

# 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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### **Submit a Prayer Request**

227-6829 (Andrew LiVolsi) for

9am Saturday prayer group

357-4401 (Evelyn Baxter): for

church prayer chain

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## Pastor's Greeting: Worldwide Leadership

Dear Anderson Church Family,

A morning walk beckoned me like water draws a deer to the refreshing shores of a creek. So off I went, down by the creek, Pathfinder area, the dairy and then up towards the center of the Andrews University campus. I had enjoyed the sounds of the gurgling creek, the cardinals singing their distinct song the wind blowing gently through the trees, and now a familiar site from my seminar days: the statue of J.N. Andrews, his son and daughter.

The statue portrayed Andrews and his children as they embarked on what would be the first “official” or sponsored overseas missionary. Back then it was a huge undertaking to cross the ocean and Andrews had already lost his wife to health problems. His family would experience loss again as they ventured overseas, but their resolve was firm.

As I stood there looking at the statue, I could not help but wonder about the sacrifices we make. We still have mission trips (one is coming up to Camp MiVoden May 10 and more opportunities are on the bulletin board at church), we still make sacrifices in our own way, but the inscription on the statue caught my eye: “Seek Knowledge. Affirm Faith. Change the World” (see [andrews.edu](http://andrews.edu)). No matter what our endeavor, are we embodying these three elements in our lives, homes, churches and communities? I hope so, and in so doing we exhibit true leadership! Leadership that can change the world!!



## Staying Connected—Christ in Our Relationships

You have prayerfully laid the issue before the Lord, met with the person, but it is not resolved. Now what do you do? Pray again and then do step 4 of the process outlined Jesus and fleshed out by John Sweigart:

*Matthew 18:16 But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'*

4. If you do not agree on a solution, or the agreed upon change is not evident and measurable after the time passes, find an elder, describe the meeting you had, the solution and the timeframe agreed upon. Explain that the changes both parties agreed needed to be made are not evident.
5. Ask the elder to arrange a meeting between you, the person, and the elder as soon as possible. Pray often about the meeting, your attitude, their attitude and the solution [here at Anderson 2 elders will meet with you].
6. At that meeting ask the Holy Spirit to be present to lead the meeting and give everyone divine wisdom.
  - a. Review your prior meeting and agreement.
  - b. Explain with the least emotionally freighted words you can find, what words and or actions on their part have made you feel the changes you both agreed needed to be made have not been evident.
  - c. Try to understand and find a way to resolve whatever difficulties may have prevented the accomplishment of the solution.
  - d. Agree on a new solution, or another attempt to implement the former solution, and an appropriate time frame for its accomplishment.
  - e. Close with prayer as before.

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

**Small Groups-** One of our 5 year goals is to start small groups in our communities. So far there is a Discipleship group (ministry partners, house groups) in Anderson/Redding (Tues. at 6pm), a Wed. group at the Church (6:30pm) and a Thurs. group in Happy Valley (6pm).

**Special Speaker:** April 11 @ 9:30am, 11am & 1:30pm—Del Dunavant shares on Church Growth using small groups.

**Roof/Solar**—We have raised over \$12,000 so far! Work may possibly begin by the end of April. 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. Milo—To Be Determined

## 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#

**Men's Retreat**—May 1-2 at Leoni Meadows. Contact Randi Wilson 925-603-5097 or randi.wilson@nccsda.com.

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