire of passion that will spread like a wild fire through this country and all nations.

We are very blessed and thankful to have each of you in our lives and we fervently pray that we all will be together soon. If we all pray this then the atmosphere will shift and miraculous things can happen. With this in mind we are praying, believing, and preparing for our next sequela. Of course, as the time draws closer, we will use wisdom from God and keep you updated if things change.

Our next sequela will be an Open Sequela where family and friends are invited and will be held Saturday, June 27th starting at 9:00 am at Wakulla Springs in Crawfordville, Fl. The address is 465 Wakulla Park Drive, Crawfordville, FL 32327. This is a special sequela where you will be able to vote for replacements for the secretariat positions coming open in January 2021. We will provide the food for this event which will include hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks, and dessert. We will have a donation jar available for those who would like to give toward the cost of food and rental of the pavilion. There will be a small fee to enter the park that you will be responsible for. \$6 per vehicle for up to 8 occupants. \$4 per vehicle for a single occupant.

Wakulla Springs offers a lot of fun activities including swimming, boat tours, and hiking on nature trails. We will also have fun games and volleyball available. You don't want to miss this opportunity to relax while enjoying food and fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Much Love and Blessings! Mark and Karen Savage Fourth Day Couple