

# THE CLOVERDALE CONNECTION

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS

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***Communicators take something complicated and make it simple - John C. Maxwell***

I love to read...a lot. You have probably already noticed that John C. Maxwell is one of my favorite authors. One of the world's foremost leadership experts, John is a master at communication...at evangelizing. Telling a story.

I think we easily forget that evangelism is much more than a series of meetings. I would venture to say that personal evangelism is far more important than public evangelism. Personal evangelism is a story, and people love a great story. It is your story. Your testimony, told with passion is irrefutable!

The perfect example of a personal testimony is found in three of the gospels. We all know the story of Jesus healing the two demoniacs.

**I really love how Luke tells the story in Luke 8:26-40 (NKJV). Luke chooses to focus on one of the demoniacs. Jesus has healed him. The pigs have drowned and the entire town comes out in a panic.**

**They ask Jesus to leave and He complies. As Jesus is preparing to get into the boat, the man who has been healed of demon possession begs Jesus to let him go along. Jesus tells him to go back to his home and tell everyone what great things that God has done for him.**

**He goes home and tells his story. I believe he told it with passion! In Luke 8:40, the writer states that "so it was, when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him."**

**The healed demoniac told his story...to everyone! Each of us has a story. Each of us has a personal testimony of what Jesus has done in our lives. Let's take something complicated and make it simple.**

**So go out and tell a story...your story!**

**Be bold. Be passionate. Be blessed!**

***~ Martin Casper***



# Ministry Highlight

## Evangelistic Series Begins April 8



### **Incredible Prophecies**

FREE Bible Prophecy Seminar Beginning Friday, April 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm MDT

April is going to be an exciting month at Cloverdale. We are so excited about the upcoming evangelistic seminar, led by Tyler Long! Church family, please take a moment to get to know our guest evangelist.

Born in Southern California, Tyler Long was raised in a very confused religious environment. His father was Catholic, while his mother was Presbyterian. They divorced when Tyler was just a toddler. Tyler's mother chose to marry to a Foursquare minister...but they attended a Baptist church. His father married a devout Catholic woman. Tyler would frequently join them in attending the Catholic Church.

When he turned 18, Tyler joined the navy. He traveled the world while serving on three different carriers...yet felt empty inside. Tyler met a young Seventh-day Adventist woman by the name of LaVonne. By the time he turned 22, they were thinking about marriage. Knowing God needed to be the focal point in their upcoming marriage, they faithfully attended church each weekend. In the fall of 1999, Tyler attended an evangelistic series held at the Oak Harbor SDA Church. He attended every night and knew the Holy Spirit was calling him to work for God. Tyler was the only person to get baptized at the end of those evangelistic meetings.

Tyler started working in ministry less than a year after he was baptized. He has served as a Bible Worker, Amazing Facts Evangelist, ASi Youth for Jesus coordinator, as well as the Assistant Director of AFCOE. In 2014, he took on the role of Personal Ministries Director for the Washington Conference.



**Tyler has a love for people of all faiths. Many find his style of teaching fun, easy to understand, and relevant to today's world. He has a passion for youth and encourages all Adventist young people to attend his meetings each night.**

**Tyler and his wife of almost 23 years, have a 14-year-old daughter named Bella and a 9-year-old son named Nate. As a family, they have revitalized churches and share the love of Jesus with everyone they meet. God has blessed them abundantly. It is their desire to share Christ's love wherever they travel. Tyler is looking forward to spending a month in Boise, serving the Cloverdale community.**

**Our evangelistic seminar begins on Friday, April 8. Be sure to join us each night as the Holy Spirit leads Tyler in unpacking Bible prophecy!**

**Visit <https://www.relevantseminars.org/cloverdale> for more information.**

**We look forward to seeing you on Friday, April 8th!**



# Pastor's Corner...

There is something exciting about March...basketball! March Madness! However, March is also known as the month for having the worst productivity. (I wonder if there is any relationship?). Winter is over. People are losing their righteous minds as spring fever kicks into high gear.

March has also been known for wars (something to explore at another time). One could make a case that March is filled with atmospheric wars. One day it is sunny...the next day it is snowing. You have heard the saying; *March comes in like a lion and leaves like a lamb.*

In the Bible, there is an unusual description of Christ. He is described as both *The Lion and The Lamb*. "Do not weep. Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." Revelation 5:5 (NKJV)

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!" Revelation 5:12 (NKJV)

These texts describe our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. How can Christ be described as both *The Lion and The Lamb*? The simple answer...it depends on what you need Him for.

If, the enemy is bombarding your life with trials and seeking to destroy your life. If, the enemy is causing you to lose your righteous mind... you need *The Lion*! In those moments when you slip and fall...you need *The Lamb*. *The Lion* represents His protection over you. *The Lamb* represents His grace.

With that kind of protection...you can't lose!



Have a happy March...

Jason