

Pescadores Progress

Georgia  Mountains Tres Dias

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Unity in the Body of Christ

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Newsletter

Jesus knew the importance of unity and harmony in the church. In one of His last recorded prayers, He asked the Father three times for unity among Christians.

John 17:11 - I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

John 17: 21-22 - that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.

Paul taught us that there are several aspects to our unity as believers:

One Body: Galatians 3:28 teaches us that God adopts people into His family without regard for race, gender, or denomination. Faith in Jesus Christ is all that matters. Everything that divides human beings is insignificant.

One Spirit: All Christians are

indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We're different on the outside, but as believers, we all have the third member of the Trinity inside to empower and guide us.

One Hope: As believers, we share in a common hope - the return of the Messiah and a future life in heaven with Him.

One Lord: Jesus' lordship extends over all people. We are to acknowledge and submit to His authority in every area.

One Faith: As believers, we are united in one faith, which is founded on several basic truths:

- Jesus is God incarnate; born of a virgin.
- He lived a sinless life, died in our place, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- Reconciliation with God is possible only through faith in the saving work of Christ. We can do nothing to earn our own salvation.

When a sports team plays a game, when a work crew builds a house, when a church is planted, when a Tres Dias team is put to together, each person has a specific contribution to make to another within the

whole. So often in relationships we have expectations of what another will give to us, of what **we** will receive. We take for granted that we will give to another our best, and be as diligent and loyal as necessary.

For all of these examples to succeed: a sports team, a work crew, a congregation, a Tres Dias team, each person is just as responsible to the relationship as the others. As Christians, we're more than ourselves. As a Tres Dias team, we're more than ourselves. We are part of the body of Christ.

The efforts of Christians are not to be directed toward creating unity, but toward maintaining peace in the body. This is the way Paul puts it:

Ephesians 4:3 - Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

It is important that Christians not be quarreling, bickering, and struggling against one another. A church that is like that is a totally ineffective body in its community. The same is true for a Tres Dias team and the GMTD community.

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GMTD #67 Men's:

Feb. 20 - 23, 2014

Rector:
Don Pruitt

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb. 20 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Feb. 22 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Feb. 23 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #67 Women's:

Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2014

Rector:
Robin Prince

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb. 27 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Mar. 1 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Mar. 2 • 5:00 p.m.

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Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #66

Men's: September 26 - 29, 2013

Rector: Kevin Hill

Wow, what a weekend!! The candidates came in ready to receive what God had prepared for them, and he left no one out! It's always special to see them come in on Thursday, then see how each one's countenance changes from day to day, but I believe they peaked on Friday evening, with Saturday and Sunday just icing on the cake. Thank God for prayers that go before us! It also helps to have so many

men already called into the ministry that decuria almost turned into preaching.

Now I'd like to thank the team of #66 for all they have been through, and then "overcame" to make this weekend a success. We battled job issues, sickness, and everything else that could be thrown at us, but God had plans for this team and I can honestly say that working weekends can be

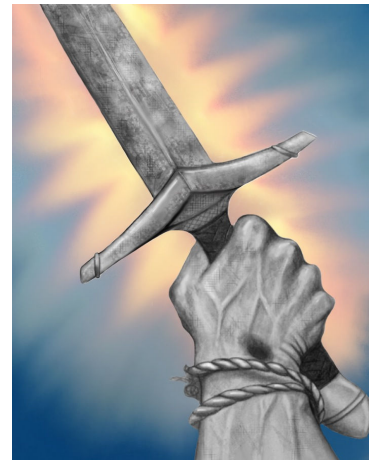
a bigger blessing than going through.

As I sit back and reflect on the past eight months of prayer, preparation, planning, and then executing, I will say with a joyful heart, let's do it again!! To God be the glory!!

De Colores,

Kevin Hill

Rector GMTD #66



In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33b (NIV)



When we take God's Word into our hearts and lives, He can do indescribable things... and that's what He did on our spiritual journey on GMTD Route 66, when we each said 'Yes LORD, be it unto me according to Your Word' - not my word; not anyone else's word - just YOUR Word, Lord.

We had 128 'Yes, LORD' people in one ac-

cord, with one purpose - to be in His will and bring glory to Him. Amen! And praise the LORD!

Words cannot describe this indescribable journey... God met everyone in personal ways. (Some ways we are just realizing!) He is Faithful and True and Holy and Victorious! Yes, LORD! HE IS our Savior and Redeemer; HE IS LORD and King! Yes, LORD!

God did not ask us to give physical birth to

JESUS, but He has asked every one of us to bear His Son to the world by living our lives in obedience to His Word. What has God asked you to do, and how have you responded? I pray that when He speaks to you, Heaven will hear you say, 'LORD, be it unto me according to Thy Word.' I love you and I'm praying for you.

His handmaiden saying 'Yes, LORD',

Patty Turpin

Rector GMTD #66

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #66

Women's: October 3 - 6, 2013

Rector: Patty Turpin

LORD, be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Luke 1:38b (KJV)

Welcome New Pescadores!

Table of Luke

David England
Brad Ingrassia
Blake Powers
Michael Tignor
Anthony Davis
David Howard
Elmer Mercer

Table of Peter

Butch Thomas
Casey York
Thomas Burnett
Duane Nicholson
Robert Mears
Heth Cottrell

Table of Mark

James Minutello
Chris Jones
Bobby Maxwell
Cliff Gilland
Jacques DeLock
Drew Grainger

Table of Matthew

Arch Campbell
Lee Cantrell
Jamie Kastner
Keith McCoy
Stanley Swain
David Wesmoreland

Table of John

Austin Cates
Joel Rogers
Adam Barclay
Rey Moncada
Johnny Mount
John Black

Table of Paul

Daryl McDuffie
Jordan Koshiol
Jim Ninesling
William Harrison
Russell Ward
Timmy Cantrell

Table of Ruth

Ann Mercer
Marti Sutton
Diane Fender
Stephanie Moncada
Shelia Jones
Gail Maxwell
Alicia Cantrell

Table of Elizabeth

Anita Graham
Jessica Kastner
Beth Ninesling
Cortney Koshiol
Andrea Simmons
Lisa Taylor
Marie Mount

Table of Rachel

Teri Evans
Lindsay Davis
Judith Grainger
Caroline Taylor
Nancy Black
Rebekah Lopez
Hallie Minutello

Table of Sarah

Cindy Ward
Hannah Cates
Tara Miller
Keri McCoy
Marie Howard
Gail Barton
Pamela Campbell

Table of Rebekah

Samantha Burnett
Christy Lovinggood
Jessica Harrison
Patsy Nichols
Kendra Nice
Teresa Cantrell

Table of Esther

Gail Mears
Tanya Brooks
Kelly Thomas
Leslie Tignor
Sharon Vankorlaar
Melinda Green

Recent Policy Changes

The Secretariat has recently changed and/or added several policies. Each item has been prayerfully considered, and we would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation in these matters.

1. The script works. No deviations may be made from the script except with prior consent from the secretariat. Deviations specifically forbidden include:
 - a. Live crucifixion skits will not be allowed.
 - b. Balloons or banners cannot replace candles for the serenade. When serenade must be held indoors due to inclement weather, electric candles may be used in lieu of real candles. Real candles may be used outside only.
 - c. Holding the brides breakfast in alternate location to the rollo room or the kitchen will not be allowed.
2. There are to be no surprises planned for the rector by the team or the rector's spouse without being cleared through the secretariat.

3. With the exception of members of the community who are participating in serenade, no one who is not a member of the team is to be allowed inside the building during the weekend. This includes members of the community who may be dropping off palanca. Those dropping off palanca are to remain outside the palanca room doors.
4. Members of the community who are not serving on the team are not allowed inside the kitchen during the weekend. If other members of the community need to speak to a member of the kitchen team, the team member should meet them outside of the kitchen.
5. Encourage the team not to give expensive or extravagant palanca to other team members during the weekend. Notes are much more appropriate than gifts. New team members sometimes feel excluded when others receive expensive palanca and they do not.

De Colores,

GMTD Secretariat

Mark Your Calendar

2013 Christmas Secuela:

Saturday, December 14, 2013

The Torch

800 Cannon Bridge Rd

Demorest, GA 30535

706.778.4063

<http://www.thetorch.net/>

Please arrive early.

The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Come and get a HUGE blessing!



Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to serve at least 10 people.

Turkey and Ham will be provided.

Sponsors: If you have sponsored candidates and have never brought them to a Secuela, please plan to bring them this time, or make arrangements for someone else to bring them.

Childcare will not be provided.

Upcoming Weekends

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #68

Men's:

May 29 - June 1, 2014

Women's:

June 5 - 8, 2014

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias

Single Women #9:

July 31 - Aug. 3, 2014

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #69

Men's:

Sept. 25 - 28, 2014

Women's:

Oct. 2 - 5, 2014

Unity in the Body of Christ Continued

It is important that when Christians meet together, they recognize that they are called to understand one another, to forbear one another, to pray for one another, to forgive one another, to be kind, tender-hearted, not holding grudges, not being unforgiving, bitter, resentful, and hateful toward each other. This is where the Spirit aims when He comes into our midst, at the healing of long-standing grudges, deep-seated resentments, and bitter hostilities that are harbored against one another. We must fulfill what the apostle Paul told

us to do, to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

By learning to see what we have in common, we can more easily overlook these differences. Seeing our unity, people will be ready to hear the good news that God offers a way to have peace with Him and with others.

I believe that one of the things that allows God to move so mightily in and through Tres Dias, is the diversity represented in our community. It's not about a certain denomina-

tion. It's not about a certain set of theological beliefs. It's about the one true King.

It's about what Jesus did for each of us when He cleansed us. He wiped away all our guilt and made us clean and whole. He put joy in our souls and filled us with such love for Him that we would follow Him anywhere and do anything for Him.

I will close with one final note. We cannot have unity with each other unless we have unity with the Father. Think of it like a wagon wheel. With Christ being the center of the

wheel, and we are the spokes. The closer we get to each other, the closer we get to God!

De Colores!



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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT: The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2013 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at North Grove Hall in Dahlonega, GA

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.org. Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple
George & Gail Drake
2638 Waters Edge Drive
Gainesville, GA 30534

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Gail at 770-318-4851 C or 770-718-1052 H.

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (Burning CDs of copyrighted music is a violation of copyright laws, and burned CD's of copyrighted music cannot be accepted as palanca.)

Table Palanca – 6 tables, minimum of 65 individual items.

Bed Palanca – 45 for candidates, 80 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 125 place settings.

Oven Palanca – Please drop off at the Palanca room, not the kitchen.

Palanca Letters – Write the candidate's name on the letter and in the left upper corner write who the letter is from: sponsor, husband, wife, friend, etc. Letters from family and friends need to be at the camp no later than Saturday night. The earlier the better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S PROGRESS at www.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

SPONSORS Please remember to stay with your candidate until they have been completely checked in during their weekend and all information and fees have been provided.

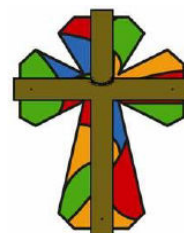
UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO! If your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Lisa Mitchell at:

records-database-manager@gmt.org, or 770-842-5423, or go to

www.gmt.org/PescadoreUpdateForm. The database is confidential and for GMTD use only to contact sponsors, team members, rector nominees, secretariat nominees, and for general GMTD purposes.

REMINDERS FROM THE SECRETARIAT: Weekend rosters are confidential and are not to be used for solicitations or anything other than Tres Dias. The Secretariat would also like to remind you that it is inappropriate to bring children to send-off, closing, serenade or secuelas. Further, only those that have attended a recognized 3-day weekend may attend Tres Dias functions. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

Vida Nueva



Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young men and women ages 15-20. Vida Nueva is Spanish for "New Life" and like the Tres Dias, VN weekends are intended as an encounter with Jesus

Christ. The weekends are similar to the structure of a Tres Dias weekend with certain changes to make it more relevant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$80. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvt.net. A group of teens who have made a Vida Nueva weekend recently put together a video to tell what VN has meant to them. The video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DNV99f2Hko. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next set of weekends are October 25 - 27, 2013 for the Young Women and November 1 - 3, 2013 for the Young Men.

Secretariat Opening

Secretary: A single person or a married person. Record minutes of Secretariat meetings. Serve as recording secretary for the Secretariat's regular, special and annual meetings. Secretary should be responsible for transcribing own minutes. Distribute minutes of meetings to members of Secretariat. Participate in overall guidance and planning of the Tres Dias activities.