

THE GOOD NEWS

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Our Vision

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

Prayer

What are you saving in your memory bin as food for the restless soul when the winter of life comes?

Lord, what would You have me store in my memory? Help me remember the times I have seen Your hand in my life and to be thankful for the many blessings You have provided. *Amen.*

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

Proverb

When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to appetite.

Proverbs 23:1,2 (KJV)

Choose Health

“Our bodies are built up from the food we eat. . . It is a wonderful process that transforms the food into blood and uses this blood to build up the varied parts of the body; . . .”

“Those foods should be chosen that best supply the elements needed for building up the body. In this choice, appetite is not a safe guide. Through wrong habits of eating, the appetite has become perverted. Often it demands food that impairs health and causes weakness

A Special Christmas Gift



Being with family and friends—*Maureen*

Your time—*Beverly*

Time with family—*Deborah*

Go to Camp Alamisco—*Jessica*

Just a little time by myself—*Marcia*

A paid for vacation—*Barbara*

All my family to come to my house and celebrate Christmas with me—*Samuel*

That all my children will be saved—*Ms. Vondell*

Being around my family and the people I love—*Nikolai*

God’s continued favor—*Monte*

Continuation of good family and doing things together—*Janet*

To see my two boys in my church—*Hazel*

My children are blessed—*Melody*

A mess of my wife’s lentil soup—*Ellis*

A new Nelson edition study Bible—*Jonathan*

Shelves built for my record albums in my bonus room—*Donna Jean*

Peace on earth—*Lesley*

A new book—*Bea*

To see more people get baptized—*Dan*

That someone gave me something that they made themselves—*Jacob*

Dolls and a doll house—*Mariah*

More patience—*James*

Have my husband come to church with me—*Jean*

Being with family—*Carol*

Seeing my family that’s far away—*Katelyn*

Have a tuxedo—*Noah*

That every child in America would get at least one toy—*Ms. Pat*

For God to bring more and more people to Celebrate Recovery seeking recovery in Christ—*Melanie*

Spend Christmas with my family—*Veronica*

See my children—*Matthew*

To spend quality time with my family—*Marsha*

A big old hug—*Dino*

A more loving heart—*Beth*

That my son-in-law and daughter would accept the Sabbath—*Greg*

To have memory of the scriptures to be able to share the “Word”—*Jim*

To have more of the Holy Spirit—*Leontyne*

iPhone 6 Plus—*Jazmine*

Health—*Claude*

More prayer—*Tonesha*
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instead of strength. We cannot safely be guided by the customs of society.”

“In order to know what are the best foods, we must study God’s original plan for man’s diet. He who created man and who understands his

needs appointed Adam his food (Source: Ministry of Healing).

Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids



December's Moment ~ Reflect the Light With Your Kids

Physical things in our daily life can remind us to pray and to connect with our Heavenly Father through all the hours of the day and night. During this season, during the winter time of our calendar year people have always focused on lighting—fire, heavenly bodies of light, and manufactured and reflected light. We can do that too, with our kids.

John begins his gospel, his explanation of creation and the nativity with these comforting words.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John continues in his book with many more references to the True Light of the World.

Pastor Richie reminded us of this a few weeks ago. Jesus gave sight—spiritual and physical—to the blind man. John relates this conversation at the beginning of chapter 9. "As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Light is a major factor in the story of Creation, Genesis 1. God spoke, there was light and it is good.

This creative power, to change the world with light has been manifested through the generations, reflected light, in people sharing their talents in many ways. Musicians, writers, artists, physicians, scientists, pastors, teachers, parents... The list is endless. Two examples, two heartfelt prayers, from different centuries follow. The first, from our hymnal #128 "Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light", written by a German pastor, Johann von Rist, in 1641, and the second by a contemporary Norwegian, Egil Hovland, in 1991, "Stay With Us", can be experienced on YouTube.

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning:
this child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, to herald our salvation.
He stoops to earth, the God of might, our hope and expectation.
He comes in human flesh to dwell, our God with us, Immanuel,
the night of darkness ending, our fallen race befriending.

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us. Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, Stay with us, it soon is evening, and night is falling.

Jesus Christ the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!

Let your light pierce the darkness And fill your church with its glory.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus,
for night is falling.

Activities/Events/Ministries

Visitors' Lunch: Immediately following Sabbath service. Consult the church bulletin for details and changes. Please contact Delane Lesh at (601) 668-9728 to sign-up to host a visitors' lunch.

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

Light is essential for life, our lives and the lives of our children. Use the moments you have with the kids in your life this month to focus on light. Draw their attention to the Light of World and intentionally reflect His Light.

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