

PIONEER --- CONNECT

APRIL 21, 2018

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WELCOME

to Pioneer

Today we're excited to welcome Elder James Micheff, Jr. to Pioneer Memorial Church. As the new president, Elder Micheff oversees all of the churches in the Michigan Conference.

He entered the ministry as a pastor for the Rocky Mountain Conference in 1994. After several years, he accepted a call to be a pastor for the Michigan Conference in 1996. In 2000 he was invited to serve as director of the youth department and served in that capacity for about seven years. In 2007, he became the executive secretary for the Michigan Conference and in early 2018 accepted the call to be the new president. We're excited that he's here.

We're also excited that you're here. That's right, you. So as we worship together through the music and the Word, our prayer is that you would sense God's presence with you today and that you would respond to Him. Welcome.

-Rodlie Ortiz



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THE LAST FRONTIER

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

This week I had an inspirational experience spending time with young adults at a global retreat for missionaries who are sold out on Jesus and passionately maxed out on His mission to reach every unreached people group on this planet.

The organization I visited is a cutting-edge mission and missionary enterprise that has targeted unentered or unreached swathes of the human race heretofore seemingly untouched by the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. This elite organization (OK, I admit, that's my word, not theirs—but "elite" in my humble opinion is any strategic effort to go where no man or woman has gone before in the spread of the religion of Jesus) with global offices now in the U.S., Canada, Brazil and South Africa, has mobilized these 200+ individuals to many nations (some that must remain nameless), urban centers and rural mountainous zones, and secular towns and cities in East and West Europe—all because of our Lord's command, **"Go into all the world and make disciples of all**

nations" (Matthew 28:19).

While I've been preaching morning and evening to these missionaries, the inspiring testimonies from these families as I sit with them in the sprawling dining hall each day stir up my own soul. Not only are they mastering a foreign tongue whose alphabet is unlike anything you and I have witnessed, their stories of friendship building and gospel-living and Jesus-telling are often times nothing short of miraculous. Miraculous not only because of the very evident "fingerprints" of the Holy Spirit on the supernatural fruit of their efforts, but miraculous because when strangers speaking another language and hailing from a distant shore and culture set up house in hostile territories and then through incarnational loving on behalf of Christ begin to win friends for Him—the only word that makes sense to me is "miraculous." **"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).** And He still is through these intrepid missionaries.

Timothy and Abigail (not their





names) have taken up residence and mission in a country and culture so foreign and so hostile you and I would laugh off the suggestion God was calling us there. And yet with no friends or prior acquaintances in that nation (nobody—meaning zero, nada, no one), this courageous couple has set up house and "gospel shop" in a beneath-the-radar sort of existence, quietly loving and cautiously awaiting the divine moment for simple witness. **"You will hear a voice behind you saying . . ."** is how the *modus operandi* works (see Isaiah 30:21). And work the Spirit of God does. With fruitage measured in the optics and coinage of the Kingdom.

If life for you has become terribly predictable and/or numinously unsatisfying, God's solution for you may be to simply double down where He has you now and with a prayer for added grace carry on in your faithful surrender to His daily provi-

dences and guidance. But if the Spirit of God is stirring up your soul with the compelling commission—**"As the Father has sent Me, so send I you"** (John 20:21)—then it may be that this organization can become your divine door to obeying Jesus' command, **"Go preach [and use words if necessary] the gospel to all creation"** (Mark 16:15). For more information, go online and visit www.afmonline.org. Get in touch with their headquarters. The team of professionals there are constantly probing new Kingdom frontiers for young and not so young prospective missionaries to claim for Christ our Lord. Who knows? God may already be planning to send you to the last frontier left—where your only hope will be His promise, **"Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen"** (Matthew 18:20). ■



THE FOURTH WATCH BLOGS ARE FOUND
ONLINE AT WWW.PMCHURCH.ORG/BLOG

GOD'S FINANCIAL PEACE

Romans 12:2 cautions us, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." When it comes to personal finances, here's what the pattern of this world looks like in North America:

Average Consumer Debt—

- \$180k Mortgages, \$51k Student Loans, \$29k Auto Loans, and \$16k Credit Cards.
- 78% live paycheck to paycheck.
- 67% would struggle to pay for a \$1,000 emergency.

This winter over 60 people at-

tended Dave Ramsey's 9-week Financial Peace University class here at church. Many lives were transformed as we learned how to handle money using biblical principles. We covered topics such as: saving, cash flow planning, dumping debt, the power of marketing on buying decisions, the role of insurance, retirement and college planning, real estate and mortgages, and giving.

Most of our class consisted of college students, yet through prayer, hard work, and application of knowledge gained, over the course





of our class the average family paid off \$1,900 in non-mortgage debt and saved \$1,100. Some built emergency fund savings for the first time in their lives. Nearly 40% now give substantially more. Some shared that their marriages were strengthened as they worked as one towards meeting financial goals. Others were excited to take knowledge gained and share it with their churches and families.

A single mother who is a widow attended the classes with her daughter. This mother shared through tears that, even though she struggles to make ends meet on her income, the greatest blessing that she received from the class is knowing that her daughter's financial future will be secure because she learned to handle money God's way.

The Bible calls Jesus the "Prince of Peace." He cares about every part of your life, including your finances. If you or someone you know need financial peace in your life or in your

marriage, please consider attending our next class that will take place next school year. If you need immediate help, please contact the church office and you will be assisted.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Phil 4:6-7. ■

Bryan and Becky von Dorpowski are co-leaders of the Financial Peace University GROW Group.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *HOLY MANNA [Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!] • Dale Wood*

Introit *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus • Marguerite Samuel and James North, Jr.*

Call to Worship Rodlie Ortiz

O Lord, you have searched us and you know us!

To know when we lie down and when we get up, you discern our thoughts from afar. Where shall we go from your Spirit? Where shall we flee from your Presence?

We praise you, O God, for you are wonderful. Wonderful are your works!

How precious are your thoughts to us, O God!

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

Invocation Elder James Micheff, Jr.

Hymn of Praise *Praise Him! Praise Him! • 249*

Congregational Prayer Rodlie Ortiz
Spirit of the Living God • 672

Worship in Music *Be Still • Marguerite and Leslie Samuel*

Children's Story Elder James Micheff, Jr.
We Have This Hope • Kenneth Logan

Scripture Rev. 3:14-22 NKJV • Peter van Bemmelen and Robert Johnston
"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God:

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot.

So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

continued...

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

Hymn of Preparation

Break Thou the Bread of Life • 271

Introduction to Speaker

Dwight K. Nelson

Sermon

"Who Are You?" • Elder James Micheff, Jr.

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Hymn of Commitment

Live Out Thy Life Within Me • 316

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

MUSICAL SELECTIONS: Journey Ministries & PMC Sanctuary Choir; Marguerite Samuel, director; Leslie Samuel and James North, Jr., pianists

MUSIC ALIVE

"OF PILGRIMAGE AND GUIDANCE"

Images strikingly drawn characterize the emotive hymn "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (*SDA Hymnal* 538). Only think of Israel's long, hard pilgrimage in the wilderness: The hymn's images of "Bread of heaven," "the healing stream," "the fire and cloudy pillar," etc., are secured by fascinating historical anchors. Themes of severe exile and hard pilgrimage are found in the biblical Exodus, and extend

into today's world, too. For all on earth, life is indeed a pilgrimage of one sort or another. Thinking back to the "Guide Me" hymn, today's Closing Voluntary is based on the hymn's "strong deliverer" imagery, encouraging confidence in God's leading and deliverance. So may we go with "cloud" and "fire" guidance from the God of compassionate grace. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Christine Carroll

Opening Hymn

I Am Going to Calvary • 288

Prayer & Scripture

John Press • Acts 16:6-10 NKJV

Welcome

Judy Aitken

Mission Feature

"A Voice From the Congo" • Bill Wells

Offertory

"Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre" • Handel

Bible Study

Classes • "Jesus and the Book of Revelation"

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

Christine Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Peyton Ware, soprano; Ronnie Zanella, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

HOLY MANNA [Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!] • Dale Wood
How Great Thou Art • Dan Forrest

Praise

Indescribable • *This Is My Father's World* • *Son of God*
Let My Words Be Few

Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

Children's Story

Elder James Micheff, Jr.
You Must Have That True Religion • Roland Carter

Worship in Music

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Live Out Thy Life Within Me • 316

As We Depart

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah • Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
PRAISE LEADER: Sinegugu Katenga; VOCALS: Juwel Howard, Alex Wilson
PIANO: Adriana Perera; DJEMBE: Ivana Ticar; BASS GUITAR: Ryan Jarvis
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: The Aeolians of Oakwood University; Jason Max Ferdinand, director

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SUNSET TODAY • 8:31
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:39

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Yes Can Do!—How to Dare with an Attitude"

| 05 • 05 |

CALVIN ROCK

Graduation Weekend

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

Pastor and Mrs. James Hoffer had some dear neighbors. The husband worked as a chauffeur for Whirlpool and had to wear a nice suit every day. The Hoffers had always been faithful tithers, but were struggling financially and also knew that God has a thousand ways to provide for His faithful children. About that time, Whirlpool changed its dress code to casual; now her husband had several nice suits that he no longer needed. Then the neighbor said something like this: "I wonder whether you and Jim would like to see if any of them fit Jim." Sure enough, five suits fit. The price, \$15 each! He still wears some of those suits today. Be faithful in your giving! Like surprises? So does God, and you never know what He has in store for you next!

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

The PMC handbells GROW Group will share, and we will close with a season of prayer.

Soup for Students

MAY 1

Share a bowl of love to students during their finals week. We need commitments for 30 pots of soup and some cookies or bread. We also need volunteers to help clean up after the event. Let us know by April 27 if you can help by calling Lailane Legoh at 269.471.3543. Thank you!

Knitting Hearts Together

SEPT. 12 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY RESIDENCE

Help provide tangible comfort to the bereaved and seriously ill. Join this ministry to create and/or deliver hand-crafted items. Contact Alice Williams at alicew@andrews.edu or Lyn MacCarty at maccarty@sbcglobal.net.

Wind Symphony Spring Concert

APRIL 22 • 4:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The final concert of the 2017-2018 Andrews University Wind Symphony season features classic works and transcriptions for band by European composers. The program is free as a thank-you to all the wonderful WAUS members.

Gorgeous 2 God

APRIL 28 • 4:00 PM
PMC EARLITEEN LOFT

Erica Jones, the assistant director for NAD Women's Ministries, is presenting *Gorgeous 2 God: A Conversation for Young Ladies* ages 13 and older. Spread the news to your daughters, nieces, and granddaughters! We will enjoy a social afterward! For additional info, call 917.435.5687.

Millie Youngberg Memorial

APRIL 28 • 3:30 PM
PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

The Youngberg family would be honored by your presence at the Memorial Service. Visitation in the lobby begins at 3:00. After the service a reception and refreshments will be served in the Commons. Millie would have felt joy if, in lieu of flowers, her friends would donate to WIN! WELLNESS where the gifts can finish preparation for free global leadership training on-line in CEU credits through Adventist Learning Community, WIN! Wellness evangelism in Cuba, for adapting WIN! programs for millions of cell-phone users in China, and other projects. Tax-exempt gifts may be directed to WIN! Wellness, 4731 Greenfield Dr., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Ronald W. Busby Funeral

MAY 5 • 3:30 PM
COLLEGE PLACE, WA

Ronald W. Busby, brother of PMC member Rhoda Busby Wills, passed away April 7 in College Place, WA. A memorial service will be in the Village Church in College Place, WA. Memorial gifts may be made to Gospel OutReach, College Place, WA.

Seniors 55+ Day Trip to Greenfield Village

MAY 16 • 6:30 AM

Adventist Retirees of Michiana (ARM) are planning a day trip to visit Greenfield Village in Dearborn, Michigan Wednesday, May 16. The trip begins/ends at Pioneer Memorial Church parking lot. Trip costs include travel in a comfortable coach bus and admission to Greenfield Village. For more information contact: Ken or Sharon Straw 269.470.0790 or 269.325.4663.

We Mourn

We have just learned of the death of Pioneer Member Lois Strand who passed away on Thursday, April 12. Details are pending at this time.

Today we mourn with the Kipp and Lavallee families on the death of Arthur (Art) Lavallee who passed away on April 17, 2018.

We mourn with the Shultz family on the death of Joan Shultz, former member of Pioneer Memorial Church. She passed away on April 12 in Chattanooga, TN. Her husband was Dr. Wes Shultz, the Dean of the College of Technology for many years. Details are pending at this time.

We mourn with the Busby and Wills family on the death of Ronald W. Busby, brother of PMC member Rhoda (Busby) Wills.

With all of these families, we pray, "Come Soon, Lord Jesus."

Requesting Book Donations

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Integritas Adventist Academy, a bilingual school in Romania, needs NKJV Bibles, Hymnals, EG White books, biographies and true stories (Hiding Place, God's Smuggler, I Will Die Free, etc.) DIY books (construction, design, beekeeping, agriculture, gardening, etc.), computer proficiency (MS Office training, accounting, typing, video editing, photography, etc.), animal stories, science books, atlases that are current, materials for learning a foreign language. Please limit donations to books that pass the Philippians 4:8 test. If you can afford to ship the books yourself here is the address: Integritas Adventist Academy, Str. Dezrobirii nr. 63, Tragu Mures, jud. Mures, 540243, Romania. Otherwise please contact me: Vivien Oxley, 269.930.0113 or vivienoxley@gmail.com.

SciFEST for High Schoolers

SEPT 20-22 • 5:00 PM
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Andrews University invites high-school students to their annual STEM weekend, SciFEST, on September 20-22, 2018. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for hands-on labs, spiritual activities, academic challenges, and a memorable weekend this fall. For more details visit: andrews.edu/scifest. Register by May 25 to receive a discount. Contact Monica Nudd for information on SciFEST: stemconnect@andrews.edu or call 269.471.3872.

The Power of Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy

MAY 7-11 • 8:00 AM

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Join Evelyn Kissinger and her team presenting "The Power of Natural Remedies and Hydrotherapy Workshop". The workshop includes lectures, hands-on learning, lively discussions, and Q & A. Topics include the power and practical application of natural remedies for vibrant health, and prevention and lifestyle intervention for lifestyle diseases. GSEM 648 Natural Remedies & Hydrotherapy—2 Credits. The class is open to health professionals and community participants for \$350. Attending spouse receives a 50% discount. For more information and to register: 269.471.3541, chis@andrews.edu.

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**Join us on April 22 from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
as we serve the Benton Harbor community
with a spring cleaning day at Hull Park.**

The bus is loading at 10:20 AM and leaves at 10:40 AM. Bus
for transportation will be available on a first-come basis.
Please register so we can know how many supplies to
have available: pmchurch.org/go



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Co-curricular credit for students.