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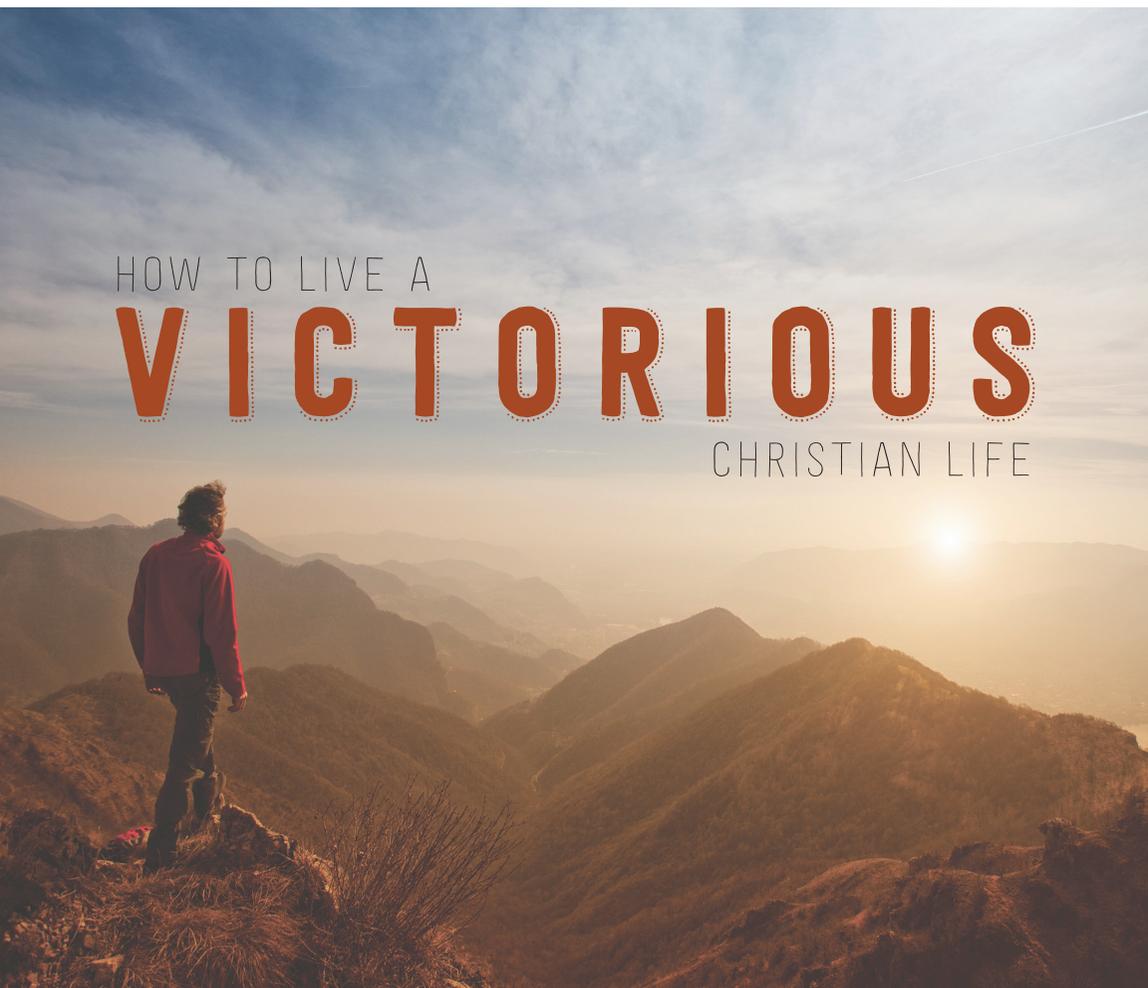
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WELCOME

to Pioneers

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he" (Deuteronomy 32:3).

What a wonderful privilege we have to come before the Monarch of the universe and worship Him. Our God is a great, loving, and compassionate God. He is big enough to rule the whole universe, yet small enough to dwell in our hearts. I thank God that He is in our presence to bless, to encourage, and to lift us up as we worship Him. May the Lord bless you.

—Don Dronen

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3 Easy Spring RECIPES

BY REBECCA COLEMAN



This week has been great. The weather warming up always brings out the creativity in me. Experimenting with new recipes in the kitchen is one of my favorite ways to spend my Spring free time. Here are a few fun, healthy recipes to try out as the weather warms up.

SPICY ROASTED POTATOES WITH CREAMY DRESSING (VEGAN)

Potatoes

- 1 lb small red potatoes (quartered)
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp Paprika
- ¼ chipotle powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp onion

Creamy Dressing

- ½ veganaise
- 1 avocado
- 1 lemon (juiced)
- 1 Tbsp parsley
- ¼ tsp salt
- ½ tsp garlic powder

Potatoes: Preheat oven to 450°F. Combine potatoes with olive oil and spices. Line baking sheet with parchment paper and spread potatoes out cut side down. Bake for 10-15 minutes, flip potatoes and bake for another 10-15 minutes or until crispy and tender when poked with a fork.

Creamy Dressing: In a blender combine all the ingredients and blend until smooth. Add a splash of unsweetened non-dairy milk if you want a thinner consistency. Taste and adjust the seasonings if needed. Serve the potatoes with a side of the dressing or drizzle the dressing on top of the potatoes and sprinkle with fresh parsley.

GARLIC PESTO BITES

- 1 puff pastry dough
- ¼ cup Parmesan Cheese
- ½ cup Pesto

Pre-heat the oven to 400°F/200°C. Roll out the puff pastry dough. Spread the pesto on the puff pastry dough, leaving out the bottom border. Sprinkle Parmesan on top. Roll the puff pastry dough in and close the edge. Cut the puff pastry dough roll in about 30 pieces. Place the Pesto Bites on a baking sheet and place them in the oven for 10 to 15 minutes. Cool and enjoy!

BLACKBERRY LEMONADE

- ½ cup your choice of sweetener
- 1 cup blackberries
- 7 cups cold water, divided
- 1 ½ cup freshly squeezed lemons

Combine ½ cup sweetener and 1 cup of water in a small sauce pan over medium high heat. If your sweetener choice is in sugar/crystal form, cook until dissolved completely and the liquid becomes clear. Set aside. Combine your blackberries and 1 cup water in a blender. Pulse until blackberries are pureed. Push blackberry puree through a fine mesh strainer. Add puree to a large pitcher. Add lemon juice, simple syrup, and remaining 5 cups of water to the pitcher and combine. Serve over ice.

CHURCH IN HEAVEN

BY DENNIS HOLLINGSEAD

Have you ever wondered what church is like in heaven? Maybe church is held sitting in lawn chairs on the grass outside the City, or there are places to sit in groups on the Sea of Glass. Maybe there are rooms in the New Jerusalem where everyone can meet in smaller groups to talk and share about what God has done for them. Maybe there is a large room where 100,000 groups of 20-25 individuals meet to discuss the weekly topic (what would that sound like?!). Maybe there is an early service for those wanting a more traditional service; a second service with a more contemporary emphasis; a third service for the avant-garde worship service; and a fourth service for . . . well you get the idea. Does the heavenly “Church Manual” say anything about membership, organizing new worship groups, or ordination?

Of course, all of this is pure speculation—putting a human construct into a heavenly setting, which can only be imagined. However, it is apparent that Lucifer and His comrades did not like the way church was conducted in heaven. They complained about the way the church was run, and made an alternate suggestion. It might even be said that Lucifer was the first Protestant—although the designation “rebel” would be a better description. And what was he protesting/rebelling against? The manner in which church was conducted; the “Church Manual” was too restrictive for his liking. He wanted church to be conducted *his way*.

If you were able to construct a society with the possibility of existing forever, would selfishness of any kind subvert your efforts to place that society on an eternally sustained basis? Can a galaxy that does not obey the law of gravity exist for even 10 minutes, let alone millions or billions of years? If you really think about it, in heaven the church is the government, and the government is the church; the perfect union of church and state that only works or can be sustained for eternity when all individuals are other-centered instead of self-centered.

But Lucifer complained about how God was conducting His church-government. In response, God has given Satan the opportunity to put forth his alternative church-government model(s) for running the universe. In many ways, earth’s history is a multi-faceted demonstration of the failures to govern or conduct church. Kings and rulers have either claimed to be, or allowed themselves to be worshiped as God; priests and kings have worked together to control and manipulate the masses for power and financial gain; governments have not allowed churches to exist; governments have even denied God’s existence. Have you ever heard the saying, “Don’t complain unless you have a good alternate suggestion”? It must be obvious to the loyal angels by now that Satan did not, and does not, have any good alternate suggestions; a fact questioned even before this earth was created.



Are the tools of selfishness—force, coercion, or manipulation—used in God’s church-government? No! And to the extent that individuals in my church use those methods, I ask myself, “Does my church reflect the heavenly church? Is there even one church or government on earth that operates like God’s church-government? Can I brag about how much my church is like the church in heaven? If not, why not? Is there anything I can do to change my church? Am I responsible as ‘an army of one’ to do what I can to facilitate that change?”

Multiple iterations of church and state demonstrate the utter futility to replicate on earth that which exists in heaven. Every earthly church and government has collapsed due to the principle of selfishness. The intended theocracy of Israel was the only church-state example on this earth that was remotely close. But Israel’s theocracy was derailed by their own selfish interests, so God’s intended demonstration was never permitted to fully develop. Even a democratic republic,

based on freedom of choice, is imploding, because humans have chosen the path of self-service and greed, rather than becoming other-centered.

God will have a demonstration of how church should operate. The question is, do we understand how God’s church and government work? Have His principles been ingrained into our heart, mind, and soul? Are we sharing the good news about how His government works? Isn’t that a place where we could live for eternity? ■

Dennis Hollingsead is the director of the PMC Prayer Ministry.

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Opening Voluntary

Cantilena • Josef Rheinberger

Introit

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Call to Worship

Don Dronen

“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” says the Lord.

Our sons and our daughters shall prophesy, our old shall dream dreams, and our young shall see visions.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

Let us walk by the Spirit that we may be the children of God.

Doxology

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Invocation

Rodlie Ortiz

Hymn of Praise

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Congregational Prayer

Don Dronen

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Worship in Music

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ • Johann Sebastian Bach

Children's Story

Alistair Norris

Voluntary on the Doxology • attr. Henry Purcell

Scripture

Ezekiel 36:25-28 NKJV • Bob Johnston & Jessica Yoong

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Hymn of Preparation

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"How to Live a Victorious Christian Life"
Rodlie Ortiz

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Hymn of Commitment

I Will Sing of My Redeemer • 343

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Faithful God • Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

MUSIC ALIVE

PMC ORGAN AT 50 YEARS

March 12 and 13, 2016, mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication and inauguration of the Pioneer Memorial Church organ, in 1966. "It was the most beautiful music I expect to hear this side of the Better Land," remarked one of those who heard Andrews University's new Casavant pipe organ when it was dedicated..." reported the *Lake Union Herald*. The periodical stated further, "A testimony to [the organ's] effectiveness were the many moist

eyes of members of the congregation during the recitals as the organ, choir, and ensemble participated." Most of the core tonal and mechanical elements of the 1966 instrument remain in use today. And the 1966 "Service of Dedication" printed program asserts a high purpose for the organ: "To kindle the flame of devotion, that Thy people who assemble here may worship the Father in spirit and in truth . . ." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Welcome, Scripture, & Prayer

Kiara Dillard

Special Feature

Mission Spotlight • Jonathan Wheeler

Offering Call
Offertory

Mateja Wheeler
Grace • Carolyn Hamlin

Bible Study

"Peter on the Great Controversy" • 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
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Benediction

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Elizabeth Wilson, mezzo soprano; Peggy Whidden, piano

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Cantilena • Josef Rheinberger

Praise

"How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is!
He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ,
and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.
Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind,
had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love"
(Ephesians 1:3-5 MSG).

Prayer

Don Dronen

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I Will Sing of My Redeemer • 343

As We Depart

O God, Faithful God • Johannes Brahms

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Michigan Advance Partners

SUNSET TODAY • 6:47
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:55

PIONEER PULPIT

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SABINE VATEL
"Known"

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
"Chasing Hope: From An Empty Tomb"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO

Today's offering is for Adventist World Radio (AWR). Radio works! The highest mountains cannot stop the signals; borders of closed countries cannot block the programs; individuals locked in a lonely prison cell or caught in a traffic jam can tune in to listen to God's message of love in their own language. Radio is reaching the hearts of listeners every day! Your gift will help provide programming in one of more than 100 languages around the world. Think of the people who may hear the name of Jesus for the first time because you gave your offering for Adventist World Radio today!

Family Vespers
TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

Adventist Retirees
TOMORROW • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

Don't miss out on the incredible presentation of "Pigeon Man," at our next potluck together. Help us reach our goal of raising \$6,000. With your gift we can succeed and exceed for RMES and YSH and our children. All members are welcome. Come and enjoy!

Functional Fitness Break

Please take note that we will not meet during spring break. Join us when we resume on Tuesday, March 22, at 5:30 PM in the PMC Commons.

Mommy & Me Break

Mommy and Me will not meet the week of spring break (March 15).

Nominating Committee
FIRST READING

Assistant Head Elder:
Dominique & Keith Wakefield

Memorial Service

MARCH 19 • 4:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

A service in memory of Esther Hare will be held next Sabbath. Followed by refreshments in the Seminary Commons.

Scrapbooking Together

MARCH 20 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your craft supplies and enjoy time working on your projects. We supply the prizes and chocolate. You bring your favorite snack. If you have questions e-mail davis@pmchurch.org.

Passion Play 2016

MARCH 26

It's back! Join us for an experience you'll never forget. Feel what it was like to be there when Jesus was sentenced and then follow him to Golgotha and watch Him impart the grace of God to all of us sinners. To reserve your free tickets, visit passionplay.andrews.edu. Two Spanish rotations are available.

Passion Play Hospitality Tent

PMC is sponsoring the Hospitality Tent for this year's Easter Passion Play. We need over 300 people who will help before, during, and after the event. To register visit pmchurch.org/passionplay.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Marlyce Klopping-Davis on the death of her sister, Suzette Davis, on March 1 in San Bernardino, California. Memorial services will be held at a later date in California. With the Davis family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Neighbor To Neighbor

Neighbor To Neighbor is partnering with Safe Shelter to serve survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing free and confidential services including shelter, case management, counseling, support groups, and much more. If you know anyone who needs these services please call 269.925.1725.

Chaplain Needed

Neighbor To Neighbor is in need of a volunteer chaplain. Recently there have been increasing opportunities for this service. If you are interested please contact Laura Meyer at 269.471.7411.

Ellen White Symposium 2016

MARCH 28 • 9:15 AM TO 5:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

Join us as we break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift. The event is free and requires no registration. Speakers include Brian Strayer, Bryce Bowman, Katrina Blue, and Merlin Burt.

Game Night/Nacho Feed

APRIL 2 • 8:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

In response to a recent dormitory survey completed in January, PMC will host a game night/Nacho Feed. Show your support by bringing cheese sauce, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, or lemonade. Let us know at www.pmchurch.org/gamenight.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

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