

Prayer Needs

Dorothy Wirth-health

MacKenzie Hornby

Bob Sharp-health

Matt Ellis-health

Daryl Hauck-cancer

Jody Ebert's family

Larry Bucher-health

Cheryl Haecher-health

Dean Family

Victor Pastor-health

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

October 31, 2020

Call to Worship	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	12
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Offering	Kansas Nebraska Evangelism*	Ingrid DeVries
Children's Story		Jamie Jorge
Announcements		Pastor Nate Elias
Prayer		Beckham & Kingston Hoffmeyer
Scripture	2 Corinthians 5:17	Ed Whitehill
Sermon	If God Used Me, He Can Use You	Jamie Jorge
Prayer of Blessing		Pastor Michael Halfhill

Calendar

Sabbath, October 31

(sundown 6:23pm)

9:30am-Adult, Youth & Children's Lessons

11:00am-Speaker: Jamie Jorge

Wednesday, November 2

2:00pm-Bulletin Deadline

6:30pm-Prayer Meeting

Sabbath, November 7

(sundown 5:15pm)

9:30am-Adult, Youth & Children's Lessons

11:00am-Speaker: Michael Halfhill

Tithe & Offering

10/24 KS NE Advance

10/31 KS NE Evangelism

Weekly church budget: \$3,349.00

October offering: \$7,758.97

Balance: -\$239.90

Give online at piedmontparksda.org

**Please put your tithe envelope in the basket at the Welcome Desk*

Online Viewing

9:30am - Sabbath School lesson study

11am - Church Service and Livestream Service

View at YouTube.com in our Channel: piedmontparkchurch



We are happy to welcome Jaime Jorge to Piedmont Park this morning as he shares his beautiful violin music and ministry! After the church service offering plates will be available at the Sanctuary doors to collect an offering for Jaime & his ministry. You can also give donations online at www.jaimejorge.com/healingmusic Your donation will help Jaime share the love of Jesus through music as he travels all over the country! Jaime will also have his albums available in the lobby this morning on the honor system. No money will be exchanged during Sabbath hours. Instead you can go to www.jaimejorge.com/honor-system-product to send in your payment or mail a check to JEJ Enterprises, Inc. 9536 Mountain Lake Dr., Ooltewah, TN 37363.

1 Which Book of the Bible do the Halfhills like best?

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3 Watch Sundays at 7pm on the church YouTube channel

Announcements

2nd Reading of Transfers In: Kent and Delores Mishleau from Owatonna, MN Transferring Out: Kayla Mellhuysen to Albany, OR, Virgil Carner to Lincoln Capitol View, Dustin and Erin Stegen to Lincoln Northside, Sterling Cornwell to Crescent City, CA

Monday Blitz: Beginning on Monday November 2, Pastor Nate will be sharing Monday Blitz on our Piedmont Park Church YouTube channel. Each week he will share about a chapter of the Bible, starting with the Gospel according to Matthew.

Three or four volunteers needed to help prepare a Thanksgiving style meal for Fresh Start Home on Sunday evening, November 15. We will deliver the meal for the 24 women in transitional housing at 5:30 p.m. If you can help, please contact Carol Leonhardt at caleonha@gmail.com or 402-310-7493.

Parents of high school students: Pastor Nate would like to hear from you! In making plans for the remainder of Covid 2020 and a new 2021, Pastor Nate would like to make sure our high school students get connected with their *The Good Life Youth* group. Email or text him if you believe your high school student isn't connecting or if you have any questions about youth ministry at Piedmont Park.

My Name is Josiah Almeyda and I'm an IRR (International Rescue and Relief) student who is studying Emergency Management and Public Safety at Union College. I grew up attending the Woodland Park SDA church and I will be one of the students heading to Alaska this spring (2021) for my senior semester as part of an outreach initiative for underprivileged native communities. The financial challenges posed by this trip are not only travel costs but also the need for new equipment, and supplementary savings since I will not be working the 50+ hours I usually work to afford school. I'm currently paying for school myself, so any financial aid is greatly appreciated. Any gift given to the Union College International Rescue and Relief Missions Fund through this link will support me and my fellow students as we work together with the indigenous people of Alaska to build partnerships and empower local communities. All donations are tax-deductible and an official receipt will be given upon submission. Anything helps, thanks!

Leave the Leaves, bring a Pathfinder! Do you know any neighbors who might have a hard time picking up the leaves this fall? The Pathfinders are looking for a way to burn off some energy and what better way than helping those who might not have the energy to pick up leaves! You can request a leaf service for your lawn if you want to support the Piedmont Park Thunderbird Pathfinder club. The club is looking for a donation per yard to come rake and bag the leaves. Please contact Joshua Kittleson at director@pthunderbirds.com

The Ellis family is compiling bags of toiletries and goodies to pass out to people experiencing homeless on Friday, Nov 27. If you'd like to donate cash, goodies, coats, blankets, notes of encouragement, tracks, etc. for the project, please call or text Mary at 402-326-6539.

Has the pandemic impacted you or someone you know making it difficult for you to pay your rent or utilities? Reach out to the Good Neighbor Community Center for assistance at 402-477-4173 Monday through Thursday from 8am to 4pm and 9am to 12pm on Friday.

Encouraging Message: Kendra Carlson

Does the idea of forgiving someone make you feel sick inside? Does it seem wrong or do you feel weirdly stubborn about it, not sure why you aren't ready?

There are reasons why this may be and we're going to go through those together, addressing three today, and two next week. As we talked about in the other parts of this series, forgiveness is a miraculous gift from God and not an action we take. Our work is to open our hearts to healing around the offense and at some point in that process, we discover forgiveness has happened inside us and Jesus has set us free. Still, if we know forgiveness may result when we begin healing, we may not want to do it.

You feel pushed or guilty into it. When forgiveness is set up as an expectation for Christians, it can feel like a demand. Humans don't like being pressured and are also opposed to the judgement we feel comes with noncompliance. *Do these messages imply I'm a bad person if I don't forgive? We can start to question the wisdom being offered. If they think I'm a bad person because I'm struggling, maybe they don't have good advice to begin with.* You may also feel resistance to the idea that arriving at forgiveness is simple and straightforward.

You feel rushed. I've never heard a sermon that pointed out people are not immediately ready to forgive. When we teach our children to resolve conflicts, we expect one to apologize and the other to forgive, immediately. There's no acknowledgement the person who was hurt may need a minute. When we're hurt, we go into a stress response in our bodies and need to recover from that before we can decide what we feel or believe about a situation. To have someone demand our conclusion while we're still reacting (feeling unsafe) is too early and counterproductive. It distracts us from finishing the cycle of our stress response and puts priority on how the perpetrator feels. We feel muddled usually, because our frontal lobe is offline while we are in stress response, so I may say what you want me to say, but I am still a mess. It's much better to allow time for things to happen naturally. I've taught my kids to say, "I appreciate your apology," if they're not ready to say they've forgiven the person. I allow them time to process the situation and come to a sincere conclusion.

You've been promised it will rid relationships of tension. Sometimes we go through the healing time we need and find we've forgiven someone *and spending time with them is awkward*. This may be because they hold different beliefs than you and you feel their judgement when you're in their presence. This may be because you've set boundaries they don't like and are always pushing against them. We have no control over what they do. The Bible says, *If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.** Inferred in that statement is the idea that peace doesn't depend completely on us and there *will be* friction with people that isn't of our making. The reason it's wonderful to be healed and experience forgiveness is, you can accept people the way they show up and decide how you will proceed. If they're dangerous, you don't have to continue to have contact with them. If they're exhausting, you can limit your time spent with them. *Rom. 12:18 ESV

(conclusion in next week's Message of Encouragement)

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November 13, 2020

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**Light Up
the Dark**

Family Fun Drive-Thru 4-6pm on Oct. 31

Piedmont Park Church presents Daniel's Adventures

(weather permitting)

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Pastor Appreciation

Thank you for all the ways you lead and guide our church. May God continue blessing you and your family in this ministry. -DeVries family

Pastor Nate, we are happy that you have recently arrived at our church and we look forward to the ministry you will be providing for our youth. -Eula Key

Eleanor & Clyde have been blessed by being members at Piedmont Park SDA church. Thank you Pastor Michael and Pastor Nate for allowing us to be members of this church. Kindest Christian Regards, Clyde Peters

Thank to our pastors for braving COVID on our behalf and speaking messages of hope week after week. -Carol & Dwain Leonhardt

Pastor Michael, it is Pastor Appreciation month and we want you to know that we appreciate your ministry and leadership at our church. We are especially thankful for how God is using you during this COV-19 pandemic to keep our congregation together whether we worshipped God inside our church building or by viewing church services online. -Eula Key

We have appreciated the constant commitment that Pastor Michael has given during this very difficult time. Pointing us to Christ always is critical. Pastor you have been given special inspiration to lead us. We praise God for the direction you have provided. Continued Blessings, Sara and Kent Thompson

October 31 is the last day for donations to count for Piedmont Park Women's Ministries team for **Safe Quarters** fundraising for **Friendship Home**. We have almost reached our goal of \$1000. **Donate online** at <https://bit.ly/2HaJv3o> or mail to:

Friendship Home

Atten: Safe Quarters

PO Box 85358

Lincoln, NE 68501-5358

On the memo line, write *Safe Quarters--Piedmont Park Women's Ministries*

Every donation makes a difference! **Thank you for your support.**

Carol Leonhardt, Women's Ministries Leader

Notes

2021 Devotions are Available at the ABC

**A discounted price will be provided to those
who call and order or stop by the store!**