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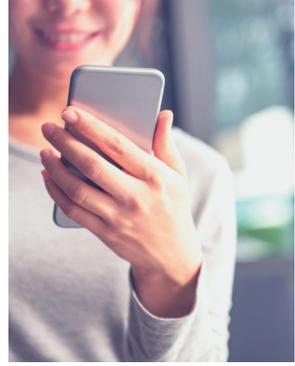
What is a church? Have you ever thought about that? I can say this with confidence: it's not about a building, but about people. It's people who have chosen to gather together for the purpose of fellowship with each other and worshipping God. We believe so much in the concept of church that we gather every single Saturday morning. It's never closed. The doors are always open. In good times, it's great to gather and celebrate what God is doing in our midst. But it's especially important to gather in bad times as well. That's when we need to press together even more. Notice the apostle Paul's encouragement in Hebrews 10:23-25– "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." So no matter what happens on a particular week, our door will be open, and we'll be glad that you're here. Welcome.

-Rodlie Ortiz

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TREE OF LIFE ON SQUIRREL HILL: A LAMENT FOR AMERICA

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Like all tragedies these days (so it seems), the slaughter of eleven worshipers at the Tree of Life synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh last Sabbath is already dimming in the national consciousness—drowned out by the cacophony of political rhetoric in advance of next week’s midterm elections.

And that is sad. Sad, because the virulent anti-Semitism that condemned these worshiping Jews to execution by firing squad is a tragic morality tale of what is yet ahead for America. For as fellow Sabbatharians, we Seventh-day Adventists with our Jewish neighbors know very well the countercultural contradistinction our choice to **“remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8)** creates with the rest of America. While the public bows at the shrine of national sports on Saturdays or the temple of mega-mall shopping, Sabbatharians quietly attend their places of worship to bow before

the Creator God of the universe. It was at that moment these eleven Jews were murdered in the refuge of their Tree of Life temple—what a heart-breaking irony!

Will it happen again? If you read the apocalyptic warning embedded in Revelation 13 as my faith community does, the calculus is certain—it will happen again. To Sabbatharians. Not only on a national scale, but globally as well. Is that somber recognition fearmongering? Hardly. It is rather the facing of truth even members of my own faith community have attempted to mitigate or at least minimize by forgetting.

Wake up! What was once unthinkable in this “land of the free and the home of the brave” has become the daily fare of this nation’s moral and ethical retrograding. And it doesn’t take high-powered optics to decide it really can happen here.

How then shall we respond? (1) Let us be proactive in seeking to build bridges



to our fellow Sabbatarian Jews. We are the closest spiritual cousins they have within Christianity. It is more than an aside to observe that we Adventists are Jews with the Messiah. And the Messiah notwithstanding, we share a kindred spirit with Jews who revere the Torah of the Old Testament and the ethics of Christ in the New Testament. Be a friend to these who daily live with the anti-Semitism of other neighbors.

And (2) let us pray for God in mercy to hold back the apocalyptic winds that threaten the United States. The American writer, Ellen White, noted: “The Lord has done more for the United States than for any other country upon which the sun shines” (*Maranatha* 193). It is time for this faith community to seriously engage/reengage the people of this land in acts of compassion, deeds of unselfish service, bold advocacy for the

marginalized and disenfranchised—in short, to live out the life of Jesus. Only when they see His love will they hear His truth. But we have become distracted by our own debates, we are complacent because our own wealth, we are disengaged from the very neighborhoods in which we dwell—all to our own loss and the loss of the apocalyptic mission we once embraced.

“We seem to sit as though we were paralyzed. God of heaven, wake us up!” (2SM 52)

The great Jewish lament of Psalm 137 must become our lament, too: **“By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion” (Psalm 137:1)**. Lament and pray, weep and work for America—before Babylon rises once more . . . before the deliverance of Zion shall come. ■



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FIRST TUESDAYS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

May I share a story with you? Last Sabbath afternoon our Board of Elders enjoyed a delectable Sabbath dinner with our friend, Joe Kidder (seminary professor here on campus). After our meal, Joe stood and told a story, a very personal story about a time he and his wife were pastoring a small congregation out west. Once a thriving, large congregation, it had been shrinking over the years—a church tussle had led to families leaving until there were just 40 members left. When he moved to that congregation, Joe had high hopes that new church-growth strategies would reverse the decline. Instead, after a year the number had dropped to 35.

Joe and his wife were discouraged. One evening he sat down at his computer to write a resignation letter. He had once been an engineer, and now his former career seemed a way out of this disappointment. The doorbell rang, and when Joe was at the door, his wife happened to walk by the computer and saw the letter of resignation. "Are you quitting?" she asked in surprise. Joe nodded. "Shouldn't

we talk to God about this?" He agreed, and so they determined to take the next day, Monday, and spend it in prayer and fasting.

Monday morning Joe went to the church. Knowing where each member was used to sitting, Joe began to move from place to place to pray. Worn down by fatigue and stress, however, he fell asleep on the floor of the church and slept for eight hours. He went home that evening. "How did it go?" He mumbled, "Fine."

And so began a Monday journey into prayer and fasting for the Kidders. Fifty-two Mondays went by. Little appeared to change. What Joe later testified is that unbeknown to him the changes were transpiring inside his own soul, as day after day and week after week he cried out to God to do something to turn the story around.

One Sabbath some strangers were sitting near the front, parents with their young daughter. Turns out they lived down the street from the church. The wife had begun to sense her need for God and suggested to her husband that they attend

church, specifically the Roman Catholic church, the church of her childhood. But the husband remembered his employer (not a Christian) once telling his employees that if they were ever looking for a church to join, it should be the Seventh-day Adventist church. And so the husband suggested the Adventist church down the block. She agreed.

After a series of Bible studies, Joe stood with the young couple in the baptistry. He told about how this couple was a godsend to his own spiritual struggle, how he and his wife had been fasting and praying every Monday for over a year. In tears, he testified that he now realized it was his own heart that had been changed through those weeks of praying. No sooner had he concluded his testimony, then a longtime church member walked to the front from the back of the sanctuary. "I need to be praying for my children away from Jesus and the church." A woman up near the front rose and confessed her need for her kids and their salvation. Others stood. Before the morning was over, the small congregation covenanted to pray and fast one day a week for their families, their unreached community.

Today there is a vibrant congregation of 600 members. And it all began with "earnest prayer." When Joe Kidder ended his testimony to the room full of Pioneer leaders last Sabbath afternoon, Bryan von Dorpowski, who with his wife Becky are Pioneer's head elders, stood. And in a matter of minutes, the leaders agreed to set aside the first Tuesday of every month for a day of prayer and fasting. Sure, people have to work, students have to study, life goes on every Tuesday. But we covenanted to keep that Tuesday day

of prayer special and sacred within our hearts, whatever each Tuesday may bring.

As it turned out, Andrea Luxton, Andrews University president, had been thinking about the need for our campus to pray. The challenges that face the church across this continent and around the world, the need to reach a secular culture with the gospel of Jesus and His soon-coming—our spiritual needs are many. And then, in one of those synchronicity moments that only the Holy Spirit can engineer, her conviction and the elder's decision were joined. **And now both the campus and the Pioneer congregation are being invited to set aside the first Tuesday of each month for a day of prayer (and fasting, for those who wish).**

It is the right time for our congregation to join forces in prayer. Our own families and children, our mission to connect with campus students and community residents, our newly launched "Renovate: Heart & House" initiative, our nation and world struggling through the headlines, our national church and our world church wrestling over God's vision for the journey ahead—we as a people have every reason to join in calling on God. **"Call upon Me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you; and you will glorify Me" (Psalm 50:15)** is His promise.

"First Tuesdays"—I hope you will prayerfully consider joining this prayer force for the Kingdom of God. Be watching our eLetter and worship bulletins for specific themes and needs over the next 12 months. And in the power of the Holy Spirit, let's move "forward on our knees" with Jesus. ■



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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* • attr. H. Purcell

Introit *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* • Louis Bourgeois

Call to Worship Rodlie Ortiz

Jesus Christ is Lord!

To the glory of God the creator!

Jesus poured out his glory, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

God has exalted him highly and given him the greatest of all names.

So that at Jesus' name every knee should bend low.

Every tongue proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord to the glory of God the creator!

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

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* • 100

Congregational Prayer Rodlie Ortiz
Father, Lead Me Day by Day • st. 1 of 482

Worship in Music *And Can It Be?* • D. Forrest

Children's Story *God Will Take Care of You* • Kenneth Logan

Scripture Matthew 6:31-34 NIV • Wanda Poole Ferguson and Duane Ferguson

So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?"

For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Hymn of Preparation

"Seek Ye First the Kingdom" • 224 st. 1-2

Sermon

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Hymn of Commitment

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • 334

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Faithful God • Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Choir Silhouettes
Marcelo Martins, director, Nathaniel Chung, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

"FAITHFUL GOD"

Today's closing organ music is based on a German chorale, its text beginning, "O God, you righteous God, You source of good gifts . . ." The next stanza says, "Grant that I may do diligently / What it is my duty to do, . . . At the time when I should . . . then grant that it may turn out well!" Johannes Brahms' musical organ setting has broad, flowing musical lines, occasioning much alternation between various organ keyboards ("manuals").

His expressive conclusion has mysterious multiple halts to motion—silences. Perhaps the one who ultimately affirms God as faithful pauses, weighed down with doubts. But what seems to be a strong, sweeping musical affirmation concludes the piece very positively indeed! Today's children's offertory, also affirming God's faithfulness, uses the beginning of the melody, and the beginning of the refrain, of hymn no. 99. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christine Carroll
Opening Hymn	Blest Be the Tie That Binds • 350
Welcome	Marilyn Butler
Prayer	Melchizedek Ponniah
Special Feature	"Sabbath School Class: A GROW Group" Aubury Hopkin's Class
Offering	<i>"The Savior is Waiting"</i> • arr. Dino Kartsonakis
Lesson Study	"The Experience of Unity in the Early Church"
Theme Song	<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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Benediction	Christine Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Amber Kwon, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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Each day has enough trouble of its own.

—Matthew 6:31-34 NIV

We Begin

*Praise God, From Whom
All Blessings Flow*
attr. Henry Purcell

Praise

*Mighty to Save
Cornerstone
In Christ Alone
Worthy is the Lamb*

Prayer

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As We Depart

O God, Faithful God
Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
PRAISE LEADER: Leo Aguilera; CELLOS: Mark Jo, Minseo Kang; CAJON: Justin Florez
VOCALS: Maia Hamstra, Grace Dockerty, and Carlo Leonor
VIOLINS: Daniel Palacios, Claire Yang; PERCUSSION: Alex Aguilera
CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY: Andrews Academy Choir Silhouettes; BASS: Andres Weiss
KEYBOARD: Jihoo Choi; PIANIST: Nathaniel Chung
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Choir Silhouettes
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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
World Budget (Annual Sacrifice)

SUNSET TODAY • 6:39
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:31

PIONEER PULPIT

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JOHN C. PECKHAM
"Good Enough?"

| 11 • 17 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON
Feast of Hymns— "Excel: The Spreadsheet of Thanksgiving"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

A retired missionary told this story: "Years ago I served in southern Brazil. On one of my trips, I pulled into a truck stop to get gas for my car. To pay, I stood in line behind a trucker and overheard the cashier say to him, 'How much do you want me to write on your receipt? The cashier would inflate the receipt, they would divide up the difference, and the driver would turn in the receipt and pocket the rest.' There is no telling how much dishonesty there is in the world. God's tithing system teaches us to be honest. On the plus side, it is a wonderful thing not only to be honest, but to be generous. It's a foretaste of His kingdom.

We Mourn

We grieve today with four families whose loved ones have died.

Irene Fishell died Sunday evening, October 28 at Caretle Inn in Saint Joseph. She is survived by sons Randy (Diana) Fishell and David (Karen) Fishell, grandchildren and a great grandson. Services were held at Allred Funeral Home in Berrien Springs on Friday, November 2.

Richard (Dorothy) Show's father, Harry Show died on October 29. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

Liz Beck died on October 30 in Virginia where she had been living with her daughter, Connie. Many of you will recall that not only was Liz a successful realtor in the Berrien Springs area, she ran the "Fireside Fellowship" for Andrews University students for many years. Sharon (Ken) Straw followed in her mother's footsteps as a realtor here in Berrien Springs. Details regarding service arrangements will be forthcoming.

We grieve today with Milan and Lily Vajdic on the death of Milan's sister, Verica Krkljus, who passed away on Sabbath, October 20.

With each of these family members and their many friends we long for Jesus triumphant return. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening's vespers is a prayer session.

Pathfinder Apple Pie Fund-Raiser

Members of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club are currently collecting pre-orders for homemade Apple Pies that we are selling as a fund-raiser. If you don't know anyone who's a Pathfinder you may order by emailing pathfinders@pmchurch.org or calling 269.471.3377 and leaving a message. All pies must be picked up and paid for on Sunday, November 11, from the church from noon-8:00 PM.

Michiana Adventist Forum Meeting Today

NOVEMBER 3 • 3:30 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL

Historian Dr. Megan Koreman will present "The Dutch-Paris Escape Line: How Adventist Businessman John Henry Weidner and His Ordinary Heroes Resisted the Nazi Occupation of Western Europe," at 3:30 in the Garber Auditorium of Chan Shun Hall.

PMC Sanctuary Choir

TUESDAYS • 7:00-8:30 PM
EARLITEEN LOFT

Starting Sept. 4, if you have the gift of music in your heart and you would like to use your gift in ministry, come and join us for our weekly choir rehearsals. For more details, contact Brenton Offenback at offenbac@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The annual Thanksgiving food drive of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is underway. Bags to portions of the community were distributed last Sabbath. They will be collected on Sunday, November 4, starting at about 10:30 AM. Also plan to bring food to Pioneer on Sabbath, November 17, as part of the offering during Feast of Hymns. If you know of a family in the area who needs food this upcoming holiday season call Pioneer at 269.471.6565. Thank you for your generosity.

Mission Trip to Honduras

Do you love children and want to share your love for Jesus? The PMC Youth Missions team will be going to Honduras from Dec. 13-23. The Friendship Team will be conducting a day camp for about 125 children from the Hogar de Ninos orphanage and the surrounding community. There are a few more spaces left on the team. Flights are almost full. Your prayers and financial support are so important for this mission project. Contact Glenn Russell 269.876.7657 right away for more information.

Free Fall Exercise Classes

PMC Health Ministries offers again this Fall two free co-ed exercise classes for anyone over 18 years of age.

H2OFit

*Monday & Wednesday • 7:30-8:15 AM
Beaty Pool*

ToBoFit (Total Body Fitness)

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:00-5:50 PM
Lamson Hall Aerobics Room*

Both classes emphasize building strength, flexibility, and balance. Join us!

Andrews Academy Concerto Night

NOVEMBER 3 • 8:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Andrews Academy presents its eighth Concerto Night, under the direction of Elsy M. Gallardo-Diaz. In this annual performance, dedicated young musicians from the Academy—and also Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. Enjoy the special opportunity of performing a movement of a concerto accompanied by an orchestra. Featured students this year are Sion Kim (AA), Jihoo Choi (AA), Justin Flores (AA), Claire Yang (AA), Peter Tumangday (AA), and Isabella Patel (RMES). They will perform works by Quantz, Haydn, Mozart, Mendelssohn, and Monti. The AA Symphony Orchestra will also perform favorite pieces.

Dementia Awareness Training

NOVEMBER 6 • 6:00 PM

Buchanan SDA church invites you to come learn how to recognize, help and be a friend to caretakers and families of those affected with dementia. They need you more than you know; it is a lonely situation. The speaker will be Keryl Conkright, RN, who has worked in this field for years and has expert advice to offer.

Adoptive Dad to Share His Family's Adoption Journey

NOVEMBER 8 • 6:30 PM

PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Berrien County Foster Adoption Network and God's Hands 4 Kids will be hosting a presentation by Kyle Ray, Christian Alliance Summit 2018 presenter and lead pastor at Kentwood Community Church. Pastor Kyle is an adoptive dad with stories, hope and encouragement to share. For more information and a dinner invitation go to GH4K.org.

Knitting Hearts Together

NOVEMBER 13 • 7:00 PM

MACCARTY RESIDENCE

Do you like to extend sympathy and concern in tangible ways? Knitting Hearts Together ministers to the bereaved and seriously ill with shawls, scarves, laprobes, and other created items. We will meet again November 13 and would love for you to join us.

Howard Series Presents— Presidio Brass

NOVEMBER 18 • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Founded primarily as a vehicle for promoting music education, Presidio Brass has become known as a contemporary brass ensemble that combines piano, percussion instruments, guitar and vocals with original arrangements to bring a fresh approach to well-loved music. Through their touring show of Hollywood's greatest hits, sounds of the cinema, these five young men present film music with a good dose of wit and humor that together have become hallmarks of every Presidio Brass performance.

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