



Highlights

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Orange County Tres Dias Newsletter

“The OC Tres Dias President’s Message”

Merry Christmas to the Tres Dias Community

We have officially kicked off the Christmas season! This is the time, we as Christians are reminded and celebrate the gift of Jesus’ birth and coming into this world. Many celebrate with gifts, singing songs of joy, and fellowship. Our focus is looking forward to tidings of comfort and joy, but we can tend to let our guards down because we have worked so hard.

There are two important things for us to remember. The first one is that God is the source of all our comfort. (2 Cor 1:3). The second thing is that the holiday season can bring much pain from death, loss of job, loss of relationship, or whatever causes pain to us. Our comfort is a gift from God to help others through their troubles and will strengthen our own journey (2 Cor 1:4). Now is the time to be intentional about grouping. Let’s take the time to get together and unpack those joys and concerns. This will help up us be prayerful, thankful, and alert to supporting our brothers/sisters. If you are not part of a reunion group and thinking about it, attend one of the several listed groupings we have, or feel free to start one!

On another note, when we are thinking of giving...the gift of sponsorship is a wonderful holiday gift to a fellow believer who desires to grow in their personal relationship with Jesus. We are blessed to report that there are four people so far committed to coming to the March weekends. (3 Ladies 1 Man)

Let us prayerfully consider a family member, friend, fellow congregant, Pastor, or even that person you may not even know yet. My belief is that we can abundantly sponsor if we trust that God will lead us to that one special person you are called to help lift. Make that your prayer for the next two months. Amen!

Save the dates on your calendar

Our first team meeting is only eight short weeks away and will be held at Red Hill on **January 19th, 2019**. As a reminder, the Men’s weekend will take place **March 14th-17th 2019**, and Ladies weekend will be held **March 21st-24th 2019**.

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled **January 4th, 2019** at **Red Hill Lutheran** starting at **7pm**. Any member of Tres Dias is welcome to attend.

****There will NOT be a scheduled Secretariat or Secuela in the month of December. **** Please use this time to engage with your churches, and families. We know this is a busy month and we want you to savor the moment.

May your Christmas season be heartfelt and richly blessed,

Your brother in Christ,

George Cripps



Prayer Requests

Denese Tribilcox is in the hospital with a severe infection in her calf and they were close to having to amputate part of her leg...however, she is making a turn for the better (very slowly). She can't breathe on her own so they had to put her on a ventilator, which she hates. And her legs are still paralyzed. Because of all this, they are unable to work on the cancer she has. So, needless to say, she needs prayer! Please pray for Jim also, as he is her caregiver when she is home.



Prayer Vigil Sign-up's

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

You are encouraged to sign up for the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for any upcoming weekends.

As parents, we can often question ourselves on how well we are raising our children. Are we being loving enough without being too permissive? Are we training them up in the ways of the LORD? So many questions and doubts...

I'm wondering if Joseph struggled with these same issues that parents do today; was he concerned with how he was raising his adopted Son, Jesus Immanuel Christ. Did Joseph worry about how as a refugee, he was going to physically protect and spiritually nurture his family when they got to Egypt--so far from his own home, religious base and family support system?

Moreover, how did Joseph take 12-year-old Jesus' question at the Temple? "Didn't you know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). Did Joseph want to defend himself and his wife to his fellow Jews amid rumors of an illegitimate son?

As you know, after that fateful dream, Joseph obeyed the angel of the LORD. And in the face of the damning mockery he would catch, Joseph agreed to take Mary as his wife and her son as his own child. For the sake of God's kingdom and the salvation of his people, Joseph, a righteous man, likely spent the rest of his days enduring the unjust condemnation of raising this Child.

However, in all of this, Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking. He modelled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost and choke it down despite its bitter shame.

Nevertheless, just as God took away Jesus' shame by raising him from the dead, we may look forward to the day when Jesus honors his adopted father, who suffered so much for him and yet refused to deny his son before men. (Matt 10:33)

What a thrill one day, when Joseph will hear from his Son, Jesus, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Blessed are you whom people said all kinds of evil against because of Me.!"

*Taken from Bible Study Magazine; Nov/Dec Issue. "...Being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame" (Matthew 1:18-25; 2:13-15) by Joseph R. Dodson, Professor of Biblical Studies at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



Immanuel, God is with us!

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the LORD appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." "Behold a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the LORD commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS (Savior).

Matthew 1:18-25

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Key Dates

As you can also see, the Winter Weekends have already been scheduled March 14th-17th (Men) and March 21st-March 24th (Ladies). As the Tres Dias weekends approach, please prayerfully consider sponsoring a candidate or candidates. <http://www.octresdias.com/Candidate>

Now is the time for you to get commitments and submit applications from your Christian Candidates who are potential or current church leaders to attend. We need Candidates-don't wait until 2019!!

Dates and Locations for OCTD 45 & 46

January 19	Red Hill Lutheran Church	Team Meeting #1
February 2	Red Hill Lutheran Church	Team Meeting #2
February 14	Deadline for Candidate/Sponsor Applications	
February 16	Red Hill Lutheran Church	Team Meeting #3
March 2	Salvation Army Santa Ana	Team Meeting#4
March 14-17	Salvation Army Santa Ana	OCTD 45 Men's Weekend (Chuck Hall)
March 21-24	Salvation Army Santa Ana	OCTD 46 Women's Weekend (Lari Burney)
March 30	Red Hill Lutheran Church	FIESTA!

Reunion Groups

Piety

With what spiritual aids did I nourish my vital union with Christ this week?

- ... Holy Communion, Liturgy, Worship
- ... Personal Prayer: Praise (Adoration), Confession, Thanksgiving, Intercession, Petition
- ... Family Prayer
- ... Prayer in Community, Work, or Church
- ... Contact with a fellow Christian or clergy as spiritual friend/advisor

- When did I feel most in need of Christ?
- When did I feel closest to Christ?
- When was I most aware of Christ's presence?
- When did I gain some insight into my Christian walk?

Study

What have I done to understand better the word of God?

- ... The Bible
- ... Books
- ... Articles
- ... Meditations
- ... Discussions
- ... Observations

- How have I used what I have studied and what does it mean to me?
- How can I be more effective in my study?
- Do I have a plan to help my study be more God centered?
- What was a significant study experience?
- How did my experience help in relating to God or others?

Action

"I will make you fishers of men"
What success and failure did I experience:

- ... In my Family?
- ... In my Work?
- ... In my Church?
- ... In my Community or Neighborhood?
- ... Among my friends?
- ... In my broken world?
- ... Where is my Environment?

- How did I fulfill last week's plan?
- What am I planning to do next week?
- How can I be more effective for Christ?

See a friend, be a friend, and share Christ with your friend.

OCTD Reunion Groups

(Call or email a Reunion Group you would like to join!)

Bill Baley
Saturday 8:00 AM

bbaley@cox.net
Men / Weekly

Denny's - 2314 E. 17th St, Santa Ana

Duane Beisner
Tuesday 6:00 PM

dabeisner@yahoo.com
Men / Weekly

Wendy's - 28022 La Paz Rd., Laguna Niguel

Sue Swarth -714-308-8746
Sunday 2:00 PM

sueswarth@gmail.com
Women / Monthly: 4th Sunday

Orange County Area

Nancy Romero
Saturday 9:00 AM

nancyfromero@gmail.com Santa Ana (email Nancy for address)
Women / Monthly: 2nd Saturday

Jim Trebilcox
Friday 7:00 AM

jimnesie@sbcglobal.net
Men / Weekly

Katella Grill - 1325 W. Katella Ave Orange

Jim Trebilcox
Sunday 6:00 PM

jimnesie@sbcglobal.net
Co-ed / 2nd and 4th Sundays Orange

Denny's - 2005 E. Katella Ave.

Dick Kaye
Thursday 6:30 AM

dickkaye7@gmail.com
Men / Weekly

Denny's - 23515 El Toro Rd., Lake Forest

George and Elva Silva
Saturday 2-4 PM

elvasilva@aol.com
Co-ed / 2nd Saturday each month

San Pedro

Trish Carter
Thursday 6:00 PM

tcarteranderson@gmail.com Various Homes (S. Orange County)
Women / Monthly 2nd Thursday

Joelle Jungblut
Saturday 9-11 am

joellepatnode@gmail.com 44921 Muirfield Dr., Temecula
Woman / Monthly / First Saturday



Community Quick Links

Secretariat Minutes:

<http://www.octresdias.com/Secretariat.html>

Tres Dias International:

<http://tresdiaslibrary.worthyofpraise.org/>

Tres Dias By Laws:

<http://www.octresdias.com/Secretariat.html>

Tres Dias essentials:

<http://www.octresdias.com/Secretariat.html>

Team Applications:

<http://www.octresdias.com/events.html>

Candidate Application & sponsorship duties:

<http://www.octresdias.com/events.html>

Reunion Groupings:

<http://www.octresdias.com/Reunion-Groupings.html>

3 day Link to Tres Dias Prayer Vigil:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>



OC Secretariat Meeting

Friday, January 4th 2019

OC Tres Dias Monthly Secretariat Meeting (7 p.m.)

All members are welcome to our OC Board meeting held

the 1st Friday night of the month (except July) at

Red Hill Lutheran Church in Tustin, CA in the church Sanctuary.

“Let your voice be heard!”