

# PIONEER --- CONNECT

FEBRUARY 25, 2017

## STORM

FINDING JESUS IN THE  
GATHERING DARK

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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

I'm honored to welcome you to Pioneer Memorial Church. We're glad you're here. Today, you'll experience a few major things in our 75-minute worship service. First, you'll experience an inspiring worship service led by one of our talented leaders and teams. We invite you to join in the singing. Second, you'll hear a Bible-based message by our lead pastor, Dwight K. Nelson. We're currently in part 6 of our series titled Storm: "Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark." If you missed any of the past messages you can catch up directly at [www.pmchurch.org](http://www.pmchurch.org).

Finally, we'd love to get to know you a little bit better. There's a Connect Card in the worship bulletin where you can let us know if this is your first or second time here, or if you have any prayer requests. Anything we can do for you let us know! It's our prayer that today you'd experience God's presence and power in a special way.

—Rodlie Ortiz



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## THE FOURTH WATCH BLOG

How to Heal  
the Pain When You  
Can't Feel the Pain

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## PIONEER LIFE

Praise at the Pump

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## WE WORSHIP

9:00 AM Service

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## SABBATH SCHOOL

The Holy Spirit and the  
Gifts of the Spirit

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11:45 AM Service

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# HOW TO HEAL THE PAIN WHEN YOU CAN'T FEEL THE PAIN

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**H**ow can you heal someone's pain, when you can't feel someone's pain? There is pain deep within our faith community and our university campus. And the truth is most of us can't feel it. How could we possibly feel it? We're white.

Years ago a friend gave me a book that I never got around to reading. Until a few days ago. It's Paul Kivel's exploration, *Upending Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*. One glance at the title and I knew that this wouldn't be for me—since I'm not a racist, since I see little if any racism around me, so why should I worry? That was over twenty year ago. Now the book speaks volumes:

It is not necessarily a privilege to be white, but it certainly has its benefits. . . . Privileges are economic "extras" that those of us who are middle class and wealthy gain at the expense of poor and working class people of all races. Benefits, on the other hand, are the advantages that all white people gain at the expense of people of color regardless of economic position. . . . [J]ust because we don't have the economic privileges of those with more money doesn't mean we haven't enjoyed some of the benefits of being white. (28)

Kivel runs through a checklist of such privileges: we're able to count on police protection rather than harassment; we're

able to choose where we want to live with safe neighborhoods and decent schools; we're "given more attention, respect and status in conversations than people of color"; in news, music, history books and the media "we see people who look like us" in a positive light; we have more access, credibility and recourse with lawyers and courts; "nothing that we do is qualified, limited, discredited or acclaimed simply because of our racial background," et al (28-29).

And white privilege begins in childhood: people around us will have higher expectations for us as children; more money will be spent on our schools; we'll get called on more times in class; we will see people who look like us in our textbooks; "and if we get into trouble adults will expect us to be able to change and improve, and therefore will discipline or penalize us less or differently than children of color" (29).

Kivel concludes: "All else being equal, it pays to be white. We will be accepted, acknowledged and given the benefit of the doubt. Since all else is not equal we each receive different benefits or different levels of the same benefits from being white" (29).

How can you possibly heal someone's pain, when you can't feel someone's pain?

Ask the Good Samaritan. The crime victim was a Jew, and Jews hated Samaritans—so why should the Samaritan bother at all? He couldn't feel the victim's pain. But



as Martin Luther King, Jr. observed about Jesus' parable: Whereas the priest and the Levite fretted, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?", the Samaritan asked, "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" (*Let the Trumpet Sound: The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr.* 140).

What will happen to her, what will happen to him if I don't stop and pour myself in their pain? It's the Golden Rule hammered out in the crucible of another person's pain. The Samaritan knelt beside the victim and administered (ministered) to him the emotional and physical intervention the brutalized man desperately needed. And in his self-sacrificial love for

his "neighbor," we see not only the truth about Christ who knelt beside us, but the truth Christ calls His radical followers to embrace: As you would have others treat you, you treat them.

There is a pain deep within our faith community and our university campus. It may not be your pain—but until it becomes your business, the pain—plain and simple—cannot and will not be healed. In the school. In the church. In our own hearts. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at [www.pmchurch.tv/blog](http://www.pmchurch.tv/blog).



# PRAISE AT *the* PUMP

BY JONNY WILCSYNSKI

**G**od is even God of the mundane. This last Sunday (February 19), our GO: Project was simple, and God blessed it. A group of 9 went to a local gas station in town and offered \$5 of free gas to everyone.



The response was incredible. Most of the time, people responded in disbelief. One man said, "Sure. What's the catch? Nothing in life is free." Our volunteers responded by saying that we wanted to bless



the community in the name of Jesus, and then we'd hand them a card. On one side of the card, it said, "This is our simple way of saying God loves you. Let us know if we can be of more assistance." On the other side of the card, it had the contact information for the church. To our amazement, other community members who had already received the gas chimed in! They explained to their doubting brother that this gas is, in fact, free.

Getting gas is not inherently enjoyable. It was a beautiful thing to see people genuinely happy during what is usually a boring necessity of life. The smiles and the moods were contagious. There was one



couple who drove up to the gas station (I don't think they saw our signs about the free \$5 of gas) and were in the middle of a fight. Unaware of his surroundings, the guy gets out of his car and goes straight for the convenience store door. One of our volunteers engages him and asks him if he wants free gas. The shock, joy, and confusion on his face made the whole endeavor worthwhile. He was so excited that he wanted to take a selfie with some of us and post it online.

We also had a great opportunity to approach a gentleman who was pumping his free gas and offer to pray with him. When asked if he could be prayed for,

he completely opened up and told us all kinds of struggles that he is going through. Yet, he was the witness to us—he said that despite his marital and financial issues, he knew God is not only good, but is ultimately in control.

This project didn't affect only those coming to get gas. The attendant who was in the store told one of our volunteers that she was overwhelmed by the positivity of the customers. She said it was the very opposite of the normal dreary mood. She was so excited that she shared it on the gas station's Facebook page, inviting everyone to come and see.

Several others from the community were so excited by what we were doing that they wanted to give towards this project.

Throughout every interaction, it was clear and humbling that the Holy Spirit was working through each conversation, each dollar, and every volunteer. I am certain that those \$5 went much further than \$5 normally would. In an effort to bless the community, the community ended up blessing us.

Thank you for your faithful support of the Master Plan of Evangelism fund at PMC. As a result, we were able to bless 40 individuals just on this project alone, as well as make an impact in our broader community as well.

All glory to God. ■

*Jonny Wilcsynski is a seminary student doing his Theological Field Education at PMC with Rodlie Ortiz.*

## **SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY**

Please indicate  
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# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach*

## Introit

*Image of the Unseen God • Kenneth Logan*

## Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

We are the people of the book.

**We believe in both the Old and the New Testaments.**

Lord, help us to live the law of the gospel where love rules life.

**Let us be glad in our salvation and publish glad tidings with our life.**

## Doxology

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2*

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name • 229*

## Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

*We Would See Jesus • st. 1 of 494*

## Worship in Music

*Cornerstone • Shawn Kirchner*

## Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens • Dale Wood*

## Children's Story

## Scripture

Romans 1:16, 17, 20 NIV • JoAnn Siagian & Kong Yoong

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."**

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.



## Hymn of Preparation

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* • 88

**Sermon** "STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—6 • Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card

## Hymn of Commitment

*Moment by Moment* • 507

## Benediction

**Closing Voluntary** *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* • Benedetto Marcello

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers; Chelsea Lake, graduate student director

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# MUSIC ALIVE

## MUSIC CREATED

**W**hich came first, the words or the music? In the case of today's introit, "Image of the Unseen God," the words clearly led to the music. Last May, *Adventist Review* editor Bill Knott sent to me a poem titled "COLOSSAE," with the reference "based on Colossians 1:15-22," along with several other poems for potential musical settings. This communication followed two

discussions in passing between poet and composer, one in conjunction with an ASI International Convention and one with the 2015 General Conference session. It turns out that Knott is an expressive, skilled poet! It has been a privilege to set the first stanza of his hymn text to music, its powerful references to the Creator and nature melding with today's sermon text and topic. ■

# WE STUDY

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**Song Service**

Vladimir Slavujevic

**Opening Hymn**

*Wholly Thine* • 308

**Welcome & Prayer**

Philip Giddings III

**Special Feature**

"Too Close for Comfort" • Hadassah Schnepf

**Offertory**

*The Lord Is My Light* • Oley Speaks

**Bible Study**

"The Holy Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit" • Classes

**Scripture**

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NKJV

**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: James-Andrew Hearn, tenor; Hteemu Dee, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## **As We Begin**

*Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach*

## **Praise**

*Power In The Blood • Mighty To Save • Be Unto Your Name*

## **Prayer**

Kevin Wilson

## **Tithes & Offerings**

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens • Dale Wood*

## **Children's Story**

## **Bible Reading**

Romans 1:16, 17, 20 NIV

## **Worship in Music**

*Cornerstone • Shawn Kirchner*

## **Sermon**

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—6 • Dwight K. Nelson

## **Connect Card**

*Moment by Moment • 507*

## **As We Depart**

*The Heavens Declare the Glory of God • Benedetto Marcello*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan

ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson; PIANO: Melissa Gibson

VOCALS: James-Andrew Hearn, Juwel Howard, Vivian Raimundo

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers; Chelsea Lake, graduate student director

**SUBMIT** announcements by emailing [bulletin@pmchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@pmchurch.org) or by going to [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit). Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
World Budget

**SUNSET TODAY** • 6:29  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 6:37

## PIONEER PULPIT

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**ANTE JERONCIC**

"Guest-listed or Blacklisted?"

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**DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—7

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING BUDGET

We have incredible Sabbath schools at PMC. From the newborn class to our Adult Sabbath School classes we have incredible resources, programming tools, A/V systems, props, Sabbath school lessons, and most recently a new security system to protect our children. The local budget helps to provide these wonderful resources for our Sabbath school classes. Please continue to support your Sabbath schools by your generous giving to the PMC Operating Budget today.

### Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

### AUSA Senate Service Gala

TOMORROW • 6:00 TO 8:30 PM  
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AUSA Senate will be hosting a Service Gala in order to premiere Student-Led service opportunities. The event is free and is open to the community.

### Soup & Bread Business Meeting

FEBRUARY 27 • 6:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Come enjoy some soup and bread before learning PMC's plans for 2017 (6 PM). Business meeting will begin at 7 PM.

### House of Prayer—2 Sessions

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 AM/7:00 PM

Join us morning (Youth Chapel) or evening (Sanctuary) for group praying—bring your Bible, bring a friend.

## How to Share Your Faith and Give Bible Studies

MARCH 3-5  
PMC COMMONS

Have you ever wanted to learn how to share your faith? Join us Friday 5 to 7 PM, Saturday 3 to 5 PM, and Sunday 10 AM to 12 PM. We will discuss how to share your faith story, have meaningful conversations, and share the secrets to soul winning. Register at [www.pmchurch.org/go](http://www.pmchurch.org/go). For more info contact Tabitha Umali ([tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org](mailto:tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org) or 269.340.2031).

## Adventist Engaged Encounter

MARCH 3-5

Are you dating, engaged, or newly married? AEE offers couples the insights, tools and confidence to develop and strengthen their relationship. For reservation info contact Jeff & Twyla Smith ([aee@andrews.edu](mailto:aee@andrews.edu) or 269.815.8491).

## Master Guide Skills Development

MARCH 10  
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

**7:00 PM** – Leadership

**8:15 PM** – Vision, Mission & Motivation

MARCH 11

PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

**3:00 PM** – Communication I

**4:15 PM** – Communication 2

**5:30 PM** – Learning Styles

## RMES Visitor's Day

MARCH 14

Spend a day at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School! All students in grades 1 through 8 next year are invited. Come visit the school, make new friends, meet your teacher, and have fun!

## We Mourn

We mourn with Patricia (Glenn) Rogers on the death of her mother, Emma Bond. We also grieve with Marlyce Davis (Henry) on the death of her mother. With these families we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## PMC Prayer Teams

The PMC Prayer Teams are in need of your help. We gather each Sabbath in the Prayer Room (located behind the big glass window on the piano side of the sanctuary) to pray for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit on each aspect of the church service. For more information or if you are interested, call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502 (1st service) or Andrea Gibbs at 269.282.6008 (2nd service).

## Nominating Committee

SECOND READING

### Church Clerk:

Janna Quetz

### Assistant Head Elders:

Andrea Gibbs

Peggy & Woody Whidden

### Elders:

Juliette & Jerry Horton

### Nursery Sabbath School Asst. Dir.:

Henry Davis

## More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements).



## PMC 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

The 2017 PMC Operating Budget will be presented for approval during a business meeting on February 27 at 7:00 PM. Detailed budget information is available at each welcome center and at the church office.

### 2017 Budget Summary

	Budget 2017	Budget 2016	Actual 2016
<b>NET ASSET BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$846,287	\$865,865	\$865,907
<b>INCOME</b>			
<i>Church Family Finance Goals:</i>			
Church Operating	\$635,000	\$667,000	\$622,089
Christian Education	205,294	223,787	205,294
Master Plan for Evangelism	135,000	125,000	135,300
Building Fund	46,000	46,000	44,867
Student Aid	57,000	57,000	56,741
Total Family Finance Goals	\$1,078,294	\$1,118,787	\$1,064,291
Other Evangelism	215,645	219,893	464,582
Sabbath School	42,775	39,385	44,272
Youth/Outreach Ministries	129,393	157,570	146,935
Television/Media Ministry	261,000	274,500	337,626
Other Income	123,557	153,646	230,298
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,850,664</b>	<b>\$1,963,781</b>	<b>\$2,288,004</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Evangelism Programs	\$280,095	\$405,035	\$680,343
Sabbath School	60,335	60,575	65,215
Youth/Outreach Min/GROW	175,251	233,370	232,938
Christian Educ./Student Aid	319,994	347,907	332,487
Church Operations	430,366	455,651	397,472
Building/Maintenance	175,679	169,927	132,357
Television/Media Ministry	347,456	353,054	346,745
Other	69,100	78,700	120,021
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,858,276</b>	<b>\$2,104,219</b>	<b>\$2,307,578</b>
Net Increase (Decrease)	(7,612)	(140,438)	(19,574)
<b>NET ASSET ENDING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$838,675</b>	<b>\$725,427</b>	<b>\$846,333</b>

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