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WELCOME

to Pioneer

"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High" (Psalm 9:1-2).

What a wonderful privilege we have of knowing our God as a God of love and redemption. May we all join together in glad praises and rejoice as we gather to worship our Maker and King. Welcome to worship!

—Don Dronen



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SAVING A PRINCE IN EGYPT

BY FELECIA DATUS

In 2008, the New York Times reported a study conducted by researchers in Tokyo who discovered that “a mother’s impulse to love and protect her child may be hard-wired in her brain.” The brain patterns of 13 mothers were studied when they saw their baby smiling, and then in distress using magnetic resonance imaging (M.R.I.). The scans showed a marked difference in the women’s brain patterns when they watched their child compared to another infant. Researchers also noticed distinct changes in brain scans when the mother’s infant cried. This led to the conclusion that a mother’s response to her child in distress is biological.

No wonder then that Jochebed reacted in a particular way in order to save her newborn son from certain death. “So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child she hid him three months” (Exodus 2:2). This mother’s decision to save her son was a result of her seeing that he was beautiful and worthy of living. When a mother sees the good in her child and has confidence that the Lord will use the child as a mighty instrument, she will do all in her power to protect her baby from evil.

The Hebrew mother made an ark of bulrushes, asphalt, and pitch. This basket

would keep the child from drowning when placed on the river. Today, godly mothers are still building arks to protect their children from the raging waters of the enemy. These asphalt baskets come in the shapes of a

particular school, home, or neighborhood—all in an attempt to preserve the life of a godly child.

But here we also mark Jochebed’s futile attempt to do what only God can do. Three months after giving birth to her son, she realized that “she could no longer hide him.” A

mother can do everything possible to shield her children from the destroyer of life, but unless she completely abandons her children to God and collaborates with Him, her efforts to save her children will come to naught. Mothers must place their feeble hands in the Hands of the One who delicately crafted the baby in her womb. Every day, prayers must flow from her trembling lips to the Mercy Seat as she beseeches Jesus to shield her children from the “wiles of the devil.”

Though the great Hands of Providence guided the basket along the river, Jochebed owed much thanks to Pharaoh’s daughter for caring for the crying babe. Many of these princesses exist today in the form of teachers, baby-sitters, pediatricians, or adoptive mothers. There

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are times when the one who gives birth needs the support of others to help save her child from ruin. With hearts full of gratitude, the Jochebeds of today should thank those who help to rear her children. A mother is always indebted to those who bravely partner with her in drawing her child out of dangerous waters.

The enemy of God's little children continues to prowl for the lives of God's little ones. Yet, there are mothers who become co-laborers with God. These women seek to save and raise a prince for Heaven while in Egypt. Their brain patterns may not be measured by scientists for research, but the motives of their hearts are recorded by angels in the records above.

"Mothers, to a great degree the destiny of your children rests in your hands. If you fail in duty, you may place them in the ranks of the enemy and make them his agents to ruin souls; but by a godly example and faithful discipline you may lead them to Christ and make them the instruments in His hands of saving many souls. Her work [the Christian mother's], if done faithfully in God, will be immortalized" (*E. G. White, Adventist Home*). ■

Felecia Datus is the Copy Editor here at Pioneer Memorial Church.



WHY WE CREATE

BY JONATHAN LAPOINTE

If you were to find yourself wandering through the PMC Youth Chapel on the average weekday, its lights off to conserve power, and you happened to lift your gaze a little higher than usual, you would find yourself looking up into the window of an odd little room. Inside that room you would see dimmed lighting, hear the constant hum of racks full of electronic equipment, feel the chill of the ever-running A/C that cools it, as well as find the church's largest collection of Macintosh computers. This is PMC's Media Department and it is here that you'll find the team of creatives that it consists of: Rachelle, the church's graphic designer, who each week faithfully assembles the bulletin you're holding right now; Jonathan, the Assistant Media Director who oversees the weekly New Perceptions broadcast; Richard, our newly minted Director of Media Ministries who keeps the trains running on time, and also a handful of student workers who help with various tasks.

Indeed, it is unusual for a church to have a team like this, made up of dedicated young creative professionals with a passion for continually raising the bar of media ministry. Yet here we are, a testament to this congregation's ongoing commitment to a vision laid down two thousand years ago, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That's why we're here. That's why we create. We believe that we are the miraculous handiwork of a creative God who bestowed upon humanity the same spirit of discovery and invention, and that He

asks us to use our talents to try and reach an ever more media-driven world; a world in which people, for better or for worse, often have to make value judgments based on the aesthetic quality of the thing being presented to them.

But perhaps even more than that, our faith presents a vision of a God who not only created a functional world, with air to breathe, water to drink, and a sun for warmth, but a world of glorious sunrises that scatter light through the cool morning air and reflect off the fresh morning dew; a God who sees in the aesthetic beauty of His creation a profound revelation of His character. And so, with the continued support of this congregation, we will press on in our search for a fuller understanding of our creative Lord, as well as seek to employ the gifts He gave us to fulfill His Great Commission. This is why we create. ■

Jonathan is the Assistant Media Director here at Pioneer Memorial Church.

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FAMILY WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Lead On, O King Eternal • James Swearingen

Introit

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life • Ralph Vaughan Williams

Call to Worship

Don Dronen

May we welcome one another into the house of the Lord.

We welcome God as we welcome one another.

This is God's house. Let us show reverence for the God of Israel.

We sing and pray in joy and hope. May we feel God's presence among us today!

Doxology

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Invocation

Sabine Vatel

Hymn of Praise

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Congregational Prayer

Gianluca Bacchiocchi
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

Worship in Music

In Endless Song • Randall Standridge

Children's Story

Silvia Bacchiocchi
On the Wings of an Eagle • Douglas Wagner

Scripture

Matthew 25:35-40 NIV • Gianna & Isabella Bacchiocchi

"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

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Sermon

"And You Welcomed Me"
Sabine Vatel

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Hymn of Commitment

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee • st. 1-2, 4 of 574

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: RMES Band; Byron Graves, director

MUSIC ALIVE

LEAD ON

"Ernest, why don't you write our class poem? After all, you have already published two volumes of poetry—What's the use of having a distinguished author in the class [at Andover Seminary] if he cannot rise to the occasion and do his class the honor of writing a good poem just for them?" "Let's make it a hymn that we can all sing" was Ernest Shurtleff's reply, the

dialogue according to Kenneth Osbeck. The hymn? "Lead On, O King Eternal" (hymn 619). As various schools of Andrews University are at the conclusion of a school year, these are words of vision. Today we feature music played by some of "Our Own"—students from Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, a school named for a woman of vision. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christina Carroll
Welcome	Mordekai Ongo
Scripture	Isaiah 6:8 • Mordekai Ongo
Special Feature	Aviation Club • Andrew Burrill
Offering	
Bible Study	"Resting in Christ" • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

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	Christina Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

Allegro • George Frideric Handel
Lead On, O King Eternal • James Swearingen

Welcome

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • st. 1, 3-4 of 191

Prayer

Don Dronen

Baptism

William H. Yoong *with Joe Reeves*

Children's Story

On the Wings of an Eagle • Douglas Wagner

Worship in Music

In Endless Song • Randall Standridge

Sermon

"And You Welcomed Me" • Sabine Vatel

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Praise

You Are Good • 10,000 Reasons • Your Grace Is Enough

Benediction

As We Depart

Be Thou My Vision • Traditional Irish Melody

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

PIANO: Joshua Goines; BASS GUITAR: Chris Wilson

VOCALS: Afia Asamoah, Rachel Brantley, Sinegugu Katenga

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: RMES Band; Byron Graves, director

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Disaster and Famine Relief

SUNSET TODAY • 8:49
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:56

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

China Mission Report: Inside the Great Wall, the Great Kingdom

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today's offering is for the PMC church budget. Martin Luther once said, "Every man needs two conversions: the first of his heart and the second of his pocketbook." Tithing and giving offerings are an affirmation that God is first in the believer's life. "When God controls our money we can live better on nine tenths than on ten tenths. . . . And when this happens God will set a song in our hearts and glorify the work of our hands" (Charles M. Crowe, *Stewardship Sermons*, 91-95). Today's offering will further the ministry of our local church.

Visitors' Dinner

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

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

You are invited to attend the Pathfinder Investiture this evening.

Farewell Open House

TODAY • 7:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Say farewell to Dr. Raymond Mayor and his new wife, Aileen Weaver Saunders, as they move to Walla Walla, Washington. No gifts please. Cards would be appreciated.

Happy Mother's Day!

As we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend we are thankful for all the moms in our lives. We are also thankful for the grandmothers, stepmothers, mothers-in-law, aunts, wives, sisters, friends, and mentors who love with a mother's heart. Mother's Day is a reminder to make a special effort to thank those whose care and affection we too often take for granted. Bookmarks honoring our mothers are being given out in the foyer today as a small token of appreciation.

—PMC Family Life Committee

Knitting Hearts Together

MAY 10 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

Anyone interested in ministering to others through handmade items is welcome to join the shawl ministry. For more information, contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

RMES Spring Concert

MAY 10 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Enjoy the cantata "A Small Part of the World," and the musical "The American Dream" presented by RMES.

Andrews Academy Spring Concert

MAY 12 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Come enjoy "Cinematic Classics" presented by the Andrews Academy Handbell Ensemble, Concert Band & Wind Ensemble under the direction of Byron Graves. Music from *Star Wars*, *The Chronicles of Narnia*, *Aladdin*, *Pocahontas*, and *The Little Mermaid* will be featured, as well as many other classics such as Gustav Holst's *Second Suite in F*, and the *Stars and Stripes Forever* by John Philip Sousa.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

MAY 15 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Join us at our monthly potluck to see "The Great Circle Tour," by Leroy Patterson. Sign up for a trip to the Brookfield Zoo in June. For more info contact Cleon and Sandra White 269.471.5553.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with the following families that have lost loved ones. Marge Gadway on the death of her brother, Richard Fogg, on Tuesday, April 26. The funeral was held on April 30 in Maine. Ben Chilson on the death of his mother, Ann Chilson. Ann died Tuesday, April 26. Services were held in Minnesota on April 30. Ted Hatcher on the death of his wife and Crystal Hatcher on the death of her mother, Vivian, on Monday, May 2. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Paul Bergmann on the death of his wife, Edeltraud "Edie," on Monday, May 2, after a sudden illness. A memorial service is planned for the future. With each of these families, we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

RMES Registration Picnic

MAY 16 • 5:30 PM

Join us for a chance to meet other families and explore the amazing opportunities that Ruth Murdoch Elementary School has to offer your children. There will be lots of food, kids' activities, and more!

Aliens, UFOs, and the Bible

MAY 20 • 6:30 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
Rich Aguilera is presenting a second showing of his family-friendly presentation which uses a simple approach that targets kids and adults of all ages. His visual methods utilize a giant screen, sounds, interactive elements and special FX surprises that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. 3D glasses will be provided. Tickets available from the HPAC box office.

WIN! Health & Family Wellness Ministry Conference

MAY 27-30 • SEMINARY CHAPEL

This conference will focus on sharing Jesus—the Great Healer—with anyone who wants to improve their health while serving others. Lead presenter, Wes Youngberg, author of *Goodbye Diabetes* and *Hello Healthy*, presents topics on improving physical, spiritual, and emotional health based on current research. Register on PlusLine at 800.732.7587. For more info check www.winwellness.org.

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CHAVES, Jolive R. & Erica C.
JACKSON, Angelia & Helen
KIRKLAND, Asia
KRONCKE, Lavonne
PRENTICE, Errol
ROSENGREN, Debra, Jonathan,
& Joshua
SANCHEZ, Jessica
STOIAN, Cornel & Marinela
VARGAS, Nerialex
VAZ, Roseli M.

| TRANSFERS OUT |

AGUY, Carley
BORCHARDT, Randy & Kathy
BROWN, Steven
DE WITT, Ken & Joan
JOHNSON, Erik & Veronica
LONTOH, Debby
SHELDON, Seth
TEDJOSUKMANA, Gunawan
WAGNESS, Norman & Janette

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The Return	Sammy Saint-Phard	May 7
Secret Heavenly Society	Johanna Hong	May 8
The Scandal	Priya Sigamani	May 9
Oops I Forgot Who I Am	Wambui Karanja	May 11
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God is our GPS	Peter Tumangday	May 13
Faith of Our Fathers	Parker Case	May 14
The Battle Over You	Leo Aguilera	May 14

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