

Connections



Volume 2, Number 18

A newsletter for the Anderson Seventh-day Adventist Church
anderson.adventistfaith.org

May 2015 Week 3

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

In this Issue

- Staying Connected
- Examples of Abuse
- Anderson Connections
- Area & NCC Happenings

Contact Information

Pastor Murray Miller

530-364-2041 (office)
530-776-4381 (cell)
mmiller@nccsda.com
Mon, Wed. & Thurs. office
hours: 9:30am—12pm

Church Office:

530-365-3965
andsdachurch@gmail.com
Monday-Thursday 9am—12pm

Connect Online:

1. anderson.adventistfaith.org
2. [Facebook.com/andersonadventist.church](https://www.facebook.com/andersonadventist.church)

Submit a Prayer Request

227-6829 (Andrew LiVolsi) for
9am Saturday prayer group

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

Conference Office:

925-685-4300
www.nccsda.com

Staying Connected: Introducing People to Jesus

Dear Anderson Church Family,

I pray that God's peace is with you as you begin reading this week's edition of Connections. We are taking a brief pause from the Staying Connected devotional focus to highlight an upcoming special focus this Sabbath, May 16.

Elder Jim Pedersen, Northern California Conference President comes to us with a special topic: "How to Introduce People to Jesus". Elder Pedersen loves the Lord and has many experiences in ministry that help him share this topic in an authentic way. His experiences include (as written on the NCC website):

Pedersen served for 20 years as a pastor in the Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists before moving to Northern California in 1997 where he pastored the Napa Community Seventh-day Adventist Church.

From 1999-2001, he was Assistant to the President, prior to being elected Conference Secretary and then President. He has participated in evangelism both in the local church as well as in the Philippines, Russia and in Peru. His service has included membership/leadership

on numerous committees and boards. In addition, he also is an engineer for the Leoni Meadows G&R Railroad (which my kids love riding each January at Pastor's meetings!)



"Serving the Lord is a real joy and privilege," says Pedersen. "Each day brings new opportunities and challenges in this responsibility."

We want to welcome Elder Pedersen to our pulpit this Sabbath and trust the Lord to bless as he shares with us how to introduce people to Jesus. This is definitely a topic that lends itself to our mission statement (see upper left of this newsletter) and fulfills the motto of the Northern California Conference: "***Doing What Matters for the Kingdom!***" Introducing people to Jesus is of utmost importance and we appreciate this special focus this Sabbath—definitely a high day!

Examples of Abuse—Protecting the Vulnerable Amongst Us

Child abuse (and later we will address elder abuse) is a serious issue. This is not only because of the societal pressures to stem this damaging behavior, but also because Jesus would have us learn from the children and to not break their wills (besides Jesus, you refer to the *Adventist Home* and *Child Guidance* for good books on patiently bearing with children). However, if one does not see physical signs of abuse (like we looked at last week), then what could be other indicators? **Behavioral indicators** are numerous and often (but not always) accompany child abuse. They can be: a child being frightened of caretakers or overprotective; shows extremes in behavior (such as aggression on one extreme or apathy or fear on the other); the child wears excessive layers of clothing for the weather conditions or is absent from activities where changing clothes would be required; child is frightened to go home or excessively clingy; wary of physical contact with adults, exhibits changes of behavior when around caretakers (when they are present versus when they are not); child has suicide attempts, or other harming behaviors; sleeping or eating disorders; states that they have an injury because their caretaker hurt them; unusual injury based upon their age (fracture as an infant for example, though medical reasons can also exist); previous or recurrent injuries; a caretaker who fails to take responsible action or delays doing so when an injury occurs. It should be noted that these are just indicators and must be coupled with wisdom and knowing the individual. We must be aware! Next week we will consider what physical neglect can look like and how to be aware of this “less” aggressive abuse.

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. Those who are interested in an orientation to Discipleship Groups (more information on what elder Del Dunavant talked about), please contact Pastor Miller. An Orientation helps anyone host or conduct a group in their homes (and I do mean anyone!)

Upcoming dates—Mission trip: May 10-21 at Camp MiVoden in Idaho; **June 13** at 5pm is our next Movie night; **June 20** @ 11am (communion); **June 21** @ 10am (Father’s day social).

Recite Bible Class meets the 2nd Friday of each month @ the Church. Next date: June 12.

Roof/Solar—The beginning of June is the possible start date now. Mark your tithe envelope “Roof/Solar”. Over \$15,000 has been raised so far and this leaves just \$37,000 more to raise!

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#

Redding Church had a wonderful investiture for the Adventurers last Wed. Alice Merrill from the Conference was present and presented the sashes/badges. See you this next September!

Redding Adv. School: Board Meeting May 18; May 19 @ 6pm is their constituency session