

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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9am Saturday prayer group

357-4401 (Evelyn Baxter): for
church prayer chain

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Pastor's Greeting: The New Life

Dear Anderson Church Family,

The journey had already been a memorable one: I saw the city lights of San Francisco from the viewpoint of an airplane Wednesday morning; I finished a sermon while I was in the San Francisco airport, and now I began to spend some time “people watching”. Most people were rushing to and fro with almost no regard for anyone but themselves. Others were trying to get their gadgets connected to a power supply. Others were charging \$1.99 for a banana at their stores (I told them that was ridiculous and they gave it to me for \$1.49!). Still others were walking their children patiently through the terminal. I overheard one of them say: “Aren't you excited that the Easter Bunny is coming!” I heard many talk of the Easter Bunny.

I thought, “How can we tell children such lies”. Now that may seem a harsh thought to you, but I grew up on the materialism of Easter. Not the Christianized version either: the resurrection. But for the grace of God I would be still focused on the things of the world even now. Thankfully, my journey ended with a focus on the NEW LIFE!

As my journey progressed to South Bend, Indiana (where I am now) I was pleasantly refreshed as I witnessed the true meaning of Christ's Resurrection: The New Life! I witnessed this as I waited for my ride to the hotel. A man who had just gotten out of prison was in a circle of prayer in front of the airport asking God to lead Him and “restore his family” just as God had remade his heart. These were special moments. The prayer ended. As they looked up my eyes met theirs in approval. There were tears in their eyes as they hugged and took pictures. Then they headed into the airport for the next leg of their spiritual journeys. Yes, this weekend most of the Christian world will focus on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. However, I want to encourage us to focus daily on the fact: Christ liveth in me (Gal. 2:20)

Staying Connected—Christ in Our Relationships

This week we will continue with the document entitled: “A Practical Application of the principles of Matthew 18 to interpersonal conflict” by Elder John Sweigart:

15 “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over” (Matthew 18:15)

1. Prayerfully lay the issue before the Lord.
 - a. Ask the Lord to change your heart, to see the person and the issue the way He does.
 - b. Pray daily for those involved. Ask for guidance about addressing the issue – how and when to mention it.
2. When the Lord impresses you to speak to the person, make an appointment and do so as soon as possible.
3. When you meet, pray for the Holy Spirit’s to guide your meeting.
 - a. Raise the issue with humility. Acknowledge that you make mistakes and have faults.
 - b. Explain the issue with as little emotion as you can manage.
 - c. Suggest a possible practical, measurable and recognizable solution and time frame for making the changes. Recognize they may propose an alternative solution.
 - d. Be willing to work out a solution rather than insisting on your solution being the only way.
 - e. Whether you come to an agreement about the issue and solution or not, close with prayer and commit to each other to continue praying for the power of the Holy Spirit in your lives every day.

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Discipleship Group—Tuesdays at 6pm. One of our 5 year goals is to start small groups in our communities. Learn how by joining us each week or by contacting Pastor Miller.

Special Speakers: April 4—Whitmore elder and Sabbath Keepers Chaplain Jim Castillo.
April 11 @ 11am & 1:30pm—Del Dunavant shares on Church Growth using small groups.

Roof/Solar—Work is delayed due to permit issues. This gives us more time to raise funds before the job begins (over \$12,000—thank you!). Mark your tithe envelope “Roof/Solar”.

Baptismal Sabbath: Coming April 18 during the 11am worship service.

Mission Trips—May 10-21 at Camp MiVoden in Idaho. The Milo Trip may wait until a later date.

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#

Adventist Westpoint: Church growth training for pastors, elders, members and leaders. **April 5-8** at San Diego. Learn more at <http://www.adventistwestpoint.org>.

Redding Church: 5:30pm—Adventurers (1st & 3rd Wed.) with Pathfinders (each Wed.)