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SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

My Journey,
from **Skepticism**
to **Faith**



WELCOME




to Pioneer

We welcome you to Pioneer Memorial Church on this beautiful Sabbath. I personally love this time of year, when summer slowly merges into fall. The days begin to get cooler. Colors begin to appear in a once blanket of green. Change can be a beautiful thing.

This morning our guest preacher is Nate Gibbs, a pastor here in Michigan and a seminarian on campus. Welcome, Pastor Nate! As you listen to his story, I challenge each of you to look at your lives. Where is God looking to make changes in you?

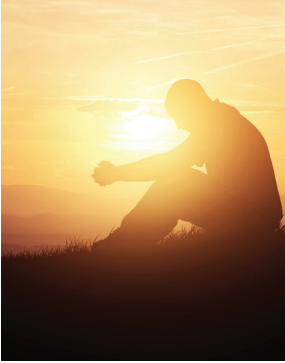
When we think about change we often think of how painful it can be, or we think about our own personal to-do list of change. When we allow God to change us it is a very different experience. The God of the universe only asks to come in and He will manage your change. And the result will be like the leaves of autumn. Let Him in!

–Ben Martin

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A SCRIPT TO USE WITH **GOD**

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I don't remember ever seeing so much interest in such a little book! And I don't believe it's because the book is free. I am convicted there is a deep soul hunger and thirst in my faith community for something Jesus called "the baptism of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). How else can you explain why Helmut Haubeil's short book, *Steps to Personal Revival: Being Filled with the Holy Spirit*, was downloaded over 1,000 times last week (www.discipleship-course.org)? And I tell you the truth—I have already begun to see a marked difference in people who are taking up his invitation to seek for the baptism of the Holy Spirit every day. The power clearly isn't in the book—but in the Giver of the Gift that many are now seeking.

Near the end of Haubeil's book he offers a "model prayer with promises for the daily renewing of the Holy Spirit." I invite you to read that prayer right now—and if your heart is impressed, turn right around and pray this prayer as your own:

"Father in heaven, I come to you in the name of Jesus our Savior. You said: **'Give me your heart'** (Prov. 23:26). I want to do that now by submitting myself to you today with everything I am and have. Thank you that you have already answered this prayer according to Your will, because Your word says that if we pray according to Your will we know that we have already received it (1 John 5:15). And You also said that You would by no means cast anyone out who comes to You (John 6:37).

"Jesus said: **'If you then, being evil,**



know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him'" (Luke 11:13).

"You further said that You would give the Holy Spirit to those who believe in You (John 7:38-39), who obey You (Acts 5:32), who let themselves be renewed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18) and who walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16). This is my desire. Please accomplish this in me. For this reason I sincerely ask You, Father, to



give me the Holy Spirit today. Since it is a request according to Your will, I thank You that You have given me the Holy Spirit now (1 John 5:15). Thank You that I have received Your divine love at the same time, because Your word says: **'The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit'** (Rom. 5:5; Eph. 3:17). I want to say with the psalmist: **'I will love You, O Lord, my strength'** (Psalm 18:1). Thank You that I can love my fellow human beings with Your love.

"Thank You that through the Holy Spirit the power of sin has been broken in me (Rom. 8:13; Gal. 5:16). Please save and protect me today from sin and from the world, give me protection from the fallen angels, save me from temptation and when necessary snatch me and save me from my old corrupt nature (1 John 5:18).

"And please help me to be Your witness in word and deed (Acts 1:8). I praise You and thank You for hearing my prayer. In the name of Jesus my Savior and Lord. Amen" (Haubeil p. 98).

I invite you to print off or cut out this prayer and place it where you meet with God every morning. It may feel a bit mechanical at first, but read the prayer, say the prayer, and in a few days it will become your own prayer, too.

After all, Jesus promises: **"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you"** (Luke 11:9). Which means every day you and I ask, the Gift is ours, the one Gift that "brings all other blessings" in the universe with it (*Desire of Ages* 672)!

I've been praying for 100 people on this campus and in this community who will daily ask God for the fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit. Will you please help me answer that prayer? And then imagine what God is going to do around here! ■

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

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping

Introit

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship

Ben Martin

We belong not to ourselves; we were bought for a price, we belong to him who is our Lord and God!

By the mercies of God, let us present our bodies to be living sacrifices holy and acceptable to God.

○ Lord, open wide our lips;

And our mouths shall sing your praise!

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Nate Gibbs

Hymn of Praise

I Love to Tell the Story • st. 1, 3-4 of 457

Congregational Prayer

Ben Martin
Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music

Prelude • John Rutter

Tithes & Offerings

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My Heart Abounds With Pleasure • Johannes Brahms

Children's Story

Jharony Fernandez-Gibbs

Scripture

John 10:7-11 ESV • Bruce and Judy Wright

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Hymn of Preparation

We Would See Jesus • st. 1 & 2 of 494

Sermon

"My Journey, from Skepticism to Faith" • Nate Gibbs

Connect Card

Hymn of Commitment

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • 12

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

We Have This Hope • Kenneth Logan

PRESIDING PASTOR: Ben Martin; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Debra Rosengren, flute

MUSIC ALIVE

SUMMER, AS IT PASSES

This Sabbath is the final Sabbath of summer 2017. Next Friday, in the afternoon, the autumn season officially begins. It is a time for reflecting today on summer blessings. Today's offertory basks contentedly in the joy of God's creation in summer. German composer Johannes Brahms set a German hymn ("chorale") melody for organ. One stanza says,
"My heart abounds with pleasure
In this fair summer time,

When God, with fullest measure,
Renews the world benign.
All earth and all the heavens
Doth God with life imbue;
All creatures, high and lowly,
Grow beautiful and true."

Brahms combines gracious flowing lines with expressive harmonies in luxuriant fullness, much as summer growth combines many elements of nature into a similar fullness. ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Welcome & Prayer	Qaisar Ayaz
Special Feature	Ungiil Tu-Taao – Palau • Krissy Savage
Scripture & Prayer	Galatians 5:25 • Juliana Smith
Offertory	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing • arr. Joseph Fuller
Bible Study	"Living by the Spirit" • 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	Rachel Sauer
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Kellie Shelton, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping

Praise

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King • Cornerstone • Jesus Paid It All

Prayer

Ben Martin

Tithes & Offerings

My Heart Abounds With Pleasure • Johannes Brahms

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Jharony Fernandez-Gibbs

Worship in Music

Prelude • John Rutter

Sermon

"My Journey, from Skepticism to Faith" • Nate Gibbs

Connect Card

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee • 12

As We Depart

We Have This Hope • Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson; BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer
DJEMBE: Matthew Rajarathinam; PIANO: Joshua Goines
VOCALS: Afia Asamoah, Katharina Burghardt, Serge Gedeon, Vivian Raimundo
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Debra Rosengren, flute

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 • 7:56
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:44

PIONEER PULPIT

| 09 • 23 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Ground Zero and the New Reformation:
How to Be Baptized with the Holy Spirit"—3

| 09 • 30 |

DAVID FERGUSON

"A Bag of Chips" • Alumni Sabbath

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Not so long ago, a Michigan Adventist Jr. Academy had a 25-year-old, roof-mounted, gymnasium furnace that failed, leaving the freezing-cold gym unusable. Because of building code changes, repair was not possible and the replacement cost was 18 times greater than the money on hand for repair! A local contractor and church member designed a lower cost replacement that was only 12 times more. The constituent churches dug deep in their pockets but it wasn't enough. Michigan Advanced Partners stepped up and provided the funds needed to finish the necessary replacement. Your support of MAP will continue its legacy of service.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us this evening as we close the Sabbath with a video on education.

We Mourn

Dear Friends in Jesus, we are saddened to learn of the death of Francis "Lars" Surdal who passed away on September 8. A memorial service was held on Friday at Pioneer. With sons Ralph and Kelvin, and daughter, Denise, other family members and many friends we pray, "Come Soon, Lord Jesus."

Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
PMC TEEN LOFT

We are beginning a new season of music-making with the PMC Sanctuary Choir. We would love for you to join us at our weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights starting on September 6. Contact: Marguerite Samuel at margueritemsamuel@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/margueritesamuel.

More Announcements

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

Mission, Refugees & Immigrants Conference

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13

How can the church best respond to the challenges and opportunities for mission among refugees and immigrants? This conference offers practical, Bible-based training. Find information at www.nadei.org and register at www.adventsource.org. Registration free with AU ID.

Paper Crafting Together

SEPT. 17 • 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

Bring your card-making or scrapbooking supplies and spend time preserving your memories and making new ones. We provide chocolate and prizes. You bring your favorite snack to share. If you have questions, please email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Get Our E-Letter!

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

SciFest & ArtFest 2017

SEPT. 21-23 • ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Register for the annual STEM weekend offering high-school students a unique college experience. Explore the 7 STEM departments at Andrews with this year's theme, "Cells." ArtFest will run concurrently on campus with the theme, "Building Blocks." For SciFest information email stemconnect@andrews.edu; for ArtFest information email commdept@andrews.edu.

Health Tent Website

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

Mommy and Daddy and Me

If you are a Mom, Dad or a Caregiver of children ages 0-5 please join us in the PMC nursery for this playgroup. We meet Tuesdays from 10–11:15 AM. You and your child may come and go as your schedule allows. Playtime is at 10:00 AM. Songs and crafts are at 10:30 AM and then more play. We do not meet the second Tuesday of the month. Contact mommyandme@pmchurch.org.

PMC Primary Sabbath School Volunteers

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.

Sam Ocampo & Friends, "Homecoming at the Howard"

SEPT. 24 • 7:00 PM

Sam Ocampo's music is about an experience of praise, gratitude and love. Join us to mark Sam's 40th anniversary as a recording musician. Please join us at the Howard Performing Arts Center on September 24. Information online at howard.andrews.edu.

The Spade Confirms the Book Revisited

SEPT. 30, 3:00 PM TO 4:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL

2017 marks 50 years since the beginning of the Madaba Plains Project, a milestone in the Adventist archaeological community. Join us for this lecture that will revisit Siegfried H. Horn's landmark publication *The Spade Confirms the Book*, and will examine the role of archaeology in Biblical studies today.

Health & Fitness Expo

OCTOBER 1, 10 AM TO 2 PM
JOHNSON GYM

There will be something for everyone at the Health & Fitness Expo. We will be offering mini workouts, cooking demos, nutrition information, games, local health service information, opportunities on the Andrews University Campus and more.

Hurricane Harvey Relief

Here are ways you can still give to relief efforts: Donate to your local SDA church labeled "ACS Disaster Response"; Call 1.800.381.7171; Donate online at www.communityservices.org; Mail a donation to: Adventist Community Services, 12501 Old Columbia Pike, Silver Springs, MD 20904.

Center for Adventist Research Book Sale

OCT. 11, DURING CENTER HOURS
JAMES WHITE LIBRARY

Hundreds of used Adventist books, pamphlets, periodicals, Ellen White books, audio-visuals, and more on sale. This event will run for 3 weeks, as long as materials last. For information email car@andrews.edu.

Unlock Revelation

SEPT. 25, 7:30 PM • YOUTH CHAPEL

Join with us at a round table experience as we discuss and present Bible prophecy topics. Pre-register today and receive a FREE prophecy DVD on opening night.

PIONEER CHURCH DIRECTORY

SAVE THE DATE!



Members are invited to be a part of Pioneer's first directory since 2009.

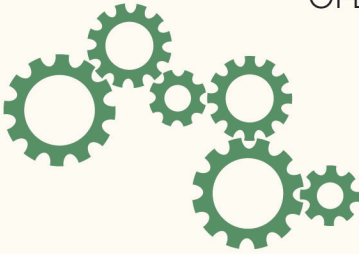
Starting September 20, members can expect a call from coordinators Dave and Judy Nowack with a reminder to schedule your free family photo for the directory.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
WWW.PMCHURCH.ORG/DIRECTORY

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FAMILY FINANCES

As of August 31, 2017
Includes August online giving

OPERATING FUND



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RECEIVED TO-DATE	351,646
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	355,111

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LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	134,232
RECEIVED TO-DATE	116,095
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	114,799



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LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	88,264
RECEIVED TO-DATE	68,481
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	62,821

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