

NEWSPOINTS

June 4, 2026



In John 4:14, Jesus' request for water from a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well sparked a conversation in which He offered her "living water." Inspired by this story, the NAD's 2026 Adventist Community Services Convention, held April 16-18, adopted the theme "Wellspring." [MORE](#)



Several Seventh-day Adventist publications and communication teams across North America received recognition during the Associated Church Press "Best of the Church Press" awards announced on May 15, during the organization's annual convention held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. [MORE](#)



From April 9-12, students from the visual arts department at Pacific Union College attended the annual Sonscreen Film Festival in Loma Linda, Calif., to celebrate their work with their department and other fellow filmmakers from Adventist colleges and universities throughout the country. This year, nine films by PUC students were showcased, with one student winning their category and another receiving film funding again.

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Before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus issued the Great Commission: “Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation,” (Mark 6:15, ESV). Southern Adventist University’s Evangelistic Resource Center (ERC) follows this command by equipping laypeople to evangelize. That includes students who sign up and travel to Argentina, Costa Rica, Zimbabwe, and other international locations. [MORE](#)



On May 21, the Southwestern Adventist University Board of



Washington Adventist University announced on June 2, that

Trustees voted Nelu Nedelea as the 27th president of the university. He will assume the office on July 15. “I am deeply honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve as president of Southwestern Adventist University,” says Nedelea.

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Weymouth Spence, Ed.D., will conclude his tenure as president, effective June 30, and will transition to a new role, effective July 1. In this new role, Spence will devote his attention to advancing critical campus infrastructure initiatives central to WAU’s long-term success.

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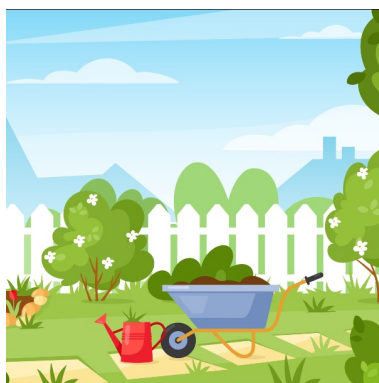
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[Eric Swanson Named a 2026 ‘Rural Hospital CEO to Know \(Ore.\)](#)

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Registration is open for the [Missional Philanthropy Conference, July 14-16, 2026](#). Hosted in Collegedale, Tennessee, this three-day event is designed for full and part-time fundraisers of all experience levels and their leaders. Plenary and breakout speakers come from a variety of fundraising backgrounds including K-12, higher ed, healthcare, private non-profits, community foundations, fundraising consultants, and leadership executives all with a missional focus. To register, visit: southern.edu/philanthropyconference. Lodging details and discounts are provided on the event's [website](#). For questions, email: advancement@southern.edu

A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago. Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode,



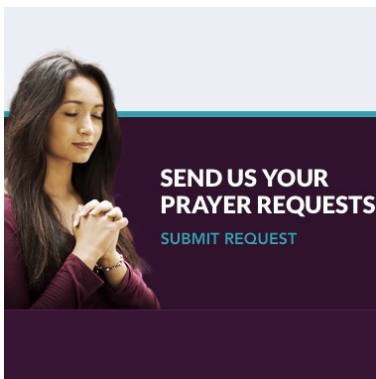
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This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Nina Atcheson as they explore how to grow in a meaningful relationship with God. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).

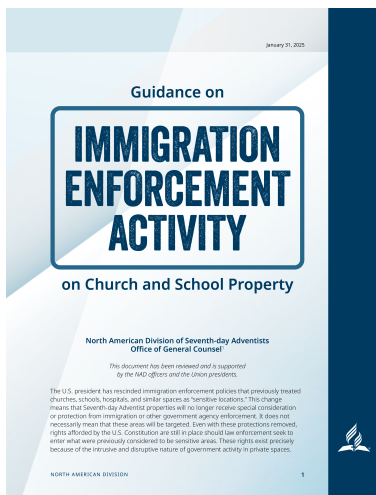


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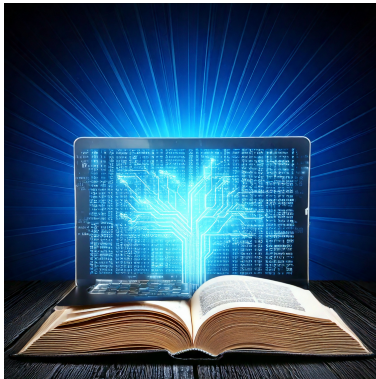


Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer? Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.

The North American Division has provided for



churches and schools the document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union presidents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the guidelines in English. [Spanish-](#) and [French-](#)language versions have been published and all are also available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.



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"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is

the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

— *Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV*

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