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Us: How the Gospel
Reframes 'the Other'



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"And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.' In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me'" (1 Corinthians 11:24-25).

We welcome each and every one of you to our communion service in celebration of the Lord's Supper. We do this in remembrance of what Jesus did for us, when He died for us; and for a memorial of what we do, in joining ourselves to Him in an everlasting covenant. How thankful and grateful we are for the Lord's great sacrifice for us. May you experience rich blessings in our worship services today.

—Don Dronen



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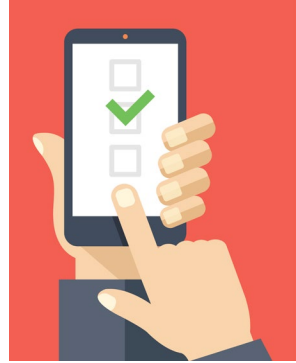
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AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?



BY JOSÉ BOURGET

Growing up I had a younger brother. We got along like most brothers who are only 11 months apart in age. Can you imagine? My poor parents having to corral two bucks who in one moment were angels and then a split second later, not. A common story used to appeal to us for a greater good was that of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4). The story isn't really about quarrelling brothers. There are layers that we can spend days unpacking, but for my brother, Salim, and me it really focused in on one of the questions in the story. Cain asked "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Even at a young age I was perplexed by Cain's question. It seemed strange to me that he would need to ask. How could he not know about his responsibility, or even duty, to his brother? Reading through the story with my dad sitting between us boys, it seemed obvious to me. I was embarrassed to even need the reminder to care for Salim. Yet it was a story often shared.

We could deduce a number of psychological or sociological reasons that could motivate Cain to give the appearance of being ignorant. But ultimately it is a turbulent reminder of the effect of sin on our social constructs and relational ethics. If he knew he had a duty to his brother, his sin-sick heart sought to deflect, defer, and negate his responsibility. On the other hand, if he truly was ignorant, then sin blinded his eyes and heart from seeing what should have been obvious. Interestingly, the entire narrative supports the possibility for both things to be true.

Sadly, this isn't the last time this kind of question is posed to God. Jump ahead to a story found in Luke 10. The question this time is "Who is my neighbor?" Luke,

the author of this book, offers a few important descriptors of the person asking the question. First the person is a lawyer. Presumably a lawyer is well read, logical, and thoughtful. Second, the lawyer is familiar with the scriptures. He quotes from two different bible passages in response to Jesus' question. And third, we get a peek at the motivation for the question just before he asks it in verse 29, "He wanted to justify himself." Once again we are reminded that human beings struggle to understand, maybe simply embrace, what it means to be a child of God in regards to social constructs and relational ethics. Jesus responds to the lawyer with a story that draws the most pertinent and relevant contrast of their time and context, so check it out.

As I situate these two stories side-by-side, I'm compelled to consider a very difficult reality. It is hard even when I consider myself to be a thoughtful, logical, and spiritually minded person to always see people, and how I ought to relate to them, through the lens of the Gospel. In fact, it can be really embarrassing how much I can miss the mark when it should be so obvious. Figuring this out is a lifetime work. Fortunately we don't have to do it alone. With a humble spirit, holy curiosity, and the best textbook for loving relationships (ahem, the Bible) I can join with others to do the sacred work of building bridges, healing past wounds, and growing in my understanding of what it means for all of us to be children of God. ■

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

The HUMAN- ANIMAL BOND *and health*

BY KATHERINE KOUDELE

Humans and animals have been interacting since Creation. After sin entered this world, the only animals that stuck with us were the ones we now term “domesticated.” Over the millennia we humans have realized that the relationships with our animal companions have yielded not only monetary benefits but have also been a source of physical health and emotional well-being. This latter idea is now being examined using rigorous research methodology at some institutions like the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. There they have set-up the Center for the Human-Animal Bond committed “to expanding our knowledge of the interrelationships between people, animals, and their environment.” The results of the research by this and other institutions has produced some interesting recommendations for humans of all ages.

Children have a natural affinity to animals and those who grow up with a pet in their home develop nurturing skills caring for the animal. The pet also provides them with comfort and a non-judgmental listening



ear to their troubles. Children in pediatric wards experience a reduction of their pain when a dog visits them in the hospital. The improvement in emotional and physical health is observed into adulthood and old age. Dog owners are typically more active, have a lower body mass index (BMI), and have fewer doctor visits than those who have no pets. Animals provide needed tactile contact and a sense of identity and purpose for the elderly who have suffered losses of family, friends, professional affiliations, and functioning.

As a college professor, I have become interested in the studies demonstrating



the effects of animals in the lives of college students. Most college students have pets in their lives at home but when they come to college and move into the dormitory, they are met with a “no pets allowed” policy. They may be unaware of their sense of loss of an animal companion since they are dealing with all the other new aspects of college life. Their feelings of stress peak around the time of final exams, and this stress can result in poor performance on the exams. There have been a variety of methods employed at colleges in an attempt to alleviate final exam stress in students. The effect of pets

on this type of stress-reduction was first documented at the University of Connecticut in 2011, although it had been in practice for a decade. In a study published last year in *Anthrozoös*, students at the Virginia Commonwealth University reported statistically significantly lower feelings of stress after engaging with therapy dogs. Interacting with pets has become so popular that a number of colleges now host final exam de-stressors such as “puppy play rooms” and “kitten-paloozas.”

Some colleges and universities ranging from small liberal arts colleges to big state schools (e.g. MIT, Cal-Tech, U of Illinois) have realized the emotional value of allowing their students to keep pets in the residence hall rooms or on-campus apartments. If you’d like to see a list of these colleges and their policies, check out this website: www.collegeraptor.com/blog/on-campus/20-pet-friendly-college-campuses. Of course, all pets are not appropriate in all places on campus at all times but it is worthwhile to note the remarkable benefits these animals can give to us.

As Christians we should not be surprised by how much the animals that share our lives affect our lives. From the time of our creation, we were told by the Creator to take care of them. And they, in turn, will take care of us. ■

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THE CALL

The Meditation

Improvisation on "Lord, Have Mercy"

*The Introit

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross • William Doane

The Call

Acts 2:17, 18 ESV • Don Dronen

"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out
my Spirit on all flesh,

**and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and
your young men shall see visions, and your old men
shall dream dreams;**

even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will
pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."

The Invocation

José Bourget

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising

Hymns of Praise for Jesus' Blood

Power in the Blood • st. 1 & 2 of 294

Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It • st. 1 & 2 of 337

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In Praying

Don Dronen

We Would See Jesus • st. 1 of 494

In Giving

Michigan Advance Partners • *Davide Sciarabba; **Duane Covrig

Nailed to the Cross • Grant Tullar

Children's Story

In Proclaiming

"Us: How the Gospel Reframes 'the Other'"

José Bourget

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 Reading

*Sonia Badenas; **Lori Covrig

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom." -Matthew 26:26-29 *NLT*

In Praying

*Davide Sciarabba; **Duane Covrig

In Partaking

Nothing But the Blood / The Blood

THE COMMITMENT

In Singing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing • 407

In Blessing

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High • David Johnson

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Girls of Mercy; Josephine Katenga, director

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Follow Jesus Today

Rooms downstairs are already prepared for Jesus' example of footwashing—rooms for women, for men and for families. The nursery room (North Wing) is prepared for those needing to remain on the sanctuary level. Second service—the Youth Chapel is set up for high-school students and young adults. Come and share the towel, that symbol of a stained life set free and cleansed today in Jesus.

Love Gift for the Needy

Every time we celebrate the cross, we give a special offering of gratitude to aid families in crisis. Because of our extensive work in Benton Harbor and the fact that many PMC families are struggling as a result of our present economic challenges, we need to replenish this fund which provides help in emergency situations. So today, thank you in advance for giving an extra "love offering" for your neighbors in need twelve miles up the road and those right here at home.

MUSIC ALIVE

LOVE—DEEP, BROAD, HIGH

From the incarnation of Jesus to His ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit, the text of hymn no. 148 tells a broad-reaching story of Jesus Christ. "O love, how deep, how broad, how high," refers to the marvel of the Son of God becoming mortal for sake of mortals. The roots of this text extend back to approximately 1400. Over time, multiple melodies have graced the text. The

melody of no. 148 is by James Bingham, now of Washington Adventist University. But the melody used in today's Closing Voluntary is another striding, broad melody. The organ setting of this melody is by David Johnson, a San-Antonio born composer whose faculty appointments included one at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Jimmer Mun

Welcome

Josip Horonic

Prayer

Beniel Paulraj

Scripture

Acts 1:8 • Beniel Paulraj

Special Feature

"Two Countries, Same Problems, Different Revolutions"
Josip Horonic

Offertory

Bible Study

"The Work of the Holy Spirit" • 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

Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Joshua Goines, piano

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 8:01
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:09

PIONEER PULPIT

| 04 • 01 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON
"Gone Fishin'" –1

| 04 • 08 |

LESLIE LOUIS
International Student Sabbath

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Are you or someone from your family planning on attending Camp Au Sable or camp meeting this summer? Both of these events can have make a lasting impression and give opportunities for individuals to those who attend to draw closer to Jesus. Did you know that Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) offering supports Camp Au Sable and camp meeting, as well as, building programs, education and other forms of evangelism? By giving generously to MAP you will have the opportunity to reach children and adults alike throughout the Michigan Conference.

Family Vespers
TODAY • 7:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

This evening Henry Adelson will share a presentation about Haiti, "When Chance Doesn't Work: The G & J Option."

Knitting Hearts Together
MARCH 28 • 7:00-8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

Please consider joining this Spirit-blessed ministry to the bereaved and seriously ill. Contact Alice Williams (269.461.6815 or alicew@andrews.edu) or Lyn MacCarty (269.208.3377 or 269.471.9060).

**2nd Annual
Health & Wellness Fest**
MARCH 29 & 30

Join us on the MISSION: Fully Alive, celebrating the transforming power of wellness in this community. This is an event for all students, AU employees, and the community! For detailed information and a schedule of events, please visit www.andrews.edu/wellness/healthandwellnessfest.

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.

BCYF Health Tent Steering Committee

MARCH 30 • 5:30 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

All health ministry leaders and other interested persons are invited to attend the second meeting of the Steering Committee for the Health Tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Please join us to continue to develop programming for this wonderful outreach. Contact Kathy Koudele if you have any questions (koudelej@andrews.edu or 269.313.8774).

Garden Plot Sign-Up

The Department of Agriculture Community & Student Garden Sign-Ups will be April 9 from 10 AM to 12 PM in Smith Hall Room 111. A single or double plot can be purchased, per family. Faculty & Staff Garden Sign-Ups are March 21 through April 12 in Smith Hall Room 109 (Tuesdays—12 to 1 PM; Wednesdays—9 to 11 AM). These plots have been relocated to the area by the AU track and Burman Hall (W. Campus Circle Drive). For questions call 269.471.6006 or email agriculture@andrews.edu.

Master Guide Skills Development

MARCH 31
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

7:00 PM – Creativity & Resource Dev.

8:15 PM – Creative Worship

APRIL 1
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

3:00 PM – Evangelism

4:15 PM – Lead a Child to Christ

5:30 PM – Spiritual Gifts

Solar Run 5K

APRIL 2 • 9:00 AM
AU TRACK

Join the "SOLAR" 5K Fun Run hosted by AU's Engineers Without Borders Chapter! All proceeds will be used for a project being organized to help provide lighting for a school and clinic in Ambatolampy, Madagascar. For more info visit <https://andrewsewb.wixsite.com/solarrun5k>. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

APRIL 2 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. The King's Brass features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. These instruments blend together to create a time of innovative worship that will be enjoyed by all generations. Check out their website at www.kingsbrass.org or listen to their music on Youtube. Call the HPAC Box Office at 471.3560 for tickets.

Empowered To Connect

APRIL 7-8

This two-day conference is designed to help adoptive/foster parents, ministry leaders, and professionals better understand how to connect with "children from hard places" in order to help them heal and become all that God desires for them to be. Presented locally by God's Hands 4 Kids, Berrien County DHHS, and Post Adoption Resource Center. For more info and to contact us go to www.GH4K.org.

International Sabbath

APRIL 8 • PMC SANCTUARY

We would like to invite you to attend a special worship service prepared for you by the International Students. Our guest speaker this year will be Elder Leslie Louis, President, Carolina Conference of SDA. For this special Sabbath celebration, please come dressed in your traditional attire. As many of you would remember, last year we made an appeal on behalf of our international students for a special offering for "international students emergency fund" and many of you gave extremely generously. We have been blessed to receive that offering and we have been able to assist many of our students that had urgent needs (with groceries, eyeglasses, doctor's visits and so on). So, we are extremely grateful for last year's gift. We would like your generous gift once again on April 8 to continue the work that we are doing for our students. Please mark your tithe envelope as—"International student fund." May God bless you abundantly and provide for you as you provide and care for our neediest. Thanking you on behalf of our grateful international students.

Thank You

The family of Andrew and Judy Snyder thank their church family at PMC for their condolences and prayers. We are grateful for the food, visits, and flowers provided during Andy's illness and passing; and Judy's hospitalization and rehab. The support of the pastoral staff was tremendously comforting.

*-Judy Snyder, Denise Grentz,
David Snyder, Rebecca Becker,
Rachel Kroncke*

Hinsdale Men's Chorus

APRIL 8 • 4:30 PM

ALL NATIONS SDA CHURCH
(4259 EAST SNOW RD.)

The Hinsdale Men's Chorus will be presenting an afternoon vespers service.

International Food Fair

APRIL 9 • 12:00 TO 7:00 PM

JOHNSON GYM

This year's annual International Food Fair will represent over 80 countries and nearly two dozen ethnic clubs. Come and participate in this opportunity to showcase the cultural diversity at AU and experience food and culture from around the world.

Mentor for Teens

Are you interested in being a long-term mentor for teens at the Berrien County Juvenile Center? Every Sabbath evening from 6 to 7 PM we visit the teens and they give us such a blessing. For more information, please call Rodlie Ortiz (269.471.6154) or Rhoda Wills (269.471.7466).

RMES Golf Scramble

APRIL 30

BROOKWOOD GOLF COURSE

Golfers, save the date! The Brookwood Golf Course in Buchanan will be hosting a Golf Scramble for the benefit of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. Registration will open soon so mark your calendar, gather your team of 4, and keep an eye out here for the registration website information!

More Announcements

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

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RMES Kindergarten Countdown

KINDERGARTEN VISITORS' DAY

April 4 • 8:15 am - 11:30 am

Just like the real thing! Children who will be 5 on or before September 1 are invited to spend a morning in Kindergarten.

KINDERGARTEN PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

April 5 6:30 - 7:30 pm

An evening full of information about the school, and tips on how parents can ensure their student's success next year.



REGISTER:
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See you there!

