Stories in the Rearview Mirror

GO BIG
OR
Go Home
“You can be courageous or you can be comfortable. You can’t be both”. I saw this poster yesterday and it reminded me of my own personal experience—I was in the midst of a major life decision. “What will you do?”, my friend asked. I answered, I didn’t know and was praying about it. I also told him, “I’m waiting for a sign to feel good about it.” My own words haunted me that whole morning. Then this thought hit me: “When did I ever call you just to be ‘comfortable’? Just follow me”. Opportunities that scare us can also help us grow. As we worship together, may God’s promise through 2Thessalonians 5:24 fill us with trust and courage in the God who is able!

—Sabine Vatel
One writer has observed that of all the chapters in Scripture, John 17 is “the easiest in regard to words, the most profound in regard to ideas” (SDA BC 5:1051). The entire chapter is a prayer, the longest prayer of Jesus on record. He will be dead in less than twenty-four hours. But thinking little of Himself, the Savior pleads with God on behalf of His disciples: “I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as we are
one—I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity’” (John 17:22, 23 NIV, emphasis supplied).

Any idea of what “complete unity” would look like in the third millennial church? It surely can’t mean that we would all think alike. A quick perusal of the Book of Acts makes it abundantly clear that to “let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5 NKJV) provides wide latitude for individual conviction and expression based on personal experience and spiritual giftedness. “Complete unity” can’t mean that we would all act alike either. The striking differences between the modus operandi of John vs Peter vs Paul vs Mary vs Timothy vs James, et al, is evidence enough that the Holy Spirit is the eager sponsor of “diversities of gifts” and “differences of ministries” and “differences of activities” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6).

So how would Jesus’ prayer for “complete unity” among His followers be answered today? Whatever the answer, Jesus is unequivocal regarding the impression such unity makes on the world: “Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me” (v 24). His point? “Complete unity” within the community of faith provides compelling evidence that (1) Christ is the Sent One of God, and (2) the church is the sent one of Christ—“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another’” (John 13:35).

“Complete unity” lived out through our radical, counter-cultural love for one another—how can the church have a more persuasive and contagious witness to the Savior than that!

That’s why I shared with you last Sabbath my heart burden for this community of faith to reflect the strong love of racial unity as well. In this congregation, on this campus, and throughout the church in America Jesus’ prayer (which is an implicit promise) for “complete unity” must be answered.

But rather than waiting for “them” to reflect it, you and I need to daily act on Christ’s calling for us to be a bridge, a catalyst, a change agent, a genuine unselfish friend to all, irrespective of color or character. Yes, people can petition for change, and communities can struggle to incarnate change within their own traditions, and leaders and denominations can wrestle through the sometimes extremely difficult task of organizational change for the sake of “complete unity.” But God’s Kingdom advances most convincingly through personal almost private acts of unscripted love, sacrificial love.

Writing of such unscripted love, Sam Walter Foss makes the invitation well:

Let me live in my house by the side of the road—

It’s here the race of men go by.
They are good, they are bad, they are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish—so am I;

Then why should I sit in the scorners’ seat,
Or hurl the cynic’s band?

Let me live in my house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man.

You can follow Pastor Dwight’s blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.
It is the middle of winter and all of the delicious summer fruit is only a distant memory. Do you find it difficult to get the much-needed nutrients from fresh fruits and vegetables? According to the USDA, the average adult needs between 2 ½ to 3 cups of vegetables and 2 cups of fruit per day. Fruits and vegetables are low in fat and sodium, and are packed with essential vitamins and nutrients. Dietary fiber from fruit helps to reduce blood cholesterol levels and can even reduce the risk of heart disease! If that is not a reason to eat your fruits and vegetables then I don’t know what is! Because fruit and vegetables are so low in calories cup for cup, compared to other foods, eating them will significantly reduce your calorie intake for the day.

One easy way to make sure that you get your daily dose of fruits and vegetables is to juice them. Juices can be made by using any sort of blending machine such as the well-known Nutri Bullet or even an old-school Champion. Here are a few quick and easy juicing recipes that are delicious and packed with nutrients!

Rebecca Coleman is the Pioneer Connect Editor.
5 HEALTHFUL JUICING RECIPES

PINEAPPLE DELIGHT
1 Apple
2 cups pineapple
1 cup carrots
1 cup spinach

FRUITY BEET
1 Apple
1 cup Beets
1 Celery Stalk
1/2 cup Carrots
1 Tbs Parsley

GREEN PUNCH
1/2 cucumber
3 Kiw
1 Green Apple
1/2 cup Kale

APPLE SPICE
1 cup Carrots
2 Apples
1 Tbs Ginger
1/4 cup Lemon

VEGGIE MEDLEY
1 cup Broccoli
1 Apple
1/2 cup fresh or frozen Blueberries
1 ripe Tomato

WE WORSHIP
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Opening Voluntary  What Wondrous Love Is This? • American Traditional
Introit  E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • Paul Manz
Call to Worship  Sabine Vatel

The Lord reigns; let the people tremble!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the earth.
Let the people praise your great and terrible name! You are holy!
Let us extol the name of the Lord, let us worship our God!

Doxology  Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2
Invocation  Dwight K. Nelson
Hymn of Praise  Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun • 227
Congregational Prayer  Sabine Vatel

Worship in Music  Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • Paul Halley
Children’s Story  Be Thou My Vision • Irish Traditional
Scripture  Revelation 10:11; 14:6-7, 13 NIV • Brian and Dawn Mutz

Then I was told, “You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages and kings”.
Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people.
He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”
Then I heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.”
“Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”
It occurs more than a dozen times through the course of three hymn stanzas, this verb “work.” Strong words they are from teenager Annie Walker, at 18 an author who lived in Canada. “Work, for the Night Is Coming” (hymn 375): Yes, work while it’s morning, in bright conditions: man’s work is over when night comes. Jesus Himself said, “The night comes, when no man can work” (John 9:4). Yes, work through the noon: rest comes surely and promptly. Yes, work at sunset: continue until the very last beam fades. Such thoughts are allied here to a strong, rhythmic hymn melody by Bostonian Lowell Mason, vigorous in its long-short rhythms. An interesting combination this is—words and music working strongly together.
WE STUDY
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Song Service               Christina Carroll
Welcome                   Andrew Byun
Scripture                  Alice Kim
Special Feature            Mission Spotlight • Yeongmin Han
Call for Offering          Teddy Mumu
                          When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • arr. Don Whitman
Bible Study                “Divine Wisdom” • 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
                          ©1924, Renewed 1952 Word Music, LLC; Used by Permission. CCLI License #392652
Benediction                Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Tiffany Steinweg, violin; Edgar Perez, piano

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WE PRAISE
CONNET • GROW • SERVE • GO

As We Begin
What Wondrous Love Is This? • American Traditional
E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • Paul Manz

Celebrate & Praise
John Weiss

Prayer
Sabine Vatel

More Celebration
Angela Holmes

Children’s Story
Be Thou My Vision • Irish Traditional

Worship in Music
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • Paul Halley

Sermon
“Stories in the Rearview Mirror:
Why I Believe It’s Time to Go BIG or Go Home”
Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card, Tithes, & Offerings

Closing Hymn
So Send I You • 578

As We Depart
Work, for the Night Is Coming • Sharon Rogers

WORSHIP DIRECTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
PLATFORM MANAGER: Debbie Weithers; MUSIC DIRECTOR /PIANO: Ilana Cady
VOCAL DIRECTOR: Jonathan Dominique; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Josh Ahn;
ELECTRIC GUITAR: Nicole Moore; CELLO: Andrew Osana
VOCAILS: Alison Segura, Shaly Torres, Zach Randolph
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers, Stephen Zork, director
Sanctuary Flowers
Today’s flowers are given in celebration of the baptism of Angie Holmes. “You’ve been family to us for years—today your family is getting much bigger! Congratulations—we love you!”
-Dave, Wendy, Brittany & Tyler Ronto

Today We Mourn
Today we mourn with Vesna Markovic on the death of her mother on Friday, January 16 in California. With Vesna and the entire family, we look forward to resurrection morning. “Even so, come Lord Jesus.”

PMC Youth Mission
TODAY • 5:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL
The PMC Youth Mission Honduras Team will present an inspiring vespers this afternoon. Enjoy stories of God’s work at the Hogar de Ninos Children’s Home and surrounding community. See the ways in which God’s love was shared with children and families. For more information contact Glenn Russell: glenn@andrews.edu.

Chase the Winter Blues Away
TONIGHT • 6:30 TO 8:30 PM
ANDREWS POOL & BEATTY GYM
Join your PMC family and bring the kids to a pool and gym night. The climbing wall and racquetball courts have been reserved for us. The event is free and is sponsored by the Family Life Committee.
**RMES Annual K-8th Shining Stars Talent Show**
TODAY • 5:00 PM
RMES GYMNASIUM

You are invited to discover the many talents of our Ruth Murdoch Elementary students.

**Scrapbooking Together**
JANUARY 25 • 10 AM TO 6 PM
PMC COMMONS
Bring your scrapbooking/card-making materials and projects and spend the whole day or just stay for a couple of hours. For information, contact Sherrie Davis @ 471.3134.

**Adventist Retirees of Michiana**
JANUARY 25 • 12:00 NOON
ANDREWS ACADEMY
Robert Overstreet, Principal of Andrews Academy, is inviting all Adventist retirees to dinner at the Academy where students will present music and a vision for the future of Andrews Academy. No reservations needed, just come at noon!

**The Knitting Hearts Together**
JANUARY 27 • 7:00 PM TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY’S HOME
Use your yarn- or fabric-crafting skills to bless others. For more information contact Alice Williams @ 471-3373, alicew@andrews.edu or Lyn MacCarty @ 208-3377 or 471-9060.

**Calling All Singers - Tra la la!**
Our Pastor is asking for a Sanctuary Choir. Singers, please contact Jeannie Pedersen-Smith at jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com or 269.277.0488 for voice or a text message.

**Pathfinder Leadership Training**
Master Guide, PLA & PIA seminars at PMC, posted @ youth.lakeunion.org/assets/99285.

**Compass Collegiate Sabbath School**
SABBATHS FROM 10:30 TO 11:30 AM
RELIGION & BIBLICAL LANGUAGES
BULLER HALL
If you are interested in studying the Bible during Sabbath School together with fellow students from all over campus, this is the place for you. Enjoy singing and studying the Scriptures all semester long. Erhard Gallos and Glenn Russell are the coordinators of this Sabbath School. For more information contact Erhard Gallos at gallos@andrews.edu or @ 269.471.3186.

**The Journey to Wholeness**
FRIDAYS • 10 TO 11 AM
ANDREWS SEMINARY HALL RM N-108
SATURDAYS • 10:15 TO 11:15 AM
ANDREWS NETHERY HALL RM NH-134
The Journey to Wholeness 12-step meetings offer hope and help in addressing challenges, to help you become the person God and you intend. For information email adventistrecovery@gmail.com or call 240.346.5204.

**ArtsBridge 6th Annual Super Bowl Poetry Reading**
FEBRUARY 1 • 2:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Poets of all ages are invited to listen, recite a favorite poem, or read a few they wrote. A reception will follow the program. For details call 269.925.7075.
Tablets for Cuba
Our brothers and sisters in Cuba have no access to Christian books, and collections such as EGW’s books or the SDA Commentary are impossible to obtain. The solution is to put hundreds of books and resources into a single tablet. Why not donate your old tablet to a Cuban family. For more information contact Fernando Ortiz at 471.3416 or ortizl@andrews.edu or simply bring your tablet or cash donations to the MDiv office at the Seminary. On behalf of a Cuban family, pastor or student, ¡Gracias!

Host an Exchange Student!
The Berrien Springs/Eau Claire Rotary Club is seeking host families for Rotary International Exchange students coming from other countries to live in the United States for the 2015-16 academic year. For more information contact Dr. Brad Hinman, 269.471.5968 or hibradly@andrews.edu.

Conversation Partners
The Center for Intensive English Programs at Andrews is looking for volunteers to be conversation partners with students who are studying English. If you enjoy learning about other cultures and making new friends, we invite you to volunteer. For information contact Amanda Meseraull at meseraull@andrews.edu.

Food Drive
The Neighbor to Neighbor food drive is on and you can help. Just pick up a form at Apple Valley, check the items you wish to donate you can pay for it there. They will deliver your food items to Neighbor To Neighbor. It’s that simple. Thank you for your donation.

Thank-You
Thank-you to our many friends in the University and the community:

Demetra and I wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many thoughtful expressions of sympathy we have received and continue to receive following the death of my mother last month. The cards, e-mails, phone calls, kind words along the way and warm handshakes have been overwhelming, encouraging and comforting.

Thank you so much.
—Demetra and Niels-Erik Andreasen

Board/Business Meeting
FEBRUARY 2 • 7:00 PM
PIONEER BOARD ROOM
Along with the annual budget reports, Harbor of Hope’s proposal to purchase a building site in Benton Harbor for a new church/community education center will be presented for discussion and action. All members are invited to attend.

Nominating Committee
FIRST READING

Women’s Ministries:
Sallie Alger, Chairperson
Chelcie Coleman
Sherrie Davis
Sallie DiCicco
Elena Fantroy (HOH rep)
Diane Helbley (One Place rep)
Brigette Hinds
Rebecca May
Diana Mitchell
Lynn MacCarty
Joy Ngugi
Mary Ann Paquette
Nichole Price
Manuela Yeagley
Children have a need that is sometimes most neglected, especially in environments where basic needs are often considered luxuries. This need is to hear, to know, and to understand that God loves them and values them more than anything in His whole universe. The Goodly Pearl was one of the children’s favorite lessons at Sidewalk Sabbath School. Here is the original quote the lesson was based on:

“Christ, the heavenly merchantman seeking goodly pearls, saw in lost humanity the pearl of price... Hearts that have been the battleground of the conflict with Satan, and that have been rescued by the power of love, are more precious to the Redeemer than are those who have never fallen. . . . He collected all the riches of the universe, and laid them down in order to buy the pearl.” (Christ’s Object Lessons, Ellen G. White, p. 118.2)

Who would have thought that sharing the depths of the love of Jesus would appeal to inner city, hurting, mischievous, and restless young hearts? Yet the power of the love of Christ has repeatedly proven that it will capture the children’s attention, bringing calmness and hope to those who live in dire surroundings.

What is the price of these children’s smiles as they tell you that they are goodly pearls? Who can place a value on one’s simple statement, “The words you tell me about God make me feel good inside”?

If we do nothing else at Harbor of Hope but meet THAT MOST NEGLECTED NEED, our work will have been well done and its impact will reach into eternity.

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