

#### Meditation: Casandra King, GMTD #77

Galatians 6:9 from the NIV tells us; "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

The Message Translation tells us: "So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit."

As I have talked to friends and acquaintances over the last few months it seems so many have one thing in common, they are weary. They are weary in their jobs. They are weary in their church. They are weary in their families. The things that used to make them happy and fulfill them are now just tiresome. They are weary. The definition of weary is; no longer interested, to tire, worn out, fatigued, mentally tired. Weariness can feel like a weight that does not go away. It can cause us to make decisions and do things that we would not normally do if we were not weary. Weariness can cause us to be impatient with others and not represent Jesus in a manner worthy of Him. Weariness has us going through the motions of life without living life to its fullest.

The Bible tells us not to become weary in doing good. The Tres Dias weekends are a perfect example of not becoming weary and the harvest is at the end of the weekend. Every Tres Dias weekend I have worked begins with a great anticipation for what the LORD is going to do. I arrive with my hands up and my heart open for what the LORD has for me personally as I work in whichever area He has called me to at that time.

Thursday night there is an excitement over the team and even a nervous excitement over the candidates as all join together for the weekend. Ever single Thursday I lay in my bed wondering what that weekend is going to hold. Even as a candidate I was not able to sleep well on Thursday. Friday morning comes early because of the lack of sleep from the night before. Friday has me still in that excited place as the candidates begin to relax and I begin to recognize and interact with the various ones. The pace is set and from Friday morning until Sunday Closing is pouring out and being the hands and feet of Jesus. Over the weekend attitude is a personal choice. I could allow the tiredness, the busyness, and other's moods to dictate my mood or I can do all things as unto the LORD. Many weekends that Scripture is repeated over and over again. Colossians 3:13 commands; "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the LORD and not to men." Although I am serving, I am serving Him first. Some of the Sundays before closing I have been so weary; I cannot even imagine doing another thing and then the candidates come into the dining hall. As each one shares at the podium, and I see the harvest before me my strength and ex-

citement is renewed. As I see addictions laid down, worth reestablished, marriages restored, and Jesus getting the glory I am renewed. The weariness felt only a little before was worth every minute.

Harvests come in many ways and each one of them require effort and work. There is no such thing as a passive Believer in Kingdom work. Every single day there is a new opportunity to share the love of Jesus with someone in your path. Every single day there is opportunity to bless someone new. Every single day there is opportunity to sacrifice ourselves for what the LORD has given to us that day.

Every single day as a Tres Dias community we should be practicing Action and going outside ourselves to minister to others. Luke 10:2 tells us; "Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." This includes during the time of Covid. People need the hope that only Jesus can bring. If we keep our focus on Covid the harvest is being lost to fear.

Every single day we should follow the outline of Church. We should go out into the world and give hope to the ones who have no hope. We need to be active and not passive. We know the condition of the world and offer a real hope. Why would others want what we have if we are not fully trusting God's plan for us? If we do not trust His plan fully we need to review Study to learn about who God is, what He has called us to do, and learn how to handle the problems of this world.

Every single day should be a Fourth Day as we take what we have learned on our Tres Dias weekend and what we teach at every single weekend and put it into action. We need to stay in contact and fellowship with others. We need to maintain contact with Christ and know His voice from the enemy of our soul. We need to persevere despite what is going on in this world. This is our example as we are called to look only to Jesus. Hebrews 12:1-2 tells us; "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

Every single day we should walk out all the aspects of our Tres Dias weekend where we stood up at our Sunday closing as we looked out among the weary team and shared what the LORD did for us over the weekend. The Harvest is ripe. Do not grow weary in doing good. ~ De Colores

#### December 2021

GMTD #87 Men's:

February 17-20, 2022

Rector: Donny Warcop

Send-off: Thurs., February 17th • 6:30 p.m.

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

Closing: Sun., February 20th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #87 Women's:

February 24-27, 2022

Rector: Paula Roach

Send-off: Thurs., February 24th • 6:30 p.m.

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

Closing: Sun., February 27th • 5:00 p.m.

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# GMTD #86 - MEN'S

## September 2-5, 2021

Rector: Kevin Hill

"Our God is a consuming fire." ~ Hebrews 12:29

This weekend will go down as the longest one in planning for GMTD. After #85 completed in February of 2020, Covid hit this nation and shut us down. Not sure when we would start up again we waited, prayed, and hoped Tres Dias would someday resume like in the past. Finally a light could be seen and we set a go date for our September weekends. We knew it wasn't over, but maybe with some safety rules and extra cleaning, #86 would go down as a special weekend. Long story short....sickness hit the team right before the weekend and it started with a Back Up Rector and 11 team members short. It was definitely going to be special, but in a way that couldn't be predicted. How could it go on? But God! 30 men came to the camp (that had an amazing renovation) not knowing what was happening in the background and had a life changing weekend! Hebrews 12:29 for our "God is a consuming fire." Glen Nix set our weekend verse and the men let it consume them. From Thursday evening to Sunday, they were ready to receive whatever God wanted to give them and from the closing we heard that everyone got something to take home with them. From rededications, to forgiveness, and of course, building leaders, lives would never be the same. And as the dust settled, we saw that GMTD could have a weekend in a world that has a

terrible virus, one that has taken many of our friends, and plan for future weekends. De Colores, Kevin Hill Back Up Rector GMTD #86



### The Men of GMTD #86 - Welcome!

Table of LukeChad DelongEarl DinklerLawrence HannonCody MixonTyler Prichard

Table of PeterMatt EvansDavid FoilDaniel HollowayJose PascualJean-Pierre Rodriguez

Table of MarkJake FrankumThomas GheeRobert LewisEd MartelJody Simonton

Table of Matthew Scott Gann Gregg Gordon Charley Lee Jacob Ware Tom Wilmot Table of JohnJames DoddHunter FarrDillon HoltzclawColin MontesTony Samples

Table of PaulMike CagleKris ConnollyJeff HayesAdam MartinMark Oliver

# GMTD #85 - WOMEN'S

# September 9-12, 2021

### **Rector: Eileen Payne**

"And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death." ~ Revelation 12:11

I'd like to start by thanking each of you for trusting me with the position of rector for women's GMTD #86. I was truly humbled and blessed and thankful for the experience and the journey. The Hebrew meaning of 86 is to kneel.

This was quite the journey being asked to serve in this capacity in October of 2019, then getting a team together to start meetings in March of 2020 to be shut down by a pandemic. The weekend was on and off several times, as was the team filed and refilled! I kept hearing persevere until the end. That we all did! God put together an amazing team of believers and gifted women and men! Our designated weekend finally arrived and was held September 9-12. 2021. We had 9 team members drop last minute due to covid and all but 8 were filled to complete the weekend that our Abba Daddy had prepared well in advance. We had to find a replacement serenade leader and were blessed by John Head and Eddie who filled in last minute. We had 30 candidates who were eager to be there and experienced God firsthand, making major life changes. Our scripture was Revelation 12:11: "We overcome him by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony and we do not love our lives even unto death." Our weekend song was Rescue Story by Zach Williams - and what a journey it has been. Our word for the weekend was Redeemed and we saw that firsthand in so many lives.

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7)

Swords and keys were evident on the weekend. The sword representing God's word and how it can transform lives. The key represented your testimony and how when used, unlocks someone else's prison!

I am thankful for this community and the outpouring of love and Encouragement. My husband Darryl passed away 3/30/2021 while in Montana. He experienced v fib arrhythmia and was placed on life support to be an organ donor, saving several lives. His hearts dreams and desires were fulfilled to the end. Many asked if I would continue on with GMTD 86, my response was yes, my God has called me. My devotion to him didn't change just because my circumstances did.

The vision all started with a dream, a beautiful dream on 10/18/15...a picture of a canyon, from two perspectives. A beautiful blue sky and a peaceful view, it was unreal and full of obstacles. Large boulders and standing trees and fallen trees but the skies were the brightest blue as Jesus and I stood overlooking from a rocky overhang. I was standing there with a sword in my right hand held high (declaring victory) and Jesus held tight to my left hand. I was holding onto God's power like a lifeline, and refused to let go We glanced at the valley below. I had on a long white dress but I was standing barefoot with one foot on a rock. I turned around and asked Jesus what it meant. It's where I've taken you and it's a beautiful work; his words were sweet and loving. It's like he created it all just for me. It looked like a lot of trees but a closer look revealed people in amongst the rocky terrain, it was full of obstacles and pits and I made

it through. I saw the path narrow as it lead me to the spot I now stood with Jesus by my side. We stood there at the top of a mountain overlook to see where I've come from....Barefoot! As I looked back to take in the view it's like I was moved to the other side of the canyon, yet it was the same view of the same canyon but it was very different. The skies were mean and dark and it smelled like death and it was an eerie sight and feeling. At first glance, it looked like dead trees laying down. But it was heaps of dry bones in the valley Jesus was by my side still. In a panic, I asked what happened to the beautiful sight? It's the same canyon. "This is how satan wants you to view your life", was Jesus' response. The choice is yours, depending on which perspective you wish to take your stand. I have given you life that you may live it in abundance. In whose shoes will you stand?? Mine or satans. I had a choice to make. I was standing barefoot! From Jesus view he sees a victorious princess that has over come many obstacles in this canyon of life, an overcomer a fighter! God saw me as Beautiful and strong and life giving. From satans perspective he wanted me to see myself as a broken worthless woman in a clump on the ground useless, used and worn out ... like a fallen dead tree! Lifeless dry bones! When he's got you thinking this you're no danger to him. You're as good as dead!

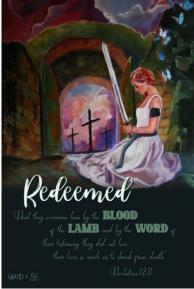
The words you speak and feed is what will grow! Will it be from the positive side of life or the negative side of life? We all go through trials and tribulations...Ladies, you can't keep sitting in those chairs in bondage to your past. It's time to claim who you are in Christ. Are you followers of Christ?? Take off your shoes if you are trapped in your past, trapped by things of this world...if

you feel you're truly not in His will. No shame, slip them off. Now stand up, stand up to who you are in Christ. You are victorious because he who dwells in you is greater than he that is in the world!!! Get up! Stand up. You want a new walk??? Change your perspective!! As for me, I am journeying on following in the footsteps of my maker, with my head held high!

God bless you all and Decolores!! Eileen Payne

GMTD #44

Rector for GMTD #86



### The Women of GMTD #86 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth Shari Craddock Stephanie Davis Michelle Holloway Amanda Rodriguez Cindy Smith-Brothers Table of Elizabeth Anny Foil Kelly Gorham Kimberly Jones Trisha Lee Danyel Pritchard

Table of RachelKim BevillDebbie DinklerStephanie OliverAbby PrichardTiahe ShubertCrystal Thurmond

Table of Esther Julie Batson Sherri Eager Kelley Holley Callie Rose Lee Liz Lewis Breanna Ware Table of RebekahAndrea ConnollyNicole FrankumBrooke GordonAshley HoltzclawJessica Protasio

Table of Sarah Nicole Collier Amelia Cooper Jessie Farr Rebecca Hart Amanda Olivier

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# Secretariat Positions Available

#### Secretariat Openings!

The Secretariat is currently looking for singles or couples that are interested in serving the GMTD community through the following two 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:

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: The Secretariat Spiritual Director represents the clergy in this lay-led movement. He gives pastoral guidance and counsel to the Secretariat in this capacity, striving to remain Christ centered regarding decisions and activities of GMTD. He is responsible for maintaining an ecumenical environment that is welcoming to the body of Christ, regardless of denominational affiliation. It is his responsibility to maintain a database of eligible clergy to serve this community, and assign from this list those who are willing to serve on the appointed weekends of GMTD. It is also his responsibility to recruit, and add to this list, or if necessary delete from this list. Either of these actions requires Secretariat approval. As an active member of the Secretariat, he should familiarize himself with the Tres Dias essentials, the GMTD Constitution and By-Laws and the GMTD Practice and Policy Manual and encourage all affiliated clergy to do the same. Attend the second team meeting and provide instructions and encouragement to the team. Participate in overall guidance and planning of Tres Dias activities.

FOOD COUPLE/PERSON: Responsible for all matters pertaining to the physical assets and arrangements for the weekend regarding food and food preparation. Communicate with the Head/Assistant Head Kitchen Chas on the budget, requested menu, food and supplies provided by GMTD for the weekend. Responsible for the storage of Georgia Mountain Tres Dias kitchen and food supplies. Maintain an accurate inventory of supplies and food items, and purchase them as needed for each weekend. Arrange for the transportation of the kitchen and food supplies to and from the weekend site. Supervise the take down of all kitchen and food supplies as well as the cleaning of the kitchen facility at the close of the weekend. Prepare and accurate record of the kitchen expenses for the Treasurer on a per weekend basis. Participate in overall guidance and planning of Tres Dias activities.

#### In Memory Of...

Shirley Ann Barrett Vallad, age 78, of Cleveland, passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021. Mrs. Vallad was born on March 5, 1943, in Fulton County, to the late Seaborn and Eula Pless Barrett. She was retired from the United States Department of Justice where she worked in support services for the F.B.I. Shirley attended NGTD #17, served on several GMTD weekends and attended Concord Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Larry Vallad, Cleveland; sisters, Uldine Adamson, Gainesville, and Renalda Chitwood, Maysville; several nieces and nephews as well as many cousins also survive.

Douglas Lee Patterson, age 56 of Jasper, Georgia passed away Friday, September 24, 2021 at Northside Hospital Cherokee. Doug attended GMTD #80, served on GMTD #86 and attended Living Word Church. Doug is survived by his wife, Layla Patterson of Talking Rock; sons and fiances, Jake Patterson and Britney Mooney of Jasper; Tyler Patterson and Gracie Ghorley of Jasper; son Garrett Patterson of Talking Rock; and son and daughter-in-law Cody and Emily Grant of Jasper; daughter, Alice Harkins; brothers, Dan Patterson of Fairmount, David Patterson of Soldonta, Alaska; grandson, Carter Coulter. Several aunts, uncles, other relatives and a host of friends also survive. Douglas was preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Shirley Patterson.

# Announcements & Reminders

#### **GMTD SECRETARIAT**

The next Secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 7, 2022 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Dahlonega Assembly of God in Dahlonega, GA.

#### Be a SPONSOR!!!

Sponsoring a candidate is easy. Visit the website 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. The weekend fee for GMTD is \$130 per person.

#### **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.

#### 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 <u>www.gmtd.org</u>. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address and weekend attended to: Carol Brett carolbrett61@gmail.com

#### UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!

If your address, phone number or email has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Hal Schneider at hal9g@comcast.net.

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	Kevin Hill	
	Hal Schneider	
Food Supply	Bill & Casandra King	678-591-2195
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Leaders-A	Randy and Marla Flake	
Leaders-B	Bill & Carole Pittman	678-776-6763
Newsletter	Carol Brett	706-969-1578
Palanca	Eileen Payne	770-893-9406
Pre-Weekend	Stephen & Beth Dacus	678-469-1035
Secretary	Linda Towns	770-654-3702
Spiritual Director	Sam Snider	
Treasurer	Kathy Crawford	706-244-1860
Webmaster	Angie Stocker	
Weekend	Greg & Denise Morrow	706-599-4184
Worship Director	Todd Pealock	706-949-4251

Find e-mail contact info at <u>www.gmtd.org</u>

## 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. 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 March 4-6, 2022 for the Young Women and April 11-13, 2022 for the Young Men.

