

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Last Word:

Of Sheep and Shepherds *and the* Midnight Star



DECEMBER 3, 2011

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WELCOME!

Let the brass sound forth a festive welcome on this first Sabbath of Advent! How about if we be the shepherds today (since there are more than enough wise men on campus to go around!). After the angels' appearance, you remember, that midnight, motley band exclaimed, "Let us go now and see this thing which the Lord has made known to us!" (Luke 2:15) Let's do the same. In wonder and praise, let every worshiping heart see what it is our Lord would make known to us this Day. And then like those shepherds we, too, must fall down and worship Him. For He is still King! Visitors are invited to a home cooked vegetarian meal following second service in the Commons.

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BLACK FRIDAY BLIND

I realize that the times call for a bit of creativity now and then—but *this* creative? In a Black Friday mad dash for an Xbox video game console on sale, a woman at a Los Angeles Wal-Mart last week neutralized her competition (twenty other shoppers) racing for that same electronic toy. She did it with resolve and a nifty little can of pepper spray. Blinded all twenty of them. And hands down (and eyes shut), she won! Merry Christmas, children.

But hers was hardly an isolated instance of Christmas shopping aggression. Commenting on the rash of "shopping related violence [rolling] in this week from Los Angeles to New York," the Associated Press reported (in classic understatement) that "experts say a volatile mix of desperate retailers and cutthroat marketing has hyped the traditional post-Thanksgiving

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REVIVAL & REFORMATION

GOD'S SPIRIT NEEDED IN THE LAST DAYS

PRAY THEN LEAVE THE RESULTS WITH GOD

Work in faith, and leave results with God. Pray in faith, and the mystery of His providence will bring its answer. At times it may seem that you cannot succeed. But work and believe, putting into your efforts faith, hope, and courage. After doing what you can, wait for the Lord, declaring His faithfulness, and He will bring His word to pass. Wait, not in fretful anxiety, but in undaunted faith and unshaken trust. EGW, *Prayer*, 59, 60.

JESUS IS OUR VICTORY

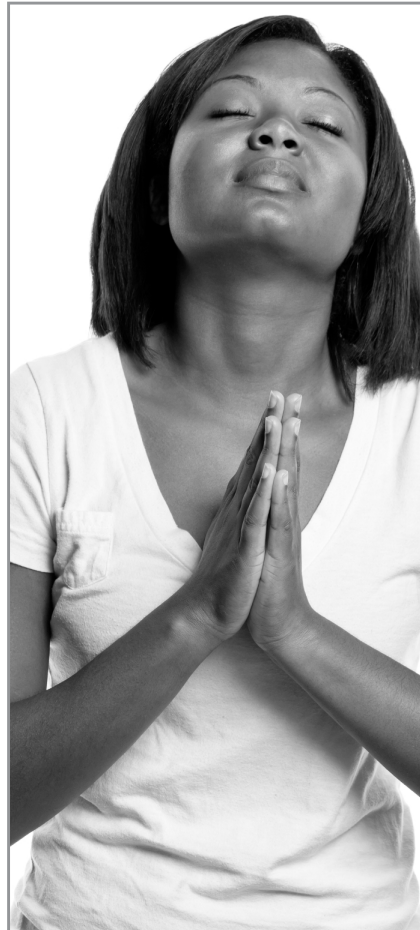
"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Corinthians 15:57

JESUS' SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE FOR US

"Both the redeemed and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which "does not seek its own" has its source in the heart of God; and that in the meek and lowly One is manifested the character of Him who dwells in the light which no man can approach unto." EGW, *Desire of Ages*, 11 & 12

UNITED PRAYER

In need of a quiet place to get refreshed spiritually and spend some time seeking the Lord? Come & join us in Buller Hall's beautiful **Red Rose Prayer Chapel**. Prayer group meets Mondays from 12:30-1:30 PM and Thursdays from 5:00-6:00 PM. Open to all ages.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RMES / CHECK OUT OUR DISPLAYS

While picking up my children from Sabbath School, I heard this comment: "The church looks like it has an elementary school." Though elementary school classes are not actually held in the church building, Ruth Murdoch Elementary School is certainly represented there!

Belle Tan, RMES Home & School Association leader, and her faithful volunteers, are committed to representing RMES to the church. They work hard to gather colorful classroom projects and photographs of school events and make interesting hallway displays for all to see. If you've been downstairs lately, you have noticed that they take this task seriously! There are several new displays that have just been put up over the past few weeks.

We look forward to

another great year of educating our students about things here on earth and things above. We also look forward to continuing to share our school with you!



PRAY

For us as we educate children
for eternity

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GIVE TO LINE 3

Annual Budget	\$220,921
Goal to-date	\$203,904
Received to-date	\$191,845
<i>(Received to-date 2010)</i>	\$183,239

As of November 26 2011

OPERATING EXPENSES

STUDENT AID / PLEASE CONSIDER THIS



As you consider your year-end giving please keep in mind the needs of our own children attending Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and Andrews Academy. Your support of Christian Education helps the schools in general which is good. However, your support of the Student Aid fund helps an individual child to be in Christian education. As you prayerfully and seriously consider your year-end giving, please don't forget student aid. We need to raise our \$60,000 goal by June and December is the half way point. Your help is very important.

Thank you.

Here is a letter from a very grateful young person attending Ruth Murdoch.

Dear Church,

I am elated to be in school this year. All summer I kept asking my mom if I would go to school in the fall. All she would say was, "Let's keep praying and talking about it." Then when she told me that I would be going I was verrrrrryyy happy.

I enjoy going to Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. Sometimes we learn extra things about the world or about life that are not in the textbooks. We pray. My teacher helps me by encouraging me and she stops bullying.

Thank you for helping me to be in our school by giving to the Student Aid fund. Since I was small I picked up the offering at PMC every Sabbath and put the money in the little church for Christian education. Now it is helping me.

Thank you,

A student

PRAY

That we will meet or exceed our half way point

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OPERATING EXPENSES

GIVE TO LINE 2

Annual Budget	\$585,000
Goal to-date	\$540,000
Received to-date	\$502,511
<i>(Received to-date 2010)</i>	\$475,587

As of November 26, 2011

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

STREET MINISTRY / BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



This year I have the privilege of leading out in a ministry group called Street Ministry. What we do is go in groups of two and three to different neighborhoods in Benton Harbor to meet, visit and revisit residents. It means a lot to people when you come back and seek them out again and again. Our goal is to form meaningful relationships through which we may also extend the love that Christ has shown us.

Partnering with God in ministry gets you deeply and richly involved in service. It isn't comfortable but is definitely worth it.

Early last month, some of the other

street ministry volunteers and I met an older gentleman who had been struggling with a host of problems including depression, homelessness and alcoholism. He was moved to tears as we prayed together, and read from Psalm 31. After that day we have met with him every week at least once to talk, pray and read from scripture. Last week he agreed to be admitted into a substance abuse treatment program so that he could be freed from his bondage to addiction. The people we meet and the problems they face are very real, but so is the trust and fellowship that is formed between us.

PRAY

For our friend mentioned in the article as well as the ministry volunteers

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

Annual Budget	\$131,000
Goal to-date	\$120,912
Received to-date	\$113,698
<i>(Received to-date 2010)</i>	\$ 96,748

As of November 26, 2011

sales to increasingly frenzied levels.” Do you think! “With stores opening earlier, bargain-obsessed shoppers often are sleep-deprived and short-tempered. . . . Add in the online-coupon phenomenon, which feeds the psychological hunger for finding impossible bargains, and you’ve got a recipe for trouble, said Theresa Williams, a marketing professor at Indiana University” (*South Bend Tribune* 11-27-11).

Though probably not enough trouble to convince businesses (and shoppers) to back off. According to the National Retail Federation, American shoppers last weekend spent an all-time high of \$52.4 billion—up 16% from the same weekend the year before. And Cyber Monday online sales were \$1.25 billion, 33% higher than last year. Did somebody say “economic recession?”

Not wanting to be the Grinch that stole Christmas or sound like Dave Ramsey, but I wonder aloud: How much of these sales were credit card purchases to be paid off sometime in the New Year? All because everyone else is doing it?

So what would happen if we turned counter-cultural for Christmas? What if we shifted the paradigm, and instead of focusing on how profusely we can give to those we know and love best, we instead began to ask how sacrificially we might give to those we know the least? Like the record number of Americans in the latest census (49.1 million) now considered poor. Don’t

know anybody that poor? They live 12 miles up the road from us in the inner city of Benton Harbor. Some live right here in university housing. So what if you adopted a family in need (up there or here)? Our Neighbor to Neighbor community service center in town (269-471-7411) has a list of needy families (up there and here)—why not call and ask how you might help one of those families?

For the second year now, our church staff is choosing not to exchange gifts at our Christmas party, but rather combine all of our cash gifts for one of those needy families. We’re no heroes. But it’s proof enough that the paradigm can be shifted. Collectively, personally, simply. All it takes is for someone in your family to make the suggestion. (Which by the way isn’t a moratorium on a gift or two for our own loved ones—just a shifting of focus to the more needy we don’t even know.)

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich” (II Corinthians 8:9). No shopping madness (or blindness) on that starry night. Just the quiet emptying of Heaven’s treasury for the poorest of the poor—you and me. Since we have received so freely, shall we not then freely give?

PIONEER @ WORSHIP

8:15 AM

Pioneer Family Life	Micheal Goetz
Voluntary	<i>O Magnum Mysterium / Morton Lauridsen/H. Robert Reynolds</i>
Introit	<i>Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne / Timothy Matthews</i>
Call to Worship	
Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow / 695</i>
Invocation	Dwight K. Nelson
Hymn of Praise	<i>Carols of the Season: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing / st. 1 & 3 of 122 O Come, All Ye Faithful / st. 1 & 2 of 132 Silent Night / st. 4 of 143 Joy to the World all / st. of 125</i>
Congregational Prayer	Micheal Goetz
Call to Prayer	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful / st. 1 of 132</i>
Response	
Worship in Music	<i>Good King Wenceslas / Thomas Wallace</i>
Offering	Pioneer Memorial Church Operating Expense
Dedication Prayer	Philip Giddings III
Offertory	<i>Away in a Manger / Thomas Wallace</i>
Children's Story	
The Word	Psalm 23 NKJV / Vida Giddings
Hymn of Preparation	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten / 116</i>
Sermon	Dwight K. Nelson "The Last Word: Of Sheep and Shepherds and the Midnight Star"
Hymn of Commitment	<i>Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow / 138</i>
Benediction	
Postlude	<i>While By My Sheep / Traditional Carol</i>

PRESIDING PASTOR: Micheal Goetz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony, Alan Mitchell, director

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel.

Awaken your might; come and save us.

Restore us, O God Almighty;

Make your face shine upon us that we may be saved.

THE WORD

PSALM 23 NKJV

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

For You *are* with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You anoint my head with oil;

My cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

MUSIC ALIVE

BLESSING THE POOR

“**G**ood King Wenceslas” is a carol in which Wenceslas (actually Duke of Bavaria) is said to have seen a poor man on a snowy night. Wenceslas asked his page to bring pine logs to take to the man’s dwelling. They set forth “Through the cold wind’s wild lament . . .” After a time, the page said that the night was darker and the wind stronger, saying, “I can go

no longer.” The monarch responded, “Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly, . . .” The carol then says that the page did walk in the monarch’s footprints, where “Heat was in the very sod.” This colorful carol ends, “Therefore, Christian men, be sure, wealth or rank possessing, You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.”

SABBATH STUDY

SANCTUARY 10:00 AM

Song Service	Elizabeth Wilson
Opening Hymn	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i> / 119
Welcome & Prayer	Philip Giddings III
Special Feature	Ruth Murdoch Bell Choir / Byron Graves
Student Missionary Update	Lisa Jardine / Giddings
Offertory	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i> / Steve Dunn
Bible Study	"The Two Covenants" / Classes
Theme Song	<i>Amazing Grace</i> / st. 1 of 108
Benediction	Elizabeth Wilson

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Priscilla Soto, violin; Larissa Brown, violin; Anne Loura, viola; Rachel Gray, cello

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Voluntary

O Magnum Mysterium

Call to Worship

Carols of Praise

Prayer

Micheal Goetz

Invitation to Give

Away in a Manger

Share the Word

Worship in Music

Good King Wenceslas

Message

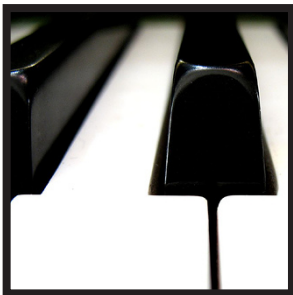
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Dwight K. Nelson

Commitment

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow / 138

Postlude

Ding Dong Merrily on High



The Kids Library (in the church lobby) loans quiet activities to young families.

WORSHIP LEADER: José Bourget; MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony, Alan Mitchell, director

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:15

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:14

For more announcements or to submit a request for a new announcement, please email bulletin@pmchurch.tv.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

December 31 will be the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2011. If you plan to bring in a donation, the office will be closed on December 23, 26 and 30 so your donation would need to be in no later than 3 PM on Thursday, December 29. If you will not be at PMC, please make sure your check is postmarked no later than December 31 for your tithe and offerings to be included in your 2011 tax-deductible receipt.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

God has again blessed us with the privilege of reaching out to families who need a helping hand. Please choose to get involved by bringing cheer and gladness to young hearts this Christmas. To choose a family, or to gather more information, call Katherine Smith at (269) 471-1502.

THANK YOU

Thank you so very much for all your kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement. It is always difficult to lose a daughter or a son, but it helps to know that someone understands and cares. May God bless you for your ministry in these times of need.

-S. Joyce Jones and Family.

CITRUS FRUIT PROGRAM

Andrews Academy's Citrus Fruit program is once again offering tree-ripened navel oranges and pink grapefruit for special order throughout the winter. To order for December 12 pickup, call the academy fruit line (471-6544) by tomorrow. To have your name placed on the mailing list, please leave your name and address on the Andrews Academy fruit line (471-6544). For more information call the Andrews Academy office (471-3138).

MOMMY & ME

This Tuesday, December 6, will be our last meeting for the year. We will resume on January 11.

WE MOURN

Today we mourn with Jami and Rita Wright on the death of, Bev McKenzie, who died on November 22 following a long illness. With Jami, Rita and the entire family we eagerly await Resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

MITTEN TREES

The Adventurers have placed Christmas trees throughout the church. Bring some mittens, scarves or hats, place them on the trees and take a thank you ornament.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE [CONT]

PMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Pioneer Memorial Church is seeking qualified candidates for two full time positions:

- **Administrative Assistant for Associate Pastors**
- **Receptionist and Administrative Assistant for Associate Pastor**

Job application information and instructions as well as job descriptions for both positions are available on the church website: www.pmchurch.org/jobs. All applicants must follow instructions provided there. Please do not call or come by the church.

HISTORIC ADVENTIST VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

Join us for our annual Christmas stroll on December 17 at 5:30 PM. We will give you a lantern to carry, as you tour our buildings and learn about the 19th century Christmas tradition. Free refreshments will be served after the free tour at the Dr. Kellogg Discovery Center. Our Christmas tree will be decorated by your monetary donations with all proceeds going to the New Level Sports Center. For more information call Duff Stoltz at 269-965-3000 or Don Scherencel 616-299-2220.

SPECIAL PROGRAM DECEMBER 10

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS



Sabbath December 10

We join our community in collecting toys for families that need some extra kindness.

BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY TO CHURCH FOR A CHILD AGE 1-16.

- All monetary donations will be used for:
- Sport balls for campus housing
- Toys for our community toy drive
- Scholarships for those who can't afford their Pathfinder/Adventurer dues this next year
- Gift fruit for Benton Harbor

Children will be involved in the entire service. Come and invite your friends.

- The front sections of the church will be reserved for families with children
- There will be a congregational hymn during the service and every child in the church will be invited onto the platform to sing

Women's Ministries of PMC are...

Inviting all women
Sunday, December 4, 2011
3-5 PM
in the PMC Commons
to...



A SWEET HOLIDAY PARTY

We would like you to join us for an afternoon of holiday treats, Christmas activities and blessings of the season! You are welcome to bring a friend with you or come alone. Please feel free to come with cookies to share or just an appetite to indulge. We look forward to seeing each of you there.



WINGS ~ Women In Nurture and Growth in the Spirit...
Be a part of the ministry of fellowship

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presents
THE THIRTY-NINTH
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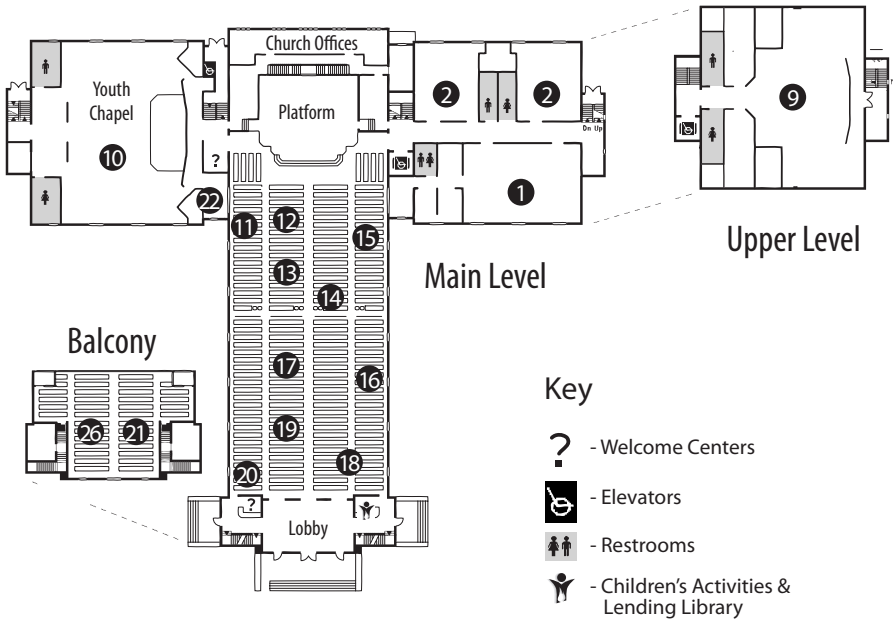
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Pioneer Memorial Church



Honoring God's Gift to the World

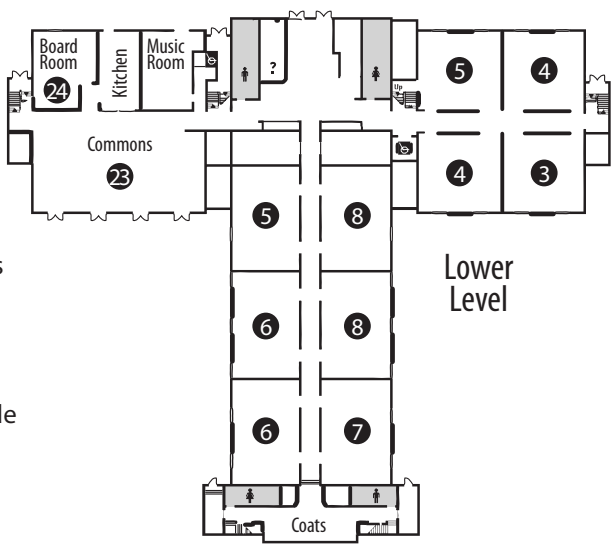


SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY



[children]

- ① Birth - 18 months
- ② 18-36 months
- ③ 3 yr olds
- ④ 4 - 5 yr olds
- ⑤ 6 yr old - 1st grade
- ⑥ 2nd/3rd grade
- ⑦ 4th grade
- ⑧ 5th/6th grade
- ⑨ Earliteen: 7th/8th grade
- ⑩ Youth: 9th-12th grade



PIONEER CLASSES

[adult sanctuary]

- 11 Group 1
- 12 Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- 13 Group 3
- 14 Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- 15 Group 5
- 16 Group 6
- 17 Group 7
- 18 Group 8
- 19 Group 9 (Spanish)
- 20 Group 10
- 21 Group 11 (Balcony)
- 22 Conference Room

[miscellaneous adult]

- 23 Something In Common
- 24 Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs

COLLEGIATE

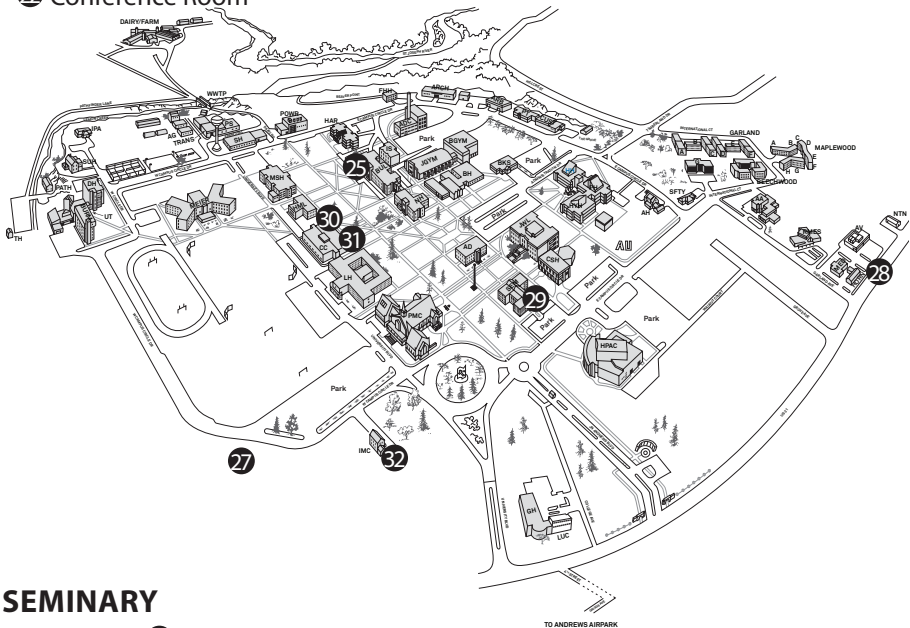
- 25 The Vine (Buller Student Lobby)
H&M (Hispanic - Religion Amphitheater)

- 26 People on the Move (PMC)

YOUNG ADULT

- 27 Elements (Fireside Fellowship House)

- 28 HAM Horn Museum (downstairs)



SEMINARY GROUPS 29

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| N108 (Collegiate) | N235 |
| N110 | N310 (Russian) |
| N120 (New Life Church Choir) | N335 (Spanish) |
| N135 (Living Word Fellowship) | S215 (French) |
| N150 | S340 (Upper Room) |
| N211 (Small group) | |

ADULT @ AU

- 30 Main Lounge
- 31 Faculty Lounge
- 32 Back to Basics

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RADIO

WAUS - 90.7 FM
Sabbath 11:30 a.m.

CMRadio

www.andrews.edu/cm/cmradio
Live Stream - 11:30 a.m. service

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING

11:30 AM — www.pmchurch.tv

TELEVISION

WHME TV 46

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HOUSE OF PRAYER

WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM, YOUTH CHAPEL

Jesus lived a life of prayer on this earth. Fused with the Holy Spirit of God, He was empowered for ministry, for worship, and for hard times. At House of Prayer we are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Together we will journey through the life of Christ to discover who Jesus really was and is today. Come join us to receive a fresh vision of Christ this year and join in on a collective conversation with God that will empower your prayer life!

COMING SOON

12/10 Children's Celebration
of Christmas

12/17 "Christmas with Daniel:
The Prince"
Dwight K. Nelson

