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WELCOME to Pioneer

Welcome to the House of Prayer for all people as we join in celebrating our Creator God on this Holy Sabbath Day.

Here in beautiful Michigan, the evidence of the Creator's stunning handiwork is all around us. Fall has arrived with some cool temperatures and rain, resulting in an array of gorgeous Fall colors. Makes you want to sing, doesn't it? Psalm 95:2,6,7 says, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. . . . O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

As we worship our Awesome God today, let us be sure to share joy and thanksgiving with those around us.

-Sharon Terrell



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THE FOURTH **WATCH BLOG** "All I Heard Was Bullets Flying"

PIONEER LIFE We Are Fed

WE WORSHIP 9:00 AM Service

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"ALL I HEARD WAS BULLETS FLYING"

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, on Sunday morning has not only broken the collective heart of church-going America. It has caused every church-going American to wonder if it could happen to us, too.

"All I heard was bullets flying everywhere," 73 year old Farida Brown testified, according to the Wall Street Journal. She and a friend, sitting on the last pew near the door, instinctively dropped to the floor when the staccato shooting began even before the black-clad gunman entered the sanctuary. "By the time Devin Patrick Kelley stopped shooting, most of the con-

gregation would be dead or wounded. He killed 26 people and injured 20 more. Counted among the dead is the unborn child of Crystal Holcombe, who was also killed along with 7 family members, including her husband and children" (www.wsj.com/articles/a-survivors-account-from-inside-the-texas-church-as-bullets-rained-1510101060). Our hearts break.

Will this ever end, this accelerating mayhem that has become the daily fare of our world wide web news?

Over a century ago the American writer and spiritual leader Ellen White observed: "We are living in the midst of an 'epidemic of crime' at which thoughtful,

God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails is beyond the power of the human pen to describe. Every day brings fresh revelations of political strife, bribery, and fraud; every day brings its heartsickening record of violence and lawlessness, of indifference to human suffering; of brutal, fiendish destruction of human life. Every day testifies to the increase of insanity, murder, and suicide" (*Testimonies to the Church* 9:89).

"... beyond the power of the human pen to describe ..." How tragically true.

And yet the rest of us awakened to the early morning glory of a silver midnight frost draped across our maples—miniature sparkles of ice just weighty enough to break loose leaves dying in yellows and reds, striking the ground below with tiny metallic thuds of protest. Death to be sure. But here at least even in death there still is beauty. This is not Texas.

But this is Earth. And across its pock-marked face the saga of human suffering and death spreads at rates and in degrees that startle even the most calloused observers.

Does the church, do the people and friends of God notice? If a century ago warranted a warning of inexplicable acceleration of epidemic crime and insane killing, what would that writer now say? What Jesus once said was even plainer,

"Even so, when you see these things happening, you know the kingdom of God is near" (Luke 21:31).

How near? Near enough for the church of God to arouse from her lethargic slumber? Near enough for the young and the not-so-young of Adventism to turn aside for a day or two from the distractive noise and hypnotic clutch of our technological toys? Near enough for God's people to band together in prayer?

How about seven days of prayer, seven days and nights for opening our minds, our

souls to the supreme God of the universe, the Savior of the world? Seven days and nights for praying the cry of the Damascus Road Saul to the Stranger in the blinding light, "What am I to do, Lord?" (Acts 22:10). (See the accompanying thematic guide for 7 Days of Prayer.)

Surely our God is earnest enough, creative enough, personal enough to answer the sincere petition, "What do You want me to do?" If it is racial reconciliation He calls us to pursue, surely He will show us how ... right here ... won't He? If it is missionary zeal He hopes we will embrace, surely He will grant such fervor to our honest petitions, won't He? If it is His overcoming power He urges us to seek, surely He will grant to us the very victory power we long for, will He not?

Then let us ask in this time of diminishing time. Let us ask and receive, seek and find, knock and it will be opened to us—as Jesus urged us: "... how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who [Greek: daily/continually] ask Him!" (Luke 11:13). Because if the Holy Spirit is "the greatest of all gifts," then isn't this the most urgent of all times to be daily seeking His fresh baptism of love and power and witness?

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



BY CELESTA BURT

■he Lord, throughout history, has found many ways to provide for His people. For the Israelites He gave them manna from the sky. For Elijah He sent birds to bring him food. For the five thousand He mulitplied a small lunch. For the widows of the early church He cared for and protected them. For the early pilgrims who came to North America He supplied food in time of need. All of these are testimonies to the care of God for those He has come to save. Sometimes God commands birds to send food to people but most of the time, and in many of these cases, God uses other people as His emissaries.

We are reaching my favorite Sabbath of the year, Thanksgiving Sabbath. I love the hymns, the fellowship, and the gratitude that fills the church. It has been meaningful, from childhood to adulthood, to watch our church come together to thank God, express love for people who have touched our lives, give offerings, praise the Lord for His provision, and share resources to care for the needy. As a child and teenager it deeply impressed me that my church family would take the time to care for those they did not know. Watching church members bring food for those in need, and then watching more people come late in the afternoon and evening in order to collect the boxes that the Pathfinders had packed full of food for needy in the community, ingrained in me the importance of sharing what we have been given. It reminded me to not forget those who usually go unseen including the ones suffering, the people who are sitting around a table with barely enough food to take the edge off their hunger, and those who are wondering how they will give their families a nutritious meal on Thanksgiving.

I remember going one year with some people to drop off Thanksgiving boxes, and was very surprised to find myself in front of the houses of friends. I had not realized that they were among those who needed food. I found out later that they were in a bad situation and had greatly needed what we gave. These were people who came to church, attended Pathfinders, and dressed similar to me, but were actually monetarily destitute. Many of those we do not know, as well as those we do know, are in need of our care.

This is a time of year to rejoice in God's feeding of us, both spiritually and physically. Let us extend the blessing of tasty, nutritious gifts to others so that they too can be not only spiritually filled, but physically filled. God calls upon us to give not only the sacrifice of praise and prayer, but also to sacrifice for others. Isaiah 58:7-8 says, "Divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him . . . then your light will break out like the dawn . . . the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard." The Lord can shine brilliantly through our acts of care towards those in our community who are in need. Let the memory of God's blessings move us to bless others.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Holy, Holy, Holy • J. Curnow

Introit

Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody

Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

We seek to live in Christ that we may die in Christ,

To be one people, of one mind and one spirit,

We come together so that we may be sent out

To bring joy to the oppressed, to bring hope to the fearful.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

How Firm a Foundation • 509

Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music

Total Praise • J. Thompson & R. Scruggs

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Children's Story

Let My People Go • T. Scott

Scripture

Psalm 30 NRSV • Ana & Johnson Howard

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Hymn of Preparation

There's Sunshine in My Soul Today • st. 1 & 2 of 471

Sermon

"'You Turned My Mourning into Dancing" • Dwight K. Nelson

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World Budget

Hymn of Commitment

Come, Thou Fount • 334

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

How Firm a Foundation • Janet Linker

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Chorale and Symphony Orchestra; Héctor Flores, director Andrews Academy Silhouettes; Andrews Academy Symphony Orchestra

MUSIC ALIVE

HOW FIRM

ow Firm a Foundation" is a grand hymn that owes much of its text directly to Scripture. During today's worship service, why not take a pew Bible and look up the following texts in relation to "How Firm a Foundation"? Stanza one: see II Timothy 2:19 and Hebrews 6:18. Stanza two: see Isaiah 41:10. Stanzas three and four: see Isaiah 43:2. Stanza five: see Hebrews 13:5. There are

many references to Scripture in hymns found in the SDA Hymnal. While this hymn is an unusually direct example of Scriptural references, many hymns allude to phrases and longer passages of Scripture. This hymn's melody, titled appropriately FOUNDATION, is an excellent example of elegantly simple melodies "of the people" passed along from generation to generation from an original anonymous source.

WE STUDY

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Lois Nicholas Song Service

Amazing Grace • st. 1, 2, 5 of 108 **Opening Hymn**

Welcome & Prayer Judy Aitken

1 Kings 18:21 • Judy Aitken Scripture

"Convinced But Not Converted" • Bohdan Kotyk Special Feature

Change My Heart, Oh God • arr. Mark Hayes Offertory

Classes • "Adam and Jesus" **Bible Study**

Make Me a Blessing Theme Song

> 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.

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Lois Nicholas **Benediction**

> ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Hteemu Dee, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Holy, Holy, Holy • J. Curnow

Praise

Bless the Lord with Me • You Are God Alone • Holy Spirit Rain Down

Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Baptism

Agatha Kayaga with Rodlie Ortiz

Ordination of Elders

Sabine Vatel & Dwight Nelson Melissa Gibson, Juliette Horton, Julie Logan, Michael Orvek, Jessica Yoong

Children's Story

Let My People Go • T. Scott

Worship in Music

Total Praise • J. Thompson & R. Scruggs

Sermon

"'You Turned My Mourning into Dancing'" • Dwight K. Nelson

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Come, Thou Fount • 334

As We Depart

How Firm a Foundation • Janet Linker

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Randall Ulangca; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer DJEMBE: Smerdis Fuentes; PIANO: Joshua Goines

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"'You Turned My Mourning into Dancing': Attitude of Gratitude"

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BEN MARTIN

"What Do You Say? Thank You?"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET

The book of Matthew ends with Jesus' Great Commission to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You may not be able to go to other nations but through your offering today you can reach the world for Jesus.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Join speakers Ingrid Slikkers and Dalton Stanage as they spotlight orphans and how to respond to James 1:27.

Adventist Forum

TODAY • 3:30 PM CHAN SHUN HALL (GARBER AUDITORIUM)

Dr. Gilbert Valentine presents "The Prophet and the Presidents: Ellen White in Dialog with General Conference Administrators."

Church Position Available

The church is currently accepting applications for the position: "Administrative Assistant/Church Clerk/Receptionist." To review the job description and apply online, visit pmchurch.org/employment.

Pathfinder Apple Pie Fundraiser

The PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is currently collecting pre-orders for homemade apple pies. Place your order by midnight tonight to guarantee that you'll be able to get pies. You may order by emailing evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com. All pies must be picked up and paid for tomorrow (November 12) from Noon to 8 PM at the PMC Commons.

RMES Multicultural Food Fair

NOVEMBER 12 • 12:00 TO 3:00 PM RMES GYM

Join us for delicious International food as you help support our school!

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

NOVEMBER 12 • 1:00 PM VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

All persons ages 55 and over are invited to join our potluck and program, whether or not you are retired. Tara Gillette from the *Area on Aging* organization will be the speaker. Bring your favorite dish to pass, and enjoy the fellowship. Contact Ken or Sharon Straw at sharon Straw at <a href="

Knitting Hearts Together

NOVEMBER 14 • 7:00 PM MACCARTY HOME

Experience the Holy Spirit's power as you create and deliver items to the bereaved and seriously ill. Contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 461.6815) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

Faith of Our Fathers A Voice Vespers

NOVEMBER 17 • 7:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join the voice students of Charles Reid and Stephen Zork in a vespers of favorite hymns and African-American Spirituals. Admission is free.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The annual Pathfinder Thanksgiving food drive is underway. We passed out and collected bags to portions of the community the last two Sundays. Plan to bring food to church on Sabbath, November 18, as part of the offering during Hymn Fest. We will also need help delivering food that afternoon; look for details in next week's bulletin. If you know of a family in the area who needs food this upcoming holiday season call Pioneer at 269.471.6565.

Paper Crafting Together "Two" Day Event

NOVEMBER 18 • 6:00-11:00 PM NOVEMBER 19 • 9:00 AM-5:00 PM LAKE UNION CONFERENCE (8450 M-139, BERRIEN SPRINGS)

Finish all of your Christmas projects during this 2-day event. Come Saturday night and leave your projects set up overnight and return on Sunday. Pizza will be served Saturday evening. We will meet in the Board Room. Park in the first parking lot. Bring your favorite snack and we will provide chocolate and prizes. Contact sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Soup for Students

DECEMBER 5 • 6:00 PM PMC COMMONS

Let's give some bowls of love to students during finals week. We need commitments for 25 pots of soup and some cookies or bread. We also need volunteers to help clean up after the event. Let us know by November 29 if you can help by calling Lailane Legoh at 269.471.3543.

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