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Secuelas!!

*July 21st
Tres Dias Picnic
Kenyons
So. Royalton*

*August 18th
TBA*

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Isaiah 86:11-13

Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may live according to your truth! Grant me purity of heart, so that I may honor you. With all my heart I will praise you, O Lord my God. I will give glory to your name forever, for your love for me is very great. You have rescued me from the depths of death.

President Letter



Dear Community,

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mike Williams and I am the new President for Vermont Tres Dias. I live in Brookfield with my wife Jill. We have 2 grown children; our daughter Molly, who is 25 and our son Jesse, who is 21.

Molly made her weekend last fall. Jesses attends Nyack College and is studying to be a Youth Pastor.

I would like to thank Ron Langdon for his term of service as our president. Ron has done a terrific job. Also I would like to thank all the board members and all those who have served on all the committees. May you all be blessed.

As I venture into this new position I have to ask myself these 2 questions:



1. How can I use what God has given me to reach out to all of Vt. Tres Dias.

2. And what can I do to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Simple, serve!! We are in need of churches to host Secuelas. We also need people to serve on the committees we have. I ask you seek God's word and pray, to see if He is calling you to serve.

I know as the summer wears on, we all get very busy with gardens, vacations, etc. Are we to busy that we can't serve our Lord and Savior as He has served us??

Matthew 20:28
"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and gave His life as a ransom for many."



I ask you this question, are you here to be served or to serve? I ask that we all stand up to our call from Jesus Christ. Serve Him Today !!!

God Bless

Decolores

Mike Williams

Men's Rector Letter

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Dick Michaud and I am both excited and blessed to have the opportunity to serve our Lord as rector for the upcoming men's weekend #47. My weekend was #40 in the fall of 2004.



My wife Lorinda and I live in Milton VT., and have been members of Georgia Plain Baptist Church for 30 years. We have raised 5 children who have blessed us with 12 grandchildren. The Lord is good. I retired three years ago after 42 years with an aerospace company.



The verse that God put before me, is from *Isaiah 40:30-31*.
Even youths grow tired and

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Women's Rector Letter

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

As spring is upon us and summer is knocking at our door, it's such a beautiful time of year and everything is fresh and new. God's beautiful handiwork is so obvious.



I am honored to be the Rector for the fall women's weekend. I can already see how He is putting the women together to serve. We should all feel honored to serve because when we are serving others we are serving Christ - what a blessing. There's, nothing like being with a whole group of other sisters in Christ and shutting out the world for three days on top of a mountain and soaking up more of Him!

I pray that all of us really work at finding pilgrims for the weekend so those pilgrims can share such a wonderful weekend. I did my weekend in the fall of 1995. it was then

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*weary, And young men
stumble and fall: But those
who wait upon the Lord, Will
renew their strength. They
will soar on wings like eagles:
They will run and not grow
weary, They will walk and not
be faint.*

Please be praying and listening for our Lord's voice to guide you in considering your role in our weekends. Whether it is sponsoring a pilgrim, providing Palanca or continual prayer, all are important for God's work to be accomplished.



I also want you to not only pray for God's blessing on our weekends but also pray that I would let go and let God.

De Colores

Dick Michaud

Rector #47



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that I began to appreciate Gods people of many different walks of life.

The theme for the weekend is being the bride of Christ and how from the very beginning Christ has chosen us.

II Thessalonians

2:13b because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

I realize how busy life really can be. I know what a sacrifice it is to serve and I so appreciate it when people give up their time to do it. One thing I know is that you will be blessed because when you give of yourself that is what makes the pilgrims feel so loved on the weekend.

Keep the upcoming Secuela in mind. It helps prepare us to get jazzed up for the fall weekend. Ride with a friend that you haven't seen in a while, catch-up on the way and be blessed as you fellowship with others.

I would ask you all to pray for

the upcoming pilgrims and for the team members that He would prepare their hearts, clean their schedules that they may all feel affirmed in whatever capacity that God calls them. May those the Lord has called to serve on team feel needed, and have a willing heart. May they also be blessed in the process.



Thank you all again for your prayers and support. May you all be blessed this summer.

De Colores,
Paula Brown
Rector #52

Fall Weekend Dates!

Now is the time to get your Pilgrim's application into the Application Committee. Go online and get your Application and Sponsor Form and get them mailed in. Address is on the Sponsor Form

Men's weekend Nov 1-4

Women's Weekend Nov 8-11

Upcoming Events!



Our July Picnic will be held at Ted & Bonnie Kenyon's. Thank you Ted & Bonnie for opening up your property for a time of fellowship! Date is July 21st, from noon on. Arrive any time after 11 and stay as long as you want. Bring food for your picnic, which will be a pot luck style.

Directions to

Ted & Bonnie's are:

Coming from the North on 89S take Exit 3. At the end of the Exit take a left and go to the T in the road. Eaton's Sugar House will be directly in front of you. Take a right onto Route 14 and go through the little town of Royalton and then directly through the intersection in the town of South Royalton. We are the home of the Vermont Law School. Go through the intersection of South Royalton and approximately 1.5 to 2 miles down the road on you

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will see on your left a Green and Gold Historical marker for the Joseph Smith Monument.

Coming from the Southern area like White River Jct. you will take 89N and get off at Exit 2. Take a left at the bottom of the exit and proceed to the T in the road and take a right onto Route 14. Go approximately 4 miles along the river and you will come to a Green and Gold Historical marker for the Joseph Smith Monument. ***

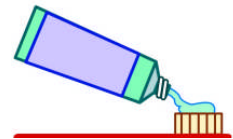
***Coming from the north, take a left, coming from the south take a right and go approximately 2 miles up Dairy Hill - your right you will come to the entrance to the monument but continue straight ahead onto the dirt road about 1/2 mile and we will be on the left side of the road at the top of a hill. Slightly below the picnic area you will see 2463 on the mail box with a cat and flowers on the mailbox cover.

The Kenyon's phone number is 802-763-8146 or their cell at 802-356-5015.

Items for the weekend

Dear Pescadores,

The Supply Committee is in charge of picking up the different items needed for the weekend. If you find a great bargain while shopping, pick up any of the items below. Please call or email Sandy Rilling to let her know what you have donated. Bring the items to the next Secuela, and they will be forwarded. This will help greatly in easing the financial burden of the weekends. Let's pull together to make a few of these purchases and be blessed. If you would like to make a financial donation to help, that would also be appreciated. Thank you!



- Paper Towel
- Dish Soap
- Small travel size: Razors, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant (Men/Women) Shampoo, Soap, Roloids, Advil/Tylenol
- White Lined Paper
- Kleenex (Boy do we need those!)



Table Cloths for the Weekend

On each set of weekends, we have beautiful table cloths that are used in the dining room. They need to be cleaned and pressed between the two weekends. We need someone that will be responsible for this getting done, and also be willing to store the totes at their home until the following year, when the weekends come up again.

If you would like to volunteer for this, please call Mike Williams or come to the next Secretariat and offer your blessing there.



This is an easy task, though it may get hectic between the Men's and Women's weekends. If you want an understanding of the job, call Pat Maynard. She has been doing this for the past few years, and she can fill you in on the details.

Thank you!



Call Mike Williams

Schedule Secuela's

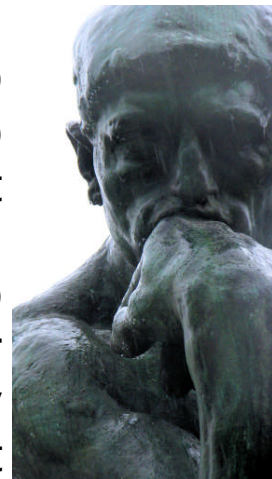
We are looking for someone that will be responsible for calling churches to arrange the monthly Secuela's. This



job really does not take a lot of time, and could actually be done in a short time for the entire year, with some phone call diligence.

The coordinator will be given a list of the churches and Pescadores to call. There are outlines that may be sent to the contact person that give details on hosting a Secuela. Some follow-up reminders would likely be required.

Please consider taking on this position. Call Mike Williams to offer your time to this important task. We need the community to come to-gether and help. Many hands make light work!



**Michael's number is:
276-2171**

JESUS

**"Now thanks be unto God,
which always causes us to
triumph in Christ"**

2 Cor. 2:14

God gets His greatest victories out of apparent defeats. Very often the enemy seems to triumph for a little, and God lets it be so; but then He comes in and upsets all the work of the enemy, overthrows the apparent victory, and as the Bible says, "turns the way of the wicked upside down." Thus He gives a great deal larger victory than we would have known if He had not allowed the enemy, seemingly, to triumph in the first place.



The story of the three Hebrew children being cast into the fiery furnace is a familiar one. Here was an apparent victory for the enemy. It looked as if the servants of the living God were going to have a terrible defeat. We have all been in places where it seemed as though we were defeated, and the enemy rejoiced. We



can imagine what a complete defeat this looked to be. They fell down into the flames, and their enemies watched them to see them burn up in that awful fire, but were greatly astonished to see them walking around in the fire enjoying themselves.

Nebuchadnezzar told them to "come forth out of the midst of the fire." Not even a hair was singed, nor was the smell of fire on their garments, "because there is no other God that can deliver after this sort."

This apparent defeat resulted in a marvelous victory.



Suppose that these three men had lost their faith and courage, and had complained, saying, "Why did not God keep us out of the furnace!" They would have been burned, and God would not have been glorified.

If there is a great trial in your life today, do not own it as a defeat, but continue, by faith, to claim the victory through Him who is able to make you

more than conqueror, and a glorious victory will soon be apparent. Let us learn that in all the hard places God brings us into, He is making

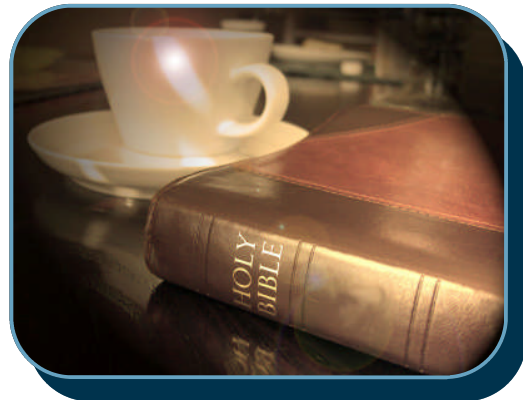
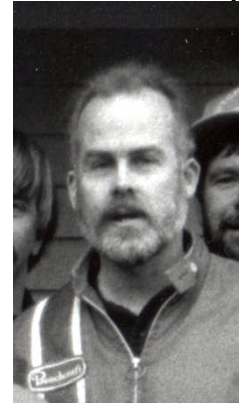


opportunities for us to exercise such faith in Him as will bring about blessed results and greatly glorify His name.

Taken from
Life of Praise, Streams in the Desert

Don Lewellen Memorial Service

There will be a memorial service for Don Lewellen, friend and past TD President, on Saturday, July 14th at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 11 Church Street, Saint Albans, VT. at 10:30 am. All are invited. Peggy would love to see her fellow Pescadores.



Do you have questions about Tres Dias

Questions like:

- Committees, What are their responsibilities?
- How do you sponsor a Pilgrim ?
- How do you host a Secuela?
- How can I sign up to serve a meal on the fall weekends?
- What if I want to make a banner, where do I begin?

All these questions can be answered by asking about them at a Secretariat, or a Secuela, or call our President Mike Williams at 276-2171



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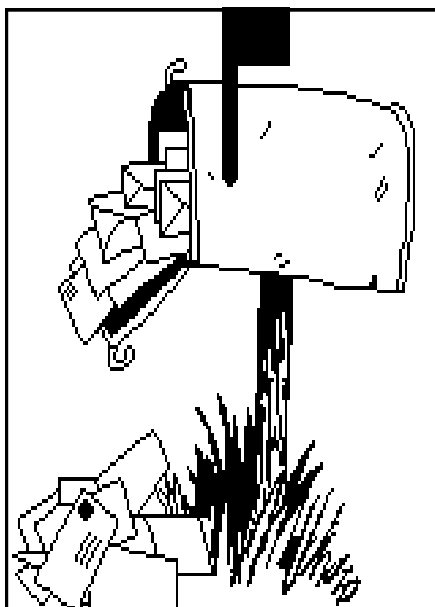
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Vermont TD Web Site

www.vttresdias.org

Visit the link, check it out. Monthly information about Secuela sites, and maps for directions. PDF files of Brochures, Applications, and Sponsor forms. Send your feedback to pj_smithers@comcast.net We would love to hear from you!!



Send any community news or interesting meditations for The Abraco to:

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Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.

Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

**July: short Secretariat—Just before the picnic,
gather at 11:00 am**

**July Picnic July 21st at Ted & Bonnie Kenyon
12:00 Noon!**

Directions to the Kenyons are on Page 5



(Directions to Secuela's are on the Web Site)

*We a volunteer for the "Post Weekend" committee
to find churches to host the monthly Secuelas. If
interested, Please call Mike Williams
802-276-2171*

**Carpool to Secretariat.
It's great fun and fellowship!**



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