

Pescadores Progress



Meditation ~ Faith

Faith

Ask for grace and admit you are a 5 year old toddler in terms of your walk, and hadn't opened a bible for 50 years. I know about computers and financial planning, because it's something I have lived for years. It's completely different to lead a spiritual discussion, where I'm way out of my comfort zone. Bear with me.

feith – old English word meaning “to trust”

faith: allegiance to duty or a person: loyalty, fidelity to one's promises. sincerity of intentions.

faith - complete confidence in a person or plan; to believe that (someone or something) deserves to be trusted

faith - a system of religious belief of any kind; "he was raised in the Baptist faith"

faith - Fidelity to one's promises, or allegiance to duty; loyalty.

In comparison, let's talk a little about facts

Definition:

-Knowledge or information based on real occurrences (Assassination of John F Kennedy)

-Something demonstrated to exist or known to have existed.

A provable concept

Common phrases

Christian faith

Blind faith - an oxymoron; blind sight? Deaf hearing? Numb Feeling?

Have Faith

Take it on faith

The faith of a child (innocence)

Lost faith (hopelessness)

Leap of faith (Indiana Jones)

In good faith (best intentions)

Profound faith

Bad faith (dishonest)

Faith healing

Upbringing

Raised Catholic

Altar boy

Baptism, 1st Holy Communion, Confirmation

At 17, some might say I lost my faith. Like losing your keys or wallet. No – I denied my faith, turned my back on it, to pursue sex, alcohol and drugs

Pre-med at college.....flunked out due to partying

Expensive mistake since I was on a student deferment with the draft.

Rather than enter the army and go to Viet Nam, I joined Navy, serving for 6 years....more bad behavior, habits

Married at 25...46th anniversary

34 years flew by pursuing “The American Dream”,a fair amount of success.

Retired at 59 and spent the next 7 years searching for something without knowing what.

Met people who were Pescadores (didn't know at the time)

They loved me into going to Tres Dias five years ago and my life has not been the same since.

The foundation of my faith had been implanted 60 years earlier, and I finally embraced it fully.

September 2022

GMTD #89 Men's:
Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2022

Rector: Glen Nix
Send-off:
Thurs., Sept. 29th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., October 1 • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., October 2nd • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #89 Women's:
October 6-9, 2022

Rector: Denise Hudson
Send-off:
Thurs., Oct. 6th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Oct. 8th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., October 9th • 5:00 p.m.

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Hebrews 11:1-3

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible

The difference between facts and faith is that facts are products of our brains, while faith is a product of our heart.

For Believers, faith has a very different meaning than the secular definitions I gave earlier.

Our 5 senses tell us about the physical world; the world of the flesh. But for me, Faith is also one of my senses and provides me with an insight to the spiritual world. Without it, we cannot know God or his Will.

Stories:

Hebrews 11:4-12

4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.

6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned by God about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

9 By faith he lived as an alien in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs of the same promise;

10 for he was looking for the city which has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received ability to conceive *, even beyond the proper time of life, since she considered Him faithful who had promised.

12 Therefore there was born even of one man, and him as good as dead at that, as many descendants AS THE STARS OF HEAVEN IN NUMBER, AND INNUMERABLE AS THE SAND WHICH IS BY THE SEASHORE.

Other stories:

Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (King Nebuchadnezzar)

Job

David and Goliath (discards armor from Saul and takes 5 rocks)

Moses agreeing to lead the Jews out of Egypt

Peter stepping out of the boat

Jesus sacrifices himself; on the faith that his Father would redeem all of our sins and send the Holy Spirit to raise him from the dead

Human faith is not a constant. It ebbs and flows. For some it disappears altogether, sometimes for relatively short periods of time, sometimes for longer periods of time and sometimes forever.

We have to guard against intellect becoming a barrier to faith. Accepting something without absolute proof is difficult for some. We, as humans, can never know or understand the mind of God fully.

Oftentimes, we put our faith in things or people that turn out not to be worthy of that faith. Ourselves, money, fame, friends, cults, etc. We need to rely on God for discernment to know where He wants our faith to lie.

That is the difference between our faith and God's faith. His faith in us is unwavering. It is unchanging just as God Himself is unchanging. He will never lose faith in us and He will never be unworthy of our faith. ~ De Colores, Hal Schneider

GMTD #88 - MEN'S

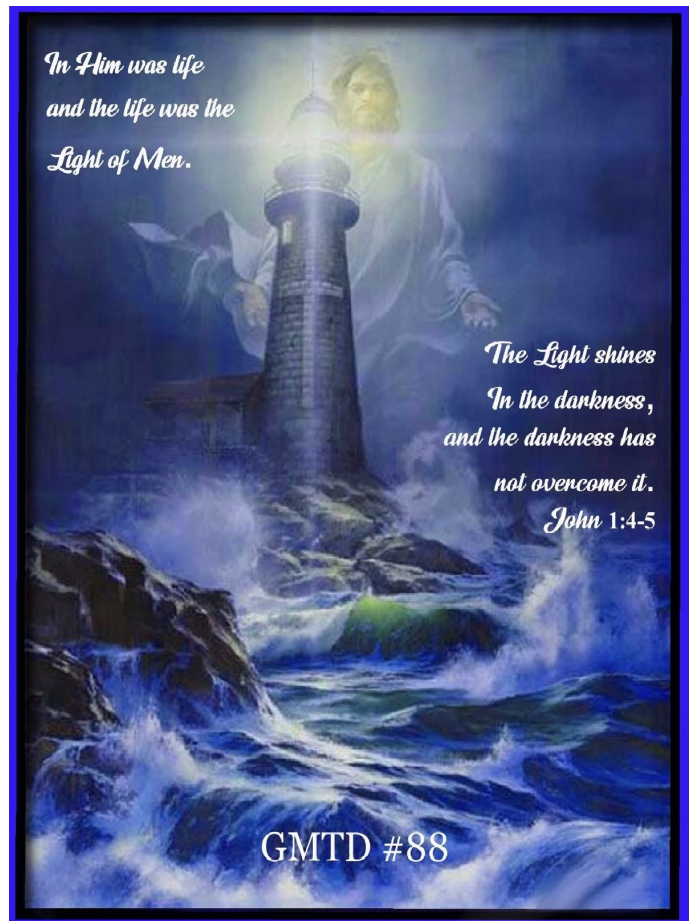
May 12-15, 2022

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." ~ John 1:4-5

Men's GMTD #88...wow, what a journey it has been! I always thought that I would never be a rector. I thought that it would be too much work, it wasn't the position for me, and that I wasn't able to stand up to the task. Well, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. With His divine help, an amazing team came together and humbly exemplified Jesus and served the candidates and each other on 88. I was honored to observe (from the rector's view) the Holy Spirit work on and change lives of many of the candidates...even to hear testimonies about their fourth day at the Secuela. And speaking of our fourth days, the LORD reminded me that as long as we are drawing breath on this side of life, we have an eternal mission to love Him and love others, drawing them to salvation and an abundant life. I look forward to serving in the future with many of the team and candidates on future weekends. Thank you to the faithful team and the candidates of GMTD #88. But most of all, thank you Jesus!

De Colores,
Clint Shurtleff
Mens Rector, GMTD #88



The Men of GMTD #88 - Welcome!

Table of Luke

Adam Stumpf
Bill Dolson
Joseph Morris
Dutch Nelson
Sam Eubanks
Chris Frazier

Table of Peter

Chris Basham
Derek Stevens
Shawn Conner
Kenny Whaley
Stephen Brown

Table of Mark

Tripp Dewberry
Alex Hunnicutt
John Rodgers
Grady Hunter
Paul Allen
Aaron Holland

Table of Matthew

Blake Gibson
Jason Bowden
Bob Boldin
Joshua Broadwater
Phillip Dean
Jason Atkinson

Table of John

Zachary Moon
Michael Lane
Matthew Turner
Danny Ray Clore
Mark Franklin
Ronnie Bell

Table of Paul

Cole Agisotelis
Joel Kaye
Matt Essig
Brad Toews
Jonathon Bridges
Keith Mullinax

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

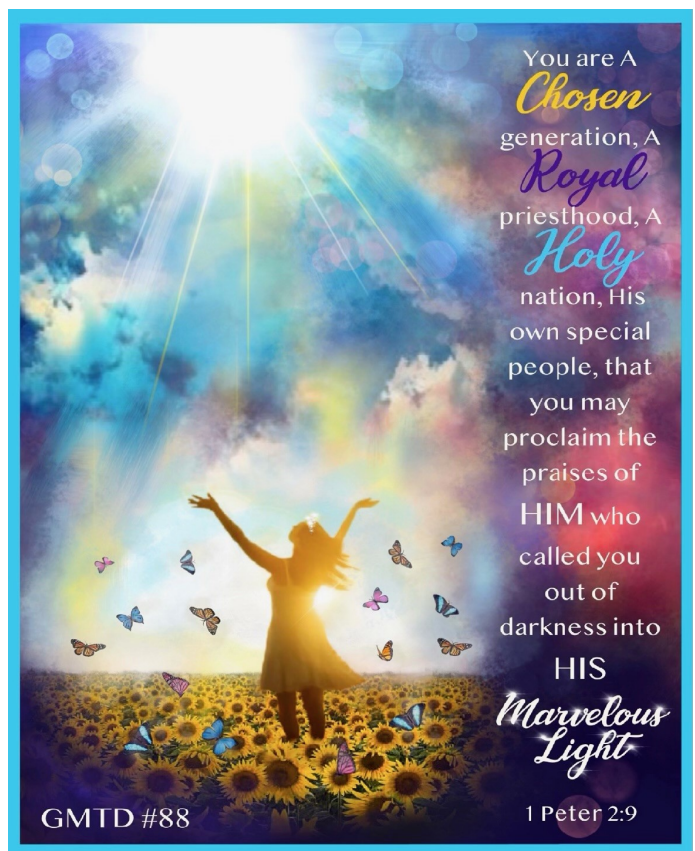
"For you are a Chosen generation, a Royal priesthood, a Holy nation, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness, into His Marvelous Light." - 1 Peter 2:9. This was the scripture for GMTD #88 and it is also an all encompassing summary of the incredible weekend we had on the mountain. My name is Jerilyn Harder, I was blessed to have the honor and privilege to serve as the Rector for this amazing weekend with the Lord.

Watching the lives of the new Pescadores and the #88 team members in their Fourth Day really tells the story of the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit on the weekend. Through social media and continued contact with many of the ladies, I have seen the actual fruit of Piety, Study and Action blossom in their lives. Christian leadership, stable homes, ministry endeavors and restored relationships are just a few examples of how the new Pescadores are living out "Christian Community in Action". Multiple Reunion groups have formed as a result of relationships bonded through various areas of service and the table communities on GMTD 88. My heart overflowed with joy when I learned that even our Kitchen Chas formed a new Reunion group called "His Kitchen Queens #88".

The goal of Tres Dias is to train and equip leaders for the local church. I am certain that without a doubt, the Lord is well pleased, because GMTD #88 for women

did just that. There are now 120 Chosen women who are more equipped and are actively serving and singing the praises of Jesus Christ, who has called us out of darkness and into His Marvelous Light!

DeColores, Jerilyn Harder



The Women of GMTD #88 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth

Teresa Hansen-Allen
Denae Stubbs
Devin Stevens
Ruthie Pittman
Mariana Bridges
Kandice Hunter

Table of Elizabeth

Penny Samples
Alisha Swearingen
Denise Essig
Karen Dolson
Jennifer Franklin
Jody Massey

Table of Rachel

Debbie Jones
Annette Holland
Alayna Thomas
Lisa Eubanks
Megan Evans
Tamara Simmons
Brittany Hunnicutt

Table of Esther

Chelcy Spriggs
Erin Subbert
Joyce Moore
Megan Kousek
Nikki Arnold
Annette Boling
Jennifer Raby

Table of Rebekah

Shannon Kaye
Brenda Bell
Dawn Waldrip
Lynn Stromwall
April Bowden
Charlene Sparks
Sherry Basham

Table of Sarah

Nadia Simmon
Lane Brown
Heather Strickland
Kay Kousek
Kimberly Ford
Amy Rider

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next Secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 9, 2022 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Dahlonga Assembly of God in Dahlonga, 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 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 www.gmt.org. 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 e-mail 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, sere-nade, or secuelas. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

GMTD Secretariat Members

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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.

