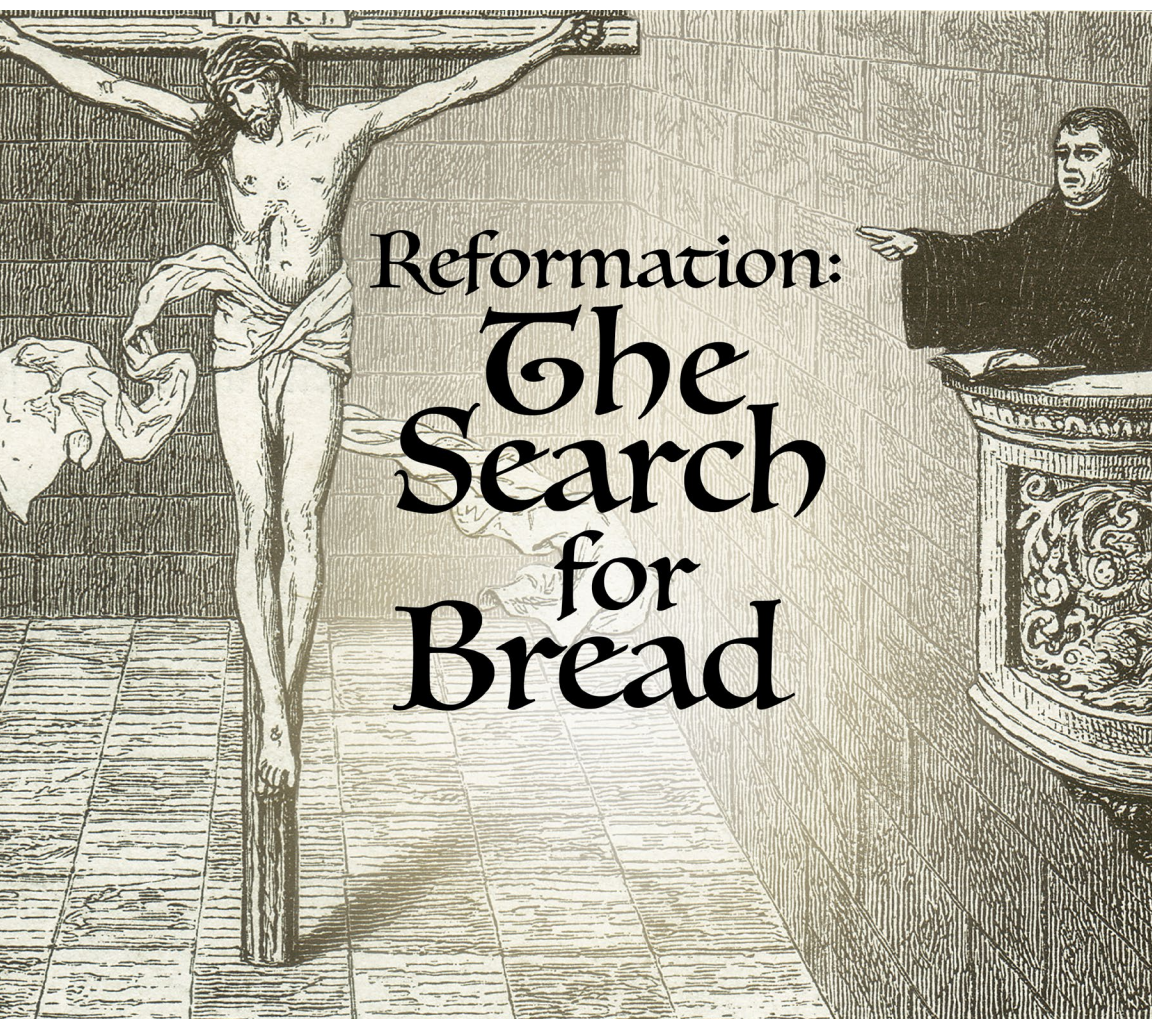


PIONEER CONNECT

NOVEMBER 4, 2017






WELCOME

to Pioneer

A joyous Pioneer Sabbath welcome to you! Here in His House with His friends, may your Creator's voice speak to your listening heart in ways that will both surprise and energize you. Given all the other voices we've been listening to this week, what a refreshing change—to hear the voice of God.

To help us hear Him more clearly, we welcome our guest preacher, Artur A. Stele, General Vice-president of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and Chairman of the Board of Trustees here at Andrews University. I became better acquainted with him when he chaired the Theology of Ordination Study Committee. His gracious but perceptive, even-handed, style of leadership with a large but very diverse group of scholars, administrators and laity—all with strong opinions and convictions—won the respect of all the participants. He and his wife Galina (also a doctoral graduate of this university) have a son Alex and at last count one grandson to whom Grandfather Artur speaks in Russian, German and English. Dr. Stele joins the university's commemoration this week of the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther and the Reformation.

—Dwight K. Nelson

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COLORING OUTSIDE THE BOX

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

It's time for another "favorite granddaughter" story (especially since after February I won't have a "favorite granddaughter" anymore—I'll have two of them—Ella's going to have a sister!). Four-year-old Ella loves to color. So of course Papa and Grammy buy her a new coloring book every now and then. But the problem, if I might be quite candid about my granddaughter, is she hasn't learned yet to confine her gloriously wild crayon colors to inside the lines. No kidding—she's forever coloring outside the box. What's up with that! Everybody knows you're supposed to color *inside* not *outside* the box.

And yet it suddenly dawned on me this week that Jesus was no inside-the-box "colorer" either. Certainly not when it came to His prayer life. For years I've assumed that Mark 1:35 pretty much summarized His prayer routine: **"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went to a solitary place, where he prayed."** He was an early morning Man. And yes, there are those other references to His praying in the night, sometimes all night in fact. But nighttime, early morning time—that was it, right?

Wrong. Take the afternoon He fed 15,000+ people with that unselfish little

boy's lunch of 5 loaves and two fish. Once dinner had been served and His disciples had collected and redistributed all the left over bread and fish, **"after saying farewell to them, He went up on the mountain to pray" (Mark 6:46 NRSV).** There He is, coloring outside His usual routine box of prayer, choosing to leave the crowd to spend some late afternoon or early evening time alone with His Father.

Which, of course, isn't that momentous a headline to be sure. But that's the point. It wasn't a headline at all. It was the One we call Lord and Savior pushing away from the rest in order to make time for being alone with God. Outside the box of His prayer routine.

But isn't that what prayer is supposed to be for you and me, too? Pushing away from the crowd, stepping out of the room, leaving friends

or family, anytime you wish, anytime you sense the need—making time to be alone with God, alone with Jesus, alone with the Holy Spirit. Now we know it's OK to color outside the box of routine prayer when you want to be alone with Him.

Because what's so routine about time alone with the One who keeps your picture on His refrigerator, so crazy is He about you? No kidding—**"See what**

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great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God" (1 John 3:1 NIV).

Love lavished on us—what's not to love about that!

So the next time you sense His prompting, that quiet invitation to come be alone with Him to talk, do something really radical—color outside the box—and grab an unscheduled moment to sit alone with Him. One on one. That's how life becomes a romance (as Oswald Chambers describes it) with the Dashing Young God of this universe. Alone. Outside the box.

Just you and Him. Listening to each other.

"When every other voice is hushed, and in quietness we wait before Him, the silence of the soul makes more distinct the voice of God [who] bids us, 'Be still, and know that I am God.' Psalm 46:10" (*Desire of Ages* 363). ■

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

ALUMNI REFLECT ON THEIR ANDREWS ACADEMY EXPERIENCES

BY KATHERINE KOUDELE

Andrews Academy's Alumni Weekend was October 20 and 21. Hundreds of alumni returned to reminisce and renew friendships. Based on how packed the chapel and commons were and how much overflow parking there was, this weekend was one of the most well attended alumni weekends!

Throughout the weekend, both students and alumni expressed thanks for what Andrews Academy has done in their lives. For example Steve Cowley (class of 1988) shared a testimony during the Sabbath School program. After thirty years away, he returned from Australia for AA Alumni Weekend. He was only able to attend Andrews Academy for one year as a student, but he shared how thankful he was for the one year he could attend. He is forever thankful for that one year at Andrews Academy and how it changed his life!

Mrs. Sharon Russell, Andrews Academy's home economics and health teacher from 1977 to 2003, spoke for convocation Friday morning with the current AA students. Throughout her years at the academy she impacted so many students lives and she did so again Friday as she shared with the students. Based on her interactions with hundreds of the alumni she has known from her twenty-six years of teaching, she shared three major points that alumni have said about AA and she encouraged current students to remember these:

1 Develop intellectual curiosity and think for yourself. Don't just assume

an idea is correct because someone you respect has said it—do your own independent research. Develop good writing skills—in fact develop good communication skills. Seek truth—distinguish truth from fiction, this is more important today more than ever.

2 Get to know your faculty. They are there for you and care about you and want you to succeed.

3 Be God's hands, feet, arms, voice and eyes. Be involved in service to others as part of your education and process of winning souls for God's Kingdom.

On Friday morning students went to various classrooms to participate in Career Seminars. Based on their interests, students were able to attend two career presentations of their choice from returning alumni who had graduated in the last five decades. It's a great opportunity for students to explore possible career choices as Andrews Academy alumni shared insights about their careers.

Inevitably presenters would express thanks for how Andrews Academy not only prepared them well for their careers but how it also prepared them to share Jesus through their careers. It was interesting to hear the stories of how alumni are impacting people around the world—from working in the halls of Congress in Washington, D.C. to doing life saving research in a lab. Just weeks ago Sherita Moses (class of 1983 and AA teacher in the 1990's) who is currently a lecturer in physics at Loyola received official patent paperwork from the



Jamie Bennett '98 psychology; Jennifer Bobelenyi '88 & Lem Monter '88 regional marketing specialist for *Wedding Day Magazine*; Phil Brantley '83 lawyer; Dan Chung '93 dentistry; Paula Kurtz-Dronen '88 architecture; John Greenidge '88 life coach; Calvin Hill '68 medical doctor; Katherine Koudele '75 agriculture; Ernie Medina '83 public health; Jordan Mondak '13 speech pathology; Sherita Moses '83 physics; Elda Nelson '93 nurse practitioner; Michael Ian Russell '03 political consultant; Christopher Shuler ('88) public relations; Douglas Taylor '98 graphic design.

U.S. Patent Office. They are approving a compound she invented that could potentially save the lives of hundreds of thousands of women who suffer from triple-negative breast cancer—a dangerously aggressive form of cancer.

During the church service the current Silhouette members invited alumni to join them as they presented the anthem, "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross." It was great to see a number of families with two generations of alumni singing together. Current students were heavily involved in helping throughout the weekend, from setting up chairs, presenting special music, and running Sabbath School for the children of alumni. Current students got alumni children involved as they acted out and retold the story of Gideon. Squeals of delight could be heard from the children as they not only learned the story but also experienced the story! They really enjoyed throwing the large (styrofoam) rocks to tear down the idols.

We hope that not only alumni had a blessed weekend but that current

students also caught the vision that Andrews Academy presented—that each is a part of the Andrews Academy legacy, something we leave behind by which we are remembered. As Justin Johnson (class of 2017) shared in a recent article, school legacy is not only doing things that we are remembered for during our time at AA, legacy "means we are part of something higher."

As you keep Andrews Academy in your prayers please pray that students will be part of "something higher" as they create their AA legacy. ■

Katherine Koudele graduated from Andrews Academy with the class of 1975.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress • Johann Walther

Introit

A Mighty Fortress • Hans Leo Hassler

Call to Worship

Don Dronen

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life."

This is the bread which came down from heaven!

It is not like the bread which our ancestors ate.

This is the bread of eternal life! Let the name of the Lord be praised!

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • tune of hymn no. 2

Invocation

Artur Stele

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy • 73

Congregational Prayer

Don Dronen

Worship in Music

*And the Glory of the Lord (from Messiah)
George Frideric Handel*

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense
A Mighty Fortress • David Cherwien

Children's Story

Ben Martin

Introduction of Speaker

Stephanie Carpenter
History/Political Science Chair

Scripture

Ruth 1:1,6 NKJV • Julie Clayburn & Rosa Ramos

Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had visited His people by giving them bread.

Hymn of Preparation

Give Me the Bible • st. 1, 3 of 272

Sermon

"Reformation: The Search for Bread" • Artur Steele

Hymn of Commitment

Because He Lives • 526

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Chorale; Stephen Zork, director
Jessica Link, graduate student director

MUSIC ALIVE

A DEFENCE AND TOWRE

Words of mighty wisdom, for a troubled time, gain a fresh new perspective from nearly 500 years ago in these sturdy words from "A Mighty Fortress," Miles Coverdale's version (1539):

Oure God is a defence and towre / A good armour and good weapen,
He hath ben ever oure helpe and sucoure
In all the troubles that we have ben in.
Therefore wyl we never drede / For any wonderous dede
By water or by londe / In hilles or the sea-sonde.
Our God hath them al i his hond. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service Rachel Sauer

Welcome Mordekai Ongo

Opening Song *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* • 469

Scripture & Prayer Acts 2:42 NIV • Mordekai Ongo

Special Feature "Four Purposes of the Sabbath School"
Melchizedek Ponniah & Mordekai Ongo

Offertory

Bible Study Classes • "The Faith of Abraham"

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 Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

A Mighty Fortress • Johann Walther
A Mighty Fortress • Hans Leo Hassler

Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy (no. 73) • Standing on the Promises • He Leadth Me
Be Thou My Vision*

Baptism

Marie-Therese Etienne with Sabine Vatel

Prayer

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Sermon

"Reformation: The Search for Bread"
Artur Stele

Tithes & Offerings

Because He Lives • 526

As We Depart

Fantasia • Johann Sebastian Bach

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer
Piano: Joshua Goines; DJEMBE: Marielle Kahler;
VOCALS: Daniel Hall, Katharina Burghardt, Michael Gibson, Vivian Raimundo
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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:30

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"You Turned My Mourning into Dancing:
How to Live in the Secret Place"—1

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"You Turned My Mourning into Dancing:
How to Live in the Secret Place"—2

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

You can't turn on the news today without hearing about someone who was scammed financially. It may have been a get-rich scheme, a case of stolen identity, or a stock tip turned bad. Jesus reminds us to lay up for ourselves treasure in heaven where investments yield eternal returns. Today's offering helps fund our church operating budget. Your investment today will help transform lives.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 5:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join God's Hands 4 Kids for a special program as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

Fall Back

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight.

Church Position Available

The church is currently accepting applications for the position: "Administrative Assistant/Church Clerk/Receptionist." To review the job description and apply online, visit pmchurch.org/employment.

Pathfinder Apple Pie Fundraiser

The PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is currently collecting pre-orders for home-made apple pies. You may order by emailing evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com. All pies must be picked up and paid for on November 12 from Noon to 8:00 PM at PMC.

Tenors and Bass Needed

The PMC Sanctuary Choir is in need of tenors and bass who have a passion for singing, and are committed to blessing through music. Contact Marguerite Samuel at margueritemsamuel@gmail.com.

Classical Seminary

NOVEMBER 5 • 4:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

You are invited to Classical Seminary, a free concert featuring the students, staff, faculty, and friends of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. A light reception will follow.

House of Prayer Continues

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 AM/7:00 PM

Join us morning (Youth Chapel) or evening (Sanctuary) as we continue our focus on the Holy Spirit.

Somos Los Ninos— A Heart for Children

NOVEMBER 8 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD CENTER

The Theological Seminary is sponsoring a benefit concert for the children of the Mexico and Puerto Rico in the wake of recent disasters. Entrance fee is a donation of one of the following items: diapers, wipes, new toys, sports equipment for children, powdered milk. Concert features local performers including Watchmen, Seminary Korean Association Choir, Jamila Sylvester, Juan Carlos Rodriguez, David Ortiz, Spanish Choir, Carlon Nyack, Frances Jennette, Tonya Loveday. Come share your heart with the children of Mexico and Puerto Rico.

RMES Multicultural Food Fair

NOVEMBER 12 • 12:00 TO 3:00 PM
RMES GYM

Join us for delicious International food at our Multicultural Food Fair! You can travel the world through food as you help support our school! Thank you for your support.

Thanksgiving Food Collection

The annual Thanksgiving food drive of the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is underway. We passed out bags to portions of the community last Sunday and will return to collect them this Sunday, November 12 starting at about 10:30 AM. Also plan to bring food to Pioneer on Sabbath, November 18, as part of the offering during Hymn Fest. If you know of a family in the area who needs food this upcoming holiday season call Pioneer at 269.471.6565. Thank you for your generosity.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

NOVEMBER 12 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

All persons ages 55 and over are invited to join our potluck and program, whether or not you are retired. Tara Gillette from the *Area on Aging* organization will be the speaker. Bring your favorite dish to pass, and enjoy the fellowship. Contact Ken or Sharon Straw at sharonstraw72@gmail.com, or 269.470.0790.

Paper Crafting Together "Two" Day Event

NOVEMBER 18 & 19
LAKE UNION CONFERENCE

Do you have Christmas presents to complete? Come Saturday, November 18, 6 to 11 PM, and leave your projects on your table and return on Sunday, November 19, at 9 AM and work until 5 PM. Pizza will be served Saturday evening. We will meet in the Lake Union Conference Board Room (8450 M-139, Berrien Springs, MI). Park in the first parking lot. Bring your favorite snack and we will provide chocolate and prizes. Contact sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

PMC Youth Mission to Honduras

DECEMBER 14-24

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of children in Honduras during our PMC Youth Missions trip to Honduras? Our youth mission team will volunteer at the Hogar de Ninos Children's Home operated by REACH International. We'll be serving the children at the home as well as conducting a Friendship Camp for about 150 children. This is the 19th team going to Honduras and it is such a joy to renew the friendships year after year as the children grow. If you would like to join the team or receive further information contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu).

Volunteers Needed

Do you have 30 minutes each week on Tuesday at 10:30 AM? Read with a 3rd-grader at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. Make a difference in a child's life. Contact Mrs. Hickerson or RMES at 269.471.3220.

Health Tent Website

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

More Announcements

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

PIONEER PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Appointments are still available to schedule your free family sitting! Visit pmchurch.org/directory or stop by this morning at the lower level Welcome Center from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Please be on time for your scheduled session. Enter through the awning-covered entrance and follow the signs. If assistance is needed call David or Judy Nowack 269.471.1932.

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