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HOW TO  
RESPOND WHEN  
YOUR WORLD HAS  
FALLEN  
APART






# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

My drive to school typically took about 30-45 minutes with the infamous New Jersey traffic. Those precious moments in our vehicle were spent in worship, memorizing Scripture, teaching life lessons and everything in between. Commonly, those car rides were filled with times that had us laughing so hard that our ribs often felt like they couldn't handle the laughter that reverberated from our bodies. My mother told me her advice, opinions and reflected back on her childhood during those rides to and from school. Those conversations brought my mind to this verse in Proverbs. "My child, obey your father's godly instruction and follow your mother's life-giving teaching. Fill your heart with their advice and let your life be shaped by what they've taught you. Their wisdom will guide you wherever you go and keep you from bringing harm to yourself. Their instruction will whisper to you at every sunrise and direct you through a brand new day" (Prov. 6:20-22 TPT). So, as we begin this brand new Sabbath, let us join together in celebration of motherhood and life. Happy Mother's Day!

–Brittany Doyle, Graphic Designer

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# JAPAN TRENDING



**H**ere are a couple of trending headlines to share with you before flying to Tokyo. In Japan right now trending up is the pollen count, but trending down are the children.

Japan's renowned cherry blossoms have been in glorious bloom now since April. But while the world revels in their stunning pink and white splendor, the economic impact on Japan is no trifling matter—\$1.8 billion "because of pollen-induced allergies" ([www.money.cnn.com/2018/05/04/news/economy/japan-hay-fever-economy/index.html](http://www.money.cnn.com/2018/05/04/news/economy/japan-hay-fever-economy/index.html)). According to Toshihiro

Nagahama, chief economist with the Dai-Ichi Life Research Institute, "The damage comes in several forms. . . Fewer people want to go out, which hits consumption, and workers suffering from hay fever take more sick days. Or if they do show up to work, they're less productive. And 2018 is looking like one of the worst years on record for hay-fever sufferers in Japan.

The pollen count in some parts of the country has more than doubled compared with last year" (ibid.).

But trending down for the Land of the Rising Sun is the child count. According to *The Japan Times*: "The number of children in Japan fell for the 37th consecutive year to yet another record low, signaling that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's efforts to combat the low birthrate are still wanting" ([www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/05/04/national/number-children-japan-falls-37th-year-hit-new-record-low/#.WvG8ZqQvzDc](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2018/05/04/national/number-children-japan-falls-37th-year-hit-new-record-low/#.WvG8ZqQvzDc)). In fact comparing 32 countries with a population of 40 million or more, Japan is ranked the lowest in terms of the ratio of children (a child is defined as a person aged 14 or under) to overall population (12.3%). Lower birth rates are the harbinger of a dwindling work force and sagging economy. This past year Japan's child count dropped another 170,000.

In all candor the church in Japan faces a similar challenge. The number of "second birth" or "born again" members is dropping. And the outlook is glum. But "glum" is a human attitude, not a divine perspective. In fact I believe God's stunning YES CAN DO perspective for reaching and winning new children for His Kingdom in Japan (and throughout the world) is over the top! How else shall we explain John's vision of all the saved in heaven one day (we pray soon): **"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands"** (Revelation 7:9).

Did you catch that? The number of the

redeemed from earth is so high no one can count it!

I say we take courage from this stunning portrayal of God's saving love for His lost earth children—He is going to save us by the tens of thousands of millions. And those numbers will include Japan!

So on the eve of my flying to Tokyo for the upcoming full-court press evangelistic series on the campus of Saniku Gakuin Adventist College (where 70% of the 201 students are non-Christian pagans, to put it bluntly)—I earnestly solicit your prayer partnership on behalf of all the evangelistic series and preachers across the islands of Japan this month. Put your finger on God's promise: **"Therefore in the east [Land of the Rising Sun] give glory to the LORD; exalt the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the islands of the sea [Japan]"** (Isaiah 24:15). **"Sing to the LORD a new song . . . you islands, and all who live in them"** (Isaiah 42:10). How the Savior longs for the day when Japanese voices will join that innumerable throng in singing the praises of our Redeemer and God!

Look—if the "pollen count" in Japan can go up, why can't the "pollen count" of the Holy Spirit and His contagious "everlasting gospel" go up as well! Of course it can—it must. So we must pray—pray as we have never prayed before for God's supernatural release of (1) the dark lord's iron grip upon that land and (2) Christ Jesus' penetration throughout that society. Let the ether be filled with His life-giving "pollen." And our prayers.

PS—for my (hopefully) daily reports on Japan please visit [www.pmchurch.org/JapanJournal](http://www.pmchurch.org/JapanJournal). Pray on. ■



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SHE IS CLOTHED WITH STRENGTH AND DIGNITY;  
SHE CAN LAUGH AT THE DAYS TO COME.  
SHE SPEAKS WITH WISDOM,  
AND FAITHFUL INSTRUCTION IS ON HER TONGUE.  
SHE WATCHES OVER THE AFFAIRS OF HER HOUSEHOLD  
AND DOES NOT EAT THE BREAD OF IDLENESS.  
HER CHILDREN ARISE AND CALL HER BLESSED;  
HER HUSBAND ALSO, AND HE PRAISES HER.

PROVERBS 31:25-28

# Mothers

BELIEVE IN US MORE THAN WE BELIEVE IN OURSELVES

DO MORE FOR US THAN THEY DO FOR THEMSELVES

WORRY ABOUT US MORE THAN WE REALIZE

PRAY FOR US MORE THAN WE'LL EVER KNOW

VALUE US MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD

GIVE US MORE THAN THEY CAN AFFORD

LOVE US MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE CAN

MATTER MORE THAN WORDS CAN EXPRESS

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*From Whom All Blessings Flow* • E. Huckleby

## Introit

*Be Thou My Vision* • Traditional Irish Melody

## Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

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 God's mercy and grace that we stand. Let us sing with songs of prayer and praise. Amen.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Rodlie Ortiz

## Hymn of Praise

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* • 229

## Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel  
*Spirit of the Living God* • 672

## Worship in Music

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* • J. Dawson

## Pioneer Life

Christian Sopani Kasuba presented by  
Noah Kasuba & Doreen Mwanza  
Baby Dedication with José Bourget  
Teacher Appreciation with Ben Martin

## Children's Story

*Benediction* • J. Stevens

## Scripture

Genesis 6:17-22 NIV • James and Delauna McKee

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

**But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you.**

continued...



You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.

**Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive.**

You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.

**Hymn of Preparation** *All the Way My Savior Leads Me* • 516 (st. 1 & 2)

**Sermon** "How to Respond When Your World Has Fallen Apart" • Rodlie Ortiz

**Connect Card**

**Tithes, Offerings** World Budget

**Hymn of Commitment** *It Is Well With My Soul* • 530

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary** *Fanfare and Hymn of Celebration* • P. Lavender

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: Antillean Adventist University Symphonic Band, Ramon Araujo, director

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## MUSIC ALIVE

### "SAVED ALONE"

"S"aved Alone," the cable crackled across Atlantic expanses. In only half an hour the Ville du Havre had sunk after impacting another ship. With it sank also to the depths Maggie, Tanetta, Annie and Bessie Spafford, the daughters of Horatio and Anna Spafford. Anna had been rescued and had landed in Wales, but not before surging waters ripped her

baby from her arms and swept the child to her death. As Horatio joined Anna across the ocean, they visited evangelist Dwight L. Moody, who comforted them in their sorrow while noting their trust and confidence in God. Two years later, Horatio Spafford affirmed his faith in the hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul," Hymn #530, with its striking phrase, "When sorrows like sea billows roll. . .". ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Rachel Sauer
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Bringing in the Sheaves</i> • 369
<b>Scripture</b>	1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NKJV
<b>Prayer &amp; Welcome</b>	Dave Nowack
<b>Mission Feature</b>	"At Pioneer Every Part Matters"
<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	<i>Classes</i> • "The 'Change' of the Law"
<b>Theme Song</b>	<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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<b>Benediction</b>	Rachel Sauer
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Ronnie Zanella, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## **As We Begin**

*Canticle • Bruce Pearson*

## **Praise**

*Cornerstone • It Is Well*

*Draw Me Close*

## **Prayer**

*Sabine Vatel*

## **Pioneer Life**

Caleb Anthony Cramer presented by Joshua and Kimberly Cramer

Baby Dedication with Moise Ratsara

Teacher Appreciation with Ben Martin

## **Children's Story**

*Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody*

## **Worship in Music**

*Alleluia • Elliott Del Borgo*

## **Sermon**

"How to Respond When Your World Has Fallen Apart" • Rodlie Ortiz

## **Connect Card**

## **Tithes & Offerings**

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me • 516*

## **As We Depart**

*Encanto • Robert W. Smith*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan  
PRAISE LEADER: Joshua Goines; VOCALS: Chelcie Coleman, Kenric Rimoni  
Sinegugu Katenga, Ryan Jarvis; DJEMBE: Matthew Rajarathinam; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer  
MUSICAL SELECTIONS: RMES Band, Ely Gallardo, director

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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
Michigan Advance Partners

**SUNSET TODAY** • 8:54  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 9:01

## PIONEER PULPIT

| 05 • 19 |

**ANTHONY WAGENER-SMITH**

| 05 • 26 |

**AA GRADUATION**

Ben Martin

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### WORLD BUDGET

This week's offering for World Budget helps fund missionaries, hospitals, clinics, schools, and churches, as well as print literature and prepare broadcasts so that people who may otherwise never know of Jesus can hear or read about Him in their own language. As members of PMC we are blessed to worship with believers from around the world and we are reminded that we are a part of a global movement. Your generous gift today will have an important impact on that movement.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come close the Sabbath with sacred music, and a message entitled, "King Asa" by Pastor Balorda.

### Ruth Murdoch Elementary School 8th- Grade Graduation

MAY 31 • 7:00 PM

Come out and support our 8th-grade graduates and their families as they celebrate a tremendous milestone!

### Congratulations

"I have found the one whom my soul loves" (Song of Sol 3:4). Today's flowers are given in joyful celebration of the engagement of Sam Dronen and Brittany Ronto. May your union always bring glory to God and be filled with love and laughter! –With lots of love, the Dronen and Ronto families

### Adventist Retirees Monthly Meeting

MAY 20 • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE CHURCH

All Michiana Adventist Retirees and persons 55 or older are invited to a potluck. Our guests will be persons from Vision Outreach International, the organization that the doctors of Great Lakes Eye Care have created to treat people with eye conditions living in developing nations.

## We Say Good-bye to Two Pastors

JUNE 2 • 9:00 & 11:45 AM

In the ebb and flow of life and pastoring, we at Pioneer will soon say "Good-bye and Godspeed" to two of our beloved pastors, Sharon Terrell and Sabine Vatel. One is retiring and the other is plunging into a new professional challenge as a hospital chaplain. And both will be dearly missed here at Pioneer by the congregation and pastoral colleagues alike. Their spiritual and professional giftedness has blessed us all. And so with a sigh of regret (and a standing ovation of appreciation) our church board, last Monday evening, expressed its gratitude for the contribution both pastors have made to Pioneer and Andrews.

After more than 14 years as the Financial Administration/Stewardship Pastor at Pioneer, and with a total of 40+ years of service and ministry in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Pastor Sharon Terrell will be retiring in August. Over the last four decades, she recalls the privilege she's had of working with wonderful people at two academies—Cedar Lake and Wisconsin; four conferences—Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan; and one university here at Andrews. Pastor Sharon reflects, "It has been a wonderful journey and I am excited to see what God has in store for my retirement years." After retiring, she and husband Richard plan to remain in our community for the foreseeable future.

Pastor Sabine Vatel, for over three years now, has served as the Discipleship/GROW Groups Pastor at Pioneer. In accepting the invitation to healthcare chaplaincy through Adventist Health System and the Florida Conference of SDA, she combines her education (DMin,

RN, CPE [clinical pastoral education]) with her ministry experience here at Pioneer and previously at Forest Lake Seventh-day Adventist church for this new avenue of ministry. Her experience in both hospital and church work will open new avenues to equip and disciple leaders as she extends the healing ministry of Jesus to patients, staff, and families within the Adventist Health System, along with the wider community. Pastor Sabine shares, "My time at Pioneer with an outstanding pastoral team and supportive membership has been a time of inspiration, growth, and friendship. While I definitely look forward to this new God adventure, I'll miss the connections and ministry I've had the privilege of being a part of."

We are planning to express our gratitude, appreciation, and love for both pastors on Sabbath morning, June 2. Watch here for further details about their farewell. In the meantime, we surround Sharon and Sabine with love and prayers, as they begin the transition to their next-chapters with Jesus.

—Dwight K. Nelson

## Harbor of Hope Yard Sale Fundraiser

MAY 20 • 8:00 AM

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BERRIEN SPRINGS

Harbor of Hope is seeking donations for their yard sale. Proceeds will fund their annual health fair. This year's health fair will provide dental and vision services for the community of Benton Harbor. They are seeking items that are in good condition. Please contact Linda Bynum 269.484.4647 (business cell) or email at [bakerbynum@andrews.edu](mailto:bakerbynum@andrews.edu). Any support would be greatly appreciated.

## **The Antillean Adventist University Symphonic Band**

TONIGHT • 8:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Antillean Adventist University Symphonic Band from Mayaguez, Puerto Rico, will be performing a concert. Their repertoire will include sacred, classics, and some folk-tune arrangements. From their humble beginnings in 1985, the band has grown steadily to become what it is today. The current director, Professor Ramon Araujo, has guided the group to new heights which includes tours to different parts of the world and culminating with the performance at the closing session for the General Conference in San Antonio, Texas, in July of 2015.

## **Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Registration Picnic and STEAMS Showcase**

MAY 21 • 5:30–7:30 PM

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You are invited to our annual Registration Picnic and STEAMS Showcase! Visit our school, enjoy some food, fellowship, and fun! Discounted registration rates are available through May 21.

## **Seniors 55+ Day Trip to Greenfield Village**

MAY 16 • 6:30 AM

Adventist Retirees of Michiana (ARM) is planning a day trip to visit Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan, Wednesday, May 16. The trip begins/ends at Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot. Trip costs include travel in a comfortable coach bus and admission to Greenfield Village. For more information contact: Ken or Sharon Straw 269.470.0790 or 269.325.4663.

## **Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Spring Concert**

MAY 15 • 6:00 PM

Please come and enjoy vocal and instrumental music presented by students in Grades K-8.

## **Diabetes Nutritional Seminar**

MAY 20 • 2:00–3:00 PM

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Strategies for prevention and reversal for patients and families of people with diabetes. There will be demonstrations held. All are invited to this free informational program presented by Sherri Isaak.

## **Requesting Book Donations**

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Integritas Adventist Academy, a bilingual school in Romania, needs NKJV Bibles, Hymnals, EG White books, true stories (Hiding Place, God's Smuggler, I Will Die Free, etc.) DIY books (construction, design, gardening, etc.), computer proficiency (MS Office training, accounting, video editing, photography, etc.), science books, atlases that are current, materials for learning a foreign language. Please limit donations to books that pass the Philippians 4:8 test. If you can afford to ship the books yourself here is the address: Integritas Adventist Academy, Str. Dezrobirii nr. 63, Tragu Mures, jud. Mures, 540243, Romania. Otherwise please contact me: Vivien Oxley, 269.930.0113 or [vivienoxley@gmail.com](mailto:vivienoxley@gmail.com).

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