

# TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

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### **Grouping: Will you mentor someone who needs a hand?**

Remember that last talk of your weekend, the one about "grouping?" The concept of grouping is actually part of the Tres Dias Essentials, 3.3:1-2 "That local secretariats encourage Pescadores to participate in Reunion groups." If you are grouping, you already know the value of those times with fellow Christians, but if you aren't, do you need some help?

Diane Anderson, rectora for TD #60, had a great idea: why not ask for people to mentor those persons who want to group but have been unsuccessful in getting one together? Even though the community has always provided grouping coordinators, it remains difficult to put people together with those they don't know. Diane's idea of one-on-one mentoring seemed like a promising one to consider. Here's the concept:

If you have completed a weekend, did you notice some people who just really seemed to "click?" Or do you know people in your church that share interests? Do you sense connections among people? That is the starting place to become a mentor. You might seek out those people and share your ideas about how to get a group started. Sometimes the idea is intimidating without someone offering to help with the start-up process.

The mentor would suggest various kinds of groups. For example, you can have a reunion group of fellow pescadores, or maybe a group of people from your church who haven't even been on a weekend. You can meet with anyone -- friends, people at work -- there really are no limitations. Grouping (based on the information in the Tres Dias Reunion Group tiny booklet) is "a small group of friends who meet regularly to encourage each other to continue their Christian growth by sharing their adventures in piety, study, and action." You can have a Bible study; you could have a prayer time; you could have a service time - - just as the three legs of the stool (remember the stool?) are different, so are the different kinds of groups. A mentor will help you figure out what is best for you.

The mentor can also suggest materials to use, places to meet, and share the different kinds of experiences that grouping offers. The difference between being a mentor and being a grouping coordinator is that the mentor works with just one group. Do you think you might be able to do that? If so, give Lay Director Susan Pieper a call @491-2344.

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# Community News

**SECUELA:** Come the first Tuesday of every month (August 7<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 4, Oct. 2 ) at 7 p.m. at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Food and fellowship follow worship. Child care provided!

**SPEAKERS** Wow! Look at this line-up of speakers. August: Jeannie McCutchan; September: Bob Koehler; October: Barb Ferguson; and November: John Keller. If you have missed Secuela for awhile, come back and listen to what promises to be powerful testimony by these pescadores.

**SNACKS** Another great reason to come to Secuela is to visit with folks after the service and enjoy the generosity of those who feed us each month. Sheryl and Bob Walthers and group will do so in August. Thanks to John Welcher's group for bringing September goodies and to Kris White's Barnes and Noble group for October. Have you volunteered yet? Give Janet Rudolph a call at 897-1125!

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## WEEKENDS ARE COMING UP

(See Ed and Diane's letter on the following page.)

Men's TD 60	Oct. 18-21	Rector Ed Diekmann
Women's TD 60	Nov. 15-18,	Rectora Diane Anderson.
Men's TD 61	March 5-8 2008	Rector Jeff Knight
Women's TD 61	April 10-10 2008	Rectora Lori Cook

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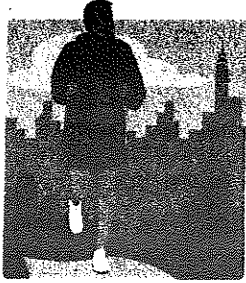
## NEW PESCADORES

Our newest members from Men's and Women's TD #59 are included in this publication. Call or email them and welcome them to the 4<sup>th</sup> Day - invite them to Secuela!

## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

The newsletter comes out approximately two weeks before the upcoming weekends in October, November, March, and April, and mid month in January and July. The next newsletter will be out October 6, 2007.

The October issue will feature a story about members of our community involved in the Kairos Ministry. Tom Clark explains what it is, who is involved, and how God is working to reach men and women who are incarcerated.



**"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths, guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God, my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:4-5**

**Dear 4<sup>th</sup> Day,**

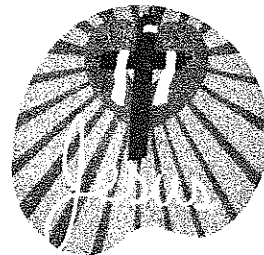
**This passage for our team was not my first choice, but I see it as God's choice for a lot of reasons. First, because it wasn't my choice: "teach me Your paths. . ." I found that picking just the right passage for the weekend was harder than putting together the team, because, in spite of my prayers, I kept focusing on my ideas, rather than God's. Finally, I sat down one night with my best friend, prayed again, and listed the possibilities while I kept trying to work around a great (even if I do say so myself) banner idea, and an equally great passage. (It had nothing to do with the banner; again, my choice, not God's). I ended up with another passage, which brings together every idea I had been thinking. His will, not ours, "guide me in your truth, submission to our Lord, You are my God, my Savior."**

**Well, the banner is not quite finished, but He gave us an idea which will work very well and doesn't require that I take 10 art classes from Les Miley! Think of the way we travel. Most of us always want to get as far as we can in a day to reach our final destination. We take the interstate. As a result, we tend to miss so many things along the way. All the little towns, all the signs (Like Bradford, TN, "The home of World-famous Bradford Doodle Soup" -- what's that all about?) Isn't our life just like that? Our goals center on the quick things and the quickest way to get there. As a result, we miss the people that need us and we miss the people we need. This brings us back to Tres Dias and the importance of grouping and the need to be held accountable for our speed, our "reckless driving", and to help others with "flat tires, directions, and running out of gas".**

**It's hard to believe that we will begin our journey together in just eight weeks. Thus far, 20 men, not counting Jeff Knight and myself, have answered God's call to become members of the team; eight men to go. If you want to beat the crowd, you can call Jeff Knight (812-985-8459) to sign up for the prayer vigil and Phil Lawrence at (812-464-3142) to sign up and serve a meal. The remainder of the team positions will be named after our team gathering on August 26. Our first formation will be August 30, and Talk Help Day will be September 29. Formations will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church; I'm waiting for confirmation if Talk Help Day can be held there.**

**Earlier I mentioned my best friend, my wife Nony. God introduced us, and we've been married 40 years. In Christ's name, we greet you, my brothers and sisters. Pray for your team. We serve our Father and we serve you. May God bless our journey.  
Ed Diekmann, Rector, TD60**

**"Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen"  
Ephesians 3:20-21**



**Greetings my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**Plans for Weekend #60 are beginning to take shape. I would truly covet your prayers as I try to discern God's will for team selection. Please consider joining us on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Methodist Temple for Talk Help day. I thank you for your prayers and I thank God in advance for what I KNOW He's going to do on the weekend! I know this because He is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think! Wow, I can't wait!**

**Blessings and peace to all of you!**

**Diane Anderson, Rectora, #60 (Can you believe we're on #60?!)**

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