



DISTRICT 9 PRAYER CONFERENCE

9:00 AM VICTORY IN
THE FINAL
CONFLICT

11:45 AM ONE WITH
GOD'S
PURPOSE

PAVEL GOIA

JAN 5

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Welcome to our first Sabbath gathering of the year! For some of you this may be the result of a new year's resolution to be more mindful and grow spiritually. Congratulations on following through with your heart's desire! In fact, you will be off to a great start as we focus on prayer today (come back at 3:00 PM for another special presentation by today's speaker). One simple way to fuel your prayer life is to read one Psalm a day. If you started January 1, today's Psalm is especially fitting:

"But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them...you surround them with your favor as with a shield" *Psalms 5:11-12 (NIV)*.

We can confidently welcome 2019 with the assurance God is taking care of us!
-José Bourget



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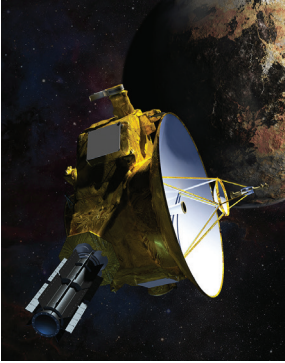
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11:45 AM Service



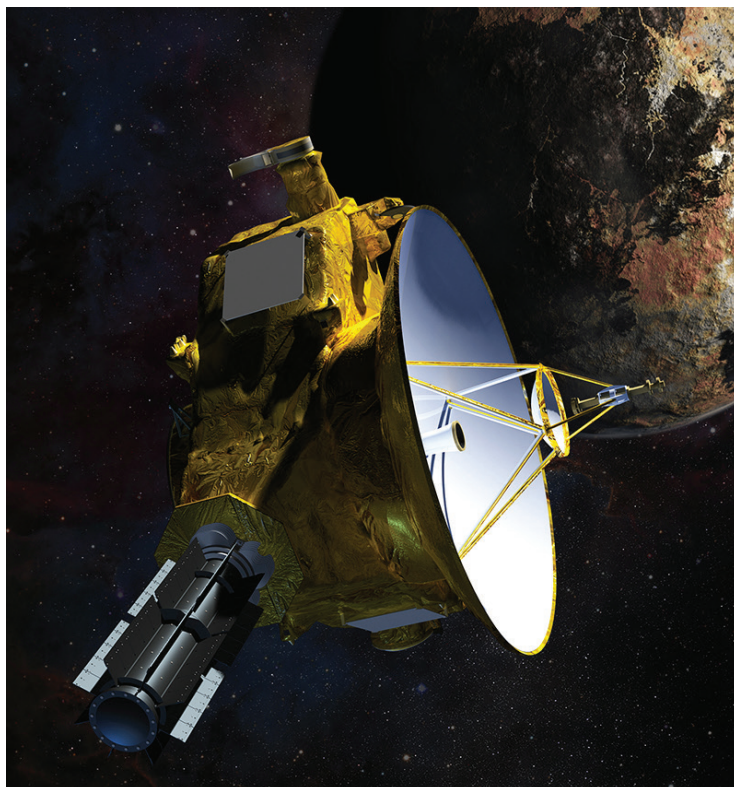
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BEYOND ROCKET SCIENCE



BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

Let them exult! The scientists crowded in the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (JHUAPL) in Maryland a few hours ago certainly deserved to be awash in superlatives. And why not!

Over thirteen years ago a small piano-sized spacecraft, christened New Horizons, blasted through Earth's atmosphere to begin its arduous journey to the outer reaches of our solar system. Nine years later in the summer of 2015 this electronic box of beeping instruments

blew past Pluto at over 31,000 miles an hour. "The photos New Horizons beamed back then were the most detailed ever captured not just of the former planet, but the outer solar system" (www.wired.com/story/nasa-new-horizons-ultima-thule).

But deeper and deeper New Horizons kept probing. Until yesterday, New Year's Day 2019, this marvel of scientific prowess shot past (at a speed of nine miles per second) a mysterious object in the distant Kuiper Belt—a region of ice and rocks considered the final zone of

the solar system. They named the object "Ultima Thule" (an ancient cartographer expression meaning "beyond the known world"). Beyond indeed—in fact 4.1 billion miles beyond Earth—the farthest reach any man-made probe has ever achieved.

"We set a record! Never before has a spacecraft explored something so far away," New Horizons principal investigator Alan Stern, of the Southwest Research Institute (SwRI) in Boulder, Colorado, said after the flyby today (Jan. 1). 'I mean, think of it. We're a billion miles further than Pluto, and now we're going to keep going into the Kuiper Belt'" (www.accuweather.com/en/outdoor-articles/astronomy/new-horizons-spacecraft-makes-new-years-day-flyby-of-ultima-thule-the-farthest-rendezvous-ever/70007025).

On May 24, 1844, Samuel Morse telegraphed the first official Morse code message from Washington D.C. to Baltimore. The reply simply read, "What hath God wrought." With data now transmitting from New Horizons at 1000 bits/second from 4.1 billion miles away, what would they be telegraphing today!

In a time of great crisis, Daniel undertook a three-week modified fast for prayer. Twenty-one days later Gabriel appeared to Daniel with these words: **"Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them"** (Daniel 10:12). Did it take three weeks of prayer for Daniel to be heard? No, the angel is clear, "You were heard instantly." But Gabriel goes on to explain that "a great war" had delayed his appearance to Daniel for "twenty-one days" until Mi-

chael the Prince arrived on the field of battle, freeing Gabriel to hurry to the side of Daniel (vv 13-14).

Over 4.1 billion miles? Considerably—though who can know how far it is from the throne room of God to your humble prayer closet? But what we can know this New Year is that the almighty Creator of this universe—who wrote the scientific laws that govern the cosmos and made New Horizons' discoveries possible—is the Intelligent Designer of prayer—the spiritual telemetry that instantaneously connects our thinking minds and His loving heart. No wonder the spiritual giants of the race have taught us to **"pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17)**. Think of the angels unleashed all because you whispered your prayer to the ear of your Father.

As the story of Daniel reminds us, "The prayer of a human being can alter history by releasing legions of angels into the earth. If we really grasped this truth, we would pray with intensity, and we would pray constantly" (John Dawson Taking Our Cities for God 140, emphasis supplied). Because the promise is clear: "If you will find voice and time to pray, God will find time and voice to answer" (Ellen White *Review and Herald* April 1, 1890).

So wouldn't a fitting resolution for this New Year be to explore and experience "new horizons" in our prayer walk with God? After all like Daniel we too live in a time of "great war," we too need instant intervention. So why not learn to daily breathe a running conversation with God—your lips to His ears, His lips to your ears?

Prayer isn't rocket science—it's simply constant contact with mission control. ■



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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Arise, My Soul, Arise! • Traditional Finnish / Dale Wood

Introit

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • William Croft

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

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Pavel Goia

Hymn of Praise

The Lord Is My Light • st. 1-3 of 515

Congregational Prayer

José Bourget

Father, Lead Me Day by Day • st. 1 of 482

Worship in Music

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
African-American Spiritual / C. White

Children's Story

Ben Martin

Fire of God, Thou Sacred Flame • Healey Willan

Introduction of Speaker

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-12, 18 NKJV • Melissa and Elise Brodie

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Hymn of Preparation

Faith Is the Victory • st. 1 of 608

Sermon

"Victory in the Final Conflict"
Pavel Goia

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PMC Operating Budget

Hymn of Commitment

Live Out Thy Life Within Me • 316

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

O God, Our Help in Ages Past • Jan Bender

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Simon Brown, violin

MUSIC ALIVE

"TROUBLE AND FAITH"

"**N**obody Knows the Trouble I've Seen" is attributed as being an African-American Spiritual. One version starts with the chorus, "Nobody knows the trouble I've been through / Nobody knows my sorrow / Nobody knows the trouble I've seen / Glory hallelujah!" A verse says, "Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down / Oh, yes, Lord / Sometimes I'm almost to the ground / Oh, yes, Lord", then the

chorus repeats. Slaves experienced much trouble, and this world has, and will have, serious trouble. How many respond "Glory, hallelujah!" to trouble? How many wish to do so in 2019? Faith in the God of light is a firm basis for a resplendent response to life's trouble. Today's children's offertory, attributing a hymn title (see no. 263) to the melody set by Willan, suggests the role of the Holy Spirit. ■

DO IT AGAIN, LORD!

BY JOHN B. YOUNGBERG

RENOVATE

heart & house

PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

John Youngberg at the start of every year opens his home, a few blocks from our church, for 10 days of prayer, (this evening at 6:00 PM). Today, Under the Roof, we are focusing on the power of prayer—John has seen that power at work time and time again as he notes below.

It was in the early 1970s. An undergrad student group from Andrews was gathered on Friday evening around a campfire at nearby Five Pines Camp. One after another gave their testimonies of God's dealings in their lives. My late wife Millie was there. She heard their heart-felt pleas and prayers. Prayer went up and power came down. The blessed Holy Spirit was there and took charge. Confessions were made.

The following weekend these students shared at PMC. A deep spiritual work began to take place. It far overshadowed anything else happening on campus. That year an accreditation team from the North-Central Association came to Andrews. Delegates from non-SDA universities interviewed AU students asking what changes needed to be made in academic programs and campus activities. Practically no criticisms could be drawn out of the students! One visiting professor reported that it was obvious that a spiritual revival permeated the campus. Millie and other professors took students

to Kettering Ohio, also to what was then Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Adventist University), and to other Adventist colleges and they shared their experiences and the revival spread.

Some bystanders questioned what was taking place and hinted that maybe it was fanaticism. I was present at PMC when then General Conference President, Robert H. Pierson, ascended to the pulpit and bravely allied himself with the revival; and said that it was God and the Holy Spirit that was at work.

But How About Today?

But some may say, "That was 50 years ago! I wasn't even born yet! Are you telling us about ancient history?"

I've seen similar happenings in more recent years. Millie and I were holding a seminar. It was the last evening. Couples were seated at an Agape Feast around decorated tables arranged in the form of a Cross. Husbands had a rose beside their plates that they would give to their wives at the right moment with words of love. One couple after another went to the microphone to show appreciation and affirm each other.

But then something happened that wasn't on the program. We had even told the participants not to do it. Couples began confessing their sins—unfaithfulness to the marriage vow. A wife said,



"Two nights ago I slept with a revolver under my pillow aimed at my husband." And on and on went the testimonies. Tears were shed, hearts were turned. We learned of 6 couples there who had separated or were on the verge of divorce. Finally the meeting was over and we announced that there would be a hay-ride for those who wanted to participate and table games were available. But the couples didn't want to go on the hay-ride; practically no-one wanted to play games. Small informal groups gathered throughout the dining hall. One interest prevailed and swallowed up every other. They had sensed God's

presence and the Holy Spirit had spoken to them in its "still small voice".

A Prayer for Today

My Lord, Jesus who died for me on the Cross, Holy Spirit, loving Father, forgive my feverish, foolish ways. My prayer ascends to You. Holy Spirit, I can't use You, but You can use me. I want to spend more time in prayer and devotions than I do in watching TV or communicating on my cell phone. Come soon. I want to be ready and spread the Good News to my friends and anywhere You send me. Speak, Lord, I'm listening . . .

-Love ya, it's me

WE STUDY

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Opening Song *God Will Take Care of You • 99*

Song Service Rachel Sauer

Welcome & Scripture I Peter 5:7 NLT • Philip Giddings III

Prayer Lois Nicholas

Mission Spotlight Two Short Stories: How God Provides

Offering

Lesson Study "The Gospel from Patmos"

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 Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WE WORSHIP 2

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"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tested Me,
tried Me, And saw My works forty years. So we see that they could not
enter in because of unbelief.

—Hebrews 3:7-9, 19 (NKJV)

We Begin

Arise, My Soul, Arise!

Traditional Finnish / Dale Wood

Hymns of Light, Love, and Leading

The Lord Is My Light • st. 1-3 of 515

I Love to Tell the Story • st. 1 of 457

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Angelika Kaiser

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FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Stewardship is summarized as: Time, Talents, Temple, and Treasure. These four "T's" sound simple, but would be a harvest of joy in a person's life. When believers realize that absolutely everything one has belongs to God and that life on this earth is short, life begins! Solomon's wisdom: "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind" (Eccl. 12:13, NIV). As good stewards of God's gifts, let us reflect on how following the will of God will result in faithfulness in returning God's tithes and giving liberal offerings.

District 9 Prayer Conference

On behalf of the thirteen churches in southwestern Michigan, we're delighted to host Pavel Goia, editor of *Ministry* magazine and international prayer conference speaker, today, Jan. 5, 2019.

9:00 AM—Victory in the Final Conflict

10:30—Berrien Springs Spanish Church

11:45 AM—One With God's Purpose

3:00 PM—Prayer Conference

Pastor Goia was featured significantly in Ron Clouzet's *Adventism's Greatest Need* because of a resurrection he and his wife sought and received from God. A man of bold prayer and intercession, Pastor Pavel is the right preacher to lead us into an uncertain New Year globally, nationally and even locally.

We Mourn

We grieve today with Wendell Cole on the death of his wife, Marjorie Cole, who died suddenly on Tuesday evening, January 1. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. With Wendell and his family, we long for Jesus' triumphant return. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Memorial Service

The service in memory of Margaret Logan will be Tuesday, January 8, 4:00 PM, in the PMC Sanctuary.

PMC Family Vespers

There is no vespers this evening in lieu of the Ten Days of Prayer.

Knitting Hearts Together

In the new year, Knitting Hearts Together will alternate meeting times between afternoon and evening. Thus, the first meeting in January will be on the 8th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. We will continue to meet at the MacCarty home. Please consider joining this ministry to deliver and/or create handcrafted items to the bereaved and seriously ill.

Media Team Volunteers

The Pioneer Media Team is looking for new audio and video technicians for its local media ministry. If you want to use your talents to have a positive impact on the world through digital evangelism and learn new things while sharpening your technical skills, email mediateam@pm-church.org. Volunteer teams rotate every 3rd Sabbath and are asked to volunteer for both services on their scheduled Sabbath.

10 Days of Prayer

Start the New Year right! Come and enjoy PMC's 10 Days of Prayer from January 1-10 in the Youngberg home, 4731 Greenfield Drive in Berrien Springs, MI. This is the 29th consecutive year. Each session begins at 6:00 PM. We will be praying for your requests and for an abundant outpouring of the Latter Rain. There will be special handouts for attendees each session. Bring your Bible. The topics are:

Jan. 5 "Toning Up My Flabby Spiritual Muscles"

Jan. 6 "Snacking on Spiritual Food or Enjoying a Full Course Meal?"

Jan. 7 "Exceedingly Abundantly Above All that We ASK or Think"

Jan. 8 "And the Earth Was Illuminated with His Glory"

Jan. 9 "These Follow the Lamb Wherever He Goes"

Jan. 10 "You Are My Hiding Place"

Ways to Help Children and Youth in Benton Harbor

Pray for the children, youth, their parents, teachers, and the leaders in the Sabbath School classes.

2) Order Rada Cutlery and Gifts- Affordable and durable. Proceeds go directly to Harbor of Hope. www.radafundraising.com/?rfsn=1862551.e0e1d5

3) Order Citrus Fruit for yourself and or a food pantry like Harbor of Hope, Neighbor to Neighbor, or God's Abundant Pantry. Just make a note of where you want it to go on your check memo line. Order it by mid-January- Proceeds also go to Harbor of Hope.

4) To help and support children and youth of Harbor of Hope contact: Terry Trecartin at fundraising4hoh@gmail.com or (423) 645-5684, 2601 Pixley Ave. Saint Joseph, MI 49085.

Resolve to be Healthier this New Year!

PMC Health Ministries offers free co-ed exercise classes for anyone 18+ years old:

ToBoFit (Total Body Fitness)

Tuesday & Thursday • 5:00-5:50 PM

Lamson Hall Health Club Aerobics Room

H2OFit

Monday & Wednesday • 7:30-8:15 AM

AU Beaty Pool (free admission to class members)

Tai Chi

Wednesday • 4:30 - 5:00 PM

James White Library (begins mid-Jan.)

Check the event calendar on the Health Tent website, www.HealthTent.org for updates.

Adventist Forum Meeting

JANUARY 12 • 3:30 PM

CHAN SHUN HALL

Dr. Brian Strayer, A.U. Professor of History Emeritus, will present "Seeing Themselves as Others Saw Them: Battle Creek Adventists in the Public Eye, 1855-1890". All are invited to join us and learn more about this interesting church history.

Jesus and Politics

JANUARY 12 • 4:00 PM

Join us for "Jesus and Politics: Civic Lessons from the Sermons on the Mount" at the Newbold Auditorium in Buller Hall, on the campus of Andrews University. Our special guests include main speaker, Dr. Timothy Golden, Philosophy professor and director of legal studies at Walla Walla University, as well as panelists including Seminary professor and author Nicholas Miller, the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty directors from the Michigan Conference (Laura Im) and the Lake Region Conference (Edward Woods III), the founder of SW MI Human Trafficking Task force (Cathy Knauf), the director of Community Engagement Integration & Service for Andrews University (Carlisle Sutton), and a representative from Bethany House.

Backpacks for Berrien Collection

During the month of January our church will be sponsoring the collection of food for weekend meals for the children in need in Berrien Springs who attend public and private schools. The food collected during the month of January and by other area churches during their months of sponsorship will be given to Backpacks For Berrien, who will then pack the food for distribution to these children on Friday

of each week. There will be a sign, a list of food items needed and collection box provided in the lobby of the church where you may place your gifts of food. Thank you for your generous support.

Grief Share Support Group

Grief Share, a support group for those who are hurting or suffering the loss of a loved one is available in January. The group meets at the Village Church on Sundays from 4:00-6:00 PM. Contact Shirley Gammon at 989.427.5669 for more information or to register for the first session.

Healing Power of Plants Featured

JANUARY 6 • 3:00-5:00 PM

Give your New Year's resolution "to take better care of my health" a boost by attending the community event, "The Healing Power of Plants". Three people, who have found better health through a whole food, plant-based diet, will be interviewed, and Evelyn Kissinger, RD, will answer your questions and explain the health benefits of a diet rich in plant foods. This event sponsored by Healthy Together Friends, will be held in the Community Room at Martin's Supermarket at the corner of John Beers Road and Cleveland Avenue in Stevensville. Admission is free, but please register. For more info or to register visit our website at www.htffriends.org or contact us at healthytogether25@gmail.com or 269.697.3405.

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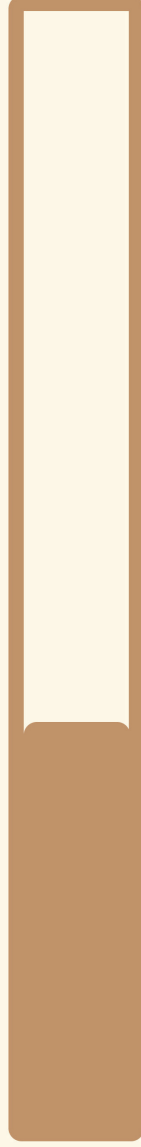
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