

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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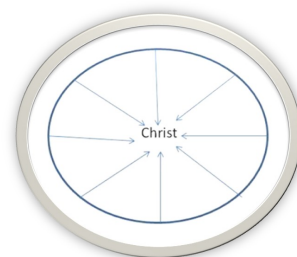
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Pastor's Greeting: Oneness Continues

Dear Anderson Church Family,

The middle of December is upon us and soon 2014 will close. As the coming year approaches, what should we focus on as a Church? Who should have our focus and best energies?

Pondering these questions leads me back to a quote that I shared during the Oneness and Community of Oneness series' this year. "The cause of division and discord in families and in the church is separation from Christ. To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a super-human effort to overcome difficulties--though there will be much of this to do--but union with Christ. Picture a large circle, from the edge of which are many lines all running toward the center. . . The closer we come to Christ, the nearer we shall be to one another."--Lt 49, 1904 (See *Adventist Home*, 179).



How do we do this? Let me propose some intentional ways we will endeavor to foster oneness in our Church:

1. **December 27:** Learn practical ways to draw closer to Christ in our personal devotions. Bible reading and devotional guides will be provided to help us stay focused on Christ in 2015.
2. **December 30 @ 6pm:** We will begin a 6 week journey called "Orientation to Discipleship Groups" establishing small groups as the basis for witness and fellowship.
3. **January 3:** 10 Days of Prayer materials will be provided to foster prayer groups from January 7-17.
4. **January 17 @ 11am:** Prayer service and petitions for the Holy Spirit.

Also, please refer to your 2015 calendar for other opportunities to stay connected with Christ and each other—true oneness!

Staying Connected

Once someone has a basic Bible knowledge and is connected to a group of believers, they often will ask about ways to keep their relationship with the Lord strong. One of the best ways is through personal devotions. One way is to spend time focusing on the closing scenes of Christ's ministry leading up to the cross. First, I spend time singing a song about the cross. Then I pray asking God to help me see the cross anew. Then I read a portion of Scripture taking notes. Lastly, I sing the "cross" song again. This week we move on to the gospel of John. Next week is select chapters of *Desire of Ages*.

Week 4 day 1	John 13	
Day 2	John 14-15	
Day 3	John 16-17	
Day 4	John 18	
Day 5	John 19	
Day 6	John 20	
Day 7	John 21	

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Revelation: The Bride, the Beast and Babylon: Ends this Tuesday @ 6pm.

Bookmobile: December 18 @ 10:30-11:15am (Anderson); RAA 12:00 to 1:00pm.

December Dates: **20th** (Christmas Program and evening caroling); **27th** (Staying Connected series begins 11am); **27th** (Elder's TEAM after meal)

Roof / Solar: An interim loan has been provided, and we are in the process of scheduling the work to begin possibly this winter. Mark your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar".

Visitation Sabbath January 3: All elders, deacons and deaconesses will be visiting.

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".