

# Pescadores Progress



## Difficult Times Will Come

By: Sam Snider, Spiritual Director

*2 Timothy 3:1-5: "But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people."*

These are difficult times. We are in a pandemic attack from an enemy we cannot see. A virus which has crossed the borders of this world. A menace which we are struggling to find a cure, assistance, or a vaccine. This attack has affected our bodies, our minds, our economy, and our ability to function.

Without relief soon we will see our economy suffer even more. Without a cure, many of our loved ones will suffer the effects of this virus. Many have died from this attack. Many more are experiencing the sickness that comes with it. Some seem to be more immune to the outward results of being infected but yet they are still infected.

I am fully aware of the horrific effects of the Corona Virus. But I am talking about the attacks of sin. As 2 Timothy states: in the last days we will see times of great difficulty. These times are caused by sin. I am not saying the Corona virus is caused by sin. I am saying the greater difficulties that this world faces are caused by sin. Sin which exhibits itself in the worst ways possible. Sin which permeates all mankind. Sin infects us all. Our sin nature is so very real. The outward appearance is listed above in 2 Timothy. We see the outward appearance really surface in times of difficulty. People fighting over toilet paper and yelling at Wal-Mart associates who are trying to stock the shelves with more TP. The scariest part is verse 5: "HAVING THE APPEARANCE OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING THE POWER." This is talking about folks who normally look pretty godly. But then that sin nature shows up again.

Here are some verses which provide some comfort.

Titus 3:1-7 (ESV)

*"Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."*

I am so glad that Christ saved me according to HIS mercy rather than my works. I am so grateful that the change in me is a direct result of His work rather than an outward religious act I can put on and take off. Does that make us perfect? Not hardly. We still have to fight the world, the flesh, and the devil. Does that make us arrogant? I hope not since we realize what we have been saved from. See, we have been saved from the very wrath of God that was due our sins. We, who were once enemies of God, have been brought near by the very grace of God poured out upon and in us through the regenerating and renewing power of the Holy Spirit. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ has justified and changed us from the inside out.

In conclusion, we will all have to deal with horrible viruses like this corona pandemic. These will come and go. Let us turn to Christ to deal with the eternal issue of the sin problem that can only be solved through the finished work of Jesus.

Prayerfully, Sam Snider

## April 2020

### GMTD #86 Men's:

Sept 17-20

Rector: Glenn Nix  
Send-off:  
Thurs., Sept 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:  
Sat., Sept 19 • 6:30 p.m.  
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:  
Sun., Sept 20 • 5:00 p.m.

### GMTD #86 Women's:

Sept 24-27

Rector: Eileen Payne  
Send-off:  
Thurs., Sept 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:  
Sat., Sept 26 • 6:30 p.m.  
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:  
Sun., Sept 27 • 5:00 p.m.

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# Secretariat Spotlight-Treasurer!!!

The Constitution and By-laws state the following in regards to the Treasurer role: that is can be filled by a single person or a married couple.

The Treasurer is tasked with maintaining the financial books and records of Georgia Mountain Tres Dias (GMTD). This includes: maintaining the QuickBooks accounting files used to record revenue and expenses of GMTD; disburse funds authorized by the Secretariat through the approved budget; receive funds from weekend's Asst. Head for team weekend fees; receive funds from Pre-weekend Couple for candidate's weekend fees; meet with Asst. Head to discuss financial flow for the weekend and his/her responsibility related to collecting funds; deposit collected funds into GMTD bank account; complete monthly reconciliation of GMTD bank account with QuickBooks account; present monthly financial package to Secretariat; maintain GMTD annual registration with the Georgia Secretary of State; file all income tax returns required for GMTD (form 990). The Treasurer (s) also participate in the overall guidance and planning of the Tres Dias activities.

## Your Current Treasurers

### Brian and Dana Cartwright

Brian and Dana Cartwright are currently serving on the GMTD Secretariat as the treasurer couple. They went through GMTD #38 in August of 2004.

They have been married for 20 years and have three beautiful daughters: Summer, who is married to Jamie, Delta who is a senior in high school, and Bailee who is in 5th grade. The Cartwright's also have a four year old granddaughter named Saylor.

They worship at The Pointe in Toccoa, GA where they have always lived. They have been active in the GMTD and GMVN Communities since their lives were changed when they went through GMTD. They feel honored and blessed to be able to serve on the Secretariat of this amazing community.

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10.



# Announcements & Reminders

## GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA

### Be a SPONSOR!!!

Sponsoring a candidate is easy. Visit the web-site [gmtd.org](http://gmtd.org), click on the application tab, and click Online Application. Fill out the application and submit. It's that easy! If you can't do an online application, you can also download an application to print using the same links from [gmtd.org](http://gmtd.org). After you fill out the application, you can scan it or take a picture of it and email to [gmtdapps@gmail.com](mailto:gmtdapps@gmail.com). And, if all else fails, you can put the application in an envelope and mail USPS to:

Stephen and Beth Dacus  
ATTN: GMTD  
8340 Waldrip Rd  
Gainesville, GA 30506

Please call Stephen at 678-469-1035 or email at [gmtdapps@gmail.com](mailto:gmtdapps@gmail.com) with any questions.

**GMTD** weekend fee is **\$130** 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 and 81 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](http://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 [gregcpurcell@gmail.com](mailto:gregcpurcell@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, sere-nade, or secuelas. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

#### GMTD Secretariat Members

Chairman .....	Kevin Hill.....	706-768-5301
Database .....	Greg Purcell.....	706-768-6897
Food Supply .....	Bill & Casandra King.....	678-591-2195
Fourth Day .....	Raymond & Donna Posey.....	706-973-0757
Leaders-A .....	Randy and Marla Flake .....	706-344-8338
Leaders-B .....	Rick & Mary Martinez.....	470-248-8719
Newsletter.....	Kim Echols.....	678-378-5335
Palanca .....	Darryl & Eileen Payne .....	770-894-2708
Pre-Weekend .....	Stephen & Beth Dacus .....	678-469-1035
Secretary .....	Layne Frantz.....	706-692-6267
Secretary (In Training).....	Linda Towns.....	770-654-3702
Spiritual Director.....	Sam Snider .....	706-889-4096
Treasurer .....	Brian & Diana Cartwright.....	706-244-4173
Webmaster.....	Angie Stocker.....	404-518-5176
Weekend .....	Chris & Chrissy Owenby .....	706-768-5325
Worship Director.....	Todd Pealock.....	706-949-4251

Find e-mail contact info at [www.gmt.org](http://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 \$100 and is \$100 for team members. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site [www.gmvn.net](http://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](http://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 October 29-Nov 1 2020 for the Young Women (Director Chrissy Owenby) and Nov 5-8, 2020 (Director Preston Fowler) for the Young Men.

