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GOD AND MISTER ROGERS

Won't you be my neighbor?

PART 7

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WELCOME

to Pioneers

Today on this first Sabbath of August, we welcome you to worship here at Pioneer and the summer preaching series: *God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?* In this series, our associate pastors have used the theme of visiting different areas of a home to present the biblical teachings of how to be good neighbors:

- Front door** of evangelism—Rodlie Ortiz;
- Living room** of hospitality—Ben Martin;
- Dining room** of Bible study/faith—Sabine Vatel;
- Bedroom closet** of prayer—José Bourget;
- Kitchen** of service—Sharon Terrell;
- Porch** of making friends—Don Dronen; and ending with the
- Yard** of outreach—Taurus Montgomery.

Now that we have heard the talk, let us walk the walk and *love our neighbors as ourselves* (Matthew 19:19).

—Sharon Terrell

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HIS Neighbor's WIFE

BY FELECIA DATUS

The soldier was faithful and loyal to his lord, the king. When deployed to the palace, he preferred to sleep outside rather than be comfortable while his comrades were facing dangers on the frontlines of war. Even in a drunken stupor, the soldier maintained his allegiance. A short time later, the king ordered the death of this most devoted soldier, not because of anything the soldier had done wrong, but because the king wanted something that belonged to him. The soldier was the king's neighbor and the king wanted his neighbor's wife.

What a lamentable state many Christians have fallen into as a result of coveting their neighbors' belongings! The Lord knew that thoughts lead to action and so to combat the issue, he targets the root: our attitude. "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor" (Exodus 20:17 *NIV*).

Coveting what belongs to your neighbor means to "yearn or long to have something" that already belongs to another person. Ill feelings and wishes accompany these thoughts. You begin to attribute negative qualities to your neighbor which helps to justify why they are not worthy of their property and why you should have it instead. This commandment goes even



deeper. When we fall into covetousness, we indirectly tell God that His judgment is flawed in that He gives to someone else what He should have given to us. Avariciousness is an attitude that conveys the erroneous idea that God is unfair in His dealings toward you. In other words, God does not know what He is doing and He fallaciously gave your neighbor what is rightfully yours by virtue of your education, good looks, position, or background.

If we look deep enough, we will find that perhaps many of the quarrels that occur among the church family are deep-rooted resentment toward someone, not because of something they did, but because they own something that we ourselves wish



we had. King David had Uriah executed by the enemy because he wanted what belonged to Uriah, and not because the soldier committed an act worthy of death.

Sister Jane* has a beautiful church wardrobe and you wish that you had her clothes. Her flaws become magnified in your eyes, which gives you more reason to think she is undeserving of her own dresses. Coveting her belongings and inwardly resenting her lead to a subtle dislike which becomes malignant over time. Brother John's* house and car appear more appealing than what you own. Based on a variety of factors, you feel that you are more deserving of the nice things he has. Before you realize it,

you begin to malign him during Sabbath lunch conversations. By this time, the sin of covetousness has so clouded your judgment that you are convinced that this person did something to harm you and therefore deserves retribution.

Lucifer coveted the throne of God, Korah and Dathan unlawfully desired the priesthood, and Absalom, with ill-intent, sought-after David's kingdom. Why? Pride. This angel and these men, despite the position already afforded them, were so lifted up in their hearts that they desired more. Many times Christians feel that they should possess more than they have when God already blessed them beyond measure. "Isn't it enough for you that the God of Israel has separated you from the rest of the Israelite community and brought you near himself to do the work at the Lord's tabernacle and to stand before the community and minister to them? He has brought you and all your fellow Levites near himself, but now you are trying to get the priesthood too" (Numbers 16:9-10 NIV).

Being a good neighbor goes beyond the way you act toward your fellow man. You can mow their lawn, invite them for dinner, have Bible study every Tuesday evening, feed their dog when they leave for vacation, offer to take them to the grocery store, or lend your blender when you know they will take two weeks to return it. But if your attitude toward your neighbor is not Christ-like, before God your actions mean nothing. Be content with what God has blessed you with and be joyful for your neighbor's good fortune. ■

*fictional characters

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BCYF: THE HEALTH TENT

BY GIVAN HINDS

For over 40 years, the Health Tent has been a haven for people of all ages and stages. The Berrien County Youth Fair has hosted this engaging and dynamic initiative where fairgoers can enjoy themselves and learn about the benefits of living a healthy life. The Health Tent is a church-sponsored initiative

which aims to share the health message with members of Berrien County and beyond. Volunteers at the Health Tent are involved in providing health counseling, leading out in health-related recreation for kids, and engaging in prayer with interested participants. In addition to its vibrant environment, the Health Tent

is also a place of respite where fairgoers can enjoy a cool drink of water, have their blood pressure checked, and simply interact with our enthusiastic and service-oriented volunteers. In the evenings, free massages are available, and musical selections soothe participants and passers-by on Sabbath. The Health Tent serves as a “one-stop-shop” for the physical, mental, and spiritual health of all who participate.

Each year, the Health Tent promotes a particular health theme, such as Nutrition, or NEWSTART (the eight principles of a healthy lifestyle). This year, the Health Tent’s focus is on exercise and fitness, and the theme is “Exercise Extravaganza!” The main attraction will be exercise demonstrations and activities, run by exercise professionals and students. We hope to convey the important message that anyone, young and old, can engage in healthy physical activity that is fun. We want to change the perception of exercise as a punishment for eating unhealthily, and portray exercise as a celebration of what our bodies, fearfully and wonderfully made, can accomplish.

The Health Tent could not be the success that it is without its precious volunteers. From professional clinicians to youth studying in the health sciences, health enthusiasts have found the Health Tent to be a satisfying opportunity for outreach and service. The volunteers at the Health Tent proudly provide 100% free services, along with plenty of literature and materials, from healthy recipes to coupons for the Christian Bookstore. Participants may enter to win the daily drawing for Apple Valley gift cards, which encourage healthier food choices. Fairgoers may also sign up to be contacted for future health-related events, including vegetarian cooking courses or exercise sessions sponsored by the District 9 churches.

There are various opportunities to encourage healthy behavior at the Health Tent, including volunteering in the capacities of: Greeter, Registration, Measurements, Health Age Data Entry, NEWSTART Counselor, Kids’ Korner, and Prayer Warrior. No formal training is required except for an orientation held on the Friday before the first day of the fair at 5 PM in the PMC Commons. Information on each of the areas of volunteering, as well as the official volunteer sign-up sheet, can be found on the official website at www.ichoosegreathealth.com.

These days, we as Christians should be especially concerned about the physical, mental and spiritual health of those around us. This year the Health Tent needs you to be a smiling face and a shining personality that will reach out to fairgoers and the people of Berrien County. ■

Givan Hinds is the coordinator of this year's Health Tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Sharon Elery Rogers*

Introit *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel*

Call to Worship Sharon Terrell

It is the Lord who asks us to follow him.

We follow where you lead, O Lord!

The invitation is given to every person, "Come, Follow me! Be my disciples!"

Let us deny ourselves, follow Christ, and worship him.

Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

Invocation Taurus Montgomery

Hymn of Praise *Great Is Thy Faithfulness • 100*

Congregational Prayer Sharon Terrell
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

Worship in Music *Let My People Go! • anon. 19th-century melody*

Tithes & Offerings Michigan Advance Partners
What Wondrous Love Is This? • anon. melody

Children's Story

Scripture John 1:43-50 NIV • Denis & Angelika Kaiser

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

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When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

Hymn of Preparation

Sing We of the Modern City • 194, melody of 191

Sermon

"God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"—Part 7
Taurus Montgomery

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Hymn of Commitment

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated • 330

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Faithful God • Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Zachary Randolph, tenor

MUSIC ALIVE

LET THEM GO!

The theme of freedom runs both wide and deep among songs used by slaves in the American Civil War era. "Go Down, Moses" appears to have originated in about 1850, perhaps in Virginia, growing from unclear roots but actively used by slaves. According to a Harriet Tubman biographer, Tubman said that the song was one of two songs that she used for fugitive slaves' coded communication

at the time of their escaping Maryland. The song exists with sets of words that differ in some particulars. Central to it is connection with the history of Israel, and in particular the freeing of the people of Israel from their captors in Egypt. Scripture connects with the motif of freedom, too, as John 8:36 speaks of freedom indeed, if the Son shall make you free. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Opening Hymn

I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go • 573

Welcome & Prayer

Philip Giddings III

Special Feature

"The Voice" • Debby Mongkau-Suhendra

Offertory

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing • arr. Mark Hayes

Bible Study

"Jesus Mingled With People" • 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

OFFERTORY: Amber Lawhorn, soprano; Joshua Goines, piano

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

The King of Love My Shepherd Is • Sharon Elery Rogers

Praise

Holiness • *More Love* • *Revelation Song*

Prayer

Sharon Terrell

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Hymn

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As We Depart

O God, Faithful God • Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN/PIANO: Kenneth Logan

CAJON: Chris Mwashinga; CELLO: Lucas Navia; KEYBOARD: Alex Aguilera

UKELELE: Leo Aguilera; VIOLIN: Peter Tumangday

VOCALS: Leo Aguilera; Rich Aguilera; Emma Hamel; Ayana LeBlanc; Christiana Michel; Samuel Saint-Phard

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Zachary Randolph, tenor

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
World Budget/Universities

SUNSET TODAY • 9:00
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:51

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Artesian Well: How to Live Wholly in a Sun-scorched Land"
AU Fall Fellowship 2016

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Well Digger: How to Live Deeply in a Sun-scorched Land"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

We serve an amazing God and "nothing is impossible with Him" (Luke 1:37). Today the loose offering will be used for Michigan Advance Partners (MAP). You may not know that 18 cents of every dollar contributed to MAP is used to assist young people in their desire to attend and graduate from one of our Seventh-day Adventist academies in the state of Michigan. So thank you for giving today and also considering becoming a Michigan Advance Partner.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

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

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you looking for a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, "safe place" for healing? This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of addiction. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—join us. For meeting time and location call 269.313.1677.

RMES School Cleaning-Bee

TOMORROW • 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
RUTH MURDOCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Join us as we beautify our building & grounds for the beginning of the new school year. Bring your cleaning supplies (buckets, cloths, soap, etc.).

Volunteers for Health Tent

Every year PMC and other local SDA churches host the Berrien County Youth Fair Health Tent. Hundreds of people visit the tent during Fair Week (August 15-20) to learn about healthful living. Be a part and sign up with your name and contact information for a time slot (or two or three) at www.ichoosegreathealth.com.

Adventist Retirees Annual Corn Roast

AUGUST 14 • 1:00 PM
WOLF PRAIRIE PARK

Join us for our annual corn roast at our next ARM program. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy. The Wolf Prairie Park is located on the edge of Lake Chapin at the south end of Main and Cass Streets. For more information contact Cleon White at 471.5553 or whitekaa@gmail.com.

Join Our Family!

Andrews Academy is now enrolling students in grades 9 through 12 for the 2016/2017 school year. You will be blessed by what Andrews Academy has to offer. Students consistently score above state and national levels on their ACTs, they are involved in many spiritual and service activities throughout the school year. We seek to inspire our students to think deeply, live fully, serve unselfishly and to honor God completely. Visit our website www.andrews.edu/aa and click on "apply now" or call 269.471.3138 for more information. Registration day is August 17 and school starts August 22, 2016. Financial packages are available. Come be a part of our family!

New Student Picnic

AUGUST 20 • AFTER 2ND SERVICE
BETWEEN PMC & THE LIBRARY

Help us welcome our new students with a picnic on the lawn immediately following second service on August 20. Sixty-five volunteers are needed to provide lunch and fellowship to our new friends. Call the church at 269.471.6565 or go to www.pmchurch.org/newstudentpicnic to sign up. You will be contacted with details.

Hope Trending Q&A

Thank you for your participation in the last Q&A. We'll see you back on August 27 at 4 PM. To join and get involved with Hope Trending as an on-site volunteer, sign up via www.hopetrending.org/volunteer.

Sun, Fun, & Faith

TUESDAYS • 6:30 PM
606 S. MECHANIC ST.

All high-school-aged students are invited to join us for fun water activities this summer! Each young person needs a signed permission slip. For more information call Janna Quetz at 269.471.3133.

District 9 Family Camp

SEPTEMBER 2-5
CAMP AU SABLE

The annual District 9 Family Camp at Camp Au Sable is just around the corner! Applications can be found at the PMC receptionist's desk or online at www.districtnine.wix.com/home. The **deadline** for reservations is **noon on Sunday, August 14**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ric Strelman at 269.208.7172. We look forward to seeing you there where you will be physically and spiritually blessed!

Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live Without Fear

OCTOBER 14-22

The Information Age has forever rewritten the way we think and the language in which we communicate. Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live Without Fear will take you on a journey leading you to a life filled with purpose, meaning, and hope. Visit www.hopetrending.org.

Get Our E-Letter!

Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at www.pmchurch.org/newsletter.

The Adventist Health Initiative—Benton Harbor Presents "Dental Missions/ Health Expo"

AUGUST 21 • 7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
BENTON HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to participate in a free dental/health event coming to Benton Harbor. Participation from Southwest Michigan dental professionals is vital. We need dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants who are community minded and have a desire to provide better health to those in need. Other health professionals are also welcome such as nurses, physical therapists, physicians assistants, etc., who are willing to help with triage and the Health Expo. To be a part of this rewarding health event please contact dental coordinator, Randy Griffin, DDS, at 317.409.3260 or randy.griffin@lakeunion.org for all dental professionals. For all other health professionals please contact Cathy at cathycole@gmail.com. You may volunteer for a full/half day depending on your schedule. For more information please visit www.achibentonharbor.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

More Announcements

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

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. Navigate through different books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, finding unexpected fresh meaning for today. Reimagine your life. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths in the Board Room. Breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, study starts at 10:30 AM! Needed: Adults who have a heart for this generation and want to make them feel welcomed and connected, even beyond the Sabbath School time. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via youngadults@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553.

Media Team Volunteers

The PMC Media Team is looking for volunteers for the coming school year. We are looking for people willing to help in multiple areas including with the PA/audio systems, operating cameras for the telecast, and putting together and operating the sermon graphics. Experience is welcome but not necessary. Take this opportunity to discover what happens behind the scenes of a global media ministry. For more information and on-the-job training, email mediateam@pmchurch.tv.

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- Calculator
- Registration at RMES

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If you haven't enrolled your student at RMES,
would like to tour the campus, or just have questions,
please feel free to contact us.



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AUGUST 22!**