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FALL TWENTY-SIXTEEN
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4 weeks until *Hope Trending*




WELCOME

to Pioneer

We are so glad you could join us this Sabbath! Today's message comes from Andrews University's Week of Prayer speaker, Litch (LeClare Litchfield) and his wife Shelly Jennings. Litch graduated from Southern Adventist University in 1974 with a degree in psychology and social work. A year in England as a student missionary was a spiritual turning point. After completing a ministerial degree at Newbold College, England, Litch married Shelly. They have been in ministry to young people for over 30 years with their most recent appointment as chaplain for 17 years at Collegedale Academy. Shelly taught English and Bible until they semi-retired together in 2010.

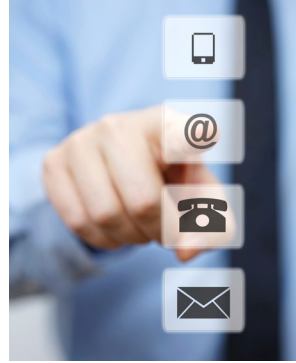
Litch enjoys working with young people because they are "some of the most spiritual people on the planet." He and Shelly love family get-togethers, biking, and Thai food. They have an adopted daughter, Candace, and two "home-grown" sons, Ryan and Adam.

—José Bourget

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11:45 AM Worship

HIS CREDIT CARD

BY FELECIA DATUS

A young woman walks briskly toward the cash register to ring up an item she has long desired. She smiles at the cashier and swipes her card to pay for the item. Her smile droops suddenly as the cashier remarks, “ma’am, your card was declined.”

“For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out” (Romans 7:18).

Grace is the currency we use to afford purity and holiness throughout the day. When we wake up, we are spiritually poor and do not have enough to pay for an ounce of goodness. The good that we want to do we don’t do, but it is the bad that we don’t want to do, that we do. The feeling is worse than being at the cashier and having the machine emotionlessly inform you that you don’t have sufficient funds. Unable to afford righteousness, we are laden with coins of sin and can only afford the sinful and carnal items on the shelf. “My grace is sufficient . . .” (2 Corinthians 12:9).

When we find that on our own we cannot be holy, do the right thing, overcome temptation, or live a pure life, we must turn to God. Because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, every day a sack of endless gold called Grace is available to us and it is enough to afford a virtuous life built on pure and lovely acts.

“Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father (not you) in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

A Christian’s life is full of good works. Those are not done in order to gain salvation but rather are a *result* of salvation. A wealthy person is able to afford his goods because he has money. He does not buy things in order to become rich but because he is *already* rich. So it is with the Christian life. “But hey,” you say, “what about those who are pharisaical and who keep the law in order to be saved? What do you say about those who perform good works just to be seen of men?”

“Not of works lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:9).

Just because a man is in possession of luxuries does not mean that he rightfully got them. In the same way a poor man may max his credit card to acquire things he can’t afford, the legalistic person spends spiritual wealth he has not received from God.

Our Savior saw how destitute you were and knew that in your sinful state you could never acquire spiritual wealth. So He did everything that you could not. After He resurrected He said, “I did the work so that you could afford these gifts if only you come to Me.”

Alone, you can afford no good thing. You possess only coins of sin that can simply pay for the corrupt items of the lowest shelves. In this case, turn to the Father and He will hand you a Credit Card of Grace. You can finally afford a righteous life through Him alone. ■

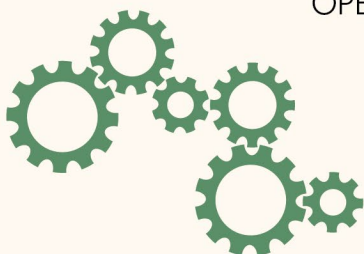
Felecia Datus is a Communications major here at Andrews University.

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FAMILY FINANCES

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Includes August online giving

OPERATING FUND



LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	448,945
RECEIVED TO-DATE	355,111
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	376,284

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LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	150,640
RECEIVED TO-DATE	114,799
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	133,315



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GOAL TO-DATE	84,140
RECEIVED TO-DATE	62,821
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	63,885



SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT

BY TAURUS MONTGOMERY

Harbor of Hope Grand Opening: It Was Something To Smile About when my wife told me the story, with a glowing smile on her face! After hearing it, I could not keep the smile back; and neither could I keep myself from bragging about God. So I smiled with her and said, "Look at God working!"

"I saw a lady here today at the Grand Opening," Nicole said. "I knew that I recognized her from somewhere. So I approached her to greet her. As I did, I asked her, 'What's your name? Don't I know you from somewhere?'" The lady (who's name is Mary) looked at me with a sense of surprise and said, "No." But I kept

staring at her and then it hit me. So I said, "I remember now, we ran into each other at Wal-Mart the other day."

Mary lit up with joy! "Yessssss, that's right, sure did!"

According to Nicole, here is where it gets providentially interesting.

"The reason why I remembered her is because we literally almost ran into each other three different times in Wal-Mart. I'm talking about almost physically bumping into each other. The first time, I smiled at her and she didn't smile back. In fact, she had a what-is-wrong-with-this-girl-almost-bumping-into-me face. And then as we are going throughout the store just minding our business shopping, we almost bumped into each other again. I smiled again. This time, she gave me a half-smile. And then, as I was about to check out, we almost bumped into each other again. I smiled again and this time she smiled back."

**THERE ARE SO MANY
LESSONS THAT COME
FROM THIS STORY.
HERE IS A SIMPLE ONE:
A SIMPLE SMILE CAN
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE.**

So I asked Nicole, "how did she end up at the Grand Opening? Who invited her?"

Nicole replied, "Her brother got a flyer from one of our members who was at the gas station for Praise At The Pump. She said that you actually prayed with him. He took the flyer and brought it to her. She saw it and determined that she would go."

But it gets better. And here is where I want you, dear reader, to understand how something so small to you can make a big difference to others.

"This is the humbling part," Nicole said. "She went on to tell me that when she left Wal-Mart she was thinking about me all day because of the fact that I smiled at her every time. Her words were: "Young lady, I can see God all in you. I was thinking to myself that there is something special about this young woman because young people just don't smile that much. God had you on my heart all day after that and now I see you here."

There are so many lessons that come from this story. Here is a simple one: a simple smile can make a big difference.

Mary's presence at our Grand Opening gave us something to smile about. And so did the attendance! Our average weekly attendance is about 85 people. On the day of our grand opening God sent us 40 guests and over 200 people were present to celebrate with us. We were also blessed to be able to serve over 200 breakfast meals, thanks to the support of the Lake Union Conference.

God is moving in a mighty way here in Benton Harbor. The best is yet to come. I invite you to pray for us as we seek to win this entire city to Christ. I also invite you to support this work financially. Our local funds are limited due to the economic situation of our city. Thank you for your support! ■

Taurus Montgomery is the senior pastor of our church plant—Harbor of Hope.

SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

Please write
"Harbor of Hope"
on your tithe envelope.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Alone to God in the Height Be Glory • Johann C. Bach*

Introit *Hosanna in Excelsis (Hosanna in the Highest) • Brent Pierce*

Call to Worship José Bourget

God loved the world so much he gave his only Son, that whoever would believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Let us sing praise to our God; let us sing praise to our King!

God has exalted him highly and given him the greatest of all names.

Let us exalt his name together!

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

Invocation LeClaire Litchfield

Hymn of Praise *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • 229*

Congregational Prayer José Bourget
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music *O God, Beyond All Praising • Daniel Forrest*

Hope Trending: Watch Parties Sabine Vatel

Tithes & Offerings PMC Operating Expense
Christ Is Alive! His Love Adored • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story

Scripture John 11:25-27 NIV • Harold Smith & Jeannie Pedersen-Smith

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Hymn of Preparation *We Would See Jesus • st. 1 & 4 of 494*

Sermon "It's Hard to Walk in Dead Men's Clothes" • LeClaire Litchfield

Hymn of Commitment *It Is Well With My Soul* • 530

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *My Jesus Leads Me* • Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Choral Union; Stephen Zork, director
Rachelle Gensolin, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

FROM ANGELS TO US

During the American Revolution, the first stanza of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" appeared. Six additional stanzas appeared with it the next year; the Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal uses stanzas one, five, six and seven. These four stanzas appeared some years later with stanza headers respectively in this order: "Angels," "Sinners of Every Age," "Sinners of Every Nation," "Ourselves." So the hymn starts with angels and sweeps

over much time and geography, finally bringing the message home concerning "ourselves." Its author, Englishman Edward Perronet, was of Swiss Huguenot lineage. He worked ardently for Methodism to the point of suffering physical abuse occasioned by his preaching. Over time, Perronet's resistance to the established Church of England occasioned his ministry as an Independent or Congregational minister late in life. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Welcome & Prayer	Sabine Vatel
Scripture	Jeremiah 29:7
Special Feature	"Churches Within the Church" • Sabine Vatel
Offertory	<i>Deep River • Negro Spiritual/Heifetz</i>
Bible Study	"Urban Ministry in the End Time" • 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	Rachel Sauer
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Pablo Sanchez, violin

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Alone to God in the Height Be Glory • Johann C. Bach
Hosanna in Excelsis (Hosanna in the Highest) • Brent Pierce

Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • I Will Sing of My Redeemer
Oh Draw Me Lord • Draw Me Nearer

Prayer

José Bourget

Baptisms

Benjamin Thomas Proctor with Robert Hess
Randy Sanchez with Rodlie Ortiz

Hope Trending: Watch Parties

Sabine Vatel

Tithes & Offerings

Christ Is Alive! His Love Adored • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story

Worship in Music

O God Beyond All Praising • Daniel Forrest

Sermon

"It's Hard to Walk in Dead Men's Clothes" • LeClaire Litchfield

Hymn

It Is Well With My Soul • 530

As We Depart

My Jesus Leads Me • Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Joshua Goines; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Ivan Uriegas; BASS: Jerry Wasmer
VOCALS: David Ortiz, Jamila Sylvester, Kara Kang, Sinegugu Katenga
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Choral Union; Stephen Zork, director
Rachelle Gensolin, piano

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
Michigan Advance Partners

SUNSET TODAY • 7:54
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:42

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
#Rx4Now—The Surrogate

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
#Rx4Now—The Regrets of Oscar Wilde

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

It's really quite simple. The PMC church budget, that is. As you sit in your pew this morning everything you see, hear, and hold is supported by the budget. As you go to Harbor of Hope in Benton Harbor, as you visit Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School, as you drop off clean good-condition donations to Neighbor to Neighbor, what you see, hear, and hold is supported in part by the budget. Your faithful funding of the church budget impacts so much and is amplified by the faithful giving of so many others. It's really quite wonderful!

Refreshments After Church

The Family Life Committee invites you to stop by for a refreshing drink after second service. If weather permits, juice will be served outside near the statue. In case of rain a serving table will be set up downstairs near the hospitality desk.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

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

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

EVERY SABBATH • 10:30 AM
PMC BOARD ROOM

What if God allowed Himself to be psychoanalyzed by humanity? From the "couch," what kind of confessions would we hear from God? Come find out as we open one of the most emotionally rich books of the Bible—"The Book of Jeremiah: God's Confessions." Contact Oleg or Oliver at youngadults@pmchurch.org if you have questions.

Adventurers First Meeting

TOMORROW • 10:00 TO 12:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL: GRADE 1–6 SS ROOMS

Join us for our first meeting! If you haven't registered yet, you may do so at this time.

Scrapbooking Together

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your craft supplies and a favorite snack and join us! We will provide chocolate and prizes.

Jr. Cardinal Basketball

ANDREWS ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

The following tryout times are for the upcoming Jr. Cardinal basketball season. For more information contact Scott Schalk (208.1933).

5th-8th grade Redbird girls

September 18, 3 to 5 PM

5th-8th grade Redbird boys

September 18, 5 to 7 PM

JV girls—September 18, 10 AM to Noon

JV boys—September 19 & 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Student Missions Benefit Concert

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

We invite you to join us for an evening of Christian music featuring Steve Green. All proceeds from this concert will go to benefit the Student Missions program. Contact the Howard Box office for tickets (888.467.6442) or visit <http://howard.andrews.edu>.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

SEPTEMBER 20 • 10:00 AM
PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caregiver. Each week will include playtime, songs/stories, and crafts. Enjoy time with your children and make new friends. Invite your friends!

Hope Trending Local Audience

Hope Trending will broadcast live from the Howard Performing Arts Center. Many of you will be hosting a Watch Party. For those who do not, tickets are being made available in advance for our live local studio audience (this helps us know who is coming). To be part of this live audience, reserve FREE tickets for your family. Seating is limited, so reserve yours today! www.hopetrending.org/tickets.

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Wanda Poole

Jennifer Yoon

Arianna Hutchins-Cosey

Griggs International Academy Leadership Retreat

OCTOBER 2-5

GRIGGS HALL (8903 US HIGHWAY 31)

Join us for an exciting opportunity which will grant homeschooled high-school students 0.25 toward an elective credit. Limited spots available. Visit www.griggs.edu for details and to **register online before September 21!** Contact Gabriela Melgar at 269.471.6497 or email melgar@andrews.edu for any questions.

Our 2 Cents Project

SEPTEMBER 23 & 25

The area Adventist churches join together to work on homes in Benton Harbor. Work will be done Friday afternoon and much of Sunday. Food and t-shirts will be provided. We still need more families willing to help. You can be involved even if you don't have a skilled trade. Sign up at www.ourtwocents.org.

Hope Trending Rally

SEPTEMBER 24 • 4:00 PM

LOCATION TBD

On-site and Watch Party Volunteers—let's join together to celebrate what God has been doing and each volunteer team will receive specific instructions to get us ready to serve for this global event. You may still participate by signing up via www.hopetrending.org.

God's Hands 4 Kids

We are accepting gently used kids clothes in all sizes. Collection bins are located here at PMC by the receptionist desk; South Shore Woman's Health Care (2690 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph); Ameriprise Financial (8980 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs).

Contagious Adventist

SEPTEMBER 28–NOVEMBER 30

VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

This energizing, interactive training series provides simple skills for intentional personal witnessing. Each session begins with a light supper at 5:30 PM, followed by 90 minutes of interactive learning, and concludes promptly at 7:30 PM. For registration call 269.471.7795 or visit www.villagesda.org/contagiousadventist.

"A Journey to Healing and Understanding"

OCTOBER 1 • 3:00 PM

VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Last year the Lake Union Conference apologized for failed race relations in the Adventist church. Come join in on the conversation about mission and culture. This event is co-sponsored by the Lake Union and Andrews University.

Alumni Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

OCTOBER 2 • 7:30 TO 11:00 AM

3898 GRIGGS DRIVE

The Andrews University Airport invites pilots and non-pilots alike to come out for this annual event. Come for a hearty pancake breakfast in one of our large hangars. Check out the interesting aircraft or vehicles that show up for breakfast. Learn about the services available to pilots and their aircraft as you see the airport facilities and check out our fleet of planes. If you have questions call 269.471.3120.

More Announcements

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

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