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Our Vision

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

Prayer

*Lord, teach me to pray,
praise, and give thanks
when times are good and
when times are bad without
ceasing. Amen.*

Choose Health

“Life or Death?”

I choose life,
I chose death for many
years,
It's hard to hold back the
tears.

I didn't even know I was
dying,
Then one day I couldn't stop
crying,
God showed me the light,
My heart went from
darkness to bright.
He watched me go down all

that time,
Knowing drugs and alcohol was my lifeline,
He never gave up on me,
And now I'm almost 26 years free.

Free of the hurt and the pain,
Man, nothing is the same,
I feel my heart beating with love towards my fellow man,
I want to help him all I can.

I am truly free,
It's finally not all about me,
It's all about Him—Jesus Christ and the Trinity!
By Melanie Womack



Three Types of Love?

Did you know that the English word “love” occurs more than 311 times in the King James Bible? Of these, 180 occurrences are in the New Testament. The Biblical writer with the most references to the word “love” is the apostle John.

There are at least three types of love that use a different Greek word. This is why it is a good idea to understand a little bit about the translating of words from one language to another. There are differing feelings in Scripture, such as for one's fellow man or towards one's parents, children, or God.

The Scriptures that delineate two out of three types of love that the New Testament writers discuss are in Jesus' short talk, after his resurrection, with Peter. The purpose of Jesus' discussion with Peter, who had denied him three times before he was crucified (Matthew 26:34), was not to test him but rather “to encourage and strengthen him” for the work God wanted him to do.

As they were eating, Jesus turned to Simon and asked, “Do you love me more than these others do?” Peter, surprised by the question, said that he did, but he used the Greek word, *Phileo*, to reference his feelings. The word

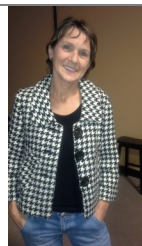
Peter used in the Bible to state the feeling he had toward Jesus (in all his responses) is *Phileo*. Its definition is ‘to show signs of or otherwise denote brotherly affection.’ This word is part of the name of the city known as Philadelphia. Humans, without the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, can only give this emotion toward their fellow man. Christ quickly responded that he should then take care of his lambs. (John 21:15).

The first word Jesus used for this feeling was *Agapao*. This word is the root for the Greek word *Agape*. The best translation for *Agape* is a “caring or Godly concern for someone” even if you do not know or like him or her. This is a love that requires nothing in return or any action from the one being loved. Only God himself can give it. (John 3:16-17). Nearly all of the references in Jesus' teachings use this word.

The last of the three types of love in Greek is *Eros*. Although used in the classical Greek language, this word does not appear in the Bible. We get the word erotic from this Greek word. Its use is usually in reference to sex or physical attraction.

I would tend to think that prayerfully reading the book of John will give us a better understanding of God's love for us so that we may better love each other.

By David Thomas



He that covereth his sins shall not prosper:
but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them
shall have mercy.

Proverb 28:13 (KJV)

Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids



February's Moment Walk With Our Kids

It's Biblical. *Genesis 13:17* says, "Arise, walk about the land through its length and breadth..."

Walking is free.

- * It's spontaneous and social. The ancient Greeks walked, thought and talked.
- * Let's try walking with our kids.
- * Plan a fun destination, a circuitous route, with hidden treasures, or map your walk.
- * Take a camera, your dog, the neighbor or the neighbor's dog. Take your time. Play a game.

Collect treasures.

- * Get out of the house and fuel your brain. Replace a few car journeys. There are no downsides. Walking decreases health risks, calms, improves concentration, encourages decision making, lowers rate of weight gain, lifts your spirits, boosts your mood.
- * A 15 minute saunter after meals improves health, strengthens memory.

- * Make it a habit, a priority. Be a good example.

By Kathleen Martin

Protecting Our Children: What is the "Shield the Vulnerable" Program and How Will It Work?

Posted by: Dr. William Chunestudy

In October of 2011, the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church passed Working Policy FB-20[1], which mandates training and background screening for all church volunteers who work with children/youth in all Seventh-day Adventist ministries. Many conferences, churches and schools already have background screening in place but the North American Division and Adventist Risk Management have partnered with an organization called *Shield the Vulnerable*[2] that takes the protection solution to another level. This solution includes an educational component and a national database for background screening, making *Shield the Vulnerable* (STV) a more flexible and complete option for our church-at-large.

Source: Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

Activities/Events/Ministries

Visitors' Lunch: Immediately following Sabbath service. Consult the church bulletin for details/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/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 p.m. at the Ridge. Contact Melanie Womack at (601) 421-0177 for information.

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.

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

Creation Health Education Seminar

Annual Creation Health Education Seminar at the Pearl Community Center, Old Brandon Road, Pearl, MS:
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Week 1: February 15, 16, 17, 18,

Week 2: February 22, 23, 24, 25

The event will include information on the 8 principles of Wellness: **Choice, Rest, Environment, Activity, Trust, Interpersonal Relationships, Outlook, and Nutrition.** Creation Health is a faith-based wellness plan complete with lifestyle training for those who want to live healthier and happier lives.
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