



ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS

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Next Secuela: Sunday, February 9, “Trivia Challenge.” See the link on the “Secuela” page on our website, AND our Facebook page. NOW is a good time to start planning your 4-person team and call to reserve your table. **Deadline 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 5 to sign up.**

From your Communication Chair:

I remember a cute refrigerator magnet I saw a long time ago – a drawing of a big ole Texas “Lone Star” flag, with the verse “I have learned to be content in whatsoever state I am in.” Pretty sure Texas wasn’t the state Paul had in mind when he wrote that to the Philippians (4:11), but it actually fits pretty well.



Okay. I just tried to type the words “I have learned to be content in Illinois,” but with the amount of snow already on the ground, and the storm forecasted for this week, um, I must admit that contentment is not my honest emotion at the moment. I will be much more content this spring, summer or fall, but perhaps God is working on me. “He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it.” Philippians 1:6 Whew.

Truthfully, climate is not the only area of contentment I am still in the process of achieving. Marital status, economic status, my bald spot, the extra 10 (okay, 15) pounds I lug around. Am I content in this state? There is a fine line, isn’t there, between accepting ourselves, and striving to improve ourselves. You’ve heard that saying “God loves you just the way you are, but He loves you too much to leave you like that.”

That may be the solution. I AM content (i.e., love myself) where I am, but I am discontent enough to keep striving (to not leave myself where I am). To paraphrase Mark 9:24: “Lord, I am content; help my discontent.” His mercies are new every morning, thank you Abba, that means I get a “do-over” – even for my level of contentment. What about you? Are you content in whatsoever state you are in?

.....Anita Rogers <><

Spring Men's Weekend #30

Psalm 62: 7-8 *My salvation and my honor depend on God; He is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge.*

I recently read a statement which said; **“I used to ask God for all kinds of things, but now I ask for God, and he takes care of all things.”** That statement is fitting for many of us and it is certainly a fitting statement on how God has been at work putting the teams together.

Bill Pieters and I feel so blessed with each person who has stepped forth and made the commitment to serve on this weekend. We continue to pray for each one and also that the Lord will bless the candidates, the other part of the weekend that needs to be assembled.

Herman Johnson

“Getting to know you”

This feature will be an ongoing look at the people who have volunteered to serve on Secretariat. We circulated a questionnaire, and plan to print one or two responses each newsletter. This issue features Jean Lisk, our Secretary.

Your name, church, city, and family:

Jean Lisk; Westminster Presbyterian, Rockford;
Husband Al; Daughter & 2 teenage grandsons in
Gurnee IL; Son, Daughter-in-law, grandson &
granddaughter in Philadelphia area.

Why did you say “yes” to serving on Secretariat? Desire to serve & help spread the 4th day concept.

What was your first paying job, and what did you learn from it?

Mail & File Clerk - organization skills and how to work with people who have different ideas and ethics.



As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? How did that turn out for you?

At age 10 I decided I wanted to be a nurse. That dream was fulfilled and I went on to minister to patients in many different capacities.

If you had a \$10,000 gift card for travel, where would you go and what would you do there?

Grand Canyon or Alaska. Visit all the beautiful sights God has create and revel in His majesty.

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What would be on the dead-bang bottom of your list of places to travel? Care to say why?

I can't think of anywhere I wouldn't find something to enjoy or learn something from.

If you had one chance for a "do over," what would it be?

Enjoyed everywhere God has lead me. There were some trying times but when you look back you see how God needed you to be in that place and He used it for growth or support of others.

As in the movie "City Slickers," describe your best day ever (wedding day, day of salvation, and births of children are excluded).

Any one of the days we travelled in our motorhome seeing the National Parks. Probably the real stand out was when we were able to share Mt. Rushmore with our daughter and grandsons.

Prettiest place you've ever seen? Anywhere in Hawaii.

What was the best thing your parents taught you? What one thing did they do that you have sworn to NEVER do? (Amusing, not abusing, please.)

To love and serve the Lord & to make that a priority in my life. Never to tell my children & grandchildren that what they did wasn't good enough by saying "they could do better".

What Christmas gift appeared year after year on your wish list, but never under your tree?

Can't think of anything. I guess I never expected extravagant or superfluous things.

Please share your life motto if you have one:

I was given a letter verse (verse that started with the same letter as our name) by my 6th grade Sunday School teacher and it has guided me ever since then: Matthew 7:1 Judge not that ye be not judged (we only had King James back then).

Worst food encounter? Anything with curry.

Name one item from your bucket list: See the Grand Canyon

Favorite genre of music? Praise

Hidden talent?

I am what you see, haven't found any hidden talents. I try to use all my talents to God's glory.

Favorite subject in high school? LEAST favorite? Math/Science—Trigonometry/Latin

**ALTD men's weekend #30: April 24-27, 2014; Inspiration Center;
Herman Johnson, Rector**

**ALTD women's weekend #30: May 1-4, 2014; Inspiration Center;
Cindy Weltzien, Rectora**

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From your Leaders Chair:

I was cleaning out old music binders today (it's one of those colder than normal days so the office is closed), and I came across an article written by the former Executive Director of Tres Dias International, a wonderful man of God, John McKinney.

He said, (quote) *"We need to make sure that each candidate knows God's love, understands who he or she is as a Christian, is able to love the self, and is filled with love for others. Wherever these Pescadores find themselves after the weekend, they should "ferment Christianity," to use Eduardo Bonin's phrase. (Eduardo Bonin was one of the founders of Cursillo.)*

It is important that the Rollistas live the life they are witnessing. It is important that the candidates feel, "Wow! If that person can live the Christian life, so can I." If we put distractions in the weekend that pull candidates away from that central theme, we are weakening the effectiveness of Tres Dias in changing a person's attitude about self and what it means to live as a Christian.

The weekend must be a true ENCOUNTER with Christ. We must not put so much stuff in the weekend that the encounter is watered down . . . so that the candidates remember the stuff and not the encounter.

We do not need a big team of palanca people who wear chicken hats and deliver stuff to the tables. We need team members who are good one-on-one witnesses, showing what it means to

- Live in relationship with Jesus-Father-Holy Spirit (PIETY);*
- Grow in an understanding of who they are, of who God is, and of the love He has for them (STUDY);*
- Thrive as Christians in the environments where they are planted (ACTION)*


Being Christian is more important than doing Christian, because being in Christ comes first." End quote.

If you have submitted an application to serve on Team #30, thank you. If you said YES when called to serve on weekend #30, God's blessings on you as you diligently prepare for your role on the weekend. There are still openings on the Women's Team for faithful servants, please let Cindy know that you are willing to serve. If you are unable to serve on Weekend #30, you may still support the weekend with prayer palanca, serenade, and attend the send-off and closing. Don't forget to pray about sponsoring a Pescadore!

Karen Weis, Leader's Chair

Reminder: our community's Secretariat members are included on the last page,
with contact info.

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Reunion group reminder - Ryan and Krista Bensheimer have a Reunion group that meets the first Tuesday of every month for swimming at The Geneva Ridge Resort indoor pool. It is an informal time for swimming in the pool and hot tub and fellowship. We start at 6pm but you can be flexible with your own times. Families and kids are of course welcome. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 for a family per night. You can order Pizza at Geneva Ridge for \$10 also! No reservations are required simply show up and check in with the front desk. Yearly memberships are available for individuals and families if you are interested please contact Geneva Ridge.
 Call Ryan at 262-903-1887 if you have questions.

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