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I have learned many lessons throughout my experience in ministry, and there is one that I believe stands at the top in importance. It is the realization that the most important outcomes of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's work are hidden from most of the people who help make that work possible.

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From July 29 to August 1, four of Pacific Union College's biology professors attended the Conference for NAD Science Professors in Pasco, Washington. Organized by the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI), the event was an opportunity to highlight research and presentations and celebrate higher education. PUC's dean of the school of sciences, Aimee Wyrick, attended the conference, alongside chair of biology Bryan Ness and Professors



It was a summer day in Visalia, a small town in California's San Joaquin Valley, just a two-hour drive south of Sequoia National Park and its famous General Sherman Tree. Tim Farmer's wife, Arlene, told her husband she wanted to make the drive to visit their daughter an hour away. "Honey, let me wash the car before you go," Farmer said. And since no wife can argue with an offer like that, he headed outside while she finished prepping for her trip. Then Farmer stumbled and fell to the ground. [READ MORE](#)

Floyd Hayes and Backil Sung. [MORE](#)



This year, Andrews University celebrates 15 years since Griggs University and Griggs International Academy moved to Andrews in Berrien Springs, Michigan. The collaboration has strengthened Adventist distance education while expanding opportunities for thousands of students from more than 50 countries. [MORE](#)

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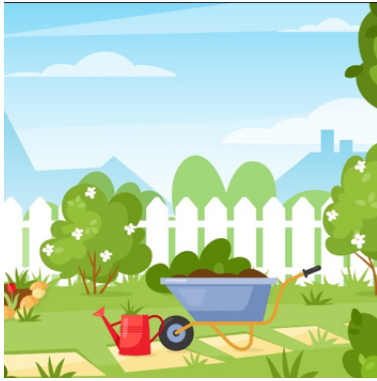
[AdventHealth Expands Emergency, Outpatient Care to the Aurora Highlands \(Colo.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Tampa Launches Nursing Education Unit to Give Nursing Students Hands-on Hospital Experience \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Announces Free Children's Immunizations in October \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Holding "Chalk the Walk, Have the Talk" Event in Paradise \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



NAD NewsPoints will be not be published later this week.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.



Jesus 101 has released *Tormentas y Desiertos* by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, a new Spanish book that discusses how God reveals Himself to us in the midst of our worst crisis. *Tormentas y Desiertos* revisits biblical stories where people went through emotional and spiritual turmoil and how God revealed himself to them with compassion and grace in their darkest hour. It is also Talbot's most personal and vulnerable book to date. To order your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "Book Offers", and enter code "TYD926". Jesus 101 will mail this completely free (U.S. only, one per household). Code valid through Sept. 30.



Scholars, pastors, students, church leaders, and members from across the NAD will gather Oct. 14-17, at Union Adventist University in Lincoln, Neb., to examine how Adventist prophetic identity should shape the church's witness amid the challenge of Christian nationalism. The [conference](#) is titled "The Remnant and the Republic: Prophetic Identity, Public Witness, and the Challenge of Christian Nationalism."

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New features at Society of Adventist Communicators Convention in Orlando! Join us Oct. 15-17 in Orlando, Fla., as professional communicators and university students gather for industry-expert keynotes and workshops, worship, networking, and more. Our [program](#) is out of this world this year, thanks in part to our partnership with AdventHealth. And there's more! We're opening our media tours to all attendees so you can experience even more of what Orlando has to offer, including a special bonus tour to Daytona Speedway on October 14 (limited space). Don't miss out — [CLICK HERE](#) to register for the convention; and [HERE](#) for lodging (limited space). We'll see you in Orlando!



Short on time? This powerful program takes only one minute of your time. Yet it gives you a daily spiritual boost. *Plug Into Life*, is a one-minute devotional that airs every week day (Monday through Friday) on the LifeTalk Radio network. It will inspire you and reconnect you to The Source of Life! This dynamic program is produced by the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute and features speaker/director, Elizabeth Talbot. Download a complete program schedule for your time zone at: lifetalk.net/program-schedule. Or listen on demand via podcasts at: lifetalk.net/podcast. Get our free app to listen any time, anywhere. Download it at: lifetalk.net/connect



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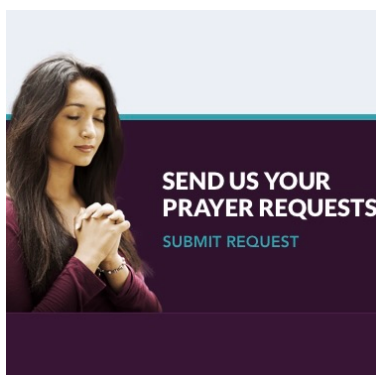
The North American Division's new documentary web series, Faith at Work, premiered June 26 on the @NADAdventist [YouTube channel](#). The 10-episode series highlights practical, hands-on ways that churches and schools across the division are connecting with their communities. Each episode showcases a creative outreach hosted by a church or school during Pentecost 2025. All episodes now available; perfect for Friday evening viewing! [CLICK HERE](#) for the series' playlist.



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.



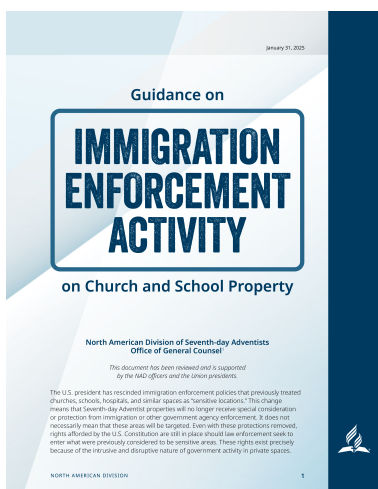
A storm is coming, and Scripture saw it coming millennia ago. Join Voice of Prophecy speaker/director Pastor Ken Norton for *The Approaching Storm*. This seven-part series on last-day events, shares what the Bible says about the future and how we, as believers, can be ready. To watch the latest episode,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



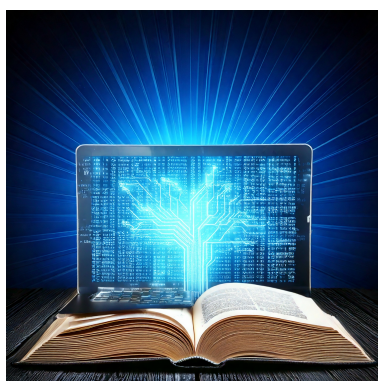
Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer? Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



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>.



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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“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

— *Joshua 1:9, NIV*

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