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THE MOST **RIGHTEOUS** LORD

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32 weeks until *Hope Trending*




WELCOME

to Pioneers

This morning we at Pioneer Memorial Church would like to welcome you. We welcome you to not only get to know us as a church but this morning we welcome you to get to know Jesus Christ. As we finish this series on who Jesus really is, it is clear that who He is changes who we are.

Although it is easy at times to get caught up with who we are and what we have or have not accomplished, the Cross changes the narrative. The Cross is such a clear picture of who God is and how much He loves us, that who we are discovers new meaning. The greatest thing any of us could ever claim is that we are the children of the God of the universe and that He felt that we are worth dying for. This picture of how God is love rewrites our own stories.

–Ben Martin

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ARE ALIENS SEARCHING FOR US?

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Humans have been fascinated for millennia with the thought that there are other intelligent alien life forms in our universe. Most recently from the SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) project decades ago to the \$100 million ten year Breakthrough Listen Initiative today, science continues to act on this numinous sense that “somewhere out there” are intelligent creatures with whom we might yet communicate.

The Christian Science Monitor and others reported this week a new strategy to find a populated exoplanet. (Exoplanets are planets that orbit a star other than our own Sun—Wikipedia estimates that “over 2000 exoplanets have been discovered since 1988 . . . including 509 multiple planetary systems” en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Exoplanet).

According to the Tech Times website: “The key is to look for [aliens] in the way they are probably looking for us. To look for alien life, astronomers use a technique called ‘transit method,’ which involves investigating the light changes that occur in parent stars when orbiting planets pass by. The Kepler telescope of NASA is said to be the most efficient instrument to do just that. If aliens do exist and also want to find us, they can detect the Earth by looking for the dimming of the sun, which signals Earth’s travel. Such dimming may only be observed



in the so-called ‘transit zone,’ which is said to house approximately 100,000 possible alien habitats” (www.techtimes.com/articles/137781/20160302/study-reveals-new-trick-for-hunting-alien-life.htm).

I.e., look for small shadows that cross between us and the face of distant stars. Could those shadows belong to orbiting exoplanets like Earth? And if that method effectively identifies a planet, could it be that alien intelligences are also using this method to discover us in our Milky Way solar system home?

“Being able to discover eclipses or transits will encourage aliens to study the event and eventually discover that the Earth has an atmosphere that has undergone



chemical changes due to life. 'They have a higher motivation to contact us, because they have a better means to identify us as an inhabited planet,' says study author René Heller from the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research. Such possibility would drive them to look for us and maybe send signals for communication. If we have a keen ear for listening, we may someday catch those signals and eventually find each other" (ibid.).

The ancient Holy Scripture has long championed the notion that the human race is not alone in our universe. Job describes the "sons of God" that reside outside our home planet (Job 1:6; 38:7, et al). And the Bible is replete with references

to angel beings (including the "seraphim" and "cherubim" angelic orders) that travel to and from this planet to the celestial headquarters of the Creator.

In fact the Creator Himself incarnated into our human existence for a brief three and half decades (John 1:1-3, 14). But that single "extra-terrestrial" visitation has rewritten human history, literature and scientific advancement. What is more the Bible predicts the return of "this same Jesus" (see Acts 1:11). In the interim those who follow the Incarnated Returning One are commissioned by Him to penetrate the furthest reaches of Earth to communicate the urgently Good News that He is soon to return.

"Hope Trending: A Crash Course in How to Live without Fear" will be beamed into cyberspace from Andrews University's Howard Performing Arts Center this October 14-22. Its solitary mission will be to communicate that Announcement to Earth (www.hopetrending.org).

There are three ways I hope you'll respond: (1) pray daily for the success of this new mission; (2) begin a prayer list of individuals to invite to this unique experience; and (3) join the large volunteer team essential for the success of this Kingdom venture. Jesus couldn't be clearer: **"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you—so go into all the world and share the Good News—for I am with you always, even to the end of the age"** (John 20:21; Mark 16:15; Matt 28:20).

The Alien has already found us—it is now our mission to find the lost ones who do not know Him yet. ■

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



SHAPING LIVES *for* ETERNITY

BY JIM FORD

Thank you for your ongoing support for the PMC Student Aid Fund. Through your help many young people are enrolled in Christian education who would otherwise not be here, and this can help shape their attitudes and plans for now and for eternity. As Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Since July you have been donating to our annual goal of \$60,000. Your funds are greatly appreciated by the families. Included are a couple "Thank You's" addressed to you from recipients.

Thank you for all you have done in the past and for what you will do between now and June. May God bless you as you give to bless His little ones. ■

Jim Ford is the Student Aid Coordinator here at Pioneer Memorial Church.

SUPPORT STUDENT AID

Please indicate
"Student Aid"
on your tithe envelope.

Dear PMC family,

I would like to express my deepest thanks to each and every one of you for all that you have done. My daughter and I have been members of PMC for a number of years and she has been going to school at RMES and at the Academy for most of that time.

I am a single parent and have only a part-time job, so it has been very hard moneywise. We feel very blessed that our family from PMC has been helping us for all of these years.

My daughter wants to go to medical school to give back to the school and church that have helped her. None of her achievements and aspirations would have been possible without all the financial, spiritual, emotional, and physical support that all of the PMC family has helped us out so much. Without all of your help I shudder to think what her life would have been like without an Adventist Christian education. Thank you all so very much for all you have done to help my daughter.

A Grateful Parent

Dear PMC Family,

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the financial assistance you provide our family so that my daughter has the opportunity to receive a Christian Education at RMES.

As a single mother of three, it has been a struggle financially, however, it is my conviction it is God's desire that our kids are able to be taught by Christian teachers with curriculum that points to our Maker. God has rewarded our commitment to Christian Education and thus far has provided a way.

My daughter is very blessed to belong to a church family that not only worries about having good Sabbath School classes, which she enjoys very much, and Pathfinder clubs, etc., but that understands the importance of Christian Education in their daily lives including school.

Once again, thank you for your generosity and may God continue to bless your ministry, the church as a whole, and our school.

With much appreciation,

A Single Mother

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *All Creatures of Our God and King • Charles Callahan*

Introit *God of Grace and God of Glory • John Hughes*

Call to Worship Ben Martin

Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice;
Let the sea roar and all that fills it;
For the Lord judges the world with righteousness and truth!
Let us lift up our hearts and praise his holy name!

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

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymns of Praise *The Lord Is My Light • st. 1, 3 of 515*
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • st. 1, 3 & 4 of 229

Congregational Prayer Ben Martin
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

Worship in Music *The Gift of Love • Traditional Melody / John Rutter*

Children's Story *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • Wayne Wold*

Scripture Romans 5:1-2, 5, 17-18 NIV • Duane & Lori Covrig

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.

Hymn of Preparation

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus • 535

Sermon

“Charmed into Righteousness: The Most Righteous Lord”
Dwight K. Nelson

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PMC Operating Expense

Hymn of Commitment

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Guide Me: Strong Deliverer • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival String Orchestra; Claudio González, director

MUSIC ALIVE

LOVE AS GIFT

Today the Andrews University Music Festival String Orchestra plays a lyric setting of a traditional melody (which is its title in the musical score). This melody is widely associated, in a variety of choral/vocal versions, with words that stem, in paraphrase, from I Corinthians 13. Its choral title, "The Gift of Love," makes a very important, while subtle, point: Love is indeed a gift. The text paraphrase is by

Texan Hal Hopson, and starts, "Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, And have not love; my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain." While today's version of the melody is only instrumental, its mellow expressiveness also can serve as an eloquent invitation to meditate on I Corinthians 13. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service Christina Carroll

Opening Hymn *Power in the Blood* • 294

Welcome Chris Davisson
RMES Teacher—Junior High

Prayer & Scripture Psalm 121:1-4 *NLT* • Priya Sigamani
RMES Student—Grade 8

Special Feature He Watches Over Me • Chris Won/Richard Davisson
AA Student/Village SDA School Teacher—Junior High

Offering

Bible Study “Paul and the Rebellion” • 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
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Benediction Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

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As We Begin

All Creatures of Our God and King • Charles Callahan

Introit

Shout for Joy! • Daniel Davison

Praise

Prayer

Jeanmark A'Kessler

Baptism

Davi Sampaio Barbosa with Silvano Barbosa dos Santos

Children's Story

The Gift of Love • Traditional Melody / John Rutter

Worship in Music

Declare Your Maker's Praise • Lloyd Larson

Sermon

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522

As We Depart

Guide Me: Strong Deliverer • Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Music Festival Choir and String Orchestra; Stephen Zork, director

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Adventist World Radio

SUNSET TODAY • 6:39
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:47

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RODLIE ORTIZ

"How to Live a Victorious Christian Life"

| 03 • 19 |

SABINE VATEL

"Known"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today's offering is for the Pioneer Memorial Budget. How delightful it is to worship in this unique church community! Yet with the privilege and blessing, comes a responsibility. Just like in our own homes and businesses, there are many expenses that must be covered in order to keep the Pioneer Memorial Church operating, providing a place to meet week-by-week with our Lord and each other. This will not be a burden on us when we all unite together in supporting our church and showing gratitude to God for this place of worship.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with the Little family on the death of their mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Ann, who died on March 2. The funeral service will be today at 4 PM at Allred Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 1 to 4 PM. With the family, we look forward to resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening you are invited to join us as Dr. Don Tynes, a medical doctor, presents, "God's Health Plan: Battling Diabetes, Hypertension and Obesity."

AU Music Festival Concert

TODAY • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Join over 150 students from Lake Union Adventist Academies and beyond as they present their final concert after participating in three days of music clinics and masterclasses here at Andrews.

100th Birthday

Wish Agnes Gibson a happy 100th birthday on Thursday, March 10, by sending a card to: Agnes Gibson, c/o Royalton Manor, 288 Peace Blvd., St. Joseph, MI 49085

Young Artist Concert

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Symphony Orchestra will present the Young Artist Concert. The program features the winners of the annual competition on works by Saint Saens, Beethoven, Verdi, Vieuxtemps, Lalo, Prokofiev and Kachaturian. Admission is free.

Academy Day

MARCH 8 • 8:00 AM TO 3:15 PM

ANDREWS ACADEMY

Eighth-graders are invited to see the exciting programs Andrews Academy offers. Experience a day filled with a number of classes, worship, games, and activities. Lunch will be served, t-shirts and prizes will be given. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. For questions call 269.471.3138.

Adventist Retirees

MARCH 13 • 1:00 PM

VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

Don't miss out on the incredible presentation of "Pigeon Man," at the monthly ARM potluck. All members are welcome. Come and enjoy!

Mommy & Me Break

Mommy and me will not meet the week of spring break (March 15).

Passion Play Hospitality Tent

MARCH 26

PMC is sponsoring the Hospitality Tent for this year's Easter Passion Play. We need over 300 people who will help before, during, and after the event. To register visit pmchurch.org/passionplay and find a time slot you would like to lead with your team.

Ellen White Symposium 2016

MARCH 28 • 9:15 AM TO 5:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL

All are invited to join us as we break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift. The event is free and requires no registration. Speakers include Brian Strayer, Bryce Bowman, Katrina Blue, and Merlin Burt.

2016 Children's Leadership Conference

APRIL 22-24

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Be a part of one of the Lake Union Conference's most extensive training events in Children's Ministries. Anyone with a passion for making Jesus irresistible to children is invited. For more info and to register visit www.cye.org/events/clc

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

SABBATHS • 10:00 AM

PMC BOARD ROOM

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. This semester investigate Genesis, chapter by chapter. Navigate through its ancient world to find unexpected fresh meaning for today. All young adults are welcome. We are also looking for volunteers to drop off food or provide breakfast and help set up. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via youngadults@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

PMC 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

The 2016 PMC Operating Budget will be presented for approval during a **business meeting on March 7 at 7:00 PM**. Detailed budget information is available at each welcome center and at the church office.

2016 Budget Summary

	Budget 2016	Budget 2015	Actual 2015
NET ASSET BEGINNING BALANCE	\$865,865	\$711,289	\$711,327
INCOME			
<i>Church Family Finance Goals:</i>			
Church Operating	\$667,000	\$610,000	\$627,237
Kingdom Growth	0	100,000	29,894
Christian Education	223,787	211,695	223,786
Master Plan for Evangelism	125,000	139,800	106,673
Building Fund	46,000	45,000	45,590
Student Aid	57,000	55,000	58,646
Total Family Finance Goals	\$1,118,787	\$1,161,495	\$1,091,826
Other Evangelism	219,893	182,122	634,498
Sabbath School	39,385	44,180	37,000
Youth/Outreach Ministries	157,570	133,500	156,426
Television/Media Ministry	274,500	317,000	268,433
Other Income	153,646	153,601	230,945
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,963,781	\$1,991,898	\$2,419,128
EXPENSES			
Evangelism Programs	\$405,035	\$350,908	\$588,002
Sabbath School	60,575	71,450	76,206
Youth/Outreach Min/GROW	233,370	176,915	213,473
Christian Educ./Student Aid	347,907	301,645	333,265
Church Operations	455,651	487,722	435,320
Building/Maintenance	169,927	183,544	151,789
Television/Media Ministry	353,054	376,870	339,112
Other	78,700	97,010	127,381
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,104,219	\$2,046,064	\$2,264,548
Net Increase (Decrease)	(140,438)	(54,166)	154,580
NET ASSET ENDING BALANCE	\$725,427	\$657,123	\$865,907

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