Southwestern Adventist University celebrated the grand opening of the Larry R. Moore Nursing and Administration Building on Sept. 26. The ceremony took place on the front steps of the new building, with nursing students, alumni, friends, board of trustees, and administration in attendance, along with Texas State Representative DeWayne Burns and Keene City Mayor James Chapline. More than 500 visitors attended the event. MORE

The relief effort as North Carolina residents recover from Hurricane Florence continues for Adventist Community Services Disaster Relief as both South Atlantic and Carolina conferences work to assist communities across the state. In days immediately following the flooding, ACS DR set up warehouses for distribution of water, food, flood buckets containing clean supplies, and Walmart gift cards. Trucks from several conferences have delivered supplied from across the division; ADRA
As annual Church meetings draw near, Ivan Williams Sr., NAD Ministerial Association director, offers "10 Appeals for Pastoral Leadership" in the spirit of optimism and wisdom from King Solomon, who said "iron sharpens iron, so as one person sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17, NIV). Directed toward those in pastoral ministry, this list may also be valuable to church members. READ this article.

On Sept. 13, Andrews University held its second annual Change Day. Approximately 1,400 Andrews University faculty, staff, and students worked at 70 sites across seven neighborhoods and two counties. MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Seventh-day Adventist Church Seeks to Bridge Gap Between Church, Society (S.C.)

Fired for Missing Work to Observe His Religion, Orlando Man Asks U.S. Supreme Court for Help (Fla.)

Adventist Health Announces Mobile Mammo Unit (Calif.)

"Shadow Empire" to be Shown Starting Friday at Pocatello Adventist Church (Ida.)

Restored 1951 Platte Valley Academy Piano Continues Service at Fairbury Adventist Church (Neb.)

Evidence by Design Conference in Coquille (Ore.)
Closed Atlantic Union College in Talks with Chinese Firm for Prep School (Mass.)

Annual Health Fair Promotes Wellness, Family Fun (Calif.)

If Every Sabbath Reminds Us of Creation, Why Observe a ‘Creation Sabbath’ on October 27?

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is Oct. 4-5, 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#).

Attend THE APPEARING in two weeks! The ancients predicted it. Millions of people can't stop talking about it. And even though global unrest and natural disasters indicate it will happen soon, few agree on exactly how or when it will happen. Is it possible that many people are making a mistake about the Appearing — an event mentioned more than 2,500 times in the Bible? Don't miss The Appearing, hosted by Voice of Prophecy Speaker/Director Shawn Boonstra and local pastors. It all begins Oct. 11 at a church near you. Find a host location near you at appearing.org.

The NEXT STEPS: Adventist Millennial Research Empowering Young Adult Ministry course interprets the findings from the Adventist Millennial Study conducted by the Barna Group, and discusses how to encourage young adult ministry with a research-informed, relevant approach. 0.4 CEU.

PRÓXIMOS PASOS: Investigación sobre la
Generación Millenaria Adventista 

Para Fortalecer el Ministerio de los Jóvenes. El curso Próximos Pasos ha sido diseñado con el propósito de entender los resultados del Estudio de los Millenials Adventistas conducido por el Grupo Barna, con el fin de fortalecer un acercamiento de investigación informativa y relevante para el ministerio de jóvenes adultos. 0.4 CEU.

Talk to Kids About General Safety! Some kids are born risk managers. These are children who pay attention and follow the rules. But others are not natural risk managers. With these kids, mischief is always afoot. Whether low-risk or high-risk, both types of children hold a special place in God’s heart. If you work in children’s ministry, you can help protect kids and make your ministry a safer place by teaching children three simple safety subjects. READ MORE

Join Hope Channel for an inspiring weekend of mission-minded fellowship and powerful stories at Celebration of Hope. Join us on Dec. 7-9 in beautiful Asheville, N.C. For more information or to register, please visit www.celebrationofhope.tv.

The NAD Health Summit is held once every 2-3 years in order to provide training, networking, and inspiration for anyone involved with (or interested in) health ministries. This year's theme is "Healing of the Nations." The summit will be held in Jan. 20-26, 2019, in Albuquerque, N.M. CLICK HERE for more info.

CALENDAR
October

30-6  Prayer Focus: Maritime Conference & Newfoundland/Labrador Conference
6  Children's Sabbath
6  Offering: Local Church Budget
7-13  Prayer Focus: Carolina Conference
13  Clergy Appreciation Sabbath
13  Offering: World Budget (Emphasis: Voice of Prophecy/La Voz de la Esperanza)
13-14  Compassion Weekend
13  Spirit of Prophecy Sabbath
20  Pathfinder Sabbath
20  Offering: Local Church Budget
27  Offering: Local Conference Advance

October Focus:
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Southern Union

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VIEWPOINTS
"There’s something uniquely beautiful about God’s still small voice when you are at your most difficult trials. When you are at that place where it doesn’t seem like anybody can help you, nobody can be with you, you are alone … it’s at that time that the powerful, powerful still small voice comes to you. And God reminds us, ‘Yes, I am bigger than you. I am bigger than your surgery. I am bigger than your finances; … and because I am big, I can protect you. I care for you. I know you’re frail and weak, but I love you.’ There’s nothing more powerful than to hear that from God."

— Ernest Hernandez, Processing and Communications coordinator for the NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries, speaking at staff worship Oct. 3, 2018