

WWJD: What Would Jesus Do?

GENA GORDON

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FEBRUARY 2 PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH 9:00 & 11:45 AM

WELCOME to Pioueer

Welcome! Did you ever think that +30° could ever feel so warm? But the temperature isn't the only thing different in our worship gathering today. Some of our campus student leaders will lead our worship experience. Each has used their God-given gifts to care for the students in our community. The Bible reminds us during these times the love of many will go cold. However, the gospel compels us to love one another. Our campus is blessed with students who have received the gospel. Today, we hope you do the same and make room for God's love to dwell in you. Welcome!

-José Bourget



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LAODICEA AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

BY JOHN NAY



he sermon series on Laodicea has caught my attention, and I hope it has caught yours.

In addition to the insights about the Laodicean "problem" described in Revelation, perhaps the discussion of Laodicean hot, cold, and lukewarm could also apply to how we should consider the issue of religious freedom.

We certainly must not be "cold" on the

issue of religious freedom, ignoring it or treating it as unimportant.

Neither should we be lukewarm. By "lukewarm" I mean complacent, content, or convinced that the freedoms we currently have will remain in place indefinitely without our concern or involvement.

That leaves "hot," although in using that term we need to underline that we are speaking of Christian warmth and caring for all others, including those with whom we differ, and keeping in mind the admonition to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves" (Matt 10:16). "Hotly" demanding our religious liberty rights without consideration for others would be both wrong and also highly counterproductive.

In the interest of keeping the religious liberty issue on our "front burner," we need to keep up on developments in religious liberty issues, both globally and here in North America.

Looking globally first, there have been a number of interesting but also very challenging developments in the past year. The U.S. Department of State hosted a Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom last July that included some 350 government officials, religious freedom advocates, and representatives of major religions from more than 80 nations. The meeting's "Potomac Declaration" and its Plan of Action laid out a number of concrete ways that could help protect religious groups around the world.

At the Declaration's core is the statement that "A person's conscience is inviolable. The right to freedom of conscience, as set out in international human rights instruments, lies at the heart of religious freedom." You can read the full plan of action at www.state.gov/documents/organization/284812.pdf. No single document or plan of action will resolve the issue, just as the original Universal Declaration of Human Rights by itself cannot guarantee respect for human rights and religious freedom, but it is encouraging to see the issue receive high profile international attention.

The International Religious Liberty Association's Panel of Experts met last November in Spain to review issues related to the overlap of migration and religious freedom. I was privileged to be part of that meeting as we discussed how

to ensure that migrants' religious freedom and safety can be fully respected and protected, recognizing that we have a responsibility to help brothers and sisters who are fleeing war and starvation.

Sadly, religious freedom has been under attack in many places around the world and people have suffered and been murdered on the basis of their religion. Dozens of Jehovah's Witnesses have been detained in Russia and their meeting houses ordered closed by the state. Jehovah's Witnesses also have been imprisoned in South Korea as conscientious objectors. Many members of the Muslim minority in Myanmar (Burma), a largely Buddhist country, have been killed or driven out of the country, and Christians also are under pressure there. In China the government has tightened restrictions on church organizations, including Adventist churches. Attacks on Christians in Pakistan, Egypt, Iraq and elsewhere have occurred with disturbing frequency, while Baha'i and other religious minorities in Iran and elsewhere are suffering persecution.

The religious freedom of everyone of every religion or no religion must be our concern. Whether one is Muslim or Jew; Hindu or Buddhist; Adventist or Catholic or Lutheran or Mormon, let's keep in mind Lutheran Pastor Martin Niemoller's famous poem:

First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out -

because I was not a socialist.

Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out – because I was not a trade unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out -

because I was not a Jew Then they came for me -

and there was no one left to speak for me.

We'll take an additional look at issues here in North America next week. ■

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

TOKYO: Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather Isao Koizumi / Philip Jones

Introit

We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden

Call to Worship

Justin Johnson

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and pleasing to God-this is your true and proper worship. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

But be sure to fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.

Doxology Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation Gena Gordon

Hymn of PraiseJesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun • 227

Congregational Prayer Margaux Tan

Spirit of the Living God • 672

Worship in Music I Will Go • S. Green and D. McKelvey

Baby Dedication Adam Ash Keller with Max & Clarissa Keller

with José Bourget

Baptism Gabriel Coburn Halsey with Skip MacCarty

Children's StoryKarl Glen Arrogante and Justin Johnson
Wake! Awake! A Voice Is Calling • Philip Nicolai

Scripture Matthew 25:34-40 NIV • Justin Johnson and Elijah Myung

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?

When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Hymn of Preparation Give of Your Best to the Master • st. 1-2 of 572

Speaker Introduction LJ Robinson

Sermon "WWJD: What Would Jesus Do?" Gena Gordon

Tithes & Offerings World Budget

Hymn of Commitment Watchmen

Benediction

Closing Voluntary Go Forth. Go Forth With God • John Darwall

> PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Sinegugu Katenga, soprano

MUSIC ALIVE

"WAKE! AWAKE!"

he text of the hymn on which today's offertory is based starts, in German, with two arresting words: "Wachet auf!"—literally, "Wake up!" (See hymn no. 210.) The text's author, Philip Nicolai, was a Lutheran pastor in Unna in what is now Germany. He is said to have been "a most eloquent" preacher.

The town was hit hard by the bubonic plague (Black Death) in about 1600. In

all, it is said that more than 1,400 people in the town died. His rectory was near the cemetery, the destination of many funeral processions. However, one commentary says, "His thoughts transcended the gloom, . . . for he looked beyond the grim specter of death to the eternal God in heaven, and to everlasting life in His presence."

A Place to Meet Yahrweh

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he decision to come to Andrews was both easy and difficult. Easy because I knew God called me here, yet difficult because I was leaving the known for the unknown. Quitting a full-time job, leaving my only support network of family and friends, and changing my major sounded crazy to most people but I took the plunge anyway.

As an introvert, I knew I would have to be very intentional about finding a community at Andrews. I wasn't the greatest at making friends, so I decided to go to all the programs and events I could. As a biology major, this became difficult but two programs I never missed were University Vespers on Friday nights and PMC second service on Sabbath mornings. Growing up in small country churches, I had never been exposed to such an array of musical talent. The worship was heartfelt and spirit filled. The messages were rich in truth and compelled my heart to dwell with Yahweh. Despite the immensity of the PMC sanctuary, I felt it was a home away from home.

I continued attending University Vespers almost every Friday night of my undergraduate years. The spring semester of my senior year, I was hired as the assistant director of Proximity Vespers, formally University Vespers. At the end of that same school year, I was offered the Assistant chaplain position and director of Proximity Vespers for the 2019-2020 school year and have been greatly enriched by the experience. I feel humbled and honored to be able to give back in a space that has given so much to me.

Second service here at PMC was the first place I publicly shared my testimony of my struggles with mental health and the miracle God provided of bringing my dead fish back to life. Sharing so openly about how God tangibly manifested His love towards me caused me to feel naked and exposed but there was no other place I would have felt more comfortable in.

It was at Proximity Vespers that my ministry officially began through sharing how I received the life-changing baptism of the Holy Spirit. I had never spoken to a crowd over 20 people, so it was a memorable moment for me. It was on that night, on the PMC stage that I realized how gifted I was at reaching the







hearts of the broken.

This sanctuary means more to me than any other. It's the first place I shared my testimony of my struggles with mental health. It's the first stage I spoke to an audience of more than 20 people and it's the stage where my ministry officially began. Now, it's the stage I get to serve the Andrews community on. This huge

renovation project just make the sanctuary more appealing to the eye but preserves a holy space where Yahweh, the king of the universe, dwells and a space that means the world to thousands of students just like me. ■

WE STUDY

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Gregory Offenback Song Service

Welcome Sinegugu Katenga

Joseph Capeles **Prayer**

Romans 10:13-15 Scripture

Mission Spotlight Outreach Gospel Cry · Jamila Sylvester and Joseph Capeles

"Allegro non troppo from Op. 38, No. 2" • Mendelssohn Offering

"The Seven Seals" **Lesson 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.

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Gregory Offenback **Benediction**

> ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Jonathan Watson, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.""—Matthew 25:34-40 NIV

We Begin

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Praise

Give Me Jesus From the Inside Out Power in the Blood Holy Spirit

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Tithes & Offerings

Watchmen

As We Depart

Go Forth, Go Forth With God John Darwall

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
PRAISE LEADER: Randall Ulangca; CAJON: Rodney Balmes; KEYBOARD: Jake Knowlton
VOCALS: Amaris Bernado, Liz Schuen, Rachel Rajarathinam, Rebekah Eley
BASS GUITAR: Chris Wilson; CELLO: Josh Knowlton; ELECTRIC GUITAR: Noah Rupert
PIANO: Christina Goosey; VIOLIN: Sam Ryoo
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Girls of Mercy; Sinegugu Katenga, director

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING

PMC Operating Budget

SUNSET TODAY • 6:00 SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:10

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Last Letter: Reading Between the Lines"

02.16

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Last Letter: 'Happy Birthday Pioneer--Did You Get My Letter?'"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET

In 1991, a pastor was invited to go as a translator on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic. After a week away from home living in primitive conditions, it felt good to crawl into his own clean bed! How nice to get back to "normal"! However, "normal" for millions of the people of the world means living constantly on the edge of starvation; barely surviving. And yet... one member of the mission group commented, "How can they be so happy?"

I encourage you today to support the World Budget, which includes Hope TV and Adventist World Radio. Let's help these joyful people come to know the source of their joy!

Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

PMC Family Vespers

5:00 PM PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

You are welcome to close the Sabbath with testimonies and prayer.

We Mourn

- Charles (Knobby) Mauro was a long-time and much-loved member of this community and Pioneer. His memorial service is Feb. 2, at 4:00 PM.
- We grieve with Wendy Demarest whose husband, Aaron Demarest, died this week. The memorial service will be this coming Sunday, February 3, at 2:00 PM at the Allred Funeral Home. Visitation will precede the service between 1:00 & 2:00 PM. With Wendy and her family we pray, "Come soon, Lord Jesus."
- We grieve with Maureen Raj whose grandmother died on Friday, January 18. May the Lord comfort and surround the George and Raj families with His love.

Master Guide Outdoors

FEBRUARY 2 • 5:00 PM CYE (BELOW SEMINARY)

Do you like amazing backpacking experiences, outreach, authentic Christian fellowship and want to become a Master Guide? Join us in this adventure.

Looking for an Indoor Activity for Sabbath Afternoon?

FEBRUARY 2 • 3:30-5:30 PM

Come to the Natural History Museum and rooftop greenhouse at the Science Complex. See the Prillwitz Mammoth, the most complete woolly mammoth skeleton unearthed in Michigan. The greenhouse features a Desert Room and Waterfall Room. Come see some of God's handiwork, past and present. Please bring your friends and neighbors of all ages for this free visit.

Natural Remedies Seminar

FEBRUARY 3 • 2:00-5:00 PM

Learn how herbs can help with such chronic problems as inflammation, pain, and many other health issues. Lee Wellard, naturopath, master herbalist, and owner of the American Herb Shoppe in Granger, IN, will present a Natural Remedies Seminar at the St. Joseph SDA Church at 1201 Maiden Lane. Admission is free, but please preregister by email healthy-together25@gmail.com or by calling 269.697.3405 or through our website at www.htfriends.org.

Papercrafting Together

FEBRUARY 10 • 11:00 AM PMC COMMONS

Bring your papercraft projects and your favorite snack. We provide prizes and chocolate. Questions, sherrie.davis@lakeunion. org.

Chinese New Year Celebration 2019

FEBRUARY 10 • 2:00-4:00 PM RUTH MURDOCH ELEMENTARY GYM

Welcome to the Chinese New Year Celebration! Come enjoy this new year with us! For more info contact Steve Ng (ngb@andrews.edu).

Knitting Hearts Together

FEBRUARY 12 • 1:00 PM MacCARTY HOME

This ministry delivers hand-crafted items to those suffering from serious illness or bereavement. Note that second Tuesdays we now meet in the afternoon and fourth Tuesdays, we still meet in the evening.

Young Family Sabbath School

FEBRUARY 16 • 10:30 AM PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Parents with pre-school children (O-5-year) are invited to a special family Sabbath School. Join in singing and learning about God together. Become part of a new family discipleship vision. High-schoolers will adventure into the O-5 year Sabbath School rooms for special workshops during this time.

Equipping Missionaries to Cuba

After 60 years of strict communist rule, the doors are finally opening to equip Cuban pastors and Bible workers with crucial resources like technology, transportation, and ministry materials. Help today by adopting a project like a computer, a smartphone, a bike, tablet or small musical instrument. You may bring your electronics or instruments to the church, and visit www.CareforCuba.org to donate online. For more information write to mdivstudy-tour@andrews.edu.

School Visitor's Day

MARCH 5

Students who will be in the 1st - 8th-grade next school year are invited to visit. Make friends, meet teachers and have fun! Grades 1-6 meet at 8:15 AM - 11:30 AM and Grades 7-8 meet at 8:15 AM - 3:30 PM. Please call 269.471.3225 to register. (A special Kindergarten Visitor's Day is planned for April 3).

Community Service Opportunities

God's Hands 4 Kids would like to present you with the opportunity to show support to those who foster or adopt in our community. Could you/would you -

- 1) Provide a pot of soup for a monthly support group hosted here at PMC on February 14 or March 14 at 5:30 PM?
- 2) Join us to provide help for setup or cleanup or to help with child care/activities 0-teen on those dates?
- 3) You are welcome to join us as a guest to learn more about fostering or adopting.

4) Join our Facebook group

For more info or to let us know you will help, email <u>Godshands4kids@gmail.com</u> or visit us at <u>www.godshands4kids.org</u>.

Give the Gift of Life— Mark Your Calendars

FEBRUARY 27 • 1:00-6:45 PM PIONEER COMMONS

Sponsored by Andrews University, The American Red Cross and PMC. Contact Larry Ulery at <u>ulery@andrews.edu</u> or 269.471.0467 and watch for more info in the bulletin. You are needed! There is no substitute for human blood.

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