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New Pioneer Memorial Church Senior Pastor Selected

On March 22, 2023, Shane N. Anderson was confirmed as senior pastor of Pioneer Memorial Church, becoming the fifth lead pastor to shepherd the campus church of Andrews University.

He replaces Dwight Nelson who [announced](#) he is stepping away from the Pioneer pulpit.

Since 2004, Pastor Shane has served as senior pastor of the New Market Seventh-day Adventist Church in New Market, Virginia. The church, which has 700 active participants, also operates the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School and is the campus church for Shenandoah Valley Academy.

"For many years now, PMC has been one of the leading churches in our global Adventist community. God has worked mightily through this dynamic and diverse congregation, and I am excited to have been called to serve as its lead pastor!" says Pastor Shane.

He continues, "I am grateful to Dr. Dwight Nelson for his leadership over the last four decades. His work at PMC has been filled with passion and vigor, and it is an honor to succeed him in leadership. I am looking forward to getting to know the members of the Pioneer and Andrews family, and to discover the ways God has chosen for us to work together to achieve His goals."



Sixteen Pathfinder Teams Advance to Division Finals

Thirty-three Lake Union Pathfinder teams gathered on March 18 at the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to test their knowledge of the book of John and its corresponding Bible commentary.

Teams scoring 90% or higher earn 1st place and can advance to the next level. Of the 33 teams who made it to the union level, 16 placed 1st and now move on to the division level.

"Making it to the Union level is an accomplishment. But going to the Division level is just the topping on the cake. We're so proud of the teams who've made it this far," says Craig Harris who has the dual title of Pathfinder director for Michigan Conference and Lake Union Club ministries coordinator.

The Pathfinder Bible Experience encourages teams to thoroughly study the Bible. Pathfinders accept the challenge of memorizing chapters and, in some cases, entire books of the Bible.

"The best thing for me is studying the Bible more in-depth. You get to learn and memorize these stories and take it to heart," says Jacob Rushford, a pathfinder from Wisconsin's Waukesha Warriors.

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Reflections on the Adventist Musicians Who Made History at the Chicago Symphony

It was the end of the 2023 US tour of the world-renowned and famous, appreciated and beloved conductor Maestro Herbert Blomstedt, who celebrated his 95th birthday last year. Five weeks of rehearsals and concerts with various

Now the final week had arrived, starting March 6: Three concerts with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at their home, Chicago Symphony Hall, were to take place. Two evening events on Thursday, March 9 and Saturday, March 11, and an afternoon concert on Sunday, March 12.

Leading out were two Seventh-day Adventists: Maestro Herbert Blomstedt and Celloist Andrei Ionita together on the stage of a top orchestra.

"This is Advent history!" the Maestro himself put it this way, quite enthusiastically.

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Students Provide Natural Witness on Florida Biology Trip

Students from Village Adventist Elementary School recently went for a week of nature-based learning in the Florida Keys. The trip included snorkeling, an airboat tour, beach clean-up, a nature hike, and mission work. Their outreach included signing people up for bible studies, inviting them to church health events, and a project to paint part of a church. Furthermore, they witnessed unintentionally to those around them just by being loving and lovable Christians.

According to Stacy Gusky, who helped with logistics and was also the camp chef, a couple showed up as tent neighbors in Florida at the same time the school campsite was getting set up. The staff were intentional about daily building a connection with their new neighbors. On a Thursday, the couple expressed that they were impressed with the youth. It was dark and the kids could be running around everywhere; but instead, they were sitting and singing with their youth pastor, Junior Vertus from Village Church, and having a great time doing so.

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beyond) will hold fire drills on Safety Sabbath to help their congregation be equipped in case of a fire or other emergency. When you register, Adventist Risk Management provides drills and actionable resources as well as flyers, videos, and graphics to reach out to others.

[Register Here](#)



New interactive Bible discussion series, delves into Biblical themes and stories depicted in Season 1 of the hit television series, "The Chosen." Hosted by Ty Gibson and David Asscherick. Hope Channel premiere on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 8 p.m. EDT, with new episodes aired every week.



The Next Big Thing

What: 180° SYMPOSIUM 2023
When: March 27-29, 2023
Where: Andrews University | Virtual

Submit a paper or come to participate in the discussions and recommendations with youth ministry practitioners, administrators, and academicians.

For more information: cye.org/180 or contact Steve Case [via email](mailto:steve@vivetheyouth.org) or at (916) 849-7676



SAVE THE DATE

What: ASI Lake Union
When: April 28-29, 2023
Where: Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, IL
Guest Speaker: Neil Nedley, M.D., President, Weimar Institute

For more information, visit www.asilakeunion.org.



Conectate :: June 2-4, 2023

Join main speaker Pr. Arnaldo Cruz on June 2-4, 2023 for Lake Union Conference's 7th Bilingual Youth Congress, Conectate. The congress will be held at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University. **Catch the early bird registration rate through Feb. 28 at conectateluc.com.**



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PROJECT SAFE CHURCH

Project Safe Church exists to train leaders to take action in response to the systemic crisis of abuse in the Seventh-day Adventist church. The Project involves training pastors and church leaders to create a visible reporting mechanism, as well as the ability to connect victims with trained practitioners.

Visit the [Project Safe Church website](#) for more information.

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Photos of the Week





This week, students from across the Lake Union have been enjoying a week off for Spring Break. While some are taking a well earned breather at home, some are abroad on mission trips. Students from Wisconsin Academy, Great Lakes Adventist Academy, and the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University are on mission trips to Puerto Rico and Cuba, respectively.

[Top: Wisconsin Academy in Puerto Rico. Left, Right: Andrews Theological Seminary in Cuba.]



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