

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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9am Saturday prayer group

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Pastor's Greeting: Roof and Solar

Dear Anderson Church Family,

As we consider Stewardship and finances, I want to share with you a special project that I hope will give us resources to foster more ministries here in Anderson in the near future.

The project is called "Roof and Solar". Part of this project, the roof, was introduced years ago and then began to have the solar component linked to it due to the ability to save on energy costs. The rationale was that if we can save \$300-400 per month on energy costs (and they are rising yearly), then we could use that money to pay for the roof and solar.

Hence, the project was approved by both Board and Business meetings to go forward together and a loan was given by the Northern California Conference in the amount of \$52,000—to be paid back once the Pacific Union Conference processes our paperwork. As of this writing we are looking at a potential start date of the end of April and have raised \$12,000+ for roof/solar. Each time you give to Church Family Budget, a portion of that goes to Roof/Solar and many of you have given additional amounts specifically for the project.

*When I think of the potential benefits of this project (no more leaking roof, minimal utility charge, etc), I cannot help but ask: Wouldn't it be wonderful if we came up with the remaining \$40,000+ before the job begins?" If we did, then we would see the benefits more quickly as the amount we save from utilities can be used to fund other projects and ministries. We probably have one month before the project starts. If 100 people gave \$200 then that would be \$20,000 in one month. Others could give larger or smaller gifts, but we should all think of ways to consider a sacrificial gift at this time.

I would love to say, like Moses, they gave "too much" (Exodus 36:7)!

Staying Connected—Christ in Our Relationships

I hope you have enjoyed the Staying Connected study guides as we began the first quarter of 2015. I know I have and almost feel as if I need to re-do the format again periodically. I hope that as you go through the Scriptures you will see Jesus and events that point to Him everywhere! From this week forward I will be sharing some thoughts written by Elder John Sweigart (KS-NE Conference Ministerial director) on a practical way to apply Matthew 18 to our Relationships. We will begin with the Scripture that is referred to and then next week will have the practical tips appear here. Here is the Scripture: *“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them”* (Matthew 18:15-20, KJV).

If you read the context of these verses, then you will find that we are ALL of eternal value (8:7-11). If we see each other as of eternal value to Jesus, then how will we treat each other? Will we repeat rumors? Will we seek to have a coveted position? Will we make an accusation without basis? Learn more next week.

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. Learn how by joining us each week or by contacting Pastor Miller.

Special Speakers: April 4—Whitmore elder and Sabbath Keepers Chaplain Jim Castillo. April 11 @ 11am & 1:30pm—Del Dunavant shares on Church Growth using small groups.

Roof/Solar—Work is delayed due to permit issues. This gives us more time to raise funds before the job begins (over \$12,000—thank you!). Mark your tithe envelope “Roof/Solar”.

Baptismal Sabbath: Coming April 18 during the 11am worship service.

Mission Trips—May 10-21 at Camp MiVoden in Idaho. The Milo Trip may wait until a later date.

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#

Adventist Westpoint: Church growth training for pastors, elders, members and leaders. **April 5-8** at San Diego. Learn more at <http://www.adventistwestpoint.org>.

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