

ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS



December 2018 Newsletter

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SECUELA AT THE CHAPEL

The ALTD Tres Dias Victory Secuela was a *joyful* celebration this year. The event took place at The Chapel of Gray's Lake on November 30, 2018. The 80 attendees were able to enjoy fried chicken donated by Thrivent along with potluck dishes. Pastor Don Johnson gave the message and the wonderful 4th day talk was delivered by Mellissa Mailfald.

A special treat was the professional family/Santa photos taken by Amy Lachowin, the \$10 cost for the photo was graciously donated to the Pay It Forward Campaign. Our very own Ricoh Oberst was Santa! What a great blessing for our community! Another act of kindness that was spread during the secuela was 40 individuals donating a gift for an outreach event through The Chapel, these gifts were distributed to families during a Christmas meal. It is amazing to see God's people demonstrating His love to others through these acts of charity. Thank you to all who came and participated in the festivities.



Sarah Duesterbeck with Santa (Ricoh Oberst)



Karen Weis and Alison Soto singing

WEEKEND #39 MEN'S RECTOR—RICOH OBERST—PRAISES AND RECAP OF THE WEEKEND

I hope to put some thoughts together to be able to share the weekend and the wonder of it with you our ALTD family. First and foremost is an overdue thank you to the men that said yes to serving on weekend #39. It was a beautiful gift of serving as the "Hands and Feet of Jesus Christ". As your Rector for the weekend I was honored to be a part of such an event so very full of the Holy Spirit bringing God's loving grace to us all. I was very stressed by the overwhelming responsibility of organizing for the weekend, until after several months of struggle, I realized that God, the Father, had it well in hand, His hand. Once surrendered to that, it became a watching of the miracle of His love poured out on us. "Let go and let God" really came home to us. Head Cha, Ken Jahns, was so in tune with things and kept me on track that a special thank you to him is also in order.

Thank you to the Secretariat for their encouragement and for their infinite patience with us and me especially. Everything worked as it was planned by God and directed by the Holy Spirit. Our weekend was even greater for me than my own participant weekend so long ago. I learned to trust in God, and the men He called to serve, the feeling of His Presence was truly palpable throughout the weekend.

We celebrated the glory of God the Father, the Son, Jesus Christ and the ever-present Holy Spirit. The participants were very enthusiastic and presented us with greater incentive to give our whole selves to the weekend. So many were given so much in such a short time, it had to be all God's work through the team and the participants. Friendships were made and family ties established in the Blood of Jesus Christ.

A very special acknowledgement of the Pastoral support for the weekend must be given. The Love and Kindnesses shown to everyone was like a coat of many colors that made us all feel special. Pastor Dave Jungnickel, our Head Spiritual Director was at his best with humor and gentleness of word. Pastor Donald Johnson gave such energy to the weekend with powerful words of faith and conviction, He lifted us up the blessing of God's grace. Pastor Wes Slawson, my brother from weekend #21, and an inspired man of God gave us so much heart and strength in his words; men were transported to a greater experience. The chemistry of these men was a harmonious blend of faith and inspired praise.

Lest I forget, we had a fourth Pastor with us, In Pastor Al Lisk, who had a chair of honor designated. He was a friend and a strong counsel to me for many years and I couldn't imagine the weekend without him. Thank you to the Secretariat and Jean Lisk for allowing me this blessing. We also had a special Prayer Cha in Chapel. Ricky White, a brother that I met through the Head Chapel Cha, Michael Broome. Pastor Al and Ricky both have passed into God's house, but we felt love from them throughout the weekend.

There was so much more that I can't even begin to share but let it be known that we had a most inspired weekend. I am grateful beyond measure to our Prayer Warriors that kept us covered in prayers and were instrumental in keeping the fires of reverence for the miracles of God's blessings for us. You may think I exaggerated the powerful weekend experiences but I have been deliberate in holding back from telling so much more. I have to remember, "What is said on the weekend stays on the weekend".

After all this, I just want to thank you to the community at large for giving such a gift of grace in your support of the ALTD family.

Col. 1: 13;14 13. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14. in whom we have redemption through His blood, for the forgiveness of sins. Our weekend Verse for ALTD #39, it was fulfilled for many on the weekend. We praise God for this gift.

WEEKEND #39 WOMEN'S RECTORA- VICKI HUNT "GOD MOVED"

Well God surely moved on another weekend!! What an honor and privilege it was to lead this weekend #39. I am so thankful for my Head Cha, Deb Smits, without her things would have been very different to say the least. She is truly blessed with her talents and they helped so much in the planning of the weekend. It was truly a blessing to see how God orchestrated the entire thing. From the very beginning to even after the weekend. The ripple effects are still being seen. Some were happening literally the day after the weekend. I am amazed at how things can be so beautiful on these weekends. I loved seeing the participants engage right away. And the team did not disappoint. They truly were Christ's hands and feet. I believe truly that God places us in the right places at the right time. And Weekend #39 was just that. True beauty taking its place right where it was needed most. God shined on/in these women and He was known in such a great and mighty way!! Knowing that the tables of I AM Worthy, I AM Loved, I AM Beautiful, I AM Accepted and I AM Forgiven, truly had their full meaning in this weekend experiences. We all, myself included, found how much we mean to our Heavenly Father.

Thank you for blessing me with this honor!

Joyfully His,

Vicki Hunt



REUNION GROUP SPOTLIGHT

Reunion groups are such an important part of our ALTD Tres Dias Community. Reunion groups help give us encouragement, keep us accountable, provide us with community and assist us in our spiritual growth. This month we are putting a spotlight on a couple's reunion group known as "The Cardboard Club". There are four couples in the group who enjoy monthly fellowship and doing life together. The group members are (from the left in the photo) Jason and Erica Redmon, Doug and Sherry Bunker, Henry and Luba Repay and Todd and Vicki Hunt.



“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Corinthians 15:57

PAY IT FORWARD CAMPAIGN

We have been so blessed by how this community has stepped up and made donations towards the Pay It Forward Campaign. Because of all of your generous hearts we have collected over \$6500 dollars!! The men on weekend #39 even put together a collection during their weekend in honor of their rector Ricoh. That puts us over the half way mark to our \$12,000 goal by Fall of 2019. The Pay It Forward Campaign will allow for a “pay it forward” process; participants on a particular weekend don’t pay a fee to attend. At the end of the weekend (and with follow up shortly thereafter), they are invited to pay what they are able so the next group of weekend participants can benefit from the weekend as they have been so richly blessed. Our goal is to have 100% participation from Pescadores attending #41 at whatever level they are able to donate. Imagine having the very real obstacle of finances removed for sponsors, churches, and participants!

If you would like to donate money towards this campaign please go to the ALTD website and sign up - we have some ALTD members already donating \$5 a month in this manner towards the “pay it forward” campaign - \$5 a month is a grand latte at your favorite coffee house. There are 10 months before the fall 2019 weekend - for \$15 a month you could completely fund a candidate to attend the weekend at no charge. You can also text to give - text ALTD to 1-206-859-9405 to donate and set up your giving account.

We are so excited to partner with our community on this campaign; to make it possible to attend Weekend #41 as our guest, and the challenge for our new Pescadores to “Pay it Forward” for Weekend #42.



Please feel free to use this QR code to set up your donation frequency

Upcoming Events

ALTD Heads and Rollistas Training: January 5, 2019

ALTD Team Formation #1: January 19, 2019

ALTD Team Formation #2: February 2, 2019

ALTD Team Formation #3: February 16, 2019

ALTD Team Formation #4: March 2, 2019

ALTD Men's Weekend #40: March 14-17, 2019

ALTD Women's Weekend #40: March 21-24, 2019

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