

THE GOOD NEWS

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Our Vision

College Drive SDA Church:
at the Intersection of Serving
God and Changing Lives.

Prayer

Shall we accept good from
God and not trouble? In all
this, Job did not sin in what
he said.—Job 2:10 NIV

Father, you know how often
I'm tempted to blame You.
Please give me Job's
wisdom and help me
understand that nothing
comes to me that doesn't
first pass through Your hand.
Amen.

Source: *Bless Your Heart*
(series II), *Heartland Samplers,*
Inc.

Food for Thought

The hardest work is being
idle (Rosten 496).

Not to teach your son to
work is like teaching him to
steal (Talmud: Kiddushin,
29a in Rosten 496).

He also that is slothful in his
work is brother to him that is
a great waster.
—Proverb 18:9 KJV

Choose Health

Excellent vegan cooking
classes are being hosted bi-
monthly with New York
Country Life Trained Chef,
Greg Frezza. Plan to attend.
See Carol Frezza for details.
By Katie Dearborn

From the Ministerial Association of the Adventist Church in North America

10 Things Pastors Wish Their Congregations Would Do for Them

1 Pray for your pastor. The
pastor is the spiritual catalyst
for the church. That makes
the pastor a great big target
for the enemy. Pray for the
pastor's spiritual health,
protection, and wisdom.
Among the most affirming
words a pastor ever hears are,
"Pastor, I'm praying for you
every day" (Rom. 15:30; 2
Cor. 1:11).

2 Affirm your pastor.
Pastoring may be one of the
most difficult jobs in the
world. Pastors live in a highly
concentrated environment
where they see the results of
sin on a daily basis through
their care for humanity.
Though pastors don't live for
affirmation, words of
validation do provide a
lifeline of strength through
treacherous times. Those little
notes that say, "Pastor, you're
making a difference," may be
the very things that help your
pastor make it through
another tough day (see Acts
4:36).

3 Bless the pastoral family.
Pastoral stress leaks into
families and is enough to test
every family bond. Throw in a
few wild expectations about
how a pastoral spouse and



pastoral kids are supposed
to behave, and you have a
recipe for a family
meltdown. The antidote is
the blessing. Bless the
spouse. Bless the kids. Let
go of any expectations, and
treat the family with a rich
blessing of heaven's grace
(Gal. 6:2; Matt. 10:8; 2 Tim.
1:16).

**4 Release the pastor from
constant ministry so that
renewal can take place.**
Pastors who go 24/7 for
weeks and months on end
will inevitably self-destruct.
Mandate that your pastor
take weekly breaks for
spiritual renewal, as well as
annual extended breaks for
study leave and vacation
(Matt. 14:23).

**5 Talk with your pastor,
not about or around.**
Complaining about the
pastor to someone else is
corrosive for the entire
church family. Writing

anonymous, critical notes to
the pastor are acts of
spiritual terrorism. (By the
way, smart pastors just
throw them into the trash
without reading them.) If
you have a problem with the
pastor, talk directly to the
pastor and try to work it out
(Matt. 18:15-17).

**6 Forgive your pastor for
falling short of your
expectations, because no
pastor will perfectly
satisfy your ideals.**
Remember that your vision
of what a pastor should be is
probably unique to you.
Everyone else in the
congregation also has
unique expectations. Many
expectations are mutually
exclusive. Your pastor will
make some mistakes; all
pastors do. Extend to your
pastor the same grace God
extends to you (Matt. 18:21,
22).

Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids

November's Moments ~ Taste with Our Kids

Taste, one of our five senses and closely tied to



our sense of smell, can provide special, adventuresome and even amusing moments with our children. To explore our sense of taste with a variety of healthy food choices we should use all of our senses.

Start with seasonal fruits or vegetables our children already like and branch out: Apples, pears, persimmons, pomegranates. Try things new to you as well. You could choose several foods beginning with the same letter of the alphabet, or the same color, or shapes. Shop together. Remember to keep preparation areas and ourselves safe and clean. Ask questions before tasting. Is it crumbly, crunchy, or creamy? Talk about color, texture, and size. Discuss options other than yucky and yummy. Read books about your tasting choice. Photograph your kids' faces. Maybe even draw the food. Remember, tasting is voluntary and should be fun.

Of course, Be Thankful.

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good;

By *Kathleen Martin*

Announcements/Activities/Events

Visitors' Lunch: Immediately following Sabbath service. Consult the church bulletin for details and changes.

Fellowship Dinner: Second Sabbath of the month. See the church bulletin for details and changes.

Men's Ministry: *Get involved. Contact Manuel Recinos or Enrique Guzman.*

Feeding the Homeless Ministry: Third Sabbath of the month—please join us. Contact Dan or Joann Mitzlaff to help (601) 824-9776.

Food Pantry: Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to stock our food pantry. Remember to label them—for the food pantry.

Health Ministry: First Sabbath of each month. Visit the health information display table for free water and handouts. Contact Katie Dearborn to help with this ministry (601) 954-2652.

Hospital Ministry: Once a month Ms. Pat or Ms. Joyce visits Riveroaks and Crossgates Hospitals. Contact Pat Roan to help with this ministry (601) 214-4648.

Small Groups Meetings: Check with Teri Spracklen to get the details.

Prison Ministry: Every Friday night. Contact Nick Lesh to help with this ministry (601) 668-9727.

Christian School: If you have friends or family looking for an excellent elementary school within a Christian environment, please tell them about College Drive School. Contact us at (601) 933-0990 or visit the school website at <www.collegedriveschool.com>

Jackson Evangelism Plan: December 6, 2014—4-7PM

“Community Bible Studies . . .”
Calvin Watkins

New Heights SDA Church
3220 Forest Avenue Extension
Jackson, Mississippi 39204

7 Feed yourself spiritually. Don't expect to live on a limited spiritual diet of 30-minute weekly sermons—even with the best sermons, you will starve to death spiritually. The role of the shepherd is not to stick grass in the mouths of sheep, but to lead the sheep to green pastures (Ps. 23:2).

8 Bond with a small group. Don't substitute your precious small-group privileges for dependence on your pastor. It is neither fair, practical, nor spiritually wise. Regular spiritual support occurs in small groups. When you are plugged into a weekly small group, you will grow together, pray for one another, care for one another, and support one another [and your pastor too] through all the ups and downs of life (Matt. 18:20).

9 Follow the leader. The pastor is not the CEO of the congregation; that role is reserved for Jesus. However, the pastor is your spiritual leader, and you should take your cue from the pastor and follow Jesus. Let your pastor lead. Help your pastor flesh out the vision of your church, and then do your part to turn the vision into reality (Heb. 13:17).

10 Exercise your spiritual gifts. Let your pastor equip you. Take advantage of teaching and ministry opportunities at your church. Place yourself in optimal places for spiritual growth (Eph. 4:11, 12). Source: *Adventist World* — NAD October 2014

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Household Tip

Instead of storing food in plastic bags or containers, start using glass jars. Mason jars, wide and narrow mouth, make excellent storage containers. In addition, they showcase the food so that you can see what is in them when you look into the refrigerator. Jars can also be used in the freezer. Not only do the jars look nice, but they store food better and save resources.

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