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WHAT IF?

Can you believe it's 2015 already? By now the parties are finished. Christmas is done. Some stayed up late to bring in the New Year. And now we're here. At church. I'm not sure what resolutions you made for this New Year, but allow me to suggest a few: what if this could be the year that you drew closest to God? What if you finally read through the Bible? What if you finally

got involved in a ministry that you've been curious about. What if you took that radical step of faith that God has placed on your heart? Well, guess what? You are now one step closer to achieving those goals because you're here. May you sense God's presence in a real way today and in this New Year. Welcome. —Rodlie Ortiz

CHILDREN'S CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

The Adventurers helped collect toys for children in the community, and presented the song service and children's story on the Sabbath of December 13.

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A GIFT THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME

BY ROBERT OVERSTREET

It was November 1, 1980, the day I chose to get baptized. I have vivid memories of my teacher, Mrs. McDonald, reading the *Story Hour* book of Jesus' baptism, and I wanted to be baptized just like Him. I had just completed my Bible study guide and lessons. I was determined to be baptized in the river, regardless of how cold it was, so that I could be baptized just like Jesus. I had so much admiration for Mrs. McDonald, my SDA church schoolteacher and her husband Pastor McDonald. I saw them as godly people who had a tremendous influence in my early years, one that would lay the foundation for my later years of service to God.

Throughout my adolescence, I was enrolled in both SDA and public schools. Much of where I attended school had to do with whether or not the local church could help my family's financial need for my brothers and myself to enroll in the local SDA School. Needless to say, I spent many years of my young life in public school, and the influence of these schools wasn't always positive. By the time I reached high school, I had been exposed to both alcohol and drugs and had witnessed many instances of violence. I quickly learned to distrust anyone with authority and walked around with a chip on my shoulder to shield and to protect my inner self. By my early teenage years, I felt as if my life was heading in a downward spiral of gloom. Through what I view as a miracle, at

the beginning of my 9th-grade year, I found myself unpacking my boxes as a student at Georgia Cumberland Academy (GCA). It was there that my life was changed. It was at GCA that I interacted with teachers such as

Leclare Litchfield and Wally Fox who loved me in spite of my anger, disrespect, and my cold heart. It was there that I saw people like Barbara Livesay take my brother under her wings and serve as a mentor to him, demon-

strating God's love in action. I was also privileged to see many other students' lives changed while attending our SDA School because our school was filled with godly teachers, each striving to demonstrate God's love and kindness on a daily basis.

It goes without saying that I am where I am today because of the difference Adventist Education played in my life. I strongly believe in Adventist Education being a tool in raising our young people up as righteous men and women. I am reminded of what Mrs. White declares: "Children are to be trained to become workers for God. Both parents and teachers, by precept and example, are so to instill the principles of truth and honesty into the minds and hearts of the young, that they will become men and women who are as true as steel to God and His cause" (*Child Guidance*, p. 314). ■

Robert Overstreet is Principal at Andrews Academy.



WE STUDY

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Song Service	Ben Shelley
Opening Hymn	<i>Lift Up the Trumpet</i> • 213
Welcome	Katherine Smith
Scripture	1 Corinthians 14: 8, 9; Revelation 14: 6, 7
Special Feature	<i>"The Trumpet Sounds"</i> • Judy Aitken
Offertory	<i>Adoration</i> • Felix Borowski
Bible Study	"The Call of Wisdom" • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

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

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Benediction	Ben Shelley
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Dominique Tan-Ng, violin & Jonathan Wheeler, piano

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NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR FOOD DRIVE

BY LUCY RANDAL

Neighbor To Neighbor is starting off 2015 with our annual Food Drive. Your contributions to our Food Drive help supplement our stock amid the high demand for non-perishable food during the winter months.

During January and February you can help restock Neighbor To Neighbor's food in a few simple steps. Just pick up a donation form at Apple Valley, check the items you wish to donate, and take the form to the cashier. You can pay for it there, and Apple Valley will deliver your purchased food items to Neighbor To Neighbor. It's a very simple process that

allows you to donate without needing to bring your donations to Neighbor to Neighbor yourself, although we always welcome you to visit and bring non-perishable donations to our store located at 9147 U.S. Highway 31.

Thank you for being willing to partner with Neighbor to Neighbor and Apple Valley in helping those in need. ■

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *The Old Year Now Has Passed Away* • Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit *Lead On, O King Eternal* • Henry Smart

Call to Worship Rodlie Ortiz

○ Lord, you have searched us and you know us!

**To know when we lie down and when we get up, you discern
our thoughts from afar. Where shall we go from your Spirit?
Where shall we flee from your presence?**

We praise you, ○ God, for you are wonderful. Wonderful are your works!

How precious are your thoughts to us, ○ God!

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* • 2

Invocation Sabine Vatel

Hymn of Praise *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* • 103

Congregational Prayer Rodlie Ortiz
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne • st. 1 of 140

Worship in Music *Everywhere I Go* • Natalie Sleeth

Offering Michigan Advance Partners
* Dillon Zimmerman; ** Duane Covrig

Children's Story *We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight* • James Biery

Scripture *Xiaoming Xu & Dillon Zimmerman; **Duane & Lori Covrig
Psalm 139:23, 24 NLT

Search me, ○ God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**Point out anything in me that offends you,
and lead me along the path of everlasting life.**

Hymn of Preparation

We Would See Jesus • st. 1 & 4 of 494

Sermon

“S.O.S.” • Sabine Vatel

Hymn of Consecration

Live Out Thy Life Within Me • 316

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Jan Bender

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Jean Pedersen-Smith, soprano; Harold Smith, baritone

MUSIC ALIVE

OLD, NEW

Enigmatic and evocative, Bach's organ setting of the hymn "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away" has puzzled and pleased hearers for years. Is its figurative riddle a tale of the sad, or of the merely meditative? What might be so pensive about the passing of a year? Also from the Baroque is hymn no. 103, "O God, Our Help." Its sturdy, striding melody by William Croft dates from 1708,

when Bach was in his early twenties. Its stalwart text dates from a decade later. The latter is from a paraphrase of Psalm 90 by Isaac Watts. Poet Watts assumed a revolutionary stance, in terms of freedom, concerning the paraphrasing of psalms. Today's hymn text, ever old and ever new, is one of the more widely known results of his creative transformation. ■

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 5:25
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:31

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.tv or by going to www.pmchurch.org 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
7:00 PM • PMC Sanctuary

PIONEER PULPIT

| 01 • 10 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

| 01 • 17 |

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PMC Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

As 2015 begins, lets gather for a session of prayer.

Evergreen Pathfinders Winter Registration

JANUARY 7 & 14 • 6:30 PM
PATHFINDER BUILDING

If you missed the fall registration, but are interested in being a member of PMC’s Evergreen Pathfinders, winter registration will take place at our first two meetings in January. Meetings are Wednesday nights, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. If you have questions or need more information, please email evergreenpathfinders@gmail.com.

HIS Creation

JANUARY 10 • 6:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Rich Aguilera will present this family-friendly event with the giant screen, audience participation and special effects as he explores the issue of Creation vs. evolution. For tickets, call the box office at 888.467.6442.

Walking in Johnson Gym

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

The Gift of Time

JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 1
CAMP AU SABLE

Looking for the perfect gift for your son or younger buddy? How about some time? Come to Camp Au Sable's "Lessons from the Carpenter" Father/Son/Big Brother/Buddy weekend. Go to www.campausable.org and **click on "Registration" before January 22.** Bring a pocket knife and learn some lessons about walking in the steps of the Carpenter. Call 517.316.1570 for more information.

Thank you

To our PMC family—Thank you for the cards, prayers and goodies that we received this holiday season. It has been an honor to serve you this year. We look forward to the great things God has planned for us all in 2015. *-PMC Pastors and Office Team*

Books for Cuba

Our brothers and sisters in Cuba have no access to Christian books, and collections like EGW's or the SDA commentary are impossible to obtain. A Bible or a simple devotional book is treasured for generations. The need is so great that people loan their scarce books between families until the books are worn. The solution is to put hundreds of books and resources into a single tablet. Perhaps you received a new tablet this holiday and don't need your old one, why not donate it to a Cuban family. For more information contact Fernando Ortiz at 471.3416 or ortizl@andrews.edu or simply bring your tablet to the MDiv office at the Seminary. On behalf of a Cuban family, pastor or student, gracias!

RMES Annual K-8th Shining Stars Talent Show

JANUARY 24 • 5:00 PM
RMES GYMNASIUM

We invite you to come and discover the many talents that our Ruth Murdoch Elementary students have.

Scrapbooking Together

JANUARY 25 • 10 AM TO 6 PM
PMC COMMONS

Did you receive a new scrapbooking tool or card making supplies for Christmas? We would love to see what you received. Bring your scrapbooking/card making materials and projects and spend the whole day or just stay for a couple of hours. We provide the chocolate and prizes. Questions, contact Sherrie @ 471.3134.

Join the Pioneer Audio Team

The Pioneer Media Team is looking for two people willing to help with audio and Saturday Mornings. Responsibilities include planning, setting up, and supporting the audio needs of our weekly Church and Sabbath School programs. Experience is not necessary, but always appreciated. We are looking for a two year commitment. Students are welcome to get involved too. If you are willing to help, please contact Joel Kitchen at audio@pmchurch.org to get involved.

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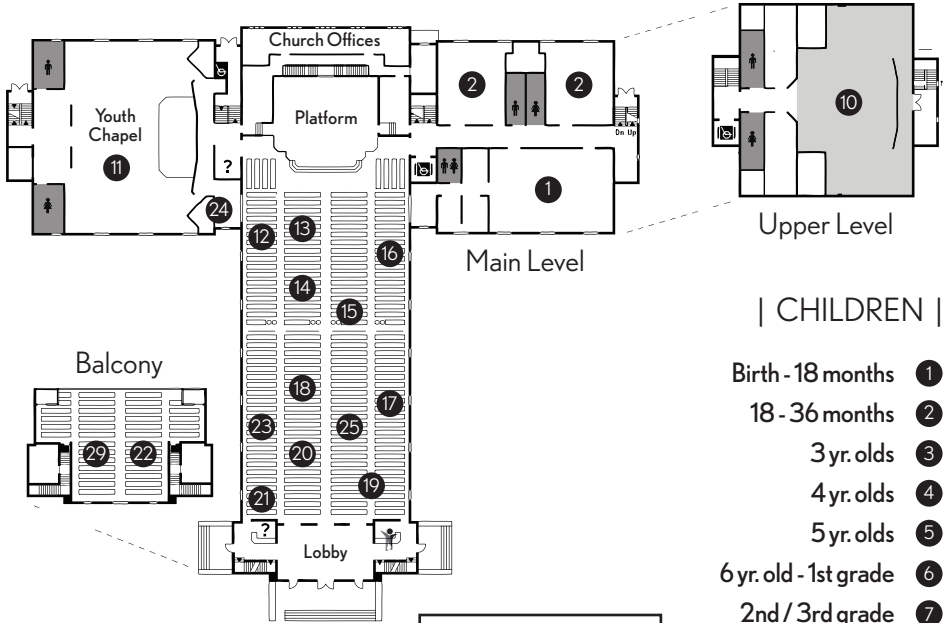
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| CHILDREN |

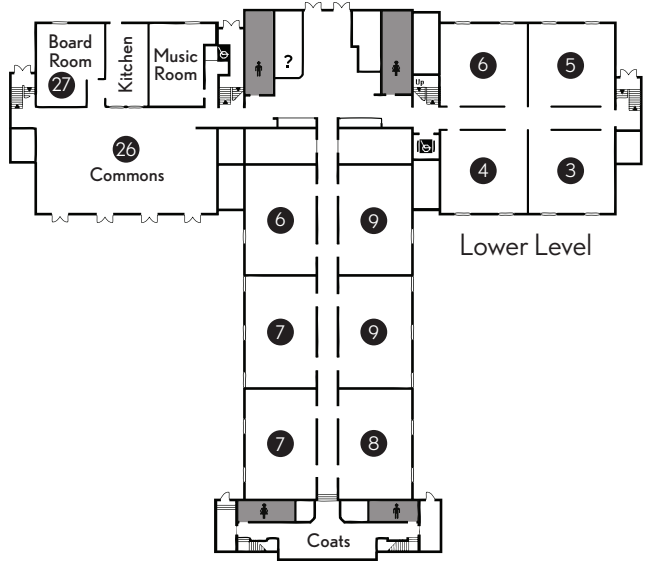
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- 3 yr. olds ③
- 4 yr. olds ④
- 5 yr. olds ⑤
- 6 yr. old - 1st grade ⑥
- 2nd / 3rd grade ⑦
- 4th grade ⑧
- 5th / 6th grade ⑨
- Earliteen ⑩
- Youth ⑪

| ADULT |

- ⑫ Group 1
- ⑬ Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- ⑭ Group 3
- ⑮ Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- ⑯ Group 5
- ⑰ Group 6
- ⑱ Group 7
- ⑲ Group 8
- ⑳ Group 9 (Spanish)
- ㉑ Group 10
- ㉒ Group 11 (Balcony)
- ㉓ Group 12 (French)
- ㉔ Conference Room
- ㉕ Indonesian Class
- ㉖ Something In Common
- ㉗ SDA Beliefs

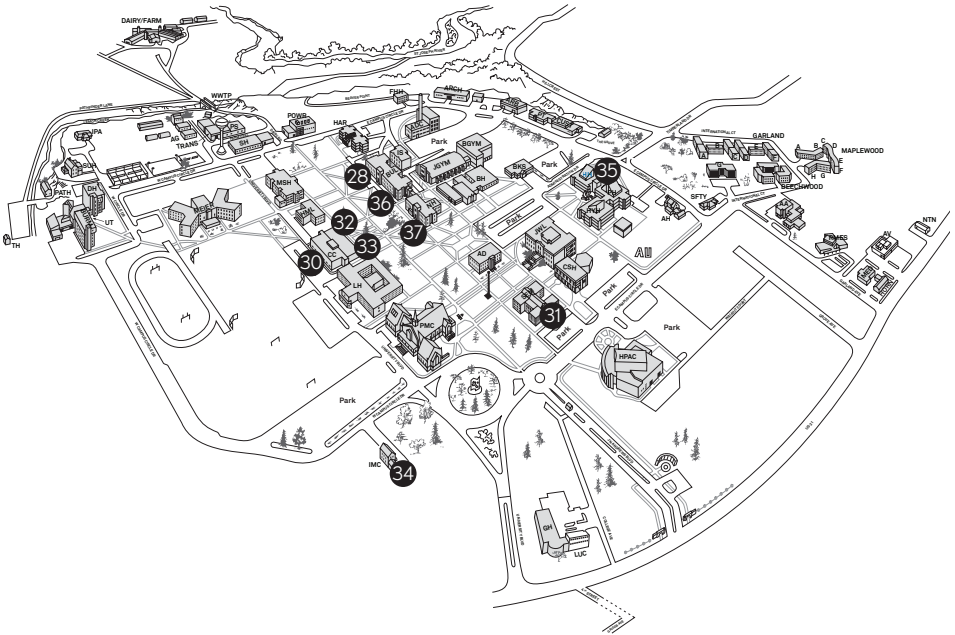
| KEY |

- ? Welcome Centers
- ⬇ Elevators
- ♿ Restrooms
- 👤 Children's Activities & Lending Library



Lower Level

Andrews University Campus Map



| COLLEGIATE |

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- 29 People on the Move (PMC)
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- N110
- N120 (New Life Church Choir)
- N150
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- N235
- N310 (Russian)
- N335 (Spanish)
- S340 (Upper Room)

| ADULT @ AU |

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- 35 Living Word Fellowship
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