



# Connections

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## Pastor's Greeting: Mission Focus

Dear Anderson Church Family,

Our first Sabbath afternoon session (Vision Quest) got off to a great start with a time of singing, prayer, study of God's Word and Ellen White quotations followed by a group session that has yielded well thought out statements of why we exist as a church. This is one of many prayerful steps to help us as Church gain a mission focus that keeps the work moving forward in Anderson, Cottonwood, South Redding and beyond.

If you are reading this and would like copies of each week's discussion guides, then please contact me (Pastor Miller). I would be happy to provide them and include your ideas in our Mission/Vision Document. As we progress to our second session this Sabbath afternoon, it would be well to review that a "mission" is. It is a statement of purpose and what our main goal as a church is. In Matthew 28 Jesus states a mission that is Biblical, geographic, life-changing and timeless. We too want to discover/re-discover God's timeless purpose for our ministry today!

Whereas a mission statement usually does not change often, though the wording can do so, the Vision (how we see the mission being accomplished here in our area) can constantly change and adapt to meet new conditions. In Evangelism page, Ellen White states: "New methods must be introduced. God's people must awake to the necessities of the time in which they are living. God has men whom He will call into His service,--men who will not carry forward the work in the lifeless way in which it has been carried forward in the past. . . " {Ev 70.1}.

New methods, a new vision of what God CAN and WILL do here in our Church and community! That is a mission focus, that is a Vision! May the Lord reveal His vision to us, and may we be willing to receive it!!

Join us by praying for or participating in the Vision Quest sessions that continue each Sabbath afternoon through October 11.

## Writing a Winning Testimony (by Jac Colon & Elden Walter)

Answer the Question, "What was my life like **before that time**?" (1) Perhaps your inner anxieties or guilt brought on sickness. (2) Maybe it caused unhappiness in your home life. (3) Maybe it led you to try alcohol, drugs or sinful pleasures in a vain search for fulfillment. (4) You should attempt to include an element of the fear of death. The Bible tells us this is a universal fear and it provides an opportunity to share the only solution. In addition, it makes an easier transition into the two questions. Be general here, not too specific.

**How I became a Christian:** what led up to it, what was the setting for your commitment.

**Life Since Jesus:** You should rejoice in your life after becoming a Christian: The peace you have found, forgiveness from sin, the Joy of knowing that you will live forever in perfect happiness in heaven, The health and happiness God has given you, genuine friendships you have made with others, the caring fellowship of God's people, the sense of purpose and meaning you now have in knowing who you are and why you are here. Be specific in sharing these details!

And now write it out, practice it and use it! ———**Next Week: Outline of the Gospel**

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

**Vision Quest 2014:** Sabbath afternoons @ 2pm (Sept. 27 and October 4 & 11). We have generated a lot of great ideas regarding the wording of our mission statement and will "vote" on them this Sabbath, September 27. The next step is to consider what the mission would look like if it were accomplished here at Anderson: this is called a Vision Statement.

**Prayer Breakfast:** Sunday, October 12 @ 10am. A great climax to our prayer season!

**Roof / Solar:** Mark your tithe envelope "Roof and Solar". The results of our Business meeting will be announced on Sabbath, and your continual prayers as well as support are appreciated much.

## 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#

**10+10 Local:** If each one of us gave \$10/month can easily help us reach our goal of \$14,400 for Christian Education. Mark your envelope "Redding Adventist Academy".

**Mad About Marriage Training:** October 19 @ 10am at the NCC Conference office. If you want to learn how to bring this ministry to Anderson then contact the Pastor. Also, there will be a HUGE Marriage event in the Oakland area November 1 from 2pm onward.