

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 pm

“Inside the Celebration”

Welcome & Announcements		David Chapman
Invocation		Pastor Jacob Pittenger
Tithes & Offering	Local Church Budget	David Chapman
Praise Time		Dan Spilovoy
	#645 – God of Our Fathers, vs 1, 2, 4	
	#647 – Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, vs 2, 3	
Children’s Story		David Chapman
Scripture & Prayer	Matthew 25:5	Wilbert Kostenko
Special Music	I Will Praise Him	Choir
Message	Inside the Celebration	Pastor Jacob Pittenger
Closing Song		Dan Spilovoy
	My Country, Tis of Thee, vs 1, 2, 4	
Benediction		Pastor Jacob Pittenger

Elder of the Month – Monee Quast

Sunset Today: 9:41 pm

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Pastor’s Corner:

“You may have heard this sermon before. We all need to stay awake. We need to be prepared for the bridegroom’s return, but there is something in Matthew 25 that doesn’t get spoken about enough. The celebration that is happening. The celebration that kept the virgins awake for so long that it caused them to grow tired. The celebration that was happening around them, yet they did not care. The celebration was still occurring while they slept and became indifferent. It is important to us that while the celebration happens around us this upcoming week remember that while we grow tired, God’s celebration is still happening.”

Blessings,
Pastor Jacob Pittenger

Sabbath School Divisions/Classes

- Adult Classes - Sanctuary, Come & See in Large Classroom, Filipino Class in the Youth Room.
- Cradle Roll (ages 0-4)
- Kindergarten (ages 5-7)
- Primary (ages 8-10)
- Junior/Earliteen (ages 11-14)

Evangelism

Marriage/Relationship Seminar: Coming July 14-15, 2023, Professor Pierre Steenberg from Union College will be presenting a relationship seminar consisting of 3 sessions from Friday night through Sabbath. See the bulletin insert for more details.

Health Seminar: On September 15-16, 2023, Maria Jose Hummel, Nutritionist/Health Educator, will be presenting health lectures on nutrition, health, and disease prevention.

Small Groups

(If you are interested in starting a small group, please contact Pastor Vernon.)

Tuesday Morning Bible Study: Please join us Tuesday, June 13, 10:00 am, as we continue the bible study in the Book of John, Chapter 7.

Plarn Cutting: Please join us the 2nd Sabbath of each month after fellowship meal to make plarn for sleeping mats.

Sabbath Morning Prayer Group: Join us in prayer every Sabbath morning at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.

Sack Lunch Ministry: Sack lunches will be put together and delivered to the community on the following Sabbaths: 8/12/23, 9/9/23, 10/14/23. Individuals are needed to make food, put together sack lunches and make deliveries. Please contact Kimber Flemmer if you are interested in supporting this ministry.

Calendar

- July 8 – Church Picnic 1:00 pm, North Central Park
- July 11, 18, 25 – Tuesday Bible Study, 10:00 am
- July 14-15 – Marriage/Relationship Seminar

Announcements

2nd Reading Church Position: Nathaniel Reese has accepted to be a member of the Brentwood School Board.

Church Nominating Time: We continue to ask the congregation to pray for God's leading as we start this process. During this nomination process on July 8 only members whose membership is in Bismarck will be eligible to take part in selecting members to be on the Selection Committee. You must be present on July 8 to take part in this process. We will vote the selection committee in on July 22. See the bulletin insert, "Pastor's thoughts on the Nominating Process." Any questions or concerns please contact Pastor Vernon.

Fellowship Meal: Join us for our fellowship meal today. Please remember to bring a vegetarian dish to share.

Brentwood Work bee: Brentwood is having a work bee on July 9th 8:00 am to noon (weather permitting) to work on cleaning up the drainage ditch and start work for trenching water to the ditch. Things to consider bringing are work gloves, shovels, rakes, hoes, wheel barrel, and water bottles. The more groundwork we do ourselves the more money we save and put into the materials we must buy. Thank you, to those who have come to previous work bees, your time and dedication are greatly appreciated. Thank You, Dixie Thoman BACS Board Chair

Adventurer Club: Adventurer Club will be starting up again on **August 19.** Kids ages 4 -10 years old can join. Please pre-register your child online by going to bismarcknd.Adventistchurch.org. Click on Menu, Ministry tab, Adventurer Club, then click on 'Registration Form.' Information sheets are in the foyer by the bulletin board. Mark your calendar for Family Potluck and gathering on **July 24 at Pioneer Park** after church service. Please bring a vegetarian dish to share. Preregistration, other forms, and sizing for uniforms will take place along with fun. If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Christensen at 701.226.8251 or Jessica Eberhardt at 701.799.3338.

Announcements Cont.

Church Picnic: Join us for a church picnic with food, fun, and fellowship on Sabbath, July 8, starting at 1:00 pm, North Central Park, 830 E. Central Ave., Bismarck. Please bring a dish to share.

Sermon Notes:

July 1, 2023 Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church

**While the bridegroom
tarried, they all
slumbered and slept.**

—Matthew 25:5

**We want to welcome you to the Bismarck Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whether you are a visitor or a long-time member we hope that you experience God's presence as well as warm Christian fellowship today here at church.
Have a Happy Sabbath!**

Service Times

Sabbath School – 10:00 AM
Worship – 11:00 AM

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Relationship Seminar

For all who are married, in a relationship, or want to learn relationship maintenance



Presented by

Dr. Pierre Steenberg

Friday Night, July 14 at 6:30 pm

"Emotional Intimacy"

Sabbath Church Service, July 15 at 11:00 am

"It's not just a Beard!"

Sabbath Afternoon at 2:00 pm

"Decoding Relationships"

Child care will be provided on Friday night and Saturday afternoon

potluck will be provided after church service

Dr. Pierre Steenberg attained a B.A. Theology degree from Andrews University, Michigan. He also earned a B.A. Honors in Biblical Studies and a M.A. in Biblical Studies and a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from the University of Pretoria in South Africa. Both the M.A. and the Ph.D. were attained with distinction – the highest possible grade presented at a South-African University. He graduated more recently Magna Cum Laude with a D.Min. in Pastoral Psychology and Family Therapy from the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. He is a member of numerous academic societies in both Theology and counselling, including the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Association of Christian Counselors. He is the author of several articles and books, and regularly presents seminars both in the U.S.A and internationally. Pierre has been a pastor and a counselor for many years, enjoying the credential of BCCC (Board Certified Christian Counselor) from the International Board of Christian Counselors. He received additional training in the following areas: Crisis Counselling, Critical Incident Stress Management (Individual & Group, both at basic and advanced levels), Crisis and Disaster Response, Grief After Trauma, Basic Emergency Management, Clinical Pastoral Education, Numerous Courses on Neuropsychology, Psychology, to mention a few. Dr. Steenberg served the Central California Conference as the HR director and later as the Ministerial director. He currently serves as an assistant professor at Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. Pierre is married to Karlien, and they have two adult sons. Pierre enjoys photography, research, and travel.

Pastor's thoughts on the Nominating Process

- 1) Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to impress upon the hearts of members who to choose for the Selection Committee and Nominating Committee.
- 2) The nominating committee will pray throughout for guidance and if you are approached to serve in a specific position, pray before just turning down the said position. The guidance of the holy Spirit works both ways.
- 3) The pastor will entertain no special favors and will by no means influence the outcome of either committee.
- 4) If you don't get along with someone, take your issue to that person (Matthew 5:21-24). Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you resolve your differences as no personal issues will be used to sway any committee.
- 5) Only moral objections will be entertained.
- 6) No stacking of the board will be allowed. There are enough eligible members to fill positions on the board.
- 7) Currently the church board consists of 5 husband/wife units apart from other family dynamics. This will be avoided as far as possible from here on to allow other members of the church family to be eligible for church board selection.
- 8) If the nominating committee has done everything in their power to select eligible members and they have turned down the nomination and the church board ends up with the dynamics as explained in point 6 then we will work with it.
- 9) In reference to point 6 and point 7, no 'stacking of the church board' to favor one group over the other will be allowed.
- 10) There should be no expectation to be re-elected in any given position during nominating time. Any elected position is only valid for the term the person is elected – no one holds office indefinitely. Therefore, when the term has ended, a person will vacate that position unless the nominating committee re-elects him or her again.
- 11) The selection and nominating committee will hold to the highest form of confidentiality. If it is found that this confidentiality is breached, the pastor will ask for the said committee to be dissolved with immediate effect.