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to Pioneers




A special welcome to our guests and our Pioneer family to this House of Prayer for all People. Today we celebrate with praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful ways God has guided and blessed us!

"Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!
Shout to God with the voice of triumph!
For the Lord Most High is AWESOME;
He is a great King over all the earth."
Psalm 47:1,2

If you are visiting for the first time or are new to the campus this summer, be sure to complete the **Connect Card** found in your bulletin. As our regular attendees do, use the space provided to share your prayer requests, comments, questions. And don't forget to share a way we can contact you.

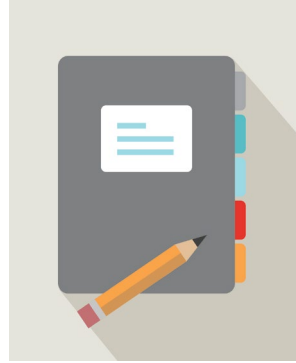
Again, welcome to all and Happy Sabbath!

–Sharon Terrell

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BABEL IN THE MAKING

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

This winter I read through Jacques Doukhan's new commentary, *Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary: Genesis*. And in his fascinating description of the Tower of Babel event (Genesis 11) I wonder if we find the antecedent to (or at least the seeds for) what is happening to this nation even as I write.

"Babel"—"confusion"—"because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world" (Genesis 11:9). Could there be a more succinct descriptor for the babble of confusion that now defines this nation's government? It seems there is hardly a soul in the capital not culpable for this chaos—in the administration, Congress, the news media, late night entertainment, et al. Washington is now a veritable cacophony of chaos and confusion: he said/she said, he said/they said, he said/we said. Does anybody know the truth anymore? Or is truth even knowable now?

In the construction of Babel, you remember, the workers (who set out to build "a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves"—v 4) suddenly found themselves unable to communicate with each other. For the Creator "came down" and rewired their



linguistic circuitry. According to Jewish tradition: "And great confusion took place; nobody knew what the other spoke. If one would ask for an ax, the other would hand him a shovel; and getting angry he would throw the shovel at him and kill him. So they left off building the tower, and God scattered them from the face of the earth" (Jacques Doukhan 190).

But there is more to the story. Doukhan writes: "The story of the tower of Babel also conveys a message of hope. There



forever” (Daniel 2:44). The Apocalypse declares: **“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon [from “Babel” or confusion] the Great!” . . . ‘Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments” (Revelation 18:2; 19:1-2).**

I find peaceful assurance in these words from a century ago: “. . . the complicated play of human events [even in Washington] is under divine control. Amidst the strife and tumult of nations, He [who sits] above the cherubim still guides the affairs of the earth. . . . To every nation and to every individual of today [including the President] God has assigned a place in His great plan. . . . All are by their own choice deciding their destiny, and God is overruling all for the accomplishment of His purposes” (*Education* 178).

So we need not fret. God is on His throne. The door of opportunity to reach this nation is still open. And He will have a people loyally devoted to Him over all rulers and politicians. And His people will surely soon mobilize themselves across this country with the urgently good news that Christ is soon to come. No confusion in their message. Just the earnest appeal to, as one ancient prophet put it, “Prepare to meet thy God!” (Amos 4:12). ■

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

is an ‘after’ Babel: God will come down. This is the central message of the story. . . . This hope resonates throughout the Scriptures. It is seen in the prophets’ vision of the gathering of all nations under the rule of God [one day]” (186).

Because no matter the confusion that reigns in our government right now, there is One who will have the last word—when **“the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed . . . but it will itself endure**



GOD'S ABUNDANT PANTRY: SERVING HUMANITY

BY CHUCK PECK

A couple of weeks ago we were blessed to see this year's round of graduation ceremonies. On that weekend, Andrews University students were awarded their degrees in recognition for their hard work, financial sacrifice, and emotional stress that they invested in their education. They are now equipped to fulfill the Gospel Commission wherever God leads them.

GAP donors can feel good for having a part in helping reduce the financial stress these students have experienced. Your

\$10 donation to GAP is multiplied 15, 20, or 25 times, depending on the source of the food distributed to the international and graduate students.

We are often asked, "How can a \$10 donation be multiplied to equal \$150–\$250 dollars worth of groceries? Where do you buy food staples for just cents on the dollar?" Those are good questions. GAP has several resources.

Feeding America, a national organization with many regional warehouses, is our largest resource. It receives donations

of food products from manufacturers, distributors, retailers and growers. GAP places weekly orders from their current inventory list. GAP pays 16, 12, or 6 cents a pound depending on the food products and time of the year. Often Feeding America has produce and bakery goods they give to GAP because they know GAP volunteers will sort through pallets of these very perishable products that will be eaten within a day or two.

Another big resource for fresh produce is the local commercial growers. Farmers will often produce more fruits, berries, or vegetables than they can sell. Instead of dumping that produce back on the fields or paying to haul it to a landfill, they will call GAP. They are pleased to know that the investment they have made in growing their produce through cash and time will be a blessing to student families.

Other resources include home gardeners, food distributors, and individuals who are moving and don't want to haul a lot of food to their next house. GAP also purchases some bulk food staples wholesale, such as various types of dried rice, beans, split peas and cornmeal.

To better understand how valuable your donations are, read the student testimonials below. ■

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.

My husband and I came from Brazil to study at Andrews University in August 2014. In our country the value of the coin is very low. We have to pay rent, studies, and have a 17-month-old son. Sometimes we do not have enough money to buy food.

GAP has been a blessing in our life. I get food every Tuesday and Thursday. I arrive with my empty bag and come back with it overflowing. We just have to thank the donors and volunteers responsible for GAP, for always giving us the best.

Andrews Student Family of Three

I am Jessica, an Andrews student who goes to GAP regularly to get food. I also go to get my twice weekly dose of friendliness from the staff. Aside from the bread, produce, and treats I receive from the combined donated food and donated money, I also get to interact with the volunteers. The volunteers are absolutely wonderful! They greet all the students who come through to get food cheerfully! It starts at front of the line at the sign in sheet. Then it continues along the rectangle as students choose food. The GAP volunteers greet me with a "hello," a smile and instructions regarding the food item they are in charge of that day. There is also the unforgettable jolly fun and joking between the volunteers and students served.

Single Graduate Student

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach*

Introit *Morning Has Broken • arr. Catherine McMichael*

Call to Worship Sabine Vatel

O sing to the Lord a new song.

For he has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth

Let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes.

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

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise *To God Be the Glory • 341*

Congregational Prayer Sabine Vatel
Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music *Lamentations of Jeremiah (All You Who Pass By) • Randall Stroope*

Ordination of Deacons Christiane & Dorothea Gallos, Patrick Strzyzkowski

Thank You & Farewell Jonathan LaPointe

Tithes & Offerings Michigan Advance Partners
The Music of Living • Dan Forrest

Children's Story

Scripture Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10, 12 NIV • Brian & Dawn Mutz

For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing;
they have no further reward, and even their name is forgotten.

**Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished;
never again will they have a part in anything that happens under
the sun.**

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Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them.

Hymn of Preparation

Lord of the Boundless Curves of Space
97 to the tune of 250

Sermon

"Nuclear Fishin': The Big Bad Fisherman" • Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Commitment

How Great Thou Art • st. 1, 3, 4 of 86

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

My Jesus, You to Me • Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Berrien Springs High School Concert Choir and Bel Canto

Carrie VanDenburgh, director; Jonathan Doram, piano

INTROIT: Luke & Jasmine Patterson, violin; Vesna Patterson, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

EMOTIONS OF LAMENT AND JOY

Strong emotions characterize music sung by members of the Berrien Springs High School Concert Choir and Bel Canto today. Their director is Carrie VanDenburgh, an alumnae of Andrews University. Randall Stroope's *Lamentations* (9:00) runs a wide gamut of emotion, from the mysterious, plaintive opening to the impassioned outcry to passersby. The text is in Latin, taken from the biblical book of Lamentations 1:12:

"All you that pass by the way look and see if there be any sorrow like my sorrow." The African-American spiritual "Walk in Jerusalem" (11:45) has a choir part of buoyant, joyous hope. Wayne Hooper spread an unaccompanied version of this in our Church with The King's Heralds, where a part of the text proclaimed, "O John, now didn't you say . . . That you'd be there on that great day." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Christina Carroll

Welcome & Prayer

Sabine Vatel

Offertory

Make Me Whole • Rob Gardner

Bible Study

"Jesus in the Writings of Peter" • 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

Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Anna Kim, soprano; Joshua Goines, piano

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As We Begin

Walk in Jerusalem • African-American Spiritual

Praise

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord) • My Jesus I Love Thee (Your Holy Name)
Jesus Messiah/He Knows My Name*

Prayer

Sabine Vatel

Ordination of Deacons

Claire Covrig, Allie Trine, Debby Suhendra Mongkau

Thank You & Farewell

Jonathan LaPointe

Tithes & Offerings

Kum Ba Yah (Come By Here) • Traditional

Children's Story

Bible Reading

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6, 10, 12 NIV

Worship in Music

The Music of Living • Dan Forrest

Sermon

"Nuclear Fishin': The Big Bad Fisherman" • Dwight K. Nelson

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How Great Thou Art • st. 1, 3, 4 of 86

As We Depart

My Jesus, You to Me • Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
GUITAR: Michael de Klerk; PIANO: Joshua Goines
VOCALS: Michael Gibson, Melissa Gibson, Jessica Link, James-Andrew Hearn
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Berrien Springs High School Concert Choir and Bel Canto
Carrie VanDenburgh, director; Jonathan Doram, piano

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 • 9:02
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:09

PIONEER PULPIT

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1ST SERVICE—Ben Martin
2ND SERVICE—AA Baccalaureate

| 06 • 03 |

JOE KIDDER
"From Servant to Son"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

If giving your "two cents' worth" of opinion is good, is giving "four cents" worth twice as much? How about giving something worth more than your opinion... like the four cents of every Michigan Advance Partners dollar that is used to support Camp Au Sable. Camp Au Sable is a place where young people connect with God in every sense of the word. Through nature, the Word, and relationships created there with godly staff, connections are made that have eternal consequences. Those "four cents' worth" of every MAP dollar have an outsized impact. Give liberally today!

Family Vespers

We will not be meeting tonight in lieu of the final presentation of The Tent.

WANTED: GROW Groups for Summer 2017!

Have an idea for summer activities that you'd like to invite others to join you in anytime between June 11 to August 6? To be included in the Summer 2017 semester catalog, sign up your group at www.pmchurch.org/grow before May 23. Help others GROW new friendships with God and each other. If you have questions please email growgroups@pmchurch.org.

The Tent Evangelism

TODAY • 5:00 PM

THE TENT BEHIND THE
ALUMNI HOUSE

Join us for tonight's meeting as the Jr. High Students of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School use their gifts and talents to share the Gospel as well as their love for Jesus.

PMC Office Closed

The PMC office will be closed on Friday, May 26, and Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will be open at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, May 30, and look forward to serving you.

Free Dental Clinic

MAY 21 • 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
ALL NATIONS SDA CHURCH
4259 E. SNOW ROAD

Michigan-licensed professionals will offer free, mobile clinic services including care (cleanings, fillings, & extractions) and adult health screenings. There will also be a free children's health expo where children have fun while learning about their wellness.

Pre-College Division Group Concert

MAY 21 • 11:00 AM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The Andrews University Department of Music Pre-College Division presents a Group Concert. Students, ages 4 to 15, will be performing pieces by Vivaldi, Bach, Kreisler, Wieniawski, and much more! The group will also perform hymns that they filmed at 3ABN for the Kids Time show this past month. Admission is free and all are invited to attend the concert!

Scrapbooking Together

MAY 21 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your projects and enjoy some time together. Rena will be here from Canada for a visit so we will be enjoying a potluck at 1:30 PM. Bring your favorite dish and a snack to share. We will provide the chocolate and the prizes. If you have questions email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Get Our E-Letter!

Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Midweek, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at www.pmchurch.org/newsletter.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

MAY 21 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Come hear guest musician Kenneth Logan at the monthly ARM potluck. Scott Schalk, Financial Advisor, will present "Qualified Charitable Giving and Tax Strategies." Bring your food and enjoy the fellowship. For more info contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

Natural Remedies Seminar

MAY 21 • 2:00 TO 5:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Making your own herbal remedies at home is easier than you think. Come see us demonstrate how to make herbal teas and create herbal salves, learn how herbs can replace supplements, how to combine herbs for increased energy, use herbs to help sleep, discover how herbs can reduce pain, and much more. All are welcome!

Knitting Hearts Together

MAY 23 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

This ministry serves the seriously ill and bereaved. Consider joining us as creators or deliverers. For more information, contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu, 461.6815) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

Thank You

Thank you for all the cards, visits, flowers, and encouraging phone calls at this difficult time at the passing of my Mom. It means a lot to me. I look forward to Jesus' return when death will be no more and we will be reunited with our loved ones.

—Jackie & Nick Bikichky

Summer Exercise Classes

MAY 16 TO JULY 27

H2OFit

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 7:30-8:15 am
Johnson Gym Pool*

ToBoFit

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:00-5:50 PM
Lamson Hall Health Club*

These FREE classes are part of the PMC Health Ministries and are open to anyone 18 years and older. If you have questions please contact Kathy Koudele (kathy.koudele@pmchurch.org).

Mission Report on Mongolia

MAY 27 • 4:00 PM
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

You will find inspiration as you learn how God guides through trial and leads to greater opportunity than imagined. Brad Jolly with Cathie by his side opened and developed our SDA work in Mongolia from 1991 until his death in 1998. Cathie returned to Mongolia with Curtis joining in ministry to initiate a youth training center. It appeared as though the enemy would succeed in closing this vital project, but learn how God opens doors for greater ministry when the enemy attacks.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with the family of Richard Morris. Richard passed away on May 13. A funeral was held at PMC on Wednesday, May 17. We also grieve with the Ranzinger family on the loss of Elliot Ranzinger. A funeral will be held today in Collegedale, TN. With both of these families we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Blood Drive

JUNE 21 • 11:00 TO 4:45 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 269.471.3296).

2017 Intensive Workshop in Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy

AUGUST 6-11
SDA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Lecturers from Uchee Pines, Andrews University, and Weimar will teach the skillful use of natural remedies, water, nutrition, charcoal and massage. To register visit www.andrews.edu/go/nrhw, email janinec@andrews.edu, or call 269.471.3541. Preregistration is encouraged as enrollment is limited.

More Announcements

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