

PIONEER --- CONNECT

AUGUST 12, 2017

THE TALE OF TWO THIEVES AND THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE



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to Pioneer

"I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he" Deuteronomy 32:3-4 NIV.

What a wonderful privilege we have to come before the Monarch of the universe and to worship Him. Our God is a great loving and compassionate God. Our God is big enough to rule the whole universe yet small enough to dwell in our hearts. Let us thank God, that He is in our presence to bless, to encourage and lift us up as we worship Him. Welcome to worship and may the Lord bless you.

—Don Dronen



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EVANGELISM FAIL?

BY BEN MARTIN

With anticipation we loaded the Andrews University van and said our goodbyes. The mission road trip was underway. No one knew what to expect, but everyone was excited. The 8 high-school students and 4 sponsors climbed into the vehicle and hit the road.

First, we headed north and spent 3 nights camping and bonding in the Upper Peninsula. We explored nature and got to know each other. From there we drove down to Minneapolis where we spent the night in a school gym before making the trek to South Dakota.

We began our time in South Dakota

at the Native American Campmeeting, where our small band of students provided the programming for the youth and children. In that weekend we built relationships that will last for eternity. It was only then that we actually went to our primary destination.

We were going to Pine Ridge Reservation and the Adventist mission called Payabya. Pine Ridge Reservation is a world of its own. The average income in the county is \$4,000 with 98% of the people below the poverty line. There, the teen suicide rate is 4 times the national average, and life expectancy is 48 for males and 52 for females. There is clearly a need.

Although we were familiar with the statistics, we did not know what to expect. We had prepared by having a Native American from the Lakota tribe talk with the group. We had spent time at a Pow Wow and had Gary Burns, the Native Ministries Director for Lake Union, also share with the group in preparation. Yet here we were and we did not know what to expect.

We had planned an evangelistic series put on by the 8 students wherein each of them would share an aspect of their own story. When these stories were woven together it portrayed a beautiful picture of Christ and His desire for a relationship with each of us. Things did not go as planned, however. No one came.

We could have sat down and come up with a list of all the reasons no one showed up so that we could do better next time, but instead we thought, how can we make this work tomorrow? So the next day we piled into the van and, instead of inviting people to the meetings as we had done the previous day, we went door to door to connect with the community.

One thing that we had learned over and over again in our preparation for the trip is that the Native American culture is a story-based culture. When we were at the Pow Wow we discovered that everyone we met was more than willing to share stories with us if we just took the time to listen; so that is what we did that next day. As we prayed in the van that day, some in the group had their doubts. We left the van in pairs of 2 and fanned out into the community. The stories we heard were incredible. After we had listened to rich stories that had been passed down from generation to generation, our youth shared stories of what God has done in their lives. Each and every student came back to the van with an awesome encounter of how God had worked that afternoon.

We learned something that afternoon: we learned the secret to evangelism.

Evangelism has never and will never be a cut-and-dried formula. From the beginning, evangelism has been all-inclusive.

Paul put it this way in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, "For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings."

We learned something that day in South Dakota. We learned we need to try new things to reach the people we are not connecting with using the same method we have been using for years. We learned that if the Gospel is going to reach every nation and tribe and language and people, we need to be all things to all people so that we can connect with some. ■

Ben Martin is the pastor of Youth Ministries here at PMC.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship

Don Dronen

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait and in his words we hope;

Our souls wait for the Lord more than early workers for the dawn.

With the Lord there is constant love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he will redeem us from all our sin.

Let us worship God with joy.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Taurus Montgomery

Hymn of Praise

Nature With Open Volume Stands • 94, melody 154

Congregational Prayer

Don Dronen

Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Baptism

Lukwesa Chapi with Rodlie Ortiz

Worship in Music

Meditation • Jules Massenet

Tithes & Offerings

World Budget

Moderato / Blessed Assurance • Christian Finck / Phoebe Knapp

Children's Story

Taurus Montgomery

Scripture

Luke 23:32-43 ESV • Lynell DeWind & David Kipp

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine
and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Hymn of Preparation

There Is a Fountain Filled With Blood • st. 1-2 of 336

Sermon "The Tale of Two Thieves and the Man in the Middle" • Taurus Montgomery

Hymn of Commitment

Marvelous Grace • 109

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Marvelous Grace • Daniel Towner

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Isabel Ong, violin; Wen-Ting Ong, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

HOW IT'S STRUCTURED

Did you ever think of how a hymn melody is structured? Take today's closing hymn, for instance: "Marvelous Grace" (no. 109). It is divided, by barlines, into measures. Those measures combine into large phrases of four measures each to form eight phrases in the hymn's 32 measures. If we have an identifying letter assigned to each four-measure phrase of hymn melody,

with same letters if the melodic portions are the same (and different letters if the portions are different), then we could have this: A B A C D E D C. So we have three segments that occur twice in the hymn: A, C, and D, and two that occur only once: B and E. The repetition can make the hymn easier to learn and memorize: instead of 8 unique segments to memorize, there are only five! ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christina Carroll
Opening Song	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> • 86
Prayer	Judy Aitken
Scripture	Jeremiah 32:17
Welcome	Judy Aitken
Mission Feature	God of the Impossible • Julia O'Carey
Offertory	
Bible Study	"The Road to Faith" • 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	Christina Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach

Praise

Indescribable • I Will Follow • 10,000 Reasons

Prayer

Don Dronen

Tithes & Offerings

Moderato / Blessed Assurance • Christian Finck / Phoebe Knapp

Children's Story

Taurus Montgomery

Baptism

Danny Joy with Ben Martin

Worship in Music

Meditation • Jules Massenet

Sermon

"The Tale of Two Thieves and the Man in the Middle"

Taurus Montgomery

Connect Card

Marvelous Grace • 109

As We Depart

Marvelous Grace • Daniel Towner

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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VOCALS: Leo Aguilera, Gianna Bacchiocchi, Sammy Saint-Phard;
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Isabel Ong, violin; Wen-Ting Ong, piano

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NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 8:52
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:42

PIONEER PULPIT

| 08 • 19 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Ground Zero: Living in the Cross Hairs
(of Total Engagement)" • Fall Fellowship

| 08 • 26 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Ground Zero: I've Just Seen Jesus"
New Student Welcome

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET

Soon we'll be starting another school year and we'll have students from all around the world joining us for worship. We are blessed to worship and live in a community where you can hear a number of different languages being spoken as it is a reminder that we are part of a global church with members all around the world. Your offerings this week support our brothers and sisters in Christ who may sit in the pews beside you or who may be worshiping half-way around the world.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

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

Thank You

Thanks to all for the outpouring of caring at the time of my husband's death. Also for the flowers and the salad supper provided. These things make it easier to bear, during such a sad time. It is God's love being expressed by kind friends. We await the Resurrection with joy.
—Rebecca Twomley

New Student Picnic

AUGUST 26 • AFTER 2ND SERVICE
BETWEEN PMC AND THE SEMINARY

Help us welcome our new students with a picnic on the lawn immediately following second service on August 26. We need 75 volunteers to provide lunch for a table of 10, and fellowship with our new friends. Be a host at www.pmchurch.org/newstudentpicnic or call 471.3543. You will be contacted with details.

Family Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request or change to the Family Prayer Needs list, please contact the church clerk, Janna Quetz: clerk@pmchurch.org, or call 471.3133.

Health Tent at Berrien County Youth Fair

Every year the local Adventist churches host the Health Tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Thousands of people visit during Fair Week (August 14-19 this year) to learn about healthful living. You can be part of it! Sign up for one or more time slots at www.HealthTent.org. Learn more about the new format for the Health Tent and how you can support it with your donations.

District 9 Family Camp

SEPTEMBER 1-4
CAMP AU SABLE

Sunday, August 13, is the LAST day to make your reservations for the fun & spiritually filled Labor Day weekend at Camp Au Sable. Applications can be found at the PMC receptionist's desk or online at www.districtnine.wix.com/home. For more information contact Ric Streelman at 269.208.7172.

Adventurer Leaders/Teacher Needed

The PMC Adventurer Club is looking for a dynamic, interactive and creative teacher to lead our Little Lambs class (4-year-olds) for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, we need assistant leaders to help in various leadership areas. Please contact us at adventurers@pmchurch.org.

PMC Primary Sabbath School

Your Primary Sabbath school is looking for table teachers and program leaders to volunteer for the coming year. To help please contact Deborah at 574.210.0909 or email drpark@andrews.edu.

Scrapbooking Together

AUGUST 20 • 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your projects and enjoy time with your fellow scrapbookers and card makers. Bring a snack and we will provide the chocolate and prizes. Questions? Call Sherrie at 471-3134.

Elkhart Adventist Christian School

Elkhart Adventist Christian School is looking for garden and carpentry tools, as well as sewing machines. To help please call Cathy at 269.470.8510.

Village Adventist Elementary School

Village Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time Spanish para-professional teacher, and after-school care providers. Email wbaldwin@vaes.org.

Walking in Johnson Gym

There is free walking in the Johnson Gym 5 days a week, Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 AM for all age groups.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements. Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

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RECEIVED TO-DATE	315,303
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	310,408

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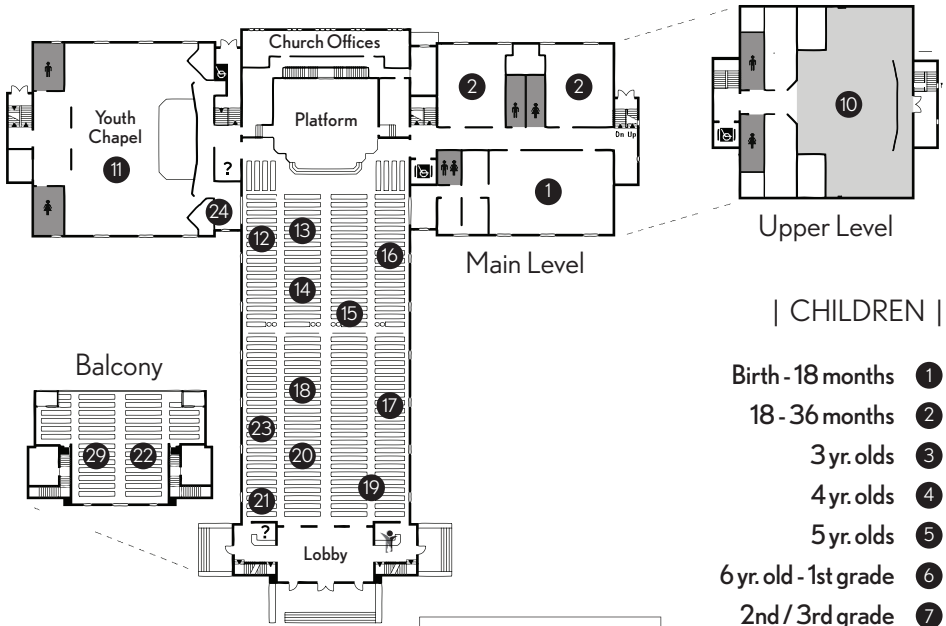
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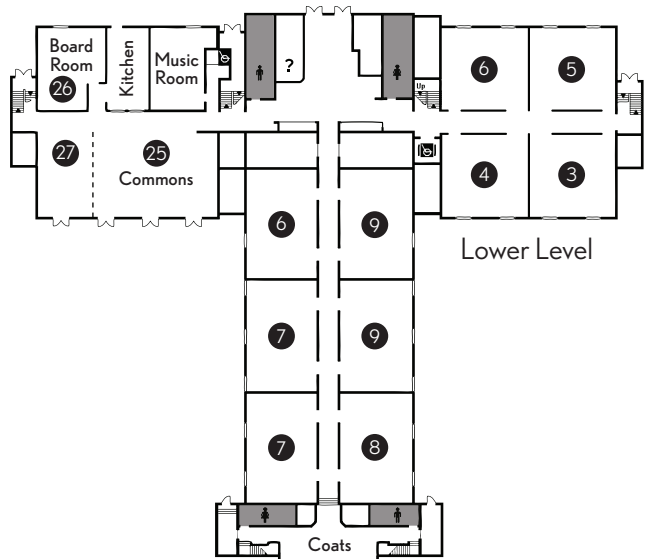
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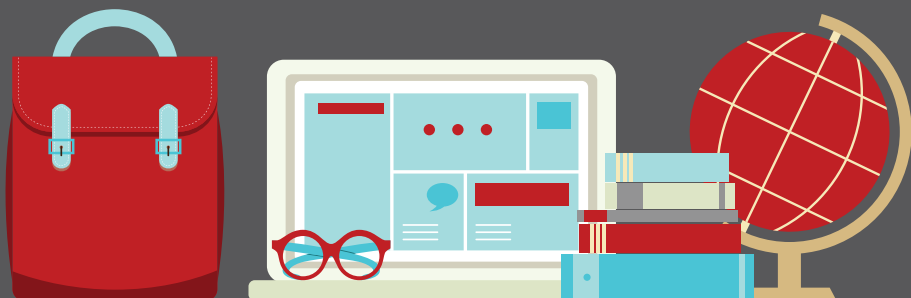
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