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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: ME AND MRS. POTIPHAR

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WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE

As I'm writing this I'm sitting at my kitchen table, looking out towards my front porch. And it's clearly evident—it's no longer hidden—that spring is here because I can see several green shoots sticking up out of the ground. Soon, those three-inch shoots will bud and flowers will appear, once more donning their royal regalia for all to see. That's what I really love about this time of year: there is newness of life. This past week we celebrated Easter and the power of the resurrection. And notice how the apostle Paul explains the impact of the resurrection in Romans 8:11: "The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you." God is at work in you today. You may be here as a guest for the first time, but know that your being here is no accident. God is up to something, and we're honored to welcome you. *-Rodlie Ortiz*

FAREWELL DR. JERONCIC

Ante Jeroncic, Associate Professor of Religion, gives a farewell message to students as he prepares to leave the Religion Department for a teaching post in the Seminary. (Photo taken by Emmanuel Leonard)



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IN THAT MIDNIGHT

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EVEN STRANGERS

OF THE ISRAELITES.

SEEKING REFUGE

WITH THEM

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NEIGHBORS,

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

ur Jewish friends and neighbors are celebrating Passover this week-from the sundown that welcomed Sabbath (April 4) to the sundown that concludes Sabbath (April 11). Included in their festivities will be the solemn but joyous celebration of the Seder. Replete with candles, the unleavened *matzah* bread, the *maror* bitter herbs, and a sumptuous dinner, this annual ritual Seder gathering of family and friends around the supper table is unlike any other

Jewish celebration. And of course it is for them a powerful, emotive reminder of God's epic midnight deliverance of the children of Israel from Egypt long ago.

The Passover Seder's fifteen steps-from the opening Kadesh to the concluding Hallel and Nirtzah-not only serve as a symbolic union with the ancient

faith community, but also as a collective expression of hope that God will even yet bring ultimate deliverance for His children scattered across the earth. As one Seder website testifies: "We recognize that despite our freedom we still live in a fractured world where things are less than perfect. We hope, dream and sing of a world redeemed as we conclude this year's Seder, and commit ourselves to being part of this unfolding narrative" (http://www.aish.com/h/pes/t/si/The-Passover-Seders-<u>15-Steps.html?s=show&tab=y).</u>

I like that—"We hope, dream and sing of a world redeemed . . . and commit ourselves to being part of this unfolding narrative." Don't we all—Jews, Christians, Seventh-day Adventists alike? **"For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the**

Lord's death until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). So wrote the rabbi and apostle Paul.

But I'm not thinking of the ritual meal (whether it is the Seder or the Lord's Supper). I wonder instead about the hope that the meal is intended to nourish, the hope of the yet-to-come Exodus deliverance of the

people of God at the Second Coming of Christ. How vibrant is that *adventist* hope these days?

The hotly contested nuclear accord with Iran, the Islamic State meltdown in the heart of the Middle East may distract us from the chronic entropy with which the rest of the planet struggles—the leakage of

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economies large and small, a crumbling of moral foundations, the demise of genuine social progress or even spiritual hope. The hype of our entertainment and sports frenzy notwithstanding, there is a collective, almost palpable longing for some Moses figure to rise up and shepherd this broken civilization toward healing.

From my humble perspective we really can get there from here, without a multiplication of complex moves. In fact just a short step lies between here and there.

But before we get there, there is this promise: "... and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you" (Exodus 12:12-13). In the final Exodus, those who are passed over (i.e., delivered by the Almighty) are those who take refuge "under the blood," the scarlet sign of the Lamb of God. That the Pharaoh's of earth will refuse the blood is obvious. But not all citizens will share that rejection. The Exodus narrative declares, "Many other people [Egyptians] went up with them [the children of Israel]" (Exodus 12:38). In that midnight neighbors, acquaintances, even strangers turned to the God of the Israelites, seeking refuge with them "under the blood," thus inheriting with them the promise of the Promised Land.

Evangelism isn't an obsolete program of the church. As in the Exodus, it is the opening of our homes and hearts to millions who will yet find in Christ the only Deliverer from a disintegrating world. And the good news is they live next door.

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

FEATURE ARTICLE



ARE YOU DISTRACTED?

BY CATHY COLEMAN

h my goodness, distractions! On certain days I am more easily distracted than others. How about you? There are times when I have goals to accomplish for the day and inevitably I get a phone call or something that takes my attention off of what I'm supposed to be doing for that day. For instance, I went grocery shopping the other day with my list (can't leave home without that!). While there I noticed that the store was rearranged; items were not in the usual places, which meant I now needed to search for what I had come to buy. Oh boy, I thought; this is going to waste my time. As I quickly moved up and down the aisles looking intently for my items I received an important phone call. While talking, this conversation led my mind to think about a present unpleasant situation unrelated to the phone call. In the end, needless to say, I got distracted and when I arrived home I realized that I had forgotten several items on my list. Does this sound familiar? Are you distracted from time to time and unable to fulfill your goals?

How about spiritual distractions? As Christians we have a main goal and that is to have a solid relationship with Christ, which can come only through spending quality time with Him. However, what about those distractions which seem to keep us from building that relationship? Yep, today you plan to have that quality time with Him. right? Then like a whirl-wind something happens in the home that gets you totally distracted, side-tracked; and vou forget that goal for the day. Or maybe it is small distractions, like receiving 20 text messages during vour planned devotional time that just can't seem to wait. Or maybe it's the baby who never wakes up early but decides to when you plan to spend time with Him.

Gadgets, Facebook, unhealthy relationships, work, sports, gossip . . . Whatever the case, whatever the distraction, we are counseled in *Early Writings* chapter 6 that we are living in the time of the investigative judgment, the time of the sealing which began in 1844. Counsel says that the enemy is doing all that he can to distract, to deceive, and to keep our minds so occupied that we will not focus on our relationship with Christ until the sealing time is over, which then will be too late.

The enemy has his own goal and that is to take as many people as he possibly can out with him, uncovered by God's seal. This is not a future event; this is actually happening right now; we are living it.

HOW ABOUT SPIRITUAL DISTRACTIONS? AS CHRISTIANS WE HAVE A MAIN GOAL AND THAT IS TO HAVE A SOLID RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST, WHICH CAN COME ONLY THROUGH SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH HIM.

May we make a concerted effort to stay focused on our heavenly goals and not be distracted or sidetracked by the enemy. We have a wonderful loving Savior who can arrest all of the enemy's tactics if we will allow Him. "God's got this" ... we just need to let Him. ■

Cathy Coleman attends PMC and Harbor of Hope.

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Be With Me • Johann Sebastian Bach / Clark **Opening Voluntary** Introit Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness • Anonymous **Call to Worship** Rodlie Ortiz Let us worship the God who has been our help. Our God is the God of hope. May the Lord's presence be felt among the people of our congregation today. It is in God's mercy and grace that we stand. Doxoloav Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2 Invocation Dwight K. Nelson Hymns of Praise and Faith The Lord Is My Light • st. 1& 3 of 515 For the Beauty of the Earth • 565 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522 L. S. Baker, Jr. Congregational Prayer We Would See Jesus • st. 4 of 494 The Prayer • David Foster / Cerulli Worship in Music Kingdom Growth: Meet Our New Kiosk Children's Story Swing Low, Sweet Chariot • arr. Robert Frost Psalm 51:1-4, 10 NIV • Einra Leie Baker & Lora Czen Baker Scripture Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Sermon "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Me and Mrs. Potiphar" Dwight K. Nelson

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Psalm 104: Bless the Lord, O My Soul • Charles Wood

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP LEADERS: Arnie Lou Baker, LS Baker, Jr., Einra Leie Baker and Lora Czen Baker WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Strings; Héctor Flores, director

MUSIC ALIVE

reating interpretive instrumental versions of hymn melodies is a centuries-old art. Sometimes these versions keep the entire melody, more or less plainly, supplying elaborations underneath or around the simple notes of the melody. Other times the melody itself becomes varied greatly, at times so as hardly to be recognizable. Another way is that only a portion of the melody, such as a strong motif from its beginning, is used repeatedly in the instrumental interpretation. This week's closing voluntary uses from its very beginning the first five notes of a hymn melody, one for words from Psalm 104, in strong chords that develop much energy and exude much power. "My soul, Praise the Lord, speak good of his Name..." (Psalm 104:1a, Sternhold and Hopkins version)

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| Special Feature | Dillon Zimmerman (B.S. Physics, Chemistry, Math Ed.) |
| Offertory | Dillon Zimmerman Give Me Jesus • arr. Moses Hogan |
| Bible Study | "Baptism and the Temptations" • 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. | |
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| Benediction | Ben Shelley |

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Kristen Abraham, soprano; Ellen Yoon, piano

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As We Begin

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot • arr. Robert Frost

Praise

Lord Is My Light • Your Grace Is Enough • 10,000 Reasons

Baptisms

Hilda Sarahy González, Jocelyn Gladys González, Francisco Javier González, Carolina Rebecca González, Ana Carolina González *with Rodlie Ortiz*

Prayer

José Bourget

Children's Choir L-O-V-E, Love! • Celeste Clydesdale

Kingdom Growth

Meet Our New Kiosk

Worship in Music

The Prayer • David Foster / Cerulli

Sermon

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Psalm 104: Bless the Lord, O My Soul • Charles Wood

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PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 8:20 SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:27

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 5:00 PM** for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY |

THE AMAZING GRACE RACE 6:00 PM • ANDREWS ACADEMY

FAMILY VESPERS 7:00 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

| SUNDAY |

ADVENTIST RETIREES 1:00 PM • VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

| WEDNESDAY |

HOUSE OF PRAYER 7:00 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Sweet Revenge"

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"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: *Lange Duree*" Family Vespers TODAY • 7:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

Bring a friend and join us as we discuss "Crucial Conversations." Let us "call the Sabbath a delight" (Isaiah 58:13).

The Amazing Grace Race

TODAY • 6:00 PM ANDREWS ACADEMY CHAPEL

The Cactusville Kids Choir presents this fun musical play. Come and support these kids as they use their talents for God!

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

You are invited to the potluck and special presentation by Bradley Church, a student at Andrews University and return student missionary from Guyana. Please bring a dish to serve 10-12 people. Contact Mike or Shirley Gammon at 989.427.5669.

Second Sunday Concert

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

April's Second Sunday concert features the Battle Creek Academy Band under the direction of Michelle Stark. No tickets required.

Classical Seminary

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM SEMINARY CHAPEL

You are invited to a free concert featuring the students and staff, faculty and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. A light reception will follow. For more info, please contact Tom Shepherd at <u>trs@andrews.edu</u>.

Senior Violin Recital

TOMORROW • 7:30 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

WayAnne Watson performs her senior violin recital with pianist Edgar Pérez. Reception to follow. Admission is free.

Volunteers Needed

Put on an orange hat and vest and make someone's Sabbath special. The traffic crew needs you. Choose your time: 8:00 to 11:30 AM or 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Call Ross Pfeifle at 470.9916 or email at <u>ross_pmctraffic@yahoo.com</u> or Fred Guerrero at 269.487.8442 or <u>fguerrer@andrews.edu.</u>

Knitting Hearts Together

APRIL 14 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM MACCARTY HOME

The Knitting Hearts Together (shawl ministry) group will meet again on Tuesday. For more information, contact Alice Williams (<u>alicew@andrews.edu</u> or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060).

Nominating Committee SECOND READING

Elders:

Lynell De Wind June Price

Scrapbooking Together

APRIL 19 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM PMC COMMONS

Bring your projects and enjoy time with your fellow scrapbookers and card makers. Bring a snack and we will provide the chocolate and prizes. Questions? Call Sherrie at 471-3134.

Wind Symphony Spring Concert

APRIL 19 • 4:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Wind Symphony will present their Spring Concert under the direction of Alan Mitchell. Call 471.3560 for tickets.

Thank You

Thank you for the flowers and cards I received at the time of my father's death three weeks ago. It's nice to know that I'm cared for by so many friends. *-Bruce Closser*

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Andy Snyder on the death of his brother, James, in Nebraska. A memorial service will be held in May in Nebraska. With Andy, Judy, and his entire family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Honoring George Knight

APRIL 21 • 11:30 AM SEMINARY CHAPEL

AU will present a festschrift to George Knight in honor of his distinguished career. There will be tributes and a response from Knight. A reception will follow in the Seminary Commons. For more information email Becky St. Clair at stclair@andrews.edu.

Family Vespers Next Week

APRIL 18 • 7:30 PM PMC SANCTUARY

Scott Ritsema will present "Media on the Brain." We see it all around us. Hollywood, popular music, TV, video gaming, spectator sports, e-relationships and pornography are saturating the lives of God's professed people. But what does the latest science say about the mindaltering effects of 21st-century media? And what is the spiritual agenda in the entertainment and advertising industries?

Anointing Service Planned

APRIL 21 • 7 PM PMC SANCTUARY

If you would like to be anointed for physical, emotional, social or spiritual healing, you are invited to participate in this ancient prayer for healing (read James 5:13-16). Teams of pastors and elders will pray with you and anoint you. Come alone or bring a friend to join you in this short but deeply meaningful experience. "... by His wounds we are healed" (Isaiah 53:6).

Hot Dog Roast

APRIL 25 • 6:00 TO 8:00 PM BEAVER POINT

Join your PMC family for a Hot Dog Roast at Beaver Point, behind the Honors Building on campus. We'll have a vespers and time for fellowship. If your last name begins with A-M bring hot dogs and buns, N-S chips or fruit, T-Z salad or dessert (s'mores anyone?). Bring blankets or chairs. Drink, condiments, and plastic ware will be provided. In case of rain, meet at the Grove pavilion on campus. *-Sponsored by Family Life Committee*

PMC Job Opening

• Administrative Assistant for Pastor for Discipleship/GROW Group

Position Summary

• Performs standard, advanced and confidential secretarial duties requiring discernment, broad experience, skill and knowledge of organizational policies and procedures.

Qualifications Summary

• Education and/or Experience: Associate or Bachelor's degree preferred or the equivalent and a minimum of three years of work related administrative experience.

• Technical Skills: Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, Desktop Publishing and Arena software.

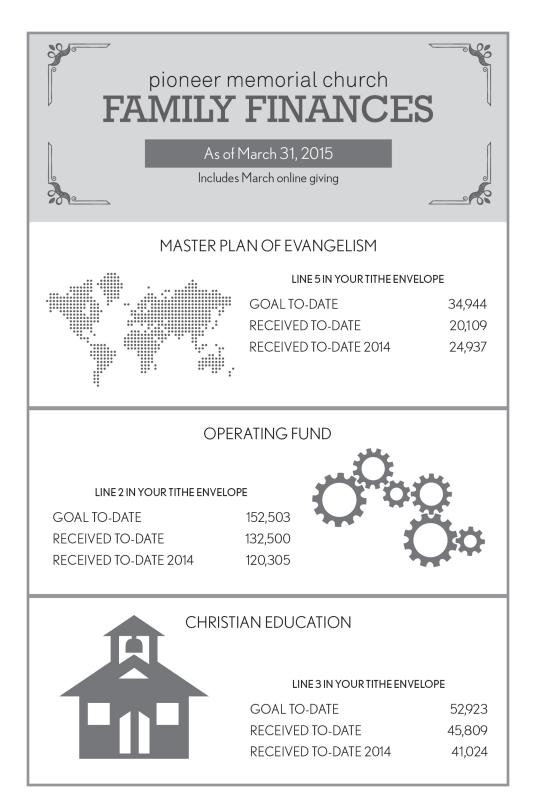
• Language Skills: Proficiency in English: ability to write, read, compose, and edit accurately. Good listening, verbal, and communication skills in an culturally diverse parish.

• Must be a Seventh-day Adventist in good and regular standing.

Individuals interested in this position should send a resume with a cover letter addressed to: Pioneer Memorial Church, Attn: Office Manager, 8655 University Blvd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Horn Museum Exhibits

The Siegfried H. Horn Archaeological Museum will exhibit ancient artifacts rarely seen outside of the nation of Jordan. "Figurines of Tall Jalul" will be at the museum until late April. For information call 471.6180.



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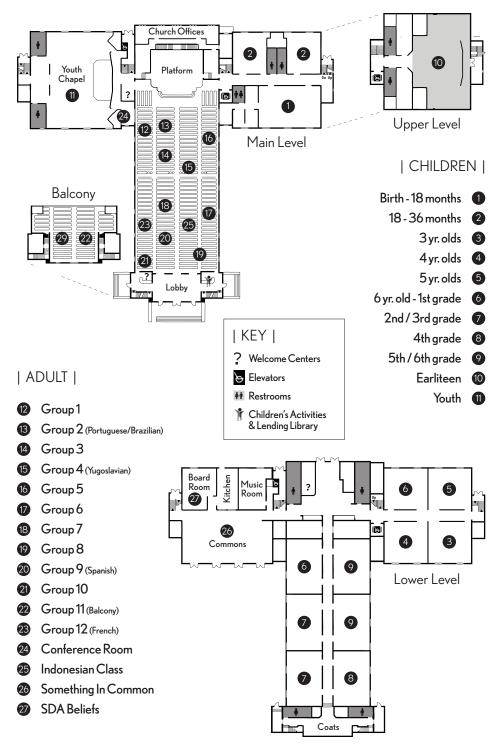
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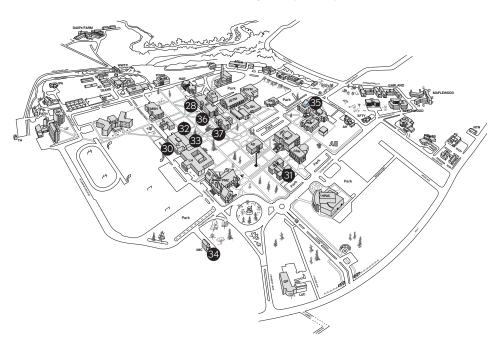
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