

Pescadores Progress



MEDITATION

DWELL

A few weeks ago our choir was singing a simple verse of worship between our two morning services. The verse simply said “God, dwell within me”. I felt God place that word in my spirit right away and I knew that would be the subject of this meditation, Dwell.

First I looked up the word “dwelling”. It seemed logical to start with a word that I was positive I knew the meaning of. The definition is “a building or place of shelter to live in”. Somewhere in life, probably elementary school, I was taught what a dwelling was. It’s a structure, building or home. It’s a place to seek shelter from a storm or in the middle of one. When I was about 9 years old a terrible storm came extremely close to my home. I was always known to be able to sleep through anything but on this particular night I slept through a tornado. And just to give some perspective, the tornado completely leveled two of my grandfather’s chicken houses, which stood only 500 feet from my bedroom. Obviously, I felt safe in my home from this storm. More importantly, I knew God would keep me safe. I grew up in a Baptist church. From a small child I knew who God was, what he could do and what he had already done. I knew God would always keep me safe. I also knew that church

was God’s House. I had the basic understanding for a child. What I didn’t know then was that I had much more to learn. So what about the word “dwell”? The first thing that might come to mind is “to ponder in thought, or to linger over”. That’s what the dictionary says but that’s not all it means. I have been spiritually educated over the years. Whether it was by my pastor in church, on a Tres Dias weekend or simply studying God’s word, I have come to understand and know that a “dwelling” is much more than a building and “dwell” means much more than just to ponder. Now I am not a theologian. I’m just a girl who loves God and believes what the Bible teaches. I’m also not perfect. I’m a sinner that has been saved by God’s grace and this is what bore witness with my spirit. The Bible teaches us to make God our dwelling place. In other words, to sit down, stay, rest and remain in His presence. Psalm 91:1 says, *“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.”*

The verse doesn’t say to visit occasionally, but to dwell. In our frantic lives today, sometimes our dwelling place is our jobs, our families or a ministry that we’re involved in at church - or all three. We think that we can read the Word and fill ourselves with all that we think we need and keep going. These responsibilities demand a lot from us.

April 2021

GMTD #86 Men’s:
September 2-5, 2021

Rector: Glen Nix
Send-off:
Thurs., Sept. 2nd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Sept. 4th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., Sept. 5th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #86 Women’s:
September 9-12, 2021

Rector: Eileen Payne

Send-off:
Thurs., Sept. 9th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
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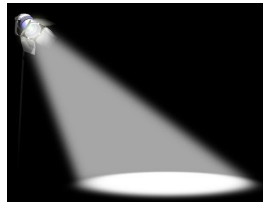
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We can't just take a few sips from the fountain of living waters when we feel we're running low or even fill our cups up just to drain ourselves again. The key is to dwell with God. That is His desire, that we would make Him our dwelling place, even in the midst of everyday life. His presence will thoroughly fill us with Living Water where we will never get thirsty. And so we ask God to dwell within us. If we don't ask Him or invite Him, He won't. And I don't know about you but I definitely want to "abide in the shadow of the Most High" - to dwell with God, to be in His presence, under His protection, feeling safe and at peace. Definitely, that's where I want to dwell. One of my favorite songs is based on Psalm 84:1 which says, "How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty!" - with an exclamation point. Verse 2, "My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." Verse 4 says, "Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Selah"

We must desire His presence. When we dwell in Him and with Him then He will cover us with His presence. That's when He becomes our refuge and our rock. I seek the presence of God more everyday by simply saying, "God, help me draw closer to you just as you want to draw closer to me. God, I want you alone to be my dwelling place."

De Colores,

Beth Dacus ~ GMTD #20



Secretariat Spotlight

I'm Linda Towns and my husband Larry and I attended GMTD #31 and wow.....it encouraged and changed my life!!! Larry and I have been married for 39 years and have 2 married children and 3 wonderful grandchildren. Zach, our youngest and his wife Ashley live in Macon, GA. Tiffany and her husband Noah Dwiell live in Cleveland, TN; they have our 3 precious grandchildren Nora, Abby and Theo.



It is an honor and blessing to serve this amazing community as Secretary on the committee. I have also been blessed to serve many Hispanic Tres Dias Con Cristo weekends at the Camp of Colors and a few In Tennessee called Tres Dias Con Dios. Both are beautiful communities and NO you do NOT have to speak Spanish. (I don't either.)

Our prayer is that it won't be long before we can resume our blessed 3 day weekends "on that mountain" very soon. I remember what a precious Friend and Brother Ralph Prescott said, " if you were blessed on a Tres Dias weekend we owe it to the next generation to receive a blessing like we did" !! Thank you, Sweet King of Glory-JESUS!!!

Decolores,

Linda Towns ~ GMTD #31

Positions Available on the Secretariat

The Secretariat is currently looking for singles or couples that are interested in serving the GMTD community through the following three positions. If you or someone you know is interested in serving, please contact any member of the Secretariat.

The Secretariat of Georgia Mountains Tres Dias, Inc. is elected from the membership of the community to administer and manage the affairs of the community. Secretariat members should attend at least six Secretariat meetings per year.

All Secretariat members must hold the following qualifications:

- A.) Maintain a lifestyle in keeping with Biblical leadership,
- B.) Demonstrate a record of support of the Tres Dias movement,
- C.) Have worked at least three (3) teams, in three (3) different areas of service,
- D.) Possess the skills required by Secretariat position job description.
- E.) Relatives are not allowed to serve on the Secretariat in different positions at the same time, except for the Leaders position.

We are currently seeking qualified individuals for the following areas of service:

TREASURER: Maintain 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). Participate in the overall guidance and planning of the Tres Dias activities. Can be a single person or a married couple.

DATABASE/RECORDS: Responsible for receiving and recording all information pertaining to attendance or service on a GMTD weekend as well as all updates that are received through the GMTD website. This would include the training of the communications cha and assisting in the training of the assistant head cha pertaining to accurate recording of attendance and use of spreadsheet. This training would occur during the heads and professors team training prior to the weekend. Maintain the computers for the communication chas. Provide the sign in credentials to the other members of the Secretariat for the OneDrive when passwords are changed. Print hard copies of service records, positions needed, script, timeline, and material as needed for the leaders couple to provide to the upcoming rectors. Participate in overall guidance and planning of Tres Dias activities. Can be a single person or a married couple.

MEN'S LEADERS/WOMEN'S LEADERS: 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.

In Memory Of....

Trisha Massie, 56 of Jasper passed away on Monday, January 4, 2021 at her residence. A memorial service will be planned for later in the year with arrangements being handled by In Their Honor Funeral home. Trisha attended GMTD #81.

Trisha was born in Hampton, Virginia to Rose and Jerome Benesh on February 29, 1964. She graduated from Dracut Highschool in 1982 in Dracut Massachusetts. She married John Massie on August 21, 1983. They had 3 daughters together which were always as she said her greatest accomplishments. Trisha loved spending time with her family, friends and her dog Monroe. She was full of life and loved fiercely. To say she will be missed doesn't begin to cover it.

Trisha was preceded in death by her mother Rose Mary Benesh and her Father Jerome Benesh. She is survived by her daughter Krystal Klein, son in-law Bobby Klein and grandson David Klein, Her daughter Katelyn Massie and Kali Star Massie, Brother Steven Benesh (Vedad Benesh) nephew Shane Benesh, niece Brox Benseh, several aunts, uncles, cousins and many beloved friends.

Darryl T. Payne, age 58, was called home on 3/30/21 after a brief illness. Darryl was a loving and faithful husband, father, grandfather, son and brother. A Christian many years, he worshipped at Living Word Church in Jasper, GA and attended GMTD #44.

Darryl leaves behind a loving wife, Eileen, six children, one brother and sister in law and many friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. Darryl was born in Decatur, Georgia, the youngest son of Floyd Payne and Jeanette S. Payne, attended Decatur High School, and graduated from Georgia State's Respiratory Therapist program and worked at Georgia Baptist Medical Center. He worked as Director of Respiratory Care at Pickens General Hospital and then was promoted to Purchasing Director. Later, he began his own home respiratory and medical equipment company, Hometown Home Health in Jasper. In addition, he opened Polar Vortex, a coffee and dessert shop. Anyone who has ever eaten one of Darryl's desserts knows what a wonderful baker he was. An elder, youth leader and worship team member of his church, he was the epitome of a servant of the Lord. A genuine heart and love for God and people, anyone who knew him, knew this.

He will be dearly missed by many.

A memorial service and celebration of life will be held, Saturday, April 17th from 12-3pm at Living Word Church in Jasper, GA. In lieu of flowers, any donations please send to Living Word Church, 215 Pioneer Industrial Boulevard, Jasper, GA 30143 or Present Hope ministries. - Dedra Key In Haiti

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