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of Seventh-day Adventists

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NEWSPOINTS

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The NAD invites Sabbath School leaders, teachers, pastors, volunteers, and church members to participate in the 2026 Sabbath School Alive Conference, a free virtual event taking place Aug. 28-29. Formerly known as the Do It Together Virtual Sabbath School Training, the newly renamed Sabbath School Alive Conference reflects an expanded vision to help local churches cultivate vibrant, mission-focused Sabbath Schools. [MORE](#)



Throughout the tHrive conference, held April 27-29 in Seattle, Wash., the 337 attendees, hailing from human resources and related departments, were reminded that thriving in their unique calling begins with a daily relationship with Christ. The conference also addressed the complex challenges HR professionals face. [READ MORE](#)



On June 8, the NAD welcomed 65 missionaries to its headquarters as part of the General Conference Institute of World Mission's "Welcome Home" retreat. There, they engaged with NAD leaders, toured the building, and enjoyed a meal with fellow missionaries and other church workers. [MORE](#)



Forgoing vacation time during spring break in March 2026, six students and a professor from the School of Computing at Southern Adventist University competed in the annual SkillsUSA State Competition, where Southern earned first, second, and third place honors in the web design and development category. The university has taken top honors each time it has competed since 2022. [MORE](#)

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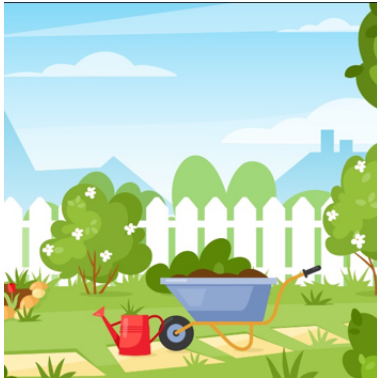
[Adventist Healthcare Shady Grove Medical Center Opens Horizon Patient Tower in Rockville \(Md.\)](#)

[From Curiosity to Career Possibilities: Adventhealth East Orlando Helps Students Explore Futures in Healthcare \(Fla.\)](#)

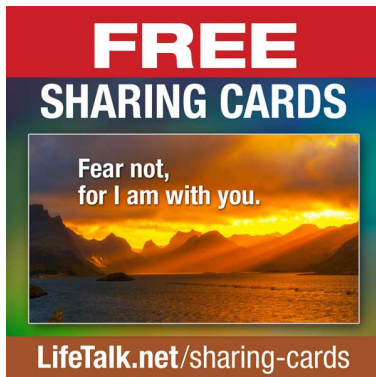
[Florida Stroke Survivor Helps Patients Find Hope at AdventHealth \(Fla.\)](#)

[134-Year-Old San Francisco Church Grateful for Firefighter Response, No Injuries in Devastating Fire \(Calif.\)](#)

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.



Planning a trip this summer? Why not let others know they matter to God? It's easy with free printed sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. Hand a beautiful card to your waiter, the lonely person in the lobby, the woman in the grocery line, or someone you meet in the park or at the beach. You never know the impact you can have by sharing a small card with a powerful message. Plan right now to be a witness for Jesus. Simply hand someone a small card and say, "Have a nice day!" Order a selection of sharing cards at: [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards](#). There are many to choose from — and they're all FREE. We even cover the shipping and handling charges!



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](#). 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. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch the first episode.

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.

Registration is open for the [Missional Philanthropy Conference, July 14-16](#). Hosted in Collegedale, Tenn., 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, [CLICK HERE](#). 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, visit theapproachingstorm.com.

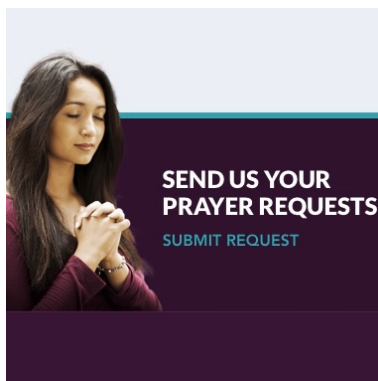


This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, join host Eric Flickinger and study author Nina Atcheson as they explore how to grow in a meaningful relationship with God. A new half-hour program is released every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. EDT. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).

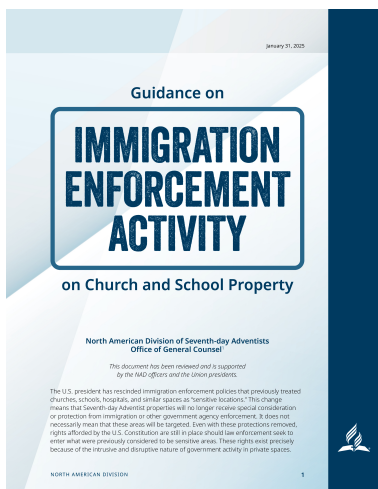


Every day, people leave eye care offices not just with a diagnosis, but with isolation and unanswered questions. Through the First Response Initiative, Christian Record Services is placing Lifeline Kits directly into practices—offering hope, resources, and connection. You can help bring this to your 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>.

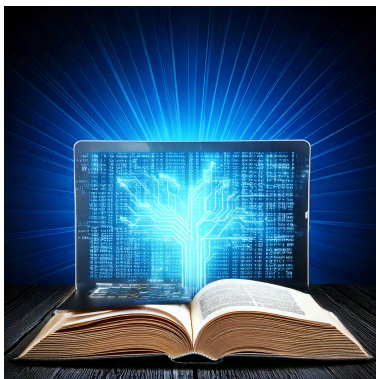
Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or



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](#).

Join us for an engaging discussion of religious freedom issues on our show Faith and Politics. From laws that impact faith communities to challenges facing religious organizations and communities around the world, our experienced panel of



experts will provide thoughtful insight on these fundamental questions of liberty. Visit faithandpolitics.tv today!

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" So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

— *John 8:36, NIV*

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