

Pescadores Progress



Meditation

Philippians 4:6-7 “Be anxious for nothing but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

A year and a half ago I began training to do the job of spiritual director for the secretariat of GMTD. I was completing 5 years of serving as a pastor of a church I had helped found and I was a bit anxious. Our church knew it was time for our ten families to unite with a larger body of believers. So our church combined with another church as I began serving in GMTD. Had I failed? Did I miss the mark? The families had grown in faith. We had contributed large numbers of resources to missions. And yet you wonder if you could have done better. Also, would I be able to manage the placement of spiritual directors for GMTD weekends?

I still work as a teacher while serving the church as a preacher. I was nervous about teaching science. I had retired from 31 years in public education teaching PE. And I am now teaching Biology in a private, Catholic, prep school. Could I do it? I

still wonder.

Around this same time my father in law passed away after years with dementia. He was 88. I preached his funeral. What a Godly man. Could I even come close to what he had accomplished? Anxious again.

On July 31st my own father, Glen Snider, experienced a Cerebral Hemorrhage. In three days he was in heaven. He had battled severe back pain for years and at 84 was ready to go home to be with the Lord. Who was to be the head and leader for our family now? Who would I counsel with?

My mom came out of back surgery on Thursday 11/5. We have been taking care of her since my dad passed. What if things did not go well? How will we manage? Thankfully she is doing well.

King David prayed in Psalm 139:23-24 for God to search him and to know his heart. To test him and know his anxious thoughts. What we are anxious about is directly linked to where we feel inadequate. Our fears are linked to where we feel we may fail. God calls us to hand it over to Him. To bring our concerns in prayer. To come in thanksgiving and supplication. To finally realize that only in Him will we find our greatest strength.

November 2020

GMTD #86 Men's:
April 15-18, 2021

Rector: Glen Nix
Send-off:
Thurs., April 15th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., April 17th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., April 18th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #86 Women's:
April 22-25, 2021

Rector: Eileen Payne

Send-off:
Thurs., April 22nd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., April 24th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., April 25th • 5:00 p.m.

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There is peace promised for us. We all face a list of difficulties. They can make us a loud witness of God's Glory or they can break us into a heap of anxiety. We need to be in constant communion with our Father. Through Him and Him alone we will find peace. Elections, Corona virus, illnesses, child concerns, aging parents, job worries, new challenges and old memories can either haunt us or lead us closer to God.

I close with this. The apostle Paul was sitting in a prison cell writing to the church in Philippi. In the midst of this anxious moment, Paul says the Gospel is being spread all around him as the news of Jesus is told to the whole Roman Guard and everyone nearby. Paul was in prison for preaching the Gospel. The prison did not stop the Gospel. The Jail Paul found himself in was a MEGAPHONE for Jesus. People heard the Gospel. People saw the Gospel being lived. People were encouraged by Paul's reaction to the prison so that they shared the Gospel even more. What are you facing? Are you anxious? Jesus understands your fears. Stay in the battle. Just don't go it alone. Cry out to Jesus. Tell Him your anxious thoughts. Place them at the cross. Allow the Holy Spirit to use you as a MEGAPHONE of Grace in the midst of the storm.



Secretariat Spotlight: Pre-Weekend

Stephen and Beth Dacus are honored and blessed to serve as the Pre-Weekend couple for GMTD. The duties for this role mainly revolve around receiving

applications and gaining acceptance for those applicants to attend a weekend.

They both attended GMTD #20 where God met them both and greatly impacted their lives. Through the following years, they have been honored to serve Him on numerous weekends including GMTD, VN, TDCC and JATD. God blessed Stephen with allowing him to serve as Rector on GMTD #76. Stephen – “It’s hard to imagine not being part of the GMTD community”.

Stephen and Beth have been married for 32 wonderful years. Their family includes four sons – Justin, Jordan, Jeremy and Jarrett. All of them are adults but Jarrett, a high school senior, is the only one still at home. In October their family increased with the marriage of Jordan to his high school sweetheart, Abbey. And their family will increase again in April when Jeremy marries his high school sweetheart, Mackenzie.

The Dacus family lives in the Chestatee community of Forsyth County. Their families have lived in the Forsyth and Hall County area for at least five generations. They worship and serve at Free Chapel in Gainesville.

Stephen's foundation scripture is II Corinthians 12:9 “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

It keeps getting better!!

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 8th, 2021 at 7 p.m. The meeting's location is Assembly of God in Dahlonega.

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

Carol Brett

248 Long Mountain Trl.

Cleveland, GA 30528

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, serenade, or secuelas. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

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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 \$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 to be determined.

