

# THE GOOD NEWS

## College Drive Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter

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### Our Vision

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

### Prayer

“Sometimes I go to God and say, “God, if Thou dost never answer another prayer while I live on this earth, I will still worship Thee as long as I live and in the ages to come for what Thou hast done already. God’s already put me so far in debt that if I were to live one million millenniums I couldn’t pay Him for what He’s done for me.” — A.W. Tozer

### Food for Thought

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

—Proverbs 4:23

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”

—Frederick Douglass

Why is the word “tongue” feminine in Greek, Latin, Italian, Spanish, French, and German?

—Austin O’Malley (Sarnoff 353)

### Choose Health

The food you eat affects the way you feel and your ability to enjoy life. Making good, nutritious food choices is important.

(Source: Giving Light to Our World (GLOW).

### From the Pastor

So many exciting things have been happening at College Drive: Messiah’s Mansion, which had over 2,000 people go through its exhibit, the Gulf States Conference (GSC) Prayer Summit, and our Revelation’s Prototype Evangelistic Series. One theme surrounded all of these events—the sanctuary. King David declared in Psalm 77:13, *Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary.*

Over the past month I have been reminded of the importance of God’s sanctuary, and its relevance to us as Christians. The tabernacle was how God dwelled with Israel. However, the tabernacle also reminds me how God dwells with me. At the Gate is where I Meet Jesus. In the courtyard Jesus Gives Himself to Me. Within the Holy Place Jesus Grows in Me. Finally, in the Most Holy Place Jesus Shines out of me.

In 1 Corinthians 3:16 Paul tells us: *Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?* The Holy Place

Start this very moment by simply asking God to help you to desire to eat healthily and to help you to be diligent in choosing nutritious foods.

Next, connect with people who are involved in eating



reveals how God can grow in our lives: Prayer (altar of incense), Bible Study (table of showbread), and the church (7-branch candlestick). We need all those elements on a daily basis in order to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ* (2 Peter 3:18).

I encourage each of us to make our lives a tabernacle where God can dwell. Let’s rely on God as though our lives depended on it, because they do. Let’s recommit to a life of daily prayer, bible study, and regular church attendance. What is

really cool is that when we make these things a priority we do not need to go to ancient Israel. Our lives will become a sanctuary, a place where God dwells, and a place where heaven and earth intersect. We will find ourselves living at the intersection of serving God and changing lives. It is there that you will find peace, joy, and fulfillment. Because God dwells in you, and you in Him...this is where you were created to dwell.

*Blessings,*  
Pastor Richie Halvorsen

healthily, and discuss your desire to improve your food choices with them. Stay connected as you acquire ideas and information about improving food choices.

Use Internet wisely as a reference source for

gathering information on improving your health.

Share your experience with others as you improve your food choices, and ability to enjoy life.

By Katie M. Dearborn

**Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids**

The best thing we possibly can do for our kids--each child in our family--each child in our church school and each child in our church is to pray for them without ceasing. This monthly column will consider prayer for our children as first priority. Plans are to present achievable ideas that can be added to continual prayer.

September's Moment -- Read to/with a child.

Time spent with a little one on your lap or snuggled beside you on the sofa sharing a well chosen, age-appropriate book is the most precious of times. Consider this quote from Anita Silvey in her book, *100 Best Books for Children*

"Nothing in a child's intellectual development offers more pleasure or more excitement than a good book. Nothing lasts longer in memory than childhood reading experiences. And nothing ensures the success of a child more in society than being read to from infancy through young adulthood. Reading books to and with children is the single most important thing a parent, grandparent or significant adult can do."

Read to a child. Start today.  
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.

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

**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.

**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. We hope to see you there. Check the bulletin for details and changes.

**Prison Ministry:** Every Friday night. Contact Nick Lesh for 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](http://www.collegedriveschool.com)>..

**Prison Ministry: . . . I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Matthew 25:36**

Our church has been sharing God's Word for 20 years in the prison system. It started in 1994 at Central MS Correctional Facility. A Methodist, Baptist and Seventh-day Adventist went every Saturday evening to share His Word with the women inmates. At that time there was freedom to bring food and gifts to women, and you could walk about freely to witness. Then the men were housed about five years later. After the men came, more and stricter rules were applied, and visiting was restricted to the visitation room where



the men meet now.

Then, David and Gloria Kennedy came; he started a ministry and the three of us formed a bond and love for the inmates. We met

every Sabbath evening.

From there, we went to Parchman, Yazoo City, and Canton. Also, Gloria and I went to Meridian once a week for three years. Then Linda Whatley and Mary Marshall joined the ministry

team.

The highlight of the ministry was the Christmas parties. The Jackson Church and a few of the Florence Church members made this the talk of the prison. We went by caravan and had about ten cars, carrying so many cakes, cookies, chips, drinks, candy, fruit, and presents that there was hardly room for the people. Some of my sister's Baptist Church members helped with the goodies and supplied a men's quartet. Each man received a

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gift package and food. A Christmas message was presented, carols sang, and sad good-byes said. This was repeated in all five units. We fed about 5,000 men. At Rankin County we fed about 2,000. The person bringing the message did it over and over, and the musicians from our church had to keep singing. The men loved every minute.

Only one prison is being served now, and the ministry team consists of Nick Lesh, James Ledford, Chuck Pugh, Soloman Musani, and Pat Roane. They meet every Friday night, and I have the privilege of answering every prayer request, calling families, doing Bible studies and sharing God's love with each one. We have many prisoners who belong to our church, and they have been baptized or accepted on profession of faith. If you would like to join our team, see any of us.

By *Pat Roan*