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From an Empty Tomb

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to Pioneer

I serve a risen Savior, He is in the world today! These words fill our hearts with joy as they remind us of who the God is that we worship. He is alive! He is not merely a God who was, or a God who will one day be, He is a God who is! This Sabbath we are reminded that the God of the universe conquered the grave. As we worship this morning let us remember that our God is alive. He is active. He is present. He is the victor!

This Sabbath we welcome you to join us in a celebration of victory. So no matter where you are from or what has brought you to Pioneer Memorial Church this morning we know that we are here to celebrate what has been done, what is and what will be. We know this because we serve a living God!

—Ben Martin

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"HE IS RISEN!" IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I'm squeezed into the very last window seat on this American Airlines jet, ready to taxi away from the Frank Pais Holguin international airport in Cuba on our flight back to Miami, Chicago, and home. The lady beside can't speak a word of English, and after ten days in Cuba my *Espanol* has only increased by a dozen formal you-can-say-this-from-the-pulpit sentences.

But for the 31 of us from the seminary at Andrews University, we return home with the joy of the resurrected Christ. Not just because of the 258 people of Santiago de Cuba who rose up with Jesus out of the salt watery "grave" of baptism this past Sabbath along a sun-baked beach.

Nor just because of the five churches we were privileged to serve as preachers and visiting pastors for this Cuba evangelistic mission, getting to know the faithful Bible workers and church members who with friends, guests and strangers night after night filled our Seventh-day Adventist sanctuaries (ranging from a wall-less worship site [known as *Chicharrones*—literally "pork chops"] still not recovered from Hurricane Sandy's devastation to a wooden banistered wrap-around balcony sanctuary where I and my seminarian translator Sandro Sandoval were blessed to preach).

And not even because of the warm Cuban hospitality that filled the tiny homes where our entire team was hosted by vol-

unteer families who from their meager largess fed us breakfast and supper, and who did so with unflagging kindness and cheer (group lunch was served everyday in the central church "fellowship hall" [a wall-less roofed space with chairs and plenty of flow through ventilation], where our field school was conducted every morning).

No, we all return home this day and night with the joy of the resurrected Christ, because we were granted a front row seat as witnesses to the mighty New Testamentesque outpouring of the *Espíritu Santo*. Alcoholics coming forward with tears in response to the altar call. One of them a husband with a knife in search of his *espousal*. Strangers showing up for the night meeting only to make the decision then and there to embrace *Jesucristo* as Lord and Savior. It is the stuff and fervor of evangelical life once upon a time in the United States, but seen or at least testified to less and less these days in this sophisticated and a bit jaded land we call home.

"*Una Nueva Esperanza En Cristo*" ("New Hope in Christ") is the message we went to preach. And when nearly 1,800 people crowded into Santiago's *Teatro Heredia* convention center (across from the *Plaza de Revolución*) for the final two joint meetings last Sabbath—the high octane music, the moving personal testimonies, the altar call respondents—all radiated that new life-giving hope *en Cristo*.

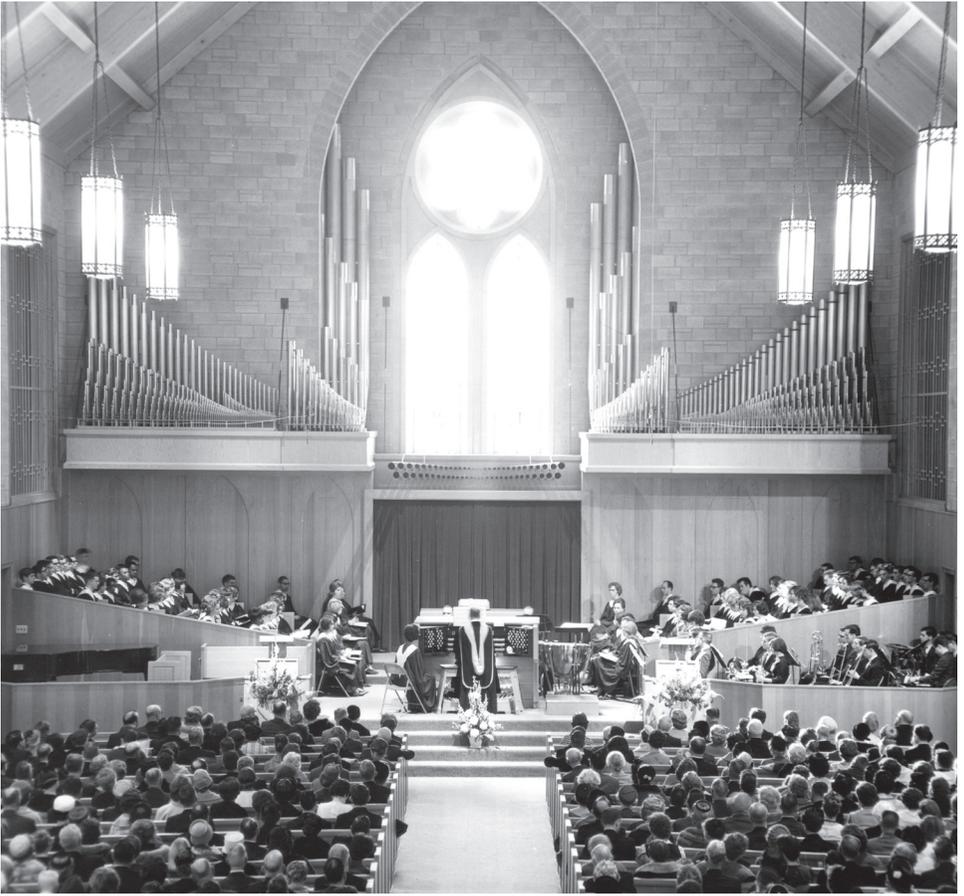


"He lives!"
We know it. We saw it. *Nueva Esperanza*. It changed them. It changed us. And truth be known, it must change our homeland, too.

New hope. *Gloria a Dios*.
Because He lives! ■

Don't miss the video and personal testimony report of Team Cuba Mission on Sabbath, April 9 (9:00 & 11:45 AM).

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.



(Above)—Dedication/inauguration of organ, March 1966; (Below)—Dr. C. Warren Becker at organ console.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF PMC'S ORGAN

BY KENNETH LOGAN

“Dearly beloved, it is right and proper that this Great Organ, whose sole purpose is to glorify God, be set aside in a Service of Worship for His specific use.” These uplifting words proclaimed the dedication of the Casavant organ in Pioneer Memorial Church on March 12, 1966. Dedicatory and inaugural events that weekend, with more than 6,000 worshippers attending, officially launched the organ’s ministry.

A half century later, it is refreshing to note the organ’s originally intended purposes in ministry. The dedication program booklet was eloquent, proclaiming the organ’s mission “for making effectual its many and varied voices in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ” and for “lifting up the depressed,” “comforting the sorrowing,” and “strengthening the weak.”

The 4,233 pipes of the instrument comprised wide variety, “ranging in size from . . . approximately twenty feet in length to one whose speaking length is about half an inch in length.” The organ was said to be “remarkable for its many individual voices, its architectural beauty,” as well as its “tonal ‘bouquet,’ a blend of considerable brilliance and richness.”

How did this remarkable instrument come to be in PMC? The *Lake Union Herald* reported that “a project to raise money for a new pipe organ was begun three years ago [in approximately 1963] by Dr. Paul Hamel, head of the music department, Dr. Becker [university professor

and PMC organist], and Leonard Hill of the A.U. Alumni Association. Contributions from alumni and friends were added to university funds [for] the \$80,000 instrument.” Later events, including renovation and expansion, left the vast majority of its original pipes and structure intact.

How was the organ received? The *Herald* said, “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 [brass] ensemble participated.” Further “evidence of the esteem of the . . . organ as well as of Dr. Becker, was the large group . . . who remained silently in their pews at the conclusion of the second worship service March 19[1966,] until the echo of the last strains of the postlude had faded. . . . The Pioneer Memorial Church, now, more than ever is ‘An House of Prayer for All People.’” ■

Information and photos provided by the Center for Adventist Research.

Kenneth Logan is the Minister of Music/Organist of Pioneer Memorial Church.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright • Sharon Rogers

Introit

Alleluja • Johann Sebastian Bach / King

Call to Worship

Ben Martin

And have the bright immensities received our risen Lord
Where light-years frame the Pleiades and point Orion's sword?

**Do flaming suns His footsteps trace through corridors sublime,
The Lord of interstellar space and Conqueror of time?**

The heaven that hides Him from our sight knows neither near nor far:
An altar candle sheds its light as surely as a star;

**And where His loving people meet to share the gift divine,
There stands He with unhurrying feet, there heavenly
splendors shine.**

—Harold Chandler Robbins

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Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

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Ben Martin
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Children's Story

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright • David Johnson

Scripture

1 Corinthians 15:16-20 NIV • Denis & Angelika Kaiser

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Processional of Hope

Dwight & Karen Nelson

Hymn of Hope

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"Chasing Hope: From an Empty Tomb"
Dwight K. Nelson

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Closing Voluntary

Alleluia • *Théodore Dubois*

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Eric Lofgren, Ricardo Reyna—trumpets; Tyler Ronto, Jonathan Penrod—trombones

MUSIC ALIVE

MYSTERIES

Two mysteries—Jesus' birth and His resurrection—converge in today's worship services. The Opening Voluntary and Children's Offertory are both based on the melody named PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (translated "Unto us a boy is born"), the first few Latin words of a carol from the fifteenth century often sung to it. (The "Alleluja" introit is transcribed from

a Bach cantata, "Unto us is born a child.") But the melody also serves a text about Jesus' resurrection, also Latin, from the fourth or fifth century. A translation or paraphrase of one of its stanzas is, "That Easter day with joy was bright; The sun shone out with fairer light, When, to their longing eyes restored, The apostles saw their risen Lord!" ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Welcome & Prayer

Tom Baker

Special Feature

Missions

Offering

Bible Study

"Redemption" • 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

Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

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WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright • Sharon Rogers

Praise

Christ Is Alive • *Mighty to Save* • *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* • *Because He Lives*

Prayer

Ben Martin

Children's Story

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As We Depart

Alleluia • Théodore Dubois

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

PIANO: Joshua Goines; GUITAR: Saharsh Daas

VOCALS: Alex Wilson, Sinegugu Katenga

OFFERTORY: Eric Lofgren, Ricardo Reyna—trumpets; Tyler Ronto, Jonathan Penrod—trombones

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
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SUNSET TODAY • 8:03
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:10

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International Student Sabbath

| 04 • 09 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Chasing Hope: To An Empty World"
Cuba Mission Report

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today's offering is for the PMC church budget. God asks for us to take part in supporting our local church. He knows that this is important for our spiritual growth. In the Bible are stories of two individuals. Both labeled themselves as followers of Christ. However, each took a different path. While Mary spent a year's wages to prepare Jesus for His death and burial, Judas sold Jesus for a third of that amount. Jesus said that it is impossible to serve God and money. Judas chose money. Who will you choose to imitate today?

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come join us in sharing and singing your favorite hymns as we close the Sabbath.

Pathfinder Bible Experience

Congratulations to the Evergreens Pathfinder Bible Experience team for receiving a first place at the Union Level. The team will go to Prescott, Arizona, on April 16 for the Division Level. Exodus is the book Pathfinders have been studying this year. Team members are Rebekah Amaya, Jon Clough, Sam Clough, Chris Ngugi, Samuel Ren, and Veronica Rivas. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 that have current importance. Speakers this year include Brian Strayer, Bryce Bowman, Katrina Blue, and Merlin Burt. Pastors, theologians, scholars of Ellen White and Adventist studies and history and seminary students might be particularly interested in attending this event. The event is free and requires no registration. For more info visit <http://goo.gl/5em447>.

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.

Blood Drive

MARCH 30 • 11:00 AM TO 6:45 PM
PMC COMMONS

Give blood. Schedule an appointment, log onto www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code—AndrewsUniversity) or call 800.733.2767. For more info contact Larry Ulery (ulery@andrews.edu or 269.471.3296).

Exploring the Composition of the Pentateuch

APRIL 3-5 • SEMINARY CHAPEL

The Horn Lectureship Series presents a historic event and you are invited to attend! We believe that Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible but how can this be supported in scholarship? Adventist voices will be added to those of conservative experts from around the world who will all be here in Berrien Springs. The conference will begin at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 3, and conclude at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 5. Space is limited but registration is free at <https://goo.gl/effGcv>.

RMES Kindergarten Countdown

Join us for an exciting program to help prepare your children for Kindergarten. Join us for Parent Night, Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 to 7:30 PM; School Day, Wednesday, April 6, from 8:15 to 11:30 AM; Registration Picnic, Monday, May 16, at 5:30 PM. Register by calling 269.471.3220.

International Sabbath

APRIL 2 • PMC SANCTUARY

We would like to invite you to attend a special worship service prepared for you by the International Students on April 2, 2016. Our guest speaker this year will be G. T. Ng, Executive Secretary of the General Conference of the SDA Church. As many of you would remember, last year we made an appeal on behalf of our international students for a special offering for "international students emergency fund" and many of you gave extremely generously. We have been blessed to receive that offering and we have been able to assist many of our students who had urgent needs (with groceries, eyeglasses, doctor's visits and so on). So, we are extremely grateful for last year's gift. We would like your generous gift once again on April 2 to continue the work we are doing with these students. You may mark your tithe envelope as—"International Student Aid." May God bless you abundantly and provide for you. Thank you on behalf of our students. You are encouraged to come dressed in traditional attire (if you have one).

International Food Fair

APRIL 3 • 12:00 TO 7:00 PM
JOHNSON GYM

Please come and enjoy the variety of food from around the world.

2016 Children's Leadership Conference

APRIL 22-24

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Be a part of one of the Lake Union Conference's most extensive training events in Children's Ministries. Anyone with a passion for making Jesus irresistible to children is invited. Our theme for this year's Children's Leadership Conference is: "All God's Children Got Shoes." We have a team of amazing presenters lined up to help empower leaders to embrace differences in their children's ministry. For more info and to register visit www.cye.org/events/clc.

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. This semester investigate Genesis, chapter by chapter. Navigate through its ancient world to find unexpected fresh meaning for today. Reimagine your life. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths at 10 AM in the Board Room, with a continental breakfast. Needed: Adults who have a heart for this generation and want to make them feel welcomed and connected, even beyond the Sabbath School time. Also needed: volunteers to drop off food or provide breakfast and help set up. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via youngadults@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553.

Functional Fitness

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

5:30 TO 6:30 PM • PMC COMMONS

Join us to improve your strength, flexibility, and balance. Call Kathy Koudele at 269.313.8774 if you have questions.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

TUESDAYS • 10:00 AM

PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caretaker to enjoy friendships and activities together. Each week will include playtime, songs, and crafts. Parents can enjoy time with their children and the chance to be with friends and make new friends. Come join us!

Walking in Johnson Gym

There is free walking in the Johnson gym 5 days a week Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 AM for all age groups.

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GAME!

NACHO FEED GAME NIGHT

April 2 • PMC Commons • 8:00 PM



Help us meet the #1 student need
as revealed through PMC's dormitory survey—
a desire for community on campus.

SHOW THE STUDENTS YOU CARE

Sign-up for one of the following:

cheese sauce, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, or lemonade

Please register @ www.pmchurch.org/gamenight