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SYNCHRONICITY
and **THE GOD WHO IS**
ALWAYS PREPARED.

DWIGHT K. NELSON

DECEMBER 22

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

11:45 AM

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Question: What name did the angel say Jesus should be called?

Answer: Immanuel—God with us!

Christmas is a celebration about when Jesus embodies that name—God with us. We **welcome** you on this special Christmas gathering to claim a Bible promise, a commitment for the greatest gift we can ever expect to receive.

"Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." Revelation 21:3-5

Immanuel will fulfill His calling again! During this Advent season, in spite of all the moving parts we can't control, or the ones we think we can, keep your eyes focused on the gift of God. One day soon the pain will be the "former things" and the proximity of God will be His embrace. Merry Christmas!

-José Bourget



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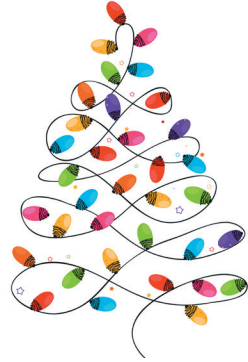
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GIFT DELIVERER FALLS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

This is not a story about Santa Claus falling asleep on his sleigh. First of all, none of us believes in Santa Claus. Secondly, how could you possibly fall asleep while piloting your flying reindeer around the world! And third, this story's true.

Having just survived a personal crisis with paid leave, a commercial pilot (unnamed and understandably so) checked back in to work with his company Vortex Air (Melbourne, Australia). He was glad to be back, and they were glad to have him.

This morning (6:20) his assignment is to fly a payload of freight from Devonport City on the island of Tasmania 155 miles northwest to King Island in the Bass Strait. As he straps into his twin-propeller Piper PA-31 Navajo Chieftain, the pilot runs through the usual pre-flight routines in preparation for his delivery. All systems are go, the control tower signals he is cleared for takeoff, and our commercial pilot is soon roaring up the runway and into the blue heavens. So far, so good.

When you fly commercial freight, there aren't a whole lot of options for conversation. No flight attendants because there are no passengers, just stuffed boxes. What's more, these small puddle jumpers don't even require a second pilot

aboard, given the shorter flights that deliver the goods. Christmastime or not, the packages must still be flown in. He knows the drill.

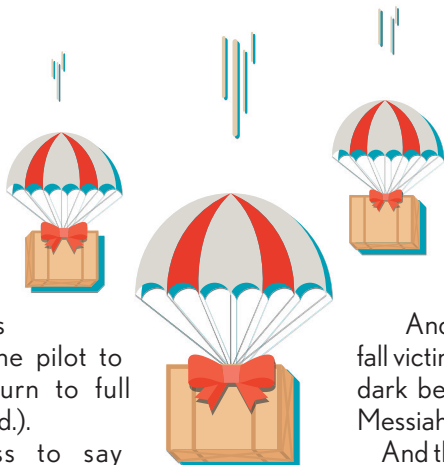
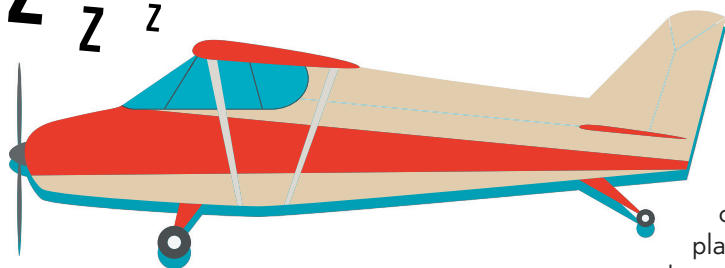
What he doesn't know is what happens next.

According to a statement released by the Melbourne-based airline, the pilot "unintentionally fell asleep while in command of the aircraft." "The issue became apparent when air traffic control was unable to contact the pilot in-flight," the statement went on—he was on auto-pilot (www.apnews.com/49ad-75212fa145acbbba1986302f79e88).

Air traffic records indicate numerous radio calls were made to the sound-asleep pilot without any response from him. Radar records show he overflew his destination by 29 miles, when he suddenly awakened to discover his dangerous overshoot. Switching off auto-pilot our pilot friend circled back to King Island and landed his freight plane without incident.

"'Vortex Air takes the safety of our passengers, crew and pilots extremely seriously and always abide [sic] by all safety procedures,' the airline said. 'This is an extremely rare occurrence, as demonstrated by the company's excellent safety track record,' it added. The company

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said it was assisting the pilot to 'safely return to full duties'" (ibid.).

Needless to say authorities from the Australian Transport Safety Bureau and the Civil Aviation Safety Authority "are investigating the incident and the company's management of pilot fatigue."

Three cheers for the sleepy but now wide awake pilot! After all, who of us hasn't fallen asleep at the wheel or on the job?

But one of the melancholy truths tucked deep inside the Christmas story is the obvious reality that the people of the Advent—you know, the ones who for centuries had been reviewing the promises and rehearsing the prophecies of the Messiah's coming—were sadly asleep on the night the Messiah arrived. Running on auto-pilot all these fruitless and now pointless years and sound asleep when

the greatest and most spectacular arrival of a Baby in the history of the universe took place, they zzz'ed away their golden opportunity to welcome the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords.

"God of heaven, wake us up!" is how the American writer Ellen White once warned of a potentially similar debacle brewing today (Last Day Events 26). "Surely, not I, Lord!" "Not me, Jesus, not me!"

And of course, none of us could ever fall victim to the same dark enemy's same dark bewitchment: sound asleep when Messiah comes.

And the good news is we don't have to. We can have the same gift the Messiah had when He was with us! "He wakens Me morning by morning, wakens My ear to listen like one being instructed" (Isaiah 50:4). Need to be aroused and awakened to the reality of the times in which we are living? Me, too. Then why not this Christmas ask God for this extraordinary gift of divine awakening, morning by morning, His voice calling us to begin the day with Him—alert, awake and ready for action.

Here's His promise: "Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by Him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by Him to take place" (Last Day Events 15).

No auto-pilot, no sound asleep. This New Year grant us ears to hear the footsteps of our approaching God. ■



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PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Reflections From the Media Team

As another year comes to an end, we reflect on the privilege we have to serve you in this House of God, and those who consider Pioneer home—our digital viewing community. Pioneer has always been uniquely positioned to have impacts both locally, through our active Media Ministry, and globally, with our New Perceptions television ministry. This year we have begun to give more focus to our online viewing community.

Our online reach has shown vast growth in 2018. We've had over 692,000 online views of our live and on-demand content, totaling over 150,000 hours of people connecting with Christ. It is our mission to be a part of facilitating this connection. On Sabbath morning our live streaming viewers can chat with our host, sharing in the conversation. Television and online viewers alike who watch our on-demand content also interact frequently with our call center chaplains.

We continue to air on WHME-TV 46 in South Bend, reaching over 112,000 households across Michiana. This, coupled with our global reach on television broadcast networks, like 3ABN and Hope Channel, allows us to continue reaching homes across the globe. It's all part of our digital evangelism strategy here at Pioneer. At the end of the day these updates represent more than just

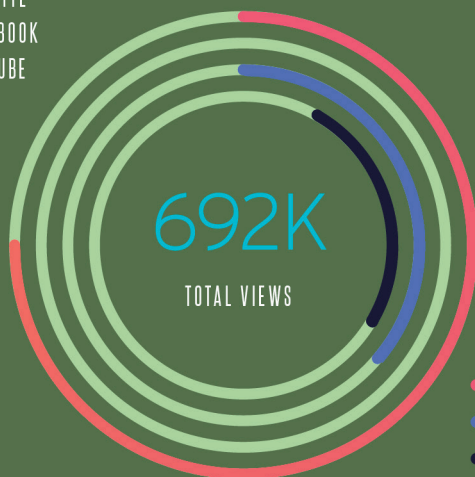
data. Each one of these numbers represents a person – someone who has connected with our ministry and more importantly, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is all made possible because of your support of our Media Ministry. One of the things that your support helped accomplish this year was the replacement of our aging wireless microphone systems in the Sanctuary, Commons, and Youth Chapel. We also replaced one of our most depreciated video projectors in the Youth Chapel. We are hopeful that through your support, we will be able to address some additional Sabbath School needs in the near future; including better Internet access for web-based learning in the classroom. In conjunction with Renovate, we also look forward to updated lighting and control systems, as well as improving auditory quality, in our Sanctuary, in 2019.

Media Ministry is just one more way Pioneer moves outside the church to bring the world to Christ. As we look to a new year, may we all look for ways to touch lives and spread His love.

To continue supporting the inreach and outreach initiatives of our Media Ministry at Pioneer, please indicate "Media Ministry" when giving.

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141K

MILLION
HOURS
VIEWED
ON
WEBSITE

6K

HOURS
VIEWED
ON
FACEBOOK

7K

HOURS
VIEWED
ON
YOUTUBE

154K

MILLION
HOURS
VIEWED
TOTAL



MOST VIEWED LOCATIONS

US, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, SOUTH AFRICA

(THROUGH DEC 17, 2018)

CHRISTMAS AT PIONEER

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Pioneer Family Life

José Bourget

Opening Voluntary

In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Jubilation) • Hermann Schroeder

Introit

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly • Traditional Carol

Christmas Call

PASTOR: "As it fell upon a night in the winter weather,"
PEOPLE: **"Angels bright in starry height began to sing together."**
PASTOR: "Shepherds sleeping on the plain woke to see the glory,"
PEOPLE: **"All amazed they stood and gazed and heard the angels' story."**
PASTOR: "Unto you a child is born in a manger lowly,"
PEOPLE: **"Humble, He, yet born to be the King of Love most holy."**
PASTOR: "Happy angels from afar, cease your singing never!"
PEOPLE: **"In excelsis gloria! Forever and forever."**
PASTOR: "O come, let us adore Him!"
PEOPLE: **Amen.**

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Carols of the Season

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Angels From the Realms of Glory • st. 1-3 of 119
There's a Song in the Air • st. 1 & 4 of 120
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear • 130
O Come, All Ye Faithful • 132

Family Prayer

Vladimir Radivojevic and Doug Gregg (father-in-law)
O Come, All Ye Faithful • st. 1 of 132

One Family's Story

Jeffery Masengi, Cathy Masengi, Raysha Masengi,
Ryano Masengi, Raygio Magsengi

Offering

PMC Operating Expense
The Birthday of a King / O Little Town of Bethlehem
William Neidlinger / Lewis Redner

Children's Story

Away in a Manger • 124

Christmas Scripture Matt. 2:7-12 NIV • Renaude St-Phard and Sammy St-Phard

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Christmas Music

Mother and Christ Child • Kenneth Logan

Christmas Homily

"Christmas, Synchronicity and the
God Who Is Always Prepared"
Dwight K. Nelson

Appeal

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *In Dulci Jubilo (In Sweet Jubilation)* • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Eric Lofgren, trumpet
VOCALS: Vladimir and Branka Slavujevic, vocalists

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Song Service

Jimmer Mun

Opening Hymn

The Church Has One Foundation • 348

Scripture & Prayer

Matthew 16:17-19 • Vasantha Kulasekere

Mission Spotlight

"Adventist Mission—How We Can Help"

Offertory

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella • Lyle Neff

Lesson Study

"Church Organization and Unity"

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

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Brenton Offenback, organ

MUSIC ALIVE

"MOTHER, CHRIST CHILD"

Today's Worship in Music has a very recent origin coupled with very old seasonal traditions. Woven into this new piece of music are portions of two old seasonal melodies, both associated with "Away in a Manger." The new is a tender evocation of mother and child, specifically with reference to Mary and baby Jesus Christ, but also in a wider scope. I wrote the pencil draft of this

piece entirely in my mother's Lakeland hospital room (see back cover). Some of the time there I had open on a computer a view of Harry Anderson's Mary depiction and surroundings, and would refresh my view of it occasionally. This piece, then, is at once an evocation of biblical, historic tenderness, and of personal, recent tenderness. ■

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Michigan Conference Evangelism

SUNSET TODAY • 5:17
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:21

PIONEER PULPIT

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JOHN GLASS

Communion Service
(11:45 AM single service)

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PAVEL GOIA

9:00 & 11:45 AM- "Victory in the Final Conflict"
3:00 PM- "One With God's Purpose"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

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The Bible says that the wise men "saw the Child with his mother Mary, they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Have you seen Jesus this year in your life? Please consider following the wise men's example by bringing a special gift to Jesus this Christmas. Every dollar given to PMC's operating budget is used to reach the world for Jesus.

We Mourn

Early Tuesday morning, Margaret Logan, mother of Kenneth Logan, our minister of music, slipped quietly into the sleep of death. A faithful and active member of our congregation, even at 93 years of age she would join our evening House of Prayer services each Wednesday. Ken and Cheryl ministered to her in the closing days and weeks of her life, and she was surrounded by her family to the end. A service in her memory will be held early in January in PMC. But we pray for the comforting grace and hope of the Christ Child our King, for the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of this beloved matriarch. "For to you is born this Day a Savior!"

District 9 Prayer Conference

On behalf of the thirteen churches in southwestern Michigan, we're delighted to host Pavel Goia, editor of *Ministry* magazine and international prayer conference speaker, on Sabbath, Jan. 5, 2019. Pastor Goia was featured significantly in Ron Clouzet's *Adventism's Greatest Need* because of a resurrection he and his wife sought and received from God. A man of bold prayer and intercession, Pastor Pavel is the right preacher to lead us into an uncertain New Year globally, nationally and even locally. He will preach in both the 9:00 AM and 11:45 AM services at Pioneer, and in between will preach in the Berrien Springs Spanish Church (10:30 AM). An afternoon district-wide prayer

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conference will follow here at Pioneer (3:00 PM). Mark your calendar, and let us discover how to make collective prayer our high priority in 2019.

Family Vespers

Vespers is canceled this evening.

Sabbath School Lesson Quarterly

Adult Sabbath School teachers, you may pick up next quarter's Sabbath School lesson quarterly for your class at the lower level Welcome Center beginning today. If you are a member of PMC and not a member of a Sabbath School class, you may pick up no more than two quarterlies. Please complete the sign-out sheet if you are not a class member.

PMC Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 22 • 5:00 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

Christmas Eve at PMC, "The Gift" for all ages.

Honduras Youth Mission Report

Our PMC Youth Mission team of 16 volunteers is in Honduras conducting a day camp for over 110 children from the Hogar de Niños and the surrounding communities. Each day the children learn about the Bible, have music, crafts, and health classes and games. Additionally the team is working on several projects at the Hogar de Niños. The team is also presenting 2 local hour-long television programs. Thanks to the generous donations of PMC members, food baskets have been distributed to over 30 families. Your prayers and support are much appreciated.

10 Days of Prayer

Start the New Year right! Come and enjoy PMC's 10 Days of Prayer from January 1-10 in the Youngberg home, 4731 Greenfield Drive in Berrien Springs, MI. This is the 29th consecutive year. Each session begins at 6:00 PM. We will be praying for your requests and for an abundant outpouring of the Latter Rain. There will be special handouts for attendees each session. Bring your Bible. The topics are:

Jan. 1 "For Such a Time as This"

Jan. 2 "My Sheep Hear My Voice"

Jan. 3 "Faith Is the Victory"

Jan. 4 "His Name Shall Be Called WONDERFUL"

Jan. 5 "Toning Up My Flabby Spiritual Muscles"

Jan. 6 "Snacking on Spiritual Food or Enjoying a Full Course Meal?"

Jan. 7 "Exceedingly Abundantly Above All that We ASK or Think"

Jan. 8 "And the Earth Was Illuminated with His Glory"

Jan. 9 "These Follow the Lamb Wherever He Goes"

Jan. 10 "You Are My Hiding Place"

Happy Birthday!

Please join the family of Dr. Steven Taran-
gle in wishing him a very blessed 96th
birthday on December 28! His family is
blessed to have him in their lives! His wife,
Esther; his two daughters and their fami-
lies: Stefanie (Bob) Hile, Andre & Vova;
Alana (Elvin) Gonzalez, Amante & Talisa.
Best wishes may be sent to: 9124 George
Ave., #40, Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

PMC Holiday Hours

The PMC office will be closed on Monday-Wednesday, December 24-26, and Monday-Tuesday December 31-January 1 for the holidays. We resume normal operating hours on December 27-28 and on Wednesday, January 2, 2019! Our regular office hours are 9:00 AM-12:00 PM and 1:00-5:00 PM (we are closed Friday afternoons). Have a safe and blessed holiday season!

House of Prayer

You are welcome to join House of Prayer in the morning at 7:00 AM. There will not be a 7:00 PM option available for the next two weeks.

Ways to Help Children and Youth in Benton Harbor

Pray for the children, youth, their parents, teachers, and the leaders in the Sabbath School classes.

2) Order Rada Cutlery and Gifts- Affordable and durable. Proceeds go directly to Harbor of Hope. www.radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1862551.e0e1d5

3) Order Citrus Fruit for yourself and or a food pantry like Harbor of Hope, Neighbor to Neighbor, or God's Abundant Pantry. Just make a note of where you want it to go on your check memo line. Order it by mid-January- Proceeds also go to Harbor of Hope.

4) To help and support children and youth of Harbor of Hope contact: Terry Trecartin at fundraising4hoh@gmail.com or (423) 645-5684, 2601 Pixley Ave. Saint Joseph, MI 49085.

Financial Gifts for 2018

We welcome your charitable giving for 2018! We will collect your tithe and offering during our worship service on Saturday, December 29. If you wish to mail your donation ensure it is postmarked no later than December 31 to be included in your 2018 tax-deductible receipt. You can also make your contribution online by going to www.pmchurch.org, click the GIVING tab, and choose Adventist Giving. Contributions made online until 11:59 PM on December 31 will be included in your 2018 tax-deductible receipt.

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JACKSON, Debbie
LaVANTURE, John
OMARI, Doris
PAGAN, Carmen
PAGAN, Samuel
STEELY, Christianna
STEELY, Morgan
TUFFOUR, Francis
YOUNG, Sydnee

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COLE, Rachel
FUSTON, Jon
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BY KENNETH LOGAN

The time was late winter 2015; the place, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah. I was taking a Sabbath afternoon stroll in the elegant North Visitors' Center of the Mormon Church, near the famed Mormon Tabernacle, browsing among large reproductions of paintings.

Suddenly, my glance became a gaze fixed on the upper left corner of one of them. I saw a nativity manger scene—Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus. "Mary" arrested and focused my attention. That Mary—did she not look familiar?

Surely biblical characters appear in art with many imaginative faces. The mature Jesus, in art, often resembles a particular prototype, being recognizable as "Jesus." But various Mary depictions seem to be more varied. And that Mary—on Temple Square—how did she seem to be so familiar? I looked, pondered, questioned, looked some more.

I digress to say that my father, photographer J. Byron Logan, was often the photographer of model photos for painters' use. So people whom I knew would at times

appear in artists' renderings.

But—to return to Temple Square—that "Mary" (see above on this page) looked a whole lot like my own mother, Margaret. Why would Mother have been in a Temple Square painting? It turns out that the painter of that Temple Square art provided a link—Harry Anderson, widely-known Seventh-day Adventist Review & Herald painter who did paintings for Mormons, too, and whom my father knew.

So that Anderson "Mary" from about 1960 looks to me to have indeed been my own "mother dear." That lends to the person of Mary a tender, nurturing, touching link in my thoughts this season. Thinking of my mother as "Mary" arrests my amble through the story of Jesus' birth, focusing me on a profoundly personal aspect in imagining who Mary was.

As we ponder the so-very-familiar story of Jesus' birth, will we not this year find new personal encounters? May the story not leap off the page of print, or the wall of art, or the sparkle of carols, to speak to us in a new way—personally?