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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

On this Sabbath we at Pioneer Memorial Church welcome you to worship with us. We welcome you to celebrate with us. Not only are we celebrating the graduations of this community but we remember that the Sabbath itself is a reminder of a celebration that is yet to come. Just as the Sabbath is a rest provided at the end of each week, we look forward to the soon coming of Jesus and the rest that awaits us there.

It is healthy to rest and celebrate the end of a journey. Graduation is a celebration that reminds us of the great and glorious celebration that is yet to come. So as we congratulate the graduates and celebrate the rest of the Sabbath let us set our eyes on the horizon and look forward to the celebration and the rest that will be so spectacular that the journey becomes a distant memory in the light of the destination.

*—Ben Martin*

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(above) Sam Dronen on the mountain biking tour; (below) Senior class at banquet.

# GRADUATION 2016 REFLECTIONS

BY STEVEN ATKINS

**C**ongratulations class of 2016 on your accomplishments these last four years. Four years ago you walked into the doors of the academy with anticipation of new beginnings. You have not only risen to the challenges Andrews Academy provides, but you have also assumed leadership roles in each aspect of the school.

It is at graduation events like these that it is easy to reexamine the philosophy of the school and match this to your accomplishments. Adventist education is more than just getting a good academic education, it is the harmonious development of the academic, physical, social, and spiritual attributes of education.

Your academic strength is outstanding as seen by the amount of academic scholarships you received on class night a few days ago. Collectively you have received approximately 1.5 million dollars, which is an amazing amount for the size of your class. Socially you have been leaders in organizing and running so many social events for AA. Thank you.

Watching your physical accomplishments on the court, on the track, and on the field are truly amazing. Andrews Academy goes beyond the track, field, and the court in its physical development of the student. Numerous students participate in the backpacking or in the case of this year the mountain biking trip to the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. After many weeks of training, the students

unplug from our wired society and "plug into nature" and draw closer to God as they participate in the grueling week-long adventure.

The spiritual component of education is of utmost importance in the SDA educational experience. Daily Bible classes and morning devotions are just the beginnings of spiritual development opportunities. There are also class vespers, SA vespers, the prayer room, SA campout, Winter Bible camp, and baptismal classes, just to mention a few. Recently the students were blessed with the Evangelism and Drama class presentation of the play—The Journey. It portrayed the remnant as they journey from darkness to light. Many students' spiritual journey was impacted by this play.

Andrews Academy is intentional in striving for the harmonious development of the academic, physical, social, and spiritual development of its students. Thank you seniors of the class of 2016 for showcasing this for us as we celebrate your accomplishments this graduation weekend. May the Lord bless each one of you as you begin your next step of your life. ■

*Steven Atkins is the Biology & Earth Science teacher at Andrews Academy.*

# EQUIPPING FOR THE FUTURE

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”  
(Matthew 28:19, 20 NIV)*

BY BEN MARTIN

In a community that is built around education, graduations become a part of the yearly calendar. It is easy to get into the cycle and seasons of the schools and forget what we are celebrating. Graduations however should be celebrated! This is a milestone not only for those who are moving on but also for the community that has worked toward this goal. We should celebrate graduates. We should celebrate parents. We should celebrate teachers. This is something the whole community has been involved in, yes we should celebrate!

Graduation however becomes not only a moment of celebration, but it also should give pause as one looks at the trajectory of those who are moving on. Have they been sufficiently equipped for the next phase of life? Are they trained and prepared for service? Have they developed a relationship with God that will continue throughout the mountains and valleys of life? Here at Pioneer Memorial Church we talk about our mission. We have articulated our mission in 4 succinct words, “Connect,

Grow, Serve, and Go.” Graduation should have prepared our students to ‘GO.’

As a community caught up in the celebration that comes with graduation, we need to ask whether our students are being disciplined? This is not an easy question to answer. It is simpler to determine the scholastic preparation of the students. One can use standardized tests and assess whether or not the students are prepared for the next phase of life in the areas of math and science. One can examine an essay and determine if a student is sufficiently versed in language skills. Discipleship, however, becomes more difficult to measure.

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## HAVE WE EQUIPPED THIS GRADUATING CLASS FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION?

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It is a tricky thing to measure spirituality. It feels like judgment. I am not proposing that one begin giving grades on how



close others are to God. Discipleship is a process of training people to become the disciple makers themselves. Jesus as He prepared His disciples was very intentional about equipping them for service. He sent them out as 12 in Matthew 10 and then in Luke 10 He sends out the 70. Jesus gave His disciples opportunities for service so that when He gave them the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, 20 He knew that they were ready to make disciples of all nations.

In the midst of celebration, let us ask the tough questions. Have we equipped this graduating class for the Great Commission? ■

*Ben Martin is the pastor of Youth Ministries here at Pioneer Memorial Church.*

### **SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY**

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# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

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

## Processional

*A Joyous Processional* • Kenneth Logan

## Invocation

Hunter Penn

## Hymns of Praise

*Let All Things Now Living* • 560  
*Praise Him! Praise Him!* • st. 1 & 2 of 249  
*O, How I Love Jesus* • st. 1 & 2 of 248

## Congregational Prayer

Kaila Campbell

## Worship in Music

*You Raise Me Up* • Rolf Løvland

## Tithes & Offerings

Emmanuel Joy & Frexi Lizardo  
Michigan Advance Partners

## Children's Story

Claire Orrison & Isabella Kunze  
*Arise, My Soul, Arise!* • Dale Wood

## Scripture

1 Peter 2:9 NRSV • Jinglun Qu & Michael Castillo

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,

**in order that you may proclaim the  
mighty acts of him who called you out of  
darkness into his marvelous light.**

Once you were not a people,

**but now you are God's people;**

once you had not received mercy,

**but now you have received mercy.**

## Hymn of Preparation

*I Love to Tell the Story* • st. 1 & 3 of 457

## Sermon

"The Gospel of the Schoolyard" • Ben Martin



**Hymn of Commitment**

*Father, Lead Me Day by Day* • 482

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

*Trumpet Tune* • David Johnson

**Closing Voluntary**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

SONG LEADERS: Gianna Bacchiocchi, Eboni Regis, Cheppy Bett, Arianna Hutchings-Cosey,  
Jonathan Burn, Sammy Saint-Phard, Priya Sigamani, Isabella Goncalves, Emma Hamel

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Sion Kim, cello; Wambui Karanja, violin; Leonardo Aguilera, violin  
Einra Baker, violin; Karyl Beal, piano

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# MUSIC ALIVE

## GUIDE ME

Images strikingly drawn characterize the emotive hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (*SDA Hymnal* 538). Only think of Israel's long, hard pilgrimage in the wilderness: The hymn's images of "Bread of heaven," "the healing stream," "the fire and cloudy pillar," etc. are secured by fascinating historical anchors. For many of us, the weeks and months just ahead may mark a foray into a pilgrimage virtually unknown in even

its main outlines. Others probably have roles of service clearly delineated for years ahead. For all, the life they will lead is indeed a pilgrimage. Thinking back to the "Guide Me" hymn, today's Closing Voluntary is based on the hymn's "strong deliverer" imagery, expressing confidence in God's sure leading and strong deliverance. So as we go, may it be with "cloud" and "fire" guidance. ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Rachel Sauer
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>My Jesus, I Love Thee</i> • 321
<b>Welcome</b>	Lois Nichols
<b>Scripture</b>	John 21:15-17 • Lois Nichols
<b>Prayer</b>	Judy Aitken
<b>Special Feature</b>	“Lovest Thou Me” • Judy Aitken
<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	“Idols of the Soul (and Other Lessons From Jesus)” • 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  
OFFERTORY: Jessica Link, piano

# BACCALAUREATE

ANDREWS ACADEMY

<b>Opening Voluntary</b>	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing</i> • Healey Willan
<b>Processional</b>	<i>A Joyous Processional</i> • Kenneth Logan
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Ben Martin
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i> • 249
<b>Prayer</b>	Elda Nelson, Ross Nelson
<b>Offering</b>	Dronen Family, Samuel Dronen
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Notturmo</i> • Edvard Grieg
<b>Scripture</b>	Jennifer Atencio, Elizabeth Atencio
<b>Worship in Music</b>	<i>The Holy City</i> • Stephen Adams
<b>Sermon</b>	Alvin Glassford
<b>Hymn of Commitment</b>	<i>Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated</i> • 330
<b>Benediction</b>	Barry Finkbeiner, Megan Allen
<b>Prayer Response</b>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i> • 669 Please be seated after the prayer response
<b>Recessional</b>	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> • Paul Manz
<b>Closing Voluntary</b>	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING: Jeannie Leiterman, principal; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Zoey Caballero, piano

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Nathan Buck, euphonium; John Byeon, piano

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**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
PMC Operating Expense

**SUNSET TODAY** • 9:10  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 9:15

## PIONEER PULPIT

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### DWIGHT K. NELSON

The Widow Factor:  
Living on the Edge with God—1

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### DWIGHT K. NELSON

The Widow Factor:  
Living on the Edge with God—2

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

This week our offering is for Michigan Advance Partners. Michigan has four senior academies, Andrews Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, and Grand Rapids Adventist Academy. One of the blessings of Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) is that it provides education assistance to academy students. For this school year there are 123 students who have received funding; some who would not have the privilege of attending an Adventist school if it were not for these resources. Thank you for helping our young people receive a Christian education through your continued support of MAP.

### Visitors' Dinner

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

### The Journey to Wholeness

Are you looking for a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting, “a safe place” for healing? This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of addiction. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For meeting time and location call 269.313.1677.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us as Jenifer A. Daley presents “Offensive is not always a bad word.”

### Memorial Services

The following memorial services will be held this weekend in the PMC Youth Chapel. Come celebrate the life of Edl-  
traud “Eydie” Bergmann on Sunday, May 29 at 5 PM. Visitation with the family will begin at 4 PM. Eydie died on May 2. Join us as we celebrate the life of Vivian Hatcher on Monday, May 30 at 1 PM. Vivian died on May 2. Please remember these families in your prayers.

## **PMC Office Closed**

The PMC office will be closed on Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will be open at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 31, and look forward to serving you.

## **RMES Annual Garage Sale**

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, AND JULY 3

Volunteers and donations needed. Please bring your donations to the gymnasium starting May 29. Donated items may include clothing, shoes, books, toys, kitchenware, arts and crafts, lawn care, furniture, appliances, and much more! For questions call 269.471.3220.

## **Scrapbooking Together**

JUNE 5 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

Bring your scrapbooking or card-making supplies and join us for our last scrapbooking event of the school year. Bring your favorite snack to share with the group. We will provide chocolate and prizes.

## **Open House**

JUNE 5 • 2:00 TO 4:00 PM

BERRIEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the May 15 marriage of Joan Banks and Rick Register.

## **Adventist Retirees of Michiana**

JUNE 23 • 9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM

BROOKFIELD ZOO IN CHICAGO

Join us on a trip to the Brookfield Zoo. If we have 45 people, we will leave by bus from the PMC parking lot at 9 AM and return to the same location. Contact Cleon or Sandra White (471.5553 or [whitekaa@gmail.com](mailto:whitekaa@gmail.com)) for pricing and details.

## **Lead a GROW Group!**

Do you have an idea for a GROW Group that you'd like to lead? Sign up at [www.pmchurch.org/grow](http://www.pmchurch.org/grow). Deadlines are as follows: June 2, for summer groups and September 11, for fall groups. If you have questions contact us at [growgroups@pmchurch.org](mailto:growgroups@pmchurch.org) or 269.471.3553.

## **Foster Care Awareness**

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month, a time to bring awareness to foster care needs and to thank families and workers for their contributions. The Berrien Springs High School National Honor Society is delivering homemade cards and baked goods to the workers at Berrien County Department of Health and Human Services. The students will be meeting with the workers personally and offering words of appreciation. We would like to thank these students for choosing this service project. Join us in praying for these workers who daily dedicate themselves to an often painful and stressful job.

## **Healthy Families: Building a Strong Foundation**

JULY 21 - 23

Join the 4th annual Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice. The conference is geared towards Family Life Professionals and those wanting to further their knowledge and practical application of family ministry. Register at [www.andrews.edu/familyconference](http://www.andrews.edu/familyconference). Questions, email [acfrp@andrews.edu](mailto:acfrp@andrews.edu).

## **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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# "OUR OWN" GRADUATES

**C**ongratulations, Andrews Academy seniors! Four long years ago who would've thought that this day would ever arrive. But now with your admiring family and celebrating friends, we as your home congregation join in cheering your accomplishment. God has been good to you—and you shine for Him. May the same Lord who got you here lead you into the uncharted adventure ahead! "I am with you always," is His promise.



## GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016

Megan Allen  
Sarah Almeter  
Elizabeth Atencio  
Alex Baltazar  
Joseph Bradley  
Nathan Buck  
Yeongkwang Byeon  
Zoey Caballero  
Victoria Carmona  
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