

# Pescadores Progress

Georgia  Mountains Tres Dias

March 2014

## Abide in Him

By Bill Cain

**GMTD Secretariat -  
Leaders Couple**

One of the hardest principals of faith, for me, is this notion that God expects us to abide in Him. On the surface that seems OK, but after awhile, I realized that as long as I was relying on my own skills and talents, there was little Spiritual power. Also, I realized that when I was out of my comfort zone, praying and relying on God's grace and mercy, there will be effective life changing Spiritual power made available. I realized that it's not about me, so then, my goal should be to develop a servants heart, that honors God and blesses others.

I discovered this on my week-

end, GMTD #1, on Sat. Night. I felt compelled to go talk to one of the spiritual directors. I don't remember what I said, if anything, finally he looked hard at me and asked, who are you? I was dumbfounded. In a little bit he asked again who are you? I was crushed by this spiritual indictment. I turned away without saying a word. God flooded my heart with the times that I had enjoyed the gratification of telling about my adventures, my accomplishments, my job, my this and my that. I went over to the corner of that chapel and cried bitter tears. Who I was, did not glorify my Savior. Although I was active in my local church, and Who I was, had been richly blessed, but there was little spiritual fruit. It was sad that I was a Christian for so many years

and just realized how blessed that I was, that God's mercy and grace had spared me long enough to come to understand what was required.

Luke 12: 48b NKJV

To whom much is given, from him much will be required.

After all those years of blessings, and just then, on that Saturday evening, among a bunch of strangers, God spoke to my heart. Tres Dias uses ordinary people with hearts that have been changed by the prayers, obedience, and sacrifice of other ordinary people that have allowed Christ to change them. People do not change people, the power of God changes people.

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### GMTD #68 Men's:

**May 29 - June 1, 2014**

**Rector:**

**Ernie Garrett**

#### Send-off:

Thurs., May 29 • 6:30 p.m.

#### Serenade:

Sat., May 31 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

#### Closing:

Sun., June 1 • 5:00 p.m.

### GMTD #68 Women's:

**June 5 - 8, 2014**

**Rector:**

**Elaine Doering**

#### Send-off:

Thurs., June 5 • 6:30 p.m.

#### Serenade:

Sat., June 7 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

#### Closing:

Sun., June 8 • 5:00 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Our next Secuela:

Saturday, March 22, 2014

Christ Fellowship  
139 Hightower Parkway  
Dawsonville, Ga. 30534  
706-216-3248

<http://www.cfchurch.tv>

Please arrive early.

The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Come and get a HUGE blessing!



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

**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.\*

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## Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #67

*Men's: February 20 - 23, 2014*

*Rector: Don Pruitt*

**But GOD demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

God loves us totally, unconditionally without reservation and with complete abandon. He loves us so much that he died for us while we were still in our mess.

He saved lives, changed lives, restored marriages, and broke the chains of addictions and sinful behaviors. I found myself stating "Does God Love us or what?" over and over.

team to serve our God humbly. He has transformed us with His grace, loved and strengthened us with His power to make something beautiful from the broken pieces of our lives.

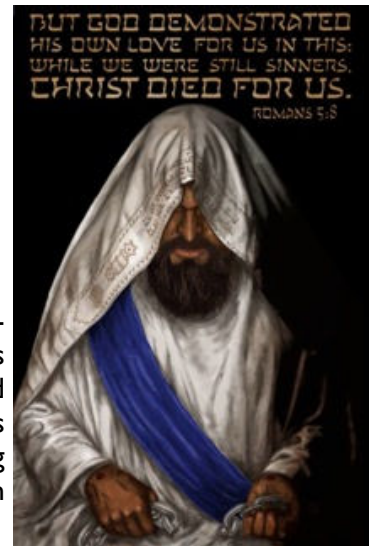
Our weekend verse was Romans 5:8 "He demonstrates His love for us that while we were yet sinners he died for us". He certainly demonstrated that this weekend as

It is always a delight to see God working in the lives of the candidates as well as the team, and I was totally blessed by the obedience and commitment of this

It was especially wonderful to see continuity of His work started on the men's weekend completed on the women's weekend. I am confident that He will com-

plete the good work that He began in all of us.

Don Pruitt  
Rector  
GMTD #67 for Men



**Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.  
Isaiah 43:1 (NKJV)**

Three days at a camp in Dahlenega is not going to change any lives, but the One you meet there, during those three days does!!.....and boy did He!!!

I have never seen a group of ladies so hungry for more. More rollos, more posters, more decuria, of course more palanca, but most of all

....More of Him!

The team and candidates received so much, by the second day we were overflowing and by Saturday night we were just undone! The army of God surrounded us on Saturday night, and I swear I thought we were about to meet Jesus! That was the catalyst we needed for healing at the cross later that night.

There were salvations and rededications, healings (cancer), bondages were broken and the women came to the realization that God calls us by our name, not our sin or "Label".

Then when we thought we couldn't take anymore, He showed us that fertile

ground is made from dead things.... We sowed into the fertile soil with all the junk and dead things that were nailed to the cross.... proof was in the flowers!

We disengaged the names and labels we give ourselves and that society gives us. The ladies received new names – More confirmation that He has redeemed us and called us by name. These new names brought healing and revelation.

At first I resisted putting the "Fear Not" in the weekend scripture, and I am so thankful that I listened to the Holy Spirit and put it in. it was so impactful as we learned what "Swords Up" means in the heavenlies and used it in

a mighty way! Prayers were answered and the enemy's lies silenced and the Spirit of Fear and self condemnation were defeated and eliminated.

The devil was shaking when we hit the grounds on Thursday and is not happy about the lives that were changed on the mountain.

I am so proud and honored to have been the leader of such a Godly and equipped team of Black Sheep that lead like shepherds on the weekend. That is the heart of Tres Dias – to train up leaders. Well done team... Well done!

Robin Prince  
Rectorette  
GMTD #67 for Women

## Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #67 Women's: February 27 - March 2, 2014

*Rector: Robin Prince*

## Welcome New Pescadores!

### Table of Luke

Cameron Revord  
David Harper  
Matthew Loyet  
Jeff Wilson  
Saul Martinez

### Table of Peter

Bobby Adams  
Roy Hoyt  
Mark Romaniuk  
Jeffrey Clanton  
Tracy McCroskey  
Cody Simmons  
Matthew Fussell

### Table of Mark

Matthew Hubbard  
Keith Moody  
Randy Piper  
Michael Akin  
Quintin Dent  
William Stroud

### Table of Matthew

Hugh Warwick  
Dwayne Pollard  
Alan Waters  
Kenny Yancey  
Frankie Avilies  
Scott Hamby  
Phillip Hurst

### Table of John

Wesley Hughes  
Vance Wood  
Steven Yost  
Ricky Bailey  
John Edmiston  
William Trippe

### Table of Paul

Scott Biddulph  
Robert Happoldt  
Blake Weaver  
William Johnson  
Greg Percell  
Brandon Worley

### Table of Ruth

Karen Archer  
Stephanie Pollard  
Kristina Nix  
Angel Swain Barclay  
Georgette Johnson  
Lori Biddulph  
Brandi Romaniuk

### Table of Elizabeth

Angie Sharp  
Lisa Weaver  
Lisa Stroud  
Catherine McCroskey  
Susan Edmiston  
Susan Ciccone  
Michele Barabas

### Table of Rachel

Laura Adams  
Dovie Samples  
Ginger Wood  
Charity York  
Tabitha Martinez  
Alicia Happoldt  
Jessica Hughes

### Table of Sarah

Gail Beck  
Leslie Pope  
Crystal Wallace  
Jasonya Webb  
Linda Morrongiello  
Neena Hulsey  
Stacie Faulkner

### Table of Rebekah

Joy Bailey  
Melissa Patterson  
Vanita Prince  
Carolyn Wilson  
Kelly Moody  
Lisa Ann Waters  
Sandra Glass

### Table of Esther

Angie Adams  
Laura Piper  
Shona Purcell  
Amanda Wood  
Jessica Lowe  
JoAnn Hamilton  
Carol Crotzer

## Abide in Him Continued

For this to happen, people have to abide in the presence of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. That could be as simple as praying, or singing a praise song, while washing dishes in the kitchen. God honors every sacrifice, every prayer and every act of obedience, if we abide in Him. Also we have to leave the outcome to God. Not everyone will respond according to God's plan.

A very disturbing thing is when someone puts their own agenda before the perfect will of God. The souls of men and women are hanging in the balance. What if on that Saturday night on my weekend, that minister, had not been spiritually ready? I probably would have returned home the same spiritual mess as when I arrived.

John 15:4-8

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear Fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine; neither can you, unless you abide in Me. 5 I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it will be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciple.

Webster's Student Dictionary defines Abide as: 1 To wait for, 2 To bear patiently, tolerate, 3 Endure, 4 To live or continue in a place, to dwell.

Tres Dias is a spiritual journey. To put

pride, personal agenda, or self gratification, ahead of God's plan, is not waiting on God, is not enduring, is not dwelling with God.

As leaders couple we try to stress to the new Rectors the importance of seeking God for a vision for the weekend. Then seek God for creative ways to communicate that vision to the team and then to the candidates. By doing this they are trusting in God and for the vision. Sometimes its just to easy to go with what we know and let the creative juices flow, without waiting on God for his plan and agenda.

Have I been perfect since then? No... I discovered that the lessons of faith that stuck the best was when I let go and let God, even when I was weak and out of control, or even when it was painful. That is one of the reasons we should be thankful in all things. God does not waste any of his faith building lessons. If we don't pass the test of faith the first time, then we will have to go around the mountain, until we do learn to Wait, to endure, to dwell with God, in spite of our problems in this life.

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## Upcoming Weekends

**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**

## Tres Dias Teams

**Interested in serving on a Tres  
Dias team?**

**Go to [www.gmtd.org](http://www.gmtd.org) or come to  
the next Secuela to sign up!**



## It Keeps Getting Better...



*'It's always nice to get the  
tennis rackets out in April'*

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## Announcements & Reminders

**GMTD SECRETARIAT:** The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2014 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:records-database-manager@gmt.org), or 770-842-5423, or go to

[www.gmt.org/PescadoreUpdateForm](http://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](http://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=8D9V99f2Hko](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D9V99f2Hko). 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 April 4 - 6, 2014 for the Young Women and April 11 - 13, 2014 for the Young Men.