

# Food for Thought

God has designed you with the utmost care of love. It is easy to be dissuaded by the foolishness of humanity and retreat from church, but the simple truth is that we need each other. I have found that if I only go to church or meditate in prayer when I feel like it, life will ensure I never feel like it.

Right now, we are in a precarious moment in time. Global affairs continue to unravel, the vitality of our planet groans under the weight of sin, and the devil would rather see our church divided than united. It is up to us to be conduits for the Lord to use. You can wield the light God has placed within your heart by sharing it with others. I would even make the case that once we return to the roots of God's love for us, find spirituality for ourselves, and bring what we have found to the church, we will agree on far more than we may expect.

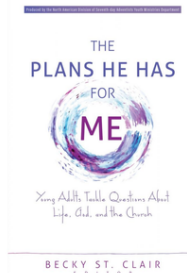
We have looked at the contexts behind the disparities between youth and church officials, but I pray that you have begun to look inward. Now I hope you have arrived at a path to answer the initial question asking who cares what you think. The truth is, it does not matter! Whether an individual or organization cares what you think (which many do) or is passionately against it (remember compassion), if we stay true to ourselves—the individuals God desires us to be—things will take care of themselves!

—Lawrence Steven Dorsey III

From: *The Plans He Has for Me*

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*April 20, 2024*

*Sabbath Sunset 7:18 pm  
Next Friday Sunset 7:22 pm*

## CHURCH AT STUDY- 9:30 a.m.

Welcome and Program Ivonne Norris

Worship Song On Screen

***We Have This Hope***

Prayer Ivonne Norris

**Sabbath School Classes 9:50-10:50 a.m.**

## CHURCH AT WORSHIP- 10:55 a.m.

Welcome Cynthia Bush

Worthy Student Offering Children's Song

***Breath On Me Breath of God***

Children's Story Naomi Franco

Call to Worship Praise Team

Worship in Giving: Bernell Mapp

Church Budget

Worship in Praise: ***Opener*** Praise Team

***God of Wonders***

***Indescribable***

***Who You Say I Am***

**Call to Prayer** ***He Is Here*** **On Screen**

**Worship in Prayer** **Cynthia Bush**

**Sermon** **Pastor Robson DeOliveira**

***Catching the Big Picture--***

***The Truth About the Puzzle!***

Worship in Response Praise Team

***Ancient Words***

**Benediction** **Pastor Robson DeOliveira**

Media Team: Thomas Halley & Ethan Walker

Praise Leader: Pastor Robson DeOliveira

Greeter: Heidi McDearmon & Karen Halley

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all those that made our Agape Feast and Communion Program a beautiful and touching event.

**Fellowship Meal is today. Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship.**

**Book Donations** for children books needed in Primary Class. Thank You for any donations!

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION is May 11th.**

**We moved our fellowship meal to 11th for May, hosted by our Men's Ministry and Youth!**

**Bass Camp Meeting 2024** May 22 & 25 Register:

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 16, 2024

<https://gscsda.org/event/bass-camp-meeting/>

**Prayer Summit 2024** Will be August 16 - 18 at

Camp Alamisco. <https://gscsda.org/>

**Adventist Digital Evangelism Training 2024**

Will be September 14 - 15 at GSC HQ. Cost is \$40

with Sabbath and Sunday lunches provided.

## CHURCH BUDGET COLLECTIONS

<u>Monthly Budget</u>	<u>Goal/Collected</u>	<u>APR Balance</u>
Church Budget	\$6,500.00	\$2,575.00
Worthy Student Fund	\$550.00	\$187.75
<u>Project/Event</u>	<u>April Collected</u>	<u>3/31 Balance</u>
Building Remodel	\$179,825.76/\$361.00	\$2,344.31
LCDF Conf Loan 5%*	<b>\$985.60</b>	\$35,409.80
SURF Union Loan 6%	<b>\$460.00</b>	\$42,652.24
<b>Nov 2024 Loan Pmt</b>	<b>\$1,427.84</b>	<b>GOAL</b>
<b>Religious Liberty</b>	\$1,513.42	\$1,500.00

## NEXT SABBATH WORSHIP TEAM

Vespers Leader: 26th Zach Lewis

Superintendent: Bob Kane

Elder/Prayer Call: Bernell Mapp

Children's Story: Boyd Stephens

Giving: GSC Advance - Bob Kane

Scripture Reader: Bob Kane

Speaker: Nefty Franco

Media Team: Thomas Halley

Greeter: Sam Serrano & Karen Halley

Grief Share: 28th Bernell Mapp

## CHURCH INFORMATION

***We're On Facebook!***

- Montgomeryfirstsda - Church News
- Montgomeryhealthministry - Health & Recipes
- Montgomeryfirstchildrensministry - 4 Kids
- Grief Support GriefShare Fellowship

***We're on the Web!***

- montgomeryfirstal.adventistchurch.org
- www.griefrecoverysteps.com

***We Meet Regularly!***

- Morning Devotion (M-F) 4:00 a.m. Dial in at 1-667-770-1429 + Code 710197
- Join our Prayer Call at 7am on M-W -F Call 334-694-1160
- Elder Boyd's Bible Study (Monday) 5:30 p.m. Call 888-913-7451
- Prayer Meeting (Wed) 12:30 p.m. In person at the church or call 334-694-1160
- Prayer Study (Wed) 7:00 p.m. Call 334-694-1160
- Sabbath Vesper (Friday) 7 p.m. Call 1-646-558-8656 + 869 5705 2586
- GriefShare Support Meetings (Sunday) 8:00 a.m. Call 1-646-558-8656 + 869 5705 2586
- Please pray continuously for our church members, family, friends, and community. Check our Facebook page for prayer list.

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