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WELCOME

to Pioneer

My friend got his pair first. He was my best friend so naturally I would be impressed. I saw what he had and wanted the same thing. My recollection of my parents' first response is that they were dismissive. I couldn't blame them either. I didn't know why I needed a pair of glasses. He had glasses. The glasses looked cool. I wanted to be like him and look cool. It was a trendy thing to do.

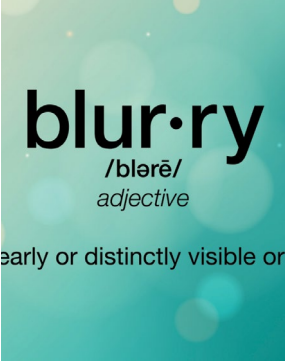
Was coming to church today a trendy thing to do? Or maybe your parents made you come. Perhaps you just got tired of your neighbor saying you should come. Whatever the reason that brought you here, we are glad you came. Welcome to Pioneer Memorial Church!

—José Bourget
(For more thoughts on this, see pg. 5.)

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/blərē/
adjective

1. not clearly or distinctly visible or audible.

SEEING THROUGH NEW LENSES

BY JOSÉ BOURGET

When I was a youth pastor, I remember the concern from parents or the dismissive posture of colleagues about youth baptisms. In fact, the more successful our church youth ministry was in baptizing young people, the greater it fed the cynicism. Even now I'll encounter a college student who has experienced and learned so much more about faith; somehow this growth has invalidated the authenticity and sincerity of their earlier decision to be baptized. The culprit for the cynicism or invalidation, "I did it because it was the trendy thing to do."

Let's consider that the catalyst for adopting a new tool (glasses) or a new behavior (following Jesus) is something trendy. Is it really a bad thing if in our pursuit of coolness we learn that life is better with this trendy thing?

I still remember the first time I walked out of the optometrist's office with my new glasses on. I had no idea what I was missing! Other than the land shifting at the edge of the lens, I was actually able to see beau-

tiful things that had been missing (not to mention the writing on the chalkboard). In my own walk with God, I've come to many communion services thinking, "Lord, just my feet?" In that roomful of sinners, doing the same thing as me, it was the spiritual checkpoint I needed to affirm that the hymn is correct, *Jesus Saves! Jesus Saves!*

How about when it comes to racial reconciliation? Is it just because it is a trendy thing—the cool thing that the educated class are into as a counter-cultural push back to big business and Uncle Sam? Maybe that is how it will start for some. And guess what, I'm ok with that. I'm confident that as we continue on this journey, **WE WILL SEE BETTER**. Our vision can improve with a new lens provided by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Imagine, there could be a whole lot of beauty that we've been missing. ■

José Bourget is an Associate Chaplain of Andrews University & PMC.



AN ADVENTURE WITH GOD

BY STEVEN ATKINS

While most families woke up early Christmas morning to open gifts and celebrate Christmas, twenty-five Andrews Academy students and sponsors got up early to begin a trip of a lifetime. After gathering for a departing prayer they traveled the snowy roads to Chicago O'Hare airport to embark on the Andrews Academy's SOW Safari mission trip to Tecpatán, Chiapas, Mexico. Many of the young people on this trip had never been out of the country; for some, it was the first time to even be on an airplane. But with bags packed, hugs from parents, and lots of prayers, these high-school students embarked on their adventure with God.

SOW Safari, Andrews Academy's biennial two-week mission trip, has been an important part of Andrews Academy's

mission since 1986. The name, SOW Safari, speaks to the reason for these trips: **S**ervice through construction of a church or school building, **O**utreach through Vacation Bible School, and **W**itness through evangelistic efforts. To date, several hundred people have been baptized through the evangelistic component of these trips, including some of the students themselves! SOW Safari mission trips are coordinated and led by Héctor Flores, the school's choral and strings director.

During the 16-day mission trip (December 25 through January 9), the group spent the daylight hours rebuilding and expanding a Seventh-day Adventist school in the village. They also ministered to the local village children during breaks. While the majority of the students had never

done construction work, they joyfully put on their work gloves and went to work shoveling and hauling tons of gravel by wheelbarrow and buckets. Then concrete was mixed in order to build the school's gymnasium floor. The SOW group provided funds to help complete the school expansion project which also included remodeling and expanding classrooms and putting on a new roof.



After a long day's work, these young people provided an evangelistic series for the adults and conducted Vacation Bible School for the children that came out from the village. As some students summoned up the courage to tell Bible stories for the first time for up to 200 children, others preached their first-ever sermon to a full church. Vacation Bible School programs included singing, Bible stories, crafts, and playing games with the children. The supplies for the VBS program were left with the students there so they could continue to participate in the VBS experience.

Leonardo Aguilera, a freshman, shares his experience, "I think SOW safari was an amazing experience. I really was able to see God not only through the ministry but through the people. When I was down

there it really showed me how amazing God is and how He can use each one of us for his work if we accept Him in our heart."

Ivonne Segui-Weiss, one of our sponsors, also shared, "For me as a sponsor what stood out the most from this trip was how willing our students were to embrace the warmth of the people of Tecpatán. They broke through language and cultural differences and truly connected with them. What I loved about this trip is that we not only had the privilege to lend a hand and work hand in hand with the people of Tecpatán and help them complete a big part of their project, but we were able to connect with them in a very special way as people. We not only left a tangible impression in their school that will be useful by the students for many years to come, but we also left them part of our heart in the friendships that were built."

We are caught in between two worlds. The world of our comfort and a world filled with great need. There are so many people who need to hear of God, or just receive a helping hand. I encourage you to follow these young people's example and go! Take the adventure of a lifetime with God and while you are doing it, remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." ■

Steven Atkins is the Biology & Earth Science teacher at Andrews Academy.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

I Believe in One God • Wolfgang Mozart

Introit

Rank on Rank the Host of Heaven • Kenneth Logan

Call to Worship

José Bourget

God has searched us and known us.

God has called us to be a holy people.

God has touched our hearts and our mouths.

Let us walk with God in holiness.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Ante Jerončić

Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy • 73

Congregational Prayer

Prayer Song

Prayer Response

José Bourget

We Would See Jesus • st. 1 of 494

My Prayer as Incense • Kenneth Logan

Worship in Music

Sweet Hour of Prayer • William Bradbury

Tithes & Offerings

World Budget

Golden Harps Are Sounding • Ralph Carmichael

Children's Story

Ben Martin

Scripture

Psalm 24:3-6 *ESV* • Yolande & Terry Robertson

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Hymn of Preparation

Break Thou the Bread of Life • 271

Sermon

"Guest-listed or Blacklisted?" • Ante Jerončić

Hymn of Commitment

Live Out Thy Life Within Me

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata • Eugène Gigout

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director
OFFERTORY: Andrews University Band Festival Brass Choir; Alan Mitchell, director

MUSIC ALIVE

HARPS SOUNDING

A multi-harp event was announced to be at Maryland's Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church—almost a dozen harps! I wondered if they all were to play simultaneously—can you imagine that sumptuous sound? While instrumental, today's brass offertory stems from a texted musical composition with "Harps" in its title. The text by Frances Havergal (1836-1879) reads in part:

"Golden harps are sounding, angel voices ring, / pearly gates are opened, opened for the King: / Christ, the King of glory, Jesus, King of love, / is gone up in triumph to his throne above." The second-service director is US Army Col. (ret.) L. Bryan Shelburne, retired director of The United States Army Band (Pershing's Own). From Georgia, Col. Shelburne is here as guest director with the AU Band Festival. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Rachel Sauer

Welcome & Prayer

Judith Jean-Baptiste

Special Feature

"Finding Christ in Unlikely Places"
Harizo (Dias) Fanivana & Tiana (Teen) Rabearison

Offertory

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • arr. Alicia Dent

Bible Study

"The Holy Spirit and the Church" • 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: Alicia Dent, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

I Believe in One God • Wolfgang Mozart
Rank on Rank the Host of Heaven • Kenneth Logan

Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy Medley

Baby Dedication

Levi Eliezer presented by Eliezer & Michelle Fajardo with Felix Cortez

Tithes & Offerings

Golden Harps Are Sounding • Ralph Carmichael

Children's Story

Ben Martin

Praise

Blessed Be Your Name • *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* • *Good, Good Father*

Bible Reading

Psalm 24:3-6 *ESV*

Worship in Music

Sweet Hour of Prayer • William Bradbury

Sermon

"Guest-listed or Blacklisted?" • Ante Jerončić

Hymn

Live Out Thy Life Within Me

As We Depart

Toccata • Eugène Gigout

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Heather Moore; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer; DJEMBE: Stacey DePluzer
PIANO: Joshua Goines; VOCALS: Annelise Berghardt, Vivian Raimundo
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director
OFFERTORY: Andrews University Band Festival Brass Choir; L. Bryan Shelburne, director

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 6:37
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:45

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—7

| 03 • 18 |

SABINE VATEL

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET

This week's offering for World Budget helps fund missionaries, hospitals, clinics, schools, and churches, as well as print literature and prepare broadcasts so that people who may otherwise never know of Jesus can hear or read about Him in their own language. As members of PMC we are blessed to worship with believers from around the world and we are reminded that we are a part of a global movement. Your generous gift today will have an important impact on that movement.

Visitors' Dinner

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

Memorial Service

TODAY • 3:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join the family of Lillian Down as they celebrate and remember her life.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come watch and discuss, "Living Color: An Ongoing Conversation on Race."

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Dick Morris on the death of his wife, Jeanette Morris. Jeanette died on February 27. A funeral was held in the PMC Sanctuary yesterday, March 3. With the Morris family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

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 Jenna. 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.

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 1

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. 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 call/text Andrea Gibbs at 209.663.9891 (2nd service).

Physical Therapy Service Clinic

MARCH 12 • 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
AU PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPARTMENT

Do you have pain, recent injuries, or difficulty with movement/balance? The AU Department of Physical Therapy is offering a FREE clinic for students, faculty, community members, and visitors. Slots are limited, so email ptserviceclinic@gmail.com to schedule your appointment!

Superhealth Fair

MARCH 12 • 11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM
RMES

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School invites you and your family to come for FREE health screenings. These screenings include dental, speech, language, hearing, blood sugar, blood pressure, and more! All ages are welcome. Come help keep your family healthy and enter for your chance to win a Fitbit.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

MARCH 12 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Join our monthly ARM potluck and enjoy guest musician Maureen Plumb. Our featured speaker will be Constance Gane presenting the topic, "Why Archeology Is Important in a Community of Faith." Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the program and fellowship. For more information contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

Nominating Committee

FIRST READING

Safety Committee Member:

Don Damron

RMES Visitor's Day

MARCH 14

Spend a day at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School! All students who will be in grades 1 through 8 next year are invited. This is your chance to visit the school, make new friends, meet your teacher, and have fun! If you are in grades 1 through 6 come visit us from 8:15 to 11:30 AM. Grades 7 & 8 will visit from 8:15 AM to 3:30 PM. Call the RMES office at 269.471.3220 to register.

Academy Day

MARCH 14 • 8:00 AM TO 3:15 PM

ANDREWS ACADEMY

Andrews Academy invites all eighth-graders to come see the exciting programs AA has to offer. Experience a day filled with a number of classes, worship, games, and activities. Lunch will be served, t-shirts and prizes will be given. Registration begins at 7:30 AM. If you have questions call 269.471.3138.

Scrapbooking Together

MARCH 19 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

Bring your paper craft supplies (scrapbook, card making, etc.) and a favorite snack and enjoy time working on your projects. We will provide the chocolate and prizes. If you have questions, email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

**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).

**Ellen G. White Issues
Symposium**

APRIL 3 • 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL

Join us for this annual event sponsored by the Center for Adventist Research, the Ellen G. White Estate Branch Office, and the Seminary's Department of Church History. This symposium will break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues with current importance relating to her life, ministry and prophetic gift. Admission is free. Speakers include Richard Davidson, Jiri Moskala, Merlin Burt, Denis Kaiser, and Iriann Marie Hausted. There will be an opportunity to submit questions relating to Ellen White and current issues which will be debated at the afternoon panel discussion.

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. For more information call Deb Montcalm (269.471.5776).

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