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to Pioneer

“Do this in remembrance of Me.” These words bring to mind communion and all of the thoughts and feelings that come with it. As we gather this morning to partake in another communion, we want to pause and remember Him. We invite you to join us as we not only remember the cross, but remember the One upon the cross.

He is the one who formed each of us. He is the reason that we are all here today. He is our hope for the future. He is past, present, and future. He is the author and finisher of our faith.

So this morning as we remember Him and what He has given us, let us recommit ourselves to Him. As we accept His blood and His body, let us accept Him completely and totally in the same way that He gave Himself. We welcome you to join us in remembering Him.

–Ben Martin

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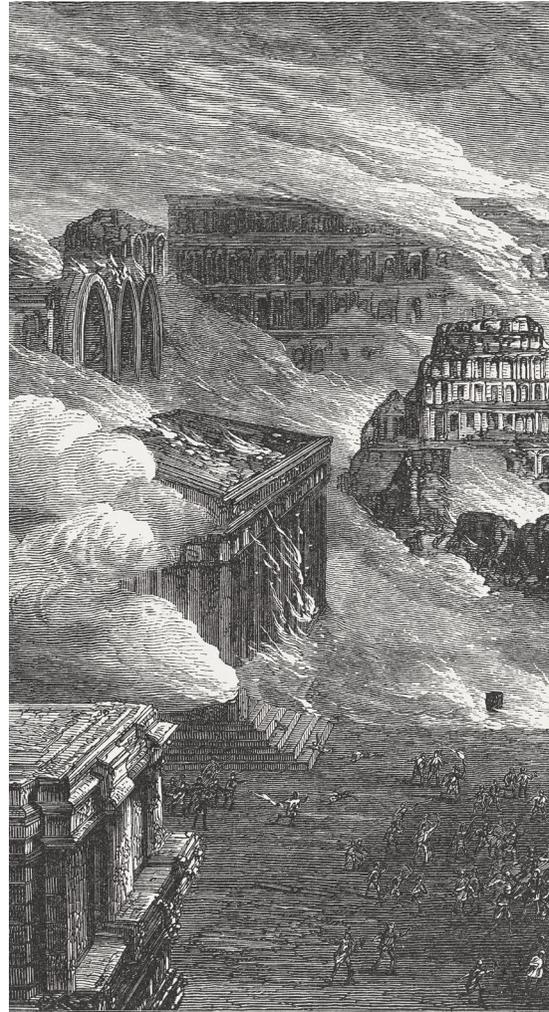
... WHILE ROME BURNS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

The popular legend of Nero, the decadent emperor of Rome, fiddling while the imperial city burned in July, 64 AD is just that—a legend. First, the fiddle didn't exist until the 11th century AD. Secondly, Nero was 35 miles away at his villa in Antium when the fire broke out. He did rush back to the city to begin relief efforts, but some of the citizenry accused him of igniting the conflagration. (For more details www.history.com/news/ask-history/did-nero-really-fiddle-while-rome-burned.) Nevertheless today's vernacular still speaks of "fiddling while Rome burns"—i.e., acting as if nothing were out of the ordinary while the world around you falls apart.

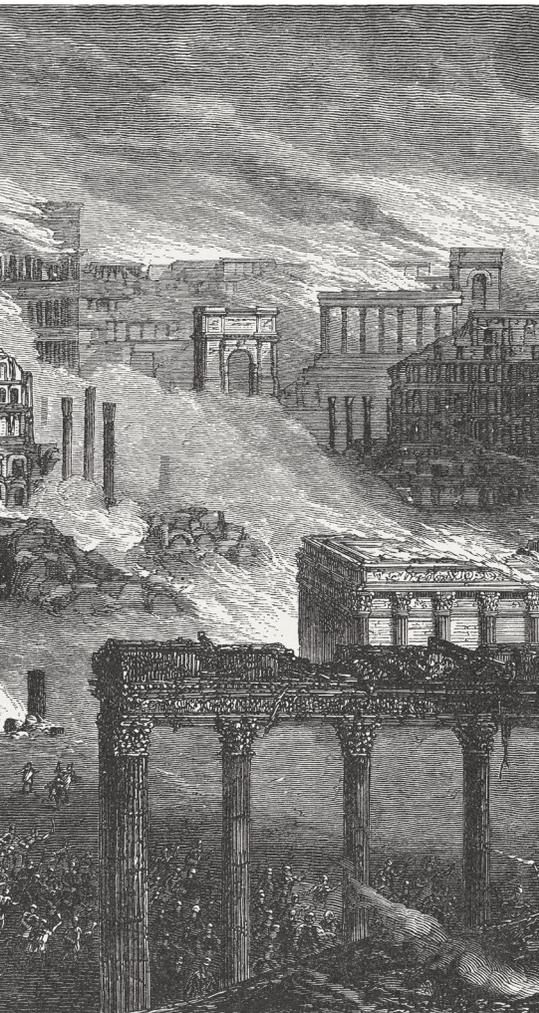
I don't suppose anybody could accuse us of fiddling while our own nation burns, could they? But then again, consider this potpourri of stories just this week:

- Kaiser Family Foundation/CNN poll results on Tuesday announce "84% of white working class say government does not represent their views" (<https://mobile.twitter.com/cnnbrk/status/778392163856056320>).
- In the September 2016 issue of *Imprimis* Frank Buckley (law professor George Mason University) contends America is now, in contradistinction to



its past, "the story of class struggles"—dominated by "a New Class of lawyers, academics, trust-fund babies, and media types—a group that wields undue influence in both political parties and dominates our culture. . . . America has become an aristocracy" (p 4-5, Vol 45, Num 9).

- Unarmed, 40 year old black man, Terrance Crutcher, with his hands up was shot last week and killed by Tulsa, Oklahoma police, when his car broke down in the middle of the street—one more blue on black video gone viral this



summer [after writing this blog Charlotte erupted in violence overnight over a fatal police shooting on Tuesday].

- Some NFL players, as a protest to mounting racial tensions and inequities in this nation, are now kneeling or remaining seated during the playing of the national anthem.
- A naturalized American Muslim from Afghanistan is apprehended and charged this week with planting and exploding a series of bombs in the greater New York region over the weekend.

- Two candidates share disapproval ratings near record highs for a presidential election—but where else can the nation turn?—evidence enough that the day *after* the election this nation will be critically divided—racially, economically, socially, politically, religiously, morally, et al.

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“Fiddling while Rome burns”—acting as if nothing were out of the ordinary, while the world around us falls apart. Would that be true of you, of me, too?

In 3 weeks Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live without Fear will go live to the nation and world on October 14 at 8 PM ET. For 9 evenings (livestreamed at www.hopetrending.org and simulcast live on HOPE-TV) a relationally appealing picture of a loving God will be presented to a nation whose hope and help lie far from the corridors of aristocracy, politics and division. Don't the citizens and neighbors we do know, the friends and colleagues we do have, the people down the hall or down the street—don't *they* deserve to know Him, too?

For over a year now we've been talking and praying about a new, innovative way to connect Christ with people we know. Now that Hope Trending is 3 weeks away—wouldn't this be the right time to extend His invitation? So, forget the fiddle—let's grab our faith—and make an invitation that could change a life forever. Our own. ■

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

PATHFINDERS: A NEW CLUB MODEL

BY CASSANDRA SMITH

This year, the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder Club is trying a new format. The tradition with Pathfinders has been to have one club, only separating by classes or chosen honors within the given times for them. This new model gives more opportunities to work on honors, and allows each Pathfinder to participate in honors and activities that appeal most to them.

While still working on the traditional AY (Adventist Youth) classwork, spiritual growth, and community outreach, the Evergreen club has split into three smaller sections or squads, each with a different focus for extracurricular activities. There are the Movement Masters who will be mastering physical activity; for example, health, sports, and exercise as well as the honors that go with them. The Trail Seekers will be seeking to learn about nature through their honors, which include hiking, camping, and various other aspects of the natural world. And finally, the Creative Adventure squad will be having adventures through arts and crafts, be it glass painting, origami, knitting, or a multitude of other creative activity honors. By utilizing this model, Pathfinders themselves now have the ability and responsibility to make the choice in what sorts of honors and activities they'd like to focus on outside of classwork.

Each squad meets on a different day of the week three times a month with one overall club meeting once a month on Sunday. This gives more options to those who may have wanted to come in the past but were unable to do so due to the timing of the meetings. The meeting each month with the entire club will be used to give the Pathfinders a chance to come together for outreach opportunities.

The club administrative structure has changed as well to accommodate these changes, leaving one Director in charge of organizing the Evergreen club overall with advice from previous directors. Below that, each squad has its own separate Squad Director who will be in charge of what each squad does separately from the main group, though still answering to the Head Director. Beneath each Squad Director will be the various volunteers who teach honors and classes. In addition, there are numerous coordinators who are responsible for assisting the Director in keeping the Evergreen club running smoothly as well as organizing extra activities and events for the children to enjoy; for example, PBE (Pathfinder Bible Experience) and Drilling & Marching.

It's the sincerest hope of the Evergreen Pathfinder Club that these changes will be to the benefit of the parents and Path-



finders in the community. We are hard at work to see this transition run smoothly, and through Christ, and with the involvement of the community and your prayers, we hope to see this become a model the Pathfinders and their parents can look forward to and be blessed by. Please keep us in your prayers this year as we make these changes, and email us if you have any questions at evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com. ■

Cassandra Smith is the squad counselor of the Trail Seekers.

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WE STUDY

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Song Service	Jimmer Mun
Welcome & Prayer	Mordekai Ongo
Scripture	Genesis 12:2; 1 Chronicles 4:10 • John Youngberg
Special Feature	Responding to the "Into all the World" Commission John & Millie Youngberg
Offertory	<i>Via Dolorosa</i> • Billy Sprague, Niles Borop
Bible Study	"How Shall We Wait?" • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
Benediction	Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Vivian Raimundo, soprano; Joshua Goines, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

LIFT HIGH

Curious things happen when a hymn tune becomes wedded with a hymn text. Concerning "Lift High the Cross," the basis of today's closing voluntary, commentator Austin Lovelace said, "This is a hymn which owes its popularity more to the tune CRUCIFER by Sydney H. Nicholson with its stirring refrain than to any great merit of the text—which is a revision of original lines by

an Anglican who published works in the fields of history, biography and archaeology." Of course, an organ voluntary is *heard* only as music, without words. But did Lovelace get it right? Why not probe his opinion by reading hymn 362 several times as poetry? Much is to be gained, too, contemplating, in the context of Christ's cross, Nicholson's sturdy melody. ■

| TRANSFERS IN |

ADESINA, Elizabeth O.
 ALE, Manuel R.
 BELL, Gus & Lynda
 DIAZ BETANCES, Naila A.
 DIAZ, Chiara T.
 DIAZ, Ricardo M.
 DIAZ, Yago M.
 FERGUSON, Duane
 GEIGER, Marie
 GEIGER, Olivia
 GEIGER, Sarah C.
 GUFFEY, Tristen & Melissa
 HOWELL, Margaret D.
 HOWELL-WALTON, Jordanne
 JOHNSON, Jay & Irena
 MALAK, Korollos N. A.
 MBAIWA, Lechedzani

NADOLSKY, Anna
 ORDAZ, Heidi A.
 SPRINGER, Nathan D.

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ADABOH, Samuel & Beatrice
 BALDWIN, John & Sylvia
 CHASE, Charles & Janet
 CLOUGH, Sandra
 ERHARD, Lauren
 GANE, Roy & Constance
 SMITH, Chloe
 SUDDS, Garry & Joanna
 WEYANT, Katelyn
 WOMACK, Jaedon & Mandy

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THE CALL

The Meditation

Arioso • Johann Sebastian Bach / Fry

The Introit

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross • Lowell Mason

The Call

Ben Martin

"In the cross of Christ I glory, towering o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'er-take us, hopes deceive, and fears annoy,

Never shall the cross forsake us; lo! It glows with peace and joy."

Come then—let us worship the Christ of Calvary today.

The Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

The Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising

Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb • 246

In Praying

Ben Martin
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

**In Dedicating

Isabella Sasha presented by John-Philip & Sandra Markovic
Ella Grace presented by Morgan & Christiana Steely
with Robert Bjelica & Dwight K. Nelson

In Giving

Michigan Advance Partners • *Larry Adams; **Duane Covrig
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms • Carl Strommen

In Proclaiming

"#Rx4Now—The Surrogate"
Dwight K. Nelson

THE CLEANSING

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." —John 13:12-17 NIV

THE COMMUNION

****In Praising**

Afiah Asamoah, Jamila Sylvester, Nicole Delima
Paul Ochieng, Chris Wilson

In Reading

*Xiaoming Xu; **Lori Covrig

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you."
—Luke 22:14-15, 19-20 NIV

In Praying

*Larry Adams; **Duane Covrig

In Serving

Ben Martin & Dwight K. Nelson

In Partaking

It Is Well With My Soul • Carrie Gruselle

THE COMMITMENT

In Singing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing • 407

In Blessing

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

Lift High the Cross • Charles Callahan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Andrews Academy String Orchestra; Héctor Flores, director

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:29

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

#Rx4Now—The Regrets of Oscar Wilde

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RODLIE ORTIZ

Fall Break

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Every Labor Day, the members of District Nine churches (PMC and local churches) get to use Camp Au Sable for a delightful weekend of family worship and fun. Camp Au Sable is supported by Michigan Advance Partners (MAP), today's offering appeal. MAP is Camp Au Sable and so much more. Elementary and secondary schools are supported by MAP. New church buildings, evangelism, Bible workers and Adventist Community Centers are all a part of every MAP offering. And every summer, Michigan Campmeeting depends on our faithful MAP gifts. MAP helps the Michigan church grow!

Sanctuary Flowers

Today's flowers are in celebration of Millie Youngberg's 90th birthday with glory to God for what He has done in her life!

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

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

Hope Trending Rally

TODAY • 4:00 PM

PMC SANCTUARY

On-site and Watch Party Volunteers—come receive specific instructions to get us ready to serve for this global event. You may still participate by signing up via www.hopetrending.org.

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.

Join a GROW Group

GROW Groups are here again! Let's take the opportunity to invite others to join us as we connect with each other and with God. There is a GROW group for everyone! If not, consider leading one for Spring 2017. If you find a group that captures your interest, we encourage you to sign up via a one-step online registration. Visit www.pmchurch.org/grow to find a great list of available GROW groups.

Evergreen Pathfinders

TOMORROW • 2:00 PM
PATHFINDER BUILDING

Join us for our first Squad meetings! If you missed registration, there is still time to be part of the fun (email evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com). We are also accepting gently used uniforms of all sizes.

Knitting Hearts Together

SEPTEMBER 27 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

The Knitting Hearts Together group will meet again this Tuesday. For more information, contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

Contagious Adventist

SEPTEMBER 28–NOVEMBER 30
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

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

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AU Alumni Homecoming 2016

SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 2

For a full list of all the events please go to alumni.andrews.edu/homecoming.

More Announcements

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



Last year the Lake Union Conference apologized for failed race relations in the Adventist church.

You are cordially invited to join us for an on-going conversation on mission and culture.

A JOURNEY TO HEALING AND UNDERSTANDING

Saturday, October 1, 2016 | 3 – 5:30 p.m.
Village Seventh-day Adventist Church, 635 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, Michigan



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