

Pescadores Progress



Meditation: From Denise Cowan

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first little tree looked up at the stars and said: "I want to hold treasure. I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I'll be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!"

The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be traveling mighty waters and carrying powerful kings. I'll be the strongest ship in the world!"

The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave the mountain top at all. I want to grow so tall that when people stop to look at me, they'll raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world."

Years passed. The rain came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the first tree fell.

"Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest. I shall hold wonderful treasure!" the first tree said.

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining axe, the second tree fell.

"Now I shall sail mighty waters!" thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship for mighty kings!"

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven.

But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swoop of his shining axe, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought her to a carpenter's shop. But the carpenter fashioned the tree into a feedbox for animals.

The once beautiful tree was not covered with gold, nor with treasure. She was coated with sawdust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals.

The woodcutter took her to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ship was made that day. Instead, the once strong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat. She was too small and too weak to sail on an ocean, or even a river; instead, she was taken to a little lake.

The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

"What happened?" the once tall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..."

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July 2024

GMTD #95 Men's:
September 26 - 29, 2024

Rector: Erick Wilkins
Send-off:
Thurs. Sept. 26th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Sept. 28th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., Sept. 29th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #95 Women's:
October 3 - 6, 2024

Rector: Donna Nix
Send-off:
Thurs. Oct. 3rd • 6:30 p.m.

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

Closing:
Sun., Oct. 6th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTDSW #13:
November 7 - 10, 2024

Rector: Hallie Cobb
Send-off:
Thurs. Nov. 7th • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Nov. 9th • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., Nov. 10th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD # - MEN'S

May 2024

Rector: Kurt Warren

~ Galations 5:13 ~



Call Unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and might things, which thou knowest not-- Jeremiah 33:3. The men's team of Georgia Mountain Tres Dias #94 embraced this verse with me as the vision for the weekend of May 16, 2024 through May 19, 2024. But as the Lord so often does, He showed us that His promises in the Word are for everyone and every day!! Through His loving character, He showed us many "great and mighty" things throughout our team meetings which prepared us to properly serve His called candidates to GMTD #94. And His weekend was amazing!! I don't believe I have ever witnessed such an eager attitude on Thursday night to praise and worship the Lord. That attitude continued throughout the weekend in the Rollo Room, the Chapel, the Kitchen....you name the place on the weekend and the Lord was being lifted up. And the Lord answered our call to Him by showing each candidate something great and mighty that was need for their life. For some it was breaking strongholds, for others it was

granting forgiveness (for themselves and others), and for eight men it was the amazing gift of new life through salvation!!! I think I can speak for the team and candidates of GMTD #94 by thanking the Lord for the tremendous outpouring of His Spirit on our weekend. We didn't know exactly what to expect on the weekend, but we were EXPECTING—and the Lord did not disappoint!! It was an honor to serve as Rector of GMTD #94 and it's my prayer that when anyone thinks back on the weekend of GMTD #94 that their memory will go immediately to the Lord's promise in Jeremiah 33:3—

Call to me and I will answer you!!

Kurt Warren

GMTD #30

Rector GMTD #94

The Men of GMTD #94 - Welcome!

Table of Luke

Jason Haydel
Darrell J Renz
Freddie McIntyre
Daniel Shelton
Jeremy Samples
Michael Tolbert

Table of Peter

Dusty Reed
Daryl Oldham
Jason McCarty
Mike Robison
Jonathan Nicholas
Joel Martin

Table of Mark
Mark Alexander

Chad Ayers
Joshua Rogers
Fred Brewer
Billy Graham
Joey Clanton
Luke Floyd

Table of Matthew

Jeff Thompson
Brad Pierce
Caleb Pritchett
Chris Ohearn
Denton Vaughan
Fred McCranie

Table of John

Brandon Cruit
Philip Lee
Brennan Kirk
Chandler Miller
Glenn Little
William Dodd

Table of Paul
Stanley Darnell

Kyle Brewer
Brandon Crocker
Elijah Pritchett
Claude Jody Grindle
Brett Grauss
Trey Dunson

GMTD #92 - WOMEN'S

May 23-26, 2024

Rector: Holly Salisbury

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you;

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

My name is Holly Salisbury and I attended GMTD # 55 where I sat at the table of Sarah. I was honored, blessed, humbled and "SO EXCITED" to be the Women's Rector for GMTD #94. The scripture for the weekend was Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

When I was called last October, I started praying for God to show me exactly what he wanted for the weekend and for the women of #94. I prayed for unity in the team and for everyone to have Joy. I kept hearing the Holy Spirit whispering PEACE to me. My visional was about keeping your eyes on Jesus, not the storms in your life. If you keep your eyes on Jesus, you will have peace in the midst of the storms. The theme song was "Peace Be Still" by Hope Darst.

I am so thankful for an incredible team. I could not have carried out our Father's will without them. They truly were so Amazing, and the love they showed to the candidates and to each other was something extraordinary. I pray that each woman that came on GMTD #94 were forever changed and that they were able to feel the Love of God and find complete Freedom.

To my team: I love you all. I was so blessed by you and have no words to express my deep appreciation for all of you. I am certain that most every Rector feels the same, but I am convinced that we had the BEST TEAM EVER!

To the new Pescadores who went through #94, I love and appreciate you all, and I can't wait to serve our Lord on future weekends. I am SO Excited!!

*Decolores,
Holly Salisbury
Rector GMTD #94*



The Women of GMTD #94 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth

Jessi Collum
Martha Roberts
Rowena Hampton
Susie Hayes
Amy Vaughan
Alicia Nicolas

Table of Elizabeth

Joy Ellis
Lori Spraggins
Jessica Craven
Teresa Grauss
Erica Wright
Lachresha Jeffers
Nicole Brewer

Table of Rachel

Kimberly McCarty
Leah Thibezult
Annemaria Atkinson
Myrna Garay
Alex Carson
Tina Alexander

Table of Esther

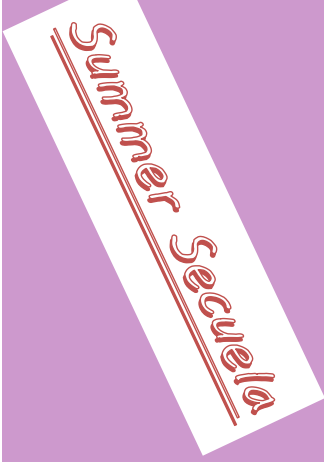
Tiffany Rogers
Caitlyn Pierce
Vicki Ellis
Julie Noland
Katterra Kimbrell
Ingrid Burger

Table of Rebekah

Angel Grizzle
Patty Peacock
Shelley Martin
Tammi Ohearn
Mary Samples
Lexy Reed

Table of Sarah

Melissa Kirk
Samantha Crocker
Jo Carr
Morgan Bryan
Erin Oxley
Katie Floyd
Meghan Miller



Saturday July 27th @ 5:00 PM

Location: The Camp Of Colors

3186 Dawsonville, Hwy. Dahlonega, GA 30533

Indoor/Outdoor event

Bring a covered dish to share, enough for 10 people

Childcare is not provided

Announcements & Reminders



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!

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=8DNUV99f2Hko. 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 Sept. 13-15, 2024 for the Young Women and Sept.20-22, 2024 for the Young Men.



“What happened?” the once tall tree wondered. “All I ever wanted was to stay on the mountain top and point to God..”

Many, many days and night passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams.

But one night, golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feedbox.

“I wish I could make a cradle for him,” her husband whispered.

The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and the sturdy wood. “This manger is beautiful,” she said.

And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake.

Soon a thundering and thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. She knew she did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through with the wind and the rain.

The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, “Peace.” The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun.

And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the king of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man’s hands to her.

She felt ugly and harsh and cruel.

But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth tremble with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God’s love had changed everything.

It had made the third tree strong.

And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God.

Prayer needs

Lets remember to prayer for the upcoming weekends and pray for our community that God would be present in our lives.