

TriState Tres Dias Newsletter

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Christ is counting on you.

"The Essentials of the Weekend Phase"

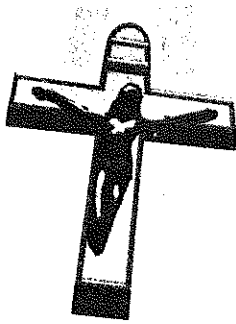
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I have been encouraging a good friend of mine to consider going on a week-end, but her husband is reluctant to do so. He said he has heard it referred to as a "cult." Although I have tried my best to explain the entire concept, including a day-by-day description of what goes on during the week-end, he remains unmoved. If you find yourself in a similar situation, perhaps reading this excerpt from the Essentials will be helpful.

"That the weekend have the following characteristics:

- A. It is a weekend of living in Christian community involving a combination of carefully developed activities and teachings which are meant to lead to a fuller personal commitment to Christ.
- B. It embodies personal witness, but it is not a revival meeting.
- C. It employs group dynamics, but it is neither sensitivity training nor group therapy.
- C. It employs theological instruction that encourages the candidate to study his/her own Christian beliefs, but it is not a course in doctrine.
- E. It includes a period of silent introspection, but it is not a retreat.
- F. It is a renewal experience for Christians and is not necessarily a conversion experience.
- G. It asks for basic faith, openness and a seeking attitude on the part of the candidate, but involves a great amount of dedication, prayer and careful planning on the part of the team.
- H. It is an encounter with the Holy Spirit. However TRES DIAS is not a "charismatic" movement.
- I. The week-end is a tool of God, not an end in itself. The weekend will not produce a permanent effect without Fourth Day activity."

(to be continued in the next newsletter)



Community News

Secula: Come the first Tuesday of every month, 7 p.m. at Olivet Presbyterian Church. Food and fellowship follow worship. Child care provided!

- Come hear the witness talks of Tim Grunow in March, John Anoskey in April, and Debra Forrest in May.
- Oops! The refreshment list from 2006 was published in the last edition, causing mass confusion and some hungry folks at the February Secuela. The snacks for March will be provided by Gloria Clark and in April by Jan Thurbach's Saturday group. (Promise!)

See the enclosure for our new TD #58 Pescadores!

Who ya gonna call?

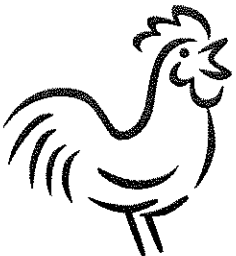
If you need to reach anyone about anything, remember that the contact people + their phone numbers, and in many cases, their emails, are always listed on the back page of every newsletter, under the "Bears Repeating" headline. Have a question or concern? Call!

The Spring Week-ends are coming soon!

The Men's TD #59 week-end is March 8-11. If you hurry, you can still sponsor a candidate!

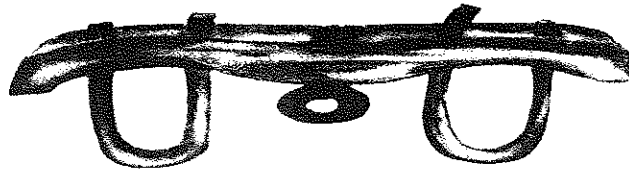
Weekend schedule

- Candidates arrive at 6 p.m. Thursday. Sponsor service at 6:30.
 - 4th Day communion service at 8:15 p.m. Saturday in Celebration Hall.
 - Candlelight service follows at 9:30 p.m. in Sarto Chapel.
 - Closing at 3 p.m. Sunday in Celebration Hall. Candidates arrive 3:15.
- Women's TD #59-April 19-22. Talk Help Day- March 17 Methodist Temple



Yay! The website is up and running!

There is a change: www.tri-statetresdias.org (It now has a hyphen.) Go there for general information and for applications.



Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest..."

Dear Fourth Day: Thank you all for your continued prayers and support. Men's Tres Dias # 59 is continuing to form. Talk Help day went well and again praise God for all of your support that day. I am including our current candidate list as of Feb. 17. We still have times open for meal servers and our prayer vigil. You will have another opportunity to sign up at our March Secuela, March 6. You may call Bill McCune, Head Warden @ 490-0336 to sign up to serve a meal or Ed Diekmann, Assistant Rector @ 867-6931 for a time on the prayer vigil. We will continue to covet your prayers and support through our weekend. Our prayer is for the Holy Spirit to move in us allowing the candidates and the team to surrender and come to Jesus for the rest that only he can give. John Welcher, Rector TD #59

Candidate List

From Evansville: Larry Butts, John Clouse, Adam Doty, Karl Hayes, Lee Head, John Hull, Gary Masterson, Glenn Pace, Lee Pitlick, Denis Racster, Dennis Thomas, Joe West, Jim Zelle; From Newburgh: Brian McKee and Barry Hampton; From Henderson: Bill Erkfitz

"Be joyful always, pray continually and give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

DeColores!

How exciting this God led adventure is! I have felt God's total control in calling the team for TD 59. The scripture God led me to has been my strength through the process. It is most definitely His work that has put together this group for TD 59.

Those saying yes to His call are:

Spiritual Directors Bill Rasch, Frank Riley, Dan Kennedy; **Rector** Linda Hay; **Assistant Rectora** Diane Anderson; **Liturgy Director** Carol Moore; **Stewardesses** Vicki Nelson, Gloria Millay, Joyce McKinney; **Song Leaders** Terry Haynie, and Roxy Baas; **Cooks** Monica Mills, Jan Gossman, Susan Brown and Christie Peach; **Wardens** Debbie Kempf, Seby Durgy, and JoAnn Hendrickson; **Palanca** Brenda McCune + **Angels** Nancy Hughes, Dottie Durgy, and Jane Swain; **Table leaders:** Ideal, Monie Freeman, Church Jamie Webb, Piety, Jan Thuerbach, **Study** Connie Nord, **Action** Sharon Shields, **Leaders** Kathryn Kornblum Zelle, **Environments**, Paula Viner and **CCIA** Suzanne McCool.

To sign up for the Prayer Vigil contact Diane Anderson (471-3095)

To sign up for serving a meal, table Palanca or snack Planaca contact Debbie Kempf (401-1535)

We thank each of the Fourth Day for their prayers and their support. Our prayer as a team is that the weekend will be all about Him and we accomplish what He has set us out to do. Linda Hay, Rectora TD #59

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If you have questions about our community, call Susan Pieper, Lay Director, at 491-2344. Changes in name, address, phone or email? Contact database manager Craig Ettensohn at ettensohn@sige.com.net, phone 867-0575. For sponsor applications, go to www.tri-statetresdias.org or contact MaryAnn Kraft at makraft01@insightbb.com, 422-5356 or Joe Kerr at 402-0167. If you need assistance finding a group, call Mike Freeman at 963-6592. Has God given you a message for the 4th Day? Please contact secuela co-hosts Margo Borre, 401-4835 or Tom Clark, 483-8830. Can your group bring snacks for secuela? Contact Janet Rudolph, 897-1125. If you'd like to join the musicians, call Carol Moore at 858-6968. Invite your pastor to make a weekend! Call Vince Anderson, clergy coordinator at 471-0395 or head spiritual director Patrick Jackson at 476-5878 for helpful advice. To write an article or to comment on the newsletter, contact Editor Debra Forrest at debraforrest@sige.com.net or phone 424-2345.