



# Connections

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## Pastor's Greeting: Landmarks of Prophecy

Dear Anderson Church Family,

As a church we have decided to open up our facilities to host the Landmarks of Prophecy series by Doug Batchelor. Some may be wondering what these type of meetings will present. Here is a description from the Landmarks of Prophecy website:

***“Landmarks of Prophecy*** is a 21-part, epic Bible study adventure presented by Pastor Doug Batchelor, president of Amazing Facts. You'll delve into the pages of the Bible to get clear, trustworthy, logical answers to your most pressing questions about life, faith, and the future—while getting life-changing insight into what lies next in human history and the practical tools you need to thrive in the here and now! And while *Landmarks* is a unique study experience in the Bible, you don't have to be a Christian to enjoy it. We've designed it so that anyone from any denomination, faith, or worldview can learn what the Bible really has to say about prophecy and much more. Using the latest media technology, this series is designed for today's sophisticated audiences and presents the landmark themes of the Bible in a bright and compelling way”.

This series will begin Friday, October 31 @ 6pm in the Church sanctuary. Here is what you can do to participate:

1. Make a list of at least 5 friends you want to invite, pray for them and pick up brochures to invite them starting October 18.
2. Send an e-invite from the Landmarks of Prophecy website to all those in your e-mail list that live in the area.
3. Pray for the meetings and attend as many as you can.
4. Donate by marking “Landmarks of Prophecy 2014” on your tithe envelope.

Part of our mission is to share with each individual their eternal value in Jesus. Landmarks is one way to do so!

## Outline of the Gospel (adapted from Jac Colon & Elden Walter)

**A. First begin with the FORT format:** Family—Their secular life; Occupation—Work life; Religion—Their Church life; Testimony—What you wrote down and memorized. Then ask them two questions:

1. Have you come to the place in your spiritual life where if you were to die right now you would know for certain that you would have eternal life? (1 John 5:13)
2. Suppose that you were to die tonight and when you meet God, if He were to ask, "Why should you have eternal life in Heaven?" What would you say?

### B. Then present the Gospel

1. **Grace**Eternal life is a gift (Ephesians 2:8,9) We can't earn or deserve it
2. **Man:** We are sinners (Romans 3:10); We cannot save ourselves (Romans 6:23)
3. **God:** Is Merciful--does not want to punish us (John 3:16); Is Just, therefore must punish sin (2Peter 2:9)
4. **Christ:** The Infinite God-Man (John 1:1,14, Hebrews 2:17); God's punishment for sin was placed on Him (2 Corinthians 5:21)
5. **Faith:** By faith that trusts Christ alone is how to have life (John 1.12); Distinguished from intellectual, temporal faith (James 2:19)
6. **Acceptance:** Receiving the gift of Eternal Life (1John 5:12-15); Our Covenant (agreement with God through prayer 1 John 5:12-14)
7. **The New Life:** Sins forgiven, new creation, sons & daughters of God, winning life, eternal life

**C. The Commitment:** Qualifying Question--Do you see what Christ wants to do for you?; Commitment Question--Do you want to receive the Gift of Eternal Life that Christ left heaven and died on the cross to give you?

1. **Clarification of Commitment:** Transferring trust from self to Christ; Christ must be Lord as well as Savior
2. **Prayer of Commitment:** If this is really what you want, we can go to the lord in prayer. I can lead us in prayer and we will tell Him what you have told me just now. Pray for, Pray with, Pray for.
3. **Assurance:** Fix in the mind the texts of assurance (John 1:12; 6:47) & invite to a study.  
**Welcome them to the family of God!**

## Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

**Vision Quest 2014:** Sabbath afternoons @ 2pm (October 4 & 11). Our mission statement was voted and a lot of great ideas for how to accomplish it were shared. The next step is to revise the Vision Statement and list possible steps to accomplish it.

**Prayer Breakfast:** Sunday, October 12 @ 10am. A great climax to our Vision Quest!

**Roof / Solar:** Mark your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar". The Church in business session has voted to proceed with the roof/solar project. Still need: \$51,000.