

# PIONEER CONNECT

APRIL 23, 2016

A stylized illustration of a person running towards the right, carrying a large green arrow on their back. The person is white with a dark purple backpack. Behind them are several faded, overlapping figures of people in various shades of purple and blue, suggesting a crowd or a trail. The background is a solid dark purple.

CHASING HOPE

**For an Empty Dream**

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**25** weeks until *Hope Trending*

# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

It's an honor to welcome you to Pioneer Memorial Church. If this is your first time, allow me to share what perhaps is one of the most unique elements of our church: it's diversity.

Andrews University is the second most diverse University in America. As a result, you may hear dozens of different languages as people are entering, getting settled in, or joining one of the different Saturday morning Bible study groups, which we call Sabbath School.

You may also notice that not everyone is wearing Western-style clothing. Many wear traditional attire representing their home countries. So what a blessing is ours to begin to live out what heaven will be like: "that great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9). Welcome.

*—Rodlie Ortiz*



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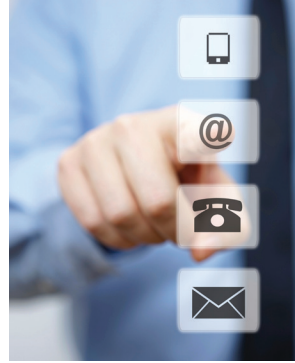
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SABBATH  
SCHOOL**

## FIND IT HERE

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"Get Up and Walk!" Faith  
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# GOT IT WRONG AGAIN!

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**O**n April 29, 1865, 50,000 people stood in line to pass through the Ohio Statehouse rotunda to pay their last respects to the recently slain Abraham Lincoln. As America mourned the assassination of its President, Ohioans reflected the gratitude of this country in that outpouring of affection. Hanging overhead in the Statehouse was a banner with an excerpt from Lincoln's second inaugural address: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of his death, the Statehouse in Ohio today has hung a replica banner high overhead for all to read: "With malice to no one, with charity for all." It is an admirable sentiment, but as you quickly note it is not the correct rendition of the line President Lincoln spoke in that address.

But if you were to call the Ohio Statehouse and protest this inaccurate quotation, they would be quick to inform you that in fact the words on the banner are "historically faithful to the one hung on the building on April 29, 1865" (*South Bend Tribune* 4-22-15). As it turns out the creators of the original banner 150 years ago got it wrong—and with no Google to fact check their quotation, they hung up

an inaccurate rendition of (what would become) Lincoln's immortal line!

Do you suppose this has something to do with "the sin of the parents" being passed down "to the third and fourth generation" (Exodus 20:5)? Probably not what God had in mind.

But the truth is, it really isn't that difficult—is it?—to repeat the mistakes of those who have gone before us. Honest-hearted mistakes, to be sure, but

mistakes nevertheless that we unintentionally pass on to the those who watch us, who become behind us—mistakes they in turn honest-heartedly repeat. Children are renowned for their uncanny ability to mimic our behavior. When I get it right, they get it

right—when I get it wrong—oops!—they get it wrong. That may be closer to what God had in mind in the 2nd Commandment of His Decalogue.

Perhaps Michael Horton, in his new book *Ordinary*, has something to teach us: "If staying with the familiar (no matter how bad it may be) is the tendency of a conservative temperament, the ideal of creativity and novelty—as an end in itself—becomes destructive of long conversations. At the end of a term a student discovered the professor's evaluation explaining the poor

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grade: "Your paper is original and creative. The parts that are creative are not original and the parts that are original are not very good." Horton concludes: "The best changes are slow, incremental, and deliberate. Instead of cutting their own path, they extend the ancient faith into the next generation" (*Ordinary* 64-65).

Extending the ancient faith into the next generation—that is the mission of both the Christian academy and the church. To the extent we do it faithfully and we do it well here at Pioneer and Andrews, may God be blessed and His Kingdom on earth expanded. And to the extent that each of us translates that ancient faith into the language of this new generation,

the Kingdom of God is advanced and the Word of God is made fresh for this third millennium. In the words of the ancient prophet: **"I have heard all about you, LORD, and I am filled with awe by the amazing things you have done. In this time of our deep need, begin again to help us, as you did in years gone by. Show us your power to save us."** (Habakkuk 3:2 NLT). ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at [www.pmchurch.tv/blog](http://www.pmchurch.tv/blog).



# grow groups: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



BY REBECCA COLEMAN

**G**ROW Groups are a crucial part of PMC's church life. This week I sat down with Pastor Sabine to get the details on the exciting new things that are coming up for GROW Groups this summer and in the fall.

**Before we talk about what is going to be coming up, can you tell me a little about what's been happening with GROW Groups this past semester?**

*Yes, there were a lot of exciting things that happened! We had an increase in registration overall. We also had an increase in student participation, which is great. To give an example of numbers, we have around 500 people total that meet per week in a GROW Group; 90-100 a week are students.*

**What can we look forward to this summer?**

*This summer we would really like to emphasize the kinds of groups that could be advertised to our community. When I say community I'm referring to Berrien Springs. GROW Groups, in essence, are a vehicle for discipleship. The idea is that anyone, whether they are part of the church or not, should be able to join a GROW Group and feel comfortable.*

**Tell me more about this outreach aspect, will there be a change in how GROW Groups operate?**

*We are wanting to be more intentional in our friendships with people who are not necessarily in the church. So, this summer, the GROW Group orientation*

will emphasize the idea of speaking in a way that non-Adventists can understand. We want to focus on conversations that aren't mainly in our Adventist jargon, or rhetoric. Now there are some groups that are already following this model. One such group is led by Dr. Logan. His group incorporates a wide variety of participants from different denominations and ages. People from different backgrounds feel comfortable being a part of his group. This summer we are looking to form more groups like these—centered around a common interest and accommodating to all backgrounds.

**I know last year, one of the goals was to increase student involvement; how can we combine this new goal of outreach with student-led Groups?**

Students have their group of friends already, typically people who are very much like them and share the same common interests. The new goal of outreach calls for friendship with intention. It's a discipline of forming a community with people not necessarily like you and who otherwise wouldn't join your circle of friends. Forming a community is a skill that becomes very important for students especially after college, where there aren't "ready made" groups. The focus of these groups is on your activity and the common interest in this activity. It's also important that student leaders know that this doesn't have to be a Bible study; however the difference between a GROW Group and just hanging out with your friends is the element of faith.

**It sounds like everyone can benefit from a GROW Group. Is there any "right way" to lead a GROW Group?**

As I mentioned before, GROW Groups are based around faith but each group does this differently. I would rather it be done imperfectly than not at all. There is enough richness that you can gain from meeting

together in a community. Meeting together provides potential for transformation, so it is definitely worth doing. We see that, in the Bible, Jesus worked through community and that is why this model matters.

**So the rest of this year is all about combining community and outreach?**

Yes, in fact there is training happening this fall in order to help our elders and church leaders understand the context in which we live and how this affects our evangelism. The way we reach people today isn't the same as how it was done even 30 years ago. We live in an age where many have disavowed the church completely. So the way that you approach people today is going to be different. Interestingly enough Barna just came out with a survey called Churchless. Essentially, it states that most people are not really looking for the "next truth." They are looking for an encounter with God. They want to experience His presence. And oftentimes people who are not connected to the church are still willing to have a real encounter with God. People measure a religion's validity by two factors: an encounter with God and proof that the church is doing something to help the poor and disadvantaged. It's not based on a list of tenants. So one of the strengths of GROW Groups is that it meets the needs of this sense of God-connection, social connection, and service. They allow us to reach people we typically wouldn't even be able to meet. ■

Rebecca Coleman is the Pioneer Connect editor.

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# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Introit

*Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God • Gordon Young*

## Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

How beautiful is the voice of the one who proclaims peace.

**How glorious the voice that announces the good news.**

Let us sing together the song of comfort and joy. For God is our hope,  
our strength, our refuge, our peace.

**Let us lean upon God from our youth through our old age.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*For the Beauty of the Earth • 565*

## Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241*

## Worship in Music

*Adagio • Franz Schubert*

## "I thank my God"

## Children's Story

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing • Gordon Young*

## Scripture

Romans 15:20-21, 13 NIV • John & Millie Youngberg

It has always been my ambition to preach the gospel where Christ was not known,  
so that I would not be building on someone else's foundation.

**Rather, as it is written: "Those who were not told about him will see,  
and those who have not heard will understand."**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,  
**so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

## Hymn of Preparation

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522*



**Sermon**

"Chasing Hope: For an Empty Dream"  
Dwight K. Nelson

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**Hymn of Commitment**

*How Great Thou Art* • 86

**Benediction****Closing Voluntary**

*Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ* • Percy Whitlock

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Gabriel Halsey, Ana Lozano, Alexandra Castro, Dana Wilson, Grace Joo,  
Carlos Lozano, Roberth Quevedo, Jacob Willard

OFFERTORY: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

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## MUSIC ALIVE

GO!

"Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ" and a melody to which commonly it is sung is the basis for today's closing voluntary. Its author, George Boorne Timms, wrote about the hymn, "Through having to arrange ordinations in the diocese of London, I became aware that suitable hymns were few." The melody alternately strides, with large intervals, and merely

walks, with small steps. While no hymn text is specified in the organ music, it fits the text of "Go Forth" quite well (see hymn 377). The melody is by John Darwall (1731-1789), and is called "Darwall's 148th," such numbering commonly referring to a metrical psalm number with which a given melody is paired. So why not meditate on Psalm 148 in preparation for going out with Christ? ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Rachel Sauer
<b>Welcome</b>	Steven Sigamani
<b>Prayer</b>	Parker Case
<b>Scripture</b>	Sammy Saint-Phard
<b>Special Feature</b>	Steven Sigamani & Priya Sigamani
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	“Get Up and Walk!” Faith and Healing” • Classes
<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

# WE PRAISE

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## **As We Begin**

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God • Gordon Young*

## **Praise**

*Great Is The Lord • Because He Lives • Cornerstone • Be Thou My Vision*

## **Prayer**

Valerie Sigamani

## **"I thank my God"**

## **Children's Story**

*Adagio • Franz Schubert*

## **Worship in Music**

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing • Gordon Young*

## **Sermon**

"Chasing Hope: For an Empty Dream" • Dwight K. Nelson

## **Connect Card, Tithes & Offerings**

## **Hymn**

*How Great Thou Art • 86*

## **Benediction**

*Under His Wings • Ira Sankey*

## **As We Depart**

*Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ • Percy Whitlock*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
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CELLO: Andrew Gaigu; FRENCH HORN: Matthew Rajarathinam; FLUTE: Stacey DePluzer  
PRAISE LEADER: Matt Master; VOCALS: Ginger Ebanks, Joseph-Alexander Hearn, Erin John  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director  
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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
PMC Operating Expense

**SUNSET TODAY • 8:34**  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:41**

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**JOHN MCVAY**  
AU Baccalaureate

| 05 • 07 |

**SABINE VATEL**  
And You Welcomed Me

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Today's offering is for Michigan Advance Partners. MAP is the collective effort of Michigan Conference church members working together to advance the Lord's cause in Michigan. MAP is the name of the Conference offering taken in our local church one Sabbath of every month. We are encouraged to consider investing 1% of our income in this offering which touches the lives of so many people in so many ways. One of the ways is through Evangelism. In 2014, over 95 precious souls were added to God's Church through Michigan Conference Evangelism efforts. Your investment in MAP really does make a difference!

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are in celebration of Carlene and Glenn Johnson's 80th birthdays. With best wishes from their family and friends.

### 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

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

### Memorial Service

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM  
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and celebrate the life of Agnes Gibson. Visitation with the family will be from 10 to 11 AM.

### Scrapbooking Together

TOMORROW • 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. If you have questions email [davis@pmchurch.org](mailto:davis@pmchurch.org).

## Functional Fitness Break

Please note that the Functional Fitness Class is taking a break for summer. Our last class will be Tuesday, April 26, at 5:30 PM in the lower level coat room (at the end of the hall). Join us when we resume at the start of the fall semester in August. If you have any questions call Kathy Koudele at 269.313.8774.

## Soup for the Students

APRIL 26 • 6:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Help us show love and support to our students during finals week. If you are willing to make a pot of soup to share please **visit [www.pmchurch.org/soupforstudents](http://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.

## Knitting Hearts Together

APRIL 26 • 7:00 - 8:30 PM  
MACCARTY HOME

Join us by sharing God's love through creating and delivering knitted items to those who are ill or have lost a loved one. For information, contact Alice Williams ([alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu) or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

## 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](mailto:bennettc43@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

## 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](http://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.

## Thank You

PMC Family, Thank you so much for the flowers you sent at my father's passing. They were a comfort to me and my family.  
*-June Price, Shirley Burks & family*

Thank you to all who donated dress shirts, neckties, and dress shoes to Harbor of Hope's Greater Young Men program. Because you gave, 20 young men in Benton Harbor will have something to wear to their next job interview as well as to church.

*-Harbor of Hope*

### **Open House**

MAY 1 • 2:00 TO 4:00 PM  
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You are invited to an open house to celebrate the marriage of Justin and Maggie Howell. Come wish them well! Call 269.684.0832 for any questions.

### **PMC Youth Missions— Lebanon**

On May 5, our team departs for 3 weeks of ministry on the campuses of Middle East University and the Bouchrieh Adventist Secondary School in Beirut, Lebanon. The student body of these schools are mostly non-Adventist. The team will be preaching, praying, mingling, ministering and serving as needed. They will also spend some time serving at a Syrian refugee center. This is one of the most challenging mission fields in the world and your prayers are requested. Financial support can be made by offerings labelled: PMC Youth Missions. For more information, contact Glenn Russell ([glenn@andrews.edu](mailto:glenn@andrews.edu)).

### **Farewell Open House**

MAY 7 • 7:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Come and say farewell to Dr. Raymond Mayor and his new wife, Aileen Weaver Saunders, as they move to Walla Walla, Washington. Let's thank Dr. Mayor for his contribution for so many years as a PMC church member. No gifts please. Cards would be appreciated.

### **Get Our E-Letter!**

Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at [www.pmchurch.org/newsletter](http://www.pmchurch.org/newsletter).

### **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!

### **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.

### **PMC Young Adult Sabbath School**

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. Navigate through different books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, finding unexpected fresh meaning for today. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths in the Board Room. Breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, study starts at 10:30 AM!

### **More Announcements**

For more PMC and community announcements, visit our website at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements).



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