



The Butterfly

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SPRING BLESSINGS



One day, when the world shines brighter
One day, when no weeping willows, cry
One day, we'll kiss the Son, and the Spring will
come
And the lonely sparrow, will fly.
So take my hand, Take a stand, together
Learn from me, He said, 'I'm humble of heart
Not one teardrop will fall, for I've captured them
all
So be still,
I will,
teach you, to
fly!
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One day, when no, weeping willows, cry
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-Rosemary Breau, 1/18/12



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MARK YOUR CALENDERS!!!!

FOURTH DAY EVENT

PASTA AND PRAISE

WHEN??? SUNDAY APRIL 29th 2012

WHERE??? LIBERTY CHRISTIAN CENTER

159 WINTHROP STREET TAUNTON MA.

TIME??? 330PM-530PM

COME AND FELLOWSHIP WITH RIMA TRES DIAS COMMUNITY. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME. COME SHARE GODS LOVE!!!!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where are we now?

Happy March everyone,

This month I would like to begin to challenge you all to consider attending our training in May, which will once again be held at the Immaculate Conception Convent in Putnam CT, to complete the task of helping us re-build RIMA TresDias. A friend of mine used to say “we are not where we want to be but, thank God we are not where we used to be.” And I think that somewhat applies to my thoughts on RIMA TresDias today.

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NKJ) reads: (15) “So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. (16) And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes, for they perceived that this work was done by our God.”

John Maxwell writes there are four characteristics of commitment of those who complete a task. He goes on to say, “Commitment comes before anything else in a leaders life. Because Nehemiah had it and drew it out of others, the people finished in 52 days despite many adversities.” Their great accomplishment so thrilled Nehemiah that he wrote what we read in verse 16.

Below are the four characteristics of leaders:

1. A compelling purpose: They make great commitment to a great cause.
2. A clear prospective: They don't let fear cloud their view of the future.
3. A continual prayer: They pray about everything and gain Gods favor.
4. A courageous persistence: They move ahead despite the odds.

That being said, we are still building the wall. Our training in November was attended by a great group of folks who are working to help guide us back to our roots. That training focused on our “Why”. The training this spring will be focusing on the more practical of the “how”. Simply put, the Dynamics of the weekend, our tool box. We will be taking time to really discuss the how's, what's, when's and why's of the weekend. We have all been asked to serve in the past and not had an idea of what our duties include. For our weekends this fall our intention is to match up people who are experienced, with people who are gaining experience in all of the positions that make a great team. This will be a top down experience right from the Rector, to the table leaders and auxiliaries.

By the time May rolls around we are hoping to have the rectors for both the Men's and Women's weekends on board. We would like to see a significant number of those who will be serving on team or are interested in serving on team plan to attend the spring training. A requirement of serving on team will be attendance at an essentials training for **Every Team Member for all upcoming teams**, we did one in the fall will do one this spring & will also more than likely do one right around the time both the men and women start their team meetings up. This is not something new, but in fact something we did well in the past and fell behind on.

One of the things we have learned through this time of regrouping is the importance of team building prior to the weekends. A question rectors will be required to ask potential team members is: Can you commit to attending all team meetings this weekend? There will be some flexibility if a team member needs to miss 1 meeting, or an emergency comes up we will be understanding. But if a potential team member can only commit to attending 1 or 2 or 3 meeting before the weekend that will not be acceptable. Your commitment to serving on a weekend is for the entire weekend. This simply means; Attendance at Team meetings before the weekend, Full participation during the weekend, and Participation in the critique of the weekend a week or so after it has taken place. If a potential team member cannot commit to the entire weekend, they will be asked not to serve in the role of a team member but will be asked to serve as a supporting member.

What do I mean by supporting member you ask? Maybe you will be asked to give a message or coordinate music for the closing. Maybe you will be asked to be there to help set up or take down, to serve a meal or two. You could be the go to person from the community for the community coordinator to reach out to for all those little things that pop up throughout the weekend, or a regional coordinator to bring palanca to the weekend. We need to have a strong supporting team to have a truly community sponsored and supported weekend.

This fall when we met we opened with a session where we asked people a simple question. What does TresDias mean to you? It was an amazing time of sharing. So I ask you now, What does TresDias mean to you? And now I will ask the second piece of the question. How will you apply this to your home, church, and community?

I look forward to seeing many at our upcoming Secretariat meetings or in May. We will have registration information ready in the near future. The dates are May 18 – 20. Cost will be the same as in the fall.

De Colores,
Steve Higgins

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TresDias 2012 Calendar of events

March 3, Saturday, Secretariat 10:00 am – 12:00 pm followed by pot-luck luncheon. Riverpoint Congregational Church 73 Providence St W. Warwick RI. Contact Rev. Larry Bernier 401-826-3150

April 9, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

April 29th Sunday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm, Fourth Day, Pasta & Praise at Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

May 14, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

May 18,19,20, Friday – Sunday, Spring Leadership weekend Putnam CT. Theme The dynamics of the weekend, getting back to our roots.

June 2, Saturday, Secretariat Meeting, 10:00 am – 12:00pm followed by pot-luck luncheon, Putnam Baptist Church, Putnam CT.

July 9, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

August 13, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

September 8, Saturday, Secretariat Meeting 10:00 am – 12:00 pm followed by pot-luck luncheon, John Wesley Methodist Church Falmouth MA

October 8, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

October 11 - 14 Thursday – Sunday, Fall Men's weekend Putnam CT

October 25 – 28 Thursday – Sunday, Fall Women’s weekend Putnam CT

November 12, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

December 10, Monday, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm, Secretariat Meeting Liberty Christian Center Taunton MA

More to Come as we confirm dates for fourth day activities throughout RIMA



Secretariat News

TRES DIAS SECRETARIAT MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2012

PRESENT: Steve Higgins, Andrea Higgins, Vicky Shears, Sue Landry, Eric Borman, Judy Borman, Jeanne Amaral, Rev. Warren Blais, Rev. Ruth Blais, Kathy King, Thomasina Minor-Hill, Lorraine Queen, Joseph Minor-Hill, Betty Bailey.

The meeting was opened with devotions by Rev. Ruth Blais and prayer by Steve Higgins.

Recording Secretary’s Report: The minutes of the December Secretariat meeting were approved with a motion by Eric Borman, seconded by Rev. Warren Blais.

Treasurers report: It was reported that there was a balance of approximately \$ 7592.89. in the operating account. By a unanimous vote the members voted \$400.00 to Kathy King for communications. She was also thanked for reminding the Pescadores of meetings via Facebook.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: March 3 – Riverpoint Congregational Church in Warwick, RI. Larry Berniers phone number is 845-416-4652. April 9 – Liberty Christian in Taunton, May 14 – Liberty Christian, May 18-29 – Putnam, CT weekend, June 2 – travel meeting (possibly at Gil Boutquin’s church), July 9 and August 13 at Liberty Christian, September – travel, October 8 – Liberty Christian, October 11-14 – Men’s weekend, October 25-28 – Women’s weekend, November 12 and December 10 at liberty Christian.

There will be a Pasta and Praise at Liberty Christian on April 21st at 6 p.m. Donation. On February 18th there will be a 4th Day at Brenda Higgins at 62 Locust Street, Falmouth at 12 noon.

Weekend dates for 2013: Men – April 18-21 and October 10-13

Women – May 2-5 and October 24-27

Regarding 4th Day plans: We will try to get communication out to Pescadores in the following manners – the Butterfly, Facebook, having it posted on church bulletin boards. Also, our goal is to have one 4th Day a month.

Goals for March – To have the rector selection committee announce a rector and to possibly have the teams members at the Spring Leadership Meeting in May.

The same people will help plan the Spring Leadership meeting – Eric Anderson, Roland Boucher, Eric Borman, Ruth and Warren Blais, Becky Shears and Steve Higgins. Agenda: Tres Dias School, talk about the dynamics of

the weekend, rector survival kit, pre-weekend, weekend, post-weekend, their rolls and responsibilities of each position and planning through the final stages and essentials must be discussed. Also needed are strong opening and closing. Commitment of team members and meeting with the team after weekend are important.

At the Spring weekend sharing What Tres Dias means to me will be on Friday will also be a community service on Saturday night as it was a powerful evening. Meeting will close with prayer focusing on God.

Rev. Ruth and Rev. Warren Blais are starting a church in Wareham and plan to open on January 29th. It will be “Open “ ministry and will open at the Salvation Army Store at 10 am.

Steve and Andrea Higgins are starting a new ministry at Liberty Christian called “House of Hope” reaching out to special needs children and their families. They will meet on Saturdays with activities for children. It is a new ministry.

Rev. Thomasina Minor-Hill has moved to a new church at 94 Warren Street, Roxbury. Services are at 2 pm on Sunday.

Jeanne announced that John Wesley United Methodist Church is sharing their church with a new Brazilian Church called St. Marks.

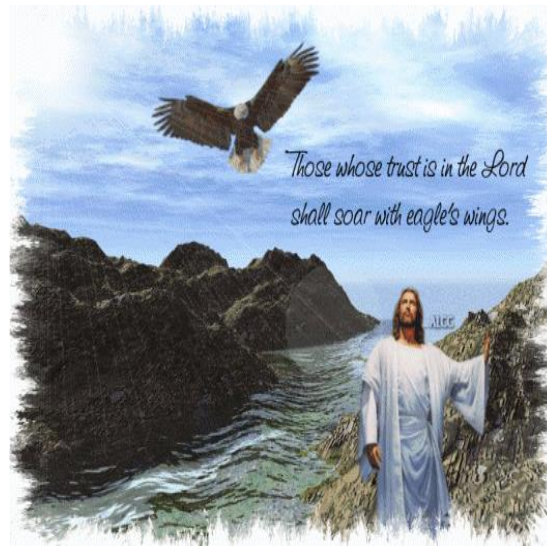
Prayer concerns: For the new churches and ministries; Brenda Higgins; Sara Sabo; Kathy King; Mission team from Falmouth Baptist home from Africa; Brendon who returned home from Cambodia; Kansas City Tres Dias looking for new members; a daughter in an abusive relationship; Thomasina for recovery from fall.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Ruth Blais.

SCRIPTURE PRESENTER FOR FEBRUARY – KATHY KING

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Bailey, Recording Secretary



COMMUNITY CORNER

What Tres Dias Means to Me???



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Dear Secretariat

You asked me to write something for the March 'Butterfly' issue, on the subject of "What does 'Tres Dias' mean to me?"

The mother in this picture is a friend of mine. This is a picture of her, taken by her husband, Alex Dossey, when both she and her youngest child, her only son, were sleeping together.

My heart saw this picture, and the 'knower' that resides within me, jumped up to sing and dance.

"YES! THIS is it! THIS is what Tres Dias means to me!"

(Now, to listen for the words that accompany the picture:)

'Tres Dias' is not an individual experience, yet paradoxically, like other awe-filled events in our life, it's singularly unique.

It's a universal experience that's personal and intimate to the receiver and Giver! The connecting and binding of the shared experience, is felt on both parts as a 'Gift' given. This is because the inherited nature of the Giver is to pour itself out on that which it loves!!!

The Beloved is humbled, in the process of being 'lifted up.'

The beauty and elegance of the 'GIFT' is life-changing.

I believe, it's the face of God's Glory, the living Christ, which our heart responds to, immediately. It 'happens' whenever, and wherever we experience it's pure Presence. It's not only an attribute, it's the 'ESSENCE of the PRESENCE' that fills and gives meaning and breath to the 'otherwise empty time and space' in our hearts.

One doesn't need to be a parent to experience this. One must only have an 'expectant' heart.

Tres Dias in Spanish means 'three days.'

Three days cloistered (separated) from the world, yet living in community; (sometimes for the first time in our lives)!

It's a 'short course in Christianity,'

(Jesus Christ remains the central 'loaf' of nourishment and the vehicle of Supernatural Grace and shared experience).

I went on a Tres Dias weekend in May of 1993, not to meet or encounter God, but to escape the enforced labor of everyday life. (Truly, there wasn't a hint of nobility in my outlook or purpose for going.) No matter what our perceived motivation is, it's always in the nature of the Lover first, to be noble.

When truth and love pour out toward another, there's a permanent effect or fragrance. It leaves the echo of it's Presence behind. It's a personal signature of a unique and irreplaceable piece of the Lover, imprinted on the heart of the Beloved. The Lover cherishes that which it loves! It rushes upward and outward in a mighty current of acceptance and celebration. It's always content in the moment! There's no enforcing, no toil, no sense of waste.

I encountered the Risen Christ on my weekend, (RIMA #24). My soul felt it's worth (and it's awful lack), in a space of three days. There was no definitive experience, or even identified moment in time...to re-member and re-count. I just came home a totally different woman. My desires and wants had unpacked themselves as new and permanent house guests, when I came home.

I felt a gifting of hope and a future.

I had the sense of being part of a whole, something and Someone larger than myself. I'd a dignity I knew intrinsically was not part of me, but belonged to me, nevertheless. I'd no idea the amount of breaking and pain that'd be churned up, as my soil was turned over and prepared each season. (There were rocks, weeds and birds of prey who stole my portion of seed).

But I belonged and was kept by a Master Gardener. A Noble Lover who spared no expense in my growth and care. He's pruned, fed and even transposed me so I could grow in response to His Love.

I was raised by God fearing and God honoring people.

My 'mother church' was left behind and even unappreciated by me. The electricity flowed in my mother church, but I was plugged in and felt the reality of Love's force, outside of her.

Tres Dias was the vehicle and driving force that led me into the experience of Love for the first time. I can never be the same as I was before my encounter with Christ.

I cherish Tres Dias like a grown up child who realizes the reality and worth of the parent's limited but noble motivation.

With forgiveness for themselves, and their parent, the grown up lover, once again reaches upward and outward to that which is permanent and forever.

This is what Tres Dias is to me,. Looking forward to the Spring...for the 'best is yet to be'...

Rose Breau

The experience of Tres Dias weekend showed me what it is like to be engulfed in God's love and just to be accepted as one of God's children.

Like most candidates I had anxieties as I started that first weekend. Some of my anxieties were physical due to a disability. Previously I had asked to bring someone who would help with my physical needs but the request was denied. They would have women who would assist me. Although I was upset at their answer, by Friday afternoon this worry had disappeared. Lesson one - trust Jesus.

God created all kinds of people with a variety of personalities and experiences. Sometimes you need to get out of your comfort zone to see Jesus in a new way. Tres Dias brings Individuals from various backgrounds and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, influences one another so Christ can be seen more clearly. This was demonstrated when I was a candidate during discussion times at our tables. The two other candidates opened up and shared personal stories of physical and emotional abuse the likes of which I hadn't heard of up to that point in my life. At different points during the weekend both women considered leaving but the Holy Spirit stopped them with words from godly women. Lesson two - Jesus works through His people when we love one another.

Most Individuals who experience RIMA weekends usually have one thing that sticks out in their minds. For me it was the action rollo and the following discussion. We discovered prayer is an action. Jesus calls us to pray for one another. Lesson three - pray, pray, pray.

One of the most exciting things about Tres Dias is sharing with some of my friends the experience of a weekend and seeing them grow and blossom in the Lord. It is a sweet time when we gather in reunion groups to share our joys and sorrows. Tres Dias is a Ministry of continuous growth and renewal in Christ through a community of believers.

Carolyn Newcome

I think of Tres Dias as a beautiful gift that was given to me. God knew exactly what I needed and placed my name in an acquaintance heart. This acquaintance sponsored me and opened up the door to this wonderful Tres Dias journey. I have been blessed with so much; the people I have met, the experiences in which I have and all the growing and learning along the way. I want to share this special gift of Tres Dias with others. Is God placing someone special in your heart for you to sponsor on a weekend or asking you to serve? Open up your heart share this special gift.

Annemarie DeMerchant

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