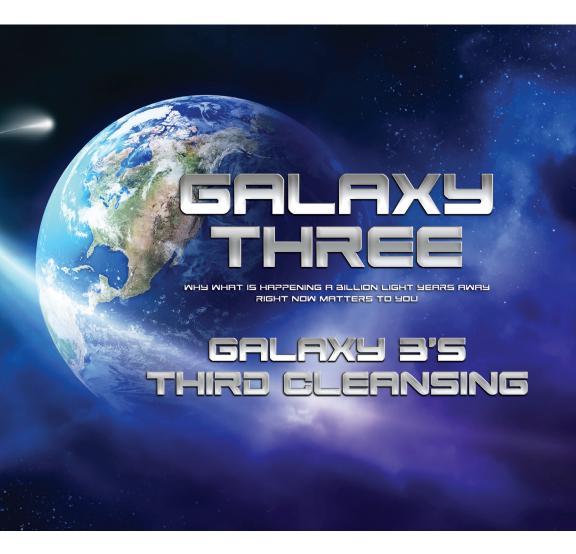
# CONSER

NOVEMBER 8, 2014



#### **HEAVEN IS GLAD**

Hi! We are glad you are here. I am compelled to tell you about babyhood. I promise I won't say anything for a while ... but indulge me for one more illustration. I have learned ... now as a seasoned 9-month father, that Cana, my daughter, is a diaper wearer. She has three kinds of diapers: blowouts (in the back), can't-see-them-but-can-smell-them, and those that are not either one of those but are still in need of changing (if you know what I mean). I have learned in grown-up

life, we all wear one of those diapers. Some of us have stuff that we can hide behind us and from the front you can't tell. Some of us have stuff that everyone can smell. Others, still, have stuff but you can't smell and you can't see it . . . even from the back. Here's the point. We all have diapers that need changing. So as we worship, the ground is level at the foot of the cross. I pray we all experience **change** today. Welcome.

-Micheal Goetz

#### NOVEMBER GO: PROJECT

Andrews University students helping to rake leaves in the community (Photo taken by Rodlie Ortiz).



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# THE TRUTH ABOUT GRANDDAUGHTERS & GOD

#### BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

don't mind admitting that putting our little just-turned-one granddaughter Ella on a plane this past Sunday wasn't just about tears, but also about an ache in the heart that I really hadn't expected. After all, Karen and I knew this day would be coming sometime. Hav-

ing our son Kirk and Chelsea just three miles up the road from us these past few years has been a parents' delightful bonus. But when Ella was born a year ago, we were joyfully ushered into the glorious dimension of grandparenthood. And what's not to like about having a

precious little red-head granddaughter at your home nearly every week, while before your wondering eyes she grows and blossoms! To smother with love and kisses and prayers—isn't that why God invented grandparents?

So a few weeks ago, when Kirk accepted the invitation to head up physician recruiting at the 450 bed Salem Hospital (Oregon), the countdown to the inevitable began. But hey, isn't this what happens to everybody? I mean—life goes on—families can't stay close by forever—so not to worry—there's always Skype. If I had even subconsciously entertained the slightest notion of such thinking, trust me—it all vanished when it came time to say Goodbye Sunday afternoon at O'Hare.

When we pulled back into our driveway that evening and climbed the stairs to the living room, Ella's blanket was still on the floor, covered with her kaleidoscope of toys that were her favorites when she came to visit Papa and Grammie, and her empty high chair nearby—all of it corroborating evidence that the tears and the ache had not been imagined.

WHEN OUR HEARTS ACHE, IT IS CORROBORATING EVIDENCE THAT THE HEART THAT CALLED US INTO EXISTENCE DOES, TOO.

So where does it come from, this subterranean welling up of such poignant and too many times painful emotion when we're separated from those we love? If only we didn't become so attached to one another, there wouldn't have to be tears and an ache inside, would there? "I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me" (2 Samuel 1:26).

The truth is, such deep emotion is both transgenerational and transcultural. It is the human birthright, the embedded DNA of the divine Creator Himself. God is a Being questing for friends, in the words of Clark Rowland. Being fashioned in His image means that our own kaleidoscope of emotions can be traced back (or up) to the Eternal heart. The two-word brushstroke on the canvass of Lazarus' death and resurrection still tells the truth about God: "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). Not only over the separation of death. But over the separation of rejection, loneliness, unrequited love and distance.

When our hearts ache, it is corroborating evidence that the Heart that called us into existence does, too. "In all our affliction, He is afflicted" (Isaiah 63:9). And because He is, the very presence of relational pain is itself the union of the divine with the human.

Tears and heartache—no matter their cause—flow from the sacred capacity to love so deeply it can actually hurt. Just like grandparents. Just like God. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.

# ME? A SPIRITUAL MENTOR?

#### BY ANDREA JAKOBSONS

aul is writing to his protégé Timothy. Paul, the spiritual mentor, is taking the time to leave Timothy, a young man, with instructions on how to fulfill the call that God has given him. My Evangelism and Leadership Class and I have been studying the two letters to Timothy for the past couple weeks. Thinking about the guidance that Paul offered Timothy, I can't help but look back at my own experiences with spiritual leaders. Although there were many people who influenced my walk with God, there is only one person I can think of who has ever written me a letter in order to encourage me in ministry and to offer guidance: my dad. I specifically remember the time when I was going on my first "solo" speaking engagement in Poland and my surprise when I opened up my Bible and in it was a hand-written letter from my dad. The letter encouraged me throughout the two-week experience to speak boldly for Christ and to trust God. I think of my dad as the greatest spiritual mentor I've ever had. But when I look at my life, the mentorship I have received from my dad and the mentorship I see in the letters of Paul, I can't help but wonder whether I have neglected "writing letters" to the youth? In fact, have we as an Adventist community neglected choosing protégés and "writing letters"? Sometimes I forget that I am not a youth anymore and that it is now my turn to mentor someone else. Perhaps it is because I hold the pedestal high and see Paul as someone much higher than I am, that I don't feel worthy of offering guidance to anyone else. So, what can I learn from Paul? What spiritual mentorship lessons are found in the letters to the young man Timothy?

**Paul institutes a father-son relationship.** Paul calls Timothy "son" (1 Timothy 1:2, 18) and treats him as family. He makes Timothy feel special because he loves him.

**Paul encourages.** He points out that Timothy demonstrates "genuine faith" (2 Timothy 1:5) and calls him a "man of God" (1 Timothy 6:11). It is obvious throughout the letter that Paul is proud of this young man and is not afraid to let him know that.

**Paul instills confidence.** He reiterates to Timothy that he has been given a gift and it should not be neglected (1 Timothy 4:14). Paul believed that Timothy was capable of being a leader despite his young age.

**Paul challenges.** He entreats Timothy to be an example in behavior and godliness (1 Timothy 4:12) and to give himself completely to the ministry and the Word of God (1 Timothy 4:15-16).



**Paul gives practical advice.** He instructs him how to handle different situations that may arise in the church by giving Timothy the right tools to use in order to know how to treat others and to solve problems (1 Timothy 2-5).

The points seem simple enough and yet just because something is simple doesn't mean they are put into action. I would like to challenge myself and you as well because if you are reading this you are probably old enough to be a mentor to someone else—to "write a letter" to a young person in your life through the following actions (hint: establish #1 before going to the other 4):

#### **1** THINK OF THEM AS FAMILY

Think of them as your son or daughter who you want to blossom into a powerful leader for Christ. Treat them as someone special to you.

#### **2** ENCOURAGE

"I am so proud of you!" "You are so great at..." "These are the qualities I admire in you..."

#### **③** INSTILL CONFIDENCE

Demonstrate that you believe in them and reiterate that they have been given gifts from God to do His work.

#### 4 CHALLENGE

Don't be afraid to encourage them to live godly lives and to spend time in His Word. Ask, "How are you doing with God?"

#### **G** GIVE PRACTICAL ADVICE

Tell them how to handle situations and life from the Word of God. ■

Andrea Jakobsons is the Religion Instructor at Andrews Academy.

### WHAT IS LIFE?

"A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15).

#### BY SHARON TERRELL

here's a book in my library that provides some really good counsel about life. Written by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson, Living a Life on Loan: Finding Grace at the Intersections makes

you think, and brings stewardship to a new level: my life is not mine; it 's God's life on loan to me.

Have you thought of your life as on loan rather than as a life you own? I just celebrated another birthday; they seem to be coming more quickly these days! Another birthday brings a good opportunity to think about your life-or rather God's life on loan to you. Rusaw and Swanson remind us that, "If you own something, you are free to give it away, sell it, or exchange it with whomever you choose. But if your life belongs to

someone else and is on loan to you, that changes everything. Before you give your life (or even portions of it) away, you have to check with the Owner first."

The Bible puts it this way, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it" (Psalm 24:1). We belong to God. The life we live comes from

Him alone. Paul reminds us, "You are not your own; you were bought at a price" (1 Corinthians 6:19, 20).

All of us have resources that come to us in the form of a loan from God. Wheth-

er we begin with more or less, we have some amount of "fortune" and can invest our fortune to accomplish God's purposes both in our lives and in the lives of others. God can accomplish much with people who may have only meager resources but who have big hearts. The poor widow who gave her two small copper coins is commended for what she did with her "fortune"loaned to her by God (Luke 21:1-4).

May God bless you as you check with the Owner of your life for His guidance in using your talents,

your resources, your opportunities—all from God—to extend His grace to others.

(Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson, *Living* a *Life on Loan; Finding Grace at the Intersections;* Cincinnati: Standard Publishing, 2006, page 12-13). ■

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#### MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM



#### LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	105,006
RECEIVED TO-DATE	87,150
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	84,262

#### **OPERATING FUND**

#### LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	504,433
RECEIVED TO-DATE	452,394
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	473,626





#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

#### LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	184,341
RECEIVED TO-DATE	153,715
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2013	164,258

# **WE WORSHIP**

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**Opening Voluntary** The Coming King Is at the Door • Charles Hall

Introit Turn Your Eves Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Micheal Goetz Call to Worship

As one hundred or two hundred.

We gather to forgive as God forgives. To love as God loves.

We covenant together to be the church

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

**Hymn of Praise** God of Our Fathers • 645

Micheal Goetz Congregational Prayer

As We Come to You in Prayer • 671

Worship in Music Charity Unfailing • Kenneth Logan

Farewell to Micheal, Melanie and Cana Goetz

Holv. Holv. Holv • David Winkler Children's Story

1 John 1:6-9 NKJV • Russell & Trevor Furst Scripture

If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Hymn of Preparation

Whiter Than Snow • st. 1 of 318

Sermon

"Galaxy Three: Galaxy 3's Third Cleansing" • Dwight K. Nelson

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**Hymn of Commitment** 

There Is a Fountain • st. 1-3 of 336

**Benediction** 

**Closing Voluntary** 

Choral Song • Samuel Sebastian Wesley

PRESIDING PASTOR: Micheal Goetz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Symphony Orchestra; Claudio González, director Jonathan Sharley, undergraduate student director

# **MUSIC ALIVE**

#### **CHARITY UNFAILING**

oday's Worship in Music explores "charity," using the term in the context of the rendering in the *KJV* in First Corinthians 13. This is the middle one of three movements of a prospective Church Concerto for organ and orchestra, the others to be on Faith and Hope respectively. "Charity Unfailing" seeks to express something of the beauty, breadth, and dependability of God's love. The music is at times lyrical, passionate, or serene.

The first melody returns in the passionate middle section as a primary basis for elaboration in the upper strings, then returns again in abbreviated form starting with the flute solo that begins the final section. Elsewhere in worship, today's opening voluntary, composed by Charles "C. J." Hall, is a fantasia on a nineteenth-century hymn by Franklin Belden. Dr. Hall was a faculty member in the AU Music Department from 1970-1991.

#### **WE STUDY** CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

Song Service Ben Shelley

Welcome & Prayer Mordekai Ongo

Special Feature People Centered • Mission Spotlight

Offertory Adonai • Stephanie Lewis, Lorraine Ferro & Don Koch

"Faith That Works" • Classes Bible Study

Theme Song Make Me a Blessing

> Make me a blessing; make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing; to someone today.

"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson ©1924, Renewed 1952 Word Music, LLC; Used by Permission. CCLI License #392652

**Benediction** Ben Shelley

> ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Cristy Doria, soprano; Edgar Perez, piano

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## **WE PRAISE**

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#### As We Begin

The Coming King Is at the Door • Charles Hall

#### Hello

#### Celebrate & Praise

Lonnie A. Kittleson with Don Dronen Nathan Michael Edison Drysdale, Noah Raleak Drysdale with Micheal Goetz

#### **Prayer**

Micheal Goetz

#### Farewell to Micheal, Melanie and Cana Goetz

#### Children's Story

Holy, Holy, Holy • David Winkler

#### Worship in Music

Charity Unfailing • Kenneth Logan

#### Sermon

"Galaxy Three: Galaxy 3's Third Cleansing" • Dwight K. Nelson

#### Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings

#### Closing Hymn

There Is a Fountain • st. 1-3 of 336

#### As We Depart

Fest-Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God • Carl Piutti

WORSHIP DIRECTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan PLATFORM MANAGER: Debbie Weithers: MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANO: Ilana Cadv VOCAL DIRECTOR: Jonathan Dominique WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Symphony Orchestra; Claudio González, director Jonathan Sharley, undergraduate student director

#### PIONEER PEOPLE

**SUNSET TODAY** • 5:33 **SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 5:26

**SUBMIT** announcements by emailing <u>bulletin@pmchurch.tv</u> or by going to <u>www.pmchurch.org</u> and click on "submit a bulletin announcement." Requests must be received Monday by 5 PM for consideration.

#### WEEK AT A GLANCE

#### I SATURDAY I

#### **GOETZ FAREWELL POTLUCK**

1:00 PM • PMC Commons

#### | SUNDAY |

#### **RMES FOOD FAIR**

12 to 2:30 PM • RMES Gymnasium

#### | WEDNESDAY |

#### **HOUSE OF PRAYER**

7:00 PM • Youth Chapel

#### | FRIDAY |

#### **UNIVERSITY VESPERS**

7:30 PM • PMC Sanctuary

#### PIONEER PULPIT

| 11 • 15 |

#### **DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"Galaxy Three: From Flower Girl to Bride"

| 11 • 22 |

#### **DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"Galaxy Three: Intergalactic Rescue"

#### **PMC Family Vespers**

TODAY • 6:30 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us this evening as we close the Sabbath together in the Youth Chapel.

#### Multicultural Food Fair

TOMORROW • 12:00 - 2:30 PM RMES GYMNASIUM

Students, faculty, and volunteers will be selling delicious foods with different tastes from around the world.

# Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM VILLAGE CHURCH

Bring a dish to feed 10-12 and enjoy another potluck. Our guest speaker is Robert C Myers, curator of the History Center, Courthouse Square. His presentation includes recent research on the Titanic. Questions? call Mike and Shirley Gammon (989.565.0027), or Rhoda Wills (471.7466).

#### 2nd Annual Apple Pie Fundraiser

Pathfinders are selling apple pies again this year. If you would like to order some pies please email <u>evergreenfundraisers@gmail.com</u> or call 269.340.0366 and leave a message.

#### **AFM-ISIS Refugee Fund**

Please send donations for the AFM-ISIS Refugee Fund directly to Adventist Frontier Missions (AFM). Pioneer Memorial Church is not able to receipt contributions made to AFM because AFM is not a PMC ministry. Send your contribution to Adventist Frontier Missions, PO Box 286, Berrien Springs MI 49103 or donate through their website www. afmonline.org. Sending your donations directly to AFM will ensure faster processing of vour donation.

#### Thanksgiving Food Drive

The PMC Evergreen Pathfinders are gearing up for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. As we plan for this event, we want to let you know, so you can plan to add a little to your shopping if you choose to participate. Pathfinders will be passing out bags to the community on November 8, and then picking up filled bags the afternoon of November 16. Food collected will be used in preparing Thanksgiving boxes on November 22. You will also have an opportunity to bring food donations to church as part of the Thanksgiving service on Sabbath, November 22. We will also need help distributing the Thanksgiving boxes on the afternoon of November 22. Watch for future announcements for details.

#### **Knitting Hearts Together**

NOVEMBER 11 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM **MACCARTY HOME** 

The Knitting Hearts Together (shawl ministry) group will meet again on Tuesday. Contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377) for more info.

#### Free Health and Fitness Lifestyle Seminar

NOVEMBER 11 • 7:00 TO 8:15 PM NFIGHBOR TO NFIGHBOR

You are invited to join Wes Youngberg by video in this series relating to optimal health & family wellness on Nutrition: Your Fate Is on Your Plate. We will meet in the conference room (in the front of the building).

#### Youth Church & Sabbath School

NOVEMBER 15 · 10:20 AM PMC YOUTH CHAPFL

Please join us next Sabbath for a special Youth Church and Sabbath School, We will begin with breakfast and move into the program by 10:45 AM.

#### Reception for Rowena

NOVEMBER 15 • 4:00 TO 6:00 PM CHAN SHUN HALL, WHIRLPOOL RM

Please plan to join us for a reception in honor of Rowena Futcher. After living in our community for many years, Rowena will be moving to Texas to be near her daughter, Beverly. Thank you for planning to stop by to wish Rowena blessings in her new home.

#### A Revelation of Worship

NOVEMBER 15 • 5:00 PM THE SEMINARY CHAPEL

A musical and dramatic reenactment of Revelation 4-5 directed by Chloe Lewis and sponsored by Dr. Paul B. Petersen. AU Religion Dept.

#### Walking in Johnson Gym

Enjoy free walking in the Johnson gym Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 AM for all age groups.

#### Charles & Julie Reid Concert

NOVEMBER 15 • 7:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Love is a most notorious subject matter for poets and musicians. Join Charles Reid. Director of Vocal Studies at AU, as he shares a fun evening with the love of his life, Julie Reid. Come journey with them as they explore the wonderful complexities of love. Recognized as one of his generation's leading lyric tenors, Charles has sung on many of the world's most famous stages, including nine seasons with New York's Metropolitan Opera, San Francisco Opera, Theater an der Wien, Frankfurt Opera, Deutsche Oper am Rhein, and the festivals of Bayreuth, Salzburg, Spoleto USA, Glimmerglass, and Central City. A graduate of Westminster Choir College, mezzo-soprano Julie has concertized around the world with her husband. Since moving to Berrien Springs, she has become a regular in the concert scene of Southwest Michigan. Call the box office at 888,467,6442 for tickets and more information.

#### A Holiday Gift Market

NOVEMBER 16 CHAN SHUN HALL

We are seeking hand-crafters and local artists to be vendors for a gift market. For more info or to register, contact Rebecca Turk at unendingwonder@gmail.com.

#### **Scrapbooking Together**

NOVEMBER 16 • 1:30 TO 7 PM

Join us as we create cards and scrapbook pages. Bring your projects and come for the whole time or just an hour. Bring your favorite snack. We provide chocolate and prizes. Questions, call Sherrie at 471.3134.

#### **Nominating Committee**

SECOND READING

#### **Director, Traffic Ministry:**

Ross Pfeifle

#### **Host/Hostess for Sanctuary Doors:**

Jean Patterson

Rhoda Wills

Joshua Schmeling

Rushani Abbadasari

#### **Welcome Center Host/Hostess:**

Megan Channer

#### Family Life Committee:

Zelda Felix-Mottlev

#### Finance Committee:

Tari Popp

Lauren Bitterman

Robert Moon IV

# Sabbath School Materials Distribution & Offering Assistant:

Deb Montcalm

#### **Stewardship Committee:**

Tiago Arrais

Dana Connell

#### Deacons & Deaconesses— Facilities & Offering

Baptism, Coordinator:

Alice Williams

#### Baptism, Assistants:

Deb Montcalm

Anita Jones

Marcia Kilsby

#### **Landmarks of Prophecy**

Doug Bachelor is presenting a series called Landmarks of Prophecy, now through November 22, which will be broadcast live from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Visit <a href="https://www.landmarksofprophecy.com">www.landmarksofprophecy.com</a> to watch live at 7:00 PM (Mountain Time) and for free online resources. His presentations will bring insights to big prophetic events that lay just ahead, and also practical tools to help you thrive here and now.

#### **PMC Running Club**

SUNDAYS • 8:30 AM PMC PARKING LOT

Join Ryan & Christine Wallace on Sunday mornings for a run on Andrews University's trails. E-mail boeck@andrews.edu for more information.

#### **PMC Walking Club**

SUNDAYS • 8:30 AM PMC PARKING LOT

Join Clyde & Melissa Morgan on Sunday mornings for a walk around the AU campus. E-mail morganclyde@gmail.com for more information.

#### **Exercise Class**

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS • 6:00 PM PMC COMMONS

Join us to improve your strength, flexibility, and balance.

#### Mommy & Me

Mommy and Me is a play group for children ages 0-5 and their moms (or other female guardians). We meet in the Nursery Sabbath school room at 10 AM on Tuesdays. We do NOT meet on the second Tuesday of each month. If you have any questions e-mail <a href="mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme@mommyandme

#### **Adopt A Family for Christmas**

It is time again to pay special attention to our families who may need help with meeting the needs (and some pleasures) of their children at Christmas time. You have been so generous in the past. Please choose to get involved and bring cheer and gladness again this Christmas. To choose a family, or to gather more info, call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502.

#### **Box Tops for Education**

Want to get "Free Money" for our schools? Look for box tops on Progresso soups. Pillsbury products. Old El Paso products, Ziploc products, Green Giant frozen foods, Cottonelle, Kleenex, Nature Valley Granola, kid-oriented Yoplait products and more. Our schools get a dime for every box top that we turn in. No need to clip them out perfectly, they can just be ripped off the boxes and sent with your child to school. Don't have a child in school? No worries, bring them to the church collection box at the front desk. The box tops turned in to the church will be divided equally among Ruth Murdoch and Andrews Academy.

#### God's Hands 4 Kids

Tis the season to give and show love. A foster child may never have experienced the love, joy, or traditions that make Christmas a childhood delight. Want to make a difference in a life? Here are some ways you can do that-donate stockings and or stocking stuffers or fill a stocking(s), indicate age and gender planned for (don't forget teens) and place in top of stocking. Put in the donation bins in the PMC lower lobby or office reception area or in the nursery through three-year-old Sabbath School rooms by December 6. If you would like information on buying presents for a specific foster child email godshands4kids@gmail.com. Sponsored by God's Hands 4 Kids.

#### Pathfinders to the Rescue

Leaves? Walnuts? Dirty garage? Need help? PMC Evergreen Pathfinders to the rescue! We would be glad to make your life easier with these fall tasks. Please call or text Sarah Burt at 269.861.4770 to set up a time for this service.

#### | TRANSFERS IN |

BEAGLES, Kathleen BRANDT, Maria CORDIS, Rachel COUNCELL, Gary COUNCELL, Joyce DOS SANTOS, Wendy J. EVERETT, Regina GITTENS, Dionne RAZMADZE. Marina SAHLY, Cameron SAHLY, Melanie SAHLY, Quentin SOARES, Ademir SOARES, Hebe Abby WINTERS, Sandra

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#### **SOUP KITCHEN: A TESTIMONY**

#### BY DANIEL J. DRAZEN

t is not the easiest thing to write a testimony article about working at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen.

It isn't that nothing happens there. On the contrary, we have more opportunity than we know how to handle. Where we once saw an average of 80 to 90 meals served, that number has crept upward to an average of 110 to 120 meals. We do our best to meet that need, sometimes pulling together leftovers from other groups when we run out of our own dishes.

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No, the hard part is our inability to see clearly what is going on there. We can express it mathematically, breaking down the total into children and adult portions served; but that doesn't give us the whole picture.

That is not really a problem; after all, we were warned it would be that way. In the parable of the sheep and goats in Matthew 25, it is interesting to note that neither the saved nor the lost ever knew when it was that they did (or didn't) render service to Jesus as they were dealing with the people around them. We serve the people who come and some of them have become familiar faces, but we don't know what brought them to the Soup Kitchen in the first place, nor do we know what happens to them when they leave and we clean up the kitchen for the next group of volunteers. But God knows, and that should be sufficient.

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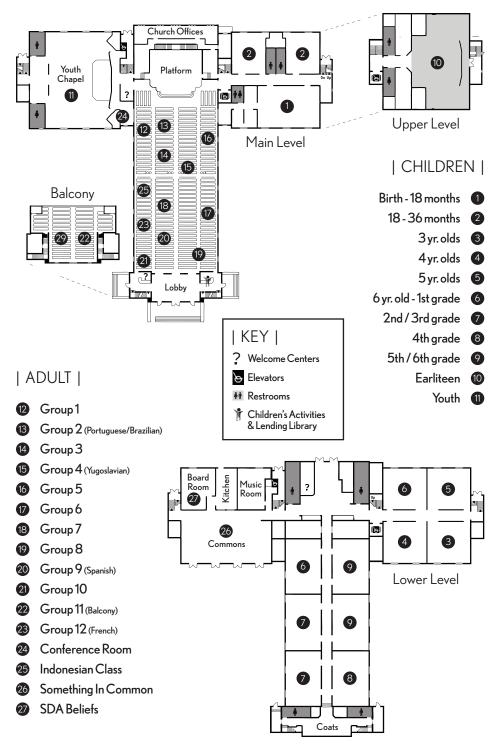
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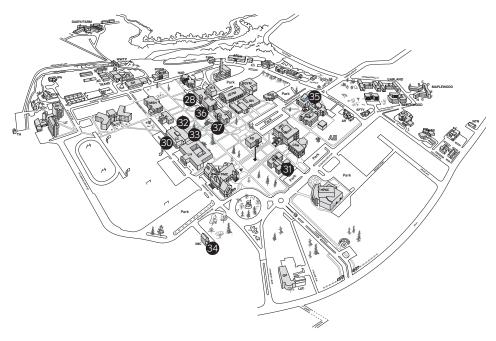
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