

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH



"Christmas With Daniel: The Anointed"

CHRISTMAS EVE // 2011

WELCOME!

On this Christmas Eve Sabbath let the church bells peal the glad welcome: A joyous and blessed Noel to you, "and on earth, peace, good will to all." Come, let us remember that "holy night" and throw wide our be-ribboned and holly-laden doors today to the Christ Child. Let us rewrite the ancient story, for surely there is room in our hearts for Him. With shepherds, angels and magi alike, we raise the jubilant chorus, "Glory to God in the highest!"

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A NORTH KOREAN CHRISTMAS

The world in the West awakened on Monday to the news that while we slept the 69 year old recluse and quixotic leader of North Korea had succumbed to a heart attack. Kim Jong Il was dead. The North Korean press dutifully reported that the "dear leader" died of "overwork" and "great mental and physical pain" accumulated from "dedicating his life to the people."

And I could not help but wonder how it will be with the North Korean people Kim Jong Il left behind. Their publicized expressions of grief and dismay over their "great leader's" demise notwithstanding, how shall they survive? The notorious lack of food production in that hermit (and hermetically sealed) nation reportedly has produced a half-starved citizenry, eking out an impoverished existence. The nation's ruling philosophy—that

there is no God—has meant that there is no divine Responder to the human plight, no Creator to whom the struggling might appeal. And, God forbid, no Christmas story to offer even a glimmer of hope for a downtrodden people.

So what Christmas shall the North Koreans enjoy?

Oh, you say, if only we could tell them the truth about the first Christmas long, long ago—if only they could taste the elixir of hope embedded in that manger box of feed—if only they might come to know the Christ Child grown up and crucified and buried and risen—then surely, like their dominantly Christian cousins to the south, they too could be resurrected into western prosperity and Christian faith (perhaps not in that order).

And yet I look at the American experiment in “believing” the now ancient Christmas story. Where has it gotten us? Last month the Associated Press reported: “The ranks of America’s poorest poor have climbed to a record high—1 in 15 people—spread widely across metropolitan areas as the housing bust pushed many inner-city poor into suburbs and other outlying places and shriveled jobs and income. New census data paint a stark portrait of the nation’s haves and have-nots at a time when unemployment remains persistently high. It comes a week before the government releases first-ever economic data that will show more Hispanics, elderly and working-age poor have fallen into poverty. In all, the numbers underscore the

breadth and scope by which the downturn has reached further into mainstream America” (*SBTribune* 11-3-11).

It is a baleful harvest when you embrace only one of the two Advents Scripture has promised. For what good is all the singing about once-upon-a-time, when the here-and-now is left woefully unaffected, pitifully unchanged? The Apostle Paul correctly protested: **“If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied” (I Corinthians 15:9).** Unless we radically embrace both the First and Second Advents, all the societal commotion over the First Advent is meaningless, hopeless—is it not? Are those Americans, who are as unmindful of the Advent yet to come as are the North Koreans, any better off in terms of eternity?

This Christmas what if we who call ourselves “Advent-ists” (we who are passionate about *both* Comings of Jesus) pushed our passion to action? What if we discovered a “North Korean” closer to home—someone, some family eking out an impoverished existence in this land of plenty? Not to assuage our guilt, but rather to manifest our hope, by helping another not of our tribe. What if we celebrated a North Korean Christmas here at home? Don’t you suppose someone’s New Year might yet bring reason to believe, to hope—if we really cared?

OPERATING EXPENSES

WOMEN'S MINISTRY / A SWEET HOLIDAY PARTY

The Women's Ministries Sweet Holiday Party offered the perfect opportunity for women to come together and enjoy the sweet blessings of the season. Christmas music played by flutist's Cynthia Burrill, Betty Gibson, Lauren Matacio and Rachel Sauer welcomed guests as they arrived. Melanie Goetz led the group in a Sweet Christmas Devotion using a variety of candies to remind us of the sweet Reason of this season. Women got to know one another as they worked to solve a variety of Christmas puzzles while enjoying cookies and delicious breads and spreads. They also made their own Sweet Christmas candy bag and a 2012 calendar, creatively put together on a CD case with scrapbooking materials.

We know the sweet blessing of Christmas comes when we are a blessing to others. Many women committed to make over sixty loaves of sweet bread and others beautifully wrapped presents to include in a Christmas gift bag. The Homebound Ministry Team provides the Christmas gift bags to members of PMC who are

unable to attend church regularly.

A special thanks goes to Wendy Ronto for the festive table decorations and the Women's Ministry Planning Team, (Marilyn Bender, Crystal Bruette, Cynthia Burrill, Deb Montcalm, Lisseth Passillas Amber Radivojevic, Brenda Schalk and Alice Williams) for providing this fellowship opportunity.

Consider being part of an ongoing Women's Ministry activity.

Scrapbooking Together meets one Sunday a month from 1 to 5 PM. Bring your own scrapbooking project. Contact Sherrie Davis at 269-471-3134.

Caring Cards Ministry sends cards to bring encouragement to PMC members who are experiencing life's difficulties. Contact Marilyn Bender at 269-471-2949.

Prayer Partners pray for specific prayer requests and remember women on their birthday. Contact Cynthia Burrill at cynthiaburrill77@aol.com.

Knitting Hearts Together knits/crochets special items for individuals who need extra care and prayer. If you don't knit you can help deliver the crafted items. Contact Alice Williams at alicew@andrews.edu.

PRAY

For our women's ministries
to flourish

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OPERATING EXPENSES

GIVE TO LINE 2

Annual Budget	\$585,000
Goal to-date	\$562,500
Received to-date	\$541,201
(Received to-date 2010)	\$498,114

As of December 10, 2011

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

AA / SA CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the things we want our students to experience during the holiday season is the joy of giving. The SA Children's Christmas Party is designed for this purpose. Andrews Academy students sign up in groups of two to four to sponsor a child for the annual Christmas party. Sponsorship involves purchasing a gift for the child and giving that child tender loving attention on the night of the party. Then various children from the community are invited as guests for an evening of fun. SA officers welcome children as

they arrive and get them involved in decorating their table. That is followed by rollicking games in the gym such as the much loved "Duck, Duck, Goose." After games, it's time for delicious pizza and then gifts are distributed to the children.

This evening is another example of the genuine Christian school spirit that the Andrews Academy family enjoys. Thank you, Student Association and sponsors for your thoughtful planning of this event. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive.



PRAY

That God's spirit of giving will be ours

MORE INFO

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

GIVE TO LINE 3

Annual Budget	\$220,921
Goal to-date	\$212,400
Received to-date	\$201,242
(Received to-date 2010)	\$190,694

As of December 10 2011

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

SOUP KITCHEN / “GIVE YE THEM TO EAT”

One of the difficulties of living the Christian life is not knowing exactly how to live it. There are people who think that opening the Bible at random and reading a passage of Scripture constitutes Divine guidance. On the other hand, there are those who look for reasons to disregard some Biblical directives as if they can't possibly be expected to take them literally.

That's why I appreciate the clarity of Mark 6:37. This is from the feeding of the five thousand, where the disciples urged Jesus to dismiss the crowds that had come to hear Him so they could get food. Jesus' reply was a shock to the disciples: "You give them something to eat."

There's something almost comical about the dialogue: "Tell these people to go away because... well, they need food." "So feed them." There's nothing complicated about the situation; if someone has a need, you do something about it. If someone is hungry, you feed them.

That's what we do at the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen. At a time when

there is an increasing demand for food and diminishing resources – when municipal support is disappearing because of budget cuts. It's only natural for us to continue to help our community, taking a turn with other churches to feed the hungry. We are serving up to 120 meals and it's clear the number is multiplying. The words of Jesus to His disciples, "You give them something to eat," are as clear now as they ever were.



PRAY

That God will continue to multiply the loaves

MORE INFO

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

Annual Budget	\$131,000
Goal to-date	\$125,950
Received to-date	\$120,255
(Received to-date 2010)	\$100,498

As of December 10, 2011

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST IN CHURCH

COMMONS 8:30 AM

SABBATH STUDY

SANCTUARY 10:00 AM

Song Service	Elizabeth Wilson
Opening Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Immanuel</i> / 115
Opening Prayer	Lois Nicholas
Special Music	<i>The First Noel</i> / 118
Thoughts on the Shepherd's Visit	
Special Music	<i>Silent Night</i> / 143
Family of God	
Offertory	<i>O Holy Night</i> / Adolph Adam
Bible Study	"The Gospel and the Church" / Classes
Theme Song	<i>Amazing Grace</i> / st. 1 of 108
Benediction	Elizabeth Wilson

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; OFFERTORY: Wen-Ting Ong, piano; Isabel Ong, violin
SPECIAL MUSIC #1: Val Plue Allen, violin; Layna Nicholas Beckermeyer, voice
SPECIAL MUSIC #2: Ryan, Layna, Loran and Lilah Beckermeyer; Nick, Val and Orianna Allen

[see page 16/17 for Sabbath School directory & map]

HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW

CALL: Christine Wallace / 313.2550—**E-MAIL:** health@pmchurch.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Join Evelyn Kissinger, RD, for a 4-week dynamic health series on "Simple Solutions," starting Thursday evenings on January 5, at 6 PM in the PMC Commons. A light supper will be provided.
- Save the date: "Back Health" on Sunday January 29, at 2 PM in the PMC Commons. Learn techniques, exercises, and stretches that will keep your back strong and limber.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Monday & Wednesday exercise classes will recommence on January 9 in the PMC Commons.

RUNNING & WALKING CLUB

Sunday morning Running & Walking Clubs will recommence on January 8 at PMC.

CHRISTMAS EVE @ PIONEER

11:20 AM

Pioneer Family Life

Rodlie Ortiz

Voluntary

Come, Shepherds / German Carol / Helmut Walcha

Introit

Magnificat: My Soul Magnifies the Lord / Johann Pachelbel

Christmas Call

Pastor: *On this Day in which we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus,
may you be welcomed and blessed.*

People: *And may you be blessed.*

Pastor: *Why have you come on this glorious Sabbath?*

People: *We have come, like the shepherds and the wise men,
to worship the Christ Child.*

Pastor: *But He is not here—He is risen, ascended and soon to return.*

People: *But we come to celebrate that the Infant of Bethlehem was
and is our God, our Savior and our Lord.*

Pastor: *Then like sages with gifts and shepherds with wonder,
let us come and adore Him.*

People: *We have come to worship Him.*

Pastor: *Then may He be glorified and may all be blessed this Christmas Eve.*

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Carols of the Season

We Rejoice in the Light: A Carol Cycle

Angels From the Realms of Glory / st. 1-3 of 119

There's a Song in the Air / st. 1, 2 & 4 of 120

O, Little Town of Bethlehem / st. 1 & 3 of 135

O Come, All Ye Faithful / st. 1-2 of 132

Angels We Have Heard on High / only refrain twice of 142

Family Prayer

José, Marlene and Sophia Bourget

Call to Prayer

Oh Come, All Ye Faithful / st. 1 of 132

Response

Christmas Music

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly / Polish Carol / Kenneth Logan

Christmas Infant Dedication

Zasha Moskalova presented by

Jonathan & Marcela Wall

Offering

Michigan Advance Partners

Dedication Prayer

Olaoatse Gabasiane

Offertory

*Christmas Music: The First Noel / English Carol /
Yolanda Kondonassis*

Children's Story

Away in a Manager / 124

Christmas Scripture

Matthew 1:18-23 NIV / Itumeleng Gabasiane

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Carol of Preparation

O Holy Night! / Adolphe Adam / James Hanson

Christmas Homily

Dwight K. Nelson

"Christmas with Daniel: The Anointed"

Appeal

Welcome to Our World / Chris Rice

Benediction

Postlude

On Christmas Day / Sussex (English) Carol

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

CHRISTMAS MUSIC: Alina, Cristian, Ingrid Dumitrescu

CAROL OF PREPARATION: Bradley Krueger, Timothy McFeeters, Emily Perkins, Cristina Piccardi

CHRISTMAS OFFERING: Ingrid Dumitrescu, harp

APPEAL: Karen Nelson, soprano; Stephen Zork, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

OF MAGNIFICAT AND SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

"My soul magnifies the Lord" is an English translation of the phrase that begins the classic "Magnificat" text, Luke 1:46-55. Today's introit is a joyous Magnificat by German composer Pachelbel. When the pedal finally enters, intoning broad notes from the traditional Magnificat melody,

the music seems to explode in joy, in shorter note values. Today's offertory is based on an English carol. Here the traditional text tells of shepherds, angels, and wisemen, starting on an imagined "winter's night." The harp's sound evokes perhaps a traditional shepherd's harp.

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:18

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:22

ELEMENTS SABBATH SCHOOL

Elements Sabbath School will not be meeting again until January 7, 2012.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank our entire University, Church and Community family for the outpouring of love and support we have experienced during this time of loss.

-The Hodges & Trieschmann Family

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Next Sabbath will be the last Sabbath to return your tithe and offerings for 2011. If you plan to bring in a donation, the office will be closed on December 26 and 30 so your donation would need to be in no later than 3 PM on Thursday, December 29. If you will not be at PMC, please make sure your check is postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in your 2011 tax-deductible receipt.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR HOLIDAY HOURS

Neighbor To Neighbor is closed for the holidays through January 3. Please hold all donations until then. Thank you!

PMC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Pioneer Memorial Church is seeking qualified candidates for one full time position:

- **Administrative Assistant for Associate Pastors**

Application information & instructions are at www.pmcchurch.org/jobs.

PMC OFFICE CLOSED

The PMC Office will be closed Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed on Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 for the New Year's holiday. We wish each of you a joyous holiday season.

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

1ST READING

TRANSFERS IN

FLORES, Hector Jr
FLORES, Miss Martha
JOHNSON, Fanny (Manjarres)
LITVAK, Kaitlin
LITVAK, Oleg
LITVAK, Pamela
MILOSAVLJEVIC, Elena
MOTAMARRY, Samuel
PASTRAN, Edgar O.
RANGEL, Marlon
SMITH, Cynthia R.

TRANSFERS OUT

ALVIR, Alexandra
BOADI, Sylvester
BURNS, Tyler
CHEE, Yong Shin
FERREIRA, Geovania
FERREIRA, Otoniel
FERREIRA, Patrick
FORD, Jonathan
HART, Michael
JACOBS, Cyreka
KADATSKA, Polina
LEWIS, Lucy
MARRERO, Jesmarie
MCWILLIAMS, Kelly
MORALES, Gladys
PARRIS, Catherine
PATTERSON, Ayinel
PATTERSON, Sandra
TUMANGDAY, Charity

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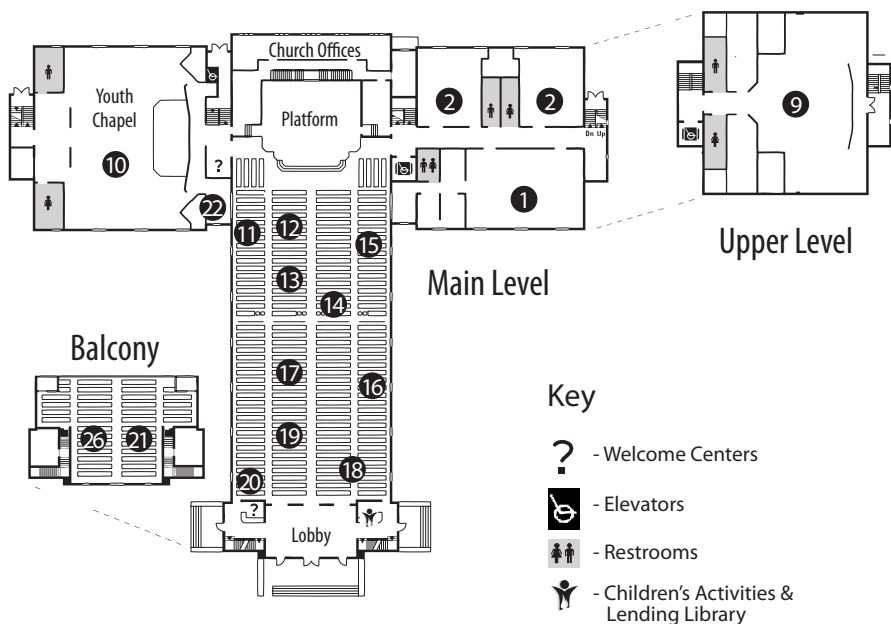
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E.Side Spanish/Paterson, NJ
Downtown Com/Kalamazoo, MI
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North Cascade/Burlington, WA
Southern Asian/Silver Spring, MD
Spanish/ Jersey City Heights, NJ
Spanish/Mishawaka, IN
Blue Mt Academy/Hamburg, PA

TO

North London/London, ON
St. Johns, NL
Missoula, MT
Kingscliff Com/ Chinderah, NSWales
Faculda da Bahia/Cachoeira-Bahia
Faculda da Bahia/Cachoeira-Bahia
Faculda da Bahia/Cachoeira-Bahia
Cherry Hill, NJ
Palm Coast, FL
Restor. Praise Center/ Lanham, MD
Central/St. Louis, MO
Iowa City/IA
Hagerstown, MD
Cedar Lake, MI
FL Hospital/Orlando, FL
Laurelbrook Academy/Dayton, TN
Ocala, FL
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Mi Fil-Am/BerrienSprings, MI

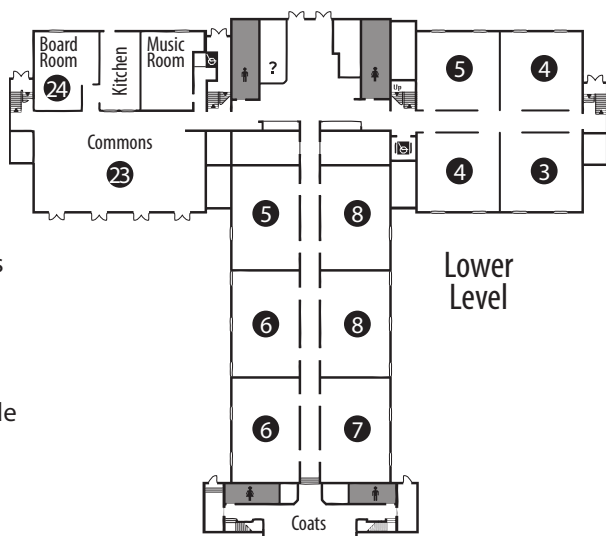


SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY



[children]

- ① Birth - 18 months
- ② 18-36 months
- ③ 3 yr olds
- ④ 4 - 5 yr olds
- ⑤ 6 yr old - 1st grade
- ⑥ 2nd/3rd grade
- ⑦ 4th grade
- ⑧ 5th/6th grade
- ⑨ Earliteen: 7th/8th grade
- ⑩ Youth: 9th-12th grade



PIONEER CLASSES

[adult sanctuary]

- 11 Group 1
- 12 Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- 13 Group 3
- 14 Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- 15 Group 5
- 16 Group 6
- 17 Group 7
- 18 Group 8
- 19 Group 9 (Spanish)
- 20 Group 10
- 21 Group 11 (Balcony)
- 22 Conference Room

[miscellaneous adult]

- 23 Something In Common
- 24 Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs

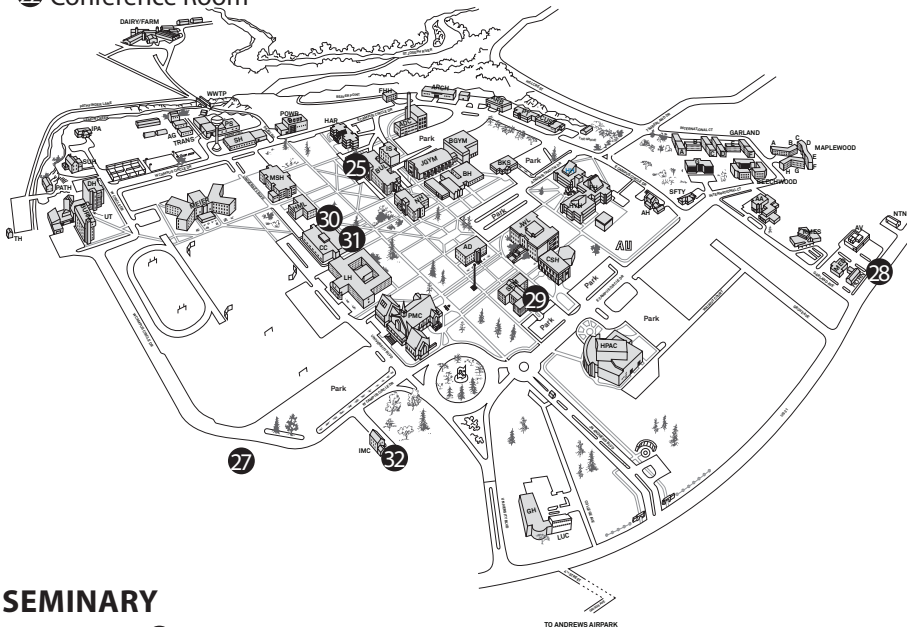
COLLEGIATE

- 25 The Vine (Buller Student Lobby)
H&M (Hispanic - Religion Amphitheater)

- 26 People on the Move (PMC)

YOUNG ADULT

- 27 Elements (Fireside Fellowship House)
- 28 HAM Horn Museum (downstairs)



SEMINARY GROUPS 29

- N108 (Collegiate)
- N110
- N120 (New Life Church Choir)
- N135 (Living Word Fellowship)
- N150
- N211 (Small group)

- N235
- N310 (Russian)
- N335 (Spanish)
- S215 (French)
- S340 (Upper Room)

ADULT @ AU

- 30 Main Lounge
- 31 Faculty Lounge
- 32 Back to Basics

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HOUSE OF PRAYER

WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM, YOUTH CHAPEL

House of Prayer is on a Christmas break. Our New Year series begins January 11. In the meantime let your holiday prayers include the prayer of the angels: "Peace on earth, goodwill to all people."

COMING SOON

12/31

"What To Do With Your Dirt
In The New Year"
Rodlie Ortiz

01/07

"The New Year with Daniel:
The Archangel"
Dwight K. Nelson

