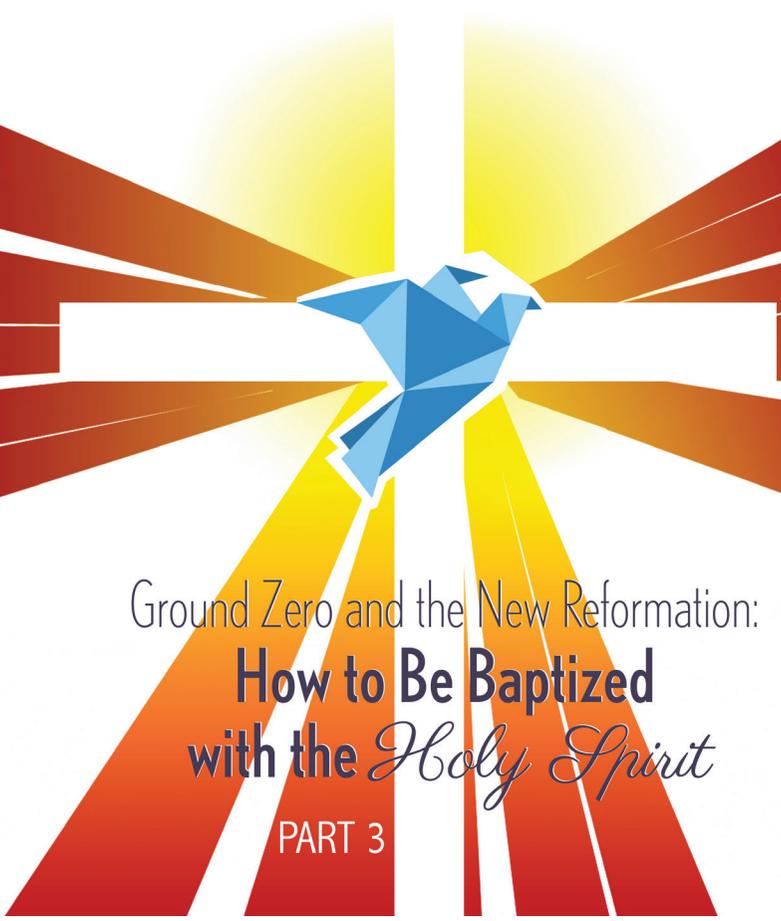


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Ground Zero and the New Reformation:
How to Be Baptized
with the *Holy Spirit*

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to Pioneers

Welcome to our first worship gathering in Fall of 2017! The world keeps spinning and the seasons with it. However, God's desire for each one of us is a constant, His heart longs to be in connection with ours. To that end, He has provided both the invitation and means.

The gift of the life, death, and resurrection of His only Son is for all the world. As we worship together, we confess our sinfulness, we thank God for our Redeemer, and we ask for the Holy Spirit to fill us.

–José Bourget

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9:00 & 11:45 AM Service

IF I WERE THE DEVIL ... OR ... IS THE WORLD ENDING SEPTEMBER 23?

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

If you surf YouTube, then you know there has been a crescendoing clamor by a fringe of people claiming a non-existent planet called Nabiru (nicknamed Planet X) will collide with our home planet Earth sometime on Saturday, September 23, 2017. I.e., in three days the world will end. Slick YouTube graphic animations portray what the explosive moment of impact will look like from somewhere out in space. One of the loud voices belongs to David

Meade, a Christian "numerologist," who is warning that on the basis of the number 33 and the prophecy of Revelation 12, the Bible itself predicts

this destructive collision between "Planet X" and Earth on this very date. Meade, however, has avoided claiming, as others are, the world will end—instead he clarifies: "The world is not ending, but the world as we know it is ending,'... adding later: 'A major part of the world will not be the same the beginning of October'" (www.washingtonpost.com/news/acts-of-faith/wp/2017/09/17/the-world-as-we-know-it-is-about-to-end-again-if-you-believe-this-biblical-doomsday-claim/?utm_term=.c3efb9fa01d6).

Ed Stetzer, a professor and executive director of Wheaton College's Billy Graham Center for Evangelism, has responded to the Washington Post: "There's no such thing as a Christian numerologist . . . You basically got a

made-up expert in a made-up field talking about a made-up event" (ibid).

The reason I mention this "non-event" at all is because the internet doomsayers are warning that the recent escalation of record-shattering hurricanes and killer quakes (and who can deny that over the last few weeks our hemisphere has been severely battered with a devastating string of these ecological disasters?) are evidentiary proof "Planet X" is hurtling

closer and closer to this earth. Some go so far as to claim the recent U.S. solar eclipse 33 days before September 23 is itself an indicator of impending doom.

But of course in a university community like this one—and an Adventist campus at that—these warnings are quickly (and rightly) dismissed as evidence the lunatic fringe is still alive and well. But that is precisely my point.

If I were the devil and I were concerned that these string of natural disasters were indicators my own time on this planet were coming to an end, I would do all in my power to keep thinking men and women from arriving at the same conclusion. After all, Jesus' list of indicators preceding His return (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21) strongly link upheaval in Mother Nature to His coming: **"On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what**

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KNOW THE TRUTH
AS IT IS IN JESUS.



is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25-27).

If I were the devil, I would do all in my power to destroy any logical connection between these upheavals in nature and the return of Christ. I would inspire illogical, unreasonable minds to seize this escalation of natural disasters as proof of September 23's impending doomsday. By leading unbalanced minds to embrace a biblically credible indicator (one the Lord Himself offered as a sign of His return), I would destroy the credibility of Jesus' own indicator(s) in the eyes of the public and thus lead lucid, thinking people to reject any notion of "the end of the world." I repeat—no way would I want this civilization to be warned that in fact time is running out for this planet. The lunatic fringe would be my subterfuge to make sure nobody believes such gobbledygook.

But you and I know different, don't we? Which is why **Unlock Revelation begins this Monday evening (7:30) here at Pioneer.** Because the Bible does speak with clarion voice to the times in which we now live. And to keep silent is to surrender the genuine harbingers Christ gave us to the hype of terribly misguided zealots who are dead wrong. Your witness and mine are God's counterbalance to our mortal enemy's desperate deceptions. People need to know the truth as it is in Jesus. Now more than ever. So please join me in making a personal invitation to someone you know who needs to know. If the choice is between YouTube and you, be assured God is banking on you. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.org/blog.



SAFE AT CHURCH



BY CLAUDIA DAVISSON AND SABINE VATEL

A church has usually been associated with "sanctuary" or "safety." In a seemingly increasingly aggressive and volatile culture we don't want to take our sense of security for granted, especially when it comes to our most vulnerable members: our children.

For the past two years, the Children's Ministry team has gone to great lengths to establish systems that ensure more accurate head counts and accountability. It continues

to be a collaboration of other ministries, leaders, and parents or guardians, to establish best practices that will help make Pioneer a more organized and secure space for children.

Our Children's Ministry leaders have given their hearts, energy, and time to help disciple our children. Let's support their efforts in making sure that every child is safe and accounted for. There are 2 steps that will go a long way in showing support to our children's Sabbath School team, while helping the transition to the check-in/-out happen more effectively.

First, starting today, all parents or guardians are requested to register their families at one of the 5 designated electronic kiosks.

Second, beginning on October 14, the kiosks will be printing labels that adults and children will be asked to present to the teacher or greeter before entering the classrooms.

Once a family has been registered they will be able to stop by the kiosk weekly and enter the last 4 digits of their phone number to produce a label containing a random numeric code and the child's name. Parents and children may then proceed with their printed label to their classroom where they will need it before entering.

First-time guests or new members will be registered at the classroom door and will be instructed to go to the kiosk in subsequent weeks to receive a printed label before entering the classroom.

Here is the breakdown of how class sections will interface with the new safety check-in and check-out system:

NURSERY TO 3-YEAR-OLDS

Parents will enter their code into the kiosk and take their label to the classroom.

4-YEAR-OLDS TO 3RD-GRADERS

The kiosk will print out two labels. One label will serve as a name tag for the child. The other is to be kept by the parent who will pick up the child at the end of Sabbath School.

If an adult different from the one who dropped off the child is going to pick-up the child, the person must make sure that he or she now has that corresponding label. A sibling or young relative may pick up the child as long as he or she is in the 6th-grade level or higher.

4TH-GRADERS TO EARLITEENS

Children or parents will print out their labels from a kiosk and go to their classroom for further instructions.

Starting on October 14, teachers and greeters will redirect parents and children to one of the kiosks if they arrive at a classroom without a label. We expect a learning curve with regard to establishing an effective and secure check-in and check-out system for the Children's Sabbath School Ministry. It will be worth it to keep our church space safe for the children who have been entrusted to our care. ■

*Claudia Davison, Nursery-1st Grade
Sabbath School Superintendent.*

*Sabine Vatel is the pastor of Discipleship/
GROW Groups here at PMC.*

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WE STUDY

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Song Service	Lois Nicholas
Opening Hymn	<i>Rescue the Perishing</i> • 367
Welcome & Prayer	Melchizedek Ponniah
Scripture & Prayer	Trudi Starlin
Special Feature	Ministry to the Refugees • Don and Trudi Starlin
Offertory	<i>You are my Hiding Place</i> • arr Mark Hayes
Bible Study	"The Gospel and the Church" • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
Benediction	Lois Nicholas

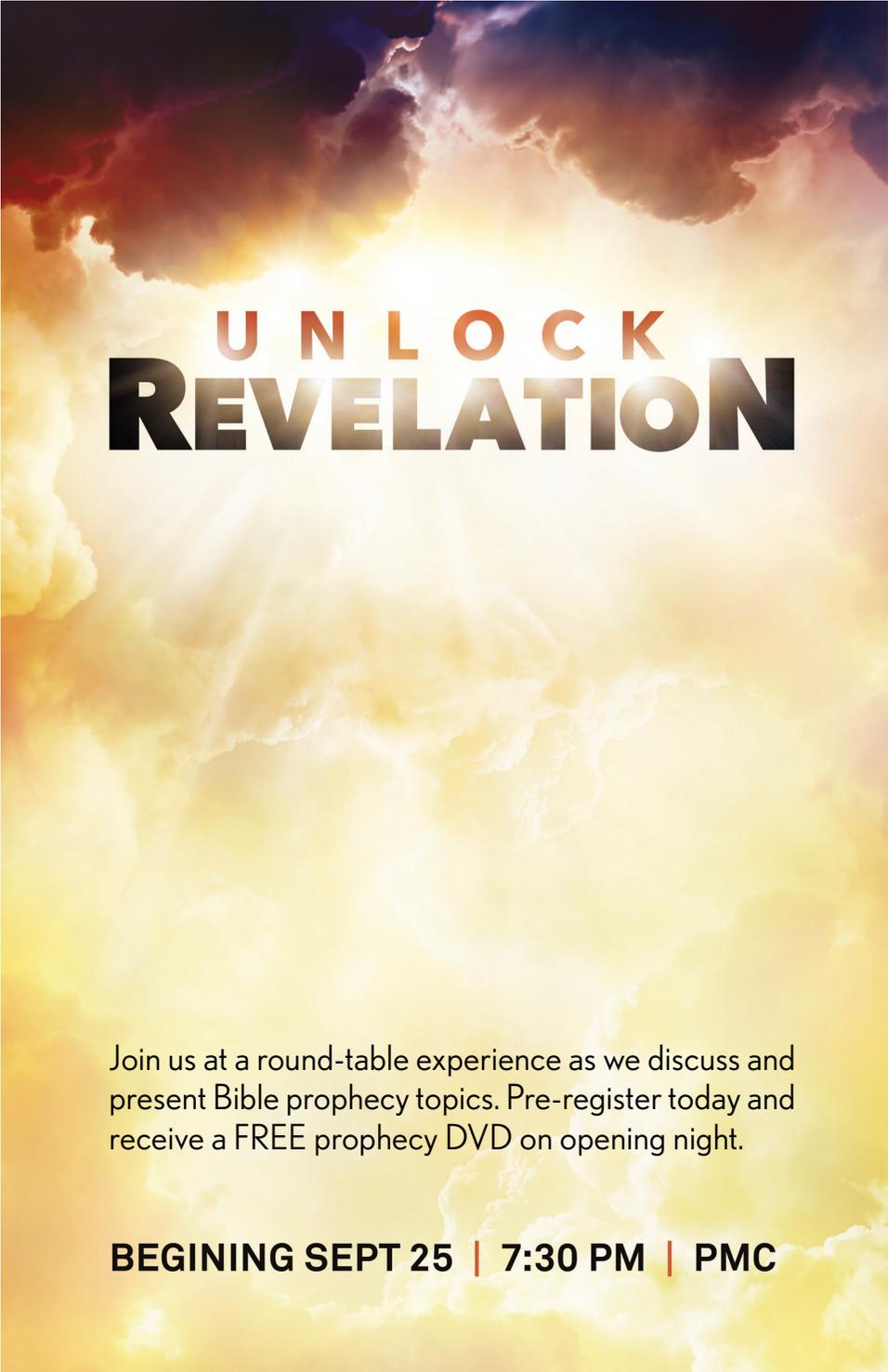
ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Hteemu Dee, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

OF SHEPHERDING

Familiar to many is the text of Psalm 23: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want." Isaac Watts paraphrased this psalm as "My Shepherd will supply my need." This is associated commonly with the melody named RESIGNATION, as found in the SDA Hymnal no. 104. Watts's version is one of his many psalm paraphrases, and portions of these paraphrases were in very common usage

among singers in early post-Revolutionary America. The idea of safety for grazing sheep is reflected elsewhere in worship in "Sheep May Safely Graze," heard today in a transcription. A nurturing shepherd, or Shepherd, is a core image that is expressed in the central stained-glass window above the PMC balcony. Have you looked at it recently, taking in its rich artistic depiction? ■



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THE CALL

The Meditation

Sheep May Safely Graze • J. S. Bach / Stokowski

*The Introit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • Lowell Mason

*The Call

Romans 5:5-8 NIV • José Bourget

And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly.

Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die.

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*The Doxology

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*The Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising

**Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb • 246*
***Agnus Dei, Above All, Holy Spirit Rain Down*

In Praying

John Gonzalez

In Giving

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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need • Claude Smith

In Proclaiming

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THE CLEANSING

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." —John 13:12-17 NIV

In Meditating

Air • Dello Joio

THE COMMUNION

In Reading

*Michael Gibson; **Jean Michel

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. —1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV

In Praying

*Mordecai Ongo; **Bryan Von Dorpowski

In Partaking

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In Blessing

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

**O Lamb of God, Unspotted • Johann Sebastian Bach*
***Allegro vivace • Edvard Grieg*

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DJEMBE: Matthew Rajarathinam; PIANO: Jeremy Ahn; VIOLIN: Donn La Tour;
VOCALS: Alden Valenzuela, Alex Wilson, Debbie Weithers, Juwel Howard, Sinegugu Katenga
IN PARTAKING: Andrews Academy Orion Strings, Héctor Flores, director;
Jihoo Choi & Steffanie Newkirk, flutes; Megan Chase & Grant Sajdak, oboes

SUBMIT announcements for the PMC BULLETIN by visiting our form online at www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Michigan Public Evangelism

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DAVID FERGUSON

"A Bag of Chips" • Alumni Sabbath

| 10 • 07 |

SABINE VATEL

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

It takes one to begin a movement. It takes many to grow a movement. Imagine what your family, this congregation, or your Sabbath School class could accomplish if every family member, church member, or student would give five dollars more a week for a year? Five dollars is the price of a quick meal, entertainment, or beverage. However, for our church budget it would mean continuing to broadcast the Word of God over the internet, planting a new congregation, or even providing food for those who can't afford it locally. Thus the "movement" turns into a double blessing for those giving and those receiving.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening we continue watching Scott Ritsema's *How to Raise the Remnant*, a film about Christian parenting to enable children's spiritual success.

Sam Ocampo & Friends, "Homecoming at the Howard"

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM

Join us to mark Sam's 40th anniversary as a recording musician. Join us at the Howard Performing Arts Center on September 24. Information at howard.andrews.edu.

The Making of Daniel Movie Premiere

TOMORROW, 5:00 PM • BULLER HALL

The Making of Daniel takes you behind the scenes at the 2014 Forever Faithful International Camporee for an exclusive look at the making of the live five-night Bible story. Be the first to see this inspiring film. Admission is free, but space is limited. Watch the trailer and learn more at www.themakingofdaniel.com.

Adventist Forum Today

TODAY 3:30 PM • CHAN SHUN HALL

Dr. Duane McBride and colleagues present "Prisons - A 15th-Century Solution for 21st-Century Policy Failures—and What We Can Change."

Three Pianists Concert

TOMORROW, 4:00 PM

First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor will feature pianists including Joshua Goines, Susan Burkholz and David Brock. More info at www.firstpresbh.org.

We Mourn

We were saddened to learn of the death of Betty Chapi's brother, Joseph, who passed away in Zambia. We are also saddened by the death of Joel Tompkins, the grandfather of Andrew Tompkins, who passed away in the early hours of Friday morning, September 15. Mr. Tompkins served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years in various capacities. He is survived by his wife Peggy and two children, Joel and Susan, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held in Camden Seventh-day Adventist Church, Georgia. With the Chapi and Tompkins families we pray, "Come Soon, Lord Jesus."

The Spade Confirms the Book Revisited

SEPT. 30, 3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

2017 marks 50 years since the beginning of the Madaba Plains Project, a milestone in the Adventist archaeological community. Join us for this lecture that will revisit Siegfried H. Horn's landmark publication *The Spade Confirms the Book*, and will examine the role of archaeology in biblical studies today.

Unlock Revelation

SEPT. 25, 7:30 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

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Andrews University Department of Aviation Breakfast Fly-In

OCTOBER 1, 7:30 TO 11:00 AM
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY AIRPORT

For ticket information for breakfast and helicopter rides, call 269.471.3120.

Health & Fitness Expo

OCTOBER 1, 10 AM TO 2 PM
JOHNSON GYM

There will be something for everyone at the Health & Fitness Expo. We will be offering mini workouts, cooking demos, nutrition information, games, local health service information, opportunities on the Andrews University Campus and more.

Heritage Singers at the Howard

OCTOBER 7 • 7:30 PM

Celebrating 45 years of ministry, The Heritage Singers have continued to bring the love of Jesus to millions through the international language of music. Come join the Heritage Singers for this special time of praise! Information online at howard.andrews.edu.

Health Tent Website

For current health events in southwestern Michigan, visit www.healthtent.org.

Center for Adventist Research Book Sale

OCT. 11, DURING CENTER HOURS
JAMES WHITE LIBRARY

Hundreds of used Adventist books, pamphlets, periodicals, Ellen White books, audio-visuals, and more on sale. This event will run for 3 weeks, as long as materials last. For information email car@andrews.edu.

God's Hands 4 Kids Ministry Volunteers Needed

God's Hands 4 Kids, as part of Berrien County Foster Adoption Network (including BC Court, BC Foster Care, Post Adoption Resource Center and GH4K), is seeking a volunteer or a group of volunteers with the skill set to be able to coordinate and lead in providing meals for foster and adoptive families for a monthly support ministry here at PMC. Volunteers to fill additional needs also needed. For further info email godshands4kids@gmail.com.

Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
PMC TEEN LOFT

We are beginning a new season of music-making with the PMC Sanctuary Choir. We would love for you to join us at our weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights starting on September 6. Contact: Marguerite Samuel at margueritemsamuel@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/margueritesamuel.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

Compass Collegiate Bible Study

Compass is a unique opportunity to study the Bible on Sabbath mornings together with fellow students from all over campus. Join in singing, meeting with friends and exploring the Scriptures. Erhard Gallos and Glenn Russell are the coordinators of this Sabbath School which meets during the school year from 10:30-11:30AM in the Religion and Biblical Languages Department of Buller Hall.

PMC Youth Mission to Honduras

DECEMBER 14-24

Join the PMC youth mission team as we volunteer at the Hogar de Ninos children's home operated by REACH International. We will be serving the children at the home as well as conducting a Friendship Camp for about 150 children. To join the team or receive further information contact Glenn Russell glenn@andrews.edu.

AU Alumni Homecoming

Alumni Homecoming 2017 has many activities planned for your enjoyment, including the annual golf outing, car show, parade, flag raising, concert, harvest run, airpark breakfast and much more! For a complete schedule of events and RSVP options, visit alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

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