

THE GOOD NEWS

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Our Vision

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

Prayer

God can mend a broken heart, but we have to give Him all the pieces.

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.—*Psalm 34:18 NIV*
Source: *Bless Your Heart (series II), Heartland Samplers, Inc.*

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.—*Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV)*

Food for Thought

Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long.—*Proverbs 23:17*

My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.
—*Proverb 23:26 KJV*

Choose Health

Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.—*Proverbs 16:24*

Messages from the Heart



Pastor Richie, We love you and pray for you continuously: thanks for all your guidance.—*Unknown*

Brittney, thanks for always having a positive attitude towards any activities we do for school and church. And for your willingness to always do the slides for all the worship teams.—*Beverly Guzman*

Pastor Richie, thanks for preaching the gospel of the good news of Christ from God.—*Jonathon Littleton*

“We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.”
—Albert Schweitzer

Edric, thank you for feeding the flowers of our inner spirits with your professional care of College Drive’s landscape, your welcoming smile at the church door, and your singing voice, especially when you sing, “Morning has Broken.”—*Gerald Martin*

Ms. Pat, you are always so nice, a smile like sunshine, joy in greeting, and a hug.—*David Yarborough*

Church Family, thank you for the love I feel in this church.—*David Thomas*

Katie, I love, respect, and adore you. You make visitors and members feel welcome.—*Melanie Womack*

Wayne and Jeanne, Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the Lord and His work. We love you.—*Jack and Shelia Gill*

Scott and Karen, I am so blessed to have shared a part of your time here.—*Pat Roane*

Uncle Bill, Jesus saved my soul, and you saved my life!—*Kelly Walker*

Ms. Pat, thank you for everything you’ve done for me. I love you!—*Hayley Halversen*

Church Family, I love you.—*Janet Thomas*

Mami, thank you for every thing you have done for me and taught me. I love you.—*Ruth Recinos*

Vondell, thanks for being such a wonderful example, you really are an inspiration to me.—*Anita Ray*

Mom, you are a true inspiration to me: you’ve shown me Jesus.—*Your Redheaded Son, Evan*

Marsha and Dino, you have helped me thrive and grow as I was transplanted in MS. I appreciate your encouragement in my personal and professional life.—*Beth Huddleston*

Thabani, I enjoy the times when we have bike races.—*Bea Maposa*

Leah, thank you for being uplifting and cheerful: your smile is contagious.—*Tiffany Fuller*

Noah, thanks for all the time we had and anime.—*Nathan Kipchumba*

Ms. Pat, thank you for all your work at the school, helping the kids, filling in any way needed and getting the library updated.—*Beverly Clark*

Katie, you have always been a genuine, true friend, you are not afraid to let me know if I’m wrong, and you love me as I am.—*Doris Jean Young*

Kelli, what a delight, inspiration, and joy you’ve been as a daughter: You persevered through years of piano lessons, became one of three valedictorians at Bass Memorial Academy, stayed true to your faith at Ole Miss when you requested, and was granted permission to march for graduation on Sunday at Southern Adventist University as a guest graduate instead of on Sabbath from the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy (which had never been done before).—*Barbara Adams*

Jeanne and Wayne, I appreciate all that you have done over the years for “our” kids. Your hard work in Pathfinders and cradle roll has meant so much to me.—*Deborah Whatley*

Brittney, I admire and am inspired by your love for, and devotion to your husband and family.—*Katie Dearborn*

Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids

February's Moment ~ Gardening with our Kids

One Valentine's Day here in Mississippi many years ago, my husband went to purchase a dozen red roses. He came home and presented instead a bare-root Mr. Lincoln hybrid tea rose bush tied with a ribbon! Years and years that bush produced fragrant red reminders of his love. Today on Mississippi Public Radio, gardening guru Felder Rushing encouraged his listeners to take a child with them to a gardening center or farmer's market, to help them become lifelong lovers of growing things, and quoted Mahatma Gandhi — 'If we are to reach real peace in the world, we shall have to begin with the children.'

In our marvelous Mississippi climate we can garden with our children almost year round. Planting seeds, watching them grow, fertilizing, tending, harvesting are all activities that have spiritual parallels and provide excellent opportunities for conversations with our kids making these comparisons. Growing things can take place indoors or out. Here are some Kitchen Scrap gardening hints. <http://www.kidsgardening.org/article/kitchen-scrap-gardening>

One of my favorite gardening passages, found in Mark 4:26-29 provides encouragement in all stages of growth. Notice this quote from Education p106-107 "The gradual development of the plant from the seed is an object-lesson in child-training. There is 'first the bland, then, the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.' He who gave this parable created the tiny seed, gave it its vital properties, and ordained the laws that govern its growth....Parents and teachers should aim so to

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.

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: March 6, 2015, 7-9 PM
"Service Evangelism"
Sung Kwon
Berean SDA Church
1150 Woodrow Wilson Avenue
Jackson, Mississippi 39213

cultivate the tendencies of the youth that at each stage of life they may represent the beauty appropriate to that period, unfolding naturally, as do the plants in the garden."

By Kathleen Martin

Come to Me

Recently the Screen Actors Guild announced its best of 2015 awards. The top male actor was Eddie Redman, and the top female actor was Julianne Moore. After hearing of these awards, I started thinking about the profession of acting. How naturally does acting come to individuals? I believe for some it comes easy and for others not so easy, but I do believe we all, to some extent, practice the profession of acting—some just practice it better than others. Let me explain. How often do we mask our troubles, our concerns, our fears, our sins from those around us?

How often does someone ask, "How was your day?" And our reply tends to mask how things really are. Maybe our job is in jeopardy, perhaps we have been misleading someone, or we have been lying to cover up some mistakes.

Or maybe when we go home and see a neighbor and they ask how the family is doing, we reply "great," when it is anything but great. Maybe you and your spouse are having problems, maybe your children are into drugs, alcohol, pre-marital sex, or maybe you are behind on your house payment, facing foreclosure.

Or maybe when we come to church and the greeter or a church member ask how's its going, we say "great." When in reality we know that our spiritual life is suffering from neglect. We find reasons to miss church and prayer meeting, daily devotion, and prayer. We find reasons for not getting involved with church, or in the

lives of others. In short we are spiritually bankrupt, but we say, "All is well," and Satan is there ready to give us the actor of the year award.

Christ said in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Christ is telling each of us, "Come to Me." He wants us to bring to Him our troubles, our concerns, our fears, our sins. Before we can come to Him, we have to quit our "Acting" and realize our need of Christ. If we go through life telling others and ourselves that life is "great" when in reality it is not, soon we may not hear Him saying, "Come to Me."

By Mike Whatley

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