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to Pioneers




A fruitful harvest is a big deal for those who've poured their life into it. Can you imagine doing so with an awareness that you don't have what it takes to produce anything worthwhile?

Psalm 126:6 says, "He that goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

We are called to be God's sowers of Hope, but our efforts can sometimes feel fruitless. Let's bring our insufficiency at the foot of the cross and believe His promise for abundance and rejoice together by faith.

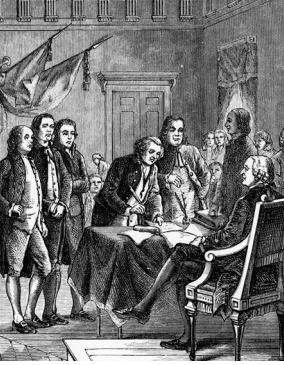
Thank you for joining us today. We're glad you're here. Welcome.

–Sabine Vatel

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION SIMULATED LAST WEEKEND

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Last weekend while the nation awaited the first televised debate Monday evening between the two presidential candidates, a group of U.S. citizens representing each state in this nation convened themselves in quaint colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. Their mission—to simulate a “convention of states” (as provided for in Article V of the United States Constitution) for the purpose of amending the Constitution. According to the sponsor of this event’s website, “Rather than calling a convention for a specific amendment, Citizens for Self-Governance (CSG) has launched the Convention of the States Project to urge state legislatures to properly use Article V to call a convention for a particular subject—reducing the power of Washington, D.C. . . . A convention of states needs to be called to ensure that we are able to debate and impose a complete package of restraints on the misuse of power by all branches of the federal government” (www.cosaction.com/strategy).

In last weekend’s event, grassroots representatives from all fifty states essentially went through “a dry run” of what they hope will one day be a formal constitutional convention called by two-thirds

of the state legislatures of this nation (as stipulated by Article V). In their simulated convention the representatives “voted” six amendments, including requiring the states to approve any increase in the national debt, term limits on Congress, and granting the states (by a 3/5ths vote) the power to abrogate any federal law, regulation or executive order (September 25, 2016, email from info@cosaction.com).

Setting aside their political agenda (and the presidential candidate they are backing), what reason do we have to care at all about last weekend’s mock convention? One of the dramatic shifts in this season of national and global politics is the emergence or resurgence of ordinary, grassroots, blue collar, non-elite citizen activists. The Brexit surprise by the voters of the United Kingdom—overriding the counsel of their political and government leaders by voting the UK out of the European Union—stunned the media elite on both sides of the Pond. The just as dramatic emergence of Donald Trump in this election season is attributed to the same ordinary, grassroots, blue collar, non-elite citizen activists. The point? The heretofore unnoticed masses are demonstrating new electoral muscle.



And their prevailing mood seems to be to politically upset the apple cart.

For the follower of Christ and for this apocalyptic movement, Brexit and the presidential election, in and of themselves, are immaterial. But we cannot ignore the power of collective anger in masses tired of submitting to the will and whims of the political aristocracy. True—our mission is radically a spiritual one. Nevertheless we will not be immune to the effects of the widening socio-economic, racial, ideological, and eventually religious divide nationally and globally. One day an angry grassroots movement (perhaps in a time of crisis or deep national schism) may find the will to abrogate the Constitution of its basic rights and cherished freedoms we once considered inviolable. One hastily convened constitutional convention could undo even the most revered liberties.

Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live without Fear begins in two weeks. Live to the world (via www.hope-trending.org) and live to this continent (via HOPE TV), Hope Trending will communicate the compelling portrait of the only Being who can yet save this civilization

from its own self-destruction—the God of love manifested in the life and death, the resurrection and soon-coming of the Messiah Creator. **“We were God’s enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son” (Romans 5:10 TEV).**

It is the right time to share the Good News with our friends, our classmates, our neighbors, our colleagues. The Hope Trending invitation card is available for you at our greeting stations here at Pioneer. (Need more—go online and print off as many as you wish.) Two weeks. Time to pray. Time to invite. And not too late to intercede before God on behalf of our troubled and divided nation.

One last reminder from history—the truth about God has always shined brightest when it was darkest. It’s time to let it shine again! ■

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



PUTTING FOOD ON THEIR TABLES

BY CHUCK PECK

God's Abundant Pantry (GAP) is a supplemental food source serving international and national graduate students and their families. It has been supported by PMC church members and former students for over 36 years. Last year GAP distributed food valued at over \$320,000, retail value, to eligible students with donations valued at approximately \$13,000. How is this possible?

❶ Local growers donate thousands of pounds of produce starting in June with strawberries. As the season progresses they donate pallets of zucchini, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, peaches, watermelon, to name a few, as well as many other fruits and vegetables. GAP is a resource to growers that assures their surplus produce will not go to waste.

❷ Feeding America supplies canned, bottled, boxed, refrigerated, and frozen foods for cents on the pound, or free, depending on the item. In the winter they provide pallets of unsold produce and bakery goods from grocery stores for free.

❸ GAP also buys beans, rice and quality bread from wholesale grocery in bulk.

❹ GAP has no employees. 100% of the donations received go to providing these groceries. GAP always has 15-20 faithful volunteers to pick up, unload, sort, set up, and hand out the food.

These are some ways God has stretched our GAP dollars in order to help 90 to 150 student families receive food twice a week, all year 'round, regardless of the weather. Donations like these make a big difference in the lives of our students and their families. These students depend on supplemental food to survive while getting their advanced education from Andrews University.

Your financial support makes the GAP ministry possible. Partner with us as we serve student families today who will serve humanity tomorrow. ■

Chuck Peck is the director of God's Abundant Pantry (GAP).

SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

Please write
"GAP or God's Abundant Pantry"
on your tithe envelope.

STUDENT FAMILY STORIES

I thank God for GAP and the volunteers who dedicate their time to be ministers who helps us feed our children. God's Abundant Pantry is one extra blessing God has placed on Andrews' campus to strengthen our faith in His care. For that reason and more, I thank God for GAP. I can not find enough words to express our gratitude.

There have been many occasions when we have needed some specific food item but were without the funds with which to buy it. We did not know how we would be able to obtain the item. On several such occasions we have found the very item we needed at GAP at the very time when it was needed! We thank God for GAP.

As a non-sponsored student I'm grateful for God's Abundant Pantry and their friendly volunteers. These kind people, and the services they provide us, have put food on our tables in times when there weren't many options. [When] money was short, GAP offered us enough in order that we could stretch a dollar to make ends meet.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Symphony No. 3: Maestoso–Allegro • Camille Saint-Saëns*

Introit *Lead On, O King Eternal • Henry Smart*

Call to Worship Sabine Vatel ('02)

Each has received a gift! Have you heard the good news?

God sent to us a Son, full of grace and truth.

○ Lord, help us accept your mercy and grace in our lives.

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

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson ('76, '86)

Hymn of Praise *God of Our Fathers • 645*

Congregational Prayer Sabine Vatel
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music *Fantasia on an Early Advent Hymn • Charles Hall*

Hope Trending Sabine Vatel & Rodlie Ortiz ('06)

Tithes & Offerings PMC Operating Expense
Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Johann Sebastian Bach

Children's Story Ben Martin ('15)

Scripture Romans 5:15, 17-19 NIV
Robert Wilkins ('61) & Donna Habenicht ('54, '74, '77)

But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

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!

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

For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Saves • st. 1 & 2 of 340

Sermon

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Hymn of Commitment

I Will Sing of My Redeemer • 343

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest)
Allan Greenway

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan ('80, '84)

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, Meriel Lora, graduate student director

MUSIC ALIVE

COMPOSED BY AN ALUMNUS

On this AU Alumni Homecoming weekend, some of our worship music was composed by an alumnus and former faculty member, Charles J. Hall. Dr. Hall was a 1952 graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College (predecessor in name of Andrews University) with a Bachelor of Music degree. He was a member of the AU teaching faculty from 1970 to 1991, chairing the music department from

1981 to 1986. Among his orchestral compositions is *Fantasia on an Early Advent Hymn*, based on the hymn melody AMSTERDAM, which has a text of much hope as hymn 630, "Rise, My Soul." Dr. Hall was a highly skilled composer for the varied instruments of the symphony orchestra, and today a range of instrumental colors resounds in his orchestral arrangement. ■

WE STUDY

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Presented by the Andrews University Class of 1966

Song Service Ted Lunde ('66, '68) & Ingrid Schwantes Mueller ('66, '75)

Opening Hymn *When We All Get to Heaven* • 633

Prayer William Mutch ('66)

Scripture George Kuzma ('66)

Welcome Barbara Jones Randall ('66)

Special Feature Mission Story • Mary Ann Kimmel McNeilus ('66)

Offering Bill Garber ('66)
Offertory *The Lord Is My Shepherd* • G. Gover

Bible Study Panel "The End" • Paul Johnson ('66, '69), Moderator
Glenn Coe ('66, '67); Stella Greig ('66); Don Perkins

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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Prayer Paul Johnson

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Ingrid Schwantes Mueller ('80, '84)

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As We Begin

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (Glory to God in the Highest) • Allan Greenway

Praise

God of our Fathers • Majestic • Majesty • Speak, O Lord

Prayer

José Bourget ('03)

Baptism

Letitia B. Bullard with Sabine Vatel

Tithes & Offerings

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring • Johann Sebastian Bach

Children's Story

Ben Martin ('15)

Hope Trending

Sabine Vatel ('02) & Rodlie Ortiz ('06)

Worship in Music

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Sermon

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Connect Card

I Will Sing of My Redeemer • 343

As We Depart

Symphony No. 3: Maestoso—Allegro • Camille Saint-Saëns

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan ('80, '84)

BASS: Jerry Wasmer; GUITAR: Heather Moore; MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines

VOCALS: Afia Asamoah, Michael Gibson, Debbie Weithers, James-Andrew Hearn

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Symphony Orchestra, Meriel Lora, graduate student 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
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 7:29
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:18

PIONEER PULPIT

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RODLIE ORTIZ

Moving Forward When the Future
Seems Uncertain: My Testimony

| 10 • 15 |

TY GIBSON

Saved By Hope

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Wasn't it great to walk into a warm church today? The warmth of friendly faces and greetings, or maybe even a warm hug, and the warmth received from fellowship and worship is a special blessing. During the cold months the warmth that flows from the church heaters is also a special blessing—not as good as a hug or a special greeting—but still appreciated. Please consider a gift today for PMC operating expenses that helps keep our church warm. And don't forget to share the warmth of a smile or hug as well.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as Dionne Gittens presents "Who Is My Neighbor." Let us close the Sabbath together!

Funeral Service

TODAY • 3:00 PM
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

The family of Ron Johnson invite you to a celebration of his life this afternoon. Visitation starts at 3:00 PM and the service will start at 4:00 PM. Ron died on September 21. With the Johnson family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

AU Alumni Homecoming 2016

For a full list of all the events please go to alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

Alumni Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

TOMORROW • 7:30 TO 11:00 AM
3898 GRIGGS DRIVE

Pilots and non-pilots are invited to come to the AU Airport for a hearty pancake breakfast in one of our large hangars. Check out the interesting aircraft or vehicles that show up for breakfast. If you have questions call 269.471.3120.

Join a GROW Group

GROW Groups are here again! Let's take the opportunity to invite others to join us as we connect with each other and with God. There is a GROW group for everyone! If not, consider leading one for Spring 2017. If you find a group that captures your interest, we encourage you to sign up via a one-step online registration. Visit www.pmchurch.org/grow to find a great list of available GROW groups.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

OCTOBER 9 • 1:00 TO 3:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

We will have guest speaker, Suzanne Renten (Oronoko Charter Township Clerk), at our next meeting and potluck. Her topic will be "Election Day: What Happens at the Polling Stations on Election Day?" This will include a question and answer period. For more information contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

AA Alumni Weekend

OCTOBER 14 & 15
ANDREWS ACADEMY

Come and reunite with your Andrews Academy family! Join us on Friday at 7 PM for a vespers program. Then again on Saturday (9 AM—Continental Breakfast, 10 AM—AA Instrumental Groups Concert, 11:15 AM—Alumni Worship Convocation, 12:30 PM—Honor Class Photographs & Fellowship Haystack Luncheon). Local Alumni please bring the following according to last name **A-D** Chips, **E-G** Cheese, **H-J** Lettuce, **K-M** Tomato, **N-P** Olives, **Q-S** Sour Cream, **T-V** Salsa, **W-Z** Brownies/Cookies.

Mission Trip to Honduras

Join the youth missions team December 9-21 as they go to the REACH orphanage in Honduras to conduct a special day camp ministry for about 150 children. The application deadline is very soon and there is room for only 3 more people so contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu) right away for more information.

Church Photographers

Looking for volunteer church photographers. It involves taking pictures of Baptisms and Baby Dedications and occasionally a special event. You do not have to be professional but able to take good pictures and have a good camera. If you're interested, contact Jackie Bikichky at bjikichky@pmchurch.org or call 471.3972.

GROW Café Thank You

Dear Pioneer Family, A huge thanks for your generous gift of refreshment for the GROW Cafe Fall 2016, and for your help in extending a warm welcome to our Andrews University community!

God's Hands 4 Kids

We are looking for volunteers to launder clothing that has been in storage in preparation to give to foster kids. Email godshands4kids@gmail.com for more info.

More Announcements

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

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