

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH



A New Year Prayer: Heal Our Land

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WELCOME!

We welcome our New Year visitors and guests to worship today. Our university students return to campus tomorrow, but we're delighted that you've come today to share this glad hour with us. We pray that your life will be infused with the hope and joy and peace of Christ through worship this morning, and that you will take his gift with you when you leave today.

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RELIGION IN THE NEW YEAR: LESSONS FROM A DEPARTING EDITOR

I found CNN.com's departing religion editor Dan Gilgoff's observations this week insightful. His final blog before joining the *National Geographic* team lists "5 things I've learned" from his blogging on religion for CNN these last few years. Can we learn something from what he's learned? (<http://religion.blogs.cnn.com/2012/12/31/my-take-5-things-i-learned-editing-the-belief-blog/>):

1. **"The faith/meaning angles off breaking news can yield meaningful, important stories."** He discusses the recent Connecticut school massacre. "Trying to make sense of seemingly senseless deaths and suffering is a fundamental human struggle." And when he reported how people were struggling with the "Where was God?", his blog elicited nearly 8,000 comments. The point? Irrespective of their religious persuasion (or the lack of it), people are eager to talk about belief and God and life's meaning. Which means that you and I don't have to hold back our convictions or conversations about faith and God, especially in a

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REVIVAL & REFORMATION

WAIT FIVE MINUTES

BY DENNIS HOLLINGSEAD

The saying, “If you don’t like the weather, wait five minutes” and its variations have been attributed to Mark Twain. Living in the Midwest, we know he was right. However, it has to be the right five-minute time span! The rest of the day, or even week can be quite boring.

The morning of December 6, 2012, I got up and went into the kitchen. It was then that I noticed a blazing red sky in the east. I went to the window and stood watching the fabulous display of color. I was there about five minutes and the colors slowly changed from red to orange to pale yellow, and then it was mostly shades of gray. If I had slept a little longer I would have missed it. It was only five minutes—but the memory of it was with me all day and will be with me in the future.

Some of us are faithful sunrise and sunset watchers, hoping to someday see the rarest of optical phenomenon, a Green Flash. It only lasts a few seconds, but if you don’t have your face and eyes turned to the sun, you will never see one. You have to be there at the right time expecting, watching, and waiting for it. For the diehard enthusiasts, a Blue Flash is the ultimate sunset watching experience. But again you will never experience the excitement until you see it, and you have to consistently spend time to even have a chance to do so.

But how many of these five-minute displays have I missed in my lifetime?

How many times have I slept and wasn’t even aware God had given me something special for my day? The same can be asked of Bible study and prayer. How many times have I slept in and missed the special message He had for me that morning—not even aware there was something to be grasped and thought about? It only takes a few minutes, but you have to turn your face toward the Son in order to receive the gift. And the most special gift comes as you patiently wait for the Green Flash of spiritual insight. To paraphrase Mark Twain, “If you don’t like your prayer life, wait on the Lord for 30 minutes!”

Look up the following for examples of early morning encounters with God:

Genesis 19:27

Genesis 28:18

Job 1:5

Psalms 63:1-3

Matthew 20:1

Please note the following:

- The first Sabbath of each quarter (January 5) has been designated as a day of prayer and fasting for the world church.
- Daily at 7 AM and 7 PM—Please pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for unity in our world church, local church, institutions, and families.
- Pray that each of us will be a faithful witness for Jesus in our church, home, school, and neighborhood.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXPENSE

ADULT SS / STUDYING WITH THE FAMILY OF GOD

Do you enjoy reading your Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides each day? These lessons prepared by the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists give daily inspiration. Thoughtful and challenging, they prepare us for a lively discussion in our Adult Sabbath School Small Group Bible Class on Sabbath morning. It doesn't matter if we are attending Sabbath School in our home church or visiting another SDA church, these lessons will be the focal point. In addition to giving us spiritual "manna", our study guide has compelling stories about brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world. The "Inside Story" pages give us a peek into the lives of Gustave in southern Burundi, Maria Bartok in Poland, and other brothers and sisters in the faith.

Sabbath School Expense, line 6 on the tithe envelope, provides all of the funds for these materials. Rob Barnhurst reports that he orders over 1,500 Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides per quarter. Some of these are large print and easy reading

versions. Some are in French, German and Portuguese. Teacher training helps, Mission Spotlight DVD's, and other adult Sabbath School supplies are also covered by this fund, and a portion is given toward the children's Sabbath School quarterlies and their weekly papers.

Thank you for your regular contributions to this offering which is part of the PMC operating budget. And enjoy this indispensable study tool designed to help you gain new insights into God's word.



PRAY

That we learn to love God through
our daily study of His book

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SABBATH SCHOOL EXPENSE

GIVE TO LINE 6

Give to Sabbath School Expense –
Line 6 on your tithe and
offerings envelope

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

YOUTH MISSION TRIP / PANAMA FOR JESUS



I guess you could say, I was one of those people. I always felt that if I didn't volunteer for anything, somebody else would. But the truth is, there really isn't somebody else.

We have to be that somebody else that tries to get involved. I was so scared, but going there and preaching 19 sermons changed my life. There's nothing to fear except fear itself. All things will work out for the good when we are working for God. Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for the good to those that love the Lord and are called according to His purpose." So I encourage EVERYONE to get

involved as spiritual leaders because we are the voices for the voiceless, and we have so much influence in the world that we might be the last bit of hope for many. *-Joy Ngugi*

INVITE TO NICARAGUA

We want to continue to provide opportunities to impact our young people and challenge them to grow as leaders while making a difference in the world. We invite your support and prayers for our summer 2013 trip to Nicaragua. If you or a young person you know is interested in going, contact Pastor Micheal for an application. **Nicaragua for Jesus!**

PRAY

That we will continue to provide opportunities for young people to serve

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

Goal to-date	\$131,427
Received to-date	\$107,656
(Received to-date 2011)	\$124,822

As of December 22, 2012

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

RMES / LARGE ANIMAL CARE COURSE



Ruth Murdoch Elementary School students in Mrs. Keough's Large Animal Care mini-course have been learning about rumination, lactation, large animal anatomy, and more over the past 8 weeks. While studying cows, they have visited the Andrews University Dairy to learn about the milking process, inspect the ingredients of cattle feed, and to observe the variations among different cattle breeds.

During a follow up visit to the dairy, our students were responsible for choosing a specific cow and carefully

observing this particular cow for 20 minutes. Each RMES students recorded everything their cow did. How many times did she moo? How many steps did she take? How long did she chew her cud before she swallowed it? Was she standing, sleeping, or walking? This is a very different experience than the Sabbath afternoon stroll through the dairy to look at the little calves. Students are getting to know some of what makes cows different than other large animals.

In Genesis 1, God created man and told him to care for every living thing on the earth. RMES students are getting a first-hand, short-term glimpse into what caring for the "beasts of the field" is like. This mini-course may inspire a future farmer, dairy manager, missionary, veterinarian, or teacher to work in agriculture. The experience may open students' eyes to what a huge responsibility God gave us when He put animals in our care. Hopefully, if nothing else, this course will once and for all dispel the myth that brown cows give chocolate milk!

PRAY

That we experience the wonder of God's creation

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GIVE TO LINE 3

Goal to-date	\$229,806
Received to-date	\$198,862
<i>(Received to-date 2011)</i>	\$207,991

As of December 22, 2012

time of national tragedy. People want to talk—and that’s the right entre for your witness with stranger or neighbor.

2. **“The explosion of people with no religion will be a huge story in this century, and the news media have only begun to explore its many implications.”** As I noted here in a previous Fourth Watch blog, the religious “nones” are a growing slice of the American demographic—men, women, young adults who indicate “none” when surveyed about their religion. The church—and I’m thinking of my own congregation—cannot afford to hurry through the New Year assuming that everyone around it has an ear or a heart for God. More and more do not. What are we doing to connect with these who are building what Gilgoff calls “a post-religious existence.”

3. **“Religion reporting shouldn’t be an inside game.”** His point with this lesson is simply that an interest in the religion/faith angle of a story isn’t the curious domain for only the faithful. More and more political, social, even entertainment and sports stories are woven with the stuff of faith. Take, for example, the recent presidential campaign, which clearly bore the trappings of the candidates’ faith practice. To ignore the faith/religion angle to news events is to risk missing a defining DNA of the individuals or events. For those who believe, locating the faith nexus is another helpful entre in conversing with this generation about God. Look for the angles.

4. **“The news media isn’t anti-religion.”** While you and I may have concluded otherwise long ago, Gilgoff’s lesson deserves some reflection. His

point is that news organizations like CNN are actually “fascinated by religion because it yields stories brimming with meaning, controversy and powerful characters.” Reporters and media outlets are not by definition anti-God or anti-religion (though there are plenty within their ranks who reflect that bias). Could it be that we will be open to fresh insights about the society Christ has called us to reach if we aren’t so quick to dismiss news and media commentators and commentaries as implicitly against God and religion.

5. **“In the world of digital journalism, your voice matters more than ever.”** Gilgoff ends his final religion blog with an appeal to his readers to voice their convictions. “With the proliferation of reader comments, social media and instantaneous metrics on what our audiences are clicking and how they’re responding, your choices and opinions are shaping our coverage more than ever.” Not a bad suggestion for Jesus’ third millennial disciples, is it? Gilgoff goes on, “Some of our best content from the last year was more about conversations happening around the news than about the news itself. We choose to do certain stories and skip others partly based on whether you’re engaged in those stories or not.” So as a believer don’t just blow away an urge to respond to a news event or a website/blog commentary. Your faith perspective in that collective cyberspace conversation could plant the seed that will germinate the quest for faith in reader far away.

After all, who do you suppose created cyberspace in the first place? **“You are My witnesses” (Isaiah 43:10).**

"...and worship him..."

...in seeking

Opening Voluntary	<i>O Rest in the Lord, Wait Patiently for Him / Felix Mendelssohn</i>
Introit	<i>Lead On, O King Eternal / Henry Smart</i>
Invocation	Dwight K. Nelson

...in praising & praying

Hymn of Praise	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past / 103</i>
Congregational Prayer	Rodlie Ortiz
Worship in Music	<i>Hope for Resolution / Paul Caldwell & Sean Ivory</i>
**Infant Dedication	Coraline Marie presented by Jordan & Kristin Parker <i>with Japeth De Oliveira & Dwight K. Nelson</i>

...in learning

Children's Offering	<i>Our Father in Heaven / Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
Children's Story	
The Word	Isaiah 65:17-25 NKJV / *Navina Dueck & Stefán Rafn Stefánsson **Jeanette & Erling Snorrason
Hymn of Preparation	<i>Is This a Day of New Beginnings? / 342</i>
Sermon	"A New Year Prayer: Heal Our Land" / Dwight K. Nelson

...in connecting & committing

Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings	PMC Operating Expense
Hymn of Commitment	<i>O Gracious Father of Mankind / 497 sung to the tune of 130</i>

...in going

Benediction	
Closing Voluntary	<i>How Firm a Foundation / Janet Linker</i>

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; the voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They *shall* not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,” Says the LORD.

MUSIC ALIVE

IN HOPE FOR RESOLUTION

Today’s Worship in Music, “Hope for Resolution,” is subtitled “A Song for Mandela and de Klerk.” Published in 1998, it relates integrally to the historic struggle against apartheid in South Africa. Culturally, it is a blend of words in English juxtaposed and layered with words in Zulu. The English is allied with an arrangement of an ancient plainchant, the music similar to hymn

no. 116 in the *SDA Hymnal*. The Zulu is words for an arrangement of a South African freedom song, “Thulu Sizwe, Ungabokhala.” The translated text, while variously rendered, contains the three thoughts of, first, bidding the nation to not cry; second, stating that Jehovah will protect us (or conquer for you); and third, referring to freedom or, pointedly, “We will attain freedom.”



PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:27

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:34

To submit a request to have an announcement printed in Pioneer Family Life, please email bulletin@pmchurch.tv. Requests must be received Monday by 5 PM for consideration.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

PRAISE & REPORT SABBATH

On Sabbath, January 12, at 3:30 PM, come to the PMC Youth Chapel to hear churches in the greater Berrien Springs area share how God has blessed in 2012. A lite supper will be provided after the meeting.

10 DAYS OF PRAYER

The 22nd Annual 10 Days of Prayer, continues until January 9 from 7 to 8 PM, at Millie and John Youngberg's home, 4731 Greenfield Drive, Berrien Springs. Come hear stories of miracles of prayer and pray for more miracles.

90TH BIRTHDAY

The children of Dr. Steven Tarangle (Stefanie (Bob) Hile and Alana (Elvin) Gonzalez), along with his wife, Esther, are celebrating the 90th birthday of "the Doc" who reached this milestone birthday on December 28, 2012. Wishes may be sent to him at 9376-2 Fox Run, Berrien Center, MI 49102. We thank our Lord for His blessings and bestowing continued good health

WE MOURN

Today we mourn with Randy Carroll on the death of his father on December 26. With Randy and his entire family, we look forward to the soon return of the One whose birth we celebrate. "Even so, Come Lord Jesus."

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and gifts that were shared with us over the holiday season. *–PMC Pastors*

Thank you Pioneer family for your kind support during yet another battle with cancer. This time on two fronts: colon as well as tongue. Please continue to remember me as I begin chemo and radiation. With fervent prayer and a positive mental outlook as well as good care, I am looking for a healthy outcome. *–Gordon Byrd*

Thank you for your prayers and cards after my recent shoulder surgery. Your messages were truly a comfort during the most painful times. *–Zerita Hagerman*

MEMORIES AND PHOTOS

Are you a former PMC Evergreen Pathfinder? As part of the upcoming Pathfinder Sabbath (2/16/13), we want to commemorate our 60th year. If you have memories or photos (scanned, please) you'd like to share, please email evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com.

2013 HEALTH TENT

To all people interested in planning for the 2013 fair, plan to attend a short meeting during the supper after the Praise report on January 12.

Song Service	Elizabeth Wilson
Scripture & Prayer	Lois Nicholas
Special Feature	13th Sabbath Projects
Offertory	<i>Above All / Paul Baloche</i>
Bible Study	"Jesus, Creator of Heaven and Earth" / Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

*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	Elizabeth Wilson
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Enrique Sandoval, guitar

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS EVENTS

Running Club and Walking Club

Sun. • 8 AM • PMC parking lot

There are several pace groups so you're sure to find the one that fits you.

Beginners welcome!

NEW!! Aquaerobics Class

Mon. & Wed. • 8:30-9:30 AM • AU Pool

You will need a low-cost class punchcard available at the Pool Office located just off the Johnson Gym parking lot. Work on strength and cardiovascular improvement in both ends of the pool at your own pace and comfort level. Beginners welcome!

Taught by a certified Group Fitness Instructor who is also a Water Safety Instructor

Group Exercise Class

Mon. & Thurs. • 6-7 PM • PMC Commons

Work on strength, balance, and flexibility with free weights and light balls.

Half the time is working out while standing and the other half while lying on a mat.

NEW!! Chair Exercise Class

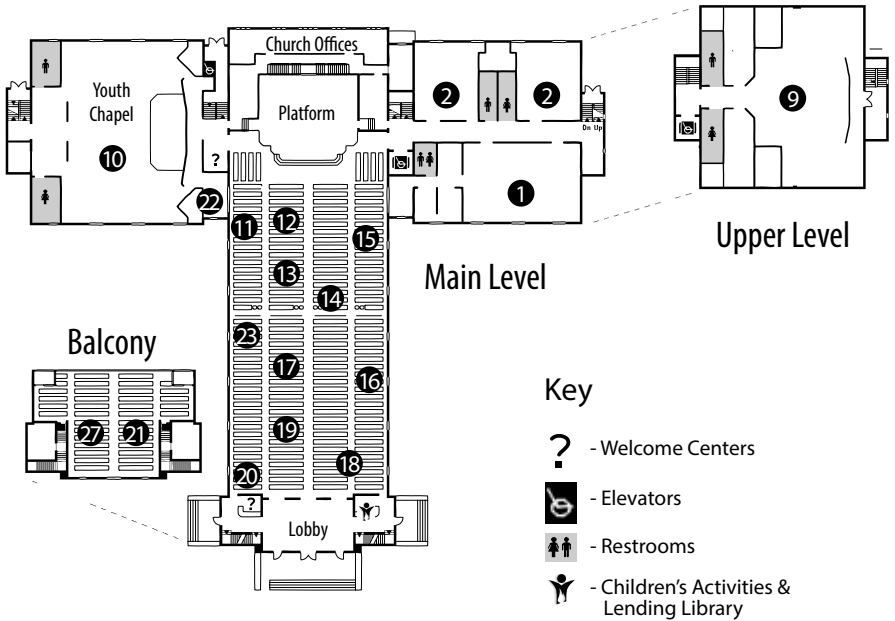
Mon. & Thurs. • 7:15-8 PM • PMC Commons

Work on strength, balance, and flexibility with free weights and light balls. The class will be conducted either standing behind a chair or while seated on it.

A good class for those who have not exercised in a while but want to start!

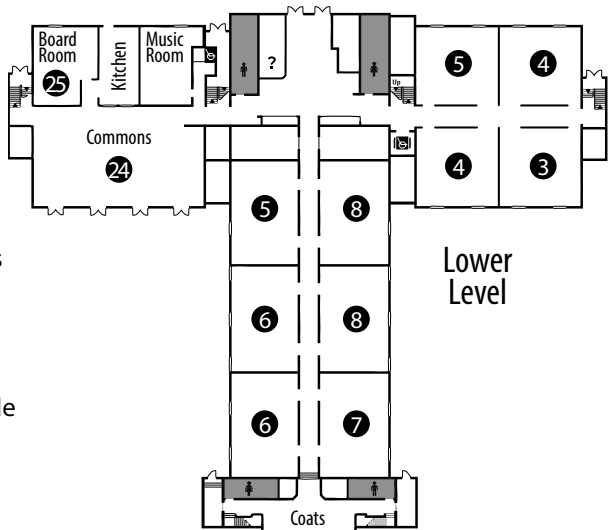
Exercise classes taught by a certified Group Fitness Instructor.

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
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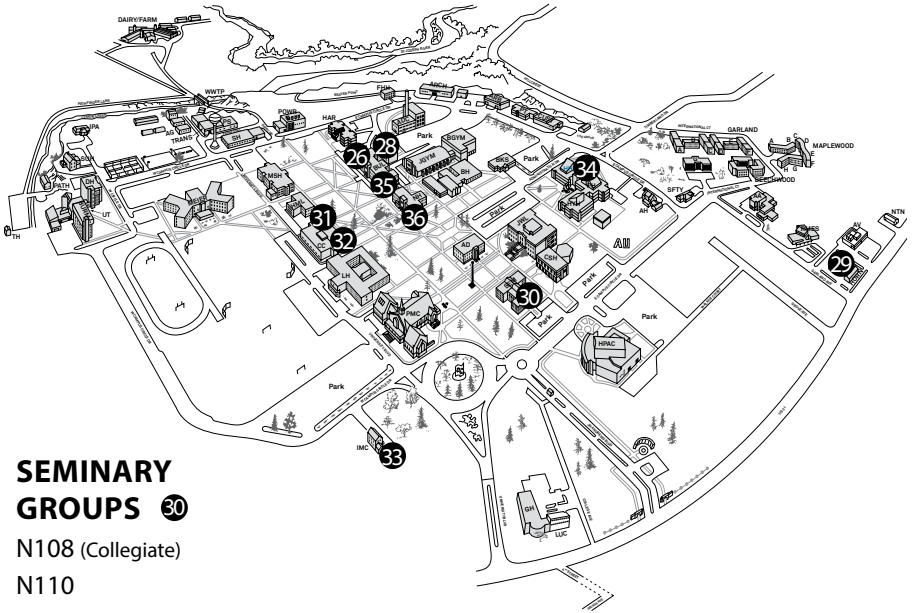
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- N110
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UNIVERSITY VESPERS

FRIDAY @ 7:30 PM, PMC SANCTUARY

We want to invite you to be a part of this experience to rest, revive, and reconnect.

1.11.13	Karl Haffner
1.18.13	Shawn Boonstra
1.25.13	Evan Knott
2.1.13	Dan Jackson
2.8.13	Carlton Byrd
2.15.13	Danny Hernandez
2.22.13	Justin Kim

COMING SOON

1/12 Dwight K. Nelson
"2 B Friends: Ready or Not—
Here we GROW!"

1/19 Dwight K. Nelson
"2 B Friends: Get on Your Mark,
Get Set, GROW!"

