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to Pioneer

It seems as though spring is officially here. Spring is a wonderful time of year. It is the time of year when everything comes alive. It is a time of fresh and new. It is a time of renewal.

The Sabbath is a little like spring in this way. It is a time of renewal. It is a time for new life. As we worship this morning here at Pioneer Memorial Church, we invite God to refresh us and renew us with a new heart. David wrote it this way in Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." So as we celebrate spring and the Sabbath we ask God to give us the same newness.

–Ben Martin

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“IS TRUTH DEAD?”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Thanks to a faculty member of an engineering school in Italy (who with his wife has been watching our worship service), I read a fascinating piece this week by Tom Harford, “The Problem with Facts.” Couple it with this week’s TIME magazine cover story, “Is Truth Dead?”—and it is clear growing suspicions are becoming public conversation. Are we witnesses (even participants) to a dramatic shift in public ethos regarding truth telling and fact checking?

Harford opens with the 1953 narrative of how Big Tobacco pulled off their stunning public relations coup by dissuading the public from believing the mounting evidence smoking causes cancer. In 1995 a Stanford University historian detailed the tobacco case closely. “This is the study of how ignorance is deliberately produced. . . . The facts about smoking—indisputable facts, from unquestionable sources—did not carry the day. The indisputable facts were disputed. The unquestionable sources were questioned. Facts, as it turns out, are important, but facts are not enough to win this kind of argument” (<http://timharford.com/2017/03/the-problem-with-facts/>).

In the on-going tug of war between the news media and the President, the question of truth and truth-telling, of facts and “alternative facts,” of news and “fake news,” has hit an unprecedented fever pitch. As a consequence the miasma of “he said-she said” has effectively obscured not only the public’s knowledge of

“truth” but also its trust in the heretofore generally regarded reputable truth-tellers of the news media and the White House. That there are those who argue it’s always been this way—and after all, the Brexit proponents across the pond resorted to the same distortion of facts and truth to achieve their victory—hardly mitigates the obvious paradigm shift we now witness regarding public integrity, ethics and truth-telling. “In the radical democracy of social media, even the retweets of outraged truth squadders [those defending truth] has the effect of rebroadcasting false messages” (TIME 4-3-17 p 37). And so it goes. And it only gets worse.

ARE WE WITNESSES (EVEN PARTICIPANTS) TO A DRAMATIC SHIFT IN PUBLIC ETHOS REGARDING TRUTH TELLING AND FACT CHECKING?

But why be concerned with this food fight between our media and our politicians? Because truth really does matter. Pilate’s “What is truth?” dismissal, when the One who was and still is “the way, the truth and the life” stood before him, is a reminder of the high stakes fall-out when leaders waive truth aside in favor of expediency (see John 18:37-38; 14:6;



19:16). And if the crucifixion of Jesus portends the end result of when church and state collaborate to rid themselves of uncomfortable truth and uncompromising truth-tellers, then we do have reason to not only care about truth-telling today, but to also be concerned, deeply concerned.

Concerned that a public so easily persuaded by Big Tobacco marketers to reject what was “obvious” scientific evidence could just as easily become a public dissuaded by other “marketers” from believing compelling biblical evidence championed by a band of truth-tellers one day yet to come. The truth is—truth matters.

So how should you and I be living in these days of prevarication? (1) We must always *tell* the truth—“You shall not give false testimony. . . . Do not spread false reports. . . . Do not lie to each other” (Exodus

20:16; 23:1; Colossians 3:9). And (2) we must always *live* the truth—“Let your good works [words] shine before others that they may glorify your Father in heaven” (see Matthew 5:16). Notice how high God raises the bar: “A glance, a word, even an intonation of the voice, may be vital with falsehood. Even facts may be so stated as to convey a false impression. . . . *Everything that Christians do should be as transparent as the sunlight*” (*Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing* 68 emphasis supplied).

Why? Because truth matters. So in a world running out of it, I say let’s stand up and let it shine! ■

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



Empowering the
YOUNG

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”
(1 Timothy 4:12)*

BY JEFF KIMMEL

Pioneer Memorial Church Earliteen Sabbath School is doing great things with the teens. This is my first year working with this age group, and I have been deeply blessed by them. Each Sabbath we have a full house! What’s great is that the teens are very involved; from song service, to taking up the offering and much more. This last year the youth put on an evangelistic series called, “The Tent,” in which they were the speakers. One of my college friends who assisted at the event was blown away. He said he had to step outside the tent because he broke down in tears seeing how powerfully the Holy Spirit was speaking through our teens. God doesn’t look past the youth, just as Jesus told the disciples, “do not send them away.” This year Earliteen Sabbath School hosted a Hope Trending Watch Party. The number of teens who came every night had us bursting at the seams in our large room. Every night more and more came. We had an overwhelmingly positive response at the end of the event. All were very engaged. We had our own question-and-answer time following the live meeting. Questions poured in every night. Teens were showing up early to the event and leaving late.

One of the things that I have noticed that brings teens to PMC Sabbath School every week is the atmosphere. As we volunteer, friendships are formed with our

teens. We know the kids by name. It’s a safe place where they can be themselves, and also grow spiritually.

Discipleship can happen only when friendship is present. When it’s time for Bible study, the teens break off into small groups with the leaders. This is the time for them to read the Bible, ask questions, and learn how the teaching is relevant to them in their world today. Some might say that this age group isn’t interested in spiritual things, but that has not been my experience. They want to be involved and not just be spectators. They want to be your friend and be heard, not just be preached to. As we disciple our young at Pioneer Memorial Church, let us continue to find ways to develop friendships with our teens and get them involved. ■

Jeff Kimmel is a seminary student leading in the Earliteen Sabbath School.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult • Emma Lou Diemer

Introit

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship

Ben Martin

To the fisherman Jesus said: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people."

To the tax collector Jesus said: "Follow me."

At the last supper Jesus said: "Follow me."

To you and to me and to all of us Jesus says: Follow me!

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

I Love to Tell the Story • st. 1, 3-4 of 457

Congregational Prayer

Ben Martin
Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music

People Need the Lord • P. McHugh & G. Nelson

Tithes & Offerings

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His Love Adored • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story

Scripture

Matthew 4:18-22 NIV • Herald & Donna Habenicht

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them,

and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Calls Us • 285

Sermon

"Gone Fishin'"-1 • Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Commitment

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Work, For the Night Is Coming • Sharon Rogers

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Charles Reid, tenor

MUSIC ALIVE

WORK = VERB

It occurs more than a dozen times through the course of three hymn stanzas, this verb "work." Strong words they are from teenager Annie Walker, at 18 an author who lived in Canada. "Work, for the Night Is Coming" (hymn 375): Yes, work while it's morning, in bright conditions: man's work is over when night comes. Jesus Himself said, "The night comes, when no man can work" (John

9:4). Yes, work through the noon: rest comes surely and promptly. Yes, work at sunset: continue until the very last beam fades. Such thoughts are allied here to a strong, rhythmic hymn melody by Bostonian Lowell Mason, vigorous in its long-short rhythms, as arranged for organ by Sharon Rogers. An interesting combination this is—words and music working strongly together. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Welcome	Qaisar Ayaz
Special Feature	"Anywhere He Leads" • Mikelle Wile
Scripture	Matthew 14:29-31 • Lonnie Ayaz
Prayer	Joanna Rivera
Offertory	<i>Faith of our Fathers</i> • arr. Hteemu Dee
Bible Study	"The Person of Peter" • 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: Hteemu Dee, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Arise, My Soul, Arise • Dale Wood

Praise

*Fishers of Men • Lord I Lift Your Name On High • He Leadeth Me
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

Prayer

Ben Martin

Tithes & Offerings

His Love Adored • Kenneth Logan

Children's Story

Bible Reading

Matthew 4:18-22 NIV

Worship in Music

People Need the Lord • P. McHugh & G. Nelson

Sermon

"Gone Fishin'"-1 • Dwight K. Nelson

Connect Card

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

As We Depart

Work, For the Night Is Coming • Sharon Rogers

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

PIANO: Joshua Goines; ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson

VOCALS: Annelise Berghardt, Melissa Gibson

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Charles Reid, tenor

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
World Budget

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SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:17

PIONEER PULPIT

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LESLIE LOUIS

International Student Sabbath

| 04 • 15 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Gone Fishin'" -2

Easter/Processional of Hope

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

On Sabbath morning as a congregation we come to PMC to attend Sabbath School and then the church service. As the light pours in through the stained-glass windows and we listen to the piano, organ, and various forms of special music we are filled with the Holy Spirit. At PMC we experience the joy of renewal, the comfort of relationships, and the excitement of learning about Jesus. Help us to continue this experience of a warm Sabbath at PMC by giving to the PMC Operating Expense.

Master Guide Skills Development

TODAY

PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

3:00 PM – Evangelism

4:15 PM – Lead a Child to Christ

5:30 PM – Spiritual Gifts

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us this evening as Harvey Burnett presents, "Jesus Is Always There."

Pathfinder Food Collection

The Evergreen Pathfinders are collecting Loma Linda Big Franks for the International Food Fair. Proceeds from the Food Fair will go towards our Mission Trip. Drop off your cans of Big Franks at PMC, marked Pathfinders. If you would like to make a monetary donation, mark your tithe envelope, "Pathfinders." Thank you for your prayers and support.

Mentor for Teens

Are you interested in being a long-term mentor for teens at the Berrien County Juvenile Center? Every Sabbath 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).

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass present hymn classics with a contemporary flair. This group features three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, percussion and keyboards. 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.

Horn Lectureship Series

APRIL 3 • 7:00 PM

SDA SEMINARY CHAPEL

The next Siegfried H. Horn Lectureship Series is entitled "Characteristics of Cultural Production in the Iron Age Southern Levant" by Dr. Terje Stordalen from the Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo. Co-curricular credit will be offered. This event is free and open to the public.

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.

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" and 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.

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 Sabbath

APRIL 8 • PMC SANCTUARY

You are invited to attend a special worship service prepared by the International Students. Our guest speaker, Elder Leslie Louis, is the President of Carolina Conference of SDA. Come dressed in your traditional attire. As you remember, last year we made an appeal on behalf of our international students for a special offering for "international students emergency fund" and we are extremely grateful for last year's gift. We have been blessed to assist many of our students who had urgent needs (with groceries, eyeglasses, doctor's visits and so on). We would like your generous gift once again on April 8. Mark your tithe envelope—"International student fund." May God bless you abundantly and provide for you as you provide and care for our neediest. Thank you!

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 now through April 12 in Smith Hall Room 109 (Tuesdays—12 to 1 PM; Wednesdays—9 to 11 AM). Plots have been relocated by the AU track and Burman Hall (W. Campus Circle Drive). For questions call 269.471.6006 or email agriculture@andrews.edu.

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.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

APRIL 9 • 1:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Come to the monthly ARM potluck and enjoy music by Alan Mitchell and some of his wind instrument students. Chuck Peck will talk about "God's Abundant Pantry (GAP)." This potluck meeting is open to all Adventist retirees, not just retired Adventist Church employees. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the program and fellowship. For more information contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

Classical Seminary

APRIL 9 • 7:00 PM
SDA SEMINARY CHAPEL

You are invited to a free concert featuring the students and staff, faculty and friends of the SDA Theological Seminary. A light reception will follow.

Volunteers Needed

The young children's Sabbath School divisions are looking for volunteers. There are many ways to serve, whether in the background, up front, teaching the lesson, or playing piano. If interested or for more information, contact Claudia (bg1@pmchurch.org) or call/text 269.209.7081).

Music & Worship Conference

APRIL 20-22

This conference provides biblical training opportunities for church musicians, pastors, worship leaders, and anyone involved in worship ministry. Our theme is "We Are One: Cultivating Diverse Community through Christian Worship." In a world where division is increasingly evident, worshipping together as a diverse community offers us the opportunity to celebrate and practice our unity in Christ. To register and for more info visit www.cye.org/mwc.

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!

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Twyla Wall on the death of her husband, David Wall. David died on Friday, March 24. The family will be planning a private memorial brunch sometime in April. With Twyla Wall and family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

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 PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

April 4 • 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.

KINDERGARTEN VISITORS' DAY

April 5 • 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.



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See you there!