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GROUND ZERO:

Living in the Cross Hairs
(of Total Engagement)

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WELCOME

to Pioneer

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below." These are the opening lyrics of a hymn (no. 695) sung every week as worship leaders would enter the platform in the church I grew up in. After a while this repetition diminished the value of the hymn. Then the words really sank in during my personal worship this week. When "all creatures here below" are to "Praise Him" it is in effect proclaiming the Sovereignty of God. At the same time, it places me in my proper place with the rest of the human race—I'm in fellowship with the rest of His creation in my praise of Him. I invite you this morning as we are gathered in this place of worship together to "Praise Him" and in doing so welcome each other into fellowship.

—José Bourget

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"ECLIPSE THE SON"

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

This Monday the continent of North America will have a rare front row seat to an eclipse of the sun, when the moon will silently, slowly pass between the sun and the earth for a few fleeting moments—a moment NASA is calling "one of nature's most awe-inspiring sights" (<https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/eclipse-who-what-where-when-and-how>). How rare this moment? As it turns out, a solar eclipse occurs every 18 months somewhere on the face of this earth. But because 70% of the earth's surface is water, most solar eclipses occur where there is no one below to witness them. Not so this time. For the first time in 26 years this nation will host this eclipse. In fact 12 million Americans are living in the 70-mile wide "band of totality," stretching from Lincoln Beach, Oregon, to Charleston, South Carolina, and will hopefully (depending on the cloud cover Monday) have the chance to personally witness that singular moment when day will turn to night.

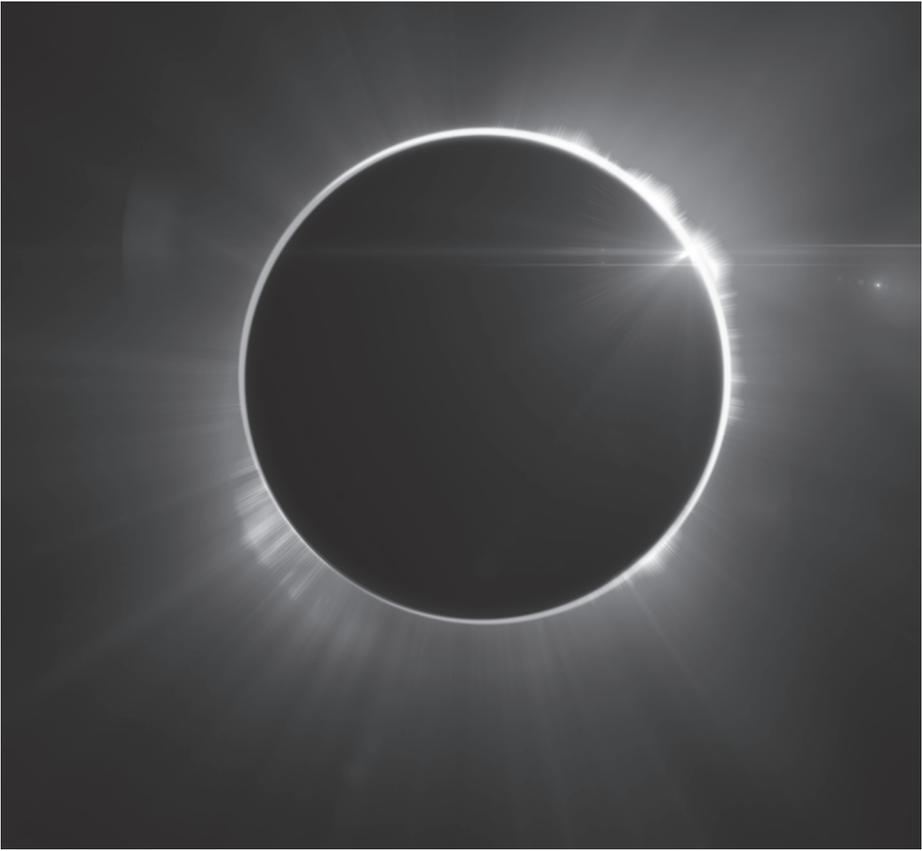
And no, that band of totality does not include Berrien Springs, Michigan. But the good news is we will witness 84.86% of a total eclipse of the sun (with the partial eclipse beginning at 12:58:56 PM ET, the maximum eclipse occurring at 2:22:14 PM and the end of partial eclipse at 3:44:28 PM). If you're going to be somewhere else, here's a website to calculate the magnitude and times for the eclipse where you'll be (<https://www.space.com/33797-total-solar-eclipse-2017-guide.html>).

So amateur astronomers that we all are, let's meet beneath the heavens of our Creator on Monday afternoon and be awed with the clockwork precision and splendor with which He guides this universe. **"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1).**

HOW EASY IT IS FOR ME TO ECLIPSE THE FACE OF JESUS.

WARNING—DO NOT OBSERVE THE ECLIPSE WITHOUT PROTECTIVE EYE WEAR. Amazon has had to recall "eclipse glasses" sold through the internet because it has been unable to confirm this model of glasses was manufactured by a recommended manufacturer. Go to <https://eclipse.aas.org/resources/solar-filters> for a list of reputable manufacturers.

Let's be honest. In this alignment of what to us earth children are the three most important heavenly bodies in the solar system, perhaps the universe—there is an awe of the mysterious, the mystique of Creation itself. I like the way Jeffrey Kluger put it in an essay for TIME: "Despite all the hype, the moon has nothing planned for Aug. 21. . . . The sun has nothing special planned either. . . . That's how things go in the clockwork cosmos, and yet once in



a while, there's poetry in the machinery. Once in a while, the wheels click in synchrony and the indifferent universe offers up a rare spectacle . . . as the moon's orbit crosses in front of the sun at the precise spot to eclipse its face and appear to snuff its fires" (TIME August 21, 2017).

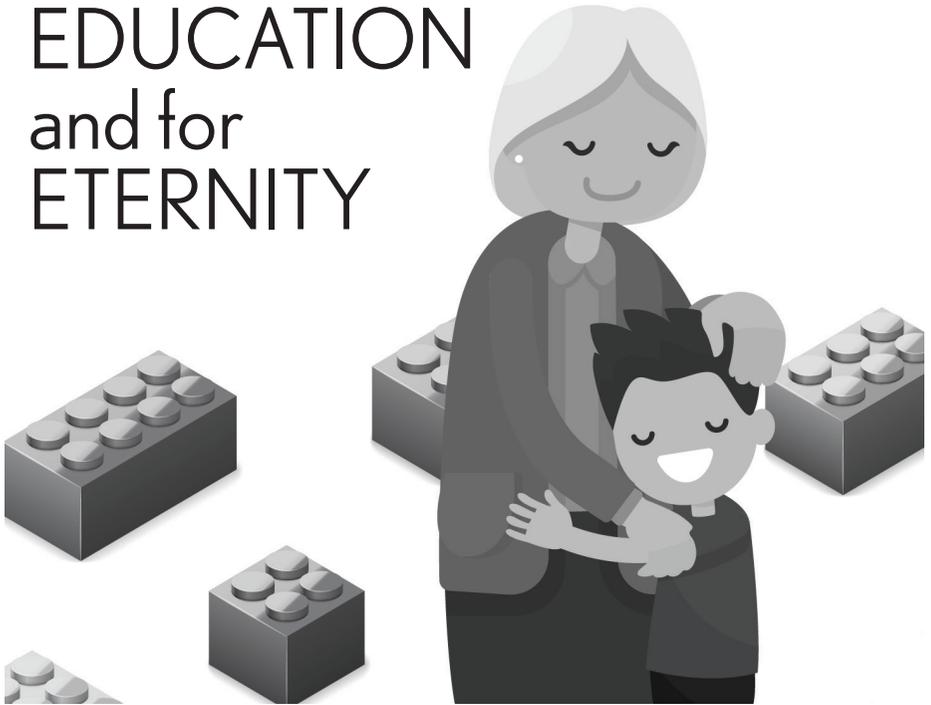
"To eclipse its face and appear to snuff its fires"—do we do that, too, with the Sun of Righteousness, eclipse Him in front of others? How easy it is for me—by my careless words, my vain actions, even my private thoughts—to eclipse the face of Jesus. How careless of me to slip between someone else and the Savior, so I block the beam of glory Christ was hoping to shine into that person's life at that very moment. Like the lightless, gloryless moon, I intentionally or accidentally inject my "self" into the picture and block what could have

been a beautiful moment between God and that soul.

"I [GK ego] am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I [ego], but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Through this quiet daily confession, you and I can reverse the eclipse. Instead of ego eclipsing Him, let's ask Him to eclipse us. Then no one will need protective glasses. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.org/blog.

PARTNERING for CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and for ETERNITY



BY EVELYN P. SAVORY

Since 2015 Ruth Murdoch Elementary School (RMES) has partnered with Southern Adventist University in a grant program called Partnering for Eternity (PFE). The program is designed to encourage student involvement in service and in forming mutually beneficial, learning relationships with the elderly. PFE also provides a unique opportunity for students in Adventist elementary schools to earn as much as one-quarter of their tuition.

Any interested student, kindergarten through eighth grade, is eligible to apply for the PFE program. PFE requires students, accompanied by a parent, to spend a minimum of one hour per week in service activities with an adult 65 years and older. A qualifying adult is called a Senior Mentor (SM). Students bring joy to the lives of the SM through a variety of fun activities such as reading, playing games, and when appropriate, light housework. After each visit students reflect on and

document their experience with the SM.

Last year 20 students participated in the PFE program at RMES. The following are reflections and attestations from two families about the benefits they derived from involvement in PFE. Mrs. Henry shared, "Last school year my son André and I engaged in a journey with Partnership for Eternity. This chapter of our lives turned out to be rewarding for us both as we quickly discovered that what we thought would be an opportunity for God to use us to bless others would in fact be an experience where we gained far more blessings than we shared.

We started with Ms. M, an elderly woman in her 90s, but full of a vibrant spirit. We were eager to help with chores, which she graciously allowed us to do: light laundry, vacuuming, and raking leaves. But what Ms. M appreciated most was just the opportunity to visit and talk with us. We loved her many stories of the "good ole days" in Southwest Michigan and about her family, hobbies, and journey through life. She and André shared a common hobby of rock collecting. She showed him her collection and taught him about rocks. Our journey with Ms. M, was shortened because she left to spend the winter in a warmer climate.

We then connected with Ms. E, who formed an instant bond with André. She became more than a mentor, almost a surrogate grandmother. Ms. E, who likes to be called "Nana E," loves children. André and Nana E both love Legos. As a senior in her 80s her sight was not as sharp as it used to be. This made completing her complex Lego projects difficult. She was excited to have a young friend with sharp eyesight, great dexterity, and similar passion to help her finish her Lego sculptures. They spent hours,

beyond the allotted time, on Legos. André particularly remembers the time he and Nana E baked peanut butter cookies and built Legos. It was a most memorable experience for him."

Steven and his brother, Ivan Mawrie looked forward to visiting their SM every week. Mrs. Mawrie attests, "The PFE program has been a big help to my family. It has been a great opportunity to provide a chance for interaction and learning, which I believe helped to strengthen friendship and exposed my sons to the joy of service. It is so nice to have a school that encourages them in service activities, and gives an opportunity to learn responsibility

while earning money for their school bill."

Through PFE, please help RMES make Adventist education more affordable for participating students.

Here's what we need: **1** Seniors to match with students; **2** volunteers to help run the PFE program as Mentor Liaison, Parent Liaison, or Community Networker. Please email me at esavory@andrews.edu or Vida, the business manager at vidag@andrews.edu, or call RMES at 269.471.3220 if you would like to assist or need more information about PFE. Thank you in advance for your support and interest. ■

Evelyn P. Savory is the principal at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

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FALL FELLOWSHIP DEDICATION

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Opening Voluntary

I Believe in One God • Wolfgang Mozart

Introit

Teach Me, Father • Harold Miller

Call to Worship

José Bourget

Come and hear God's voice. Our God speaks to the faithful who listen.

By God's word we are restored and revived.

Come and call upon God. Our God is willing to hear us.

By God's grace, we who ask will receive.

Doxology

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Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

The Lord Is My Light • st. 1-2, 4 of 515

Congregational Prayer

José Bourget
Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High • Kenneth Logan

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • Wayne Wold

Children's Story

Daniel Gonzalez, Biology Dept.

Scripture

John 16:12-15 NIV • Terry and Yolande Robertson

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Hymn of Preparation

My Song Shall Be of Jesus • 244

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Sermon

"Ground Zero: Living in the Cross Hairs (of Total Engagement)"
Dwight K. Nelson

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Christon Arthur with Kathryn Hickerson

Prayer of Dedication

Response

David Nowack
The Lord Bless You and Keep You • 669

Closing Voluntary

Be Not Afraid (from Elijah) • Felix Mendelssohn

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Elsy Gallardo-Diaz, horn

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 the sake of mortals. Today's Worship in Music takes for its melody hymn no. 404, to which this

text often is sung. Today's version takes this melody and weaves a commentary intended to invoke richness of reflection about God's love. Why not follow the text of no. 148 while the music sounds today? Follow Jesus in this hymn, taking mortal form, being baptized, and through to His sending the Holy Spirit "to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Welcome

Ben Martin

Prayer

John Kent

Scripture

Michael Castillo

Special Feature

South Dakota Mission Road Trip

Offertory

Bible Study

"From Slaves to Heirs" • 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

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Joshua Goines

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As We Begin

I Believe in One God • Wolfgang Mozart

Praise

The Blood • I'm Under the Blood of the Lamb • Worthy Is the Lamb

Prayer

José Bourget and June Price

Tithes & Offering

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light • Wayne Wold

Children's Story

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Fruitful Trees • Kenneth Logan

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Litany of Dedication (page 12)

Andrea Luxton with Jeannie Leiterman

Prayer of Dedication

Glenn Russell

Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You • 669

As We Depart

Be Not Afraid (from Elijah) • Felix Mendelssohn

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; VOCALS: Debbie Weithers, Emily Carlson,
Jonathan Constantine, Myrna Constantine WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Michael Gibson, guitar;
Adriana Perera, piano; Ronnie Zanella, violin; Kenneth Logan, organ

LITANY OF DEDICATION

ANDREWS UNIVERSITY FALL FELLOWSHIP SABBATH

PRESIDENT/PROVOST*: Standing before God on the eve of this new year, we affirm our mission as a Seventh-day Adventist school of higher education, expressed in our theme: "Total Engagement—Building the Kingdom."

FACULTY/STAFF: We recognize God's call to both engage and enlist the minds and hearts of the next generation: "Keep a close watch on yourself and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right, and God will save you and those who hear you" (1 Timothy 4:16).

PASTOR: Wasn't this the mission Christ Himself embraced: "For this reason I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice" (John 18:37)?

PRESIDENT/PROVOST*: Then day and night let us listen to His voice, we who are called by the Spirit of Jesus to testify to His truth and build His Kingdom. "I am the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6). By *what* we teach and *how* we teach, may the truth of Jesus be reflected through us to our students.

FACULTY/STAFF: We accept His "total engagement" command: "A new commandment I give you that you love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34-35)?

PRESIDENT/PROVOST*: But what about His "total engagement" admonition: "Keep a close watch on yourself and on your teaching"?

FACULTY/STAFF: We accept the Holy Spirit's counsel and will seek to prepare and shape the next generation, that they, too, may follow the Savior and build His Kingdom.

PRESIDENT/PROVOST*: Then may the God who entrusts the next generation to us empower us to equip them in the Holy Spirit's Kingdom mission to reach this civilization before Christ returns. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

FACULTY/STAFF: Amen.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

PASTOR: And Amen.

*First Service

SUBMIT announcements for the PMC BULLETIN by visiting our form online at 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 • 8:42
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DWIGHT K. NELSON

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

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Ground Zero and the New Reformation:
How to Be Baptized with the Holy Spirit" –1

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

Since summer is still in full swing it's hard to think about the cool weather that will be here before we know it. If you've lived in this area for more than a year you too know that the cold weather will be coming and what a blessing it is to walk into a warm church on those cold days. Today's offering for the PMC operating expense will help ensure that even though the cold winds may soon blow outside that we can enjoy warm fellowship inside of a warm building.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Vespers this evening will include viewing and discussing an education video by Scott Ritsema.

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.

We Mourn

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Virginia Taber who passed away on August 9. Funeral services are pending at this time. With Diane and family we pray, "Come Soon, Lord Jesus."

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.

House of Prayer

AUGUST 30 • 7AM AND 7PM

On Wednesday, August 30, at 7AM (youth chapel) and again at 7PM (sanctuary) House of Prayer moves into a new season focusing on how to be baptized by the Holy Spirit. Join others in this intercessory prayer experience at the time that fits your week. We will share Helmut Haubel's powerful appeal (English translation), Steps to Revival: Being Filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 4:31.

Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

PMC TEEN LOFT

Join us for a new season of music making at our weekly rehearsals. If you've sung with us before and are unable to return this fall, please leave any borrowed folders or music at the PMC Reception Desk. If you are returning, please bring them to our next rehearsal. We hope to see you there. Contact: Marguerite Samuel - marguerite.brennen@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/margueritesamuel.

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 269.473.8274.

Knitting Hearts Together

AUG 22 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

MACCARTY HOME

The Knitting Hearts Together group will meet again this Tuesday. For more information, leave a message for Alice Williams at 269.461.6815.

Solar Eclipse Trip with Andrews University

The Department of Physics has planned an overnight trip to Highland Academy in Portland, Tennessee, for a 100% viewing of the solar eclipse on August 21. This is the first total solar eclipse to cross the United States since 1979. Visit www.andrews.edu/cas/physics/2017solarecliptrip/ for more information (including itinerary) and to register. Questions? Call Kelly at 269.471.3430.

Grief Share Support Group

SEPTEMBER 10 • 4:00 TO 6:00 PM

VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

A support group for those mourning the loss of a spouse, family member, or friend is available at the Village SDA Church, Fireside Room. If you have questions, call Shirley Gammon 989.427.5669 or Linda Pellandini 517.243.2767.

SciFest & ArtFest 2017

SEPTEMBER 21-23 • AU

Register for the annual STEM weekend offering high-school students a unique college experience. Explore the seven STEM departments at Andrews with this year's theme, Cells. ArtFest will run concurrently on campus with the theme, Building Blocks. Explore and participate in the many events planned. For SciFest information email stemconnect@andrews.edu; for ArtFest information email commdept@andrews.edu.

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.

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