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JANUARY 31, 2015



IN COMMUNITY

One of the core values of America is that of rugged individualism. In fact, when we're looking for an image to personify this concept, we often think of the Marlboro Man—resolute, alone, experienced; the kind of guy that can fix anything without the help of anyone else. You could say this is reflected in the motto of Home Depot: "You Can Do It. We Can Help."

I'm American and I love my country,

but the truth is that sometimes this can affect my view of God and church, can't it? But here's the radical reality of what God is actually like: God loves and lives in community. And He created us to also live in community. That means that we need each other. That's what a church is all about. So we're glad you're here.

-Rodlie Ortiz

WEEK OF SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS

A praise team leads out in worship as students participate in Andrews University week of spiritual emphasis. (Photo taken by Troy Homenchuk)



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HOMETOWN HERO

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

K—so he's from Battle Creek instead of Benton Harbor. But he certainly is a hero down here in southwest Michigan! The two families, who were both celebrating birthdays this last weekend at the Silver Beach hotel down by the lake in St Joseph, didn't know each other from Adam. But given the winter outside, the hotel's heated pool was a popular hang out Saturday evening.

That's when something caught the attention of 29 year old Tim Rose. Sit-

ting poolside with his family and friends, he had observed a 10 year old boy from another family party darting like a fish under water, doing fine. Tim turned his attention back to his own birthday party. But a few

moments later, happening to glance at the pool again, he saw the same boy rise to the surface and then for some reason sink back down again, this time all the way to the bottom of the eightfoot-deep section. A few air bubbles escaped from the boy's mouth, and Tim realized the boy was no longer moving.

He reacted instantly, plunging into the pool, diving down to the bottom to grab the boy and bring him to the surface. He yelled for help, as bystanders rushed to pull the boy from the water and laid him

on the concrete edge of the pool. Tim, who learned CPR a few years ago, immediately began mouth to mouth resuscitation alternating with chest compressions. Somebody called 911. Two minutes into his rescue efforts, Tim rolled the boy's head to the side and seconds later the boy coughed up some water, and showed signs of coming to. Paramedics arrived and rushed the now conscious lad to Lakeland Hospital. The boy's life had been saved.

The next morning the 29 year old tree trimmer ran into a family member of 10 year old Melvin Jackson, of Benton Harbor. "Wait right here," she instructed the life saver. A few moments later she brought

young Melvin to meet his savior. "He gave me a hug and told me I was his angel," Tim told a reporter. "It was a serious moment in my life. It seemed like forever. I was just hoping for a response and when I finally got that it was definitely a relief" (South Bend Tribune 1-28-15).

"It was a serious moment in my life." Let's face it—it always is when a life is on the line, isn't it? That's why I hope you'll give prayerful consideration to joining the new Contagious Adventist GROW Group this new season. Offered

BECAUSE THERE IS NO GREATER JOY THAN SAVING A LIFE.

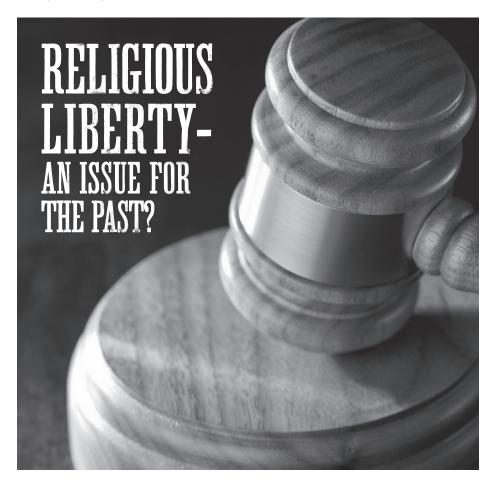


at three different times to accommodate your schedule, this new GROW Group will equip you with a winsome and friendly strategy to share your faith with friends, colleagues and neighbors (even strangers). You'll never look at the seven greatest truths of Scripture in the same way again-and now you'll "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you

to give the reason for the hope that you have" (1 Peter 3:15 NIV).

Because there is no greater joy than saving a life. Just ask Tim Rose. And Melvin Jackson.

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



BY IOHN NAY

hould Adventists still take an active stance on religious liberty issues? Or is this a settled issue now, at least here in America? After all, freedom of religion is guaranteed by law, by the Constitution, and by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Although religious freedom is not respected in many countries, should we move on to other issues here?

As background, since the organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in 1863—and even before—its members

have supported religious liberty. Our religious forebears were well outside the "mainstream" of their day, and they realized that their belief in a soon-to-occur Second Advent and their adoption of the seventh-day Sabbath meant they might be treated unfairly based on their religion. The murder of Mormon leader Joseph Smith in June 1844, less than four months before the "great disappointment," plus state and local Sunday laws then in effect, and opposition to other new denominations, would only have deepened early

Adventists' belief in the vital importance of religious liberty.

But now? In the 21st century aren't we guaranteed full religious liberty here after decades of Supreme Court decisions, plus such laws as the Religious Freedom Restoration Act and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act? No new Sunday law is on the horizon. Just the opposite. We can shop any day of the week, major sporting and other events are held on Sunday, and there is an ever greater diversity of religious belief in America. Clearly America has seen major advances in religious liberty over the past century, and no serious observer of national events can pretend otherwise.

IN THE 21ST

LIBERTY?

CENTURY AREN'T

WE GUARANTEED

FULL RELIGIOUS

And vet, is there ever a time to say that freedoms are so secure that they can be ignored? As one who has lived and worked abroad for over twenty-five years on four continents, I do not believe so. I had many opportunities to observe life in countries rang-

ing from "free" to "partly free" to "not free" (Freedom House terms) and to speak about the importance of democracy and my gratitude for the guarantees we have of freedom of speech, the press, and religion. I also wrote and/or approved religious freedom reports on several countries.

Here in the United States, we still see a steady flow of legal cases involving religion-some significant at the national level and others that, if ignored, could begin to nibble away at religious liberty. Just today (as I write), the Supreme Court unanimously held in Holt v. Hobbs that a Muslim prisoner must be allowed to wear a beard, as he believes he should. Prison officials had prohibited him from doing so-"security," they said-while granting exemptions to others. Multiple organizations concerned with religious liberty had

filed "friend of the court" briefs supporting his appeal. The Religious Liberty division of the General Conference has done so in many such cases.

"What does such a case have to do with us?" you might ask. "We aren't Muslim and we don't expect to ever be in prison." Two solid reasons it concerns us: 1. Reductions in religious liberty in one area have important implications for others; and 2. We simply do not know when we might be arrested for some completely unexpected reason. Just last week I learned of a case from Suriname where two sons of Adventist pastors, both of whom my wife and I know well, were held overnight by police on arrival in Trinidad. Why? Because one

was carrying powdered milk and Trinidad customs officers, using an outdated chemical test, claimed it contained cocaine. The next day a more accurate test completely absolved the young men and they were released. During

"guests," however, they went hungry because they were unwilling to eat the only food they were given, which also went against their religious convictions. Could something similar happen to you or me?

The bottom line is that religious liberty issues are *not* just issues of the past-even here—and we should be grateful for the Adventist Church's past support for religious liberty and its continuing efforts in this area. There will be a religious liberty offering here at PMC today. Please consider the continuing importance of this issue.

John Nay is the PMC Religious Liberty Director

FAMILY WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary Adagio Cantabile (Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken)

Joseph Haydn / Sieving

Introit We Gather Together • Traditional Netherlandish Melody

Call to Worship Rodlie Ortiz

We gather as two or three,

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,

The Body of Christ, alive in the world. We will live the truth of God's grace.

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Sweet Hour of Prayer • st. 2 of 478

Blest Be the Tie That Binds • st. 2, 1 of 350

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus • st. 1. 3 of 524

To God Be the Glory • st. 1, 3 of 341

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Music Prelude for String Orchestra • Elena Roussanova Lucas

Religious Liberty John Nay

Children's Story Winter • Antonio Vivaldi / Parrish

Scripture Matthew 18:18-20 NIV

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Sermon

"Stories in the Rearview Mirror:

Why I Believe These 70 Small Companies Are Greater Than the Fortune 500" Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Cards, Tithes, & Offerings

Religious Liberty/NAD

Hymn of Commitment

Marching to Zion • 422

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Moderato • Christian Finck

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Select Strings; Héctor Flores, director WORSHIP TEAM: Nick, Leanne, Patrick, Kelli, and Nicole Miller; John, Peggy, Hadassah, Hanaveah, Havvah, Johnathan, and Zachariah Schnepp

MUSIC ALIVE

TO ZION

wo pieces of music in today's worship journey refer to heavenly Zion. Today's Opening Voluntary derives from a string quartet by Franz Joseph Haydn. Today, the theme and two of Haydn's variations are heard in an arrangement from Haydn's original. As a hymn tune in the SDA Hymnal, this melody appears as no. 423, with text that begins, "Glorious things of thee are

spoken, Zion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for His own abode." Just across the page is "Marching to Zion."

There, the stirring words of Isaac Watts begin, "Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne."

WE STUDY

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Vladomir Slavujevic Song Service

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

Welcome Judy Wright

Genesis 12:1 **Scripture**

Mission Spotlight **Special Feature**

Offertory Softly and Tenderly • arr. Timothy Johnson

Bible Study "Divine Wisdom" • 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 Vladomir Slavujevic

> ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Frances Serpa, trumpet; Edgar Perez, piano

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WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Adagio Cantabile (Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken) Joseph Havdn / Sievina

Praise

Everlasting God • I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever Total Praise

Prayer

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Sermon

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Closing Hymn

Marching to Zion • 422

As We Depart

Moderato • Christian Finck

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PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 5:56 **SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 6:05

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

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FAMILY VESPERS

5:00 PM • Youth Chapel

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HOUSE OF PRAYER

7:00 PM • Youth Chapel

| FRIDAY |

UNIVERSITY VESPERS

7:30 PM • PMC Sanctuary

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MICHAEL B. KELLY. II

Black History Sabbath

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PATHFINDER SABBATH

Birthday Celebration

Bonnie Jean Hannah is celebrating her 96th birthday on February 2. Cards may be sent to her @ 411 S. Kimmel St., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Baby Dedication

You are invited to the dedication of Annalise Bailey today at 4:00 PM in the PMC sanctuary.

Thank You

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our loving church family for the flowers, visits, phone calls, cards, and gracious words of support received following the death of Sylvia—our beloved wife and mother. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

-Fred Stephan, Don & Elise Damron and family

Welcome to the Family

Kaleb Jonathan Burt was born to Jonathan and Marlene Burt on January 23, 2015, at 2:39 AM. He was 7 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 inches long. The whole family gives thanks for the safe delivery.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us as we watch the video, How to Share your Faith. Discussion and prayer will follow.

The Andrews University Orchestra

TONIGHT • 6:15 PM TALK
7:00 PM CONCERT
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Enjoy a concert featuring works by Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, and Charles Gounod. Join us for a pre-concert talk at 6:15 PM with Trina Thompson. For ticket information call 471.3560.

Cactusville

TONIGHT • 4:00 PM ANDREWS ACADEMY

All are welcome to enjoy music, skits, videos, puppets, snacks, crafts and more! Kids, grade K-5, will have fun learning about Jesus! Bring a friend!

Arts Bridge 6th Annual Super Bowl Poetry Reading

FEBRUARY 1 • 2:00 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Poets of all ages are invited to listen, recite a favorite poem, or read a few they wrote. A reception will follow the program. For details call 269.925.7075.

Excavate at Tall Jalul

The Jalul Excavation will take place May 7-June 8. For application and information, visit http://www.madabaplains.org/jalul/participate.htm. First deadline is February 2.

Board/Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 2 • 7:00 PM PIONEER BOARD ROOM

Along with the annual budget reports, Harbor of Hope's proposal to purchase a building site in Benton Harbor for a new church/community education center will be presented for discussion and action. All members are invited to attend.

Youngbergs Bound for Africa

February 9, John and Millie again respond to the call "Go Ye." They will hold WIN! Wellness—Towards a Balanced Health & Happy Family training seminars in seven locations in South Africa and Zambia. They go in faith that God will provide the funds needed.

Sanctuary Choir

FEBRUARY 4 • 7:00-8:00 PM PMC TEEN LOFT

Student and community sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses are encouraged to join Sanctuary Choir rehearsals. To join this adult choir contact Jeannie Pedersen-Smith at jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com or call or text @ 269.277.0488.

Pathfinder Bible Experience

FEBRUARY 7 • 3:00 PM PMC SANCTUARY

Come and support the 10 area-level Pathfinder teams as they answer questions from the book of Matthew.

Andrews University Wind Symphony Winter Concert

FEBRUARY 7 • 8:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join the Andrews University Wind Symphony, under the direction of Alan Mitchell, and Southwestern Michigan College Brass Band, under the direction of Jonatha Korzun. For tickets call 471.3560.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

FEBRUARY 8 • 1:00 PM VILLAGE CHURCH

Bring a dish to feed 10-12 for a potluck and presentation by Science professor, Tiffany Summerscales, When I Consider the Heavens: a Tour of the Universe. For information call 989.565.0027, or 471.7466.

Remember Barbara Reid

FEBRUARY 14 • 1:30 PM HPAC LOBBY

We will honor the memory of Barbara Reid. A vegetarian potluck will be followed by a time to share memories. If you have any photos of Barb you would be willing to share, please email Sharon Dudgeon at dudgeon@andrews.edu.

Family Game Night

FEBRUARY 15 • 6:00-9:00 PM PMC COMMONS

Bring your games and the family and let's have some fun! Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by the Family Life Committee.

Berrien Springs Supper Club

FEBRUARY 25 • 6:30 PM NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Come and bring a friend to the monthly Supper Club that meets the last Wednesday night of the month. February features Mexican dishes. Let us know you are coming @ 269.471.3150. Donations are accepted. For more information call 269.930.0505 or email evelynk@andrews.edu.

Children's Ministry Resource Center

CMRC needs two volunteers to input data into the Center's resource database and scan paper resources to make them available digitally. Volunteers should be comfortable with computer-based work, file management, and organization. Contact Debi Robertson, CMRC Associate Director, at 269.471.7150.

The Journey to Wholeness

FRIDAYS • 10 TO 11 AM ANDREWS SEMINARY HALL RM N-108 SATURDAYS • 10:15 TO 11:15 AM ANDREWS NETHERY HALL RM NH-134

The Journey to Wholeness 12-step meetings offer hope and help in addressing challenges, to help you become the person God and you intend. For information email <u>adventistrecovery@gmail.com</u> or call 240.346.5204.

Recent Mothers

If you've had a baby in the past three years, learn how to get back to your pre-pregnancy shape! Andrews Physical Therapy students are conducting a research study on post-partum women between ages 18-50. Please contact Brittney at 574.612.7884 or Sarah at 765.418.0922.

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SECOND READING

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Diana Mitchell
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Joy Ngugi
Mary Ann Paquette
Nichole Price
Manuela Yeagley



NOT ALL CAN GO AS MISSIONARIES TO FOREIGN LANDS

BY WILLYTA RUIZ-WAMACK

tudents at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School learn daily not only the core courses, but the most important aspect of education: Mission and Service. As quoted on the Ruth Murdoch Elementary School website, "Mission and service projects give young scholars an opportunity to reach out to their community with a helping hand, spread the joy of Christian living with neighbors, and share Jesus with their world."

This kind of service is exemplified by the story of Deborah Park, our sixthgrade teacher. She wanted to go on the mission trip to the Dominican Republic during Christmas break, but due to her work schedule she was not able to go. This did not stop her from being part of this mission trip. She decided that with the help of her students they would prepare

all the materials for the Vacation Bible School that would be held during the mission trip. By working together, Mrs. Park and her class prepared the materials for the VBS that were used by the students from Andrews Academy during the mission trip. The daily VBS attendance varied from 100–115 children.

"There is something for everyone to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place, saying, "Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 -*Testimonies*, vol. 6, p. 49. ■

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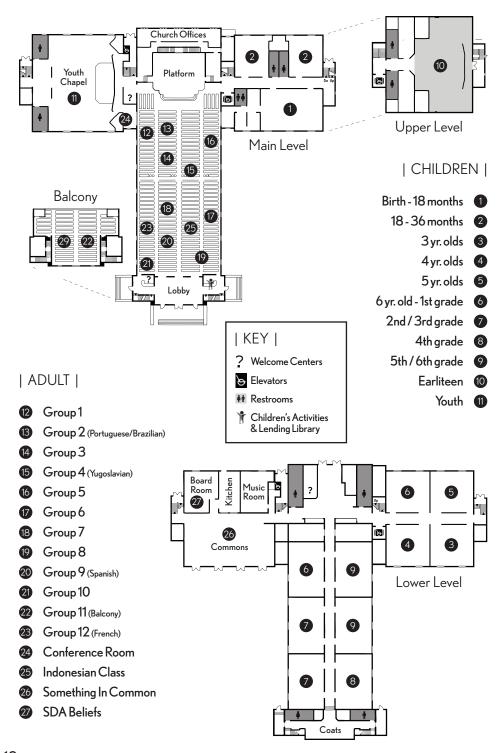
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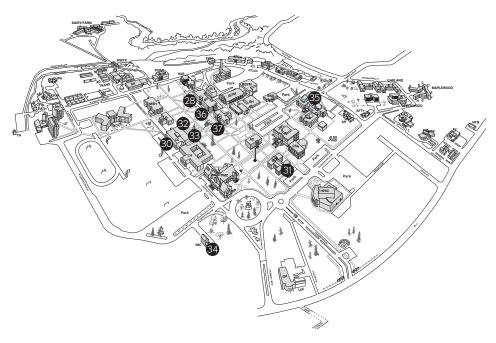
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