

# BIG SKY TRES DIAS

January 17, 2018

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

### **Planning meeting for spring weekends:**

Saturday, February 3rd, First Baptist (Fellowship Hall) in Great Falls (525 2nd Ave N.) from 10-12 then Secretariat starting directly after lunch. Please note: First Baptist is hosting a men's conference at the same time so we will intermingle for lunch. Just a heads up that we won't be the only ones there. **We will need help with lunch for the February 3rd meeting. We always seem to have enough food if we all contribute. Contact Jamie Jespersen if you can help with this: [luvngod4ever@hotmail.com](mailto:luvngod4ever@hotmail.com) or 406-422-9962.**

Saturday, March 3rd, Helena, Location and time TBD, most likely Grace Community Fellowship

Saturday, April 7th, Great Falls or Highwood, time and place TBD

**Spring weekends** both at St. Thomas camp, Hwy 89, Monarch, MT

**Men's Weekend:** May 10-13, 2018

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**Scripture:** Romans 9:25 New King James Version (NKJV)

As He says also in Hosea: "I will call them My people, who were not My people, And her beloved, who was not beloved."

**Women's Weekend:** May 17-20, 2018

St. Thomas Camp

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**Cost of the weekend** is \$100.00 per person, candidate or team member, Scholarships available if needed.

**Secretariat Officers:** New officers will be elected in January. See upcoming announcement.

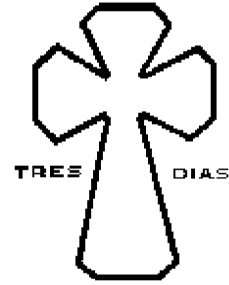
### **Fun fact:**

I recently discovered a new "layer" to the Christmas story and would like to share it with you.

We probably all know that Bethlehem means House of Bread and Jesus the Bread of Life was destined to be born there, but did you also know

The flock of sheep that supplied the lambs for the temple sacrifices were kept at Bethlehem?? One of the shepherds jobs was to check all the new born lambs to ensure they were without blemish and spotless and worthy of being used as a sacrificial lamb???. Thus, on that night long ago the angels called the shepherds to go and check out the newborn "Lamb of God" Jesus, God's perfect sacrifice. I love how God has so many surprises waiting for us in Scripture if we look.

Blessings, love and prayers  
Paula



## **Secretariat**

John Schipf, President

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## **Secuelas:**

**Great Falls/Highwood:**

First Wednesday, 6PM sack-dinner, mtg. at 7pm, contact Leslie for location: 406-727-6253.

**Havre/Hilina:** 3rd Wed or Thurs of month- contact Mandy

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**Helena:** No secuelas currently. If interested in coordinating, please

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**Livingston:** No secuelas currently. If interested in coordinating, please

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**Townsend:** last Tues of month, 6:30PM potluck, then meet. Trailhead Christian

Fellowship Church @ 20 Trailhead

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## ***God told Him He Was Going to Witness. But How?***

### ***A Fourth Day Testimony***

*By Dan McDonald*

I was praying on Monday after my candidate weekend, "God, is this it? Was it just a mountaintop experience, or has my life indeed changed?"

I was back in the valley and I had to drive to a shop in Wisconsin to help install a machine I sold. As I walked in and was greeted by my loyal customer, Larry, I heard God say, "You're going to witness to him today." I said "OK."

I apologized to Larry for being late and explained that I had just returned from a three-and-a-half-day retreat.

"What kind of retreat?" He asked.

"A Christian retreat," I said.

He gave me a disparaging look, to which I replied, "Do you believe in God?" The question elicited an emphatic negative response. So, I thought, "God, how is this going to happen?"

We installed the machine and all went well. At the end of the meeting we met in the office to go over the safety manual. Larry said, "I told my guys don't be putting their hands in the grinder; safety first!"

I pulled up my pant leg and showed him my prosthesis. "I'm the same way. I lost my foot in my dad's lawnmower when I was three."

He looked at me like he wanted to punch in the face. "Are you messing with me?"

"No," I said, "It's a prosthesis."

After a pause, he asked, "Do you know my story?"

I didn't. He told me that he ran his son over with a lawnmower when the boy was two years old, causing Johnathan to suffer a double, below-the-knee amputation.

I heard God say, "I told you that you were going to witness to this man today."

We talked. I cried, and we shared stories about the tough experience I and his son had learning to live with prosthetics. "I used to go to church," he said, "and my son's accident is part of the reason I stopped going. When this happened, not one person from my church came to visit me."

God gave me a word and said, "Remind him that's not *My* church." Then God said, "Why not pray with him?"

To my surprise, he bowed his head and prayed with me.

God is indescribable. There is no one like Him. He used me to relate to another human being in a way that only I could. Then he had me share the gospel. My friends, the day after that third day is only the beginning! God is so much bigger than any challenge we face! Hallelujah!



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