

**Meditation** ~ "Eye Hath Not Seen Nor Ear Heard" ~1 Corinthians 2:6-10

A few months ago we started working on what my wife calls our "Chicken Mansion". Our previous chicken coop was nearing the end of its life and was a little crowded for the number of chickens we had. This new one has 5 laying boxes instead of 2, it has 3 roosting poles instead of 1, why it even has 2 little windows in it. We would talk to the chickens sometimes letting them out for God to deliver them from their know just how good they were going to have it, when it was done. I'm quite sure they understood me....

Yet, all but one never got to see that new home. A stray dog came through and slaughtered 9 out of 10 chickens. Not a good day at the Purcell home. If I see that dog come through my yard again, it'll not be a good day for him either, more like his last day.

Honestly it took me by surprise. We've had chickens for years and never had this happen. Unfortunately, the fence was good enough to keep chickens in, but not keep the predators out.

I paused a little on the building, why I only had I chicken left. She had all the room she my weekend verse. needed. But I eventually picked back up and Today – I still have a hard time with it. I have pretty much completed it. We also found some more chickens and brought

them home. Their new home is much better than the old place they lived at. v9, 10 <sup>9</sup> But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.<sup>10</sup> But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Quoted from Is 64:4 – difference "for him that waiteth for him". By Paul's day, Christ had come. Isaiah's day, they were crying captivity. He did answer their prayers after 70 years of captivity. Paul applied this principle to the church. God's plans for His own are so wonderful that our minds cannot begin to conceive of them or comprehend them! - W. Wiersbie We can look at the news and society, and get pretty depressed or anxious. Remember, our future is secure in Jesus Christ no

matter what our circumstances may be. I think about salvation and my mind just goes wild. I can't fully comprehend it or understand it. Why would He do that for me? Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. - My favorite verse and

know me. I know how wretched I can be. (continued...)

## May 2022

GMTD #88 Men's: May 12-15, 2022

Rector: Clint Shurtleff Send-off: Thurs., May 12th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade: Sat., May 14th • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing: Sun., May 15 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #88 Women's: May 19-22, 2022

Rector: Jerilyn Harder

Send-off: Thurs., May 19th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade: Sat., May 21st• 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing: Sun., May 22nd • 5:00 p.m.

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## Back to my Chickens:

I knew their old house was in need of replacing and it wasn't big enough. The floor was about to fall through, it just needed to be replaced. There really was nothing good left in it. Yet the chickens didn't really care. It would keep them out of the rain and protect them to a certain extent. It was what they were used to. The new house was being built right in front of the old one. They could see it, but probably didn't comprehend it. God, in His wisdom, before time, knew our house would need replacing. There was nothing good in us. The Bible says we all have sinned and come short of His glory. Our best is like filthy rags to him. Yet, our filthy rags are what we get used to, worldly wisdom, not being able to see what God has right in front of us. Just like in Noah's day – they could see the boat... In Jesus's day, the Son of God was right in front of them...

## **Back to the Chickens:**

While the house was being built, remember some died and never made it to the mansion. In this case, it was the builders fault, not the chickens. Yet, Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us – **that love Him**, as Paul says, we cannot comprehend. But the enemy roars about like a lion seeking who he can devour. Yes, as believers he seeks to destroy our testimony. I wouldn't put it past him to seek to devour someone that's so close to accepting Jesus, just so that can't go to heaven.

One out of 10 of my chickens got to go into the new house. The rest didn't. Of the people you see this week, how many will go to heaven? Only God knows the answer to that, but we do have the message to point them in the right direction

## **Back to the Chickens:**

I bought 10 more chickens to add with the one that I had left. Now they weren't living in a really bad place, but it was nothing like the "Mansion". It was all they knew and they thought they had it good. Now, it is so much better. I brought new life for the chickens. They were not even allowed into the sunlight. Jesus's death on that cross, brought new life for everyone that will believe and follow Him. As told by Peter in **I Peter 1:18-21** We were bought with a price, the blood of Jesus. All part of the plan that we may never fully understand.

Our eyes, ears and heart may never fully understand what Jesus has done for us and what He is doing now for us, but rest assured in this – **IT'S AMAZING and IT'S GOING TO BE AMAZING**. His plan is more than just salvation, ticket punched miss hell. We are a part of the plan to lead someone else to Jesus. Be faithful in doing so. Don't be like the dead chickens and miss the mansion being built...

De Colores, Greg Purcell, GMTD #67

(Note: Greg has rolled off the Secretariat; we thank him for his service!)



# GMTD #87 - MEN'S

## February 17-20, 2022

Rector: Donny Warcop

The Prodigal Son ~ Luke 15:11-32

Of course it started out a little hard to get a team together during the pandemic but God knew who needed to be on the mountain to do the Lord's work. We had an awesome weekend! A lot of lives were changed and chains were broken. I went up Thursday afternoon to the camp and spoke to God and told him, "Ok God I got the team of men here, now it is my time to step out of your way and let you do your thing." Saturday afternoon during lunchtime, I think the whole group got it! We had a skit performed by the kitchen with their cardboard testimonies that then developed into praise and worship during lunch and the Holy Spirit was moving heavy from there on out.

De Colores,

Donny Warcop Rector GMTD #87



## The Men of GMTD #87 - Welcome!

Table of Luke Benny Wyrick Zack Dyer Daniel Pirkle Mitch Taunton Matthew Haydon Tim Manasterski Table of Peter David Hinkley Bradley Helton David Wilson Ray Park Joe Lanier Hans Metz Table of Mark Austin Blackwell John Stumpf Aaron Smith Nick Nash Richard Frady Mark Coker Table of Matthew Jim Velcheck Jeffery Dale Erin Czerwiak Michael O'Hearn Rich Rosenzweig Jacob Young 

 Table of John

 Travis Ward

 Lailon Baker

 Charles "C.J." Judy

 Allan Klinger

 Chandler Allan

 Bruce Neill

Table of PaulMichael CastleberryRonnie PattersonAlex WisnoskiToney WorthyDarrell WilsonZane Rice

# GMTD #87 - WOMEN'S

## February 24-27, 2022

# Rector: Paula Roach

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever." ~ Psalm 23

## DeColores!

After nearly 2 years of waiting, GMTD 87 finally happened!!!

I have to say that I have never experienced a weekend like this one. My prayer was that everyone, team and candidates have a blessed weekend. God did not disappoint us in any way! The team was eager to serve God and the candidates were hungry for God! It was the perfect merge on the path towards green pastures! God touched us all in many different ways and met all of our needs. We were healed, delivered, and prepared to move forward to further His kingdom.

I believe I can say for each lady and our 3 gentlemen that the weekend will be red letter dates in our hearts! Psalm 23 will always have new meaning for us all!

I am thankful for all the prayer, palanca and serenaders! Thank you sponsors, you listened to the Holy Spirit and reached out to your candidates, now pescadores! It was a honor to love on your ladies for the weekend.

## Oh! One last time for my girls....Ladies!!!! Paula Roach **GMTD #19** The ORI is my Shepherd I shall not wan He maketh me to lie down in green pastures C leadeth me beside the still waters e restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of nighteousness for His name's sake Yea, though | walk through the valley of the shadow of death, will fear no evil: for hou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me the presence of mine enemies: hou anointest my head with oil: My cup runneth over. urely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and | will dwell in the house of ORDforever Psalm 23

## The Women of GMTD #87 - Welcome!

- Table of Ruth Brittany Dale Leann Nash Heather Dymand Beyaccia Atkins Callisa Crouch Sherri Patterson Iessica Pirkle
- Table of Elizabeth Imogene Newcomer Kimberly Haydon Roxana Goff Lori Judy Terra Watkins Brandi Klinger Sandra Wisnoski

Table of RachelToni CangioliosiAshley BlackwellMaggie SmallwoodSue WyrickTina CogginsTiffany WilsonCandace Ball

Table of Esther Susan Stumpf Elizabeth Harrelson Christy Castleberry Ashley Stevens Christina Welch Leah Rice Marie Rosenzweig

Table of Rebekah Brittany Wilson Darbie Massey Kerri Hinkley Ashley Helton Charlotte Kirkman Nellee Jordan Penny Haynes

Table of Sarah Sylvia Anderson Gretchen Lundeen Tracey Baker Trina Manasterski Brandie Dyer Megan Cobb Jennie Frady

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## GMTD #88 Men's May 12-15, 2022 Rector: Clint Shurtleff

"In Him was life and the life was the Light of Men. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."  $\sim$  John 1:4-5

RectorClint Shurtleff	Prof. SilentMarc Mercer	Tabla Tommy McClura	Kitchon Casov Woavor
		TableTommy McClure	Kitchen Casey Weaver
Head Cha Dan Harder	Prof. SilentDavid Nelson	Table Alberto Delgado	KitchenDoug Grizzle
Asst. Head ChaKobey Dean	Prof. Silent Larry Swing	TableEarl Dinkler	Kitchen Jacob Young
Spir. Director Anthony Teasley	Head PrayerDwayne Pollard	TableRicky Wilson	KitchenMichael Carter
Spir. DirectorJim Schlicht	PrayerKevin Hill	Table David Sellars	Kitchen Aaron Smith
Spir. DirectorCliff Brown	Prayer Keith Andrews	Head StoreroomTrey Smith	KitchenChad Delong
BURBrad Whitener	PrayerGreg Purcell	StoreroomJ	KitchenJoey Lanier
Support Cha Hal Schneider	PrayerJerry Fisher	Floater/SupplyPatrick Shurtleff	Kitchen Bruce Neill
Worship ChaJonathon Heard	PrayerStephen Dacus	Head GopherJoey Terrell	KitchenChris Casey
Tech ChaKeith Canup	Head Palanca David Boron	GopherChris Blalock	KitchenDavid Turpin
Assistant Tech Cha Shawn Weldy	Palanca Daniel Allen	Head ChapelMilt Underwood	KitchenEarl Humphries
CommunicationKarl Funderburg	PalancaTodd Fricks	ChapelRicky Castleberry	KitchenBenny Wyrick
Prof. IdealsJohn Roach	PalancaJamie Wetherton	ChapelRyan Fish	KitchenDoug Nadin
Prof. Church Bobby Smith	Head DormDavid Crouch	ChapelTim Carpenter	KitchenDerrick Moody
Prof. PietyWard Frost	DormLarry Weaver	Head KitchenGabriel Pulido	
Prof. Study Mark Behrens	DormHal Sisk	Asst. Hd. Kit Mark Turner	
Prof. ActionTommy Adams	DormShane Taylor	Kitchen Clark Henson	
Prof. LeadersKeith Boger	Dorm Ronnie Crocker	KitchenMike Spears	
Prof. Environment Roger Doering	Dorm Steve Hudson	KitchenKarl Funderburg	
Prof. CCIA Kevin Salisbury	Head TableMark Hopkins	KitchenJohn Stumpf	
Prof. ReunionDave Vinke	Table Jacky Addison	KitchenJose Pascual	

## GMTD #88 Women's May 19-22, 2022 Rector: Jerilyn Harder

"You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him Who called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light." ~ 1 Peter 2:9

Rector Jerilyn Harder	Prof. EnvironmentStaci Pealock	DormKimberly Haydon	KitchenArnette Sweaney
Head ChaCarol Brett	Prof. CCIA Leslie Bell	Head Table Sandy Bayster	Kitchen Stephanie Pitts
Asst. Head Cha Shelley Seabolt	Prof. Reunion	Table	KitchenAbbie Sherrill
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Spir. Director Robbie Mathis	Prof. SilentDiana Cartwright	Table Donna Nix	KitchenTeri Kimmel
Spir. Director Garry Crawford	Prof. SilentDina Warcop	TableTracy Marsingill	KitchenKaren Cleveland
Spir. Director Alan Waldrop	Prof. Silent Suzanne Hall	Table Wanda Branham	KitchenMegan Cobb
Mins SupportJill Mathis	Head Prayer Cassandra King	Table Connie Lane	KitchenDebbie Dinkler
Mins SupportKathy Crawford	PrayerBootsie Johnston	TablePatty Carder	Kitchen Buffy Sullens
Min SupportRhonda Waldrop	PrayerSusan Stumpf	Head Storeroom Carole Pittman	Kitchen Ashley Mullinax
BUR Marla Flake	PrayerElaine Doering	Storeroom	KitchenAngie Sharpe
Support ChaLinda Towns	Prayer Carrie Ryan	Floater/Supply Monica Brookshire	Kitchen Candace Ball
Worship ChaKathy Nicholson	PrayerElizabeth Whaley	Head GopherGail Drake	Kitchen Tiffany Wilson
Tech ChaAngie Stocker	Head PalancaBeth Miller	GopherAmy Hicks	KitchenBillie Cameron
Assistant Tech Cha Angie Miller	Palanca Nellee Jordan	Head Chapel Paula Roberson	KitchenSylvia Anderson
CommunicationJune Black-Warren	Palanca Carrie Roy	Chapel Melissa Hamby	Kitchen Brandie Dyer
Prof. IdealsMegan Housman	PalancaChristina Robeson	ChapelSherri Patterson	Kitchen Brandy Whitener
Prof. ChurchTraci Jones	Head DormLee Ann Mooney	ChapelSharon Goodson	Kitchen Jessica Miller
Prof. Piety Laurie McCafferty	Dorm Karen Spence	Head KitchenLinda Shadburn	Kitchen
Prof. StudyShay Dean	DormLeigh Carter	Asst. Hd. Kit Sonya Bledsoe	
Prof. ActionKaren McKee	DormDeangela Hurst	Kitchen Amy Hornsby	
Prof. LeadersJenny Stanfield	DormCandice Fowler	Kitchen Marina Long	

# Secretariat Spotlight: Spiritual Director

My name is Sam Snider and I have had the joy of serving as the Spiritual Director for GMTD the past 2 and a half years. My wife Karla and I went through GMTD 53. We have two sons, Joshua and David. They are both married to wonderful Christian women. We are in love with our grands Luke, Bonnie, William and Yates.

My role as spiritual director allows me to work closely with each rector in scheduling and training their spiritual director team for their weekends. Most of our spiritual directors are very experienced and have helped to train me. All of our spiritual directors and their wives love the Lord and serve with joy. It is amazing to watch as God puts a weekend team together. The gifts and talents of these men along with their wives are so suited to serve the pescadores and team members. They have true love for God and for people.

My role in the secretariat is to help assure the qualifications of team members. I am a part of the check and balance. I am involved in monthly meetings as well as training sessions for each weekend.

I am presently in my 36th year as a teacher. I taught 30 years as a PE teacher and now I teach science. I am presently pastor of the Mountaintown Baptist Church in Ellijay Georgia. I am only teaching part time this year and I am looking forward to the direction God leads Karla and I in the months to come. Being a pastor has been very encouraging. And being a part of GMTD has had a huge impact



on my life. From the weekend I went through to having the opportunity to serve, we have been blessed. De Colores, Sam Snider

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias Secuela

Come and get a HUGE blessing!!! Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to serve at least 10 people. Sponsors, if you have sponsored candidates on weekend #88 please plan to bring them to the Secuela or make arrangements for another GMTD Community member to bring them. If you sponsored a Pescadore from any other weekend that has never come to a Secuela, bring them to this one! Childcare is not provided.

The Torch \* 800 Cannon Bridge Rd, Demorest, GA \* July 9, 2022 \* 6:30 PM

# In Memory Of....

Brenda Alice Sisk, age 62 of Demorest, passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

Born on August 6, 1959 in the Philipines, she was the daughter of the late Harold David Johnson and Lily Sengsen Johnson. She is survived by her husband, Hal Sisk; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Medlock (Emily) of Loda, Illinois; daughter and son-in-law, Cristina Bailey (Jonathan) of Sharpsburg, Georgia; daughter, Elizabeth Sisk (Justin) of Dahlonega, Georgia; sister and brother-in-law, Marie Carter (Mike) of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Peyton and Tyson Lewallen, Mason and Keegan Medlock, Parker, Hayden, Skylar and Duncan Bailey; several nieces, nephews and cousins; mother-in-law, Mina Sisk and "Bonus Mom" Jo Anne Hann.

Brenda attended church at The Torch and was active in Georgia Mountains Tres Dias.

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John Aubrey Rhodes 74, of Gainesville, Georgia passed away on Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022.

John is survived by his wife, Faye Rhodes.

Children; Joni Godbee (James); and Judson (Crystal).

Sisters; Sandra Walker (Charles); and Barbara Evans.

Five grandchildren also survive: Jackson Rhodes, Jake Rhodes, Hailey Godbee, Haven Godbee, and Haelyn Godbee.

John was an active member of Free Chapel and very involved in Georgia Mountains Tres Dias (#16), formerly serving as Chairman.

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Mr. Charles Rollie Bevers, 82, of Cumming, Georgia lost his battle with ALS on Monday, March 28th, 2022. On September 2, 1939. Rollie was born in Athens, Georgia to the late Virginia McIntyre and the late Henry Bevers.

Rollie was very involved with North Georgia Tres Dias and Georgia Mountain Tres Dias. He was a member of Free Chapel in Gainesville, Georgia.

Rollie was preceded in death by his parents, Virginia and Henry, and his brother, Terry Bevers. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Merlyn Bevers; children, Tim (Tanya) Smith, Angela (Joe) Cochran, Tria (Steve) Simmons, Kristen (Udel) Richardson, and Richard (Charlotte) Bevers; Grandchildren, TJ (Elaina) Smith, Ashley (Paul) Jankowski, Meghan (Matt) Sewell, Frank & Walter Cochran, Andrew (AnnaKatherine) Simmons, AnneMarie (Daniel) Ellis, Gabe Bevers, Ally (Samuel) Thompson, Presley & Tripp Richardson; and eight great-grandchildren.

# Announcements & Reminders

### **GMTD SECRETARIAT**

The next Secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 3, 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.

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# 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 September 16-18, 2022 for the Young Women and September 23-25, 2022 for the Young Men.

