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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*




We are so glad you have joined us today for worship at Pioneer! Whether you are a regular attendee or first-time guest, you are in for a special blessing!

From the Opening Voluntary to the Benediction, our listening and participation in the singing, praying, returning tithes and offerings, and studying the Bible with Pastor Dwight will lift our hearts heavenward.

And don't forget the Children's Story, where you are guaranteed to hear a most precious prayer from one of our little angels. My favorite place is on the front row—right in the midst of the excitement of Pastor Dwight's story with the wiggling ones!

My prayer is that you will experience a Sabbath day's blessing that you will not forget!

—Sharon Terrell

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## “I HAVE TWO DOLLIES”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**W**hen I was a boy in Sabbath School, I remember the leaders teaching all of us little tykes a ditty that has hung around in the back room of my mind ever since—did you learn it, too?

I have two dollies and I am glad;  
you have no dolly and that's too bad.

I'll share my dolly, for I love you;  
And now you have a nice dolly, too.

Ostensibly this little chorus was to impress upon our young minds the credo that sharing is the right way, the happy way, the Jesus' way. (I don't recall a verse for us boys about sharing—perhaps at that age we all played with dolls!)

But now that we've all grown up, of course, there are no more ditties to sing and dollies to share. And as the chorus bemoans, “and that's too bad.” Because life really is about sharing, isn't it?

After all, John the Baptist thundered to the crowds in the wilderness: “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same” (Luke 3:11). “I have two dollies.”

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## THINK OF HOW BLESSED THIS WORLD WOULD BE IF THIS NOTION OF SHARING WERE THE OPERATIVE WAY OF LIVING.

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Why even Jesus in His epic Sermon on the Mount declared: “If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well—give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you” (Matthew 5:40-41). “I have two dollies, and you have none.”

Paul joins the chorus: “Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. . . . For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews’ spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings” (Romans 12:13; 15:27).

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased” (Hebrews 13:16). “I’ll share my dolly, for I love you; and now you have a nice dolly, too.”

Think of how blessed this world would be if this notion of sharing were the operative way of living. Rich nations sharing with poor nations. Regions with surplus sharing with communities in need. People with extra sharing with people without. “I have two dollies, and you have none.”

And how about congregations? And churches? Does this obviously strong biblical credo apply to them? To us?

Here on the campus of Andrews University the Pioneer Memorial Church has been blessed with an abundance of space for children in Sabbath School, youth in study, for people—for many, many people and families—in worship. “I have two dollies, and I am glad.” And we should be—God long before any of us came on the scene made certain our forefathers and foremothers wisely built a very big “House of Prayer for All People” (as the chiseled words above our front doors declare).

But what space shall we share?

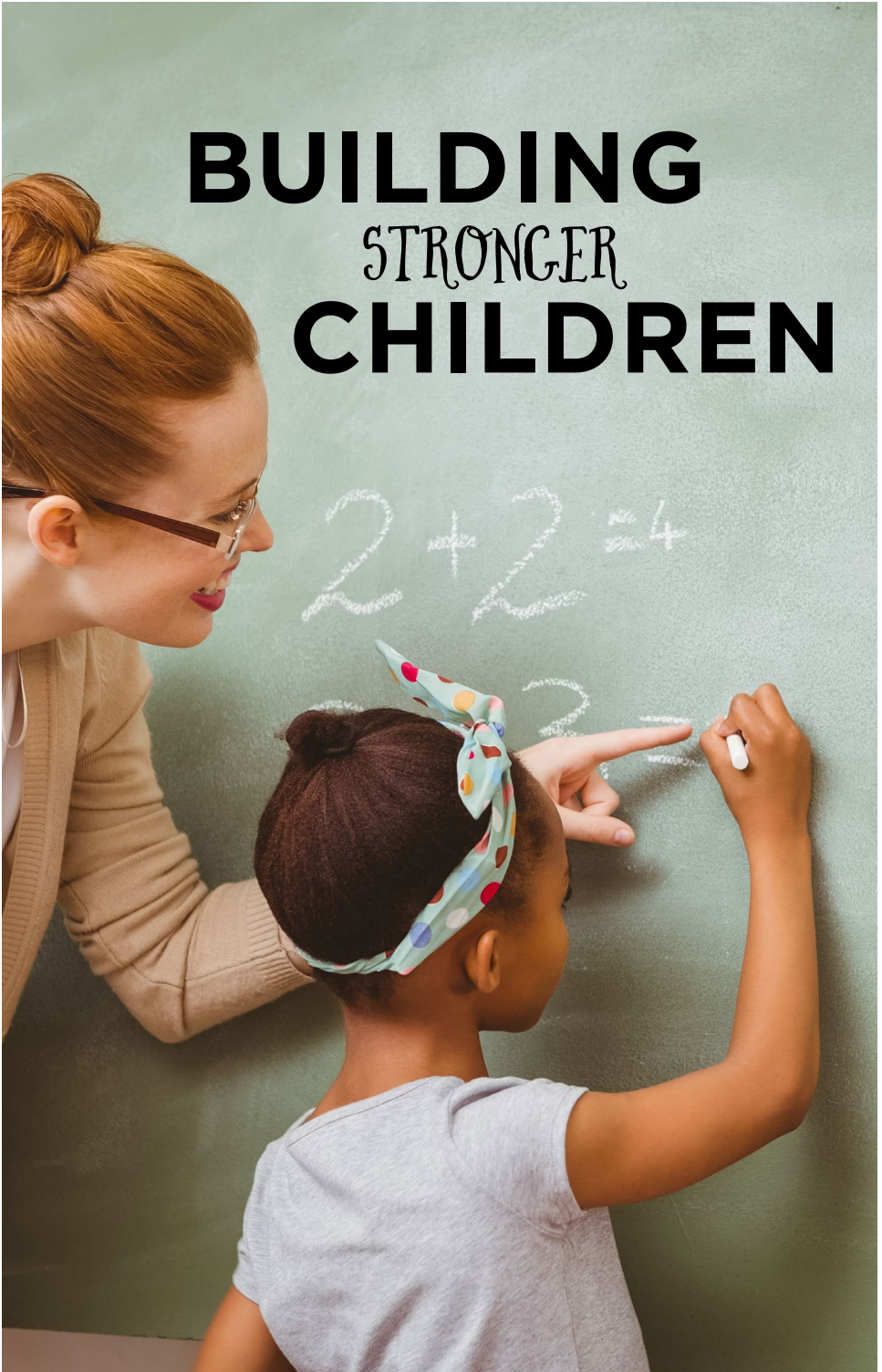
In multiple circles over the past few days people have been contemplating that question. Is there space in the Pioneer Memorial Church that could be shared with others who need such space? Space for what? Space for worship. The conversations continue. Because the chorus is still true—“I have two dollies, and I am glad; you have no dolly and that’s too bad—I’ll share my dolly, for I love you; and now you have a nice dolly, too.” Sharing dollies, sharing space—it can’t be that much different, can it?

Especially since God invites us, “to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share” (1 Timothy 6:18). ■

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



# BUILDING STRONGER CHILDREN



## BY NADIA NOSWORTHY

“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.” Wise words penned by abolitionist and author Frederick Douglass. Building strong children involves meeting many needs, one of which is providing children with the skills needed to succeed later in life so they can be self-sufficient, contributing members of society. One way of providing these skills is through quality education where young students receive solid instruction in subject areas such as reading and math. When children fail to master these subjects early in their development the consequences that ensue are not felt just by themselves but also by society as a whole.

**Consider the following:**

- Three out of five people in American prisons can't read.
- To determine how many prison beds will be needed in future years, some states actually base part of their projection on how well current elementary students are performing on reading tests.
- Eight-five percent of juvenile offenders have problems reading.
- Illiteracy costs American taxpayers an estimated \$20 billion each year.
- School dropouts cost the U.S. \$240 billion in social service expenditures and lost tax revenues.

(Source: National Institute for Literacy, National Center for Adult Literacy, The Literacy Company, U.S. Census Bureau as cited in <http://literacyprojectfoundation.org/community/statistics/>.)

In January of this year the Michigan State Board of Education announced that four schools in Benton Harbor are at risk for closure in the very near future due to

extremely low student performance in both math and reading on state-wide tests. What does this mean? A large number of children in our neighboring community are very much in need of your help as they are in jeopardy of an unpromising and difficult future. Through no fault of their own they have not been able to receive the same benefits enjoyed by the children in our local schools. To address this need Harbor of Hope SDA Church is currently running a tutoring program for children in Kindergarten through Grade 8 with hopes of expanding to high school and adults working toward a GED. We are currently seeking volunteers who are able to help out one hour a week on Monday afternoons from 4:30-5:30 at the Harbor of Hope Church (769 Pipestone Street, Benton Harbor). No teaching experience is required, just a will to serve. It has been a very rewarding experience for myself and all those currently involved. If you are interested, contact [hohtutoringcenter@gmail.com](mailto:hohtutoringcenter@gmail.com) or call 269.210.6155. Donations to this effort are also needed and greatly appreciated. Please include a donation in your tithe envelope marked Harbor of Hope Tutoring Center. Together, with God's help, let's build strong children in the community of Benton Harbor. ■

*Nadia Nosworthy is the Tutoring Director for Harbor of Hope.*

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Please write  
"Harbor of Hope"  
on your tithe envelope.

# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*Most Lovely Lord Jesus • Hermann Schroeder*

## Introit

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel*

## Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

Jesus said, "If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciple;"

**And we will know the truth and the truth shall make us free.**

Turn to God, who hears us, and answers.

**Let us live faithfully, honoring His commandments.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*The Church Has One Foundation • 348*

## Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell  
*We Would See Jesus • st. 1 of 494*

## Worship in Music

*Wayfarin' Stranger • Traditional / Barry Milner*

## Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense  
*Arioso • Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Children's Story

## Scripture

1 John 2:3-6 NLT • Dorothea & Christiane Gallos

And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments.

**If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth.**

But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him.

**Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.**

## Hymn of Preparation

*Be Like Jesus • st. 1 & 4 of 492*



**Sermon** "STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—7 • Dwight K. Nelson

**Hymn of Commitment** *I Would Be Like Jesus* • 311

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary** *O Lamb of God, Unspotted* • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Orion Strings; Héctor Flores, director

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# MUSIC ALIVE

## HOLY LAMB

**W**hen the Lamb of God is represented in organ music, that music frequently expresses the pathos of the sacrificial Lamb's sufferings, often through strong tonal "colors" and intense harmonies. One can gain, through the music, the impression of the Lamb undergoing intense suffering, with perhaps no sense of the resolution and ultimate triumph of splendid victory over sin and

death. Today's closing voluntary seems different: a glowing organ setting for the German chorale melody for "O Lamb of God, Most Holy." (The last word in the German, "unschuldig," is rendered "unspotted" or "not guilty.") This seems to be music of the resplendent, holy Lamb, the music wreathed in exultant phrases, joyful motifs, and jubilant scales, expressed through Bach's musical gifts. ■

# WE STUDY

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**Song Service**

Vladimir Slavujevic

**Prayer**

Hilsa Lizardo

**Scripture**

Chris Ngugi

**Special Feature**

Chris Ngugi, Natalie MacArthur, Hilsa Lizardo, Rachel Colwell

**Offertory**

*Melody • Pyotr Tchaikovsky*

**Bible Study**

“The Holy Spirit, the Word, and Prayer” • 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: Carlos Lozano, violin; Analiz Lozano, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## As We Begin

*Most Lovely Lord Jesus • Hermann Schroeder*

## Praise

*Holy Is the Lord • This Is My Desire (Lord I Give You My Heart) • Speak O Lord*

## Prayer

Sharon Terrell

## Tithes & Offerings

*Arioso • Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Baby Dedication

Cyrus Salvador Virchel presented by Gary & Athina Wood  
*with José Bourget*

## Bible Reading

1 John 2:3-6 NLT

## Worship in Music

*Wayfarin' Stranger • Traditional / Barry Milner*

## Sermon

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—7 • Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card

*I Would Be Like Jesus • 311*

## As We Depart

*O Lamb of God, Unspotted • Johann Sebastian Bach*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

PIANO: Joshua Goines; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Matthew Master

VOCALS: Ginger Ebanks, Lauren Snell

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Orion Strings; Héctor Flores, director

**SUBMIT** announcements by emailing [bulletin@pmchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@pmchurch.org) or by going to [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://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** • 6:45  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 7:53

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**SABINE VATEL**

"Don't Ask for Just a Few"

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**JOSÉ BOURGET**

Communion

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING BUDGET

GROW Groups are an integral part of the life of PMC, and each day of the week there is more than one group meeting this semester. Many of these groups meet within the walls of church. GROW Groups not only bless the members at PMC but they are also a way to reach beyond the walls of the church to the community. Whether you are currently participating in a GROW Group or not you can be a part of this growing community through your financial support to PMC's Operating Budget today.

### Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Edmond Roy by his children, Brenda DeGrave, Gary Roy, and Debra Anderson. Edmond Roy, longtime member of PMC, died on January 31.

### Visitors' Dinner

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

### Adventist Forum

TODAY • 3:30-5:00 PM  
CHAN SHUN HALL  
(GARBER AUDITORIUM)

Dr. Sherine Brown-Fraser will present "The Nexus of Income, Nutrition, & Health: Are We Paying a High Price?"

### Master Guide Skills Development

TODAY  
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

**3:00 PM** – Communication I

**4:15 PM** – Communication 2

**5:30 PM** – Learning Styles

### Nominating Committee

SECOND READING

**Safety Committee Member:**

Don Damron

## **Family Vespers**

TODAY • 6:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening we will watch and discuss a film on creation, "The Hearing Ear."

## **Symphony Orchestra Concert: British Music**

TODAY • 8:00 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Claudio Gonzalez, invites you to an evening of British music, featuring three 20th-century British composers with very different styles of music. A pre-concert talk will begin at 7:30 PM. To purchase tickets visit [howard.andrews.edu](http://howard.andrews.edu) or call the box office at 269.471.3560.

## **Superhealth Fair**

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM  
RMES

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School invites you and your family to come for FREE health screenings. These include dental, speech, language, hearing, blood sugar, blood pressure, and more! All ages welcome. Help keep your family healthy and enter for your chance to win a Fitbit.

## **Adventist Retirees of Michiana**

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Join our monthly potluck and enjoy guest musician Maureen Plumb. Our featured speaker, Constance Gane, will present the topic, "Why Archeology Is Important in a Community of Faith." Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the program and fellowship. For more information contact Ralph Wood ([rcwood90@gmail.com](mailto:rcwood90@gmail.com)).

## **Academy Day**

MARCH 14 • 8:00 AM TO 3:15 PM  
ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy invites all eighth-graders to come see the exciting programs AA has to offer. Experience a day filled with a number of classes, worship, games, and activities. Lunch will be served, t-shirts and prizes will be given. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. If you have questions call 269.471.3138.

## **Knitting Hearts Together**

MARCH 14 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM  
MACCARTY HOME

The Knitting Hearts Together group will meet again this Tuesday. For more info, contact Alice Williams ([alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu) or 269.471.6815) or Lyn MacCarty (269.471.9060 or 208.3377).

## **House of Prayer—2 Sessions**

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 AM/7:00 PM

Join us morning (Youth Chapel) or evening (Sanctuary) for group praying—bring your Bible, bring a friend.

## **Mission Trip to Lebanon**

This week the Friendship Team from PMC Youth Mission will be going to Lebanon. The team will be conducting the week of prayer at Middle East University and at the elementary and secondary school in Beirut. They will also conduct evening meetings for the community and assist in the refugee center as time allows. Your contributions provide funds for needed supplies and ministries. Mark your gifts *PMC Youth Missions Lebanon*. Most importantly keep us in your prayers for the next two weeks. For more information, contact [glenn@andrews.edu](mailto:glenn@andrews.edu).



## Adult Sabbath School Quarterly from your Sabbath School Teacher or Leader

The Sabbath School Council's goal is that every Pioneer member who wishes to have a Sabbath School Quarterly can receive one and to practice better stewardship. Teachers or group representatives are asked to pick up quarterlies on behalf of their Sabbath on-duty leaders or Sabbath School group on March 18 and 24 from the Welcome Center. Please note that Adult Sabbath School materials are also available for free online via: <http://snet.org/study-guides/>. If you are a leader or representative and have not yet put in your request by March 15 please write to Janna Quetz [janna.quez@pmchurch.org](mailto:janna.quez@pmchurch.org) to receive the online reservation form.

## Scrapbooking Together

MARCH 19 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Bring your paper craft supplies (scrapbook, card making, etc.) and a favorite snack and enjoy time working on your projects. We will provide the chocolate and prizes. If you have questions, email [sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org](mailto:sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org).

## Thank You

Thank you for your overwhelming support through prayers, cards, flowers, food, and visits showered on our family at the death of Robert D. Moon, III our son, husband, father, and brother. *-Robert & Louise Moon; Annette Trubey Moon; Kara Moon, Robert Moon, and Alison Moon Peterson; Cami Moon Cress, and Jim Moon*

## Ellen G. White Issues Symposium

APRIL 3 • 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
SEMINARY CHAPEL

Join us for this annual event sponsored by the Center for Adventist Research, the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, and the Seminary's Department of Church History. This symposium will break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues with current importance relating to her life, ministry and prophetic gift. Admission is free. Speakers include Richard Davidson, Jiri Moskala, Merlin Burt, Denis Kaiser, and Iriann Marie Hausted. There will be an opportunity to submit questions relating to Ellen White and current issues which will be debated at the afternoon panel discussion.

## God's Hands for Kids

Would you like to be involved in an ongoing ministry to foster or adoptive families in our county and beyond? Either on a regular basis or a one-time basis? God's Hands for Kids works collaboratively with Berrien County DHHS Foster Licensing Team, Berrien County Probate Court, and the Post Adoption Resource Center to provide Foster, Adoptive and Kinship families with support and trainings. Areas where volunteers and/or donations may be needed are providing meals, childcare (special need for experienced help for ASD kids), registration (mobile device knowledge a plus). Upcoming is a 2-day simulcast coming April 7-8. For more info and to contact us go to [www.GH4K.org](http://www.GH4K.org).

## More Announcements

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

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# RMES VISITORS' DAY

**Tuesday, March 14**

Grades 1-6 • 8:15-11:30 AM  
Grades 7-8 • 8:15 AM-3:30 PM



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