



Connections

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Declaring to each individual their eternal value in Jesus and preparing them for His soon-return!

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Pastor's Greeting: Staying Focused

Dear Anderson Church Family,

As we approach the Landmarks of Prophecy series beginning October 31, I want to just take a few moments to remind us of our need to focus again on Prayer. Just before Camp Meeting this year we reminded ourselves that the gates of hell will not prevail against the Church that stays focused on Jesus (Matthew 16:18). We also learned that the devil sends reinforcements when we “appoint” meetings. Ellen White saw this in vision and wrote down the devil’s comments: “The more means the followers of Christ devote to His service, the more they will injure our kingdom by getting our subjects. As they appoint meetings in different places, we are in danger. Be very vigilant then. Cause disturbance and confusion if possible. Destroy love for one another. Discourage and dishearten their ministers; for we hate them. . . Battle every inch of ground”. She goes on to say that Satan will unleash an onslaught so that we “. . . become weary of well-doing and forget the great sacrifice which Jesus made to redeem them from the power of Satan and from hopeless misery” (Early Writings, 266-268).

This is a sobering vision. One that should cause us to pause and focus on Jesus. Please spend time in prayer each day leading up to the *Landmarks of Prophecy* meetings. Specifically, pray for Doug Batchelor, the satellite signal (which often gets interrupted on certain nights), our local staff, the visitation teams that will follow-up the contacts, the visitors (some have already pre-registered) and for UNITY to prevail in our church. As of this writing, I have begun a 10 day prayer focus for our church in my devotions. However, I know from past experiences that the devil will try to attack our church in ways we are not prepared for. **So, let's also add a day of fasting to our spiritual preparations: Thursday, October 30.** This fast can be the Daniel conveniences fast (rich foods, pampering items, etc) or a FULL food fast as your health allows.

*Spend time in prayer and focusing on Jesus. Then, reach out to those around you and invite them to Landmarks, Oct. 31.

Follow-up of a Visit (adapted from by Jac Colon & Elden Walter)

"Preparation before the effort is not half as important as follow up after." Ellen White, Evangelism page 432

Be sure you invite them to study further with you and you can also invite them to attend church or to a home Bible study meeting.

You can say, "God has some great things in store for you. I know that you want to make sure that your new found faith in Christ continues to grow. One of the things that has meant most to me since becoming a Christian, was a systematic Bible Study Course on the great themes of the Bible, and Bible Prophecies. I would like to come back and share it with you, would you like that?" The following steps are helpful in following up the interest:

1. Encourage them to review the life of Christ in the gospels (last chapters of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).
2. Return in about three days with copy of *Steps to Christ* (available at the Church office).
3. Begin the Doctrinal Bible Studies or invite them to a series of meetings.
4. Encourage them to attend Church and a home Bible Study Group.
5. Begin introducing them to other church members as soon as possible.

How to invite the interest to church.

We simply say: "Our church services have been so helpful and mean-ingful to me, that I just want to invite you to share in that experience. We meet on Saturday mornings at our church, but that shouldn't be a problem for you, would it?"

Next week—common objections

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Campout—October 24-26 @ Ackerman Campground.

Upcoming Speakers—October 25 @ 11am: Uriel Belboda; November 1 @ 11am: Pastor Miller; November 8 @ 11am: Elder Ed Fargusson (Assistant to NCC president).

Roof / Solar: We have voted to move forward with the project and are awaiting a Conference loan of \$52,000. Mark your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar"

Landmarks of Prophecy— October 31 to November 22 in the sanctuary. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, etc. **October 30 @ 6pm: Staff meeting & DAY OF FASTING.**

Area & NCC Happenings

Northern California Conference call to prayer: each Thursday at 7:00am. Dial 424-203-8400 then put in the access code: 669648#

10+10 Local: If each one of us gave \$10/month can easily help us reach our goal of \$14,400 for Christian Education. Mark your envelope "Redding Adventist Academy".