

Fisherman



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President's Letter

Pruning: It's essential for growth.

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. **James 1:2-4***

There are lots of opportunities for Christian growth – sermons, small group bible study, personal study, edifying books, teaching ... But where do we get PRUNED???

Why is pruning important? Using the example of trees, pruning removes diseased or storm-damaged branches and thins the crown to permit new growth and better air circulation. Hmmm – sound familiar? (See treehelp.com)

What does pruning mean in our lives? Let's face it – we all have persistent sin issues. In my own case, I had MANY leading up to my original Weekend. Pruning means the removal of those persistent sins, casting off, nailing to the cross, repentance. (A couple of big ones were pruned that Weekend, but more since.)

How does pruning help promote our growth? Isn't it easier to receive new insight when our minds are uncluttered by our own persistent sin? Stark example: Have you ever tried to do a morning devotion and prayer time after giving in to your dark side the night before? Been there, done that, doesn't work.

Why is it difficult for our churches to prune us? Pruning is often messy, people break down; it's often a somewhat disorderly event by nature. Some sermons hold convicting messages, but the closest thing might be healing services. But churches seem to avoid regular healing services.

Is pruning part of a healing process? There seems to be similar characteristics – pain, crying, remorse, regret, suffering ... but then strength, renewal, change, joy.

So where do we get pruned? Often, pruning happens at the “milestone events” like Billy Graham crusades, Promise Keepers, Women of Faith, church retreats, and certainly Tres Dias Weekends. It seems like God uses these events in a special way to prune away some of the big stuff, and then put us back together as a new creation in His grace. Here's the main point....

Where can we find ongoing opportunities for pruning, regular cleaning of the small but frustrating and obstructing barnacles off our hulls? What about Reunion Groups? If we have a heart to confess our smaller, everyday failings to a couple like-minded people every week before these issues become raging forest fires, isn't that one of the primary functions of a vibrant, fruit-bearing reunion group?

If you want to grow and bear fruit, get pruned. And don't be afraid to be used by God in the pruning of others (but remember the plank and speck thing). (See **Micah 6:8** and **Proverbs 27:17**.)

De Colores,

Mike Wise (AZ Cursillo #34)

Are you Grouping?!?!
For good reason, it's a Tres Dias Essential.

Community News

SOUNDS OF SECRETARIAT

- * Decided that the weekend fees will remain at \$200 but that scholarships would be available for up to the full weekend fee.
- * Decided that there would be only one women's weekend in March 2007 and one men's weekend in October 2007.
- * JoAnn Dottore & Todd Herrick presented the critiques for Women's & Men's #15 weekends.
- * The August 11, 2007 picnic/secuela will be held in the Arborview shelter at the Washington Reservation of the Cleveland Metroparks.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our Leadership and the following urgent needs:

Gene and Elaine Kabelen (M#2 & W#9) request prayers for a friend of theirs in Marietta, Jim Schneider, who has just had surgery for prostate cancer. Please keep Jim and his family in prayer. **Lisa Larson (W#9)** had surgery on Dec 22 to remove her gall bladder. Please pray that her recovery is quick and easy. **Ginny Gibbons (W#10)** had a colon biopsy done on Dec 21 to determine if it is ovarian cancer or the breast cancer from years ago. Either way, it has metastasized and chemo will play a major role. If it's ovarian, there may be surgery to consider. Ginny asks for continued prayers as they anticipate treatment. **Update on Bill Bodemer [M#6]:** After a two-week rest between rounds of treatment, Bill Bodemer is undergoing a second series of chemotherapy treatments for cancer of his neck, lung and kidney. Please keep him in your prayers. **Update on Wally Scofield [CT M#6]:** Wally came home from the hospital on the 22nd. If all goes well, he has two more weeks of daily radiation and three more chemo treatments. He is very stoic as he endures the pain. Due to the treatments, he cannot hear or speak, but within a few months both should return. **Prayers for Barbara Radis [W#1] and family:** Barbara's father passed away on Dec 28. She has expressed that although she is "heartbroken," she is at peace. **Prayers and condolences to Cassandra Kearney (W#12), Ada McQuarry (W#14) and Fred McQuarry (M#14)** Dan Kearney notified Tres Dias of the sudden heart attack and death of Floyd Beaver, age 49, in St. Louis. Floyd is the son of Ada, and brother to Cassandra and Fred. Floyd also leaves his wife and four young children. At the time of Dan's call, Ada was on a plane heading to St. Louis for a holiday visit and family reunion, and was still not aware Floyd had died. Floyd's entire family is distraught and in shock. **Please pray for them** in the months ahead.

For addresses to send cards: Go to the Tres Dias directory (www.tresdiascleveland.org). Click on "Directory" on the left side menu bar. Type the password: **3dpassword**.

Update on Jim Crytzer:

Jim Crytzer (M#7) underwent surgery December 21 for a ruptured esophagus. The surgery was a success – although it was the best of the worse case scenario. Jim had to have his esophagus removed because of the damage done. The hospital has restricted the number of visitors Jim can have in a day to minimize the threat of infection, and to help him rest. Judi sent the following message: *We thank you for your many prayers offered up in our name, and ask that you will continue to storm the gates of heaven for a while longer. Our family is truly amazed of the outpouring of love we have received, especially from the Tres Dias community. We have no idea why we are walking through this valley now, but we pray that God will be glorified through it.*

TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF 12/16/06

Beginning Balance – 1/1/06 \$ 3,553.95

Income: 1/1/06 - 12/16/06

Weekend Fees	\$20,747.00
Gifts/Donation	16,704.08
Donations-spl events	
Dinner	2,792.66
Golf Outing	2,116.00
Zoo Training	100.00
Interest/Misc	45.07
	\$42,504.81

Expenses: 1/1/06 - 12/16/06

General Expenses:	
Weekend Site Rental	\$25,139.83
Weekend Equip Rental	525.00
Weekend Supplies	1,521.35
Newsletter printing	563.91
Newsletter postage	333.40
Special Events	
Dinner	336.16
Golf Outing	984.00
Training at Zoo	536.51
Insurance	510.00
Website Maintenance	480.00
Tres Dias Int'l Dues	270.00
Miscellaneous	165.00
	\$31,365.16

Repayment of loan 5,200.00

Total Expenses:	\$ 36,565.16
Income less Expenses:	\$ 5,939.65
Balance as of 12/16/06	\$ 9,493.60

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION:

Editor – Eileen Koborie
 Publication and Distribution – Barb Jackson & Deane Elek
 For February, please send all articles to Eileen Koborie at ekoborie@sbcglobal.net or call 330-322-5225 by January 23.

Mark your Calendar

Please prayerfully plan to attend these events. Each Pescadore is an important part of our Community. We desire your fellowship, ideas, and contributions!

SECUELAS - *Open to friends and family who have not attended a Tres Dias Weekend.*

January 12 **Highland Sixth Presbyterian**
5632 Wilson Mills Road
Highland Hts., OH

February 9 **Bay Presbyterian**

SECRETARIATS - **7 p.m.**

January 16 **Highland Sixth Presbyterian**

February 13 **Bay Presbyterian**

UP & COMING DATES:

	Secuelas		Secretariats	
	Date	Location	Date	Location
March	3/9	Christ Presbyterian	3/13	Christ Presbyterian
April	4/13	Highland Sixth	4/17	Highland Sixth
May	5/18	Orwell	5/22	Orwell

Save The Date!

Tres Dias Essential Training

Do you have some questions about Tres Dias? Whether you are a brand new Pescadore or seasoned veteran, we have a great opportunity for you to learn more and share your experiences! Training is required for each Tres Dias Community before it is re-chartered every two years.

When: Saturday, January 20, 2007.
(10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. – lunch provided!)

Where: Highland Sixth Presbyterian Church
5632 Wilson Mills Road
Highland Hts., OH 44143

Who: All Pescadores who have not been trained previously
(Those who have completed a Tres Dias Weekend and would like to serve on Team.)

Why: Learn about Sponsorship, the Pre-Weekend preparation, the Weekend & Fourth Day activities, e.g., Secuelas (worship & fellowship), Secretariats (Tres Dias business meetings) & Tres Dias International (Communities around the world).

This is a great preparation for Pescadores who have an interest in serving on Team and /or would like to understand the “big picture” of Tres Dias. Pray for Tres Dias Cleveland & Communities around the world! The Workshop is presented in a new, interactive way ... join the fun & fellowship! It will be taught by certified trainers Pam Belknap, Executive V.P. of Tres Dias Intl., and Tonya Busic. To sign up, contact Pam Belknap by phone: (440) 442-4922 or by email: pbelknap@ameritech.net by January 18.



WOMEN'S WEEKEND #16

March 22-25, 2007

THEME: PEACE

WEEKEND VERSE:

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:7 (NKJV)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dave Harsch (M #2)
Weekend Chair
Diane Harsch (W #2)
Rectora
Eva Holsinger (W #8)
Music Director
Beth McKee (W #9)
Spiritual Director
Bernie Melster (M #11)
Weekend Chair
Nancy Melster (W #9)
Chief Aux
Denise Palma (W #8)
Assistant Rectora
Birgit Rudden (W #12)
Assistant Chief Aux
Jan Wolff (W #8)
Assistant Rectora
Paul Yanchek (M #12)
Spiritual Director

New Applications for 2007 Weekends

Included (and on the web) are the new applications for the 2007 Weekends. Please be sure to destroy any old versions you may have of the applications.

Women's #16 Application Deadline: March 8, 2007

Before a Candidate can be accepted on a Weekend, the Asst. Treasurer must receive all THREE of the following:

- 1) Candidate's application
- 2) Sponsor's application
- 3) AND the \$75 non-refundable application fee.

Please do not send applications directly to the Rectora.

Do you know Sponsors have specific responsibilities? Do you know the guidelines for whom to invite on a Weekend? When is it a good idea to not invite someone? See the Web site for more info:

<http://www.tresdiascleveland.org/sponsorship.html>

Application for Tres Dias

Tres Dias is a full three-day experience directed toward renewing relationships with fellow Christians, the Church and Christ. It can be physically and emotionally tiring. If you have physical infirmities or an emotional issue for which you have had or are now having treatment, Tres Dias may not be for you at this time. Please consider this carefully before filling out and submitting your application. Discuss this with your sponsor.

EXCEPT FOR NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, AND E-MAIL, ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION IS CONSIDERED CONFIDENTIAL. IT IS SOLICITED TO HELP PLAN THE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS REQUIRED, PLEASE USE THE BACK OF THIS FORM.

PLEASE PRINT AND BE SURE TO FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF THE APPLICATION

Today's date _____ Weekend: Women's March 22-25, 2007 Men's Oct 18-21, 2007

Name _____ Nickname/Preferred Name _____

Street _____ Suite or Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work Phone (_____) _____ E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Your age _____ Marital Status _____ Number of Children _____

Have you ever attended a Tres Dias or equivalent 3-day Weekend? Yes No (i.e. Cursillo, Emmaus, Koinonia, Other)

If married, has spouse attended a Tres Dias or equivalent 3-day Weekend? Yes No (i.e. Cursillo, Emmaus, Koinonia, Other)

If spouse attended a Weekend, where and which? _____ When? _____

Your Spouse's name _____

Church you attend _____ Church city _____

Your Occupation _____ Highest level education _____

Hobbies or strong interests (include musical talents) _____

Mark all that describe you Outgoing Quiet Leader Follower Other _____

Do you have any physical disabilities or chronic conditions that might limit your participation in three full days of Tres Dias?

(i.e. diabetes, cardiac, depression, hearing problems, vision problems) Yes No

If YES, please describe _____

Special diet and/or medication? Describe _____

If yes to medications, do you require that they be taken at specific times? (i.e. 20 minutes before meals; 10:00 a.m.)

Yes No If yes, please describe time schedule _____

Please include a brief, frank statement on the back of this form describing why you wish to participate in Tres Dias, and what you expect to gain from it.

I wish to apply to Tres Dias _____

(Signature)

There are limited openings for each Weekend.

Final deadline for receipt of applications is two weeks prior to start of the weekend.

To be completed by Sponsor: "After careful thought and prayerful consideration, I commit myself to support this applicant BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the Weekend."

(Sponsor's signature) (Print Sponsor's Name) (Sponsor's Weekend... where and when)

(Sponsor's address, city, state zip) (Sponsor's phone – area code & number)

Why do you wish to participate in Tres Dias, and what do you expect to gain?

___\$75 non-refundable application fee is to be included with this application.

I am requesting a scholarship of \$_____ towards the \$75 application fee.

I will pay \$_____ towards the \$125 remainder of the weekend cost by _____ (but no later than one week prior to the start of the weekend).

I am requesting a scholarship of \$_____ towards the \$125 remainder of the weekend cost.

**Please return this form to your Sponsor.
Checks should be made payable to Tres Dias Cleveland.**

Sponsor: Please complete the box on the front of this application as well as a Sponsor's application. Mail both forms along with the fee to:

**Denise Palma
28901 Naylor Drive
Solon, OH 44139-1178**

Tres Dias Sponsor's Form

Except for name, address, phone and e-mail, all information will be kept in strict confidence. This form must be completed and submitted **with** a Candidate's application before he or she can be accepted for Tres Dias.

PLEASE PRINT AND BE SURE TO FILL OUT BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Today's date _____ Weekend: Women's March 22-25, 2007 Men's Oct 18-21, 2007

Candidate's Name

(last) (first) (middle initial)

Why do you feel this Candidate should attend a Tres Dias Weekend?

How do you know the Candidate?

How would you describe the Candidate? Outgoing Quiet Leader Follower

Comments:

To your knowledge, does the Candidate have any physical, spiritual or emotional issues that may have a bearing during the Weekend? Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Are you active in Fourth Day activities? Yes No

Reunion Group Secuela Committee Other (specify)

**SPONSORSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES ARE OUTLINED ON THE REVERSE OF THIS FORM
PLEASE READ AND SIGN THE REVERSE**

What support will you provide the Candidate during the Tres Dias Weekend?

Prayer Transportation Palanca Attendance at Closing Support of Family

Other support _____

Are you enclosing a donation to cover weekend expenses?

No Yes: Payment of \$ _____

Please provide any other information that might be helpful to the support of your Candidate during the Weekend. (i.e. special needs, job or family issues to be considered, etc.)

Enclosed \$ 75 Fee paid by: Candidate Sponsor Check # _____ Scholarship Request \$ _____

Candidate is Clergy - No fee required. 11/06

Sponsorship

Sponsorship is a total commitment to your candidate. As a sponsor consider the following:

1. I recognize that Tres Dias is not for everyone. Offering Tres Dias to someone comes only after I am willing to make a significant commitment to that person. If I am not willing to make that commitment, I should not sponsor.
2. Have I honestly looked at my reasons for sponsoring this person?
3. Do I know the person or do I just know about the person?
4. Have I prayed for guidance and sought counsel with other experienced Pescadores?
5. Is this the right time for the Candidate?
6. Am I willing to make a significant commitment to my Candidate and his/her family?

Weekend Support

Sponsors should support Candidates on the Weekend by providing transportation, praying for the Weekend, providing a general palanca letter to the Weekend, personal palanca to the Candidate, offering to help the Candidate's family, providing a baby-sitter for children if needed, attending the opening and closing, and answering any other needs that would be helpful.

Fourth Day Support

The sponsor should recognize that an ongoing commitment is being made to the Candidate by sending the Candidate to Tres Dias. The sponsor should help the new Pescadore to live the Fourth Day as it is presented on the Weekend by encouraging the new Pescadore to join (or form) a Reunion Group and to attend Secuelas and Secretariat meetings. In general, the sponsor should be responsive to the needs of the new Pescadore until he/she is established in the Fourth Day.

I have read and agree with the above:

Your signature _____

Your name (print) _____

Street address _____

City, state, zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Church attending _____

When and where did you make your Weekend? _____

Note: Deadline for receipt of completed applications (including fee) is two weeks prior to the start of the weekend.

Please mail the completed applications (Candidate's and Sponsor's) along with the fee to:

**Denise Palma
28901 Naylor Drive
Solon, OH 44139-1178**

Tres Dias – Cleveland

C/O Mike Wise
109 Clairhaven Dr
Hudson, OH 44236

First Class Mail
Time Dated Material

Tres Dias Mission Statement

“To strengthen the local church by providing a continuing atmosphere for individuals to share and experience the living Christ.”

