

# Highlights

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## President's Message

### To Our Wonderful OCTD Community,

The Lord continues to bless our community and this ministry. We have a lot going on.

Work on the summer Tres Dias weekends is proceeding. Dan and Lynne have formed their teams, and held initial team meetings. The community has also begun to submit candidates for consideration. The summer dates at Red Hill in 2017 are: OCTD-39 on August 3-6 (Rector: Dan Pettit), OCTD-40 on August 10-13 (Rectora: Lynne Warmouth). See our [website](#) for additional information on team meeting times. If you can serve, please turn in a [team application](#).

As these summer Tres Dias weekends approach, please prayerfully consider sponsoring a [candidate or candidates](#) while there is still time. Get commitments to attend from your Christian candidates who may be on your heart and who are potential or current church leaders – **we need Candidates!!** They will be blessed, and so will you. If you have never sponsored a candidate, be courageous! Take advantage of the materials on our [website](#) and talk with experienced community members if you're unsure how to proceed.

We held our annual Tres Dias Community summer picnic barbecue on June 3. A wonderful time of fellowship, food and fun was had by all! More than 30 community members attended. It was also the final opportunity to submit ballots for the three elected OCTD secretariat leadership positions that will turn over in August.

Our next OCTD Secretariat meeting will be held Friday, July 7 at 7:00 pm at Red Hill Lutheran. All Community members are welcome to attend. With the community BBQ last month, the ongoing team meetings, the post-weekend Fiesta in August, and the Independence Day vacation, there is no secuela planned for the month of July.

As always, please continue to pray for His hand on all that we do. May God continue to bless this ministry as it moves forward!

Your Brother in Christ, Ken Hays

## Prayer and Praises!

Please pray for Sandy Limacher. She will have a Pet Scan on July 7th. Pray that everything will be revealed and healed! More to follow! Thanks and God bless all who pray!

From Paul Wood:

Thanks for praying for me through the challenging time I had with an almost one inch kidney stone. There were complications and much pain and two trips to emergency following the surgery. I'm now pain free and regaining my strength. God bless you!

From Ginny Mouawad:

Bob is now on a disability income. He is going through chemo therapy for the next year. His last Brain MRI showed NO cancer! Praise God! He is experiencing tremors in his hands/arms, and is recovering his speech. He needs prayers for complete recovery. He tires and has a hard time with too much noise, chaotic conversations around him. He is building new neuro pathways for thought and speech so keep your prayers on! Thank you! We are going to see him this 4th of July!

Please continue to pray:

To those who know Charlie and his son Amir, we know that when they fled Iran for safety sake, they had to leave Charlie's wife behind (the government doesn't consider a woman to be a threat). Charlie and Amir are here legally and have followed all the requirements from the USINS (immigration). In order for Maryam to be brought to the USA, they need to be granted an interview. These interviews require at least a six year wait and we are only halfway there. Charlie needs this interview and we had been working with Rep. Ed Royce's office to try to get this matter expedited. Normally they will allow an interview at the immigration services, Charlie had that about 6 weeks ago and they called him back last week for another interview. This is not normal. This time Charlie went wearing his Salvation Army uniform. The interview lasted about three hours. He got a very positive reaction on his uniform from the woman who interviewed him, both before and after the interview. He will be informed as to the results of the interview in two weeks. The interviewer's questions centered a lot on Amir. These interviews are all centered on allowing both Charlie and Amir to receive their "Green Cards", after this is done, they will be permitted to bring Charlie's wife to the US. This poor woman has been by herself for almost 3 years; because she is a Christian, family members will have little to do with her. We need to pray for our Lord to surround her with peace and courage.....Chappy

Dear Brothers and Sisters - The Salvation Army Homeless Outreach Program, OC614, is in need of blankets and sleeping mats. When your doing your "Spring Cleaning" and come across any blankets you would like to donate, or any Men's or Women's clothing you no longer use, please contact Nancy Romero 714 210-6028 or [nancy.romero@usw.salvationarmy.org](mailto:nancy.romero@usw.salvationarmy.org). As we see homelessness and financial hardship on the increase, please remember how blessed we are and that we are all the "hands and feet" of Christ. With deepest appreciation, thank you for your kind consideration and heart of compassion. With deepest appreciation, thank you for your kind consideration and heart of compassion. In His Service, Nancy Romero

**TRES DIAS #'s 39 & 40  
Redhill Lutheran Church**

Men 's Weekend #39 - August 3-6, 2017

Women 's Weekend #40 - August 10-13, 2017

Rector: Dan Pettit

Rectora: Lynne Warmouth

Get your application to work into your Rector/Rectora!

**TEAM MEETINGS**

@ Red Hill Lutheran

- Saturday, July 1st @ 9 a.m.
- Saturday, July 15th @ 9 a.m.
- Saturday, July 22nd @ 9 a.m.

**Please  
Sponsor  
a  
Friend!**

# Happy Independence Day!

No one can deny that many of the founding fathers of the United States of America were men of deep religious convictions based in the Bible and faith in Jesus Christ. Of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence, nearly half (24) held seminary or Bible school degrees.

These Christian quotes of the founding fathers on religion will give you an overview of their strong moral and spiritual convictions which helped form the foundations of our nation and our government.

by Mary Fairchild

## George Washington

1st U.S. President

"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian."

—*The Writings of Washington*, pp. 342-343.



# 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 [bbaley@cox.net](mailto:bbaley@cox.net)  
Saturday 8:00 AM

Denny's on 17th in Tustin  
Men / Weekly

Duane Beisner [dbeisner@yahoo.com](mailto:dbeisner@yahoo.com) Carl's Jr. at 55 Technology Dr. in Irvine  
Tuesdays 6:00 PM Men / Weekly

Sue Swarth 714-308-8746. [sueswarth@gmail.com](mailto:sueswarth@gmail.com) Orange County Area  
Sunday 2:00 PM Women / Monthly 4th Sunday

Nancy Romero [nancyfromero@gmail.com](mailto:nancyfromero@gmail.com) Santa Ana  
Saturday 10:00 AM Women / Monthly: Second Saturday

Jim Trebilcox [jimnesie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimnesie@sbcglobal.net) Katella Grill Orange  
Friday 7:00 AM Men / Weekly

Dick Kaye [dickkaye7@gmail.com](mailto:dickkaye7@gmail.com) Denny's on El Toro Rd. @ Raymond St.  
Thursday 6:30 AM Men / Weekly

George and Elva Silva [elvasilva@aol.com](mailto:elvasilva@aol.com) San Pedro  
Saturday 2-4 PM Co-ed /2nd Saturday each month

Trish Carter [tcarteranderson@gmail.com](mailto:tcarteranderson@gmail.com) Various Homes (S. Orange County)  
Sunday 2:00 PM Women/Monthly 2nd Sunday

Joelle Jungblut [joellepatnode@gmail.com](mailto:joellepatnode@gmail.com) (44921 Muirfield Dr., Temecula)  
Saturday 9-11 am Woman / Monthly First Saturday

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

"During my convalescence from my kidney surgery, Kathy and I read a great little book together. It is this book that has led to me write this Pastor's Corner. It is "Secrets of the Vine," by Bruce Wilkinson.

In John 13 we see the Last Supper, the final Passover that Jesus participates in before going to the cross. When Jesus and the disciples leave the upper room, Jesus begins to give the disciples His final instructions. The verses in John 15 are not about salvation. These verses are about doing the work that God has called us to do. Producing fruit or work for God in our life time.

*"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. (NKJ - John 15:1-5)*

If we truly want to become more like Jesus, it begins by looking at ourselves. We must examine our own walk in Christ, our **Fourth Day**. The scripture above tells us that if we are abiding in Christ, we produce fruit for God. Verse 2 tells us that through the vine, through Jesus, we can be used to provide fruit for God. Wilkinson calls them baskets of fruit. We see empty baskets (does not bear fruit), some that provide fruit (*that bears fruit*) and others that provide an abundance of fruit (*bears much fruit*).

Do we have empty baskets of fruit in our lives? God calls us to choose to do His work. That is what Tres Dias is about. It is a ministry that helps others see that there is more in our walk with Christ than going to church and bible studies. Remember Piety, Study and Action is a core to Tres Dias. The fruit we are talking about is that Action leg on our Fourth Day.

If there is active sin in our lives preventing us from producing fruit for God. (*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away*). That can only happen when we chose to say "NO" to that sin. Thankfully, God will help us overcome that sin in our lives. (*He takes away*) The Greek word used for "takes away" speaks of lifting up. Think of a grape vine branch lying on the ground in the mud. The "vinedresser" will lift or tie up the branch so it can produce fruit. Remember, this begins by our choice to say NO to sin in our life.

There are baskets in our lives that contain some fruit. God tells us that He will help us produce more fruit. Our baskets can be abundantly full. God tells us that "*every branch that bears fruit He prunes.*" Yes, that means that God will clip things away. If we choose, God will take away the things in our lives that prevent us from having abundantly full baskets of fruit. Are there things in our lives that prevent or distract us from doing God's work? Are there priorities or ideals that take precedence over God? The author felt God had asked him to place his wife and children into the hands of God. God wanted him to trust Him to care of his family. He struggled through the night wrestling with God over this decision. He finally chose to trust God.

Remember that Jesus chose to continue to suffer, so that we might be with Him eternally. No matter how painful and shameful it was, Jesus continued to endure for each and every one of us. "There is *no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.*" (NLT John 15:13)

Please take some time and draw close to God. Out of our love for Jesus we can ask God to let us know how we can have abundantly full baskets of fruit?

*God Bless, Pastor Paul*

## Community Quick Links

To find a reunion group in your area, click on website below for dates, times and locations:  
(Or start one of your own!)

### SECRETARIAT MINUTES:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/SECRETARIAT.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/secretariat.html)

### TRES DIAS INTERNATIONAL:

[HTTP://TRESDIASLIBRARY.WORTHYOFPRAISE.ORG/](http://tresdiaslibrary.worthyofpraise.org/)

### TRES DIAS BY LAWS:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/SECRETARIAT.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/secretariat.html)

### TRES DIAS ESSENTIALS:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/SECRETARIAT.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/secretariat.html)

### TEAM APPLICATIONS:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/EVENTS.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/events.html)

### CANDIDATE APPLICATION & SPONSORSHIP DUTIES:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/EVENTS.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/events.html)

### REUNION GROUPINGS:

[HTTP://WWW.OCTRESDIAS.COM/REUNION-GROUPINGS.HTML](http://www.octresdias.com/reunion-groupings.html)

### 3 DAY LINK TO TRES DIAS PRAYER VIGIL:

[HTTP://WWW.3DAYOL.ORG/VIGIL/GETCOMM.PHTML](http://www.3dayol.org/vigil/getcomm.phtml)

## OC Secretariat Meeting

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 (July 7th) 2nd at Red Hill Lutheran  
Church in Tustin, CA in the church Sanctuary.

“Let your voice be heard!”