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HAPPY SABBATH

Welcome and a happy Sabbath to each and every one. To all who have come to Pioneer Memorial-to every student, to every guest, and to every member we extend a most cordial and warm welcome. We are glad you are here.

"He [God] desires that those who come to worship Him shall carry away with them precious thoughts of His care and love, that they may be cheered in all the employments of daily life, that they may have grace to deal honestly and faithfully in all things." (*Steps to Christ*, 103.2)

-Don Dronen

A HIGH CALLING

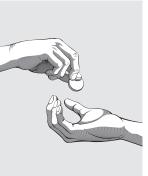
As the assistant director of Media Ministries, Jonathan LaPointe wears many hats. Here he braves the heights to change a light bulb high above the sanctuary platform. (Photo taken by Troy Homenchuk)



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ISIS AND THE GOSPEL

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

ow many more videoed ISIS murders will the world tolerate? It isn't a pleasant conversation to have; but the tragic brutality notwithstanding, one can't help but wonder how horrific the scenes must become before there is a global, collective rising up of the human race to halt the butchery. The extermination of six million Jews during World War 2 began with a handful of murders here, another box-car-full there—but all of it (at least initially) beyond the eye and knowledge of an unsuspecting world. Not so the ISIS brutalities that are carefully, even

professionally choreographed so all can witness (albeit after the fact) their bloody reprisals.

Twenty-one Egyptian Coptic Christians, purportedly lined up for a mass beheading last week. Forty-five Iraqis reported burned to death in cages this week not unlike the hapless Jordanian

air force pilot. And all of it at the hands of a taunting organization of terrorists.

I am not advocating a "nuke them all" military strategy to end the cruel mayhem. The sword rarely halts the sword. But with every new ISIS headline, the conviction deepens that some sinister mind is cruelly dragging this race into a raging cauldron—for purposes perhaps not yet entirely clear to us. Will a popular moral leader finally speak up and unite the world in a crusade to obliterate such moral debauchery? But as long as all of this is "over there," how could any leader, political or moral, effectively mobilize the world community? Must it come "over here" first? What lies ahead for us all?

Jesus prophesied a "final sign" of His return: "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14). Throughout history His followers have been motivated to seek the fulfillment of this last sign, ostensibly to hasten the return of their Lord. But

> the ratcheting up of human misery and suffering across the earth is surely fresh impetus to obey Christ's command. What else but the light of His Gospel could possibly penetrate the moral darkness and heal the crippling pain of hopelessness that far, far too many suffer today? Not

only in the Middle East, but in the West as well. ". . . from every quarter of this world of ours comes the cry of sin-stricken hearts for a knowledge of the God of love. Millions upon millions have never so much as heard of God or of His love revealed in Christ. It is their right to receive this knowledge. They have an equal claim with us in the Saviour's mercy" (Education 262-263).

"An equal claim" on Jesus' mercy– black-robed ISIS executioners are not

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immune to Calvary's piercing love, are they? Neither are the sobbing loved ones whose wails rend the air. All have "an equal claim" on the Savior's mercy. And so to all He sends us.

For that reason "Kingdom Growth" is fresh language at Pioneer to express this university congregation's unrelenting commitment to *go* into all the world, to send into all the world, to give into all the world. "An equal claim" on the Savior's mercy. Kingdom Growth. Growing Christ's kingdom one saved life at a time. Like the pioneers. 2015 and beyond. ■

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

FEATURE ARTICLE



"The earth is the Lord's and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it." (Psalms 24:1)

BY REBECCA COLEMAN

s Christians, God calls on us to be good stewards of the things He has given us. We are placed here to be good stewards of the earth that we live in. All throughout the Bible God gives us divine principles on how to

best live our lives as witnesses and stewards for Him. Both budgeting and stewardship are lessons that God wants us to learn and He outlines several principles in the Bible for us.

EVERYTHING COMES FROM GOD

The first and most important principle to remember when dealing with budgeting and stewardship is that everything that we have comes from God. Keeping this in mind will hold us back from spending money unnecessarily. God is the One Who gives us the strength and intelligence to work and support ourselves and provide for our families.

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (NIV)

We might be tempted to think that we are the ones who provide for ourselves, but in truth everything that we have comes

directly from above. This is a good principle to keep in mind when things get rough. Prayer is the answer when we are in need; God will provide what we need according to His will.

GIVING

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38 NIV

The act of giving not only benefits the receiver but the giver as well. God doesn't have any need for our money, but through our giving He blesses us. By putting God first in our lives and on our budgets, we learn to respect His sovereignty and share our blessings with others.

SAVING

Even though we are to trust God to provide for us and to meet our needs, the Bible still communicates the wisdom of saving. God will provide for our every need; however, God wants us to understand the responsibility of saving for a rainy day. "The wise store up choice food and olive oil, but fools gulp theirs down." Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)

From this verse we can conclude that God is showing us the importance of self-control and moderation. It is better to save up money for a later purchase than use it to buy something that is not necessarily needed now.

STAY AWAY FROM DEBT

"The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender." Proverbs 22:7

Avoid the debt trap! Taking on financial obligations for things that are not neces-

sary is to be a bad steward of what God gives us. Once a person goes into debt, they lose a portion of their financial freedom. Staying out of debt allows us to exercise our faith in God. Sometimes, we as Christians use debts as

a way of covering our perceived needs, instead of trusting in God to take care of our real needs.

As with anything else, when deciding to live according to God's stewardship principles, remember to keep Him first in your life. Seek out God's will in prayer and in studying the Bible. God cares about every aspect of your lives and He will provide for your every need. ■

Rebecca Coleman is the Pioneer Connect Editor

EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE COMES DIRECTLY FROM ABOVE.

FAMILY WORSHIP

Opening Voluntary Acclamation (All Glory, Laud, and Honor) • James Curnow
Introit We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden

Call to Worship

 $\mathsf{Don}\,\mathsf{Dronen}$

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Our souls long for you, our hearts sing for joy before the living God. Many and various ways God spoke of old to our ancestors by the prophets; But in these latter days he has spoken to us in his Son. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

Doxology	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow $ \cdot 2$		
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Scripture

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 NIV

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.

For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

Hymn of Preparation

We Give Thee But Thine Own • 670

Sermon

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Hymn of Commitment

I Surrender All • 309

Benediction

Closing Voluntary Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • attr. Henry Purcell

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Concert Band, Byron Graves, director

MUSIC ALIVE THEODULPH, TEXT, AND TRIUMPH

atal poisoning in prison? Or immediate pardon? Opinion is strangely divided. But one story has it that Theodulph of Orleans (750-821) wrote the text of the hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" while in prison. The hymn (see hymn 229) originally was 78 lines long. At one time bishop of Orleans, France, Theodulph was accused of plotting against the king known as "Louis the Pious" and imprisoned. Legend would have us believe that King Louis passed the prison in a Palm Sunday procession and heard Theodulph singing lines from this hymn. It is supposed that the king was so delighted that he then and there pardoned Theodulph. The triumph of Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem shines from this radiant hymn. A melody commonly sung to these words is the basis for *Acclamation*, a composition for band. ■

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Song Service	Christina Carroll
Welcome	Adrian Marston (B.A education)
Scripture	Cointe St. Brice (B.A international development)
Special Feature	Jannel Monroe (B.A theology)
Call for Offering	Karajan Thomas (B.A social work)
Bible Study	"Words of 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.

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Closing Prayer

Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; OFFERTORY: Melody Morgan, soprano; Anna Rorabeck, piano

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WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

How Can I Keep From Singing? • Randall Standridge

Praise Jesus Paid It All • He Is Exalted • Withholding Nothing • I Surrender All

> **Prayer** Don Dronen

Worship in Music

On a Hymnsong of Lowell Mason • David Holsinger

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As We Depart

Acclamation (All Glory, Laud, and Honor) • James Curnow

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PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 6:23 SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:32

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 5:00 PM for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY |

FAMILY VESPERS 6:00 PM • PMC SANCTUARY

| WEDNESDAY |

HOUSE OF PRAYER 7:00 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

| FRIDAY |

UNIVERSITY VESPERS

7:30 PM • PMC SANCTUARY

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Stories in the Rearview Mirror: Ellen White and Why I Believe in the Ordination of Women"

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Stories in the Rearview Mirror: Why I Believe in the Third Person's Last Rain" **Family Vespers**

TODAY • 6:00 PM YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening's vespers will close the Sabbath with music and scripture.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, we would like to express our heartfelt and sincere appreciation for the loving kindness you surrounded our family with during our dear Erno's illness and after his passing. Your gentle words of encouragement and support have meant a lot to us. We appreciated the countless prayers, cards, flowers, hugs and food we received. May the Lord richly bless you for everything you have done for us. We can't wait to see our dear Erno in heaven, very soon.

-Ildiko Gyeresi and family

Muslim Outreach

TODAY • 1:30 PM ST JOSEPH SDA CHURCH

Elder Petras Bahadur, General Conference Director of Adventist Muslim Relations, will be offering a two-hour training session for Muslim outreach, including the testimony of two young women who converted from Islam to Adventism, and role-play on how to study with Muslims. For info contact Ignacio Goya at <u>igoya7@hotmail.com</u>.

Scrapbooking Together

FEBRUARY 22 • 1:00-5:00 PM PMC COMMONS

Scrapbookers and cardmakers are invited to get some pages and/or cards done. You bring your favorite snack, we will provide chocolate and prizes. If you have questions, call Sherrie Davis at 471.3134.

The Knitting Hearts Together

FEBRUARY 24 • 7:00-8:30 PM MACCARTY'S HOME

Use your yarn- or fabric-crafting skills to bless others. For more information contact Alice Williams @ 471-3373 or email <u>alicew@andrews.edu</u>.

Winter Blood Drive

FEBRUARY 25-26 • 1:00-7:00 PM PMC COMMONS

The Winter Blood Drive will take place in the Commons of Pioneer Memorial Church. Come and give blood; you can save lives.

Old-time Gospel and Hymn Sing-a-Long

FEB 28 • 6-7 PM • VILLAGE CHURCH

Join us in picking old favorites rarely sung. Invite your neighbors who might know these oldies. Come and share your voice to end the Sabbath.

Andrews Filipino International Association MARCH1 • 3:00 PM

ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy invites you to learn about one of the Philippines' greatest heroes, Jose Rizal. You will be entertained, educated, and fed. For ticket information email <u>afia@andrews.edu</u>. We hope to see you there!

Memorial Service MARCH 1 • 2 PM • PMC SANCTUARY

Longtime members of this congregation, Bob and Ilea McDaniel were active in the community and on campus (37 years as the campus barber). Their untimely death while returning home from the holidays is tempered by the memory of their gracious living. Join the family from across the nation on March 1, as we remember and look forward to the "blessed hope" of Jesus' return.

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 471.7150.

Women's Retreat

APRIL 3-5, 10-12, 17-19 CAMP AU SABLE

God has a plan for your life. Find your direction at the 2015 Michigan Conference Women's Retreat. For information and registration visit <u>www.misda.org</u> and click on Women's Ministry.

Baptismal Class Grades 4-8

WEDNESDAY 4-5 PM; THURSDAY 5-6 PM; FRIDAY 1:30 PM • PMC

The first week of March will be the beginning of small group baptismal classes to encourage young people in understanding what they believe and how they can build their relationship with Jesus. If you or a young person are interested in joining one of these groups contact the PMC office at 471.6565 or genaida@andrews.edu.

ArtsBridge Collage Concert & Exhibit

MARCH1 • 4:00 PM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BENTON HARBOR

Featured artists include pianist Ivan Ankansiima, All God's Children Community Choir, and functional ceramics by Anthony Schaller and Michelle Witzel. For information call 269.925.7075.

Academy Day MARCH 10 • 7:30 AM-2:15 PM ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy is hosting a special day on which any 8th-graders are welcome to come, explore, and get to know about Andrews Academy. For information contact Hannah Smoot at 471.6140 or email <u>smoot@andrews.edu</u>.

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.

Sanctuary Choir Call

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00-8:30 PM PMC TEEN LOFT

Join the Sanctuary Choir! Come rehearse with us in the PMC Teen Loft. Contact Director Jeannie Pedersen-Smith at jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com or 269.277.0488, voice or text.

Women's Ministry

If you have any really great ideas or would like to help out with Women's Ministry at PMC, contact Sallie Alger at <u>salger@andrews.edu</u>.

Food Drive

Support the Neighbor to Neighbor food drive. Pick up a form at Apple Valley and check the items you wish to donate. You can pay for it there and Apple Valley will deliver your food items to Neighbor To Neighbor. You may also visit us in person and bring non-perishable donations to our store located at 9147 U.S. Highway 31. This month is an opportunity to help restock our food supply and help your community.

Give the Gift of Service

Pioneer member and Andrews alumna Keithea Grant invites you to partner with herself and *Students for International Mission Service* (SIMS) as they conduct mobile clinics & health fairs in Bolivia, March 20-29. To sponsor a participant or make a general donation, please visit <u>http://tinyurl.com/p664y75</u> or call SIMS at 909. 558.8089. Thank you!

The Creation Case

MARCH 31 · 7PM · HPAC

World Premiere and Dedication event for this 13-part video series produced by Rich Aguilera. Screen episode #1, meet the cast, get a copy, watch blooper reel, and more. This event is free and open to all.

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.

GOD'S ABUNDANT PANTRY 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

BY CHUCK PECK

our prayers and financial support for God's Abundant Pantry are very much needed and deeply appreciated. Following are some statistics which provide a window into the value of this vital ministry sponsored by PMC. The positive impact it has on the day-to-day lives of Andrews' International and graduate students is far beyond the measure of mere numbers.

STUDENT TESTIMONIAL

am a nursing student here at Andrews living in the University Apartments. I am a single mother of a 13-year-old. We benefit greatly from the food received from GAP. It has sustained us through some difficult times. I hope you will donate regularly to this ministry that is supporting and encouraging to so many student families.

The number of student family units:	
a. Who applied and qualify for supplemental food	339
b. Served each Tuesday and Thursday, average	94
Number of dollars PMC spent to fund the GAP ministry	\$12,992
Pounds of food purchased	166,463
Pounds of food donated by local growers	38,350
Estimated retail value of food provided to students	\$320,492
Your \$1.00 donation was multiplied 24.67 times to	\$24.67

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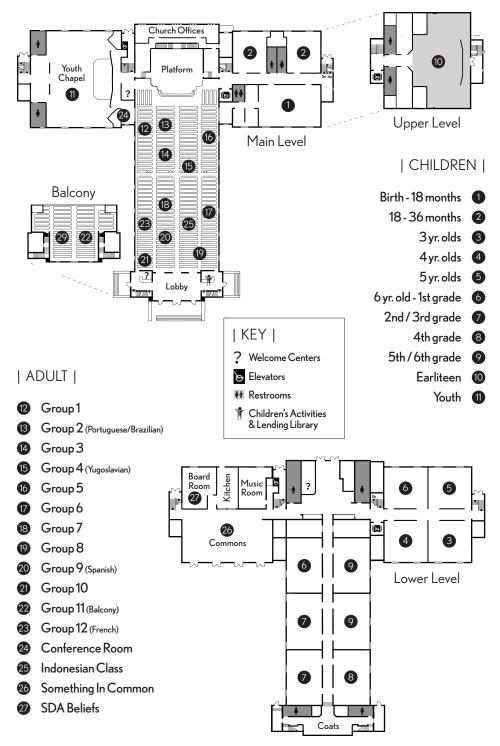
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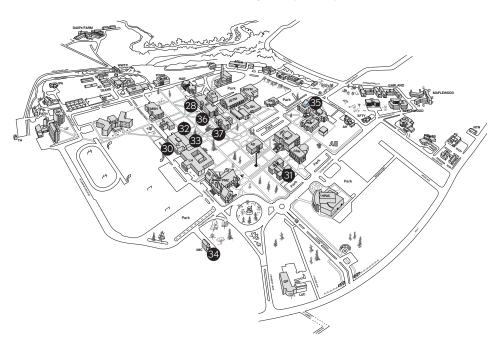
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