# PIONEER CONNECT

### NOVEMBER 29, 2014

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## **SEASONS OF LIFE**

This holiday season brings so many opportunities to spend, give, and receive. It is easy to get caught up in the shopping frenzy. Our calendars are filled with one celebration after another. And our tummies are full of sweet, savory, and seasonal delights. And it seems that these holidays also present opportunities to bring wayward friends together, take on new goals, and evaluate the direction of our lives. This morning you are part of a community that celebrates a weekly holiday, Sabbath. This time invites us to share in God's goodness. We have the opportunity to do what most are inspired to do during this holiday sprint. So every week that you come here we invite you to spend hugs liberally, give joy abundantly and eagerly receive the grace of Christ through all seasons of life. Welcome to Sabbath! *–José Bourget* 

#### A FEAST OF GIVING

We would like to thank our pathfinders for preparing 130 food baskets for families in our community. More than 60 pathfinders plus volunteers from the community helped to deliver the baskets on Saturday afternoon. We pray the this small gift on our part will bring joy to some families in need this holiday season. (Photo taken by Nick Wolfer).



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## **200** YEARS LATER

#### **BY SILVANO BARBOSA**

hey were extremely important in the spreading of Christianity, but failed to keep in their respective churches, currently, the strength and vitality that pushed them towards the farthest corners of this planet: the Waldensians, the Moravians and the Mission Societies.

The Waldensians became known for their firm attachment to the Word of God and strong emphasis on purity of life. Many scholars trace their origin back to the apostolic times. But their strongest missionary accomplishments took place under the leadership of Pedro Waldo, a wealthy merchant of the city of Lyons, who became a believer about the year 1160.

Hundreds of years before the Reformation they possessed the Bible in man-

uscript in their native tongue; and in the solitude of Pra-del-Tor, an isolated gorge in Piedmont, the Waldensian missionaries memorized the Scriptures. They were submitted to an extensive training program in their college, the Col-

lege of Barba, for a period ranging from one year to six years. During this time they learned by heart the Gospels of Matthew and John, and also learned to speak Latin, Romane and Italian. From there, they went out to visit all the homes in their respective district. They traveled in pairs under the guise of a secular profession. The Waldensians spread their message in France, Italy, Germany, and Bohemia. They went as far as Spain and Poland.

The Moravians are recognized as the oldest Protestant church and are pioneers in many aspects of the Christian Mission. They were the first Protestants to accept the missionary task as a church body. Their number was never more than a few hundred in Herrnhut, Germany, and yet, they became one of the most creative and zealous Christian movements in history.

The beginnings of the Moravian missionary outreach occurred in 1732 under the leadership of Nicolaus Von Zinzendorf. From that time on, they acted upon the concept that to be a Christian is to be involved in mission to the whole world.

> During a period of twenty-eight years, the Moravians sent missionaries to twenty-eight countries and one out of every thirteen or so persons in the community went elsewhere as missionaries. By the time of Zinzendorf's death in 1760. no less

than 226 people had been sent as missionaries and a few years later they would reach all the continents.

By the end of the 18th century, however, a new form of mission structure, devoted explicitly to foreign mission, was being formed and came to be defined as Mission Societies. The Baptist pastor William

WE ARE A CHURCH THAT BY ITS OWN NAME ANNOUNCES THE BELIEF IN THE SECOND COMING.



Carey is the pioneer of this era in mission. Desiring to arouse the interest of other Christians in missionary work and refuting arguments against the impossibilities of sending missionaries to distant lands, Carey published in 1792 an 87-page booklet and a few months later he founded the Baptist Mission Society. In the following years hundreds of similar structures were established and thousands of missionaries were sent out to different parts of the world. The spreading of Protestantism in Asia, Africa and Latin America is considered a direct result of the missionary work of the mission societies.

The sad part of this beautiful story is that these movements failed to keep the vision that pushed them towards the furthest corners of this planet and enabled them to endure with resignation and confidence the most terrible forms of persecution and death. As a result, they became irrelevant from the missionary viewpoint. Last year, the president of a 215-year-old mission society in Switzerland told me that one of the goals for her next term is to have Christian missionaries!

What differentiates Adventism from these movements is the fact that over the past 150 years we've been keeping our vision. We are a church that by its own name announces the belief in the second coming. Preaching the good news of Jesus' soon return, in connection with proclaiming the everlasting gospel as a way of preparing the world for this event, is Adventism's antidote against irrelevance. As long as we keep this vision we will know what our presence in this planet is all about. Let's get to work!

Silvano Barbosa is a pastor doing his PhD in Missiology here at Andrews University.

## **JESUS** THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN A STUDENT'S LIFE

## "Why is it important that college students have a close relationship with Jesus?"

#### BY NEPHTALIE EUGENE

f I had been asked that question my freshman year, my response would have been a vague: "Because college students need Jesus in order to be successful in college."

However, as a senior, I realize that there is so much more to it than that.

I know now that having a relationship with Jesus should focus not only on what He can do for me, but mostly on my willingness to be obedient to Him. The reward is so much greater simply because I get to experience the depth of His affection in an intimate and personal way.

The first reason that I think we, as students,

need a personal relationship with Jesus is that during college a lot of people struggle with identity and finding their purpose in life. Oftentimes, our identity is affected by what we believe the most important people in our lives think of us. This is why college students must make sure that Jesus is the most important person in their lives: because He will love them unconditionally.

The second reason is to help grow our faith. Jesus is the focus of our faith, reli-

BEING FULL OF FAITH IS ONE THING; HOWEVER, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SAYING WE BELIEVE-WE HAVE TO ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING TO SHOW HOW MUCH WE BELIEVE.

ance and hope. "Without faith it's impossible to please God because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). Being full of faith is one thing; however, it's not just about saying we believe-we have to ac-

tually do something to show how much we believe. Seeking a closer relationship with Jesus is one of many ways that we may apply our faith.

In my humble opinion, I truly believe that nothing is more valuable than knowing God. Things may get hard or lonely throughout the journey and others may persuade you to search for wisdom elsewhere,

but there is only one Source of ultimate Truth. Jesus patiently waits to reveal Himself to you. ■

Nephtalie Eugene is a senior Religion Major.

## WE WORSHIP

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**Opening Voluntary** Allegro • Henry Heron Introit For the Beauty of the Earth • Conrad Kocher José Bouraet Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise Him according to his exceeding greatness! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2 Doxology Invocation Rodlie Ortiz Hvmn of Praise Now Thank We All Our God • 559 José Bourget As We Come to You in Prayer • 671 Worship in Music Thanks Be to God • Mary Brahe Sheriff Paul L. Bailey with Aubrey Hopkins Now Thank We All Our God • H. W. Tauscher Children's Story 2 Samuel 23:20-23 NKJV • Vlad Radivojevic & Brittany Ronto Scripture Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had

done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men.

He was more honored than the thirty, but he did not attain to the first three. And David appointed him over his guard.

#### **Call to Worship**

**Congregational Prayer** 

Thanks Giving

Hymn of Preparation

Let All Things Now Living • 560

Michigan Advance Partners

Sermon

"How To Become A Lion Chaser" • Rodlie Ortiz

**Connect Cards, Tithes, & Offerings** 

Hymn of Commitment

Benediction

**Closing Voluntary** 

Now Thank We All Our God • Sigfrid Karg-Elert

O For That Flame of Living Fire • 264

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Bradley Krueger, tenor

## **MUSIC ALIVE** COMMON AND UNCOMMON THANKSGIVING

The song "Thanks Be to God" may seem to you to be unremarkable for the things chosen by the words' author for mention. Too common? Perhaps you wish to make your own supplemental list. However, when recounting things for which to be thankful, any human list is incomplete, don't you think? We have a family Thanksgiving tradition: naming at

least one thing starting with each letter of the alphabet for giving thanks. Even that list of 26 or more items falls short. Regarding "Thanks Be to God", the simple melody by Australian composer Mary Brahe (1884-1956) graces the list in this song's poem. She is perhaps best known for her song "Bless This House." ■

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

Song Servic	e Vladimir Slavujevic	
Opening Hy	mn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need • 104	
Scripture	Colossians 3:5-17	
Prayer	Thomas Baker	
Special Feat	ure	
Offertory	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come • Cunningham Woods	
Bible Study	"One Lawgiver and Judge" • Classes	
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

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Bennett Shelley, organ

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## WE PRAISE

#### As We Begin

Allegro • Henry Heron

#### Hello

#### Praise

**Prayer** José Bourget

**Thanks Giving** Sheriff Paul L. Bailey *with Aubrey Hopkins* 

Children's Story Now Thank We All Our God • H. W. Tauscher

> **Worship in Music** Thanks Be to God • Mary Brahe

**Sermon** "How To Become A Lion Chaser" • Rodlie Ortiz

#### **Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings**

**Closing Hymn** O For That Flame of Living Fire • 264

As We Depart Now Thank We All Our God • Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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## **PIONEER PEOPLE**

#### SUNSET TODAY • 5:16 SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:14

**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

### | SATURDAY |

**PMC FAMILY VESPERS** 5:00 PM • Youth Chapel

### | WEDNESDAY |

HOUSE OF PRAYER 7:00 PM • Youth Chapel

## | FRIDAY |

UNIVERSITY VESPERS

Welcome Christmas Concert 7:30 PM • HPAC

## PIONEER PULPIT

### | 12 • 06 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON** "Christmas Arithmetic: We One King of Orient Are"

### | 12 • 13 |

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

"Christmas Arithmetic: We Two Kings of Orient Are" Children's Celebration of Christmas PMC Family Vespers TODAY • 5:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL Come and close the Sabbath with Scripture readings and Thanksgiving music.

#### **Master Guide Seminars**

DECEMBER 6 JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

Leadership-2:30 to 4:30 PM Communications-4:30 to 6:30 PM

#### God's Hands 4 Kids

Help make a difference in a foster child's life this Christmas. Donate stockings, stocking stuffers, or fill a stocking(s), indicate age and gender planned for (don't forget teens) and put in top of stocking. **Bring to PMC by December 6** (donation bins are located in the PMC lower lobby, office reception area, or in the nursery through three-year-old Sabbath School rooms). For information on buying presents for a specific foster child, email godshands4kids@gmail.com. Want to be involved stuffing stockings/organizing? Join us for a bit of Christmas fun on December 7. More details to come.

#### Walking in Johnson Gym

There is free walking in the Johnson gym 5 days a week Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 AM for all age groups.

#### Nathan Greene Open House

DECEMBER 7 & 14 • NOON TO 6 PM 8458 PAINTER SCHOOL ROAD

You are invited to a special Christmas Open House at Nathan Greene's Art Studio. Enjoy seeing new works of art, paintings in process, and his classics. Prints and puzzles will be available for purchase and personalized signing by Nathan. If you have questions, call 269.461.6347.

#### Adventist Retirees Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 7 • 1:00 PM VILLAGE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

All Michiana retirees and pastors are invited to the annual ARM Christmas Banquet. Call 471.3133 by November 26 to make reservations.

#### Scrapbooking Together

DECEMBER 7 • 10 AM TO 7 PM PMC COMMONS

Bring your scrapbook and card-making projects and join us for the last "crop" of 2014. Bring your favorite dish to share at the potluck at 1 PM. We will definitely have chocolate and other snacks. This will be Rena's last day with us so come and finish that Christmas project. Questions? Please email <u>davis@pmchurch.org</u>.

#### Card-Making Class DECEMBER 10 • 6:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

Want to make Christmas cards but haven't had the time. Want to learn some new techniques? Join Rena Richter as she demonstrates three different winter/ Christmas cards. There is a charge for this class. Please call Sherrie at 471.3134 to register.

Nominating Committee SECOND READING Chair, Access Control/Security: Dale Hodges Assistant Chair, Access Control/ Security: Nick Wolfer **Access Control/Security:** Rob Barnhurst Claudia Davisson Harvey Kilsby Phil Roberts Larry White Milan Vajdic Jamie Wright Vanna Giddings Isaac Sujin Suh Deacons & Deaconesses-Facilities & Offering, Baptism: Kathryn Hickerson

#### **Collection for Refugees**

"Reaching the World Next Door," a GROW group, is reaching out to refugees from Burma settled in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This group is collecting winter coats for both genders of all ages. They are also collecting dishes, cleaning supplies and staples like rice and beans. A collection bin is placed in the lobby closer to the Parking Lot entrance. Contact Melchizedek Ponniah at 269.876.7476, or Trudi Starlin at 269. 471.5052 if you have questions.

#### Children's Celebration of Christmas

On Sabbath, December 13, during both services, we will have the opportunity to bring a new, unwrapped toy to share with the children in our community. Bring a gift for newborn through age 16 and it will be shared with the kids in our community.

#### **RMES Christmas Concerts**

A Vocal Christmas Concert will be on Monday, December 15, at 7 PM in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

An Instrumental Christmas Concert will be on Tuesday, December 16, at 7 PM in the Howard Performing Arts Center.

#### The Journey to Wholeness

A Friday, Journey to Wholeness group is now meeting in the Seminary Building Room N-108 from 10 to 11 AM.

#### Mommy & Me

We will meet December 2 then take a break for the Christmas season and resume on January 6. Join us in the Nursery at 10 AM for playtime, songs, and crafts with your 0-5-year-old.

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

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. 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.

#### Free Health and Fitness Lifestyle Seminar

DECEMBER 2 • 7:00 TO 8:15 PM NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

This week's topic is on *Healthy Family Time*. We will meet in the conference room (in the front of the building).

#### 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.

#### Lamson Hall Community Service Project

If you'd like to take part in a community service project, here's how you can help Lamson Hall help others this semester!

#### YOU CAN:

1) Bring non-perishable and/or canned foods to go towards struggling families on campus.

2) Bring shingles or nails to go towards building homes for families in need.

3) Donate money in support of one of the following causes:

- ADRA-raising money for refugees from South Sudan and Central Africa.
- Habitat for Humanity-raising money for purchasing supplies to build homes for families in need of housing.

All supplies and/or money can be dropped off at Lamson Hall's front desk or you can see a Dean during office hours.

#### Thank You

You kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

-With love, the Wolfer family

#### NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR



## LAYETTE DRIVE

#### BY REBECCA COLEMAN

very year Neighbor to Neighbor puts together Layettes for new and expecting mothers. Neighbor to Neighbor partners with six different agencies, including Maternal Infant Health Program, to get the Layettes into the hands of needy mothers in Berrien County. Layettes are also given to expecting Neighbor to Neighbor clients. Layettes include receiving blankets, baby blankets, booties, scarves, hats and baby clothes. Sometimes these Layettes are the only baby gifts that the mother ever receives.

"THIS SERVICE THAT YOU PERFORM IS NOT ONLY SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE BUT IS ALSO OVERFLOWING IN MANY EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS TO GOD" (2 CORINTHIANS 9:12). Last year, Neighbor to Neighbor gave out over 400 Layettes. In order to ensure that new mothers are equipped with basic necessities for their babies' arrivals, Neighbor to Neighbor is accepting new or gently used donations towards these packages. These can be dropped off at any time to Neighbor to Neighbor.

#### ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS:

- Sleepers (0-6 months only)
- Long-sleeved onesies (0-6 months only)
- Receiving blankets
- Diapers
- Bibs

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

In January 2015 Neighbor to Neighbor will be hosting a food drive in partnership with Apple Valley. ■

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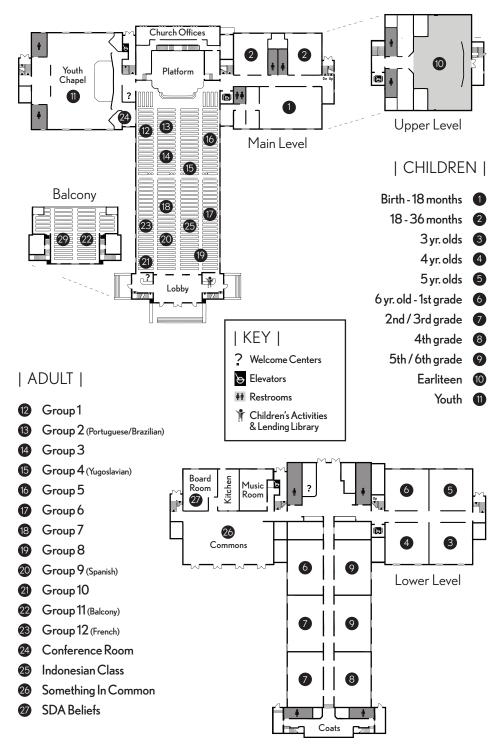
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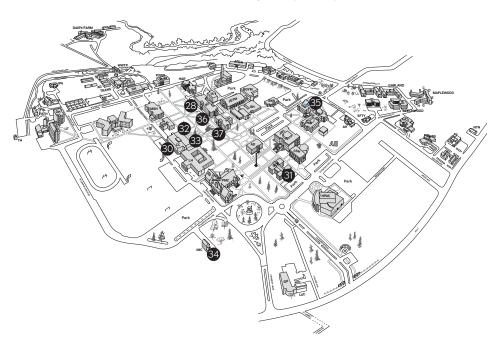
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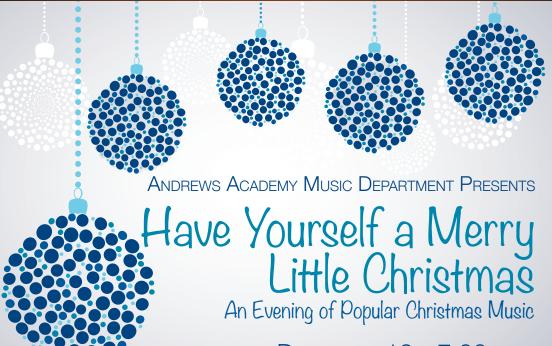
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Flonoring God's Gift To The World

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 - 7:00 P.M. PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH



DECEMBER 13 - 7:00 P.M. HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER