

Walking In God's Pathway

LOCAL AUTHOR AND SPEAKER, DEBORA M. COTY

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When asked, "What makes you happy?" Debora M. Coty laughed and recited an apparently well-practiced litany: "Chocolate brownies, with chocolate sprinkles and hot fudge on top. . ."

This occupational therapist / piano teacher turned author has a vibrant sense of humor. Her humor shines clearly as she speaks and writes, encouraging and inspiring her audience to apply biblical principles to every day life.

As long as she can remember, Coty has prayed for the knowledge that she is walking in the center of God's path for her life. Her prayers seemed unanswered until five years ago. When the youngest of her two children left home for college, Coty began writing.

She attended a writers' conference in California

and believes God was in the arrangements. Her roommate's employer was looking for authors of historical fiction. Coty's manuscript (*The Distant Shore*) fit the publisher's requirements. The pieces of the puzzle of Coty's life were falling into place.

She has entered a deeper level in her relationship with God. "What makes me deeply happy," Coty stated, "is knowing my prayers have been answered. I am certain I am in the center of God's path for my life. I didn't have this certainty until I began writing and speaking."

A Seffner resident who is active in the drama ministry at Bay Life Church, Coty is blessed by readers' responses to her writing. Her



*Seffner resident Debora Coty, author of *The Distant Shore*.*

speaking schedule is full but she makes time to mentor aspiring writers. (Her website, www.deboracoty.com has more information.)