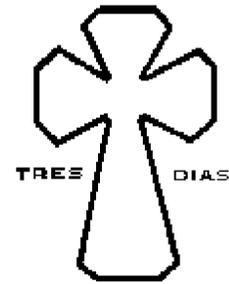


# BIG SKY TRES DIAS

December 1, 2022



Are you interested in helping to keep this newsletter going? I am looking to “pass the torch” on this project to someone else. I put out a quarterly newsletter, forward prayer requests & keep the Big Sky Tres Dias contacts list updated. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact me at: 406-223-2090 or [lynandjulie@gmail.com](mailto:lynandjulie@gmail.com)

Thanks! Julie Jardine

Men’s weekend: April 20-23 2023 at camp Lewtana in Lewistown. Scripture for the weekend is Ephesians 2:10  
Men’s next year’s Rector: Joe Hagstrum

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Women’s weekend March 16-19<sup>th</sup> at Ursuline Center in Great Falls. Scripture is: Armor of God Ephesians 6: 11-18  
Next Year’s Rectora: Linda Chase

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## SEE BELOW FOR TEAM MEETINGS!

**Cost of the weekend** is \$100.00 per person, candidate or team member, Scholarships available if needed. Send in your money with your application to the Rector/Rectora.

### Secretariat

President: Paul Kroeger  
Vice President: Brian McNeil  
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### Secuelas:

Great Falls/Highwood:

First Wednesday, mtg. at 6:30pm at Ursuline, contact Cindy: 406-799-0716.

Havre/Hilina: 3rd Wed or Thurs of month- contact Mandy mandysuenitz@gmail.com 406-265-4816

Helena: No secuelas currently. If interested in coordinating, please contact John Schipf: jaschopf@hotmail.com

Livingston/Bozeman: Periodic. Contact: Tracey McCloud 406-579-9193

Townsend: last Tues of month, 6:30PM potluck, then meet. Trailhead Christian Fellowship Church @ 20 Trailhead View Dr., Paul Kroeger: 406-439-1042.

Please feel free to contact me for any suggestions/articles:

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**TEAM MEETING INFO FROM Linda Chase**

Our 1st Tres Dias team meeting is going to be in Great Falls at the Harvest Springs Community Church. 1001 36th Ave NE on December 10th 10-2PM. Brunch/ beverage snacks will be provided.

If you have your Rollo finished you may give it at this meeting or the Jan, Feb meeting.

Harvest Springs is Located off the Havre Highway down the street from the big water tower. Feel free to call me 406 217-7120.

BUT do not leave a voice message I will not receive those until next June. My email is [browniesegp@yahoo.com](mailto:browniesegp@yahoo.com)

Our January meeting will be in Havre and Helena for our Feb meeting. Dates to be announced.

**EXPENSES for weekend?** If you have approved expenses for the weekend to turn in, they go to our treasurer, Erin Weisgerber, 3515 Birkland Dr. Helena 59602.

**Men's weekend 2023:** April 20-2,3 2023 at camp Lewtana in Lewistown. Rector: Joe Hagstrum.

**Scripture for the weekend:** For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above-spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set],so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]. **Ephesians 2:10 AMP**

**Women's weekend 2023:** March 16-19, 2023 at Ursuline Center, Great Falls. Rector: Linda Chase.

**Scripture for weekend:** Armor of God “ For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.” **Ephesians 6: 12 -17**

**Missing e-mail addresses-** the following e-mail newsletters have come back undeliverable...if you know an updated e-mail address for this person, please let Julie know (see editor info, lower right, first page). Failed email contacts (or no e-mail on file):

**Paula Baroch, Clay Burkett, Gaylord Croft, Doug Ensign, Camille Erickson, Brenda Hutchings Johnston, Jade Kraus, Shirley Larson, Dan McCabe, Sheila Neuwerths, Shane Olson, Carol Odegard, Julie Samson, Carol Tecca, Julie Warburton,**

**Jon Wells.** Also, all the ones that end in us.army.mil are frequently coming back to me, so another address would be appreciated for: **Luke Eidt, Noah Genger, & John Sprenger.**

### Return to Normalcy- from Tres Dias International

#### **WHAT DOES THE 'RETURN TO NORMALCY' FOLLOWING COVID MEAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY? Or more importantly: WHERE ARE YOUR PRIORITIES?**

Most of our communities have actively returned to conducting weekends and other activities, and the rest are scheduled for 2023. This is wonderful news since many of us had concerns about how post-COVID weekends and other activities would look like, and what form they would take.

Although it is early to make a lot of predictions, barring further government-directed disruptions, it seems that the communities who continued to focus on their 4<sup>th</sup> Day activities during the pandemic are having the most success in resuming and supporting weekends. And which communities focused on 4<sup>th</sup> Day activities during COVID? They were the ones who focused on them BEFORE the pandemic.

**MORAL OF THE STORY:** Many communities focus on their weekends, which is natural since the Weekend is where all the excitement is. However, as long as the weekends are functioning according to the Essentials, I would like to suggest that you invest more of your resources into the Pre-Weekend and 4<sup>th</sup> Day phases.

**PRE-WEEKEND:** Active sponsorship training will go a long way to resolving many of the issues our communities face. What are your priorities in sponsoring?

- Is it to get as many candidates as possible to fill the weekends, or is it to focus on the specific needs of each candidate to make certain they are an appropriate fit for a weekend? Remember

that Tres Dias is NOT for everyone! Smaller weekends consisting of appropriately selected candidates are far better than large weekends with candidates who have not been adequately evaluated.

- Is your potential candidate a Christian as defined in the Essentials (*"Someone who desires a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior"*)? Or is it someone who is not a Christian, who you hope will find the Lord on the Weekend? The Essentials tell us that Tres Dias is a discipleship program for Christians, not an evangelistic program for non-believers.

**4<sup>th</sup> DAY ACTIVITIES:** Everything we do in Tres Dias ultimately points to the creation of small accountability groups. What this means is that successful weekends should result in active Reunion Groups and Secuelas.

- **QUESTION:** Are you really in a Reunion Group or a Bible Study? Keep in mind that Reunion Groups may choose to include a Bible Study as part of their meetings, but Bible Studies on their own do not qualify as a Reunion Group. The primary focus must be the development of accountability to each other through the personal sharing of Piety, Study, and Action. This accountability results in a powerful tool in helping to direct our Christian walk.

When I look at a community to determine its health, I am far less concerned about the number of candidates that attend weekends, or how blessed they were. After all, they are spending an extended weekend seeking the Lord under the guidance of the Holy Spirit – and that, is exciting! I am far more

concerned about the ratio of Reunion Groups to the size of the community, the regular scheduling of Secuelas, and the level of community participation in those Secuelas. How often are the Essentials being taught within the community?

Those numbers speak volumes – and are far more important in determining a community's health than simply the number of candidates on a weekend.

**MY QUESTION:** How is your community doing? If you are a community leader and need some ideas or someone to do a review with you, contact your Liaison. The Liaisons have a lot of experience in seeing how other communities manage their resources and they will be happy to share their knowledge. They can also bring in other people and resources as needed. They are available, so use them.

If you are not a formal leader in your community, be sure to share your thoughts and ideas with the leadership. Do not hesitate to attend Secretariat meetings so you can share your thoughts and to get involved. And if you are not in a Reunion Group, find one to join or start one of your own!

Thank you for your commitment to Tres Dias, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

De Colores! Jeff Mehl, President, Tres Dias, Inc., Tel: 800-347-1581, Email: [president@tresdias.org](mailto:president@tresdias.org)

**From Paul Kroeger:** Last Friday night (11/11/22), Montana Family Foundation celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> year, with a banquet in Bozeman.

The Montana Family Foundation is a faith-based research, education and advocacy non-profit organization working in association with Focus on the Family. They envision a God-honoring Montana where life is cherished, families flourish, and religious freedom thrives.

Randy Wilson was the keynote speaker, introduced by the master of ceremonies, YNOP General Manager, Roger Lonquist. Randy is the founder of Father-Daughter Purity Balls and is the Family Research Council Director of Men's Ministries.

Jeff Laszloffy, President and CEO of Montana Family Foundation gave his perspective on the results of the recent state elections, and where the Foundation is headed in the years to come. His fresh and knowledgeable insight was very eye-opening. He also announced that they have recently hired an in-house attorney to help advocate for their mission.

Mr. Laszloffy believes problems we face in our communities and our nation are not just political and cultural, they are spiritual in nature (Ephesians 6:10-13). Consequently, these problems ultimately require a spiritual solution, administered by spiritual, knowledgeable leadership.

Montana Family Foundation works in the name of advancing faith, family, and freedom in Montana.

Jeff can be heard every Friday at 1PM, right after Focus On The Family on your local YNOP radio station. His website can be found at [montanafamily.org](http://montanafamily.org)