

Pescadoras Progress



PURPOSE

By: Lisa McClure

PURPOSE: The biblical definition of purpose is an Eternal plan that was conceived in eternity, and will be carried out in time, with results that will last forever it is related to God's will, which is what God wants, and intends and desires...

Each one of us is born with a purpose!!! I was born into a large family of six brothers & sisters, along with my parents. I learned early in my childhood that my family was not a family anyone would choose to be born into. I was considered white trash by my peers, and I would struggle with low self-esteem, and other self-image issues. Living in a dysfunctional family, where sexual, mental, alcohol, and prescription drug abuse was common throughout my entire childhood. I lived to survive, at a very young age, always trying to be the peacemaker. I often found myself making excuses and protecting my abuser. What I was doing was trying to justify the abuse. Now that you have my background...I ask what would be my purpose?

One way God was in the circumstances of my childhood was He brought someone into my life that took me and my siblings to church. Mr. Raleigh Rogers was the first Christian I can remember coming into my life. Because of his faithfulness to the Father and serving his purpose he was the reason I had the opportunity to be saved. I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior at the age of 12, at Eastside Baptist Church in Claxton, GA. I will never forget the emotion, and freedom I felt. I would like to tell you I lived my days after that for the Father, but I didn't. I ask AGAON what would be my purpose?

After high school, I married a guy whom I had dated for 3 years. This was my ticket out of my home life. I could not wait to leave...I stepped into a life with a husband who enjoyed drugs!! I look back and see how God protected me from getting into that lifestyle of partying and drugs, because it would have been very easy for me to do so. I lived a worldly purpose for as long as I could remember, I was

sick and tired of myself and who I had become. Five years was all I could take, so I left and divorced the man I thought would rescue me. Again...what would be my purpose?

Within a year I met Mark, and we married. For the first time in my life I felt as if I was in God's will for my life!!! In 1994 we had been married 6 years, when we were sponsored to make a TRES Dias weekend. I loved our life, and didn't think either of us needed a spiritual renewal weekend. In 6 years I had the most Jesus I had ever had in my life, and would have been satisfied with that. But...God had so much more for us, our marriage, and our family. Tres Dias changed our lives.

During my weekend, I was given the opportunity to deal with my childhood, and my past. I would like to tell you I dealt with everything during those three days, but...as you all know it sometimes takes a little longer to be an overcomer. Over the next several years of walking in a life of fullness with God, a Godly husband, reunion brothers and sisters, church, prayer and Tres Dias. I was able to be an overcomer of my past. I began to walk in my purpose!!!

Being in the word and surrounding myself with brothers and sisters, along with our Pastors, Roger and Beth Bougeois, helped me understand my purpose. But...I first had to face my past and forgive everyone who had hurt me. When I did forgive, I was able to see my life more clearly and God allowed me to love my parents, even in my childhood years. I don't ever remember a time of not loving them, and I was most of the time respectful to them. I learned I didn't need to try to justify or protect my parents anymore. This was not my sin that I had taken on. He was with me during every step of my little girl life. God is the only way I could have done this.

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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

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GMTD #95
September 26-29, 2024
Rector: Erick Wilkins

*“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will worry about itself.
Each day has enough troubles of its own.” Matthew 6:34*

The Men’s Team of GMTD #95

Rector..... Erick Wilkins	Prof. Silent Mickey Whitt	Table..... Dawson Burrell	Kitchen..... Wayne Pirkle
Head Cha..... Hal Miller	Prof. Silent Josh Rogers	Table..... Chandler Miller	Kitchen..... Charles Flanagan
Asst. Head Cha Trey Smith	Prof. Silent Bobby Maxwell	Table..... Dennis Ribblett	Kitchen..... Steven Holt
Spir. Director Robbie Bailey	Head Prayer Keith Boger	Table..... Mike Robinson	Kitchen..... Joey Sullivan
Spir. Director Mark Porado	Prayer Rick Martinez	Table..... Billy Graham	Kitchen..... Scotty Reed
Spir. Director Ward Frost	Prayer Brad Pierce	Head Storeroom Seth Glaze	Kitchen..... Brandon Lytle
BUR..... Jon Newcomer	Prayer Joshua Baumgardner	Storeroom Jon Hoialmen	Kitchen..... Brandon Shaw
Support Cha Karl Funderburg	Prayer Derek Jackson	Floater/Supply Henson Reeder	Kitchen..... Caleb Pritchett
Worship Cha..... Slayter Kousek	Prayer Jason Kimbrell	Head Gopher Chris Blalock	Kitchen..... John Clark
Tech Cha..... Hal Schneider	Head Palanca Virgil Stanfield	Head Gopher Jason Jones	Kitchen..... Jonathan Nicolas
Assistant Tech Cha Kobey Dean	Palanca..... Alton Fry	Head Chapel Marc Mercer	Kitchen..... Brandon Crocker
Communication Jonathan Henson	Palanca..... Alton Guidry	Chapel Dwayne Pollard	Kitchen..... Justin Zabnikar
Prof. Ideals Jarred Dover	Palanca..... Kevin Salisbury	Chapel Clark Henson	Kitchen..... Mark Alexander
Prof. Church..... Walt Monroe	Head Dorm Earl Swain	Chapel Lester Miller	Kitchen..... Derek Stevens
Prof. Piety..... Travis Rylee	Dorm David Gray	Head Kitchen Shawn Gregg	
Prof. Study Bill King	Dorm Justin Boyd	Asst. Hd. Kit..... Michael Carter	
Prof. Action Derick Canup	Dorm Ronnie Bell	Kitchen Jeff Hopkins	
Prof. Leaders Joel Kaye	Dorm Stuart Sylvester	Kitchen..... Matt Evans	
Prof. Environment Scott Pike	Dorm Hall Charles	Kitchen..... Ken Grindle	
Prof. CCA Wesley Newcomer	Head Table Greg Morrow	Kitchen..... Blake Powers	
Prof. Reunion Doug Mooney	Table Doug Markle	Kitchen..... Jody (Claude) Grindle	

GMTD #95
October 3-6, 2024
Rector: Donna Nix

She is clothed with Strength and Dignity and she laughs without fear of the Future – Proverbs 31:25

Rector..... Donna Nix	Prof. Environment Cindy Holcomb	Dorm Laurie Barnes	Kitchen..... Julie Noland
Head Cha..... Bridgette Foster	Prof. CCA Cassandra King	Head Table Devin Stevens	Kitchen..... Cameron Lopez
Asst. Head Cha Lisa Frost	Prof. Reunion..... Denise Morrow	Table Nancy Crocker	Kitchen..... Kimberly Funderburg
Spir. Director..... Keith Andrews	Prof. Silent..... Jean Young	Table Lisa Parker	Kitchen..... Sherry Baumgardner
Spir. Director..... Anthony Teasley	Prof. Silent..... Kim Echols	Table Shay Dean	Kitchen..... Abby Evans
Spir. Director..... Michael Green	Prof. Silent..... Buffy Sullens	Table Lisa McClure	Kitchen..... Elizabeth Whaley
Mins Support..... Rhonda Andrews	Head Prayer..... Marla Flake	Table Sheril Nix	Kitchen..... Leah Thibeauth
Mins Support..... Tammy Teasley	Prayer..... Sandy Bayster	Table Billie Cameron	Kitchen..... Nicole Brewer
Min Support Teresa Franks	Prayer..... Denise Cowan	Head Storeroom Pam Barrett	Kitchen..... Ashley Millinax
BUR Mickey Hill	Prayer..... Amy Williams	Storeroom Tina Teater	Kitchen..... Melissa Kirk
Support Cha..... Angie Sellers	Prayer..... Linda Towns	Floater/Supply Loretta Dalton	Kitchen..... Brittany Segars
Worship Cha..... Beth Umberhandt	Prayer..... Trisha Bailey	Head Gopher Linda Alexander	Kitchen..... Meghan Miller
Tech Cha..... Debra Franklin	Head Palanca Diana Cartwright	Head Gopher June Black-Warren	Kitchen..... Caitlyn Pierce
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Communication..... Stacy Parks	Palanca Beth Miller	Chapel..... Tracy Marsengill	Kitchen..... Jessica Craven
Prof. Ideals..... Rosemary Burns	Palanca Leigh Carter	Chapel..... Patty Turpin	Kitchen..... Alex Carson
Prof. Church..... Tammy Turner	Head Dorm..... Martha Crunkleton	Chapel..... Jessica Miller	Kitchen..... Tiffany Rogers
Prof. Piety..... Stephanie Pollard	Dorm Amy Hall	Head Kitchen Lauren Hendrix	Kitchen..... Erin Juhaszz
Prof. Study..... Katherine Ledford	Dorm Christi Brown	Asst. Hd. Kit..... Sarah Williams	
Prof. Action..... Sheila Weaver	Dorm Paula Roach	Kitchen Katy Weaver	
Prof. Leaders..... Keri McCoy	Dorm Lisa Eubanks	Kitchen Marina Long	

IN MEMORY OF...

Our Community has recently lost two of our members. Lets be in prayer for their families.

Rebecca Merritt passed away on September 20, 2024

Ricky Swan passed away on September 14, 2024

“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.”



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

Chairman.....	Brad Whitener.....	706-499-2790
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Leaders-B (In training).....	Kevin & Holly Salisbury.....	
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Pre-Weekend.....	Patrick & Lisa Shurtleff.....	706-499-5899
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Treasurer (In training).....	Jon & Debbie Newcomer.....	
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Weekend.....	John & Dawn Roach.....	
Worship Director.....	David & Angie Sellers.....	706-768-9354

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. .



Isaiah 54:17 Says...No weapon that is formed against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, Declares the Lord.

Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk-in them"...in other words "God created us on purpose for a purpose!!! Once I was able to get past my traumatic childhood and walk in fullness with the Father. I soon realized I was made in the image of God. GOD DOESN'T MAKE TRASH!!! There are times when satan will try to remind me of who I was. I speak the name of Jesus during those times, and Jesus reminds me of whose I am!!!

Embracing our identity in Christ means letting go of our past failures, disappointments, and regrets, "and I've had many".

Our purpose should always reflect, Gods Character:

- *Honor God
- *Fear God
- *Glorify God and Fellowship with Him
- *Love God
- *Show the same love God offers us to others
- *Restore our relationships with God
- *Love others the same way God loves them

As, God sent His son JESUS to walk this earth to share the gospel of love and salvation for eternal life, it should be our PURPOSE as well.

As a secretariat what is our purpose? What is your purpose? Do you seek your purpose every day? Does your past hurt and unforgiveness keep you from fulfilling your God given purpose? The community looks to us for leadership, and guidance, do we as individuals meet those standards? Are we loving and respectful to our brothers & sisters, even when we don't agree? As God's leaders, are we praying for each other not only as a board, but individually. Do we pray for our rectors, which are carefully chosen and voted on by us? Do we hold ourselves to a higher standard...Do we reflect Gods character?

There are other reasons why we may not serve or walk in our purpose, some of those reasons could be:

- *Fear
- *Shame
- *Pride
- *Not being in the word
- *lack of self esteem
- *depression/anxiety

I have suffered from all of the above at some point in my life...And most days I still struggle with one or more. But my God is so good, and HE reminds me every day how much He loves me and desires me to seek His purpose. There is a song by Stephen Mchirter, "You Have Been There", these words have spoken to me many times when satan tried to take me back to my past...

The words to this song...

Nothing takes our father by surprise
I wont be held by fear, you have been there thru it all
I will take what you saw in me and hold it up for the world to see
I will remind my past that the father has been there thru it all

Romans 8:28 says: and we know that for those who love God all things work together for good for those who are called according to His purpose.

I ask you to...seek God's purpose for your life, shar your testimony, tell others what God has done for you and what God can do for them. Bring a friend to Christ, that is our purpose!!!