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NEWSPOINTS

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On the afternoon of June 29, Mark Ferrell, a lay pastor, was at work at Stanford University when a text pinged his phone: “I’m probably not the first person to text you this, but I was just watching the news, and the church is on fire.” “Well, they *were* the first,” Ferrell said. “I rushed into my boss’ office and said I had to go, and I raced to the church.” When he arrived at San Francisco Central Seventh-day Adventist Church, smoke was pouring from the roof,



Young adults from across the country are invited to gather in Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 4-6, for the third annual Breath of Life Young Adult Rally. Hosted by Breath of Life Television Ministries in partnership with the Greater Los Angeles Region and the Southern California Conference, this year’s rally is centered on the theme, “Understanding the Assignment.” [MORE](#)

and dozens of firefighters were on the scene. [READ MORE](#)



Near the end of the fall semester last year, a student approached Kalicia Clements, associate professor in Southern Adventist University's School of Education, Psychology, and Counseling, with a small but troubling concern. She had lost something important. They paused together to offer a simple, earnest prayer, asking Jesus to keep the item safe and help her find it. [MORE](#)



Pacific Union College is celebrating a significant milestone after receiving a six-year accreditation reaffirmation from the WASC Senior College and University Commission, a decision that recognizes the college's academic quality, institutional effectiveness, and years of intentional progress. As part of its decision, WSCUC also removed the Notice of Concern previously issued to the college, affirming PUC is operating with greater stability, stronger systems, and a sustainable foundation for the future. [MORE](#)

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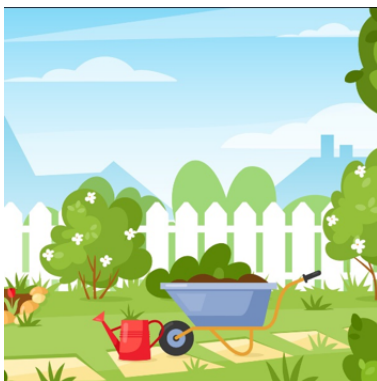
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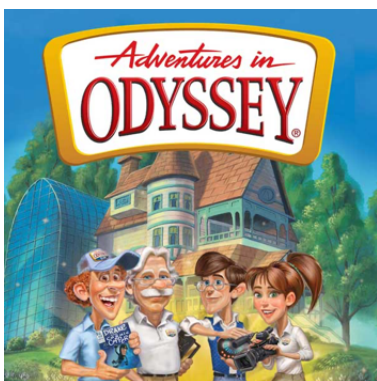
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ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. We hope to get back on our weekly schedule, and until we do please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



One of the most popular programs for children of all ages featured on LifeTalk Radio is *Adventures in Odyssey*. This award-winning audio drama series presents original character-building stories brought to life by dynamic professional actors. Each drama uses storytelling to teach lasting truths. While created for ages 8-12 this series can be enjoyed by the whole family. *Adventures in Odyssey* airs every day on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule at: lifetalk.net/program-schedule. Also available on LifeTalkKids.net. Check the kids program schedule at: lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule.



Just in time for summer watching, the first episode of the North American Division's new documentary web series, *Faith at Work*, premiered June 26, on the @NADAdventist [YouTube channel](#). Each week a new episode drops! The 10-episode series highlights practical, hands-on ways that churches and schools across the division are connecting with their communities. Each episode showcases a creative outreach hosted by a church or school during the 2025 Pentecost initiative. Perfect for Friday evening viewing! [CLICK HERE](#) for the series' playlist.

The 2026 Sabbath School Alive Conference,



sponsored by the NAD Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, Children's Ministries, Youth and Young Adult Ministries, and Adventist Community Services, focuses on creating a vital and alive Sabbath School. This virtual event, to be held Aug. 28-29, is designed to train leaders for in service and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. [CLICK HERE](#) for registration information.

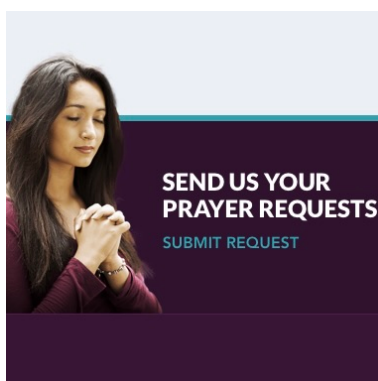


Join young adults from across the country in Los Angeles, Sept. 4-6, for the third annual Breath of Life Young Adult Rally. Centered on the theme "Understanding the Assignment," the weekend will feature inspiring worship, powerful messages, practical breakout sessions, and meaningful fellowship designed to help young adults grow in Christ and live out their God-given purpose. Open to ages 18 and up. Click [HERE](#) to register.



Jesus 101 has free downloadable activity worksheets and coloring pages for kids! These resources also have accompanying animated videos that will help kids discover Jesus in the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. These valuable resources are perfect for churches, schools, and families. Jesus 101 is always working to develop new biblical studies resources for kids. To download these activity sheets and coloring pages, or to view the animated videos, [click here](#) for more info.

This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, join host Eric Flickinger and this quarter's author, Dr. Adenilton Aguiar, as they dive into First and Second Corinthians. Watch a new episode every Saturday at 3 p.m. EDT on our YouTube channel and itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school.

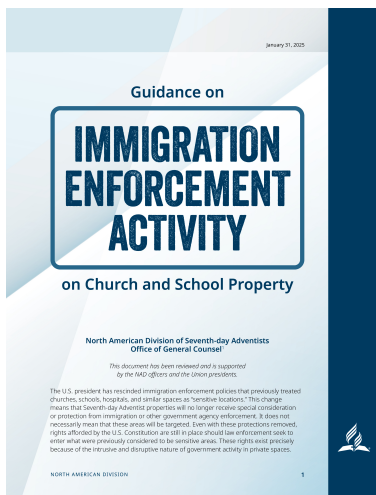


A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago. Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode,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

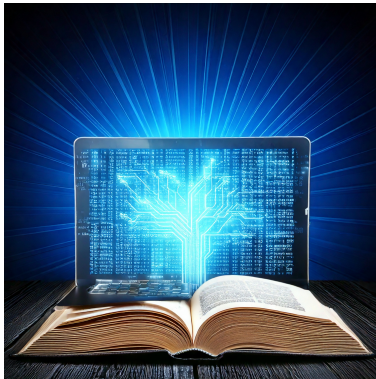
Every day, people leave eye care offices not just with a diagnosis, but with isolation and unanswered questions. Through the First Response Initiative, Christian Record Services is placing Lifeline Kits directly into practices—offering hope, resources, and connection. You can help bring this to your community. If you know an eye doctor or specialist, make the introduction. Together, we can place Lifeline Kits into their hands — and hope into the lives of their patients: <https://bit.ly/crsfirstresponse>.

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.



Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world. This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design eye-catching visuals, and use online engagement tools to grow your church's digital presence. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies — amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. [LEARN MORE.](#)



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Loving and Lovable Christians

"No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian."

— *Ellen G. White, The Ministry of Healing, p. 470*

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