

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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Missional Focus: Christ's Care Garden

Dear Anderson Church Family,

March will soon be upon us and the warmer season brings many outdoor tasks to accomplish before summer arrives. One task that is familiar to many of our members is gardening. The fresh breezes, the fragrant flowers, the smell of soil—all tell of the blessings of working in the 2nd Book of God: Nature.

One project that is coming up this week and next is the community garden. Our first steps are to mark off the boundaries of the raised beds, buy supplies and get the beds in. After the beds are in, the planting begins followed by a plan to fence in the back acreage. Many hours of work are ahead, and the Garden committee has done a great job of getting seeds, soliciting funds, and getting a preliminary budget approved. Also, the funds have been raised for most of the work to be done and the Northern California Conferences has given a generous subsidy of \$1,000.

The produce of the garden will benefit those who come to the Wednesday food distribution and will provide fresh produce for our weekly fellowship meals. However, spiritually we gain many blessings from working the soil. The Bible is full of agrarian analogies and parables linking us from the fundamentals of nature to the Kingdom of Heaven (see Genesis 2, Matthew 10, etc). Also, Ellen White states that Christ is the Heavenly Husbandman (*Fundamentals of Christian Education*, page 111), that lessons from nature teach us about Him (*Education*, pages 111-112) and lastly that we should educate people concerning gardening (*Testimonies Volume 1* page 436, etc). It is the purpose of this ministry that Christ's Care for each soul will be seen and that the "graces of the character of Christ" will be revealed to His honor and glory (*My Life Today*, page 273). As we behold lessons from nature, may we see **Christ's Care** for us!

Staying Connected—Reading Plan Continues Through March

Join us each day during your morning, lunchtime or evening devotions for a time to connect with Christ. The closer we come to Christ, the closer we come to each other. Below is this week's emphasis on the *Steps to Christ*.

Week in our Reading Plan	Readings	Comments from the reading
Week 8 (this week)	First 7 chapters of <i>Steps to Christ</i> (1 per day)	
Week 9	<i>Steps to Christ</i> chapters 8 to 13 (1 per day) and Rev. 21	

May we stay connected with Christ and each other – *Pastor Murray Miller*

Anderson Connections (please see your bulletin for more announcements)

Discipleship Group—Tuesdays at 6pm. One of our 5 year goals is to start small groups in our communities. We have begun meeting in homes. Contact Pastor Miller for more info.

Folk Mountain Gospel Concert—March 7 @ 7pm. More online folkmountaingospel.com

Mission Trips—May 10-21 at Camp MiVoden in Idaho. June 17-28 will be an Ultimate Workout trip to Milo Academy, Oregon. Registration is closed for MiVoden and the deadline for Milo is approaching. Contribute by marking your envelope “Annual Mission Trip”.

Roof/Solar—Work is delayed due to permit issues. This gives us more time to raise funds before the job begins (over \$10,000—thank you!). Mark your tithe envelope “Roof/Solar”.

Staying Connected Finale: Coming March 28 during the 11am service and 6pm Agape Feast.

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#

Prayer Retreat: March 13-15, 2015 at Leoni Meadows. Contact naomiparson@aol.com or call (916) 955-4583 for more information.

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

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