

PIONEER

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OCTOBER 14, 2017

A black and white portrait of Martin Luther, looking slightly to the right. The face is overlaid with various words in different fonts and sizes, including 'Church', 'POPE', '1517', 'reach', 'I', 'the', 'of', 'and', 'the', 'new', 'reformation', 'I', 'a', 'Poor', 'Stinking', 'Bag', 'of', 'Dung'. The background is dark and textured.

the story of
**MARTIN
LUTHER**
and the new reformation

*“I, a Poor, Stinking
Bag of Dung”*

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WELCOME

to Pioneer




Welcome members and guests to Pioneer Memorial Church. We are pleased that you have chosen to worship with us today!

Last Friday afternoon, a couple of my colleagues were here in the Sanctuary discussing some plans for the Sabbath services. Kenneth Logan was making sure all was ready for the Sanctuary Choir and Larry White was checking on last-minute cleaning details. As I came into the Sanctuary, I stopped, somewhat in awe, and I said, "I love this church!"

Of course, I was specifically speaking about the Sanctuary and how "ready" it looked for Sabbath. However, truly the people are the real "Church." Jesus referred to the "Church" as His bride—which, to me, means His love for each one of us is deep and everlasting. How blessed we are to be in His Presence today!

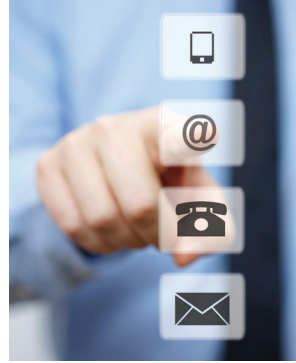
"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1 KJV).

—Sharon Terrell

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ZAGREB FROM 37,000 FEET

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Flying and writing at seven miles above the earth, I am thanking God for your prayer partnership as I return from 12 days in Zagreb, the Old Europe capital of Croatia. We called it *Novo Nada* (New Hope), our series of public lectures in the beautiful year-old Music Academy performance hall across the street from the National Theater. For nine nights and one Sabbath morning, the five Seventh-day Adventist churches in the city banded together to give public witness to their faith. Ninety-one "guests" (as they call them) joined with Zagreb Adventists in the nightly ninety-minute program—of music (featuring the well-known Agape Singers, the popular Heritage Singers like group known country-wide because of their television appearances and concerts) and lectures (translated by my new friend Pastor Dejan, campus chaplain for the academy/college at Marusevec). You may recognize our series theme sentence—"The Maker of all things loves and wants me"—which will always be the basis for *novo nada*/new hope anywhere on earth.

Regarding the language of Zagreb—any notion I might have had that it would be as easy to pick up Croatian—as it had been in Belgrade with the Serbian language back in April 1996—quickly dissipated opening night with my butchered Croatian quip of "How good it is to be in Zagreb!" It wasn't pretty! But the audience seemed to take delight in my struggle, so I soldiered on each evening trying out a new phrase in their mother tongue.

Truth is, public evangelism's protocol and strategy in every country is different. But the goal is universal—as Jesus declared: **"For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10)**. Which by the way is what is driving our Unlock Revelation seminar that is still going strong here at Pioneer each evening. Zagreb's nine-night series was a compact and quick turnaround for inviting our "guests" to spend their "first Sabbath" at the Zagreb One Adventist church in town. Sixteen of the guests accepted our invitation, and ten made decisions that morning for baptism. (The evening series was livestreamed to Adventist churches around Croatia—but no report yet on their stats.)

The Zagreb team's strategy is to now follow up the 91 *Novo Nada* guests by visiting each home with a gift book just off the press last week, a translation of my book *Outrageous Grace*. Then this Friday evening they begin eight more nights of public meetings with a German pastor psychologist on "How to Find Happiness." It's going to remain a full-court press for the pastors and members. But to reach a city and nation 85% Roman Catholic means the personal ties Adventists make with their neighbors are essential.

I'm confident their spiritual leaders are up to it all, having spent four morning hours with the 30 pastors gathered from across the small country. What a lively team! Our theme—how to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. In fact I learned that Helmut Haubeil, the author of the Holy



Spirit book we've been studying here on campus, will be preaching in Zagreb in November (here is the new website for his book <https://steps-to-personal-revival.info>—now available for download in a host of languages including Croatian).

On a personal note and in grateful appreciation for your intercessory prayers, I need to testify I've not had an experience of public evangelistic preaching quite like this one in Zagreb in all the years I've been involved in evangelism. As I told the pastors here at Pioneer, I'm absolutely certain it was and remains the fruit of the Holy Spirit's own full-court intervention day and night in that city in response to concerted prayer. I remind you, many of us back in September began seeking God for a *daily baptism* of the Holy Spirit (as Christ invites us to do in Luke 11:13). Which is why I can be confident in attributing what I personally experienced and witnessed in Zagreb to His direct work. All of which says nothing about me—but says everything about the veracity of Jesus' promise—**"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will**

be My witnesses . . ." (Acts 1:8). So whatever we do, let's not abandon our daily seeking for the Spirit of God's fresh, empowering baptism every morning.

But again, thank you for your prayer partnership these past two weeks. You perhaps will never know the spiritual impact your unselfish praying has in the lives of those for whom you pray. Please join me now in claiming for Zagreb God's great follow-up promise: **"He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).** Ninety-one souls on heaven's radar screen—plus an entire city—let's pray for them all.

And given America's escalating need for divine intervention (the whole world heard about Las Vegas), it doesn't take a 37,000-foot perspective to know we need to be praying hard for our own homeland, too. "Give us America, *before* we die!" Amen. ■

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



THE SWEETEST SOUND

BY BRENTON & RACHELLE OFFENBACK

Thump thump thump... "Ah-may, oh-soom!" Thump thump thump thump... "Baby-moo... me! So... Jesus!" Thump thump... These are the sounds our 2 3/4-year-old daughter, Kayleigh, makes as she runs around the house during the day. Sometimes only talking and other times in a sing-song manner, using random pitches and words. But the one word that stands out is "Jesus."

We can attribute this song to one thing: Sabbath School. Every Sabbath, our 18-month to 3-year-old class has been our favorite part of church. The songs uplift not only our daughter's heart, but ours as well. We are so very fortunate to have and, dare we say, take for granted our excellent Sabbath School programs here at PMC. They are one of the best aids in teaching our children about Jesus. Kayleigh is proof of that. Even at her age, she is singing "Jesus" songs. Which means He is on her mind and in her heart.

"One of the first sounds that should attract their attention is the name of Jesus, and in their earliest years they should be led to the footstool of prayer. Their minds should be filled with stories of the life of the Lord, and their imaginations encouraged in picturing the glories of the world to come" (Ellen White, *Child Guidance*, p. 488). Each week we experience this through the interactive program and story-time. Our teachers and helpers use lots of visuals to make the Bible stories come alive. For this particular age group of energetic youngsters it is especially important to have stories and songs that are fun and engaging.

As parents, it is our responsibility to teach our children about God and His love. Though we should not let it be left completely to others to instruct our kids, Sabbath School classes are valuable learning tools that demonstrate examples that we can use during the week. After all, children are the only treasures we can take with us to Heaven. Should we not take great care in developing their characters the best we can?

So the next time you hear a child sing or talk about Jesus, remember to thank a Sabbath School teacher and encourage parents for the role they have played in their continued effort to teach their children about God. And thank God for the sweetest sound of all—children praising His name. It is a worthwhile partnership between parents and Sabbath School teachers to mold the minds of young children! Let's grow with our kids and work together to support our classes in whatever way we can—through finances, teaching, or volunteering. ■

Brenton & Rachelle Offenback are members of PMC and parents of Kayleigh and Emma.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Battle Hymn of the Republic • Jay Bocook

Introit

We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden

Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise Him according to his exceeding greatness!

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • tune of hymn no. 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord • 1

Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Worship in Music

Crown Him With Many Crowns • James Swearingen

Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense • Sharon Terrell

Children's Story

Scripture

Proverbs 4:18; Romans 1:16-17; 1 Timothy 1:15 *NIV*
Jean-Iris and Debbie Michel

The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Hymn of Preparation

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place • 523

Sermon

"I, a Poor, Stinking Bag of Dung':
The Story of Martin Luther and the New Reformation" • Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Commitment

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God • Max Reger

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Symphonic Band; Elsy Gallardo-Díaz, director

MUSIC ALIVE

MIGHTY, AND CHALLENGED

There may be no piece of music that more typifies the Protestant Reformation of Martin Luther than does "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Arranged for various media and highly various ways over generations, today's Fortress Variations by Timothy Waters is essentially one composer's concept. While avoiding an attempt to speak for the composer, a perceptive listener can interpret the

combination of calmness and strength with conflict and turbulence as expressive of the text of this mighty hymn (no. 506). There one can read of stalwart protection by "our God," from the very first phrase of the hymn, but also of attacks by "the prince of darkness grim" in the battle. Ultimately, the music can be heard as ending in radiant resolution—even in celebration of God's victory in this battle. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Opening Hymn

'Tis Love That Makes Us Happy • 579

Prayer

Angela Katenga

Welcome & Scripture

Sinegugu Katenga

Special Feature

Mission Spotlight • *Our Community*

Offertory

Come, Ye Blessed • John Prindle Sco

Bible Study

Classes • *The Controversy*

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

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

OFFERTORY: Gillian Jurek, soprano; Alena Jurek, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Battle Hymn of the Republic • Jay Bocook
We Would See Jesus • Franklin Belden

Praise

Bless His Holy Name • Blessed Be the Name of the Lord Medley • Breathe

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Connect Card

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less • 522

As We Depart

Crown Him With Many Crowns • James Swearingen

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
MUSIC DIRECTOR/PIANO: Joshua Goines;
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Ray Stephenson PERCUSSION: Smerdis Fuentes
VOCALS: Emma Magbanua, Jamila Sylvester, Jay Oetman, Vivian Raimundo
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews Academy Symphonic Band; Ely Gallardo-Díaz, director

SUBMIT bulletin announcements by visiting our form online at www.pmcchurch.org/announcements/submit. Requests must be received Monday by 5:00 PM for consideration.

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
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SUNSET TODAY • 7:08
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:57

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"You Impious and Sensate Papist!":
The Story of Martin Luther and the
New Reformation"

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Here I Stand": The Story of Martin Luther
and the New Reformation"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING EXPENSE

"The only means which God has ordained to advance His cause is to bless men with property. He gives them the sunshine and the rain; He causes vegetation to flourish; He gives health, and ability to acquire means. All our blessings come from His bountiful hand. In turn He would have men and women show their gratitude by returning Him a portion in tithes and offerings—in thank offerings, in freewill offerings, in trespass offerings" (EGW 5T 150). The church budget offering is a free-will offering which helps meet the running expenses of our local congregation here at Pioneer.

Family Vespers

CANCELED

Join us tonight at 8 PM at the Howard for "The Compassionate Model Servant," with the University Singers and Chorale.

We Mourn

JoAnn Bacheller's mother, Dorothy (Carline) Bacheller, passed away on September 13 in Las Cruces, NM. A memorial service will occur at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Shelby, MI, on October 27, 11:00 AM. Cards, flowers, and your thoughts and prayers for JoAnn and her sister, Debra, would be most appreciated. With the Bacheller family we pray, "Come soon, Lord Jesus."

Pioneer and U Game Night

TONIGHT 7:00 PM • TEEN LOFT

All students and Pioneer members are invited to a game night, sponsored by the "Pioneer and U" committee. Bring your favorite board-game and your smile. To help supply snacks, contact Raabe Garcia at 269.471.3553.

Fall Family Fun Day

TOMORROW • 5:00 TO 8:00 PM

5 PINES ON SMITH ROAD

Join your Pioneer family for our annual fall fun and hayrides. Bring your friends and enjoy good food, hayrides, a blacksmith demonstration, and a wonderful time socializing. —*Family Life Committee*

Pastor Appreciation Month

Our PMC pastors work very hard on our behalf and today we would like to give you a special opportunity to thank them for their efforts. October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we have provided a card that you can use to write a personal note to one or more of our pastors (José Bourget, Don Dronen, Ben Martin, Taurus Montgomery, Rodlie Ortiz, Sharon Terrell, Sabine Vatel, Dwight Nelson) or ministers (Kenneth Logan, Richard Parke). Return your completed cards today to the welcome stations located at the back of the church, in the basement lobby, or at the desk located between the Youth Chapel and the Sanctuary.

Lake Union Youth Ministries Training

OCTOBER 27-28 • 6:30 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL

Lead a child to Christ, free seminars for Master Guide candidates and Master Guides engaged in Adventurer and Pathfinder ministries. Info & registration at cye.org/aymt. Seminars include: Pathfinder Basic Staff, AYMT Instructor, AYMT Club Director, Master Guide, AYMT Leadership, ALG (1/2).

Blood Drive

OCTOBER 24 & 25 • 1 TO 6:45 PM
PMC COMMONS

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood. Schedule an appointment at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: andrewsuniversity) or call 1.800.733.2767.

Health Tent Website

For current health events in southwestern Michigan, visit www.healthtent.org.

Get Our E-Letter!

Receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at www.pmchurch.org/newsletter.

Tenors and Bass Needed

The PMC Sanctuary Choir is in need of tenors and bass who have a passion for singing, and who are committed. Contact Marguerite Samuel at margueritemsamuel@gmail.com.

We Care Disaster Response

Journey Ministries is continuing to raise money for the recent disasters and Operation Campus Care. If you would like to donate to the victims of the hurricanes, please write your checks to Pioneer Memorial Church, and write "We Care Disaster Response" in the memo line and label your tithe envelope with the same. We greatly appreciate any amount you give. Contact margueritemsamuel@gmail.com.

Leshner Memorial

OCTOBER 21 • PMC

A visitation at 3 PM and memorial service at 4 PM will be held in memory of Dr. W. Richard Leshner who served as AU president from 1984-1994.

Pioneer Pictorial Directory

Remember to schedule your sitting for the pictorial directory before October 29 by visiting www.pmchurch.org/directory.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.

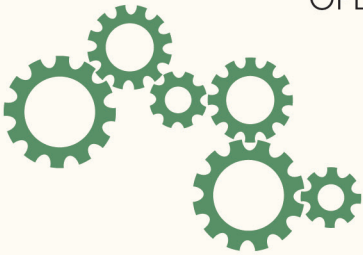


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Andrews Academy invites you to

ALUMNI WEEKEND

October 20 & 21, 2017

Come and reunite with your Andrews Academy family. Remember the defining moments of your past and reconnect with old friends. We look forward to seeing all of you once again at our Alumni Reunion!

EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Friday, October 20

- 8-8:30 AM Alumni Convocation
9-9:30 AM Career Seminars
9:30-10:05 AM Career Seminars
6:00 PM Registration
7:00 PM Alumni Vespers
by Class of 1998

Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 AM Registration
9:45 AM Continental Breakfast
10:00 AM Tribute Sabbath School and
Roll Call presented by various
honored classes.
11:15 AM Alumni Worship Convocation
(Class of 1993)
Honor Class Photographs
Alumni Fellowship Luncheon
8 PM Shydepoke (Sylvester Field)

Honored Classes:

1943, 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973,
1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 2003, 2008, 2013

*Haystacks for Fellowship Luncheon. Local
Alumni please bring the following according to
last name:*

- A-D Chips
E-G Cheese
H-J Lettuce
K-M Tomato
N-P Olives
Q-S Sour Cream
T-V Salsa
W-Z Brownies/Cookies

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