July/August 2013

Attention All Sponsors

The Secretariat would like to ask all sponsors to please follow-up with your candidates to make sure they are planning to attend the weekend. If for some reason they are unable to attend, please contact the Secretariat Pre-Weekend Couple:

George & Gail Drake 770-718-1052

Thank you for your assistance in ensuring that all of our weekends are full and all potential candidates have the opportunity to be blessed by experiencing God's love through Tres Dias.

Upcoming Tres Dias Weekends

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #67 Men's:

Feb. 20 - 23, 2014 **Women's:**

Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2014

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

Tres Dias Teams

Interested in serving on a Tres Dias team?

Go to <u>www.gmtd.org</u> or come to the next Secuela to sign up!



GMTD #66 Men's:

Sept. 26 - Sept. 29, 2013 Rector: Kevin Hill

Send-off:

Thurs., Sept. 26 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Sept. 8 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Sept. 29 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #66 Women's:

Oct. 3 - 6, 2013 Rector: Patty Turpin

Send-off:

Thurs., Oct. 3 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Oct. 5 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Oct. 6 • 5:00 p.m.



Did you know?

The stained glass Tres Dias cross has a very symbolic meaning.

Can you figure it out?

Look at the cross and think about what happens on a weekend.

Give up?

The answer is on page 4.

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Integrity

By Tony Sewell

Secretariat Weekend

Couple

As I sat down to write this meditation (which I tried hard to get out of), I did not know what God wanted me to share. As most of you know, when you do a talk or meditation, most of the time the one that it is for, is you. Well, this is no different.

The world admires those that have integrity. If you are a person of integrity, a person of quality, a person of excellence, the world will reward you. This is an important key to being a winner in business and life. People will be attracted to you, be persuaded by you, and willing to help reach your goals.

To be a person of high integrity, go the extra mile, do more than you have promised. If you have an appointment, you are early. You respect the other person's time. You do not show up late. This is something that has always been very important to me. I can probably count on both hands the time I have been late for anything in the last forty or so years.

In the years we have spent at Free Chapel, I have been an usher most of the time. When praise and worship starts, we still have seats open. By the time the offering is taken, most of the seats are full. People that are late miss the first song and disrupt the people that were there on time. Sometimes it sets the tone for the rest of the service.

I have been talking about going the extra mile. Doing more than promised. Being on time for appointments, and respecting the other person's time. Making promises that you keep. If you really want to go the extra mile, what you should do is under promise and over deliver. This will amaze the people you are dealing with and make you feel good about yourself.

People may say, 'But if I have high esteem, I'm proud and really like myself, won't I be arrogant?'

That's not true unless you think you are better than somebody else. Unfortunately, there are those in the Christian



<u>INTEGRITY</u>

The Soul Is Dyed The Color Of Its Thoughts. Think Only Of Those Things That Can Bear The Full Light Of Day. The Content Of Your Charecter Is Your Choice. Day By Day, What You Choose, What You Think And What you do Is Who You Become. Your Integrity Is Your Destiny. . . It Is The Light That Guides Your Way

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community, as well as our community, that come across like they have arrived. That's arrogance.

You can feel good about yourself even when other people do not feel good about you, but it certainly helps and makes it easier when others feel good about you too.

You have an observing part of you that evaluates and judges you. It's called your conscience, and you know deep in your heart when you are doing the right thing. When you do that, you feel good about yourself.

When I started traveling, before Ella and I met, I was going to Richmond, VA. I had found a BBQ restaurant on the way that I really liked, so I stopped for lunch. I left in such a hurry, that I failed to go to the bank and get some cash. It did not dawn on me until I went to pay the bill. In those days, a lot of country restaurants did not take credit cards. I was honest with the owner and he understood. After leaving the restaurant, satan tried to convince me that they would never miss my \$6 bill. The trip back was to go another route, but I drove by and paid the bill. Plus, I got to eat there again.

You want to be able to hold your head

up high. Look people in the eye and you will communicate something to them on an unconscious basis perhaps, but they know that you are a person of integrity and quality.

We don't want to disappoint those we love or the people we call our friends, but most of all, we should not want to disappoint God. He loves unconditionally no matter what we do. However, how much better our relationships would be if we do our part with the utmost integrity.

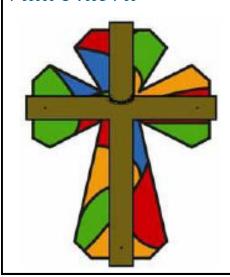
As the community of Georgia Mountains Tres Dias, we have to make decisions that sometimes are not popular. But if it is right and that is what the rules say, or it is part of the essentials, then that is how we must make our decision.

Proverbs 19:1 says, 'Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse with his lips, and is a fool.'

We all have shortcomings. Let's make it a priority to work on those things we know are not pleasing to God. We will all be better for it.

De Colores.

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.gmvn.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 I - 3, 2013 for the Young Men.

Brothers and Sisters of GMTD,

The GMTD Secretariat would like to request that posts on the GMTD Facebook page be limited to prayer requests, announcements, and other uplifting posts. The 'Essentials of Tres Dias', as set forth by the International Tres Dias organization, states that "Tres Dias is a non-profit movement". In an effort to uphold our commitment to the International Tres Dias guidelines, we would like to ask everyone not use this page for any personal or corporate E-commerce related posts.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. Any posts deemed inappropriate by the administrators of this page will be deleted.

De Colores,

GMTD Secretariat



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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT: The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2013 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at North Grove Hall in Dahlonega, GA.

Newsletter

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmtd.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, 75-77 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 117 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 PESCA-DORE'S PROGRESS at

www.gmtd.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-databasemanager@gmtd.readyhosting.com, or 770-842-5423, or go to www.gmtd.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 SECRE-

TARIAT: 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.



About the cross: The cross is made of 15 pieces of stained glass, representing the 15 talks on the weekend. The talks, like the pieces of stained glass, fit together to show us God's grace. The light of that grace shows through both the talks and the stained glass.