

Giving

by Chrissy Owenby - GMTD Secretariat Weekend

In the fast-paced world we live in, it is easy to become self-focused to simply survive. As a woman, I often struggle to balance being the wife, daughter, administrator, grand daughter, friend, sister, volunteer and Jesus follower I feel like I need to be. Quite honestly, at times, it can be simply overwhelming. It is so easy to allow ourselves to become sacrificial; that is not how God designed giving.

Last week, I experienced myself resenting giving. I had used some decorative trees on a Tres Dias weekend, and a woman continually shared with me how perfect they would be in her bakery. As I have been cleaning out my basement, I saw those trees and God laid on my heart to give them to her. I reluctantly loaded them in my car and took them to her. As I was unloading them, I put a large scratch in the paint on my bumper. I found myself resenting giving; it was costing me! The giving had now cost me damage to my vehicle. The Holy Spirit convicted my heart all day about my resentment. Four hours later, I was rear ended. Problem solved... that large scratch I had put on my bumper no longer mattered. I was getting a brand new bumper.

You see... God wants all of me and all of you. He wants us to recognize that everything is His. We cannot live as though everything we have is ours; we

earned it, so we deserve it. Instead, we must give credit to our Heavenly Father that so graciously gives to us.

In giving, we grow. The desire to give comes from a deep place in our hearts and soul. When we give to others, it is an enjoyable experience that allows us to share with others. By offering to others, we are continually devoting ourselves to Him and sense of giving He evokes within our hearts.

God does not desire for us to give in order to receive human recognition, build our power or fuel our pride. He gifts us with the privilege and responsibility to give to others because He abundantly gives to us.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7 reminds us that, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Let's be encouraged to desire to give rather than resenting giving. It truly is a reflection of our hearts.

Be a cheerful giver! The results will amaze you. Not only will others' needs be met, you will be blessed and, most importantly, God will be glorified!

De Colores!

March 2018

GMTD #80 Men's: May 24-27, 2018

Rector: Keith Canup

Send-off:

Thurs., May 24 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., May 26 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Closing:

Sun., May 27 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #80 Women's: May 31-June 3, 2018

Rector: Pam Barrett

Send-off: Thurs., May 31 • 6:30 p.m. Serenade:

Sat., June 2 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Closing:

Sun., June 3 • 5:00 p.m.

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GMTD #79 - MEN'S

FEB 15-18, 2018 - BEN BRANTLEY, RECTOR

"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly." - Micah 6:8

Acts 4:13 "When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized these were untrained ordinary men, they were astonished and took note that these men had been with Jesus."

The Theme for the Men's GMTD#79 weekend was "Ordinary Men Walking with Jesus". Well, once again, Our Father is true to His Vision. As it turns out, when ordinary men walk with Jesus its anything but ordinary. He makes life become extraordinary!

From the very beginning it became clear that God wanted to do a cleansing, healing work within the team before we went up the mountain to serve the candidates of GMTD#79. Over the course of meetings, He brought team members better jobs, answered prayers for physical and spiritual healings, and renewed a spiritual intimacy within the rector. Through the process, the team truly became a brotherhood of loving brothers.

On the weekend, the candidates arrived excited about what God would have in store for them. And He did not disappoint! We now have six new brothers in the Lord and several spiritual renewals. Just as He did with the team, Our Father did a wonderful work within the candidates as many men received new callings as husbands and fathers. It became apparent at closing that His Word does not fail or return void as men testified that they had seen and experienced love amongst their brothers. John 13:35 "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

I would like to thank the entire Georgia Mountains Tres Dias community for the overwhelming outpouring of palanca that flowed into the camp. And the tremendous turnout of ladies worshiping at serenade was AMAZING! Most importantly of all, thank you Tres Dias community for your support through prayer and intercession.

Thank you, Father, for Your love, healing, and forgiveness and for the work and transformation that You continue to do in the team and Pescadores.

To God the glory.
Ben Brantley
Rector
GMTD#79



The Men of GMTD #79 - Welcome!

| Table of Luke Bartley Williams Jeffrey Watt Paul Wood Tyler Thrasher Steven Williamson Travis Surls | Table of Peter Derick Canup Autry Gibby Rodney Chatman Gill Crawford Ken Eller Toby Crowe Charles Flanagan | Table of Mark Daniel Allen Troy Dempsey Jamey Gettys Ian Frye Shawn Graves David Funk William Harper | Table of Matthew Jody Brown Scott Beardsley Ricky Bell Kevin Allen Robert Haskin Dustin Barrett | Table of John Monnie Stanfield John-Mark Parham Bill Morgan Nick Popadiuk John Patterson Johnny Thudium | Table of Paul Jason Hubble Ryan Fish Montage Maddox Mike McClure Ernest Martin |
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GMTD #79 - WOMEN'S

FEB 22-25, 2018 - SARESA GARRETT, RECTOR

Phílíppíans 1:6. "For I am confident of thís very thíng, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

God has given us His promise of Philippians 1:6 that "He who began a good work in you WILL perfect and complete it." When God breathed His vision into GTMD Ladies Weekend #79, He truly knew it would be a weekend of transforming hearts. He gave us a vision of our hearts being Unfinished like a piece of beautiful sea glass. It starts out as sharp pieces of broken glass and is slowly smoothed and shaped into a "frosted" stone as it is submerged and abides in the great and mighty ocean of the Father. The "frosted" look of the sea glass is a mark of "genuine" sea glass, having spent years of transformation in the ocean. As we abide with our Maker, we wear His radiance, which is a "genuine" mark of being in His presence continually. On the weekend, was it any wonder that His overpowering presence came upon us like a wave? His transforming power began very early on the weekend and continued throughout. Broken hearts, scarred hearts, fearful hearts, hidden hearts, abandoned hearts, and hardened hearts were all transformed by the Father's power and glory. He did an eternal work in their hearts and for many, He reminded them of His Promises. God used the unity, joy, and obedient hearts of the Team of GMTD #79 to do a mighty work. We want to thank the Tres Dias community who blessed us with mighty prayer warriors who were on their faces for the weekend, a generous outpouring of palanca, and a mighty army of Godly men who came to Serenade us on Saturday night. I am thankful for God's call to serve and we offer all the fruits of the weekend up to His glory and honor. As the team and the candidates continue into their Fourth Day, I am reminded of a quote by Martin Luther that expresses the transformation of the Unfinished Masterpiece. "We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.

FOR I AM CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING,
that He who began
A GOOD WORK IN YOU
WILL PERFECT IT
until the day
OF CHRIST JESUS.
PHILIPPIANS I:6

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS TRES DIAS # 79

The Women of GMTD #79 - Welcome!

| Table of Ruth | Table of Elizabeth | Table of Rachel | Table of Esther | Table of Rebekah | Table of Sarah |
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| Cara Chatman | Nell Boyce | Heather Harper | Kay Patterson | Angie Cotterill | Allison Eller |
| April Anderson | Bianca Hubble | Christy Bell | Janice Grimes | Charity Frye | Shanna Williamson |
| Dana Smith | Donna Brooks | LeeAnna Adams | Summer Wells | Jennifer Eller | Jenny Stanfield |
| Tabitha Waycaster | Amanda Houle | Casey Garner | Mindi Canup | Cindy Johnson | Charmaine Fleming |
| Alexis McClure | Jan Popaduik | Christy Gibby | Opal Shook | Melody Crawford | Patty Carder |
| | Laina Cox | Dorothy Goldey | Kristy Surls | Sheree Flanagan | Lisa Gettys |
| | Jackie Edwards | Nicole Parham | | Brittany Allen | Amber Barrett |

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

In awe of Him, Saresa Garrett, Rector - GMTD #79

GMTD #80 Men: May 24-27, 2018 Women: May 31-June 3, 2018

GMTD #81 Men: Sept 20-23, 2018 Women: Sept 27-30, 2018



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!

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 2, 2018 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA

GMTD APPLICATIONS

GMTD applications may be downloaded at www.gmtd.org. Please mail to:

> **GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple** Kevin & Holly Salisbury 3910 Argentite Way Cumming, GA 30040

Please call Holly at 770-876-4059 or email at hksalisbury@gmail.com with any questions.

GMTD weekend fee is \$110 per person.

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.

PESCADORE'S PROGRESS

Subscribe to the Pescadore's Progress at www.gmtd.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address and weekend attended to:

> Monica Epps 241 Arbor Hills Road North Talking Rock, GA 30175

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 email has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Anthony Franklin at:

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 burboses.

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. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

GMTD Secretariat Members

| Chairman | . Fletcher Holliday | .770-401-0308 |
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| Database | . Anthony Franklin | .706-968-8739 |
| Food Supply | . Debbie Turco | .770-656-7378 |
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| Leaders-B | . Randall & Cindy Hallford | .706-768-4599 |
| Leaders-B (In Training) | . Rick & Mary Martinez | .470-248-8719 |
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| Palanca | | |
| Pre-Weekend | . Kevin & Holly Salisbury | .770-235-6619 |
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| Spiritual Director | | |
| Treasurer | . Jon & Debbie Newcomer | .770-490-5755 |
| Webmaster | . Brad Whitener | .706-499-2790 |
| Weekend | . Trey & Kenia Smith | .678-936-0213 |
| Weekend (In Training) | | |
| Worship Director | • | |

Find e-mail contact info at www.gmtd.org

Georgia Mountains 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 website 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 spring and one in the fall. The next set of weekends are March 16-18, 2018 for the Young Women and March 23-25 for the Young Men.



Georgia Mountains Tres Dias



GMTD WINTER SECUELA

Saturday, March 17, 2018 6:00 P.M.

Freedom Tabernacle 2160 Freedom Parkway Cumming, GA 30041

The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to feed 10 people

Come and get a HUGE blessing!

SPONSORS: If you have sponsored candidates, please bring them to the Secuela. If you are unable to bring them, please make other arrangements to get them there.

****CHILDCARE NOT PROVIDED*****

Please make other arrangements for your children. Thank you!

This event is open to everyone!

Not just pescadores!

For any questions please contact any Secretariat member.