

#### NORTH FLORIDA TRES DIAS NEWSLETTER



#### Did You know ?????

#### History

Tres Dias is an interdenominational group of Christians. The Spanish Tres Dias means "Three Days" which is the length of the "weekend" that is commonly held from Thursday through Sunday. It developed from Cursillo de Christiandad or "short course in Christianity" that started in Spain during the 1940s. Tres Dias started in the US in 1972 and is overseen by Tres Dias International that is made up of laymen and clergy from around the world.

After a candidate attends a weekend, he or she becomes a Pescador (fisherman). Pescadores are encouraged to meet in small groups (Reunion Groups) to continue developing their Christian life and church leadership. There are over 50 Tres Dias communities (local chapters) in the world and over ten thousand people have attended a weekend. Weekends are sponsored and coordinated by local chapters that have been chartered by Tres Dias International.

#### Up Coming Weekends

Men's Weekend #69
Walaa Maghrious
April 10 - 13, 2025
Women's Weekend #69
Wendy Johnson
April 24-27, 2025

#### November 2024

#### Secretariat Meeting

4TH Monday of each month at 6pm

Currently held at
Abundant life
Binders & Believers

All are welcome

#### Important Dates

Women's Victory Breakfast to November 3rd @

Victory Sequela
November 9th @
Victory Fellowship
starting at 5.

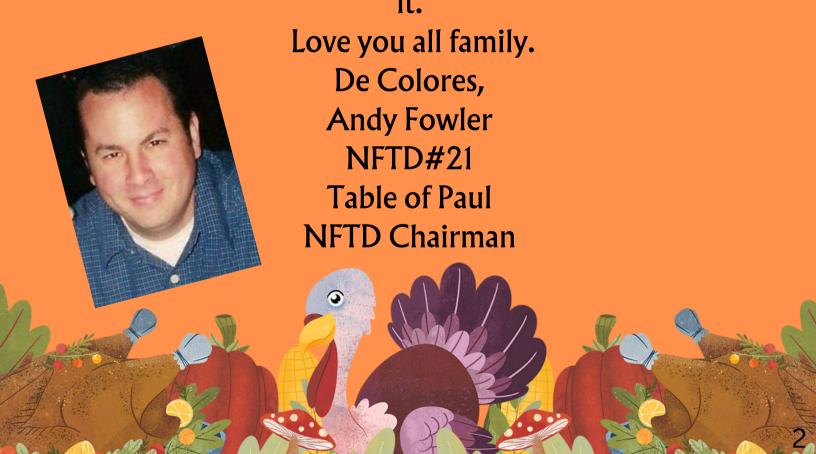
Secretariat Meeting
November 25

# A Word From Our PAIRMAN

NFTD Family,

I would like to welcome our new Pescadores from NFTD #68. What a amazing and powerful weekend it was to hear all the testimonies of the Father setting his children free. He loves you more than you know. It was so refreshing to be in His presence. How could I want more?

We would love to see you at Victory Sequela on Saturday November 9th at 5 PM at Victory Fellowship Church in Thomasville, GA. Please bring a covered dish with food in



## Community Spiritual Director

Hello brothers and sisters of the NFTD community! I pray that you and your families are well and in full-on pursuit of God in all areas of your lives. There are only a few months left of my tenure as the spiritual director of this community, and I have learned a lot over the past three years! That's part of the way serving on the secretariat works. Each position, whether it is a married or single position, is filled by elected members for three years. Looking back over these years, I wanted to share a brief recap of my experience. Here goes some of it:

Transition in several secretariat positions – Chairman, pre-weekend couple, newsletter, women's leader, PO couple, secretary, treasurer, procurement couple, and weekend couple. I think that's all of the changes I experienced.

Walking beside rectors for 6 weekends as they heard God and followed Holy Spirit about the weekends they were called to lead. One of those was my momma, and I'll cherish that opportunity forever.

Meeting international secretariat members and resolving the spouse talk (if the spouse of the rector is clergy) challenge and hear clarification about following other essentials as well.

Initiating a vetting and teaching process for clergy of our community to be placed on a qualified to serve as a spiritual director list (this information should be added to the spreadsheet by now).

Hurricane damage at the campground rendered it unusable, but the NFTD community stepped up with faith and resources and invested their time, talent, and treasures to ensure the weekends would happen.

Several changes to the flow of weekends to ensure compliance with TDI essentials. Nearly 30 sequelas where we worship, eat, pray, and unite as a family.

These are just a few memories I have as the community spiritual director. It's grown me spiritually and I pray my obedience at this table has grown others.



De'Colores, Felisha Mitchell Community Spiritual Director



## Women's Rector #68

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Weekend #68 has come to an end. I can't begin to tell you how great this weekend was for everyone. To see the transformation of the new Pescadores after getting off the bus on Thursday to having chains broken, a refreshed heart, and much forgiveness and healing. It was amazing to watch them spend time "In His Presence". To the team of Weekend #68....y'all are SIMPLY THE

BEST!!!!!

Love you all, Cindy Croley-Rector NFTD Weekend #68



## Data Coordinator

No greater Audience There's no higher privilege Than to sing a song of love to my King I will sing a song of love to my King

And no earthly gains compare
To Your presence there
While I sing a song of love to my King
I will sing a song of love to my King

Hallelujah Jesus! Hallelujah! From "No Greater Audience" by Michael Neale

> Jay Hayes Database Coordinator



## Food Couple

We are a little sad to announce and a little excited at the same time to say this NFTD # 68 was our last weekend ordering as food couple. January will be here before we know it and we will be rolling off. We are grateful for the opportunity we have had to serve as your food couple. For we have made mistakes along the way but we have learned a lot and grew in many ways. We are looking forward to walking alongside the next food couple when we get one. If you are interested in serving in that way please reach out to us.

We continue to pray for our Tres Dias community and the upcoming rectors as the Lord downloads all the details He has for each of them. We love you all so very much and thankful for your support.

Love Bruce and Jaime Hale





## Fourth Day Couple

Hello everyone. Just wanted to let everyone know that our Victory Sequela is November 9th at Victory Fellowship starting at 5. Meat and drinks will be provided. This is a closed sequela and is only for people who have attended a weekend. Childcare will not be provided. Please bring a side and / or desert and come join us for a night of food,

fellowship and worship

His fourth day couple Michael and Shea Sanders







**Greetings dear Tres Dias community!** 

The weekends have passed, victory breakfasts eaten, Pescadores are into their Fourth Day and the rectors are almost back to normal but could most likely use another week of sleep. And the serenades... those lovely, enriching, soul lifting experiences that are a gift to the candidates and a blessing to the singers. Have you participated in a Serenade lately? If not, I encourage you to do so.

There are 36 new mattresses at the campground thanks to the generosity of this community and Advent Christian Village. Keep praying that the rest of the mattresses will be changed out before the Weekend #69 activities ramp up.

Our financial outlook is very good coming out of the weekend #68 and all the bills will be paid by the end of the month. I'll have a financial summary for you in our next newsletter.

We have an expense coming up to replace our aging and failing sound system. A needed upgrade from our existing coal fired system that runs on steam through a series of lead pipes to a more modern one is a must. If you know of a church or someone that is upgrading and wants to donate their existing system, please let us know.

Until next time...the weekend

De Colores!

Sean



Matthew 6:34
"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"

Dude & Deanna Settergren

#### PESCADORE ORIENTATION COORDINATOR

Welcome New Pescadores!

It is mandatory that you attend a Pescadore Orientation every two years. This is where you learn many things about Tres Dias. You will receive education about the history of Tres Dias, Processes & Essentials of the Pre-Weekend, Weekend, and Post Weekend. There will be education about Weekend Dynamics. You will also learn about the Secretariat, the governing body, that helps plan, guide, execute and improve the weekends for NFTD charter. There is not a date scheduled but will be put on nftd.org page once it has been scheduled.

Blessings,
Becky Strahan
PO Coordinator

## Secretary

The lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, My Mountain where I seek refuge. My Shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, mt refuge, and my savior.

Love, Cindy Croley

## Palanca Couple

We want to say thank you to the Community on behalf of the Secretariat and Pescadores of Weekend #68 for the palanca provided. Your gifts were a blessing and were appreciated.

Now that Weekend #68 is at a close we are looking to Weekend #69. Here are a few things to know:

- Plan now, April will be here before you know it.
- You don't have to do it alone. Please reach out to us with any questions. We're here to help and coordinate
- If you aren't serving you can still right a General Palanca letter. They can be emailed to <u>palanca@nftd.org</u>



## Mensletter Couple

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well..

Romans 12:6-8

Brothers and sisters I want you to take a minute to think about your gift that God has given you. The other day as a scroll my Facebook reels, I came across one that really spoke to me.....

A plum tree don't eat plums. A pear tree don't eat pears. All they get is water cuz the fruit ain't for the tree it is for.

The fruit is for people who pass by. Your gift is not for you. Which is why you can be depressed at home and on the phone giving other people a word that'll flip their life.

Then you hang up the phone and think I should tell my self that. It's because your gift ain't for you..... Wisdom is.

Love always
His Newsletter Couple
Aaron & Iris Loudermilk
NFTD#61



## Men Rector #68

#### **Brothers and Sisters,**

What an honor it was to serve as the rector for Men's NFTD #68! We walked through many challenges and saw our prayers answered. When doubts arose and fears assailed, this team demonstrated a faithand sacrificial love that I will always remember. Those who worked heroically to prepare the campground, even before a decision had been made to proceed after the hurricane, displayed the selfless devotion to the cause of Christ that we can all aspire to. Those who came to clean and organize, set up and stock dorms and restrooms, and to cook for the team before the weekend have all added stars to the crowns they'll one day wear in Glory. I am thankful to the Secretariat for making the hard decision to move forward in less-than-ideal circumstances, trusting God to cover any human shortfall. As we move forward toward the weekends in the spring of 2025, let me encourage you to begin praying daily for the ones you will sponsor. Ask God to reveal to you the people He has for this time, that they will have ears prepared to hear and hearts open to change. Let us work to prepare the ground that the Lord will grow up new leaders for His church. Believe with me that He will reveal the names of those who will continue the work of this community and change lives in all the generations that come after we have long gone to our reward. In the next few weeks, the upcoming rectors will be praying over applications for the teams of weekend #69. Listen to the Lord's leading and get your applications in soon. It is a commitment. Your part in the weekend will pay dividends that ring out in eternity. Every role you fill will be a blessing to the candidates and to your fellow team members. You will develop strengths and skills that will benefit the congregations you help lead, and you will set an example of what devotion looks. like to those who follow behind you. Let your work be your worship. Build a legacy of love. Pray for Walaa. Pray for Wendy. It is a long road, and it is not always easy. Ask God to remove any obstacles from their path and to light the way so they can clearly see the destination. Pray for the candidates. Pray that God prepares your heart for the weekend and that anything that stands in opposition to that call will be





### Practical Pronouncements from the Preweekend Couple

As we celebrate a wonderful North Florida Tres Dias Weekend #68, we look forward with prayer and petition regarding Weekend #69. As you are praying about who to sponsor this upcoming weekend, we ask you to consider who the Lord is highlighting to you, rather than someone "who needs to go to Tres Dias." What do we mean when we say this? As Tres Dias Community, we recognize the impact this transformative experience can have on our lives, and so we often zealously advocate for anyone and everyone to have what we hope will be the same opportunity to experience the same transformation and encounter with Jesus. While our hearts' desires are true and right, are we looking with God's perspective or our own in determining who needs to go through a Tres Dias Weekend? When considering a potential candidate, have you first, as the potential sponsor, considered the following?

- · Setting aside time to pray and fast before asking the potential candidate?
- Are they already actively seeking to follow Jesus and what they already know to be true, based on the Scriptures? Can you verify their character in these areas?
- Do they intentionally try to live a life that reflects the fruit of the Spirit (i.e., love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control; Galatians 5:22-23)?
- Are they a leader in their community, church, and home? What outward fruit have you observed that reflects their leadership qualities?
- Are you and/or they able to commit to covering the financial expenses that
   go into the weekend fees?
- 'If any of these questions initially give you pause upon reading them, then we encourage you to continue seeking the Lord about whether or not the potential candidate is ready for the upcoming weekend.



De Colores, Jason & Jen Hamilton



# MENS LEADER

Welcome new Pescadores!! God once again showed up and showed out on NFTD #68. He promised us (2) Corinthians 12:9-11) that He would be strong where we are weak. When we take off our mask and let others see how we have failed and how Daddy God caught us, He uses it to change hearts and minds. I pray you will come and serve in the next weekends and more importantly, that you will serve in you church and local communities and that His grace will show through you.

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## Moments LEADER

Thanks be to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit for granting us another glorious weekend! Thank you team #68 for all your hard work and giving tirelessly your time and energy to make the weekend a success. Prayers were answered and lives were changed. The Lord proved once again that He will supply our needs and arrange things and people for His greater glory. Please begin to focus your prayers and plans for #69. Pray for Wendy Johnson as she selects her

team and send in your application to serve. Be a part of what Our Father has planned for each

of us this Spring.



Much love!!

Kay King,

Women's Leader.