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to Pioneer

“Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always” (1 Chronicles 16:9).

What a privilege is ours to come to worship, to praise and to seek the Almighty God of the universe. And His promise to you and me is: “And if you seek Him, He will be found by you.” May our hearts rejoice together in our worship. Welcome to worship students, visitors and members. We are glad you are here.

—Don Dronen

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THE LITTLE SYRIAN ANGEL

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

The world's heart has been broken over a video clip gone viral two weeks ago. Who can forget the picture of that five-year-old Syrian boy, pulled from the rubble of an Aleppo building, the victim of yet another lethal bomb in the war-torn city. Stunned and mute, the boy is seated on an orange jump

seat in the back of an ambulance, the side of his head gashed by some projectile. While the video rolls, the young child stares back with blank expression, bewildered into silence. Not even a sob. Silence. What was he thinking in that moment of sheer terror? His chubby hand reaches up to his mane of hair, piled high now on

his head, soaked in his own blood. The boy begins to rub his temple where the wound is coagulating. And as he rubs, his hand is soon stained red. Silence. Staring out the open gate of the vehicle, he keeps rubbing (www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/08/haunting-video-bewildered-syrian-boy-viral-160818080939606.html).

What does five-year-old Omran Daqneesh have to do with you and me on this holiday weekend in this country surprisingly still at relative peace? (The “the boy in the ambulance,” as he is now remembered, survived, as did his parents and two of his three siblings.) I wonder to myself if he is not a symbol of an entire civilization. A dazed world with a billion heartaches and as many broken lives, staring blankly into the lens of eternity, not knowing, and too wounded to even care, who is on the other side of that glass eye that stares back.

The narratives across the earth are a billion times different, but the story tragically the same: forces beyond our control locked in a mortal battle for this race, this very human race. We know the enemy and his dark heart. The insanity that rules his mind we know all too well.

But do we know the Father of the race? Do we share His shattered heart?

Jesus once asked: “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. . . . You are worth more than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29-30). “Your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish” (Matthew 18:14). “No, the Father himself loves you” (John 16:27). “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).

“Not a sigh is breathed, not a pain felt, not a grief pierces the soul, but the throb vibrates to the Father’s heart. . . . [I]t is in this speck of a world, in the souls that He

gave His only-begotten Son to save, that His interest and the interest of all heaven is centered. God is bending from His throne to hear the cry of the oppressed. To every sincere prayer He answers, ‘Here am I.’ He uplifts the distressed and downtrodden. In all our afflictions He is afflicted. In every temptation and every trial the angel of His presence is near to deliver” (*Desire of Ages* 356).

Into the world of Omran Daqneesh we must hurry to bring the urgently Good News of this Father of Jesus who is our Father, too. And Omran’s Father. And the fiercely loving Father of this very human race. Time is running out for Aleppo, Syria, the United States, the world. If we don’t go now, will we ever go?

Hope Trending is six weeks away. Like no other previous effort to communicate the Good News of our God, Hope Trending will plunge through the wide open door of the Internet, and through social media connect with thousands of this civilization. Not only through digital communities, but through the warm, friendly environ of your Watch Party, hundreds and thousands of Watch Parties. The stunned, blank face of that little Syrian angel is an impassioned appeal to those who know the Good News to share the Good News. While there is still time.

Which is why this is the right time for you to prayerfully assemble your Watch Party for Hope Trending—isn’t it? (For more information: www.hopetrending.org.) ■

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

GO MAD NOW!

BY TAURUS MONTGOMERY

While the semester is still fresh, even if you're not a freshman, there is one thing I want to guarantee you will happen before we reach finals week—you will get mad. **It may last for a moment, an hour, a day, or longer.** But trust me, you will get mad.

You will probably get mad at yourself for leaving your wallet in the car or losing your keys . . . again, or misplacing your phone. Or you will likely get mad at yourself because you procrastinated again after you said you wouldn't . . . again. Maybe you're among those who will get mad at the professor for giving you "too much" work and not enough grace. Or at Campus Safety for giving you a ticket you know you deserved. Still others will get mad at our beloved Andrews University's blazing Internet speed.

No worries. Getting mad is a natural and normal part of life.

Even Jesus got mad. No. I mean really, really mad. I'm talking about making a whip and turning over tables mad. But do you know why He got mad? Maybe you are familiar with the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple found in Matthew 21:12-13. The first time I read the story of Jesus I was shocked! This portrait of Jesus does not agree with the old song "gentle Jesus meek and mild." Clearly, Jesus was mad! Why? The answer is found within this one verse: "My house will be called a house of prayer, but you are making it 'a den of robbers'" (Matthew 21:13). When



you consider the context of this story, there are many things you can extrapolate from it? Here is the one I want you to catch. Greed, a fruit of selfishness, caused the religious leaders of the day to take advantage of the less fortunate members of the church. The saints of God were turning the house of God into a den of robbers. In other words, what really makes Jesus mad is *when people, especially His professed people, exploit His oppressed people.*

As followers of Christ, the things that make Him mad should also make us mad. Christ didn't just get mad about it; He



went MAD (made a difference) about it. This is what I want to challenge you to do this semester as we embark upon a new school year. Where other human beings are suffering, don't just get mad, GO MAD (make a difference)!

Being a student, there is a constant temptation to just focus on academics. Grades are important, but I'm glad that 18 years ago, students who were sitting where you are today, did not fall into that temptation. Every week, they bolted 18-minutes north of AU to Benton Harbor, a city plighted with more than enough issues to make

you mad. Every week they determined to go MAD in Benton Harbor. Now, 18 years later, we will be celebrating the Grand Opening to the new Harbor of Hope on September 10, 2016, kicking off with a FREE Pancake Breakfast at 10:30AM (that was an invitation). There was a method to their madness!

Earlier this year, some colleagues and I got mad that some elderly residents of Benton Harbor were not able to care for their homes properly. We went MAD by launching an initiative called *Our Two Cents* to transform homes (through repairs) and lives (through prayers).

There are also opportunities for you to go MAD here in Berrien Springs. There are clubs and organizations on campus that do outreach. One cool way of getting involved is through Pioneer's monthly GO Projects.

If you are wondering, "With so many opportunities, how do I know where to go MAD?"

Here is my advice. After prayer, here are two simple questions to consider: (1) Are *people* being taken advantage of, deprived, underserved or exploited—either spiritually, economically, socially, or physically? If the answer is yes, it's worth it! (2) Does it make you mad enough to go MAD about it? If yes, then do it!

Ultimately, trust that God will show you because, trust me, He wants you to GO MAD NOW! ■

Taurus Montgomery is the senior pastor of our church plant—Harbor of Hope.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Praise to the Lord • Johann Walther

Introit

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) • Craig Courtney

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3 NIV • Don Dronen

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God

The great King above all gods.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • 100

Congregational Prayer

Don Dronen
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music

Within These Walls • Stephen Caracciolo

GO: Our2Cents

Rodlie Rotiz

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense
Jesus, My Joy / Jesus, Guide Our Way • Johann Crüger / Adam Dreesse

Children's Story

Hope Trending

Sabine Vatel & José Bourget

Scripture

Psalm 119 (selected versus) NKJV • Robert & Madeline Johnston

Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

My tongue shall speak of Your word, or all Your commandments are righteous.

Therefore I love Your commandments more than gold, yes, than fine gold!

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law.

Hymn of Preparation

Open Mine Eyes • 326

Sermon

#RxF4Now—Dead Man Walking • Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card

Hymn of Commitment

Just as I Am • st. 1-2, 5-6 of 313
sung to 314

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Bless the Lord, O My Soul • Charles Wood

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers, Stephen Zork, director

MUSIC ALIVE

INTERSECTING

Where do the "Neanderthal man" and "Praise to the Lord" intersect? The hymn writer was rector of a Calvinistic Lutheran school in Germany. However, as a Pietist he held his own prayer meetings, without consulting the minister, leading to suspension followed by humiliating reinstatement with a ban on his public preaching. This writer loved a particular valley with high rocky sides through which the Düssel

river flows, and he composed hymns there during his enforced silence. The hymn writer? Joachim Neander (1650-1680), after whom the Neanderthal Valley and an anthropological discovery, the so-called "Neanderthal man," were named. Neander composed the original German text on which "Praise to the Lord" (hymn no. 1) is based, and a version of its typical melody underlies today's Opening Voluntary. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christina Carroll
Opening Hymn	<i>Come, Christians, Join to Sing</i> • 10
Welcome & Prayer	Philip Giddings III
Special Feature	"The Voice" Part 2 • Debby Mongkau-Suhendra
Offertory	
Bible Study	"Jesus Won Their Confidence" • Classes
Jesus' Resume	Matthew 9:35 NIV
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	Christina Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Jonathan Doram

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Praise to the Lord • Johann Walther
Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) • Craig Courtney

Praise

Majesty • How Great is Our God • We Fall Down

Prayer

Sabine Vatel

GO Project: Our2Cents

Rodlie Ortiz

Tithes & Offerings

Jesus, My Joy / Jesus, Guide Our Way • Johann Crüger / Adam Dreese

Children's Story

Hope Trending: Watch Parties

Sabine Vatel & José Bourget

Worship in Music

Within These Walls • Stephen Caracciolo

Sermon

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Connect Card

Hymn

Just as I Am • st. 1-2, 5-6 of 313 (sung to 314)

As We Depart

Bless the Lord, O My Soul • Charles Wood

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson; BASS: Chris Wilson; PIANO: Jeremy Ahn

VOCALS: Ginger Ebanks, James Andrew Hearn, Yelim Kim, Debbie Weithers

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers, 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
World Budget/Fall Mission Appeal

SUNSET TODAY • 8:18
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:06

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
#RxF4Now—Precious

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LECLAIRE LITCHFIELD
Week of Prayer

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms” (1 Peter 4:10). How pleasant it is to serve those who are closest to you right here and right now! The local combined budget for PMC does just that. From the youngster right now picking up the children’s education offering to the retiree’s beautiful voice in the choir, each one receives God’s grace through your gifts to the combined budget. The local budget- serving those who you know best.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

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

Kids' Time Live!

TOMORROW • 6:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join us for this live stage version of the popular 3ABN TV show, hosted by Miss Brenda. Tickets are available from the HPAC box office.

Fall GROW Group Options

Here are two group opportunities this semester: **Watch Party**—October 14 to December 4. Visit www.hopetrending.org and click on "Get Involved." **GROW Groups**—October 2 to December 4. Visit www.pmchurch.org/grow. Deadline for leaders' sign up is September 12. For more information contact Pastor Sabine (vatel@pmchurch.org). For Watch Party information contact Tabitha Umali (tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org).

PMC Office Closed

The PMC office will be closed on Monday, September 5, for the Labor Day holiday. We will be open at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, September 6, and look forward to serving you.

H2O Fit Resumes

TUES & THURS • 7:30 TO 8:15 AM
AU POOL

This free class is resuming September 6. If you have questions contact koudelej@andrews.edu.

Sanctuary Choir Resumes

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
PMC TEEN LOFT

Still interested in joining choir? It's not too late! We sing monthly for worship services, as well as presenting our annual Messiah Sing Along on December 11 (co-sponsored by WAUS). Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings throughout the semester. For more information contact Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, at jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com.

Evergreen Pathfinders

Miss registration? Email evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com. We are also accepting gently used uniforms of all sizes. Drop uniforms off at PMC during business hours. Thank you for your support!

Homeschooling Group

SEPTEMBER 9 • 8:15 AM TO 12:30 PM

Looking for a Christian group where your child can interact with children their age and build academic, moral, and leadership skills? We are starting a group for homeschoolers in grades K-8, ages 5-14, that will meet twice a month on Fridays. Children will have an opportunity to participate and lead worship, read with a partner, interact with nature, and go on field trips. The first meeting will be on Friday, September 9. For more information, contact Monica Nudd at monjac720@gmail.com.

Adventist Retirees

SEPTEMBER 11 • 1:00 TO 3:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Bring your favorite dish and fellowship with us. The featured speaker will be Dr. Andrea Luxton, President of Andrews University. Music will be provided by Charles Reid and Kenneth Logan. Contact Ralph C. Wood at 269.921.0038 or rcwood90@gmail.com.

Jr. Cardinal Basketball Tryouts

The following dates and times are for the upcoming Andrews Academy basketball tryouts which will be held at the gym. If you have any questions or need more information contact Scott Schalk (208.1933).

5th-8th grade Redbird boys & girls

September 11, 10:00 AM to Noon

Varsity girls—September 11, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

JV girls—September 11 (5:00 to 7:00 PM) & September 18 (10:00 AM to Noon)

Varsity Boys—September 11, 7:00 to 9:00 PM

JV Boys—September 19 & 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Compass Collegiate Sabbath School

Looking for a place to study the Bible with fellow students? Compass is the place for you! We meet every Sabbath of the semester from 10:30 to 11:30 AM in the Religion and Biblical Languages Department of Buller Hall. Contact Erhard Gallos for more information at gallos@andrews.edu or by calling 269.471.3186.

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

EVERY SABBATH • 10:30 AM
PMC BOARD ROOM

What if God allowed Himself be psychoanalyzed by humanity? From the "couch," what kind of confessions would we hear from God? What would we learn about Him and about ourselves? Come find out as we open one of the most emotionally rich books of the Bible—"The Book of Jeremiah: God's Confessions." Contact Oleg or Oliver at youngadults@pmchurch.org if you have questions.

Adult Sabbath School Visitor's Day

SEPTEMBER 24

The theme of the hour-long sanctuary Sabbath School program will be "Rising with Hope." Special testimonies will be given from newly baptized members. Please pray now for whom to invite to this special program and to your Sabbath School classes!

More Announcements

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

A Note from The Andreasesns

Dear Friends in Andrews University and Pioneer Memorial Church:

The time has come for us to say goodbye after 22 years in this exciting and caring community. Andrews and PMC have been good to us, and we have been blessed. Due to some family arrangements we are returning to the place where we began, more years ago than we care to admit—our "second home" as it were, and a little closer to our kids. However, we will continue our relationship with Andrews and return for visits from time to time.

Thank you for your friendship and support. Your presence in our lives and many acts of kindness have made our work and daily life so much easier and very fulfilling. The memories of these many years will stay with us and be a constant reminder that God is good and generous. Place your trust in Him!

May God continue to bless you with His love and care.

With gratitude,

Demetra and Niels-Erik Andreassen

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