

Meditation

A man goes to his barber to get a haircut. As the barber is cutting his hair they start to chat a bit. The man says "It's me and my wife's anniversary soon. We're planning a trip to Rome as we've always wanted to go to Italy and really experience some authentic Italian food!"

"Ahh, don't bother" says the barber. "The whole city is just full of McDonald's on every corner and there's nowhere to get authentic Italian food there any more!"

"Oh..." says the man. "Well, me and the wife are also big fans of architecture. We'd love to see the old ruins and remains of ancient Rome and really soak in some of those fantastic sights!"

"Ahh, don't bother" replies the barber. "They're tearing all those building down now and it's just a bunch of ugly steel buildings and nothing special any more."

"I see..." says the man. "Well, at least we can go to the Vatican and see the Pope! We're both very religious and are extremely excited to see him!"

"Ahh, don't bother" says the barber yet again. "It's usually so crowded that you'll be lucky if you can just see the tip of his hat! The whole thing sounds like a waste of time to me."

Despite the barber's crude warnings, the man takes his wife and they both go to Rome.

A few weeks later, the man goes back to the barber's to get another haircut and, once again, they start chatting. The man tells the barber that he has just gotten back from his trip to Rome with his wife.

"Oh, and how was the food there?" Asks the barber.

"It was great! There were giants platters full of all sorts of pasta's everywhere! We had authentic gelato after every meal, some of the best espresso's I've ever had and more delicious food in that week than I've ever had in my life!"

"That sounds nice" says the barber. "What about the buildings?"

"They were stunning! We barely had time to see half of the amazing sights that Rome had to offer. We saw the Colosseum, walked all around the beautiful Villa Borghese, visited the Capucin Crypts, and we visited all the famous Piazza's we could!"

"I see!" replies the barber. "And the Pope?"

"Well, we went to the Vatican and there was a huge sea of people. From the Pope's balcony, we

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Serenade: Sat., Feb. 18th • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing: Sun., Feb. 19th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #90 Women's: February 23-26, 2023

Rector: Beth Miller Send-off: Thurs., Feb. 23rd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade: Sat., Feb. 25th • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

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could just about see the tip of his hat. Suddenly, he raised his rod and pointed it right at me and my wife, and the crowd parted in two and made a pathway. He looked right at me and shouted 'YOU!' and started to make his way towards me. He then slowly walked right up to me and whispered in my ear. "Oh yeah?" the barber said. "What did he say?" He said "Where did you get that awful haircut?"

Hello.

My name is Brad Whitener and I attended GMTD #34 where I sat at the table of Peter and I am humbled to be serving alongside of each of you in this new journey. I purposefully did not introduce myself at the beginning because I trusted that none of you would call me out on it. I want to say that I have not come here to change things. I work for you and with you. I am here to merely be a tie breaker. I am not here to take the place of Kevin because he is irreplaceable. I am here to simply pick up where he left off. We say all the time that no position is any more important than the other. That is the case here also. We are all in this for the same reason. To serve. I read the story earlier to talk about perspective. The main goal in the Tres Dias movement is to build leaders in the church. That is what I see here, a room full of leaders. We are not in the business of tearing others down but here about His business. And His business is about serving. What does Jesus say about servants?

In response to their disagreements, Jesus stated, "Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave (servant) of all. For even the Son of Man (Jesus) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Here are four steps to develop into a better servant leader.

- Encourage diversity of thought. Everyone's opinion is welcome here.
- Create a culture of trust. As we lead these veterans and new pescadores let's do it with a positive attitude.
- Have an unselfish mindset. This one is self explanatory.
- Foster leadership in others. I am proud to say that I see this quality in each of you.

I want to say thank you to all of you for trusting me to serve along side you in doing what we do. And thank you all for what you do. De Colores my friends.

Brad Whitener, GMTD 34

Chairman, GMTD Secretariat

Secretariat Spotlight: Newsletter

My name is Carol Brett and I have had the joy of serving as the Newsletter person for GMTD the past two years. I attended GMTD #56 in 2010 and have enjoyed serving on many weekends since my own weekend. I attend Free Chapel Church in Gaines-

ville, where I have been a member since 2010. This picture is me and my 3 adult "kids." My son Taylor owns a Farmer's Insurance agency in Cornelia; he and his wife Sasha have 6 year old twin girls and live in Cleveland. My daughter Anna Claire is an Updo Specialist and owns Hair By Anna Claire Bridal Styles. She lives in Gainesville and has two boys ages 12 and 6, and a daughter who is 3. My son Duncan lives in Gilbert, AZ, is a Senior Sales Consultant with Financial Supermarkets, Inc. in Cornelia and is an avid outdoorsman. Family is everything to me; I love spending time with my kids and grand littles! I also enjoy traveling, working out at the Gym, and doing things with my GMTD Reunion group, the "Chosen Chicks." My role on the Secretariat is to gather information and publish the newsletter, make announcements, notify the community about upcoming events, and maintain the email database. Being a part of GMTD has had a huge impact on my life and is such a blessing to me!! If I can be of any help to anyone or if you have an announcement you'd like in the newsletter just let me know! De Colores!



GMTD #90 Men's February 16-19, 2023 Rector: Ward Frost

"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up into a spiritual house..." ~ 1 Peter 2:4-5

Prof. ReunionLarry Weaver	TableBlake Gibson	Kitchen Chaun Young
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Prof. Silent Clark Henson	TableMike Spears	KitchenEarl Dinkler
Prof. SilentThomas Allen	TableLevi McŚwain	KitchenPatrick Ledford
Head Prayer Dawson Burrell	Table David Hinkley	KitchenJames Young
PrayerMichael Pless	TableCharley Lee	KitchenKen Henslee
PrayerIsaiah Tomlin	Head Storeroom Charles Parker	KitchenJeff Hayes
PrayerLee Cantrell	StoreroomJonathan Henson	KitchenNick Nash
PrayerPaul Moran	Floater/Supply Hal Sisk	KitchenZachary Smith
PrayerRicky Wilson	Head GopherTony Massengill	KitchenBrad Helton
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PalancaRyan Gerrald	ChapelTom Fowler	KitchenCharles Judy
PalancaCasey Weaver	ChapelTevin Arthur	Kitchen Danny Mote
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DormJamie Wade	Head KitchenKarl Funderburg	KitchenSteve Duncan
DormChris Lee	Asst. Hd. KitJon Newcomer	
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Dorm Richard Frady	KitchenChris Chatham	
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GMTD #90 Women's February 23-26, 2023 Rector: Beth Miller

"As for me, I will always have hope; I will praise you more and more." ~ Psalm 71:14

Rector Beth Miller	Prof. Leaders Brenda Underwood	DormMesha Anderson	Kitchen Devin Stevens
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Spir. Director Scott McQueen	Prof. SilentLisa McClure	Table Wendy Behrens	KitchenLeigh Carter
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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next Secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023 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:

Patrick & Lisa Shurtleff ATTN: GMTD 400 Turtle Cove Ln. Clarkesville, GA 30523

Please call Patrick at 706-499-5899 or Lisa at 706-499-5909, or email at gmt-dapps@gmail.com with any questions.

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

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	Carol Brett	
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	Kathy Crawford	
	Angie Stocker	
	Greg & Denise Morrow	
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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.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 17-19, 2023 for the Young Women and September 24-26, 2023 for the Young Men.

