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Hope Trending



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WELCOME

to Pioneer

Have you ever noticed how someone’s opinion of you can affect you? In other words, if you hear that someone you respect and look up to thinks highly of you, it’s pretty encouraging, right? It makes you feel good. The opposite is also true. Would you like to hear some really good news? Notice this Scripture, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (Jeremiah 29:11). Did you catch God’s opinion of you? He’s constantly thinking thoughts of peace, love, and hope about you.

Last night we launched Hope Trending. Our prayer as you experience church this morning and Hope Trending in the evening, is that you fully discover this great hope and love that God has towards you. Welcome.

–Rodlie Ortiz

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“THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE—WAY OUT”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

That’s the headline of the October 17 TIME magazine piece on the fate of “truth” in this presidential election season. And anybody who watched Sunday evening’s debate knows that both candidates played fast and loose with the truth. But it is not the intent of this blog to play fact checker. We leave that to the pundits.

Instead let’s reflect for a moment on the cavalier treatment of “truth” in today’s social-media-driven culture—and wonder aloud how all of this will impact an apocalyptic mission to communicate divine truth to this civilization.

The challenge any proponent of “truth” faces is that we now live in a media-saturated world “where nothing and no one can be trusted” (TIME 10-17-2016 p. 30). So no matter how many “authorities” are dragged into the public square to proffer their studied opinions and learned conclusions, vast swaths of the public simply write it off as conspiracy. But let a social media snippet go viral, and suddenly the prevailing standard becomes “if people are saying it, it might be true.” The truth is, people are repeating the strangest and most bizarre rumors as unalloyed



truth. Spend five minutes clicking from link to link in the internet, and you will discover a dozen examples of playing “footsie with fantasy.”

What happens when websites conflict in their pronouncement of truth or falsehood? “. . . if you’re an ordinary American, you might not know which of these two versions is the truth: you’d just believe the one that sounds most true to you” (ibid., 31). Are there then no objective standards by which we can judge the veracity of claims or the lack thereof? “There is simply too much information for the public to accurately metabolize, which



means that distortions—and outright falsehoods—are almost inevitable” (ibid.).

So where shall we turn? “Instead of institutions, people look to their social networks for information. . . . Passed from Facebook to Facebook, retweeted by thousands of anonymous accounts, ideas can spread quickly without verification or context. People tend to share content that gets the most extreme reactions, which means a terrifying but untrue story will be shared more widely than a mildly alarming but accurate one” (ibid., 32).

Is the outlook for the future any rosier for TIME’s writers? “Whatever the outcome in

November, none of this will end. . . . Pandora’s box has been opened, and once enough people believe something false, it begins to sound almost true” (ibid.).

“So justice is driven back, and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter” (Isaiah 59:14). Stumbled, fallen (KJV) in the streets of public opinion, what a compelling depiction of the fate of truth in this third millennial society!

And yet into this very world Christ still sends his disciples, his friends, you and me. Armed with little more than “the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God” (Ephesians 6:17)—please note Jesus was clear, “Sanctify [My followers] by the truth; Your Word is truth” (John 17:17)—armed with little more than that Word of Truth, we are sent into the very culture struggling with Pilate’s perplexed question, “What is truth?” (John 18:38). Knowing there are tens of thousands who want to know, we must hurry to them—privately, personally, publicly, collectively—with the truth as it is in Jesus.

Thus Hope Trending—and why we go together. Only nine nights long—but long enough for the Spirit of Christ to shine the light of Truth into minds still open. So thank you for harnessing your social media for God’s mission. Please get the word out: **Tonight 8 PM ET @ www.hopetrending.org and on HOPE TV.** In a world driven to confusion by the enemy of all Truth, we partner with the triumphant One, **“I am the Truth” (John 14:7).**

Truth wins.

In the end.

Thus our hope. ■

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



a different type of
SCHOOL SPIRIT

BY STEVEN ATKINS

This year's senior class was praised by their tour guide during the Wisconsin Dells tour a few weeks ago. He said that our group was "the best group of students he has ever had," and he has been driving for 20 years!

I remember a similar comment expressed on another recent senior class trip. This person however added, "there must be something special at Andrews Academy to have such a tightly knit group of ethnically diverse students who get along so well, that they are like brothers and sisters. We are used to school groups coming to our facility and partying, fighting, or damaging things. Instead, your group worked hard serving our community during their senior class trip! This is unbelievable!" This often opens the door to allow me to share that we are a small Christian school from southwest Michigan, and I believe this is what makes the difference compared to other schools.

The traditional secular expectations of school spirit are often how loud the school supporters yell in support of a school event. At Andrews Academy we develop a different type of school spirit. A Christian-focused school spirit where on a daily basis students are kind to each other, get along with each other, help each other, and help our community all to bring honor to Andrews Academy and more so to honor our God.

As a school we feel that it is important to learn to serve our community. We

teach this concept in a very practical way, devoting an entire day for community service, as well as having various smaller projects throughout the year. Through these activities our community is able to see the comradery of the students as they work together and experience the difference of a Seventh-day Adventist school compared to other schools.

We appreciate your prayers for our school! Please continue to pray that God will bless throughout this school year, and that this type of Christian-focused school spirit will continue to thrive at Andrews Academy. Also pray that these principles and activities students participate in now will be incorporated as lifelong practices.

This weekend hundreds of Andrews Academy alumni will be returning to the campus for the Academy's alumni weekend. Many will retell similar stories like the ones in this article. Please see the back cover of this bulletin for more details of this weekend's events at Andrews Academy. ■

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

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Opening Voluntary

Work, for the Night Is Coming • Sharon Rogers

Introit

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place • Gordon Young

Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done marvelous things!

Let the sea roar and all that fills it: the world and those who live in it!

Let the floods clap their hands, let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,
for he comes.

**The Lord has remembered us with his faithful love and we shall praise
his name forever!**

Doxology

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Invocation

Ty Gibson

Hymn of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness • 100

Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music

Let Heavenly Music Fill This Place • Gordon Young

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PMC Operating Expense
We Have This Hope • Wayne Hooper

Children's Story

Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-4 NKJV • Woody & Margaret Whidden

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
For by it the elders obtained a good testimony.

**By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word
of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things
which are visible.**

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through
which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and
through it he being dead still speaks.

Hymn of Preparation

Break Thou the Bread of Life • st. 1 & 4 of 271

Sermon

"Things Hoped For" • Ty Gibson

Hymn of Commitment

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

We Have This Hope • Wayne Hooper

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

MUSIC ALIVE

WE HAVE THIS HOPE

"We Have This Hope" hymn composer Wayne Hooper wrote, "I had been making a special study of the symphonies of Brahms. . . . One day while driving . . . to La Sierra College to see our son, I started thinking about the motto . . . , 'We Have This Hope.' All of a sudden, the four notes following the pickup note in the final theme of Brahms' . . . Symphony No. 1 in C

Minor came to mind as fitting those four words exactly. I had been praying that if it were the Lord's will that I write something useful, that the Holy Spirit would impress my mind. . . . In just . . . half an hour I had all the [first stanza's] words and most of the music. . . . This is the one time in my life that I feel very certain that I was given the musical ideas from the Lord." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Prayer

Scripture

Special Feature

Charles Reid

Offertory

Violin Concerto No. 3, Adagio • Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Bible Study

“Doth Job Fear God for Nought?” • Classes

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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Benediction

Vladimir Slavujevic

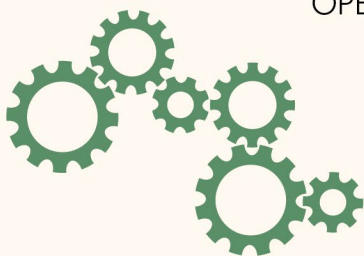
ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Richard Clark, violin

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Michigan Advance Partners

SUNSET TODAY • 7:06
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:55

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1ST—JOSÉ BOURGET

The Great Opportunity—More Or Less

2ND—HOPE TRENDING

Howard Performing Arts Center

| 10 • 29 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

#Rx4Now—If 'Righteousness Exalts a Nation,' What's Going 2 Happen 2 the USA (i.e., Can God Still Bless America)?

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

"Before I go I'll take a little, take a little friend so all week long I'll remember that Jesus is my Friend." This little song is sung every Sabbath in the pre-kindergarten Sabbath School class as the Little Friends are being passed out to the children. By supporting this week's offering for PMC budget you are helping supply children in all the divisions with lesson guides and magazines that are designed and written to draw children and families closer to Jesus. And don't we all want the children to "remember that Jesus is their Friend"?

2nd Service Reminder

TODAY • 11:45 AM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join us today and next Sabbath for the 11:45 AM service at the Howard Performing Arts Center. First service and Sabbath School will be held as usual in PMC. Open seating held from 11:15 to 11:45 AM (no tickets required).

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening PMC Family Vespers joins Hope Trending.

Open House

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
8665 GEORGE AVE, BERRIEN SPRINGS

Jim and Diane Ford invite you to an open house to celebrate the marriage of their son, Jonathan, to Ana Carolina Brasil.

Scrapbooking Together

TOMORROW • 1:00–6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Start working on your Christmas projects or work on other projects. Bring your supplies and favorite snack and we'll supply the chocolate and prizes. If you have questions, contact Sherrie Davis at sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with the Kaiser Family on the death of Ruth Kaiser. Ruth passed away on October 8. A funeral took place on Monday, October 10, in the PMC Youth Chapel. With the Kaiser family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Pastor Appreciation Month

The month of October is designated as "Pastor Appreciation Month." At Pioneer we are grateful and very blessed for all the pastors who serve this congregation magnificently. During this time we want to let them know how much we have benefited from their ministry. The elders of the church plan to do this formally, but we are asking each one of our members to choose one of the pastors who has been especially meaningful to them in some way this past year and either send them a note or offer them a word of encouragement, so they know they are appreciated.

Center for Adventist Research Book Sale

OCTOBER 17

CENTER FOR ADVENTIST RESEARCH
JAMES WHITE LIBRARY—LOWER LEVEL

Large Adventist used book sale. Hundreds of Adventist books of all types, including Ellen White writings.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

OCTOBER 18 • 10:00 AM
PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caregiver. Each week will include playtime, songs/stories, and crafts. Enjoy time with your children and make new friends. Invite your friends!

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training 2016

OCTOBER 19 • 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
9147 US 31, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

Berrien County Mental Health Center and Neighbor to Neighbor invite you to be a part of an important presentation. This year the Youth Mental Health First Aid curriculum is mainly focused on information that can be used to help adolescents ages 12–18. Certificates will be awarded to persons attending the entire presentation. For more information or to register please call 269.471.7411.

Master Guide Basic Staff Seminars

OCTOBER 21 • 6:00 TO 9:00 PM
OCTOBER 22 • 2:30 TO 9:00 PM
PMC JUNIOR 1

Adventist Youth Ministries Training (AYMT) is being offered for TLT's, Adventurer and Pathfinder staff, and seminarians. These seminars include Child Development, Investiture Coursework, and Leading Children to Christ which complete part of the requirements for Master Guide. There is no registration fee.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you carrying a heavy load? The Journey to Wholeness group is a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting. This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of obsessive thinking and compulsive activity (addiction) and is a safe place for healing. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For more information (meeting locations and times) text 269.313.1677 or 240.346.5204.

Three Pianists Concert

OCTOBER 23 • 4:00 PM
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 (475 GREEN AVE.)

ArtsBridge presents the Three Pianists Concert and Exhibit. Performers include pianists Masashi Sekioka, Susan Burkholz, and Jean Prosper. Teens from WaterStreet Glassworks Fired Up! program will also display and sell their glass art. For details call 269.925.7075 or find them online at www.firstpresbh.org or Facebook.

Annual Fall Hayride

OCTOBER 23 • 5:00 TO 8:00 PM
 FIVE PINES ON SMITH RD

The Family Life Committee invites you to join us for our annual hayride event! A bonfire, hot dogs, chips, hot drinks, and s'mores will be provided. Donations will be accepted to cover expenses. For more information email judynday2@hotmail.com or baltazar@andrews.edu.

The Horn Lectureship Series

OCTOBER 23 • 7:00 PM
 SEMINARY CHAPEL

The next Siegfried H. Horn Lectureship Series event is entitled "King Lists, Names, and the Line from Adam to Abram in Genesis 1-11" by Dr. Richard S. Hess. This event is free and open to the public.

Church Photographers

Looking for volunteer church photographers. This opportunity 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 bikichky@pmchurch.org or call 471.3972.

**Inauguration of
Andrews University President
Andrea Luxton**

OCTOBER 24 & 25

Join us for a selection of events honoring the inauguration of our new president, including an inaugural vespers on October 24 and the inauguration on October 25. For details, including times and locations, visit www.andrews.edu/president. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

Blood Drive

OCTOBER 26 & 27 • 1:00 TO 6:45 PM
 PMC COMMONS

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood. To schedule an appointment, log onto www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code—AndrewsUniversity) or call 1.800.733.2767. For more information contact Larry Ulery (ulery@andrews.edu or 269.471.3596).

God's Hands 4 Kids

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

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Andrews Academy invites you to

ALUMNI WEEKEND



October 14-15, 2016

Come and reunite with your Andrews Academy family. Remember and reconnect with friends. We look forward to seeing all of you once again at our reunion!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

Friday, October 14:

8:00-8:50 a.m. Alumni Convocation
9:00-9:30 a.m. Career Seminars
9:30-10:05 a.m. Career Seminars
10:15 a.m. Classes Resume
6:00 p.m. Registration
7:00 p.m. Vespers-
Class of 1997

Honored Classes:

1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967,
1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992,
1997, 2002, 2007, 2012.

Haystacks for Fellowship Luncheon. Local alumni please bring the following according to last name:

Saturday, October 15:

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:00-9:45 a.m. Continental breakfast
10:00 a.m. AA Instrumental
Groups Concert
10:45 a.m. Alumni Proceedings
Roll Call
11:15 a.m. Alumni Worship Convocation
Honor Class Photographs
Alumni Fellowship Luncheon
8:00 p.m. Shydepoke, Sylvester Field

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
or
Cookies

Contact us for more information:

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