

MAY 30, 2020

Live Stream ONLY

www.metrodachurch.org

STUDYING TOGETHER

9:30 a.m. Adult SS Lesson 9: Creation: Genesis as Foundation, Part 2

Co-Hosts: Pastor Bentley & Ken Russell

Text Sabbath School Related Questions & Comments to Ken Russell at 248-437-7707

WORSHIPPING

TOGETHER

10:45 a.m. Welcome & Announcements: Pr. Bentley

Worship in Prayer: Ken Russell

Special Music: “The Lord’s Prayer” ~ Ginger Bentley

Scripture Reading: Esther 4:10-14 ~ Ken Russell

Sermon: “Primitive Godliness: Consecrated” ~ Pr. Bentley

Benediction: Pr. Bentley

Offering: Evangelism

Please consider giving online at www.metrodachurch.org

Offering Appeal: As Joanne listened to Strong Tower Radio in Canada, she wondered how a MI station was reaching her town. It shouldn't reach “that far.” The radio messages touched her heart and she sensed Christ personally speaking to her. During program breaks, she heard advertisements for Jesus on Prophecy beginning soon. She called Strong Tower Station and asked where the closest site was. It was 5 hours away in Carp Lake, MI! However, Joanne was not deterred, because she knew that God wanted her to go. Joanne packed her camper and headed south. On opening night, the church gladly gave her permission to camp in the parking lot during the series. She soaked up every subject as she searched the Scriptures nightly for the truth that was setting her free. On the off nights at Carp Lake, she attended meetings in Petoskey. His love for her led her to accept Him and receive the truth that He opened to her. Her life was forever transformed. At the end of the series, she joyfully accepted the invitation for baptism. Back home in Canada, Joanne’s passion for Jesus leads her to be a missionary in her local area. She is eager to share Jesus will all that she meets and invites many to church. Friend, how has God used you this week? Let your heart commit to Jesus right now to be used as a light for Him wherever you are. The offering this week goes to further the mission and outreach efforts right here in MI to ensure the light of the Everlasting Gospel can burn brightly to those that Jesus is drawing to Himself in your community!

Sunset Today: 9:03

Sunset Next Sabbath: 9:08

Announcements



Second Reading of Transfer:

Mike & Donna Vild to Bremerton SDA Church

"Primitive Godliness" is the current sermon series through which we seek to uncover the basics of what it means to live for the Lord and to embrace the righteousness of Christ. Don't miss a single installment of this important, life-changing series, and please invite your friends and family to watch as well.

Congrats!! to our Metro Junior Academy 8th grade graduates. May the Lord bless you as you enter your high school years.

"Forward to the Finish" Make plans now to tune in via live stream to a first-time virtual camp meeting experience June 12-20. The Michigan Conference and the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church are partnering to bring you this Spirit-filled event. Each night, the guest speakers will present Bible characters who had to learn what it meant to stay the course God directed for their lives. There will also be seminars available during the day to enrich your walk with the Lord. Our very own Pr. Bentley will be the evening speaker for Tuesday, June 16th. For more information visit: www.villagesda.org/cm.

"Daily Dose of Encouragement" "It's not too late to be added." This is a brief OneCall phone message with a Scripture reading and prayer that Pr. Bentley is offering for those who want to receive it. To opt in, please email Ginger at info@metroisdachurch.org or text her at 989.948.3521 and you will be added to the list. The calls will continue each day at 10 am except on Sabbaths through our church closure period.

Welcome in the Sabbath: Would you like to welcome in the Sabbath with your Metro family? Simply call in and do so. Friday evening at 8:30 p.m., you are invited to call into the pastor's free conference call number as we welcome in the Sabbath together. Pr. Bentley will share a brief devotional thought and then we will take some prayer requests before we pray. To participate, simply follow these instructions:

- 1) Dial 605.313.5375
- 2) The automated voice will ask you to enter your access code. Punch in 463992# and you will be asked to say your name and join the call.
- 3) If you have a cell phone, please mute your line after coming on the call. If you cannot mute your call, please be mindful to call in from a quiet space in your home and remember everyone can hear what you do and say.
- 4) If you have any trouble dialing in, please reach out to Ginger as I will be leading the call. Ginger's cell is 989.948.3521.

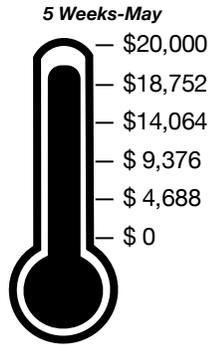
Metro Mid-week is all about "Praise, Prayer & Proclamation!" Keep a keen eye on your email for an invitation to join the zoom conference this coming Wednesday at 7 p.m. Pr. Bentley will send out an invitation link and instructions on how to join in. If you do not currently receive the church emails but would like to begin doing so, please send your name and email address to info@metroisdachurch.org. Mid-week is Live Streamed as well.

Trust Services Invitation: Would you like the option to give a gift for God’s work AND receive income from that gift—for life? You can do it with a Charitable Gift Annuity. Your income will not decrease if the stock market falls, and part of the income is non-taxable. For more information call the Michigan Conference Trust Services and Planned Giving Department at 517-316-1520.

From Treasury:

CHURCH BUDGET

Online Giving: Thank you all for remaining faithful to the Lord's work during this time of crisis. Some may be tempted to hold back from returning a faithful tithe and giving offerings, but I want to encourage you to remain faithful to the Lord because He is always faithful to us. You can give online at the church's website at www.metrodachurch.org and click "Secure Online Giving".



Month-to-date Goal \$19,238
 Collected 4 of 5 wks \$18,484
Over/(Under) for May 23rd: (\$755)
YTD Over/(Under) as of May 23rd: (\$5,976)

*Please make checks to
 "Metro SDA Church."
 Undesignated or "Loose" offerings go
 towards the offering of the day.*

WORTHY STUDENT FUNDS

Year-to-date Goal \$19,080
 Collected to date \$17,495

Over/(Under) (\$1,586)

RENOVATION NEEDS

Monthly Loan Payment of \$1,508
 Month-to-date collected is \$1,280
 Remaining loan balance is \$93,612



STAFF DIRECTORY

Church & School Address

15585 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI 48170
www.metrodachurch.org

Pastor

248-767-2730 cell

First Elder

248-207-3160 cell

Head Deacon

248-396-3213 cell

Head Deaconess

248-701-0165 cell

Treasurer

734-262-0303 cell

A.V. Coordinator

586-495-2713 cell

Church/Bulletin Secretary

734-420-3131 office

Darryl Bentley

pastorbentley@gmail.com

Nick Conner

nsconner@aol.com

Jeff Baxter

jeffreybaxtersr@gmail.com

Julie Verhelle

julieverhelle@gmail.com

Miriam Schmidt

treasurer@metrodachurch.org

Rick Rosekrans

rrosekra@aol.com

Ginger Bentley

info@metrodachurch.org

bulletin@metrodachurch.org

Church Closure: Please note that the church will be closed to all regular meetings at least through June 15th.

Sabbath School Materials - Options:

* You will find the lessons online at the following website: <https://www.ssnet.org/lessons/20b/less01.html>

* You will find the lessons on the Sabbath School app: [If you have an iPhone or iPad, click here](#). If you have an [Android-based device, please click here](#). All children's and adult lessons are available.

* Hard copies of the lessons are in a plastic tub outside of the front door of the church.

* If you'd prefer hard copies of the Sabbath School lessons mailed to you or dropped off on your front porch, please email KelliMarquette@gmail.com, and she will arrange for this.

Spiritual Care from Pastor Bentley:

I am fully aware that Gov. Whitmer has told us to all shelter in place unless we have to take care of an essential need. She has also exempted churches from this new executive order ([click here to read more](#)), but we as a conference will be socially responsible and not hold services, but we do want to help meet your spiritual needs.

In light of that, there are several ways in which we can help out:

- 1) **Prayer.** If you have a prayer need, please share that with Ginger who is helping me track prayer requests. Her cell is 989.948.3521.
- 2) **Grocery/Pharmacy Runs.** Several of our members have said they are willing to go and purchase groceries for you if you are physically unable to do so or are in one of the higher-risk categories. Again, please reach out to Ginger to make such a request.
- 3) **Other Needs.** If you have another need that perhaps we can meet, please feel free to reach out to me directly at 248.767.2730.

**Metropolitan
SDA Junior
Academy**

Metro Messenger

Announcements
May 28, 2020
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Digital Version

Dear Students,

Words cannot express how thankful I am for each and every one of you! You have blessed my life in ways you could not believe. I love seeing each of your shining faces in the hallways and classrooms each day. You are what I enjoy most about my job as a teacher. I can't imagine spending my days any other way. I love teaching you, but you teach me things, too.. You teach me patience, kindness, respect, and perseverance. I see how hard you work. I see the way you help one another. I see when you share. I see the way you support each other. I see the innocence in your eyes, and the willing spirit that we adults can learn from. Metropolitan Junior Academy holds and will always hold a special place in my heart because it's students are spectacular! You are treasures from heaven, a precious gift from God and I praise Him that I am granted the opportunity to work at His school. I know we did not end the school year together in the classroom the way we usually do. We were not able to hug each other goodbye, but I want you to know that you are loved. My prayer is that you are not only well-prepared for this life, but also that you are prepared to be citizens of the Heavenly Kingdom. I miss you. I love you. See you next year!

With love,

Mrs. Arvizu

PS: A special shout out to my Spanish 1 class 10th graders, Jaylan and Annika, you will be missed.

To all our MJA students, staff and volunteers:

Thank you for welcoming my wife, daughter and I into the MJA family this year. It has been a privilege teaching and getting to know you. I pray that you each have a safe, happy and enjoyable summer. Remember Romans 8:38, 39 says "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Keep on talking to Jesus, spend time with Him every day, and always shine for Him. I look forward to seeing all of you next school year.

To our tenth graders: Jalen and Annika, I will miss having you in my classroom. I know God has special plans for both of you. May you always lean on Him in all you do and hold Him ever so close to your heart. Please keep in touch!

To our eighth graders: Congratulations Drew, Angel, Shaun and Gustavo. You are, officially, in high school now. A desk is awaiting you in my classroom next year, so prepare to learn, study and learn more.

Sincerely,

Mr. Elenich

A message from Mrs. Weaver to all her students, who are really missed a lot!

When things are entirely out of your control, the best thing to do is to figure out how to come out better on the other side. This tip is central to what we know about true education...
God created us to learn how to show everyone, especially ourselves, who God really is... He created us in His own image. (Gen. 1;27)

Our job is to keep learning how to live to honor that creation....YOU!
Even though we can't control pandemics and quarantines and governments and sicknesses, we can control our response and reaction to everything.
Here are a few important lessons we can learn from this new human experience we're having...

1. Your health is your greatest asset. Because without health, you can't truly experience life. It's your responsibility to yourself, to God and to others to make this a top priority!
You were created with a likeness to the Master, physically, mentally, spiritually.
Education P.15

2. You get to decide your response to anything! Run and hide or live in the spirit that God created you for.... Strength and power! *God has not given us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power and love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7*

3. Motivation is created by you, not something that just happens to you or someone gives to you. Many people are struggling with motivation around exercise, getting stuff done around the house, eating well, making time for prayer or studying the Bible.
Waiting for motivation means waiting a long time. **Motivation comes from taking *action* that gets you a *result*.**

When you choose to move in the direction of God and his truth you bring all of heavens unseen intelligence and power to Yourself. Education P.14

So.... go take that walk, play that game outside, do that kind deed, cook that healthy recipe..... choose to MOVE toward a better life that shows who God really is!

Jump Rope Update

Due to the COVID-19 situation Jump Rope for Heart was cancelled this year. However, several students had already been busy contacting their sponsors. Below is a listing of the names and amounts that they had collected. These donations will benefit the American Heart Association. Thank you students!

Nadia \$310, Nathaniel \$227, Siena \$127, Christian \$62, Annika \$50, Caleb \$25, Rachel \$25 and Drew \$20.

Below is a message from our American Heart Assn. representative regarding prizes won by these students for the donations they collected:

With schools across the country closed, we have made the difficult decision to delay our mailing of any thank you gifts for the time being. It is so important to us that we are able to recognize the hard work of our students and we don't want any items to get lost in the mail during this challenge time. As schools re-open we will be in close contact to determine the best timing to get our gifts to the schools. We absolutely want to recognize all of our amazing students who have worked so hard to support our important mission.