

PIONEER CONNECT

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22 weeks until *Hope Trending*

WELCOME

to Pioneer

Whether you have traveled thousands of miles or just walked across the campus, please know how glad we are that you came to join us in worship and praise of our Creator and our God.

Today we welcome to the Pioneer Pulpit the leaders of the SEEDS Conference. SEEDS is a church planting ministry of the North American Division Evangelism Institute (NADEI), whose stated purpose is "Educating, Equipping and Empowering for Evangelistic Ministry." As many of you know, NADEI is, indeed, located just across the campus at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

PMC family, please join me in extending a warm welcome to the conference leaders and attendees and others who have joined us at Pioneer today.

—Sharon Terrell



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THE BUDGET IS ABOUT...

BY DAVE NOWACK

People. The Budget here at Pioneer Memorial Church is about people. Kids like Jessica in the 1st grade Sabbath School room whose mom reads her stories from *Our Little Friend*, purchased by funds allocated from the Budget. Or Daniel in the 6th grade Sabbath School room, when he and his friends enjoyed a fun night at the Kutzner's horse arena with food funded by the Budget. Or when you enjoy a GROW Group outing or view our worship service at home through our live web stream when you're not feeling well. At Pioneer, the Budget covers much more than just keeping the lights on and the building standing firm. Whether young or old, new here, or a long-time member, all of us benefit from the Budget.

Trust. The Budget is also about Trust ... trusting that God's blessed assurance will supply our needs sufficiently, allowing us to sacrificially give according to His will in our lives. Psalm 125:1 says, "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken, but endures forever." By trusting that God's faithfulness is so much greater than ours, we confirm our confidence in the Lord.

Gratitude. Many of us face challenges that can make it difficult to accept that there is something, anything, to be grateful for. Problems and uncertainties seemingly surround us on every side; and yet, here we are, alive, with blessings that may seem distant, yet they exist. How do we account for these blessings? "It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy" (Romans 9:16). A sense of

gratitude for life and its blessings springs from the heart's realization of God's mercy. In the face of such overwhelming grace, how can we not respond?

Being an Example. To our family, to our friends, to our coworkers, even to strangers, our everyday actions are a testimony of our character and priorities. Titus 2:7 says, "In everything set them an example by doing what is good." God also promises in 2 Corinthians 8:12, "For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have." There is hardly a more powerful example for good than returning a portion of your financial resources to God.

Growth. As seeds thrive in good earth and generous rain, so do newly planted believers thrive in a well-supported church. A church whose priorities are matched within its budget is ready for growth. Simply put, it is easier for a church to focus on its mission when it isn't distracted by financial instability. But we know ... "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10).

May we feel encouraged by God's promises that He is faithful and just to supply all our needs as we cheerfully give according to our means. ■

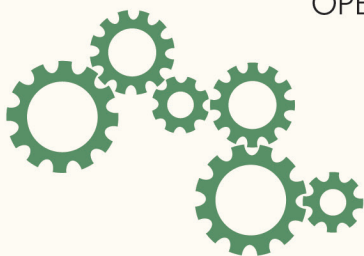
Dave Nowack is a member of the Stewardship Committee here at PMC.

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THE POWER OF A SIGN

BY TAURUS MONTGOMERY

Have you ever prayed and asked God to give you a sign? “Dear God, if she is the woman you want me to marry, please let me see six shooting stars, one for each letter in her first name, and then I shall know she’s the one.”

“Dear God, if you want me to attend this college, please have them offer me at midnight a full scholarship with a signing bonus.”

While our prayers for God to show us a sign may not be as farfetched as the requests above, we often find ourselves asking God for a sign in answer to our prayers.

For the past few years, Harbor of Hope has been praying for a sign. Literally. You see, one of the restrictions placed upon us in the building where we were before, was that we could not place a permanent sign out front. That was a challenge because it made it very difficult for people to know where we were located. As the pastor of Harbor of Hope, I found myself having to pull out my phone, open the Maps App, and explain over and over again to a potential visitor where we were located.

But hallelujah! Those days are over because God has given us our very own sign!

With that sign came a wink from God. On the very first Sabbath of the sign being up, we had a guest from the community to attend our worship service. When we asked her about what led her to visit us, she said, “I saw the sign from the road.” I hope you are smiling with me as you just read that!

Harbor of Hope knew that one day we would have our own sign out front because of the many signs that God has given us since our humble beginnings. In the mid-90s, Andrews University students were given a burden from God to go make a difference in the lives of the youth in Benton Harbor. That burden was the

sign. In 1998, a preaching series on compassion by Pastor Dwight Nelson was the sign that God was giving Benton Harbor to Pioneer Memorial as an assignment. In 2003, the 40-plus newly baptized members who came from the evangelistic efforts of Pastor Timothy Nixon were the sign that God was doing a new thing. On April 29, 2015, the purchase of our very own facility was the sign that God is still writing new chapters in the Harbor of Hope story in order to bring Him glory.

The first sentence of the first paragraph of the newest chapter will be written Sabbath, May 14, 2016, at our Semi-grand Opening! This is a day of appreciation for those who made it possible for us to acquire our new building, as well as a day of consecration of ourselves to Him and His mission in Benton Harbor.

There is a final and deeper lesson that we can take away from the sign. Since signs give us direction and tell us where to go and what to do, they keep us on track to our destination. The world is in need of signs—the kind that will direct people to Jesus. And God wants your life to be a sign that does that. ■

Taurus Montgomery is the senior pastor of our church plant—Harbor of Hope.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us • Robert Hobby

Introit

Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness • Melvin West

Call to Worship

Sharon Terrell

We come together in rejoicing.

We rejoice in the truth of God, which sets us free.

We rejoice in the peace of God, which brings comfort and calm.

We come together to rejoice.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dan Serns

Hymn of Praise

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • 229

Congregational Prayer

Sharon Terrell

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

Worship in Music

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • Paul Manz

Introduction of Speaker

Tom Evans

Tithes & Offerings

Skip McCarty • Disaster and Famine Relief

Children's Story

Sleepers Wake! A Voice Astounds Us • Wayne Wold

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47 NIV • Skip & Lyn McCarty

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Hymn of Preparation

Christ for the World We Sing • 370

Sermon

"The Happiest Family in the World" • Dan Serns

Hymn of Commitment

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated • 330

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ • John Darwall

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

MUSIC ALIVE

WAKE UP! GO!

"**W**ake Up!" is a clarion call in today's worship services, enhanced through composers' creativity. Speaking of creativity, we adopt the title "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us," a free rendering from the German by Carl Daw, a contemporary American poet. Philipp Nicolai wrote the striking original text during an appalling epidemic in Germany in the late 1590s that claimed 1300 lives over seven months.

His parsonage overlooked a churchyard where often more than two dozen people per day were buried. But what is Nicolai's focus (hymn 210)? It is Jesus' story of the wise and foolish maidens: some ready, some sleeping. "Wake Up!" says Nicolai ("Wachet Auf!"). Organ settings today were crafted by contemporary American composers. Concluding music says to us, "Go!" (hymn 377). ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service Vladimir Slavujevic

Opening Hymn *To God Be the Glory* • 341

Welcome & Prayer Judy Aitken

Scripture Romans 8:28

Special Feature "The Mushroom Pastor and Miracle Rock" • Tom Evans

Offering

Bible Study "Lord of Jews and Gentiles" • Classes

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

WE PRAISE

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As We Begin

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Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness • Melvin West

Praise

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E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come • Paul Manz

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"Encountering God" • Pavel Goia

Hymn

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • 290

As We Depart

Go Forth, Go Forth With Christ • John Darwall

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
PIANO: Patrick Miller; GUITAR: Nathaniel Cincala, Nicholas Snell
PERCUSSION: Timothy Cincala; CELLO: Andrew Osano; BASS: Sam Lewin
VOCALS: Joffre St. Hilaire, Melissa Ruhupatty, Nicholas Snell
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

SUBMIT announcements by emailing bulletin@pmchurch.org or by going to 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 • 8:56
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:03

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

China Mission Report: Inside the Great Wall, the Great Kingdom

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1ST SERVICE—Ben Martin

2ND SERVICE—AA Baccalaureate

FINANCIAL FEATURE

DISASTER AND FAMINE RELIEF

Almost daily, Adventist Community Services (ACS) volunteers compassionately respond to disasters throughout North America. They collect, sort, and distribute items to people who have endured these disasters. They also train and locally deploy Adventists to provide emotional and spiritual care to the survivors. As Adventists, we are compelled to do our best to provide assistance to those in need. ACS and volunteers join forces to transform us into Christ's hands and feet to fulfill that purpose. Today, your offering will benefit ACS in North America and ADRA internationally to further their efforts.

The Tent Evangelism

TODAY • 5:00 PM

THE TENT BEHIND THE
ALUMNI HOUSE

Join us for our final presentation of "Letting Our Light Shine," an evangelistic series that has been held by the Jr. High Students of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. The Tent is a beautiful picture of what The Body of Christ should look like. Each student uses his or her gifts and talents to share the Gospel as well as their love for Jesus. We welcome you to experience The Tent for yourself at tonight's meeting and see what the Gospel is all about.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:30 PM

EARLITEEN LOFT

Come and join us as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath with prayer and music.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM

VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Join us at our monthly potluck to see "The Great Circle Tour," by Leroy Patterson. Sign up for a trip to the Brookfield Zoo in June. All members are welcome. Bring your food and enjoy! For more info contact Cleon and Sandra White 269.471.5553.

"THE JOURNEY" AT ANDREWS ACADEMY

TOMORROW • 6:00 PM
ANDREWS ACADEMY CHAPEL

Please be blessed by the Evangelism and Drama class as they perform the play called "The Journey," a play portraying the remnant trying to travel from the darkness to the light. The intriguing storyline has many parallels to what the Bible tells us will happen during the end times along with Jesus' sacrifice, His death on the cross, and His resurrection. Everyone is invited to this free program.

RMES Registration Picnic

MAY 16 • 5:30 PM

Join us for a chance to meet other families and explore the amazing opportunities that Ruth Murdoch Elementary School has to offer your children. There will be lots of food, kids' activities, and more!

Aliens, UFOs, and the Bible

MAY 20 • 6:30 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Rich Aguilera is presenting a second showing of his family-friendly presentation which uses a simple approach that targets kids and adults of all ages. His visual methods utilize a giant screen, sounds, interactive elements and special FX surprises that will keep you on the edge of your seat from start to finish. 3D glasses will be provided. Tickets available from the HPAC box office.

Get Our E-Letter!

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

Lead a GROW Group!

It's that time once again to lead a GROW Group and experience a shared interest with others in the context of community. Our GROW Groups help you get to know other people, be involved, and grow deeper in your relationship with God. Do you have an idea for a GROW Group that you'd like to lead this Summer or in the Fall? Sign up by visiting www.pmchurch.org/grow to be included in the 2016 GROW Group catalogs. Registration deadlines are as follows: Thursday, June 2, for summer groups and Sunday, September 11, for fall groups. If you have any questions feel free to contact us at growgroups@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553. Don't miss out on this transforming experience and thanks for helping us provide a space for people to GROW in God and through community with one another!

WIN! Health & Family Wellness Ministry Conference

MAY 27-30 • SEMINARY CHAPEL

This conference will focus on sharing Jesus—the Great Healer—with anyone who wants to improve their health while serving others. Lead presenter, Wes Youngberg, author of *Goodbye Diabetes* and *Hello Healthy*, presents topics on improving physical, spiritual, and emotional health based on current research. Register on PlusLine at 800.732.7587. For more info check www.winwellness.org.

PMC Office Closed

The PMC office will be closed on Friday, May 27, and Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will be open at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, May 31, and look forward to serving you.

Scrapbooking Together

JUNE 5 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your scrapbooking or card-making supplies and join us for our last scrapbooking event of the school year. Enjoy an afternoon with friends as you finish up your projects before the summer or start some new ones! Bring your favorite snack to share with the group. We will provide chocolate and prizes. If you have any questions or need more information, please call Sherrie Davis at 471.3134 or email davis@pmchurch.org.

Open House

JUNE 5 • 2:00 TO 4:00 PM
BERRIEN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the May 15 marriage of Joan Banks and Rick Regester.

PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. Navigate through different books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, finding unexpected fresh meaning for today. Reimagine your life. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths in the Board Room. Breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, study starts at 10:30 AM! Needed: Adults who have a heart for this generation and want to make them feel welcomed and connected, even beyond the Sabbath School time. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via youngadults@pmchurch.org or 269.471.3553.

Free Physical Therapy for Balance Problems after Stroke

A group of students from the Andrews University Physical Therapy Department is looking for individuals who have had a stroke at least a year ago to participate in our research project. We are offering free physical therapy sessions focusing on balance training in an overhead safety harness, 3x/week for 8 weeks. If you or someone you know is interested in participating and would like more information, please call Shelby King at 208.993.1272 or email shelby@andrews.edu.

Thank You

Thank you sincerely to our dear church family for the kind expressions of sympathy at the time of the loss of our mother and grandmother. Your cards, calls, and visits are deeply appreciated.
—Ben & Sandy Chilson & Family

More Announcements

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

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