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CHASING **HOPE**

With an Empty Bank

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26 weeks until *Hope Trending*

WELCOME

to Pioneers

The title of the new film "A Place To Grow" caught my attention this week. It will be shown this Sunday night at the Howard and will attract thousands from all over Michiana, since its theme will be centered on life in Berrien County.

What would it look like for a church to be "a place to GROW"? Over and over Jesus' life reminds us that we are a place where as disciples we help grow other disciples in His name.

Let's pray that we will grow in our love for each other, in our faith that He holds us and in our hope that we will see Him soon. Let's share together with others the Reason for our love and faith and hope, especially today.

We are glad that you are here. Welcome!

–Sabine Vatel



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Journey to ALPHA CENTAURI

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Never mind that the Alpha Centauri star system is 4.367 light years away—some of the world’s richest and brightest minds have announced a new collaboration to get there. From here!

This week famed physicist Stephen Hawking, internet investor Yuri Milner and Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg formally teamed up to launch project Breakthrough Starshot—a space expedition to our closest star (beyond the sun). How far is 4.367 light years? Trillions of miles—nearly 300,000

times the distance from the earth to the sun. Traveling at the speed of the Space Shuttle it would take a leisurely 165,000 years to reach Alpha Centauri. (It’s the return trip that really ages you!)

Actually these collaborators are not planning on sending a “who” but rather a “what.” Yuri Milner said the eventual goal is sending hundreds or thousands of tiny spacecraft, each weighing far less than an ounce, to the Alpha Centauri star system. . . . Propelled by energy from a powerful array of Earth-based

lasers, the spacecraft would fly [with actual extended sails a few yards wide] at about one-fifth the speed of light. They could reach Alpha Centauri in 20 years, where they could make observations and send the results back to Earth” (www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/stephen-hawking-joins-bid-to-seek-life-with-tiny-spacecraft/).

Too crazy an idea for us humans? Not according to Hawking. “We commit to the next great leap into the cosmos because we are human and our nature is to fly” (ibid).

He’s certainly right about the “our nature is to fly” notion. The Creator-Designer of this universe gifted intelligent life with a capacity to know, to question, to explore—a capacity we earth inhabitants have clearly yet to maximize. That the most well-known thinkers in our midst are so preoccupied with this quest to “search for extraterrestrial intelligence” (SETI) should be

no surprise. As the wise man Solomon observed, “[God] has put eternity in [our] hearts” (Ecclesiastes 3:11). This embedding has fueled exploration from the beginning of time. For at its core is the longing to make contact with the Eternal. “He has put eternity in our hearts.”

That’s why this campus was raised up over a century ago—to send into the world the brightest and best of Adventist young—to make contact on behalf of the Creator with other intelligent earth inhabitants—to tap into that latent longing for eternity and the Eternal. “Our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee,” Augustine wrote. The God-shaped vacuum

within us makes the mission of Christ’s followers simpler. All we need to do is to cross the relational bridge into the lives of those we know, those we work with or play with or occasionally socialize with. A simple relational bridge to cross over and connect with the Eternal already in our friends’ consciousness.

Coming this fall (October 14-22) is “**Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live Without Fear**” (www.hopetrending.org)—the perfect

opportunity for you to now begin composing your prayer list of friends and acquaintances you are positioned to reach for Jesus. Pray over their lives, pray their names to the Savior who emptied His life and treasury to win their minds, their hearts. He’ll do the winning—let us do the bridging that begins with praying.

Think about it. Someone this fall is going to meet Christ in an eternally life-changing way. Why not

pray that God will guide you to put that someone on your prayer list now? He will do the winning—we must do the praying and then the bridging.

Because Yuri Milner is right: “We can do more than gaze at the stars. We can actually reach them” (ibid). Your praying, your bridging can become for someone a one-way ticket far beyond Alpha Centauri—why not a one-way friendship into Eternity? ■

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

AN EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY VESPERS

BY JORDAN SMART

Stepping onto the sidewalks of Andrews University four years ago as a freshman was my very first time on campus. I had never visited the school and had only heard stories about it from others who had. To me, it felt like a thing of legends. A place I wanted to go to for something adventurous and new. When I got accepted into Andrews I was excited with all the opportunities that this school had to offer. One of those opportunities was being a part of University Vespers.

I first got involved by being a part of the “set up” team, which met an hour before the program began. My role was quite small and I simply helped with menial tasks each Friday night. Slowly but surely I was given more opportunities and tasks as my freshman year continued. I was asked to be a part of the UV team. Pastor José Bourget was a huge blessing and positive instrument that helped to stimulate my spiritual gifts and leadership skills when crafting UV programs for my fellow students. All of my experiences with UV have taught me lessons that I’ll always remember. Some were more memorable than others, like when Cointe St. Brice, an Andrews graduate, and I did a special element with the congregation, or when I tripped going onto the stage. Each one has added to my growth.

When my junior year came along, I was asked to be the Co-Director of University Vespers with Isaac Suh and lead the UV

team. It felt like a natural progression to a position of leadership. There were times I felt inadequate for the job or nervous when I feared the program was going to fall apart, but the team, who I also considered family at this point, helped me every step of the way. Sometimes, I did feel alone working in this ministry, but I never was. My “family” was always with me. God was there too, helping me to become the vessel for the gospel, and someone who could serve Him in any capacity that He needs.

I truly believe that this was where I was meant to be, and the growth I have experienced is something that has become truly invaluable. A sense of purpose and self-worth has been brought to my life by my family here at Andrews but also my UV team. This is one of the reasons why Andrews was truly worth it, and why I will never forget my time here. ■

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Sonata Octavi Toni • Giovanni Gabrieli

Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth • Conrad Kocher

Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

In you, O Lord, do we take refuge; in you do we place our trust!

You have done great things, O God, who is like you?

We sing praises to you, O God, our lips shout for joy.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

This Is My Father's World • 92

Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel

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Worship in Music

One Life Beautiful • Julie Giroux

Children's Story

Be Thou My Vision • Travis Cross

Scripture

Job 31:24-28 NIV • Bruce Babienco & Lynelle deWind

"If I have put my trust in gold or said to pure gold, 'You are my security,'

**if I have rejoiced over my great wealth, the fortune my hands
had gained,**

if I have regarded the sun in its radiance or the moon moving in splendor, so that
my heart was secretly enticed and my hand offered them a kiss of homage,

**then these also would be sins to be judged, for I would have been
unfaithful to God on high.**

Hymn of Preparation

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"Chasing Hope: With an Empty Bank"
Dwight K. Nelson

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Hymn of Commitment

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Tuba Tune • C.S. Lang

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony; Alan Mitchell, director

MUSIC ALIVE

EMPTIES

How should one respond to the "empties" of life such as great loss or great lack, with courage? While today's Worship in Music may not provide specific answers, it yet provides an example of response to emptiness. In this case, the emptiness came with the death, at the hand of a drunk driver, of Heather Cramer Reu, leading to the commissioning of today's Worship in Music,

"One Life Beautiful." The composer, Julie Giroux, comments, "The title itself is a double-entendre which in one sense is referring to the person this work is dedicated to as in 'one life' that was beautifully lived. The other sense is a direct observation concluding that having only one life is what makes life so sacred, tragic and so very precious." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Ed Higgins
Welcome & Prayer	Judy Aitken
Scripture	Matthew 25:40 • Judy Aitken
Special Feature	"For the Least of These" • Marc Coleman
Offering	
Bible Study	"The Sermon on the Mount" • Classes
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	Ed Higgins
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WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Sonata Octavi Toni • Giovanni Gabrieli

Introit

For the Beauty of the Earth • Conrad Kocher

Praise

Your Name • Shout to the Lord • Still

Prayer

John Gonzalez

Baby Dedication

Joshua de Sousa Garcia presented by Elias & Elen Gomes with Rodlie Ortiz

Children's Story

Be Thou My Vision • Travis Cross

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As We Depart

Joy in All Things • Brian Balmages

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback
PIANO: Carlyle Tagalog; GUITAR: Brenden Croughan; CELLO: Joshua Knowlton
DJEMBE: Stacey DePluzer; VOCALS: Leslie Diaz, Jonathan Constantine, Olivia Stanier
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Wind Symphony; Alan Mitchell, director

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:34

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Chasing Hope: For an Empty Dream"

| 04 • 30 |

JOHN MCVAY

AU Baccalaureate

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today's offering is for the Pioneer Memorial Budget. How wonderful it is to worship together as the Pioneer Memorial Church family! How blessed we are to hear the Word of God preached each Sabbath by committed servants of God, to listen to and sing beautiful, uplifting music, and to have the opportunity to be a blessing to each other with our encouraging words. This church is unique with its wonderful mixture of ages, colors and talent. Let's show our gratitude to God for this community of worship by supporting our church budget today!

Visitors' Dinner

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

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us as John Nay shares stories from his mountain hiking adventures!

Wind Symphony Spring Concert

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Wind Symphony will premier in Michigan *Up to No Good* by Brad Baumgardner, featuring AU Adjunct Teacher, Jason Gresl on Bass Clarinet. *Up to No Good* was jointly commissioned to be composed by Andrews University and ten other universities. The program will also feature *Earth Song* by Frank Ticheli, *On This Bright Morning* by David Maslanka, *Bohemian Revelry* by Adam Gorb, *One Life Beautiful* by Julie Giroux and *Consort for Ten Winds* by Robert Spittal. The program will also feature Sebastian Serrano, Graduate Student Director, directing *Sonata Octavi Toni* by Giovanni Gabrieli, an antiphonal two brass choir composition. Call the HPAC Box Office at 471.3560 for tickets.

A Place to Grow

APRIL 17 & 18 • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Berrien Springs offers more than just a place to live—it's a community in which we can learn, play, laugh, and thrive. A place where we can grow in countless ways. Join us for a documentary film about life in Berrien Springs, Michigan, produced by the Berrien Film Project. Admission is free but tickets are required. To reserve your tickets, visit howard.andrews.edu or call 269.471.3560.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

TUESDAYS • 10:00 AM

PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caretaker to enjoy friendships and activities together. Each week will include playtime, songs, and crafts. Parents can enjoy time with their children and the chance to be with friends and make new friends. Come join us!

Functional Fitness

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

5:30 TO 6:30 PM • PMC COMMONS

Join us to improve your strength, flexibility, and balance. Call Kathy Koudele at 269.313.8774 if you have questions.

Grow Cafe

Calling all cookie bakers! Help us provide a warm experience for our students at the next Grow Cafe, April 22. **Bring your favorite home-baked cookies to the church the week of April 18 during office hours.** Please contact autumn.m@pmchurch.org for more information. Thank you in advance for your hospitality.

Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors

APRIL 21 • 6:30 PM

CHAN SHUN HALL

Muslim students from Jordan and Saudi Arabia will share their perspective on Islam in a panel discussion led by Professor Caryn Pierce. Co-curricular credit offered. Refreshments will be served afterward.

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. Our theme this year is: "All God's Children Got Shoes." For more info and to register visit www.cye.org/events/clc.

Scrapbooking Together

APRIL 24 • 1:00 TO 6:00 PM

EARLITEEN LOFT

Bring your card or scrapbook projects and enjoy fellowship with others. We provide the prizes and chocolate, you provide your favorite snack. Questions email davis@pmchurch.org.

Soup for the Students

APRIL 26 • 6:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

It is that time once again to show love and support to our students during finals week. We are looking for commitments for 25 pots of soup. If you are willing to participate in this way, **visit www.pmchurch.org/soupforstudents by Monday, April 25.** Drop off your pot of soup at the church on Tuesday, April 26, between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM.

Visitor Fellowship Dinner

PMC's Fellowship Dinner Teams are looking for members and team leaders to help serve about 2 times per year. As part of the team, you will help assist with set-up, service, clean-up, and supplying food dishes. Call Ben Chilson at 269.473.5077 or email bennettc43@gmail.com.

Adventist Heritage Ministry Anniversary Celebration

APRIL 29 & 30

HISTORIC ADVENTIST VILLAGE

May 8, 2016, marks the 35th anniversary of Adventist Heritage Ministry. This ministry is dedicated to preserving and promoting the heritage of our SDA Church. Join us for special commemorative services beginning with welcoming the Sabbath at a Friday evening Vesper Service in the 1857 Meeting House at 7:30 PM. Special services with pioneer songs and stories will make this a Sabbath to remember. From the opening of Sabbath School at 9:30 until the closing song of Sabbath evening vespers, God will be exalted and praised. Visitors are welcome. You may pre-purchase your Sabbath meals online at www.adventistheritage.org. Click on the Heritage Shoppe page and at the bottom of the left column you will see the "Special Event" tab. Enter the number of meals you are purchasing for Sabbath and follow the check-out. Please don't ask to pay on the Sabbath for your meals.

RMES Registration Picnic

MAY 16 • 5:30 PM

Join us for a chance to meet other families and explore the amazing opportunities that RMES has to offer your children. There will be lots of food, kids' activities, and more!

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WIN! Comprehensive Health & Family Wellness Ministry Conference

MAY 27-30 • SEMINARY CHAPEL

This conference will emphasize small group ministry and personal health and family relationships. Lead presenter, Wes Youngberg, is the author of *Goodbye Diabetes* and *Hello Healthy*. Register on PlusLine at 800.732.7587.

God's Hands 4 Kids Thank You

A big thank you to PMC for their support of the Empowered To Connect simulcast—a conference for families and professionals designed to help them connect with children from hard places in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. Thank you to Berrien County DHHS and the Post Adoption Resource Center for their sponsorships, the fellowship dinner team, to Something in Common and to the following families, Covrig, Lei-Sam, Mackie, Michel, Yarbro, as well as helpers from AA. Many from our community at large were blessed because of your caring.

More Announcements

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

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