

# 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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## Staying Connected: Looking to Jesus

Dear Anderson Church Family,

This past Sabbath, May 16, I had the privilege of introducing Elder Pedersen (NCC President and Christ Follower) to our congregation before he spoke. I was glad to have him come and share his message about “Introducing People to Jesus”. This is what the disciple Andrew did whenever the opportunity presented itself, and we too can do the same (see John 1, 6 and 12 etc. for Andrew’s witness).

We learned from Elder Pedersen that leading people to Jesus is not complicated or hard, we just need to take the opportunities we are given and point people to the Savior. This can be our family, neighbors, friends, strangers and fellow church members. For an audio version of this inspiring sermon, please contact the Church office to request a copy or you can go online to our website (listed above) and click on the Sermon Archive and then you will find another drop down menu that says “Guest Speakers”. A special thanks to Elder and Mrs. Pedersen for coming! May we take each opportunity we have to look to Jesus and point others to Him!

One way that we will be continuing this theme of looking to Jesus will be to have another baptismal Sabbath. **May 30** we have two individuals that will be baptized: Mike Johnson and Gene McCarty. Mike has attended for years and has helped in so many ways. It is a joy to welcome him into our membership officially. We also want to welcome Gene as he makes his commitment to the Lord.

Gene attended the Landmarks of Prophecy meetings and is regularly involved with a small group, Sabbath Keepers biker ministry, etc. Here is the schedule of events for May 30: 11am—Mike Johnson baptism at the Church (same place pictured above); 12:30—Lunch followed by the baptism of Gene at Whiskeytown Lake at 3:30pm (actual location to be determined). Purchase your park pass now and plan to attend these baptisms! Let’s keep looking to Jesus!



## Examples of Abuse—Physical Neglect as a Form of Abuse

We have looked at a definition of abuse, possible physical and behavioral indicators of physical abuse and now we turn to a different type of abuse: Physical Neglect. The NCC handbook on abuse prevention states: “Neglect is the negligent treatment or maltreatment of a child by a parent or caretaker under circumstances indicating harm or threatened physical harm to the child’s health or welfare. California Law defines two forms of neglect: severe neglect and general neglect.

- **Severe neglect** means the negligent failure of a parent or caretaker to protect the child from severe malnutrition or a medically diagnosed non-organic failure to thrive. It also includes situations in which the parent or caretaker willfully cause or permits the body or health of the child to be endangered. This includes the intentional failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.
- **General neglect** means the negligent failure of a parent or caretaker to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, medical care or supervision where no physical injury of the child has occurred.

As a church, we want to be a place where children feel safe, are provided for and that encouraged the education of parents and parishioners on this subject to reduce the abuse of this vulnerable segment of our church. Next week we will look at some indicators of physical neglect that we can be aware of.

## 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 please contact Pastor Miller. An Orientation helps anyone host or conduct a group in their homes (and I do mean anyone!)

**Upcoming dates—May 30 @ 11am & 3:30pm: baptismal Sabbath; June 13** at 5pm: Movie night; **June 20 @ 11am** (communion); **June 27 @ 9:30am and 11am** (Operation Desert Rain overview); **July 4—Desert Rain begins & goes for 8 weeks** up to our Sept. Revelation meetings.

**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. Just call 605-475-3220 and enter access code 669648#. Prayer requests can be submitted too.

**Vacation Bible School:** June 8-12. For more information: 530-243-1461.

**Redding Adv. School:** Our subsidy goal is \$13,800 for the coming year. Mark your envelope Redding Adventist School or give faithfully to Church Family Budget (20% goes to RAS).