

Pescadores Progress



How did the crowd receive Peter's message?

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Acts 2 is a very familiar passage to all Christians. The day of Pentecost has arrived. The 120 are in the upper room. You have the apostles, Mary, the mother of Jesus, and a small band of followers. They are all together in one place. A noise like a violent rushing wind fills the room. The Holy Spirit comes to empower the church. And, a large crowd is drawn to the resulting declaration of the "Mighty Deeds of God". The crowd is amazed, perplexed, bewildered, and astonished that they are all hearing this proclamation in their own language. Some asked, "What does this mean?" While others said, "These folks must be drunk".

So, what was the crowd like? Was this a bunch of trouble makers, late night partiers? Acts 2:5 says, "Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven". The crowd was the most religious crowd you could find. These were devout Jews who had arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost. Many of these folks would have been in Jerusalem 7 weeks earlier to celebrate Passover. If you were looking for a group of God fearing, religious people, this was your place.

Now, think about what Peter says to the crowd and how they would have received the message. Acts 2:14-21 says that Peter explains to the crowd that the 120 are not drunk. Peter explains the situation by quoting the prophet Joel. This passage describes the last days leading up to the glorious day of the Lord and that all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved. Then, Peter gets real direct in verses 22-36 by telling them that Jesus of Nazareth was shown to be the Messiah through signs and wonders. Peter says that they should have full knowledge of all that Jesus did. And on top of that, Peter tells them that they nailed Jesus to a cross. At the end of Peter's message he says in verse 36, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ whom you crucified." At this point the crowd is pierced to the heart.

Vs 24 begins with "But God raised Him up again..." To you and me that is great news. But to the

crowd that killed Jesus that is bad news. Usually when you murder someone you would want them to stay dead. Now Peter is declaring that not only is Jesus alive but that according to verse 35 God will make all His enemies a footstool for His feet. So, think about this from the crowd's perspective. They were at Passover and a trial and crucifixion occurs. They arrive 7 weeks later to hear the news that the man who was killed is now alive. And that Jesus is the Christ. And that God is going to place His enemies under Jesus's feet. So, who are the enemies of God in this setting? The religious crowd who murdered the Messiah had to see themselves as being a part of that group. Thus they are cut to the heart and they ask Peter, "What are we to do?" Peter responds in verse 38, "Repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Peter also declares that this is the promise for all who the Lord will call to Himself. Now finally the crowd gets some good news.

But wait, the whole message was good news. The whole message was the Gospel. Sometimes we may have a warped view of who we were before salvation. Ephesians 2:1 tells us, "And you were dead in your trespasses and sins". The whole analogy that we were drowning and we reached up for the saving hand of Jesus is missing the mark. Dead men don't reach. Or maybe we have heard the view that we are all God's children but we have just gone astray. We just need to dust ourselves off and start going to church and acting right. That is not the Gospel. The good news is that we were dead in our sins and that God saves us through His son Jesus. We needed a resurrection. We needed to turn in repentance and place our faith in Jesus and that is only done by the work of God's Holy Spirit convicting our hearts. This whole passage includes 4 parts: A person like Peter who proclaimed the Gospel, The Word of God, The hearer of the word who must turn in faith, and, the vital component, God. God is the offended party with whom we must be held accountable. God's punishment is what God saves us from. We who were dead are now alive due to the finished work of Christ – that is a glorious message. The fact that God raised Jesus from the dead is now very good news indeed. We who once were God's enemies have been saved by His Grace. Amen and Amen.

May 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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IN MEMORY OF...



Stacy Marks Black, age 55, of Demorest, Georgia went home to be with the Lord on Monday, April 6, 2020 following a motorcycle accident. Mr. Black was a member of The House of Prayer in Mt. Airy where he served as the Director of Maintenance. Mr. Black was the Operations Manager for Northeast Georgia Machinery with his father. He attended GMTD #85 and sat at the table of Luke. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the House of Prayer, c/o Jenny Blalock, P.O. Box 586, Demorest, Georgia 30535 or online.

CAMP OF COLOR RENO!!!

Below are pictures of the renovated dorm room at the Camp of Colors. Whether you donated funds, supplies, time, labor or know how, we thank you! The Camp of Colors is a wonderful place and it is all of our responsibility to use this resource the Lord has given us for His work.

May it continue to bless generations to come! Amen.



Secretariat Spotlight-Leaders (Team B)!!!

The Constitution and By-laws state the following in regards to the Leaders (Team B) role: that it must be filled by a married couple, both having served as Rectors, responsible for second and fourth weekends each year.

There will be two couples serving in the Leaders position, with each couple having one vote. It is noted that one leader's couple may actually be two individuals, not married to each other, in this instance each individual would have one vote. (Effective 01/04/2002). They will share the position and alternate responsibilities each weekend. The Leaders Couple will be the mentor to each new rector and facilitate the training of the rector and the team leadership. The Leaders Couples duties include the following: Meet with each new rector during Orientation with the Chairman and Head Spiritual Director and help schedule training dates for the team. Train the rector on Policy, Procedures, Essentials, Team Selection and Team formation by providing training materials in these areas. Work with the rector in approving each team member selected and assist the rector in documenting their choices in an organized digital spreadsheet. This spreadsheet will be presented to Secretariat Leadership (Chairman and Head Spiritual Director) for approval. Train the Heads (Head Cha, Asst Head Cha, BUR, Head Kitchen and Asst Head Kitchen). Train the Professors and Area Heads. Attend the second team meeting and provide instructions and encouragement to the team. Regularly update the Secretariat on the rector's and team's progress. Meet with the rector after their weekend to be debriefed concerning any issues or questions that may have occurred on the weekend in an effort to improve the process for future weekends. All Training will be facilitated by the Leaders Couple and digital copies of the training material will be emailed to each individual unless they are not computer literate and in that case a paper copy will be provide. Participate in the overall guidance and planning of the Tres Dias activities

Your Current Leaders (Team B)

Rick and Mary Martinez



Rick and Mary live in Dawsonville, Ga. They attended GMTD #18. It was the weekend where Rick met his Lord and Savior and their lives have never been the same. They have been married for 43 years and have 3 awesome sons, one granddaughter, Olivia, and one grandson, Trenton.

Rick is a safe man and Mary works in a real estate title office. They have been actively involved in the Tres Dias Community for the last 22 years. They have been blessed to have sponsored many people along the way. They have served on many weekends and had the awesome opportunity to have both been Rectors. They love working alongside the Rectors in choosing their teams and preparing for their weekends. They thoroughly enjoy the time they spend with each new rector and watching what the Lord does every weekend. They attend Free Chapel Church in Gainesville, Ga and love serving as part of the Greeter Ministry. Being Part of the GMTD Community has been one of the biggest blessings in their lives and it just keeps getting better!! *Ephesians 2:10 -For we are His Workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for his good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 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, 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. After you fill out the application, you can scan it or take a picture of it and email to 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 Waldrup Rd

Gainesville, GA 30506

Please call Stephen at 678-469-1035 or email at 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. 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

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

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.gmvm.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 October 30-Nov 1 2020, for the Young Women (Director Chrissy Owenby) and Nov 6-8, 2020 (Director Preston Fowler) for the Young Men.

