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Vermont Tres Dias

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President's Letter

Dear Pescadores,



I'm sitting here at the kitchen table watching the fine snow cover the driveway again and wondering what words of encouragement I might give to the community.

My Bible reading today was in Matthew where Jesus is teaching His disciples through parables. It was usually some thing that was happening everyday, all around them. So I began trying to think of a lesson about the snow covered ground. 

All I could think of was staying inside and keeping warm. Then I thought of His lesson on seeds. He often counseled to get good seed because it was important to get a good crop. I'm sure we have least four new seed catalogs in our house, all saying they have the best seed for the greatest harvest. They all can't be right, can they?



So this is a time for collecting seeds and looking in God's

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catalog, planting the garden to get a full harvest in Lyndonville this fall.



Grow where you are planted, and happy gardening!

De Colores!

Jerry Cole

President

Slate of Officers!

Since our last newsletter, Jerry Cole has been voted in as our President and David Satre has been voted in as our Vice President.

Thank you for volunteering your time and energy to this organization. May the Lord bless your endeavors!

2017 Upcoming items to be praying for

- Pilgrims needed! Who will you be sponsoring?
- Be in prayer for the Wild Flower Inn and whether or not we will be able to continue to hold our weekends there. 2017 is scheduled to be held at the Wildflower, Yea! Dates for the fall weekend on page 3

The Right Perspective

By Bernadette De Sisto

There has been a great stirring in our country, in our world. The outpouring of opinion and with it an often strong, unbridled emotion has been unleashed in ways that leave a deep sense of trouble in our hearts. The great political divide, separating on every level from health care and finances to immigration and abortion with an invisible, but clearly defined line in the sand.



This scenario repeats itself across the globe echoing its spirit of great unrest. War, terrorism, hunger, poverty, along with a host of social issues assault us daily, most seemingly unsolvable. These issues are not new to mankind and they have always carried with them differing opinion, but today the differences have at times grown into a hateful intolerance of those with a different view.

It can be wearing to listen to the news, turn on the radio, or pick up a newspaper or magazine. It's easy to get caught up in the prevailing mood and to actually start to believe that there is no good news, even among the faithful.

Jesus told us that in this world we would have trouble. But when His work on this earth was complete, He ascended to heaven, where He sat down at the Father's right hand. Does this mean that His work on our behalf ceased? Of course not. He assured us in Romans 8:34 that He is making intercession for us. In our limited minds, it's hard to reconcile sitting with working, or for that matter being in control of not only the world, but the universe.

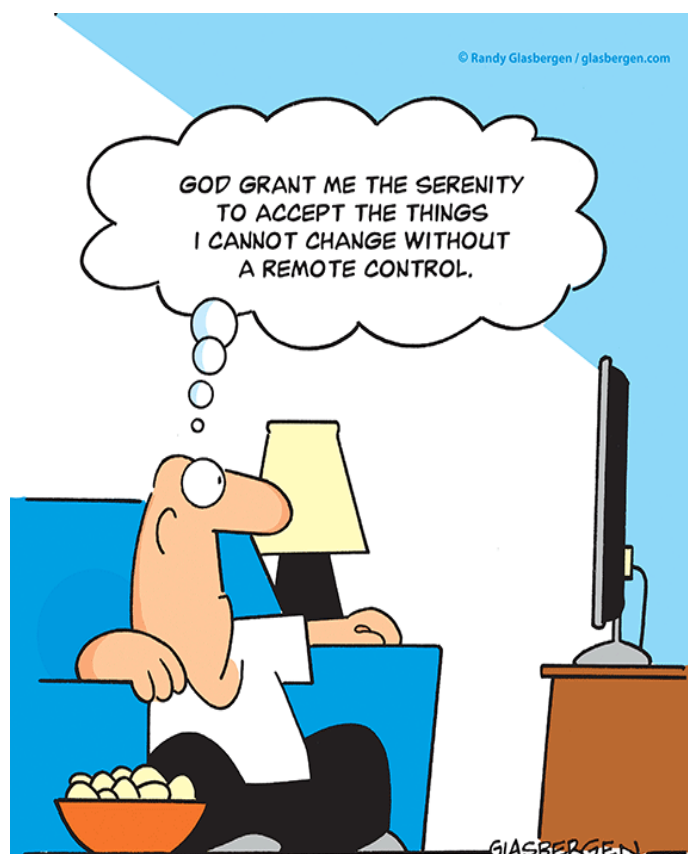
God isn't taken by surprise by the current state of the world. He isn't unaware of



the fear residing in the hearts of many. He isn't unmoved by our prayers. He sits because He is God. He sits because, despite the endless toil of man, He only needs to think and it will be. He knows before it comes to pass. He sees from beginning to end. He remains outside of time.

He started the clock with the creation of night and day. He controls when time, as we know it, will cease. He knows when the very last one will enter His fold and when time has run out for those who failed to heed His call.

In the meantime, His will is preeminent. His Word is active and alive. The angelic hosts obediently respond to His every command. All will be accomplished in exactly the way He desires at the exact moment He determines. He remains in control. Sitting on His throne He rules and reigns as The King of Kings for all of eternity.





Fall Dates are set!!

Mark your calendars and start praying and asking people to attend as a Pilgrim for our fall weekends.

Men's weekend is Nov. 2-5

Women's weekend is Nov. 9-12

Before you know it, these dates will be here, so now is the time to round up those applications. Lets get the weekends full and have to put people on a waiting list for next year! Wouldn't that be a blessing!



A letter of reflection from a Pescadore

I have been thinking about Tres Dias since this last weekend, and I felt to share my thoughts. I never really grasped the ministry of Tres Dias until these last couple of months. One of the things I had come to realize was the way this ministry keeps what everyone does on the weekend, and beyond on equal ground. Someone giving a talk is no greater then someone serving in the kitchen, the rector is no greater then the chief rollo room auxiliary and so on. I don't know why I haven't grasped this until now. I think that is so awesome and refreshing. Then I was reading a devotional just now by Chuck Swindal about how Paul showed affection

toward people. Chuck explained two ways to show affection towards someone. One "small yet frequent acts of kindness" and two "stated and written words of appreciation." Tres Dias lays the training for this through Palanca and the Abrazo (I'm hugging more people then ever now, even ones who don't know the Lord) and just learning to listen to one another. I love this ministry and the gentle way the Lord uses it to demonstrate His word through all of us, and reinforces how we should treat each other beyond the weekend and in our churches. This is so refreshing in a world full of hardships. I'm so glad for all the Pescadores who have worked so hard to keep this organization going. I love you all!

Carrie Welch

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Secretariat at 5:00 p.m.



Secuela at 6:30 p.m.

March 18th—Green Mountain Gospel Chapel

April 15th-The Ridge

May 20th-Lyndonville United Methodist

June 17th-??

If you would like to host a Secretariat and Secuela please call

Donna Guiel 802-318-2917 to inquire!