

Pescadores Progress



Finish Strong

By Fletcher Holiday, Chairman

I think for some of us, starting something new comes pretty easy. I would say that if most would admit it, we get enthusiastic – excited, even! – about starting new things and new projects.

I liken it to the shiny new toy that children get at Christmas time. You know, the kind that they've been talking about for weeks and months, hoping and wishing (maybe even pleading to their parents) that it will be under the tree, come Christmas morning. And when Christmas morning arrives and they unwrap this new shiny toy, the whole household is keenly aware of how ecstatic they are. It's like you can't even get their attention anymore. But two months later, that shiny new toy isn't so shiny anymore. It's had a good run for its money (hopefully!) and now it's collecting dust somewhere in the back of the bedroom.

My childhood days are long over now, but it's strange how I am still prone to do the same thing: getting tired with the things I've started because I've become amazed by new things that capture my interest. But there's something to be said about having a plan and finishing what you start.

Long distance runners know the importance of having a plan and finishing what they started. A good long-distance runner knows they must have a plan in place before they ever begin their race. Even as they cross the starting line they are already considering how they will cross the finish line. Even as they take their first easy step, they have planned how they will take the last grueling step. A marathon runner may run 25 strong miles, but if they stop before the 26th, what good does that do? Anyone can start a race, but only training and planning can prepare them to finish it. There are no prizes for almost crossing the finish line. In that sense, the final mile is the most important of all, the last steps are even more important than the first. A strong finish can make up for a weak start, but dropping out before the finish line denies even the most amazing early progress. Anyone can start a race, but only one truly committed will finish it.

As Christians, we already running the race of life, and I trust you are running in such a way that you will be victorious. Paul says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it" (1 Corinthians 9:24).

To obtain that prize, you will need to run to the very end. You will need to cross that finish line. And to do that, you will need to plan your race. You will need to plan the ways you will run today so you can continue to run in the difficult days ahead. Far better a weak start with a strong finish than a strong start followed by a complete collapse. No runner regrets finishing too strong, but many regret finishing too weak.

You are not competing against other people in this race but against the enemies of the world and the flesh. How are you battling them? How do you plan to maintain your pace throughout the race?

Many of the principles we have learned in attending a Georgia Mountains Tres Dias Weekend can help one plan and finish this race strong. Particularly how we as Pescadores pursue a life of Piety, Study and Action can impact the way the race is finished.

On Sunday of each Georgia Mountains Tres Dias Weekend, each candidate is given a Discipleship Guide and is asked to focus on three disciplines in their daily life: Your Piety; Your Study; Your Action. Each candidate is asked to write within their own Discipleship Guides "a plan" of how much time they would spend each day focusing on their piety, study and action. Later that day each candidate is given time to dedicate the Discipleship Guides and pray to commit to follow their "plan". I for one am going to revisit my previous committal and pray God provides me the discipline to follow my "plan". I encourage each of you to join me.

I am convinced that if we pursue these disciplines, we will be pacing ourselves well and preparing to cross the finish line with arms raised in victory. We will be setting the pace to finish the race. We, like Paul, will be able to confidently say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

Decolores,

Fletcher Holliday

Chairman GMTD

Serve your King!

February 2019

GMTD #83 Men's:
May 30-June 2, 2019

Rector: Jimmy Cash

Send-off:

Thurs., May 30 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 1 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 2 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #83 Women's:
June 6-9, 2019

Rector: Debra Franklin

Send-off:

Thurs., June 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 9 • 5:00 p.m.

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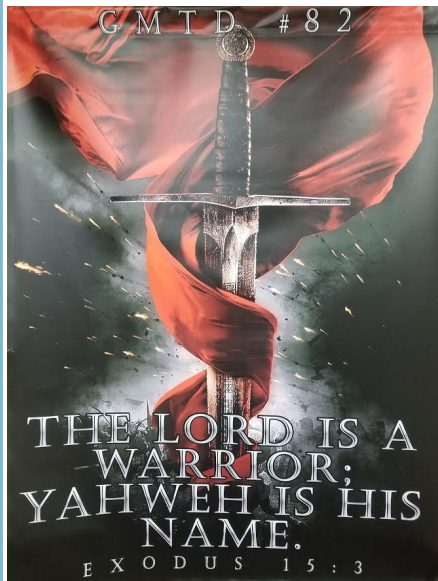
GMTD #82 - MEN'S

Jan 31-Feb 3, 2019

Rector: Steven Roach

"The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. ~Exodus 15:2-3

Our Scripture for the weekend was Exodus 15:2-3 which says " The Lord is my strength and my song He has become my salvation. This is my God and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. The Lord is a warrior; Yahweh is His Name " (HCSB). Our theme was He is



Fighting for you . I felt like the team really grabbed hold of the theme ,during team meetings I watched them pray for each other and encourage each other it was really awesome.I came to understand God fights for us through His presence

and each other. I knew God used us to minister to each other but it is much deeper than that. During the weekend I witnessed the change

that occurred in the candidates I have seen it many times but I think I understand it better. All the prayer from the team and community, the talks, the communion, fellowship and the serenade all forms of God fighting for us through each other. I think we expect God to do something unexplainable or over the top and He certainly can and does but it's the everyday things we do for each other that make the most difference. When we tune in and allow the Holy Spirit to minister or fight through us we will see life changing things happen. I will never know everything God accomplished on this weekend I am just thankful to have been part of it. On a personal note this was one of the most challenging and most fulfilling thing I have ever done I always had someone encouraging me at just the right time I am truly thankful to have been rector for GMTD # 82.

Blessings, Steven Roach

The Men of GMTD #82 - Welcome!

Table of Luke

Kelly Barrs
Don Nettles
Michael Payne
James Myers
Adam Parrish
Robert Willis
Zack Phillips

Table of Peter

Tyler Braswell
Greg Hall
Brian Harrison
Brian Pilcher
Jason Smith
Randy Fields
Justin Chandler

Table of Mark

Donnie Pennington
Cale Cobb
Bobby Thompson
"Red" Winston Harris
Levi Bright
John Thompson

Table of Matthew

Ryan Jones
Michael Wilson
Chaun Young
Josh Davidson
Jim Wetherton
James Watkins
James Hood

Table of John

John Harvey
David Leffew
Rodney Mays
Daiel Sides
Drew Ridgeway
Daniel Johnson
Jerry Blake

Table of Paul

Chad Evers
Paul Winder
Markus Bartell
Matthew Ballard
Paul Pitkins
Steve Green
Jason Bryant

GMTD #82 - WOMEN'S

Feb 7-Feb 11, 2019

Rector: Debbie Newcomer

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— John 1:12

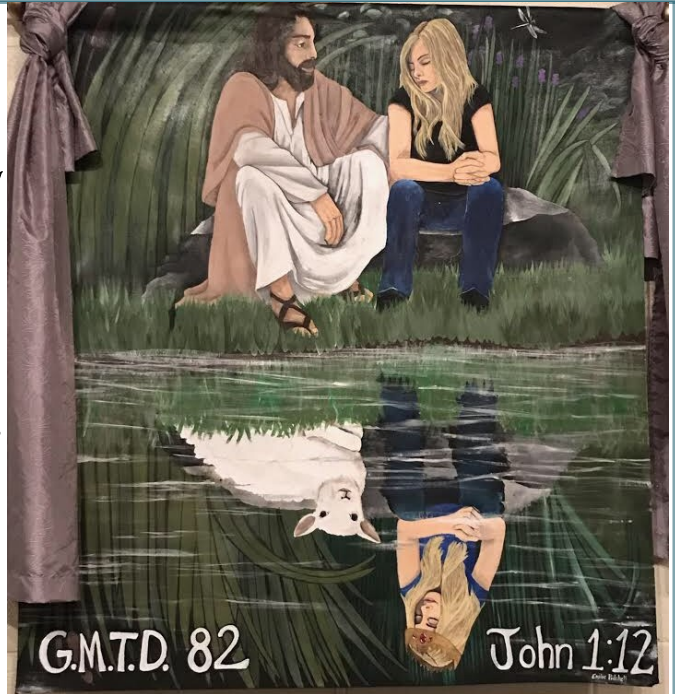
What an amazing God we serve! He is so faithful and from the moment I received the call to be Rector of GMTD #82 he began to form His message. He wanted to address our Identity as a Child of God. Many of us have allowed the world, our circumstances or what others have said about us to define us and form our identity and worth. He wanted us to restore the focus of our worth found in the saving work of Jesus Christ on the cross and who He says we are according to His word.

The verse He chose was John 1:12. "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." His team was a group of mighty men and women who were united in being the hands and feet of Christ and they poured out His love throughout the team meeting and overflowed it on the weekend. Our hearts desire was that all would receive Him as Lord, Believe in Him and Who He says we are, and Become all He created us to Be! It truly was a life changing weekend for not only the candidates He sent but the team He chose. Forgiveness, peace, joy and love invaded the camp from the moment we stepped onto the grounds and I am sure it lingered long after we were gone!

I would like to thank the community for their outpouring of His love with the palanca they generously gave and to the mighty men who "Surrounded" us at serenade. You were the embodiment of 2 Corinthians 9:13-14, "Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you."

I like so many others have been forever changed as a result of what the Lord did on this weekend. It was truly an honor and a privilege to be the Rector of GMTD #82 and for that I give God all the glory and honor. May God Bless Each and Every One of You as we walk out Who We are in Christ and the mission He has called us to!

*Debbie Newcomer
Rector
GMTD #82*



The Women of GMTD #82 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth

Caroline Barrs
Sharon Smith
Dru Mays
Rebecca Morales
Katy Wilson
Jennifer Smith
Victoria Watkins

Table of Elizabeth

Gloria Chandler
Jennifer Harrison
Marcia Myers
Lizzy Phillips
Linda Wolven
Debbie Mason

Table of Rachel

Jessica Bryant
Pam Higgins
Lacey Burns
Abi Rubel
Linda Yacks
Terri Lyon
Julie Lawsom

Table of Esther

Hannah Braswell
Karli Cobb
Heather Hood
Taylor Payne
Amanda Stubbs
Kay Halko
Reba Smith

Table of Rebekah

Rhonda Fields
Anna Davison
Debbie Green
Veronica Young
Anne Marie Taylor
Stacie Sides
Robyn Pitkins

Table of Sarah

Sherri Blake
Jennifer Harvey
Amanda Pilcher
Brenda Winder
Trina Dunn
Grace Ballard
Nancy Pennington

IN MEMORY OF..

Cleveland Funeral Home announces that Mrs. Gloria Hewett Thompson age 71, of Cleveland, Georgia passed away surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, February 14, 2019. Gloria was born on February 17, 1947 in Ft. Bragg, North Carolina to James Edwin Hewett and Helen Chadwick Hewett. She was a member of Riverpoint Community Church in Habersham County.

Gloria was employed by the late Jim Wilkins in 1978 at Orbit MFG in the accounting Department. After Orbit MFG was sold, she was employed by Mr. Wilkins once he established Wilco with his sons. She remained employed full time for years, later becoming a part time secretary and accounts manager. She remained in this position until this past fall as her health continued to decline. The Thompson family wishes to acknowledge and sincerely thank the Wilkins family for the love and kindness she received from the entire family over the last 40 years.

Gloria is survived by her husband, Brien Thompson with whom she would have celebrated 53 years of marriage on March 5th of this year; Mother, Helen Chadwick Hewett of Habersham County; Daughter, Deborah A. Moss of Cleveland; Son and Daughter in Law Alan and Khrys Thompson of Gainesville. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Riverpoint Community Church, located on Ansley Rd. in Demorest, Ga. on February 21, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends 1 hour prior to the service at the same location.

Cleveland Funeral Home - 2721 Highway 129 S. Cleveland, Ga - 706.865.1500



UPCOMING Single Women's WEEKEND

GMTD SW #11

July 25-28, 2019

Rector: Jenna Ingrassia



The GMTD Secretariat has voted and agreed that Secuelas can be open. What does this mean?

If you have invited someone to attend a GMTD weekend and they seem hesitant, invite them to a Secuela. This will give them a glimpse of Tres Dias by hearing the testimonies and seeing the results of what God can do through a Tres Dias weekend. We do not want to miss an opportunity that God has given us to show others the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. If one person changes their mind and attends because of what they were shown by coming to a secuela - IT IS WORTH IT!

Bible Word Search: CROSS, TOMB, & RESURRECTION

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REDEMPTION
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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2019 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonga, GA

GMTD APPLICATIONS

GMTD applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.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.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address and weekend attended to:

Kim Echols
95 Crystal Creek Way
Jasper, GA 30143

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, Greg Purcell at gregpurcell@gmail.com. *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	Greg Purcell	706-768-6897
Food Supply	Debbie Turco	770-656-7378
Food Supply (In Training)	Bill and Casandra King	678-591-2195
Fourth Day	Raymond & Donna Posey	706-973-0757
Leaders-A	Kevin & Mickey Hill	706-768-5301
Leaders-B	Rick & Mary Martinez	470-248-8719
Newsletter	Kim Echols	678-378-5335
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
Spiritual Director (In Training)	Sam Snider	706-889-4096
Treasurer	Brian & Diana Cartwright	706-244-4173
Webmaster	Brad Whitener	706-499-2790
Weekend	Chris & Chrissy Owenby	706-768-5325
Worship Director	Todd Pealock	706-949-4251

Find e-mail contact info at www.gmt.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 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 spring and one in the fall. The next set of weekends are April 4-7 2019 for the Young Women and April 11-14, 2019 for the Young Men.



Georgia Mountains Tres Dias



SECUELA

Saturday, March 16, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Christ Fellowship Church

3273 GA-17

Toccoa, GA 30577

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.