

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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Staying Connected: Rest a While

Family of God,

I am sure that the busyness that I have been experiencing lately is not foreign to most of us—we are all busy. My time has been occupied with doctoral school assignments, working on weekly sermons, meeting preparations, office work, visiting individuals who need pastoral care, returning phone calls and texts (yes, I do text!), giving worship talks at the church school, training two new assistant treasurers, overseeing the completion (I hope) of some of our long-standing projects (roof/solar and eventually the garden), proving reports to the Conference on various issues, teaching pre-school to my little ones and Bible to my older boys, the many “to-do” lists that come with owning a home. . . the list keeps going on and on doesn’t it? It never ends until I END IT.

When the train of busyness keeps pressing forward, how do you get off of it without crashing or undermining what you are trying to accomplish? Simply: **look to Jesus for an example of what to do.**

“And he said unto them, *Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while:* for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And they departed into a desert place by ship privately” (Matt. 6:31-32, KJV).

On other occasions, Jesus took the disciples to a mountain, to the other side of a lake, to a garden (Gethsemane) and they RESTED. So, with the hectic pace of life continuing on from now until Jesus comes again, it is the act of listening to the words of Jesus that will allow ME to get off the busyness train to rest a while. For the words of Jesus still echo down to our time today and ring true, don’t they?

So, God says, “rest Murray”. To which I say, “O.K.” As a result, I will be out of the office for a couple of days this week to go to the mountains. I will think of you at times, but mostly I will think of God and with my family re-calibrate our physical/spiritual compasses. When I return, I pray that you are still prospering in spiritual and physical health. But most of all that my example has encouraged you to follow Jesus’ PERFECT example to rest a while!

Examples of Abuse—Physical Neglect Indicators

We have looked at a definition of abuse, possible physical and behavioral indicators of physical abuse and physical neglect. We now will consider indicators of this form of abuse. Neglect may be suspected when one or more of the following conditions exist:

- Child is lacking adequate medical or dental care
- Child is often sleepy or hungry
- Child is often dirty, demonstrates poor personal hygiene or is inadequately dressed for weather conditions.
- There is evidence of poor or inadequate supervision for the child's age
- The conditions at home are unsanitary or unsafe
- Child appears malnourished, depressed, withdrawn or exhibits behavior problems

None of these by themselves are evidence of neglect, but a cumulative amount may cause a concerned adult to begin a dialogue concerning ways to address these needs.

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.

Upcoming dates—May 30 @ 11am (at the church) & 3:30pm: baptismal Sabbath (*Towerhouse Historic park in Whiskeytown*); **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 and continues for 8 weeks leading up to our Revelation's HOPE meetings that begin September 11, 2015.

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).