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Our Vision

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

Prayer

*He has the right to criticize
who has the heart to help.*
Abraham Lincoln

Father, so often I have said
one thing with my lips and
held another thought in my
heart. Please help me live
consistently with Your
love. Amen

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

Proverb (KJV)

*He that is slow to anger is better
than the mighty; and he that ruleth
his spirit than he that taketh a city.*
—Proverbs 16:32
Mejor es el que tarda en airarse que
el fuerte; Y el que se enseñorea de
su espíritu, que el que toma una
ciudad. —Proverbios 16:32

Choose Health

“The world is sick, and
wherever the children of men
dwell, suffering abounds. On
every hand there is a seeking for
relief.

It is not the Creator’s
purpose that mankind shall be
weighed down with a burden of
pain, that his activities shall be
curtailed by illness, that his
strength wane, and his life be cut
short by disease. . . .

There is need for an
understanding of the many factors
contributing to true happiness—a
cheerful home, obedience to the
laws of life, proper relationship to
one’s fellow men.

. . . It is essential that we
employ the varied agencies which,
in co-operation with nature’s
efforts, will build up the body and
restore the health.

The Ministry of Healing, p. 7.



What Kind of Driver are You?

When Katie asked me to write an
article for the College Drive Good
News Newsletter, I had just
driven to church. I had experienced such bad
driving by other people that I mentioned the
surprising number of new expensive cars on the
road that had neither headlights/taillights or turn
signals. That led to a deeper discussion that
forms the basis for this review of some behaviors
that you, I, and others engage in while driving.
These behaviors affect others and can lead to
unnecessary death or injury: Please reflect on the
following observations:

- ☹ Driving above the speed limit (Is there really
any need for speed limits?)
- ☹ Driving much below the speed limit without
displaying warning lights. Could this be the
result of talking on the phone, texting, trying
to read a folded map, looking for the grape
that just fell in one’s lap?
- ☹ Driving above the safe speed limit during
adverse conditions such as heavy rain, fog, or
snow. Have you noticed that when you slow
down because of the weather some people
drive considerably over the limit?
- ☹ The sun went down an hour ago and a black or
dark car passes you with no lights turned on.
- ☹ The sun went down an hour ago and you
suddenly realize there is a black or dark car
just ahead of you with no lights on.
- ☹ A driver in the 5th lane shifts to the 4th, 3rd,
4th, 3rd, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and then back to the 5th
lane never having signaled and sometimes you
are still ahead of him/her.
- ☹ Some drivers are habitual tailgaters even when
there is an open passing lane. Perhaps they
are race drivers by profession and have
lightning fast reflexes and powerful
stopping brakes, though that is doubtful.

The list of bad driving behaviors could continue,
but I’ll leave it to you to add more. When I first
started driving and saw these things happening,
I’d have my own set of behaviors with which I
responded, shaking my fist, wagging my finger,
saying “dummy or something like that,” shooting
them with my grill-mounted machine gun that in
later years became a laser cannon. As the years

have gone by, it is obvious that despite the
laser cannon, the bad driving by others is
only increasing and road rage is no longer
just screaming insults.

If you are guilty of bad driving habits please
stop and examine why you do them. Are
you distracted, mad, or sad about
something? So self-absorbed that you think
you can do anything. Are you in such a
hurry that you actually pass ambulances?
Likewise, you should examine how you
normally react when other drivers are doing
their “own” thing.

As a believer in Jesus, how should you act
while driving? The book of James (KJV) is
short in pages, but points us to very
powerful concepts on living in union with
Christ and each other: *James 1:19*
Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every
man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to
wrath: . . . *James 1:22* But be ye doers of
the word, and not hearers only, deceiving
your own selves. *James 2:12* So speak ye,
and so do, as they that shall be judged by
the law of liberty. *James 3:9* Therewith
bless we God, even the Father; and
therewith curse we men, which are made
after the similitude of God. *James 4:6* But
he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith,
God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace
unto the humble. *James 4:12* There is one
lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy:
who art thou that judgest another? *James*
5:8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts:
for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.

You may not be successful in changing
others’ behavior, but be sure they don’t
change you into something just as bad.
Relax, put space between you and the car
ahead of you. Enjoy life and know that the
Judge is standing at the door!
By Taylor Ransom



Valuable Moments ~ Time With Our Kids



March's Moment ~ Choose to be Happy with our Kids

Abraham Lincoln said, "Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Alexander Solzhenitsyn wrote, "A man is happy so long as he chooses to be happy."

In 1966 or there about, Roger Miller sang it too!

"You can't roller skate in a buffalo herd—but you can be happy if you've a mind to—

You can't take a shower in a parakeet cage...

You can't go fishing' in a watermelon patch...

All you got to do is put your mind to, knuckle down, buckle down, do it do it, do it."

Joshua Becker wrote about choosing happiness, too. He fleshes out each of his 12 Intentional Actions here www.becomingminimalist.com/choose-happy/

Just for the moment, I'll mention a few of his recommendations:

- ✓ Count your blessings,
- ✓ Carry a smile,
- ✓ Hold back a complaint,
- ✓ Use your strengths,
- ✓ Eat a healthy meal, and
- ✓ Treat others well.

Many, many others realize that happiness is a choice. Some practice it. Psychologists and scientists study it. Writers write about it. Roger Miller and others sing about it. His refrain works—"All you got to do is put your mind to, knuckle down, buckle down, do it do it, do it."

Suggestions are:

- ✓ Try
- ✓ Let yourself...be happy
- ✓ Linger on positive moments
- ✓ Be grateful

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:7 (KJV)
By Kathleen Martin

Love Me For Me

Dear Mom and Dad,
My hands are little --
I don't mean to spill my milk,
My legs are short --
Please - slow down so I can keep up with you,
When I touch something bright and shiny,
Please don't slap my hands.

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 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.

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>

Please look at me when I talk to you.
I just need to know you're listening.
Let me make mistakes without feeling stupid --
My feelings are delicate.
Please don't expect the bed I made to be perfect --
Just Love me for trying.
Remember, I am a child -- not an adult.
Sometimes I don't understand the things you say.
Please just love me for being me,
Not for the things I can do.
I love you mom and dad. You're all I have.
—Unknown

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