

## Calendar

### Sabbath, September 5 (sundown 7:51pm)

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

11:00am-Hearing God's Word: Michael Halfhill

### Wednesday, September 9

2:00pm-Bulletin Deadline

6:30pm-Prayer Meeting

### Sabbath, September 12 (sundown 7:39pm)

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

11:00am-Hearing God's Word: Michael Halfhill

## Tithes and Offering

9/5 Church Budget

9/12 Church Budget

Weekly church budget: \$3,420.00

August offering: \$3,668.35

**Balance: \$532.08**

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## Prayer Requests

Leon Hill-recovery

Matt Ellis-health

Daryl Hauck-cancer

Hausted Family-loss

Enquist Family-loss

Holly Green-cancer

Dean Family

Victor Pastor-health



# PIEDMONT PARK

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

September 5, 2020

Call to Worship	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	88
Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Gift from the Heart	Blessed Assurance	Javier & Lucia Fernandez
Offering	Church Budget	Trystin Somers
Children's Story		David DeVries
Announcements		Pastor Michael Halfhill
Prayer		Jennifer Somers
Scripture	Philippians 2:5 - 8	Erynn Somers
Sermon	Extreme Separation	Pastor Michael Halfhill
Song of Dedication	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	155
Prayer of Blessing		Pastor Michael Halfhill

*Additional Musicians: Beth Baker Schwimmer & Darcy Pearcy*

## Saturday Morning Online Viewing:

9:30am - Sabbath School lesson study

11am - Church Service 11:10am - Livestream Service

View at [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) in our YouTube Channel:  
[piedmontparkchurch](https://www.youtube.com/piedmontparkchurch)

## YOUTH EVENTS:

### Friday, September 11

• Youth Pizza & Parables  
from 6:30pm-8:00pm at  
Roberts Park

### Saturday, September 12

• Youth Outdoor Movie  
Night! We'll watch *Re-  
member the Titans* at  
Pastor Martin's at 7pm

## Announcements

### Piedmont Park Church Campout Sept 18-20 Woodland Acres



You are invited to camp out on Sept 18-20 at Woodland Acres Camp.

Beginning Friday evening, Sept 18, all tent and RV campers are invited to a weekend camping experience. Casual camping and worship services are planned for young and old. Join your church family for a fun, inspiring and relaxing weekend. If you can only come out for Sabbath you are more than welcome. Please let us know if you plan to come for the Sabbath lunch so we will know how many to serv.

### Message of Encouragement: Kendra Carlson

This is the Messy Middle. People call it different things, but basically, it's when you've begun something and the newness has worn off, but the end is not yet in sight. Donald Miller compares it to crossing a body of water in a row boat. While the shore is receding quickly, we feel pumped—we're making such progress. And again at the end, when we can see the shore getting nearer and nearer, we're focused, maybe even energized. But out in the middle of the water, when it seems no progress is being made, it can get very dull and disheartening. That happens to be where we are in the pandemic and it's hard.

In March some of us felt relief as our social calendars cleared and sports, TV and movies were canceled. But after a time, we started to miss these things. Some of us missed them all along.

And now, the school year has begun and fall is near. Our culture tends treat this season as a natural reset, even if we aren't going back to school. The cooler temperature gives us energy and ambition that gives way to things like fall cleaning. If the year had a circadian rhythm, fall would be getting up refreshed from an afternoon nap.

So in some ways we are revving up and some of us already want to decorate for fall and plan Christmas. Then we remember: we're still in a pandemic. We don't know how much family gathering there will be. We don't know if flu season will make things worse. Some of us are living through financial loss and others the loss of loved ones. This is disheartening and we don't know how long it will last. When we dare to hope and plan for the best, plans often fall flat. So what do we do in the messy middle? How do we cope?

We remember the messy middle is a universal experience, so we are not alone or doing it wrong. It looks different on all of us, but we are all in it. Some of us crack by being super-duper careful; some of us crack by throwing caution to the wind. Some of us go back and forth between the two. Some of us shout at the people we love. If we know this is hard on humans and no one needs to be "over it" we can get *extra gentle* in the messy middle. It's okay to ease up on people when they're tired, including our selves. And remember that Jesus, the King of Grace is here with us in the messy middle. He's not shocked when we lose our marbles over small things. We can accept His grace for ourselves and extend it to each other, knowing He will stay with us until the distant shore begins to get closer.

**The Community Connections ministry** has been thinking about how to get active again in our community since our mission is, "connecting our faith with our hands and feet by building relationships in our community." Well, we want to continue that mission by partnering with one of our community agencies, Matt Talbot Kitchen & Outreach, who has a need for packs of water and travel size shampoo, conditioner, disposable razors, and bug spray. Let's show our support by bringing these items to church Wednesday, September 9, from 6:30-7:30pm and next Sabbath morning. Next week we will hear from a representative from Matt Talbot about how they are making a difference in Lincoln. Thank you and may the Lord bless our efforts as we attempt to exemplify Christ through acts of service and love. For more information email Hugh Davis at [davismedia@mac.com](mailto:davismedia@mac.com).

**Women's Ministries** will be cooking supper for the 24 women at Fresh Start home on Sunday evening, September 20. Four volunteers are needed. We will only be dropping off food at 5:30pm instead of staying to serve it. If you can help with this ministry, please contact Carol Leonhardt at 402-310-7493 or [Caleonha@gmail.com](mailto:Caleonha@gmail.com) Fresh Start provides transitional housing for women experiencing homelessness. It is located at 6433 Havelock Ave.

**The Halfhills are at it again!** They held a tournament to crown their favorite hymn, but this time they are debating their favorite books in the Bible. Join them Sundays at 7pm on our church YouTube channel to find out which Bible book will be number one!

**Junior Sabbath School** will be held on Zoom at 9:45am for those who prefer not to meet at the church. Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3961700980?pwd=aXhSR09Kamp1THNtVGVU1Y2Z2SER2dz09> Meeting ID: 396 170 0980 Passcode: 9ypwrD

### Northside Invites You to a Two-part Series...

The format for the series is planned to be 2 sessions on September 12 and October 10 from 4-5:30pm. Each session would be both in person at Lincoln Northside's Better Living Center which is in compliance with COVID-19 recommendations with overflow in the church sanctuary and online via the church's Zoom, Facebook and YouTube communication. Online would be open based on invite and in person advertising would be to the Nebraska SDA churches and Union College to try to keep this to an 'in house' discussion.

Each session would be a 50-minute lecture to inform the history and establish a framework initially planned on the topic of Civilization and the issues we are facing in America today as well as Adventism's role all through the lens of race relations toward affecting healing and reconciliation. After the lecture will be a 30/40-minute panel lead discussion to attempt to distill the larger concepts discussed down into more practical action points to make the broad topic more relatable. We will also be taking questions from the audience both in person and online. We will be collecting all questions to answer offline and will commit to posting/providing an informed response at some point later. The goal is to stay strictly to 90 minutes per session."