I WONDER
WHAT
THE BIBLE
SAYS
ABOUT

Ben Martin • July 29
Pioneer Memorial Church
9:00 & 11:45 AM
What have you come seeking today? Are you thirsty for a connection with God? If so you are not alone. “These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng” (Psalm 42:4 NIV).

While the writer here is desperate to connect with God, he remembers happier days. He felt very close to God in joyful times and in community with others. No matter in what state we find ourselves today, God is ready and willing to hear us and revive us.

Let’s come together, remembering that it is His love that has drawn us here. We hope and pray that you’ll experience God’s presence through the prayers, song and messages of today, and especially with one another as we worship Him, “the help of our countenance and our God.”

We’re glad you are here. Welcome.

—Sabine Vatel
Because Pioneer Memorial Church is a campus church, we not only have local members, but included in that membership are those passing through as they seek higher education. We are blessed to be able to experience the sharing of their gifts and talents, as faithful servants to Christ, while they are here.

Teams are important to help balance the load. One of our sustaining volunteer ministries here at Pioneer is the Media Team. We continually maintain a crew of approximately fifty people throughout the school semester, many of whom stick around for much of the summer months. All are committed to using media to share the love of Jesus through our local television ministry.

We also employ a small team to help with the day-to-day tasks throughout the week. This spring Pioneer hired a new Assistant Media Director, Gaddiel Zelaya Martinez. Gaddiel joins us as a recent Andrews graduate, with a Bachelor of Arts, concentrating in Broadcast Journalism. He most enjoys creative storytelling through video and still photography. Gaddiel says he doesn’t prepare his shots only to make them look good, but enjoys being able to forget the technical and focus on “evoking a mood that communicates a message and tells a compelling a story.” When asked why he accepted the position here at Pioneer, Gaddiel said it was the “right fit” for him and that it is a “great way to continue to stay active in ministry, while receiving practical training.” He knows God wants him to stay close to His church and this is a great opportunity to do just that.

We are also privileged to have our own in-house Graphic Designer, Rachelle Offenback. She provides us our weekly bulletin, poster and website artwork, as well as other design projects, like our GROW Group catalog. Rachelle has a Bachelor of Arts degree, concentrating in Graphic Design and most enjoys layout in design. Troy Homenchuk is filling in for Rachelle while she is on maternity leave. Troy currently serves as an instructor in the School of Architecture here at Andrews University. He enjoys working in the creative field, whether it be teaching or designing. He says he “feels at home wherever he can spread the Gospel” and we are glad to have him for this short time.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, “Whatever you do, do well” (NLT). A job well done gives us something we can be proud of, and a team helps us accomplish just that. Your continued financial support helps us keep this creative team together. We look forward to continuing to serve you in the future.

Richard Parke is the director of Media Ministries here at PMC.

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WE WORSHIP
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Opening Voluntary  
_Praise to the Lord the Almighty (BWV 650) • J. S. Bach_

Introit  
_Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel_

Call to Worship  
_Sabine Vatel_

Listen to my words, Lord,  
consider my lament. Hear my cry for help, my King and my God,  
for to you I pray.  
In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests  
before you and wait expectantly.

Doxology  
_Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2_

Invocation  
_Ben Martin_

Hymn of Praise  
_Lord of Creation • 320_

Congregational Prayer  
_Sabine Vatel_

Lord, Speak to Me • st. 1 of 541

Worship in Music  
_Be Thou My Vision / It Is Well With My Soul_

Tithes & Offerings  
_Good News Farm_

I’m Pressing On the Upward Way • Arr. Brenton Offenback

Children’s Story  
_Gabi Francisco_

Scripture  
_John 9:1-5 NRSV • Aron and Ruben Balorda_

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth.  
His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”  
Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him.  
We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.  
As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”
We are told to “praise [God] with the psaltery and harp” (Psalm 150:3b, KJV). I Sam. 16 recounts David playing a “harp” for King Saul, the king being refreshed, made well, the evil spirit departing from him. Ellen White said, “Music is often perverted to serve purposes of evil, and it thus becomes one of the most alluring agencies of temptation. But, rightly employed, it is a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, to inspire and elevate the soul.” Certain song “has wonderful power. It has power to subdue rude and uncultivated natures; power to quicken thought...and to banish the gloom and foreboding that destroy courage and weaken effort” (Education 167, 168). ■
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Song Service
Jimmer Mun

Opening Song
*I Love to Tell the Story* • 457

Prayer
Jemuel Friars

Scripture
Natsayi Nemware

Welcome
Sinegugu Katenga

Mission Feature
Juli and Garry Blood

Offertory
*His Eye is on the Sparrow* • arr. Tom Fettke

Bible Study
“Old Testament Faith” • 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
Jimmer Mun

ORGANIST: Brenton Offenback
OFFERTORY: Lady Abigail Imperio, soprano
WE WORSHIP 2
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As We Begin
Praise to the Lord the Almighty (BWV 650) • Johann Sebastian Bach

Praise
Shine Jesus Shine • I Love To Tell The Story • I Have Decided To Follow Jesus

Prayer
Sabine Vatel

Tithes & Offerings
I’m Pressing On the Upward Way • Arr. Brenton Offenback

Children’s Story
Gabi Francisco

World Missions Institute Dedication

Worship in Music
Be Thou My Vision / It Is Well With My Soul

Sermon
"I Wonder What the Bible Says About ________?"
Ben Martin

Connect Card
We Praise Thee With Our Minds • 642, melody of 250

As We Depart
Finale from Symphony No. 2 • Charles-Marie Widor

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Brenton Offenback
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson; PIANO: Jonathan Constantine
VOCALS: Amyah Chatman, Jessica Link, Sinegugu Katenga
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: John Weiss, bowed psaltery
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
Michigan Advance Partners

| 08 • 05 |
| JOHN WESLEY TAYLOR V |
| AU Baccalaureate |

| 08 • 12 |
| TAURUS MONTGOMERY |

FINANCIAL FEATURE

GOOD NEWS FARM

The offering today goes to the Good News Farm, which is a greenery located on the campus of Great Lakes Academy. All of the fruits and vegetables the farm grows are Certified Organic. The farm provides a place for students to learn the values of hard work, and the money the students earn goes to their education. The farm also uses their Facebook page to share God’s message through video lessons. Your support of the Good News Farm will benefit the ministry of Adventist education and help spread the good news of Jesus.

Family Vespers
TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

What would it look like if you could see God’s agenda for your day? Join us for a presentation by Michael Gibson entitled “Living on God’s Agenda,” a fresh perspective on divine appointments and living everyday according to God’s plan.

Keeping Us Safe

The Safety Committee would like to thank you for participating in last week’s safety drill. They were able to identify some areas to continue to provide a safe experience for us as we worship together each week in this space. Share your thoughts and experience at www.pmchurch.org/safety-drill.

We Mourn

We mourn the loss of our dear member, Merilyn Christian, who passed away on July 17. With her friends and family we look forward to the resurrection morning. “Even so, come Lord Jesus.”

RMES Work Bee
JULY 30 • 8:00 AM TO 3:00 PM
RUTH MURDOCH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Parents, volunteers, and supporters are invited to join us as we beautify our building and grounds for the new school year.
What an Amazing Gift
On July 23 twenty-one PMC couples married for between 50 to 70 years met together to praise God for such an amazing gift. Pastor Don Dronen offered the Prayer of Praise which included the recognition of God’s direction in bringing each couple together. They had the opportunity to share their wedding picture, proposal story, and make prayer requests.

Health Tent at Berrien County Youth Fair
Every year the local Adventist churches host the Health Tent at the Berrien County Youth Fair. Thousands of people visit during Fair Week (August 14-19 this year) to learn about healthful living. You can be part of it! Sign up for a time slot (or more) at www.HealthTent.org. Learn more about the new format for the Health Tent on that site, and also how you can support it with your donations.

FLAG Camp
NOW THROUGH AUGUST 3
PATHFINDER BUILDING
FLAG Camp is a Christian day camp where children grades K-8 enjoy quality programs. Whether you plan to send your child every day, or just a day here and there throughout the summer, FLAG Camp is a great choice when it comes to affordable childcare. For registration or more info visit www.pmchurch.org/flagcamp.

Family Prayer Needs
If you have a prayer request or change to the Family Prayer Needs list, please contact the church clerk, Janna Quetz (clerk@pmchurch.org, or call 471.3133).

District 9 Family Camp
SEPTEMBER 1-4
CAMP AU SABLE
The annual District 9 Family Camp is just around the corner! Applications are available online at http://districtnine.wix.com/ or at the PMC receptionist’s desk for those who are unable to obtain them online. Completed applications may be submitted to Claudia Sowler beginning at noon on July 23. Reservations must be made by noon on Sunday, August 13. For questions, please contact Ric Streelman at 269.208.7172. Make your reservations as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you there where you will be physically and spiritually blessed!

Adventurer Leaders/Teacher Needed
The PMC Adventurer Club is looking for a dynamic, interactive and creative teacher to lead our Little Lambs class (4 year-olds) for the 2017-2018 school year. In addition, we are also in need of assistant leaders to help in various leadership areas. If interested, please contact us at adventurers@pmchurch.org.

PMC Greeters Needed!
The PMC Greeter Team needs your warm smile and friendly “Welcome” to serve as a greeter. You are the first introduction to our worship on Sabbath. We have many openings. Contact Bonnie Perry by phone, text or e-mail (269.473.1005; 312.953.5871; bperry@sbcsc.k12.in.us).

More Announcements
For more PMC and community announcements, please visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.
The Institute of World Mission team and the 28 missionary families attending the 2017 Andrews Mission Institute want to thank the Pioneer Memorial Church and Andrews University for hosting them during their three-week training program. Thank you also for giving your tithes and offerings that support these families and the hundreds of others who serve in the General Conference mission program around the world. Please remember them in your prayers.

Jesse, Sheila, & Nikki Jessica Agra from the Philippines serving in Zimbabwe • Jose Aragones & Pamela Catalan from Argentina serving in Kyrgyzstan • Corazon & Jovicito Banaga from the Philippines serving in Kenya • Eldon, Drania, Amantia, Ester, & Era Bardhi from Albania serving in Vietnam • Gary, Juli, Michael, & Jason Blood from the USA serving GC Auditing Services • Stephen Blosser from the USA serving with Asia Aid • Leendert & Mary Louise Brouwer from the Netherlands & Canada serving in Peru • Seung Kyo Cho & Sun Hee Kim from S Korea serving in the Philippines • Roy Cortez from the USA serving GC Auditing Services • Jerry Peter, Izabel, & Lys Da Silva from Brazil/Canada serving in Tunisia • Lincoln & Sandra Edwards from the USA serving in Jamaica • Jemuel, Jevelyn, & Jyle Frias from the Philippines serving in Botswana • Damon, Danae, Bryce, & Peyton Gilliam from the USA serving in Egypt • Inzune, Nancy, Caleb, Mary, & Martha Hwang from USA serving in Rwanda • Makhosi, Gugu, Sisaskhe, Similosakhe, & Musawakhe Moyo from Zimbabwe serving in Kenya • Pardon & Judith Mwansa from the USA serving in Zambia • Natsayi Nembaware from Zimbabwe serving in the USA • Joel, Jolie, Franz, Emmanuelle, & Uriel Nyanding from Cameroon serving in Burundi • Verna, Gemini, Beth, & Mikguil Peduche from Philippines serving in Zambia • Alvin & Leila Rocero from USA serving in Pakistan • Leroy, Ruby, Joshua Ruhupatty from Indonesia serving in the Philippines • Richard, Paula, & Richla Sabuin from Indonesia serving in S Korea • Emilio Sobrino, Ischel Ruiz Gama, Eleonor & Emilio from Mexico serving in Ukraine • Wilson, Danika, Levi & Ever Thomas from the USA serving in Malawi • Pradeep Arthur, Nola, & Tarun Tudu from India serving in Thailand • Ron & Shawna Vhymeister from the USA serving in Lebanon • Kimberly Westfall from the USA serving with GC Auditing • Jacqueline Wosinski from Switzerland serving in Rwanda.
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