

PIONEER CONNECT

FEBRUARY 18, 2017



WELCOME

to Pioneer

Discipleship is what we do here at Pioneer Memorial Church. The words Connect, Grow, Serve, and Go, encapsulate this discipleship mission. Pathfinders is a ministry for the young of the church that strives to fulfill this discipleship process. This morning as we worship together we invite you to join the Evergreen Pathfinder club. This club has taken to heart the DNA of PMC and together we are discipling the next generation.

This worship service has been crafted and implemented by our Pathfinder club. So as we join in worship we are reminded that the young are not the church of tomorrow, but rather they are an active part of the Body of Christ today. So welcome and join us as we enter into the presence of the One who has called each of us to be His disciples.

—Ben Martin



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PUT ON THE ARMOR OF GOD

BY MAUREEN RAJ

Ragy Thomas, consultant to multibillion-dollar industries such as CNN, McDonalds, and Nike, once said, “The strength of purpose and the clarity of your vision, along with the tenacity to pursue it, is your underlying driver of success.” This formula seems to fit this sensational entrepreneur for whom “efforts don’t matter, results do.” His estimated ‘net worth’ was 1.7 billion dollars in 2015 (www.businessinsider.com/sprinklr-ceo-ragy-thomas-on-tech-unicorn-valuations-insane-2015-11) and Forbes has ranked Thomas as the top business leader for the success his formula guarantees his clients.

If the Christian journey was a phony pursuit, then maybe what Thomas suggests could work. However, since Christianity isn’t, we look to the True Leader whose net worth cannot be quantified. Christianity is the most genuine phenomenon, a journey from the land of destruction to the Celestial city, as John Bunyan puts it. As a knight trying to reach the Celestial city, Christian (the pilgrim) encounters many obstacles. His strength of purpose, clarity of vision, even tenacity to reach his destination were not good enough.

Apostle Paul counsels the Christian soldier to “put on the full armor of God . . . for we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you

may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:11-13). Paul doesn’t stop there, he specifies what a Christian needs:

❶ THE BELT OF TRUTH

There is only one truth—Christ Jesus. Knowing God’s truth is what keeps us from giving into Satan’s lies. Without accepting this truth, there is nothing to stand on or stand for.

❷ THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

If not for the gracious sacrifice of Christ, what is our worth? What can save our sinful heart which Jeremiah cries out as “most deceitful above all”?

❸ FEET PREPARED WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE

Christ provides us with joy and peace that is real and undying. We are commissioned to take this to a world that is without.

❹ THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Faith means more than just believing that God exists—it means believing that everything God does is truly for our good and that He will keep His promises. Faith protects us when we are tempted to doubt.

❺ THE HELMET OF SALVATION

Our plans are not His, so for us to follow His will our head (thoughts and plans) must be covered by the great plan of salvation.



6 THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Remember how Jesus used the Word of God to defeat Satan (Matthew 4:1-10)? God's Word is our offensive weapon—it is our divinely inspired manual for every aspect of life. Three times Jesus defeated Satan in the wilderness using the sword of the Spirit. The Word of God is your weapon too. However, it won't stay sharp on its own. Keep it sharp through reading and committing verses to memory.

Again, Paul did not stop there. As if he was saving the best piece of advice for last, he continues:

7 PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people" (Ephesians 6: 18). Prayer is a spiritual exercise that keeps Christians in shape; as they communicate with God the relationship is fortified. Prayer is the most powerful way that we can abide in Christ and He

in us (John 15:5). To me, this is the most pivotal part of the Christian journey, for Christ himself would spend "entire nights in prayer" (*Desire of Ages*; p. 322; John 17).

If you are wondering where to begin or how to edify your prayer life, consider this: the bookmarks you receive from our club has a name of either a Pathfinder or staff member. I invite you to pray for this one soul every day. At Pathfinders, my team and I are faithfully trying to impress the love of Christ in these young hearts, and faithfully trying to instill Christian principles in their young minds. There are days when progress seems absent. And other days when fatigue drains all our strength. However, in those days, the thing that keeps us moving forward is our love for Christ, and our fervent prayers. Together through our prayers, we can stand united. Together through prayer we can be ready for the gathering storm. ■

Maureen Raj is the director of the Evergreen Pathfinder Club.



PATHFINDERS

BY CASSANDRA SMITH

This year at Pathfinders, we hit the ground running and haven't stopped since. We started in September with the Lake Union Camporee at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, soon after the very first meeting, giving the Pathfinders a chance to spend time with God and get to know each other. We also participated in Adopt-A-Highway at Exit 15. At the end of the month, our Drill Team Zero, those who were present from the previous year, won second place at the Alumni Parade. The Pathfinder year officially began that evening when we held our induction ceremony, welcoming back returning and new members.

The second campout took place in early October at Chain of Lakes, giving another chance to grow together through worship and other fun activities. We also held a car wash for Harbor of Hope's evangelistic series.

November brought in another busy month starting with our annual pie-baking fundraiser and Thanksgiving Food Collection. We spent many hours putting together pies, dropping off bags in the community for later collection, and gathering the non-perishable goods.

In December, things began to wind down as the colder weather moved in and Christmas approached. The semester ended with the Pathfinders caroling at various places throughout the community.

In between these activities, there has also been the optional Fancy Drill Team and PBE (Pathfinder Bible Experience) that many Pathfinders have spent time practicing for while still participating in

class, outreach, and club activities. Each squad also had the chance to do an honor relating to their theme outside of their regular coursework. Movement Masters finished the Basketball honor, Creative Adventure the Cake Decorating honor, and Trail Seekers the Stars honor.

There has been behind-the-scenes work with the maintenance of the Pathfinder building as well. Settling of the floor over the decades had left it uneven. We were able to fix this by having the floor ground down till it was even. The Pathfinder building has served its mission for over half a century. Continual maintenance is the key to making sure that the building will continue to serve its mission for years to come.

Looking forward, we plan to keep the pace going, ending with a mission trip to New York over the summer. We rely on God's grace, prayers, and the support of our church community to continue to grow in this ministry. We appreciate your support and hope you will remember us in prayer as we move forward through the rest of this year. Let's all continue to grow in God's grace, and "go on God's errands." ■

Cassandra Smith is the squad counselor of the Trail Seekers.

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WE STUDY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

Song Service Christina Carroll

Opening Hymn *Showers of Blessings* • 195

Welcome & Prayer Philip Giddings III

Special Feature "About Lions, and Wells, and Teeth; The Maasai"
Joseph Koyei & Gladys Feenhi

Offertory *Pie Jesu* • *Gabriel Fauré*

Bible Study "The Holy Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit" • Classes

The Christian Gourmet Menu Galatians 5:22, 23 NASB

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 Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Anna Kim, soprano; Brenton Offenback, piano

PMC 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

The 2017 PMC Operating Budget will be presented for approval during a business meeting on February 27 at 7:00 PM. Detailed budget information is available at each welcome center and at the church office.

2017 Budget Summary

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	Actual 2016
NET ASSET BEGINNING BALANCE	\$846,287	\$865,865	\$865,907
INCOME			
<i>Church Family Finance Goals:</i>			
Church Operating	\$635,000	\$667,000	\$622,089
Christian Education	205,294	223,787	205,294
Master Plan for Evangelism	135,000	125,000	135,300
Building Fund	46,000	46,000	44,867
Student Aid	57,000	57,000	56,741
Total Family Finance Goals	\$1,078,294	\$1,118,787	\$1,064,291
Other Evangelism	215,645	219,893	464,582
Sabbath School	42,775	39,385	44,272
Youth/Outreach Ministries	129,393	157,570	146,935
Television/Media Ministry	261,000	274,500	337,626
Other Income	123,557	153,646	230,298
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,850,664	\$1,963,781	\$2,288,004
EXPENSES			
Evangelism Programs	\$280,095	\$405,035	\$680,343
Sabbath School	60,335	60,575	65,215
Youth/Outreach Min/GROW	175,251	233,370	232,938
Christian Educ./Student Aid	319,994	347,907	332,487
Church Operations	430,366	455,651	397,472
Building/Maintenance	175,679	169,927	132,357
Television/Media Ministry	347,456	353,054	346,745
Other	69,100	78,700	120,021
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,858,276	\$2,104,219	\$2,307,578
Net Increase (Decrease)	(7,612)	(140,438)	(19,574)
NET ASSET ENDING BALANCE	\$838,675	\$725,427	\$846,333

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Allegro Moderato e Vivace • Felix Mendelssohn

Welcome

Ben Martin

Processional

Oh, We Are the Pathfinders Strong • Henry Bergh

Pathfinder Pledge & Law

*Madelyn Stankovic & Aldrich Mongkau
**Danny Joy & Lenaye Shaver

Prayer

*Bryan Davis; **Steven Mawrie

Song Serice

You are Holy (Prince of Peace)
I Surrender All • st. 1 & 2 of 309
Standing on the Promises • st. 1 & 3 of 518
We Are Soldiers
Lord I Need You

Congregational Prayer

*Samuel Rivas; **Kofi Amponsah

****Baptism**

Rylan DiCicco with Ben Martin

Children's Story

Ryan Prabhu

Sermonette

Shekinah Mbwapbo

Panel

Ian Ochieng, Natalie McArthur, Ruthley Faustin-Atisme,
Caleb Braswell, Steven Sigamani

Sermonette #2

Jonathan Clough

Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

Alexander Wright
We Cry Out

Benediction

*Jennifer Morara; **David Barbosa

Recessional

Soldiers of Christ, Arise • 616

Closing Voluntary

Heroic Postlude • Alec Rowley

PATHFINDER PLEDGE & LAW

PLEDGE

By the grace of God,
I will be pure, and kind, and true.
I will keep the Pathfinder Law.
I will be a servant of God
and a friend to man.

LAW

Keep the morning watch
Do my honest part
Care for my body,
Keep a level eye
Be courteous and obedient
Walk softly in the sanctuary,
Keep a song in my heart,
Go on God's errand.

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

PROCESSIONAL: American Flag—*Gianna Briceno, **Chris Mwashinga

Pathfinder Flag—*Denalia Black, **Jonathan LeBrun

PIANO: Carol Castang; ALTO SAXOPHONE: Sharon Castang; VIOLIN: Madelyn Stankovic

CELLO: Jamison Moore; VOCALS: Gabrianna Brooks, Tamara Castang, Chiara Diaz, Natasha Diaz,
Danielle Gittens, Ayana LeBlanc, Ariana Lopes, RaeAnne Prentice, Zothile Sibanda

MUSIC ALIVE

OF SOLDIER AND KING

Sir George did not lead an army—he just composed a melody. But the mighty melody *DIADEMATA* associates with Charles Wesley's clarion-call text for today's closing hymn, "Soldiers of Christ, Arise." Sir George Elvey (1816-1893) walked, from his late teens, among the mighty royalty of Britain, having been appointed at age nineteen by King William IV to be organist at St. George's

Chapel, Windsor, starting a tenure of some 47 years. But the might that Wesley references far exceeds the might of Britain's mighty: "Who in the strength of Jesus trusts / Is more than conqueror." The same melody, of course, also is used for the singing of "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Whether for a topical soldier's text or royal motif, the sturdy melody serves its text well. ■

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
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 6:20
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:29

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON
"STORM: Finding Jesus in the
Gathering Dark"—6

| 03 • 04 |

ANTE JERONCIC
"Guest-listed or Blacklisted?"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

This week's offering supports eight aspects of the work of the church on the conference level including evangelism, building programs, Camp AuSable, camp meeting, and education. How many of our children have drawn closer to Jesus and decided to become baptized as a result of going to camp? How many people have been blessed by the church's evangelism efforts and camp meeting we may never know until heaven. Thank you for supporting these efforts.

Why Do Adventist Believe This?

SABBATHS • 10:30 AM
COMMONS

Explore a fresh perspective through this interactive Bible Study group. For more info contact Tabitha (tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org or text 269.340.2031).

Visitors' Dinner

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

Adventist Youth Ministry Training Basic Staff

TODAY

PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

PYSO 104 – Developmental Growth:
Ages 10-15 (3 PM)

EDUC 001 – Intro to Teaching (4:15
PM)

MEDI 100 – Intro to Medical, Risk
Management, and Child Safety Issues
(5:30 PM)

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening Nick Miller will present a relevant seminar: The Christian and Political Duty in a Changing World.

Family Gym Night

TODAY • 7:00 TO 9:00 PM
JOHNSON GYM

Come with your family and enjoy an evening of fun and games. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. For more information contact Judy Nay (judynay2@hotmail.com) or Alina Baltazar (baltazar@andrews.edu).

—Sponsored by the Family Life Committee

Blood Drive

FEBRUARY 21 & 22 • 1:00 TO 6:45 PM
PMC COMMONS

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood. To schedule an appointment, log onto www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code—AndrewsUniversity) or call 800.733.2767. For more information contact Larry Ulery (ulery@andrews.edu) or 269.471.3296).

House of Prayer—2 Sessions

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 AM/7:00 PM

Join us morning (Youth Chapel) or evening (Sanctuary) for group praying—bring your Bible, bring a friend.

Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
PMC TEEN LOFT

Are you interested in joining the PMC Sanctuary Choir? Have you ever sung with us before? Not singing anymore? Leave your borrowed folder and music at the PMC Reception Desk with Janna. Better yet, bring it to rehearsal and sing with the choir again! For more information contact Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, at jean.pedersen.smith@gmail.com.

Financial Peace University

FEBRUARY 23 • 6:30 TO 8:00 PM
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

When was the last time you had peace about your finances? Join us as we learn biblical principles to help manage personal finances through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt and saves \$2,700 in the first 90 days! For more information or to register visit www.pmchurch.org/financialpeaceuniversity or call the church office at 269.471.3133.

The Horn Lectureship Series

FEBRUARY 27 • 7:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

The Horn Lectureship Series presents "Archaeology, Women, and the Early Church" by Dr. Randall Younker. Co-curricular credit will be offered. This event is free and open to the public.

Adventist Engaged Encounter

MARCH 3-5

If you are dating, engaged, or newly married, you won't want to miss this weekend intensive on building happy, successful, and spiritual marriages. AEE offers couples the insights, tools and confidence to develop their relationship and strengthen their commitment for one another. For reservation info contact Jeff & Twyla Smith (aee@andrews.edu or 269.815.8491).

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Master Guide Skills Development

MARCH 10

PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

7:00 PM – Leadership

8:15 PM – Vision, Mission & Motivation

MARCH 11

PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

3:00 PM – Communication I

4:15 PM – Communication 2

5:30 PM – Learning Styles

PMC Prayer Teams

The PMC Prayer Teams are in need of your participation during 1st or 2nd service. We gather each Sabbath in the Prayer Room (located behind the big glass window on the piano side of the sanctuary) to pray for the indwelling and blessings of the Holy Spirit on each aspect of the church service. Our prayer begins 5 minutes before the service begins, and we cover each event until the end of the service. We are not isolated from the happenings in the Sanctuary, for we see and hear the whole service and are blessed along with the congregation. If the Holy Spirit impresses you to join us, or you want additional information, please call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502 (1st service) or Andrea Gibbs at 269.282.6008 (2nd service).

Cedar Lake Camp Meeting

JUNE 16-24

Registration is March 1-15. For more information or to register visit www.misda.org/article/16/products/camp-meeting. For general information call 517.316.1512 or for specific questions, contact Jody Murphy at 517.316.1581.

Women's Retreat 2017

APRIL 7-9, 14-16, & 21-23

CAMP AU SABLE (GRAYLING, MI)

The theme for this year's retreat is "The Doctor is IN!" presented by speaker Carolyn Sutton. Register online or by phone **ONLY** (no paper registrations). Visit www.misda.org and click "Member Services," then "Women's Ministries" and register as an individual or as a leader registering a group. See website for additional details. You can also call Deb Montcalm at 269.471.5776.

Funeral Dinner Volunteers Needed

When our families lose loved ones, PMC provides a meal for them after the funeral or memorial service. It takes a lot of work and commitment on the part of those who provide these meals. Volunteers are needed to help. If interested call Pat Erhard (240.4475) or Belle Tan (471.0271).

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