

NAD NEWSPPOINTS

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"Walgreens doesn't accommodate religious accommodations."

That's how Darrell Patterson's supervisor at Walgreens described the company's policy. ... Now in 2018 the U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to set this injustice right and clarify the law for all people of faith for the first time in more than 30 years. [MORE](#)



The church plays an important role in creating a safe community and an environment in which

domestic violence, or intimate partner violence (IPV), is addressed, not covered up. Local churches must become aware of resources in their communities designed to help both victims and perpetrators.

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Adventist Community Services led its first emotional and spiritual care class outside of the NAD in Kigali, Rwanda, on Aug. 13-15. The three-day program drew 35 people from six countries: Rwanda, South Sudan, Burundi, Congo, Kenya, and Tanzania.

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There were anthems of praise in the hearts of members of the Summerville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Sabbath, August 4, when they witnessed the baptism of Paige Phillips (now Parnell), 1980 “Miss Alabama” and



For members of the Adventist Church in North America, giving tithes and offerings on digital platforms — especially smartphones — recently got much easier with the launch of the Adventist Giving mobile apps for both Apple (iOS) and Android devices. Members can search “Adventist Giving” in the respective application stores to find the apps. [MORE](#)



"I was a wife, a mother of three small children whom I was homeschooling, and very active in my church. By all accounts, people would

1981 "Miss America" first runner up, and her husband, Hayes Parnell. The couple joined the congregation in Summerville, Ga., after Parnell rediscovered a copy of *The Great Controversy* by Ellen G. White. [MORE](#)

describe me as happy, bubbly, and positive. Yet at that point in my life, I never felt more alone and isolated. ... My aching heart needed comfort. I wanted someone to care." [READ MORE](#) of this article from *Message* magazine.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Redwood Adventist Academy Students Return to Campus Nearly a Year After Tubbs Fire Destruction \(Calif.\)](#)

[Homecoming Celebration, Job Fair for Formerly Incarcerated Held at First Adventist Church \(Ala.\)](#)

["We Remember" Cancer Tribute Event Presented by Adventist Health and the American Cancer Society \(Ore.\)](#)

[Art of Healing Silent Auction Raises Funds for Art for Adventist Health Tehachapi Valley \(Calif.\)](#)

[Healthy Connections Seminars Starting at Alpena Adventist Church \(Mich.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Ukiah Valley Invites Public to Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony](#)

[AMEN Clinic Offers Free Medical Services to El Dorado County \(Calif.\)](#)

[La Sierra University Eases Path for Community College Transfer Students \(Calif.\)](#)

[Friendship Supper to be Hosted at Jamestown Adventist Church \(N.D.\)](#)

[AR Commentary: No Safe Level of Alcohol Consumption: Another Compelling and Robust Confirmation](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

August Deadline for Upgrading Church Websites is here! If your church is using Adventist Church Connect (ACC) website software, upgrade NOW to the new 3.0 system. ACC 3.0 offers new templates



that work on desktop and mobile devices, an online calendar that you can sync with iCal or Google calendar, and [more](#). Churches that are not upgraded by August will be converted to a single page data-driven site. [Upgrade Now](#)



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is September 6-7, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



The Urban Mission and Ministry Congress will be held at Andrews University, Sept. 6-8. Human population is rapidly expanding in urban contexts, mandating that we care for people in cities, serve them, and share the Gospel with them. UMMC provides the opportunity for field practitioners and academicians to develop the church's understanding of urban community and promote Christ's method of reaching everyone. [MORE](#)



Help Hope Channel celebrate 15 years! [Hope Channel](#) is inviting you join them at 8 a.m. on Thurs., Sept. 6, in the GC auditorium for a morning of music, changed lives stories, and more. And join a second anniversary event from 12-1:30 p.m. in the GC atrium as they reflect on Hope Channel's heritage, legacy, and commitment.



Adventist Church History - Tell the World: this ALC course examines the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, highlighting the major events that influenced our pioneers and shaped our early church. The course includes twenty-two shorts taken from the film [Tell the World](#), providing insight into the dynamic characters that paved the way to the inception of our church. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn how to earn 1 CEU.



The Appearing is coming this October! On Oct. 11-15, churches across North America will present a new series from the Voice of Prophecy called *The Appearing*, hosted by Pastor Shawn Boonstra and local pastors. Following in the footsteps of the award-winning *Shadow Empire* and *A Pale Horse Rides* series, this five-part event will only be available in local churches and will combine cutting-edge media with Bible clarity to reveal what Scripture actually says about the Second Coming. To encourage your church to host the series, [CLICK HERE!](#)



Join Hope Channel for an inspiring weekend of mission-minded fellowship and powerful stories at Celebration of Hope. Choose to attend in Palm Spring, Calif., from Sept. 28-30; or in Asheville, N.C., from Dec. 7-9. For more information or to register, please visit www.celebrationofhope.tv.

CALENDAR

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- 1 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 2-8 [Prayer Focus: British Columbia Conference](#)
- 8 [Offering: World Budget](#)
- 8-9 [Compassion Weekend](#)
- 9-15 [Nurture Periodicals \(*Adventist Review*, *Guide*, *Primary Treasure*, *Little Friend*\)](#)
- 9-15 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
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Give Them to God

"I wish that when we became Christians we were guaranteed that everything would go perfectly all the time. ... But God tell us it isn't going to be perfect. Bad things will happen, but I remember these three things — God is in control; God is with [us]; and, If you give them to God, bad things *can* be a blessing."

— *Chandler Riley, associate director of Human Resource Services, during NAD staff worship on Aug. 29, 2018*

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