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ROAD TRIP?

Perhaps you are passing through on your way to your final destination. Or maybe you have come to see what happens inside this landmark. Maybe this is a regular stop for you. On all accounts, welcome! We hope that this experience will be a rest stop, oasis, and safe place.

We work today, and everyday, to connect you with inspiration, fellowship, and pathways to fuel you in your journey. You join us in the midst of our summer series. We will cross many intersections on our

road trip through life. How will we get to our destination? With whom will we travel? What is the best way to get through all the different intersections and detours? You may have missed a few sermons but you can catch up! Visit www.pmchurch.org to view the previous messages.

During your visit today, may you be charged for the days ahead.

-José Bourget

PMC TOURS

Visitors from around the world have stopped by Pioneer Memorial Church before traveling to the General Conference this past week.

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BY KRYZIA ABACAN

■he General Conference Session 2015 of the Seventh-day Adventist Church began on Thursday, July 2, 2015. Since then, my Twitter feed has been inundated with tweets from different sources reporting on the events of the day, the discussions at meetings, and the many booths you can find. Despite not being physically present at GC 2015, I have been able to keep up with the conversations and discussions through the #GCSA15 hashtag. I wanted to share the experience with you below through a few tweets that I have taken note of: some encouraging, some inspiring, some funny, and some serious. These tweets are the thoughts of those in attendance at GC 2015.

San Antonio Meetings @MeetinSA: Welcome to San Antonio, @ adventistchurch! Enjoy your 60th General Conference! #MeetInSA #GCSA15 (July 2, 2015)

GC Session @gcsession: A big "Welcome to the Family!" to the 35 new unions just voted into membership by the delegates at #GCSA15 (July 2, 2015)

GC Youth Ministries @GCYthMin: President Wilson addressing young adults, emphasizing intergenerational work will bring the Second Coming #GCSA15 (July 1, 2015)

David Asscherick @dasscherick: We shouldn't expect old heads on young shoulders, but neither should we expect young legs on old bodies. C'mon church!!! #GCSA15 NomCom (July 3, 2015)

Dwight K. Nelson @DwightKNelson: The Alamodome is full 4 a Friday evening! A joyful crowd celebrating new life in Jesus-1st time I've seen this @ GC (July 3, 2015)

NAD Adventist @NADadventist: What is it that unleashes Heaven's power? A church on its knees seeking God, church that is witnessing for Christ - Mark Finley at #GCSA15

Adventist Messenger @SDA_Messenger: Visitors and delegates have come from 168 countries around the world to attend #gcsa15

Adventist Review @AdventistReview: Delegates approve division presidents #GCSA15

GC Session @gcsession: "I love my Lord. He is not giving up on His Church!" O'Conner #GCSA15 (July 6, 2015)

By the time this article goes to print and you read the contents of this page, the General Conference Session will be in its closing moments and you may have heard about its conclusions. You may not agree with the decisions made by the church, or you may be in full support of them. In either case, I urge us to pray earnestly and fervently for the church, as God leads us into a new chapter in our history.

Kryzia Abacan is the interim Pioneer Connect editor.

LESSONS FROM DAD

BY MELISSA ANN RUHUPATTY

y father is an amazing person and today is his birthday. In typical dad fashion, my father has dropped subtle (or not so subtle) life hints over the years and I can't help but realize now how significantly his words have shaped my understanding of the Christian journey. To share my testimony of how God has used my father as His lighthouse, here are some of the lessons I've increasingly learnt to lend credence to.

THINK THINGS THROUGH

Decisions are not to be made carelessly and words are not to be tossed out meaninglessly, he taught me. Like most of the teenage population, I'm still not incredibly practiced at filtering foolish thoughts or at judging foolish ideas. I've found myself in more than a few pickles because my eyes couldn't see past the immediate cause and effect, and life has shown me that consequences often run deep. As it turns out, our human tendency to be unthinking and uncaringly selfish can really get in the way of being true Christian witnesses. Our role as ambassadors of Christ should cause us to be always cognizant of the significance our daily choices have upon our own salvation and upon others' salvation. As Solomon said, "Discretion will preserve you; understanding will keep you" (Proverbs 2:11, NJKV).

PEOPLE MATTER

Be a good friend to everyone, he taught me. Unfortunately, like the rest of this planet's inhabitants, I still have a hard time being humble. Pride has caused many a man to lose a friend and there are few who can say they have not once been quilty of letting pride get in the way of friendships. I've come to realize perhaps the reason humility is so integral to human relationships is because we need some knocking down in order to build each other up. God created mankind with a strong sense of fellowship; something that transforms us into a collective unit that is more than merely the sum of its parts. Establishing good relationships with people thus not only affirms God's intentions for united humankind but also affirms His wish for our personal development: "As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Proverbs 27:17, NKJV).

LIVE FULLY

Live life like you mean it, he taught me. A life's full potential can only be unlocked by sincerity and earnestness, and yet, I struggle daily against laziness and indolence. As it turns out, passion cannot be the main driver of our lives. Life simply can't be made up solely of the things we love doing. Even the mundane, the dull, the gloomy parts of our lives should be lived fully. If every evening and morning God grants us is a gift, is it not imperative that every moment of our lives be accounted for? If we truly value the tenuous gift of life, shouldn't it be a priority to ensure each moment adds value to the whole of our existence? Indeed, Solomon reminds



us "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might; for there is no work or device or knowledge or wisdom in the grave where you are going" (Ecclesiastes 9:10, NKJV).

KNOW YOUR FOUNDATIONS

No matter where you end up in life, don't forget where you came from and how you got here, he taught me. It's too easy to leave behind the lessons and values of childhood when you've finally "got it made," too easy to forget those very lessons and values were integral to your success. Likewise, clinging to those lessons and values when it seems as if nothing is going right seems to be at least equally difficult, if not exponentially more taxing. In prosperity and in poverty alike, I've found that "He loves me" is the only thing I can undoubtedly lean on. Keeping God's promises at the forefront of our expectations not only makes sense of the dark times but also keeps us from letting the good times run away with our heads. Keeping true to the foundations of our faith enables us to weather all things, as Paul declares: "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12, NKJV).

These are simple truths with many variants, sometimes gilded with fancy words, sometimes stinging with chastisement, sometimes wreathed by deep sentiments. No matter how *your* father imparts to you his world-tried wisdom, don't forget to thank God for the privilege of loving and learning with Him!

Melissa Ann Ruhupatty, International Business.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • arr. Robert Hughes

Introit Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship José Bourget

Let us love our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind.

Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

There is no other commandment greater than these.

As God's people, we come together to do what God has commanded.

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation Rodlie Ortiz

Hymn of PraiseLead On, O King Eternal • 619

Congregational Prayer

José Bourget

Blest Be the Tie That Binds • st. 1 & 2 of 350

Worship in Music Op. 94, No. 2: Simple, Heartfelt • Robert Schumann

Children's Story

Kevin Wilson

How Firm A Foundation • arr. Janet Linker

Scripture 1 Thessalonians 4:1-6 *NIV* • Brittany Ronto & Sam Dronen

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

Hymn of Preparation

Like Jesus • st. 1, 4 of 492

Sermon

"It's No Picnic (The New Rules on Dating)" Rodlie Ortiz

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Women's Ministries

Hymn of Commitment

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • 545

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fugue on How Firm A Foundation • arr. Janet Linker

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Willaglys Senior, oboe

MUSIC ALIVE

LEAD ON

t the GC Session's close, with newly elected church leaders, a leadership hymn is particularly significant today. It has a story. "Ernest, why don't you write our class poem? After all, you have already published two volumes of poetry—What's the use of having a distinguished author in the class [at Andover Seminary] if he cannot rise to the occasion and do his class the honor

of writing a good poem just for them?" "Let's make it a hymn that we can all sing" was Ernest Shurtleff's reply, according to Kenneth Osbeck. The hymn? "Lead On, O King Eternal." "We've been spending days of preparation here at seminary. Now the day of march has come and we must go out to follow the leadership of the King of kings, to conquer the world under His banner."

WE STUDY

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Song Service Ed Higgins

Welcome Mordekai Ongo

Galatians 3:6-8 NIV Scripture

Special Feature Status of Kendu Adventist Hospital (Kenya)

Offertory Treasures of the World • Williams / Schram

"Abraham: The First Missionary" • Classes Bible Study

Make Me a Blessing Theme Song

> 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 Ed Higgins

> ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback OFFERTORY: Elizabeth Wilson, mezzo soprano; Lisa Jardine, piano

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As We Begin

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us • arr. Robert Hughes

Praise

Prayer

José Bourget

Baptism

Nicholas A. Little with Rodlie Ortiz

Children's Story

Kevin Wilson

How Firm A Foundation • arr. Janet Linker

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Sermon

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Hymn

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As We Depart

Fugue on How Firm A Foundation • arr. Janet Linker

WORSHIP DIRECTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Willaglys Senior, oboe

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY • 9:22 **SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 9:19

SUBMIT announcements by emailing <u>bulletin@pmchurch.tv</u> or by going to <u>www.pmchurch.org</u> and click on "submit a bulletin announcement." Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

| SATURDAY | FAMILY VESPERS CANCELLED

| SUNDAY |

ADVENTIST RETIREES

1:00 PM • VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

BOUNTIES FROM THE GARDEN 5:30 PM • PMC COMMONS

PIONEER PULPIT

| 07 • 18 |

RODLIE ORTIZ

"Road Trip: Backpack (The Essential Gear for Godly Parenting)"

| 07 • 25 | Sabine vatel

Family Vespers

We will not meet this evening in lieu of the final session of General Conference. Watch it at the Village SDA Church or visit <u>www.</u> hopetv.org/watch/hope-church-channel/.

FLAG Camp Drivers Needed

If you have some extra time on your hands and are looking for a ministry this summer we are in need of volunteer drivers for field trips here at camp. If you are a 21-year-old licensed driver and are willing to drive a mini-bus this summer we'd be so grateful if you would give us a call! Please contact Vanna Giddings at 269.277.9123.

PMC Job Opening

PMC is looking for a Facilities Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to Associate Pastor. This person will perform standard and confidential clerical duties requiring Christian discernment and interpersonal skills. This position is at the hub where the life and ministry of PMC converges in terms of organization, communication and management of facilities usage and services relative to the church's location within the community. A resume and cover letter should be mailed to:

Personnel Committee Pioneer Memorial Church 8655 University Blvd. Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

We are meeting again for our monthly potluck and meeting. The Physical Therapy Department at Andrews University will present a special feature called "Comprehensive Body Maintenance for Retirees." Also, please mark your calendars for our annual Corn Roast to be held August 9 at Wolf Prairie Park at 1:00 PM. If you have questions, please contact Mike or Shirley Gammon at 989,427,5669.

Bounties from the Garden: Raw, Simple, Delicious, No-cooking Recipes

TOMORROW • 5:30 TO 7:00 PM

Join Ryan and Christine Wallace as they demonstrate some easy-to-prepare and delicious healthy recipes using fresh, organically grown produce from the AU Gardens! A light supper and samples will be included. Reservations must be made by Friday, July 10, at 6:00 PM. Seating is limited to 75. For more information contact Ryan and Christine Wallace: ryanand-christine@gmail.com or 269.815.0557.

The Kids Library Needs You!

Volunteers are needed at the Kids Library counter, no later than 11:30 on Sabbath morning (2nd service) to begin checking out quiet activities to families, and to remain at the counter until after the service to check bags back in. If you would like to help, or have questions, please email the Kids Library at pmckidslibrary@gmail.com or call Debbie at 503.580.8003 or Rachelle at 269.930.3972.

Celebrating the Lives and Service of Elder & Mrs. Eric B. Hare

A few of us remember reading or hearing recorded mission stories told by Eric B. Hare, a pioneer in the Adventist work among the Karen people of Burma. This year Karen Adventists in North America are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Eric B. Hare as a missionary to Burma. This celebration will take place at Andrews University, July 24-26. Three generations of Hares will be present. Several of the meetings will be of interest to the local community who may not know of the Karen. More than 500 Karen immigrants and refugees from around the US are coming. However, many of the Karen are making a great sacrifice to make the trip, and some will have difficulty being able to pay for a place to stay. If you are willing to help with lodging in one of the following ways:

- Space in your home (indicate how many refugees).
- Loaning tent(s) and sleeping bag(s).
- Space on your property where tent(s) can be pitched.
- Loan an RV or motor home.

Contact Judy Aitken (269.240.7997), Trudi Starlin (269.449.1175), or e-mail office@asapministries.org (put "Karen Centennial Housing" in the subject line) as soon as possible. Also, **If you want to make a tax-deductible donation** toward the expenses of the reunion, **checks should be made payable to: ASAP Ministries** (write "Karen Centennial Reunion" in the memo line) and mailed to ASAP Ministries, PO Box 84, Berrien Springs MI 49103, OR you may go online at www.asapministries.org. Please DO NOT make checks payable to PMC as we will have to return your check.

2015 BCYF Health & Wellness Exhibit

AUGUST 16-22

This year's health tent is fitness-focused. We need volunteers for the following positions:

Blood-pressure Readings—Be familiar with this process.

Welcome—outside—Be welcoming.

Welcome—inside—Direct people in the tent, and be able to answer questions.

Massage—sign-in—Register and announce names for appointments.

Registration/waiver—The participant fills out a registration form and a waiver before participating at a station.

Data entry—Be able to type and decipher hand-written registration forms.

Set-up—Help transport, assemble, and position all equipment used in the tent.

Take-down—Similar process to set-up.

Host/hostesses—Guide people in the tent and answer questions.

Prayer Tree Team—Take prayer requests and pray with participants if they want.

Massage Therapists/Physical Therapists—Provide a 10-minute basic upper back/neck massage.

Personal Trainers, group fitness instructors, physical education teachers, or other related fields—Be able to provide on-the-spot fitness advice to people of all demographics.

Kids' station—Kids' fitness exercise demonstration.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact Ryan and Christine Wallace: ryanandchristine@gmail.com or 269.815.0557.

Outside Door Greeters

Are you willing to share a smile and a handshake? PMC is looking for greeters for the outside doors on Sabbath morning especially from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. If you have questions or need more information email belle3563@gmail.com.

Take a Campus Tour!

Andrews University is prepared to welcome visitors from near and far this summer as people travel through our area on their way to and from General Conference. As a courtesy, this Sabbath, July 11, guided campus tours will depart every half hour from the JN Andrews sculpture from 3-5 PM. This walking tour will take about 1.5 hours and will include a little campus history, a stop at the Art & Design Gallery to see an exhibit of Nathan Greene's paintings, and a chance to hear the Battle Creek bell. The Horn Archaeological Museum will also be open for those who wish to spend a little extra time. For tour groups who wish a more in-depth experience, please consult the Andrews website, click on the main feature "Andrews & the General Conference Session." Please fill out a tour reservation form available on the web. With prior notification, translation services are available for our international guests. All are welcome-newcomers and locals alike will have a good time!

District 9 Family Camp

District 9 Family Camp at Camp Au Sable is just around the corner. Application materials are available from the church office. The deadline is Sunday, August 9. We hope to see you at Family Camp for Labor Day Weekend, September 4-7! For questions, please feel free to call Ric Streelman at 269.471.7172.



A BRIGHT FUTURE

BY IONATHAN I APOINTE

■he Pioneer Media Team has been having quite a summer. It's no secret that our long-time Media Minister, Nick Wolfer, was called to the North American Division to become their new Production Director, When he first took the helm of Pioneer's Media Ministry over a decade ago, it was a just a fledgling young ministry trying to find its footing. and in the years since, he has helped to build it into one of the largest and farthestreaching media ministries in the Adventist church through the grace of God. While he will be missed here, we are truly excited to see how God will continue to use him in his new position at the Division.

For those of us who remain, our dedication to growing this ministry for God's kingdom has never been stronger. If there's one thing we have learned from this, it's that God sees our work here and continues to bless in astounding ways. Our volunteers continue to step up and take on greater responsibilities, driving this ministry forward. There is no question that without their leadership this ministry

would not be what it is today, and countless people around the globe may have remained untouched by God's message.

We believe that God's plan for this ministry has only just begun. That's why we strive to grow into new areas and employ new technologies to that end. Whether it's through modernizing our websites to make our content more accessible and to better fit the way people interact with media today, improving our live streaming experience for our ever-growing online congregation, or by preparing for what God has in store for the exciting 2015-2016 school year, we know that the future of the Pioneer Media Team is bright and full of potential. We sincerely thank you for your prayers and continued financial support as we move forward together.

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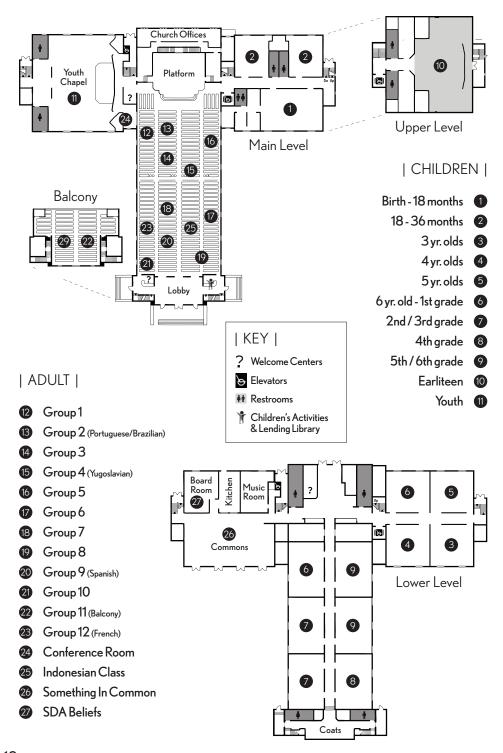
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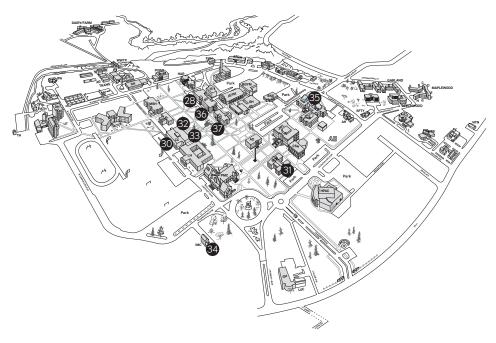
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