Women’s Weekend #42

Dear East Texas Tres Dias Community,

I am so very excited to serve as Women’s Rector for ETTD #42. What an honor it is to seek and wait on the Lord to reveal all the things He has already planned for this weekend. I’m sure it’s going to be a great adventure for us all!

I truly covet your prayers during this season. Please pray for the planning process, for the team, and certainly for the candidates. We pray for lives to be renewed, changed and mostly for all of us to desire to know Jesus more, then act on it.

The weekend verse is 1 Peter 2:9: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

It seems that God is reminding me over and over about the importance of knowing who we are, whose we are, and also knowing that we each play an important part in the community known as the Body of Christ.

The weekend song: Goodness of God by Bethel Music, Jenn Johnson

Weekend Dates: March 19 - 22, 2020

I hope to see you all at Secuela on October 12 at Evangelistic Temple in Palestine. If you are interested in serving and are unable to attend Secuela, I can be reached at 903.724.4189 (text or call) or jives69@gmail.com.

De Colores,
Jennifer Ives

Men’s Weekend #42

I’m honored to serve as the Rector for East Texas Tres Dias Men’s #42. As preparations are made, please pray for direction and focus as the team is filled with those who are called to serve. Also, pray for the candidates who will be served. We trust that God will bring it all together, as He always does.

Weekend Dates: March 12-16, 2020

Theme: Hold Fast

Weekend Song: Hold Fast by Mercy Me

Weekend Verse: Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. In this world where it is becoming increasingly difficult to be a Christian, we should hold on to the one truth. That truth is Jesus Christ! We must hold fast to His word and His promise because we are only here but for a short time. Our eternity is not worth sacrificing for worldly ways.

Colors: Royal Purple and Gold

Chad LeBlanc Rector - Men’s ETTD #42
RECENT WEEKENDS

Men’s Weekend #41

East Texas Tres Dias #41 was an amazing weekend! We experienced the Presence of God throughout the team meetings and especially on the weekend.

The team was grateful to be able to serve 36 candidates. It was such a blessing to sit back and watch God work as the candidates came together Friday morning and connected with each other.

It takes a lot of dedication to serve for a weekend in any capacity. This team truly unified and worked, laughed, and prayed throughout the planning process and the weekend. I’m truly humbled to have been able to serve and lead this group of men.

Pescadores, as you continue in your Fourth Day, please get involved with other believers and stay focused on Jesus.

DeColores!

David Ives

Women’s Weekend #41

What an incredibly blessed weekend we just completed for ETTD #41!

It was such an amazing journey to be able to seek Him together and watch His plans come to fruition. I was inspired by the tireless dedication of this team in not only their preparations, but most importantly in the way they selflessly served the candidates!

Team, I can’t ever begin to thank you enough for this gift of heartfelt servanthood for the candidates. Special thanks to our Spiritual Directors for their outstanding guidance and counsel to the women in attendance this weekend. Together, you were an amazing team and God received much glory from your dedicated service.

I was not only in awe at the Team God provided, but also in the Pescadores who just completed this weekend. I have never witnessed such early connecting and hearts open to receive as I did this weekend. We had 37 women with beautiful spirits in attendance and it made for such a wonderful three days as we got to teach these candidates what it means to seek Him in Study, Piety, and Action to find the abundant life God has in store for the 4th day and to watch as victory was claimed. New Pescadores, thank you for your willingness to actively engage with us as we served you and for participating in this awesome experience!

Words cannot express how truly humbling it was to join in what God had planned for these three days. It was my honor and incredible blessing to serve as rector for ETTD #41. May each of you who served or were served this weekend continue to seek Him with your whole heart, trusting in the promise that He will be found. Much love to each of you!

Ever Seeking Him,

Leah
A MESSAGE TO NEW PESCADORES

WELCOME PESCADORES OF ETTD #41!

What a blessing to have you as part of the East Texas Tres Dias Community. GOD has put you in this place at this time in your life not to say; “WOW, What a weekend!”. He has put you here to be the Christian leader He expects you to be. The weekend is a tool to ignite the passion in you to accomplish this. The prayers, fellowship and accountability for you from this community will continue as you journey through your 4th day.

To David and Leah and the #41 teams…Your obedience to the Lord to serve the Pescadores with the love that flows from your servant’s heart pleases God.

And finally, a note to let everyone know that the main source for information about ETTD and upcoming weekends, contacts etc. is our website: www.ettd.org.

In HIS love, Dorin

A MESSAGE ON LEADERSHIP

To the East Texas Tres Dias Community,

Leadership is guidance by example. All Tres Dias volunteers are leaders when we strive to be the example of Jesus and as we share His transforming love and forgiveness. At the same time, we have specific roles within Tres Dias that are leaders, such as weekend teams and the board.

Training for leadership roles is critical to ensure we are providing the right direction and the right example for those following. In case of the weekend teams, they are leaders to all of the candidates, along with the camp personnel. Our board has elected and appointed positions that represent the group of which they lead, while also providing the direction on behalf of Tres Dias.

If we think about it, these roles are ALL critical to the success of the ministry and none of the roles are to be taken lightly. We also have to know what we are directing so we have guidance through the Bible, Tres Dias essentials, policies, scripts, timelines, and job descriptions to know how to direct and to be an example. Leaders should ensure they hold themselves accountable to conducting their role well.

Most of all, let us remember that Tres Dias is a Christian ministry; Jesus Christ is our leader. Colossians 4:17, “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”
And Colossians 4:24, “It is the Lord Christ you are serving.”
Romans 15:5, “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

This unity must start with ourselves and carried throughout the ministry at all levels, especially during the Tres Dias weekends. Our speech and our actions are not only to glorify God, but to be like minded with Christ. Unity takes humility, patience, gentleness, endurance and encouragement as we show God’s love to all.

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“Sponsorship is the Most Important Part of Tres Dias” (Tres Dias International).
“Sponsor Christians who will bring new life and vision to church, home, workplace and community.”

We are all, as Tres Dias leaders, responsible for sponsoring quality candidates in quantity. Numbers DO matter, as they represent souls.

“NO CANDIDATES, NO TRES DIAS WEEKENDS.”

A candidate is to be sponsored for:

The pre-weekend – Start on palanca letters.

The weekend – including transportation to and from the weekend.

The fourth day – bring them to secuela and help them find a reunion group.

“The weekend will not produce a permanent effect without fourth day activity” (Tres Dias Essentials 3.2.i).

SPONSORING DOES NOT MEAN YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR THE CANDIDATE !!!

Don’t let your financial limitations deprive a candidate of the blessing of Tres Dias.

Who are YOU working on sponsoring??????

In HIS love, Dorin

Mail application with deposit or full payment check (payable to ETTD) to

ETTD
P.O. Box 460
Grapeland, TX 75844

About two weeks before the scheduled Weekend, your Candidate will be asked to confirm planned attendance so please stay in touch with them. Let us know immediately if your Candidate is unable to attend. Often a waiting list is developed and a waiting Candidate may have very short notice if someone has to drop off.

If there is financial difficulty paying the fee, a request may be submitted to the Board asking for assistance. Some Community members have made donations to make this possible and anyone is welcome to contribute to this Candidate Scholarship Fund. The Candidate fee is currently $165.00.
Palanca Update

East Texas Tres Dias has completed its 2019 Fall Weekends and what wonderful Weekends they were. Many thanks to the Rectors of ETTD #41 and their Teams for their hard work and following the leading of the Holy Spirit as they ministered to the Candidates. God moved in a wonderful way among the Candidates and the team.

Many thanks to those who gave up their time to come Serenade on Saturday evening. This often is a turning point in many candidates’ lives. Many thanks as well to the Set up and Take down teams, those who prayed and those who provided Palanca. Each of these seemingly little things are part of the greater picture of the body of Christ. We work together for His glory.

We have been blessed with such a variety of Palanca letters from team and from many Tres Dias communities throughout the country and the world. It is so exciting to receive one from Ireland and other countries as well as many states in our own country. Our brothers and sisters from Kairos, Epiphany, Charis, Walk to Emmaus, Koinonia, Cursillo, Teens Encounter Christ, Via de Cristo, Credo, Great Banquet, Journey to Damascus, and Vida Nueva have also sent their prayers through beautiful letters of love and encouragement.

Be in prayer for the Weekends that are coming in the fall. It is never too early to start. You never know whose life will be changed.

God bless,
Palanca Committee

Fourth Day Committee Update (Secuela)

Dear Community of East Texas Tres Dias,

Please take note the next Secuela will be held Saturday, October 12th at Noon at Evangelistic Temple in Palestine (3011 TX-256 loop, Palestine TX 75803)
For the new Pescadors if you’re interested in serving on an upcoming weekend there will be a Tres Dias School held from 9:30 am until Noon at First Baptist Church-Grapeland before the Secuela (sign in and registrations begins at 9 am). In order to qualify to work a Tres Dias Weekend YOU MUST ATTEND the Tres Dias School. The school is $5 to attend. Free Childcare will be available during the school.

Most community members will confide that as life changing as their weekend as a candidate was, they experienced more of God in many other intimate ways when they served on a weekend. We hope to see all of our new Pescadors attending the School.

Directly following the school is Secuela. This event is a great way to get to know the Community of East Texas Tres Dias. This time includes; Fellowship, Food, and Worship. Secuela is like a ’Mini Weekend’. It allows you to reunite with the candidates of your weekend. It is a potluck event so please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert! We hope to see YOU there!

Sincerely your 4th Day Committee,
Travis & Gina Wallace
Authority

I heard the splashes from the bathroom, but didn’t think much about it. Directly I heard the small little voice of Zoey, our 8 year old daughter, who, in her mind, thought she ran the house. The little voice questioned her 6 year old little brother, “Ummm Bubba I don’t think you are supposed to be splashing the water out of the bathtub, are you?” At this point I knew that if I got involved, then there would be no one left to help Dallas beat those dreaded New York Sissies. Pondering on this, I decided to remain where I was to see how this situation played out. As one would expect, before I could even finish the thought, standing beside my chair was a little brown haired girl asking, “Ummmm Dad?” “Yes,” said I, acting surprised as to why she was standing there. “Daddy, Bubba is not supposed to be splashing water out of the bathtub right?” I answered, “That is correct.” I wanted to see how this baby girl would handle the situation if I told her, “Why don’t you go tell Bubba that Daddy said to PLEASE stop splashing all that water out of the bathtub or he is going to get himself in trouble.” That was all she needed. Did she walk in lovingly and say, “Bubba, Daddy said to PLEASE stop splashing the water all over the bathroom floor?” Did she say, “Bubba, Daddy said thou shalt not splash water on the bathroom floor? May I help you dry it up?”

Nope, she took the bait. She marched into that bathroom and the meek little voice that earlier simply asked if her Bubba was supposed to be doing “this thing,” turned into an authoritative voice of someone who has been given the power of right and wrong. “Bubba, Daddy said, that you better stop splashing that water out of the tub or he is going to give you a spanking!”

Oh, the memory! It seems like only yesterday. Today that sassy, little girl brown haired girl, just turned 12. The little boy is 10 and still gets in trouble for splashing the water out of the tub. They will be gone one day and I will miss the arguments. I might even miss having to help the little boy soak up the water off the bathroom floor. However, the lesson of that day will always remain. What do I do with the authority my Heavenly Father has given me?

The word “authority” as used in the Bible generally means a person’s right to do certain things because of the position or office held by that person. Broken down further, there are two basic forms of authority:

**Intrinsic Authority** means belonging to the essential nature or constitution of a thing

**Inherent Authority** is given to one from another source.

We have all been given inherent authority from the Father. He has given us this authority in Matthew, Chapter 28, verse 19 which states: “Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,” In this passage God demonstrates His intrinsic authority by giving us HIS authority to go out and baptize. God does not give us an inherent authority to go out and condemn. He does not give us inherent authority so that we may have a certain position to go out and judge all nations. He doesn’t even give us the inherent authority to go out and tell others to stop doing something a certain way or they are going straight to hell, No! Our Father gave us a sample of His authority so that we may go out and evangelize a nation who is doing what they already know they should not be doing. We are to introduce them to a man name Jesus and baptize them in the Trinities Glory! We are to introduce them to this man with love in OUR hearts, not with our hands on our hips. We are to be examples of this love. Examples so in love with our Father, that the children of the world wouldn’t even think of trying to get away with splashing the water out of the tub. Our job is to simply love them so much that they would want to get into the tub with us. IT IS THEN GOD’S JOB TO WASH THEM OUT!!!

My question to you today: What do you do with His authority? Do you choose to admonish in love and try to help, or are you standing there, staring at a world full of sinners, with your hand on your hip? Are you disillusioned in your mind that you are somehow the authority on right and wrong, above reproach and able to cast the first stone simply because your Father said so? I ask you today which child are you? He can hear the water splashing…..

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