

THE GOOD NEWS

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Our Vision

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

Prayer

Search me, O God, and
know my heart: try me, and
know my thoughts: And see
if there be any wicked way
in me, and lead me in the
way everlasting. *Amen.*
Psalm 139:23,24 (KJV)

Proverb

The heart of the wise
teacheth his mouth, and
addeth learning to his lips.
Proverbs 16:23 (KJV)

My Cap

In the summer of 1947 my
brother Bobby and I were
staying with our friend's
mother for our summer
vacation in Knox County,
Missouri, on the state line
of Iowa. During this time
our Uncle Harve had
located a 1924 Model T
Ford touring car (soft top)
for \$50.00. We spent
\$50.00 more for four new
tires, tubes, a battery, plugs,
and hoses. Uncle Harve
tuned the old car up.

Around the last of August,
our father sent us money for
bus fare to Louisville. But
we had different plans. Two
young boys left northern
Missouri for Louisville, KY
(about 550 miles). We were
cruising at a speed of 30
MPH for sometime. I was
driving the road very

Traveling Up the Ladder or Building a Tower



I'm sure we all have done
something and then felt guilt,
remorse, or had a sense that God
is far away out of the hearing of
our prayers. Despite these dark
times in our lives, I want to assure you that
God hears and takes compassion on us. As
recorded in Genesis 28, Jacob finds himself
in this very predicament. As he travels the
journey from Beer-sheba to Haran in utter
loneliness, with heavy heart, he prays with
unchecked tears. With humility Jacob
realizes the need for a Savior and confesses
his sin pleading God will send him some
evidence that He has not forsaken him.

God's response is recorded in Genesis 28:12.
"And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up
on the earth, and the top of it reached to
heaven: and behold the angels of God
ascending and descending on it." The night
vision that Jacob was given is for each of us
today. The ladder who came down from
heaven to earth is our Saviour. Jesus our
divine God (top of the ladder) but fully
human (bottom of the ladder) is the only
One qualified to mediate and forgive our
sins for He was tempted as we are but
without sin. The ladder shows how Christ

straight for many miles. The windshield was
in the open position so we could get air. All
of a sudden, my cap blew off and out of the
car. I stopped the car and ran back to get my
cap. Bobby slipped under the steering wheel
to backup for me.

When I retrieved my cap and turned around,
Bobby was trying to reverse the car. But it
was not backing up. The back tires were
spinning but not moving. When we got to
looking, we discovered one front wheel was
going straight and the other wheel was
going crossways.

On further examination, we discovered the
bolt that keeps the two wheels aligned

himself empowers us when we are
weak. The angels descending up and
down are on a mission to aid us in
choices for salvation.

How often do we make excuses for not
taking hold of that power to overcome!
Do we cry out as Jacob did seeking help
for whatever sins bind us in despair?
Philippians 4:13 says, "I can do all
things through Christ who strengthens
me." The last time I checked, the key
word in this verse says, "all." Sadly we
often set our own standard of "all"
trying to build a self-defined form of
living as the foolish generation did at
the tower of Babel, which led to failure.
For example, we have so much light on
how to honor Christ in our body
temples, yet we often choose to live in
darkness. Let us ask God to give us His
power to give up all those unhealthy
habits that bind us and leave us
incomplete. Are you traveling up the
ladder or building your own tower?

By Carol Frezza

straight (ty rod) had been lost. We had
spare parts to replace the bolt that got
lost, and we were back on the road. Just
ahead in the road there was a sharp
curve and surely if the wheel had broken
there, it would have wrecked us.

As a young boy it didn't seem so
important, but as I got older I came
realize that I had a guardian angel. I am
the most blessed person I know.

By Billy (Mr. Billy) Bishoff

Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids



August's Moment ~ Singing The Blessing With our Kids

An experienced teacher of teachers said, "The fastest way to change the climate in the classroom is to sing!" That strategy works in the home as well. A huge multi-generational pleasure is to sing favorites with the whole family. It's special, but not essential, to have an accompanist on piano or guitar. Have you considered sung prayers to begin a meal? A child's voice singing "Dear Jesus thank you for our food, Dear Jesus thank you for our food, Dear Jesus thank you for our food and for our family, too. Amen," is a wonderful way to begin a family meal with joy and gladness. This grace can be sung to the tune of "I'm Glad I came to Sabbath School."

The sung prayer could be in Spanish like this one used by Dag's family. "Bendice Señor el pan, que tu con amor nos das. Amen." or in English, "Bless the bread, Lord, that you in love have given us."

A recent guest at our table and mother of three sang the blessing they used when their children were small.

"Oh, the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord
For giving me the things I need.
The sun, and the rain, and an appleseed.
Yes, He's been good to me."

The tune for the The Johnny Appleseed Blessing can be heard on YouTube.

Stan Hobbs, the Gulf States Conference Vice President for Education sent this report from current 2015 research to the teachers. "Music education is tied to higher GPAs, improved achievement in reading and math, and higher graduation and attendance rates." One of the researchers also points out that young musicians "have a better handle on their emotions, and tend to be more focused and less anxious." And this quote as well, "The inherent value of music can develop the kinds of qualities, knowledge, skills and dispositions that we want in all our kids." -- Mike Blakeslee (Deputy Director of the National Association for Music Education).

Wouldn't we want that in our homes, too? An easy first step to including more music in your day could be a sung prayer to begin each meal. I would be interested to hear of other sung mealtime prayers that you might know and use.

But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord for he has been good to me.

Psalm 13:5,6

By Kathleen Martin

Activities/Events/Ministries

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.

Women's Ministry: Ladies, come join us. Contact Janet Thomas at (601) 506-9750 or jthomas4951@Comcast.net.

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

Celebrate Recovery: Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at the Ridge. Contact Melanie Womack at (601) 421-0177 for information about this ministry.

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 the month, information display table of 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: Family or friends looking for an excellent elementary school within a Christian environment, contact us at (601) 933-0990 or www.collegedriveschool.com

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