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, granddaughter, 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!

June 2018

GMTD #81 Men's: Sept 20-23, 2018

Rector: Anthony Franklin

Send-off:

Thurs., Sept 20 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Sept 22 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Sept 23 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #81 Women's: Sept 27-30, 2018

Rector: Rhonda Andrews
Send-off:

Thurs., Sept 27 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Sept 29 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Sept 30 • 5:00 p.m.

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GMTD #80 - MEN'S

MAY 24-27, 2018 - KEITH CANUP, RECTOR

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne?

Though she may forget, I will not forget you! **See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are** ever before me. Isaiah 49:15-16

"I WILL NOT FORGET YOU. SEE, I HAVE INSCRIBED YOU ON THE PALMS OF MY HANDS"

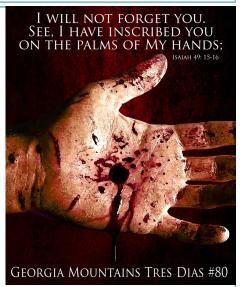
Isaiah 49:15-16 "Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; Your walls are continually before Me."

Wow! What an amazing Weekend! God called and His Team answered as the prayers of faithful believers invited the Holy Spirit to meet with our Candidates in an intimate and personal way. Because of those same prayers many of our Candidates showed up ready for what God had in store for them and they went right to work. Walls fell as the men, in silence, looked inside themselves on Thursday evening. The Holy Spirit gently began to reveal to each man his shortcomings and discrepancies, even those who thought they had nothing to fix. Strong men realized their need to humble themselves before a holy God and to repair their relationships with the Father, their Brides, their children, and others God had placed in their paths. And many made decisions to do just that by following Christ's example and opening their hands to let go and to receive. Some received forgiveness and learned to forgive others and themselves. Some received salvation and others were able to let go of their pride, failures and long held hurts. I watched speechless as strong men were broken before a holy God, especially as humble Team members washed their feet, some even with their tears!

We all learned the blessing of being inscribed on the palms of His hands and that we are not forgotten because He never stops thinking about us! God faithfully answered our prayers and sent us all home changed, but

knowing that we all had more work to do as our Brides and single Ladies prepared for their Weekend.

Thank you GMTD Community for the mountains of palanca you showered on our guys and special thanks to all the precious Ladies who blessed the men at the Serenade. Your beautiful singing and the impact of the Spirit through your willingness to serve has changed lives forever! I especially want to thank all the Sponsors and all



those who, on their knees, stood in the gap for Georgia Mountains Tres Dias Men's and Women's #80! Our prayers have been and will continue to be answered because of your faithfulness....

I will never get over this incredible blessing from God, our wonderful Candidates, or our amazing Team!

Thank you, Jesus!

DeCOLORES! Keith Canup -- Rector, GMTD #80

The Men of GMTD #80 - Welcome!

Table of Luke	Table of Peter	Table of Mark	Table of Matthew	Table of John	Table of Paul
Gordon Cantrell	Ty Barrett	Jake Nicholson	Michael Clark	Casey Weaver	Chris Jackson
Dyllin Carter	Ricky Branam	David Bledsoe	Terry Fawcett	Nelson Rowe	Gabe Bevers
Keith Davis	Mike Malone	Brent Shubert	Jacob Palmer	Craig Miller	Jef Tontonoz
Josh Cash	Donnie Barnette	Ryan Gerrald	Larry Vinson	Vinny Martinez	Ben Gatch
Nicholas Lowe	Frank Anderson	Doug Patterson	Peter Alden	Harry Williams, Jr.	Brice Gerrin
Adan Sanchez	Bo Weaver	Christopher King	Mike Libbin	Levi McSwain	Robbie Burrell
		Christopher 14mg	Tine Libbin		Ronald Hylton

GMTD #80 - WOMEN'S

MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2018 - PAM BARRETT, RECTOR

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Teremiah 29:12-14

As I sit and think about the weekend, I stand in awe of God!!! His love and Grace is truly amazing. He definitely is true to His word and that if we seek Him and want it "more than anything" He will make sure we will not be disappointed. Through the journey I watched Him change so may lives, not only mine as the rector, but the members of God's amazing team of GMTD# 80, and the women God sent to the weekend. He truly is faithful. So many poured out so much love this weekend and God filled them up again again and again. It was such an honor to be rector of GMTD #80 and to be a part of God's journey for so many. "When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed." GOD 's Decree. "I'll turn things around for you." Jeremiah 29:12~14a



The Women of GMTD #80 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth	Table of Elizabeth	Table of Rachel	Table of Esther	Table of Rebekah	Table of Sarah
Joanne Miller	Amanda Baxter	Susana Murray	Stephanie Shubert	Crystal Hudgins	Elizabeth King
Ashley Wade	Lora Branam	Amanda Carter	Amy Davis	Diane Fawcett	Chelsea Smith
Katlynn Weaver	Rachel Campbell	Audra Cantrell	Katie Nicholson	Michelle Thibodeau	Amy Jackson
Sheril Nix	Laura Barnette	Shelley Cash	Jessica Chastain	Elizabeth Whitehead	Barbara Jones
Megan Palmer	Wanda Anderson	Debbie Zimmerman	Layla Patterson	Leta Lomax	Tandi Burrell
Cathy Williams	Reina Watt	Amber McSwain	Jenny Shiba	Gina Libbin	Diane Hylton
Jordan Sosebee	Ashlee McQueen	Ashley SanchezRamirez	Gena Woodman	Jessie DeLong	Deborah Miller

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

De Colores-Pam Barrett, Rector GMTD #80

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

GMTD #82 Men: Feb 7-10, 2019 Women: Feb 14-17,2018



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

GMTD Secretariat Members

Chairman	Fletcher Holliday	770-401-0308
Database	Anthony Franklin	706-968-8739
Databse (In Training)	Greg Purcell	706-768-6897
Food Supply	Debbie Turco	770-656-7378
Fourth Day	Raymond & Donna Posey	770-654-7348
Leaders-A	Kevin & Mickey Hill	706-768-5301
Leaders-B	Randall & Cindy Hallford	706-768-4599
Leaders-B (In Training)	Rick & Mary Martinez	470-248-8719
Newsletter	Monica Epps	770-380-5565
Palanca	Glen & Donna Nix	770-654-7611
Pre-Weekend	Kevin & Holly Salisbury	770-235-6619
Secretary	Layne Frantz	706-692-6267
Spiritual Director	Ron Glaze	706-499-7846
Treasurer	Jon & Debbie Newcomer	770-490-5755
Treasurer (In Training)	Brian & Diana Cartwright	706-244-4173
Webmaster	Brad Whitener	706-499-2790
Weekend	Trey & Kenia Smith	678-936-0213
Weekend (In Training)	Chris & Chrissy Owenby	706-768-5325
Worship Director	Todd Pealock	706-949-4251

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 SUMMER SECUELA

Saturday, June 23, 2018 6:00 P.M.

The Gathering 976 E. Kytle Street Cleveland, GA 30528

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.