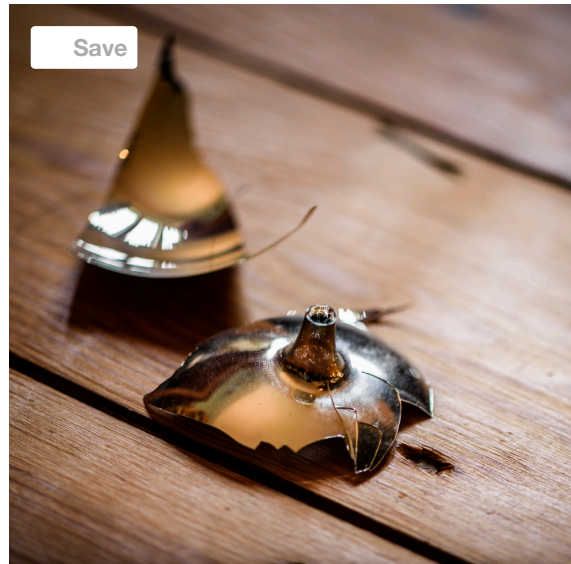


NAD NEWSPPOINTS

December 6, 2018



At the invitation of the Texas Conference, church planter Peter Casillas and Mike Tucker, speaker/director of Faith For Today, have recently planted a new church in Richardson, Texas. The church plant has connected with the community by partnering with local non-profits. Even though the new company has only been meeting a few weeks, they have already begun to fulfill their mission. [MORE](#)



Christmas is all too often the most stressful time of the year. This can lead to unintended anger or outbursts, emotional or mental breakdowns, or physical problems such as high blood pressure. The holidays can be harmful, instead of refreshing our faith in our soon-returning Savior. [MORE](#)



Southwestern Adventist University's Nursing Department is thrilled to announce the approval of a grant from the Ardmore Institute of Health. The grant will give the nursing department an opportunity to develop a whole-person wellness certificate program for student nurses and nurses currently in practice. [MORE](#)



AdventistBookCenter.com, one of the first online e-commerce sites developed by the Adventist Church, is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. People from more than 165 countries around the world shop online here for Adventist books, sharing materials, Sabbath School supplies, music, DVDs, etc. [MORE](#)



Jen Bolejack wanted her family to meet her six-month-old son and made plans to visit them for a few days. Her husband Bradley, drove the family, including their two young girls, to



"My head hurts. My emotions are numb. I live in a fairly high level of chaos. My future is uncertain. I am surrounded by people who love me. I am part of a ministry team that is on the front

the airport and kissed them goodbye. That was the last time Jen saw her husband alive. [READ MORE](#)

lines in making a difference for our displaced church family and community. I am a part of the Paradise Camp Fire story." [READ](#) Pastor Dan Martella's experience, and five things he's learned since the fire destroyed his home and his church.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Unsure if it Will Reopen \\$64 Million Paradise Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

[Prep Tournament at Pacific Union College Gives Paradise Adventist Academy an Escape from Reality \(Calif.\)](#)

["I Loved Learning Everything"—How Education, Faith Played a Role for Teresa Reeve \(Mich.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Clinic, Ayuda Foundation of Guam, and Matson Donate Medical Supplies to CHCC](#)

["A Faithful Giver"—Falls City Woman Volunteers at Adventist Church Food Bank \(Ore.\)](#)

["A World of Christmas" Performance at Village Adventist Church to Feature Sixty Musicians \(Wash.\)](#)

[Join "Messiah" Sing-Along at First Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Oroville Adventist Church to Host "Live Walk Through Nativity" \(Calif.\)](#)

[Frederick Adventist Church Hosted Free Christmas Spectacular Concert \(Md.\)](#)

[Adventist Seeks to Bridge Gap Between Church, Society \(S.C.\)](#)

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Free Christmas Gift from Jesus 101!

The *Discovering Jesus in the Bible* coloring book helps children draw connections between the Old Testament



stories and the life of Jesus. To get your free coloring book, download the Jesus 101 mobile app (on Apple or Android devices), click on "Book Offers," and enter the offer code: #GIFT (valid through Dec. 20). Or visit us [online](#) to request your coloring book today! Ships free to the US and Canada, one per household.



GIFTS for you from LifeTalk Radio! Gift 1: Enjoy Christ-centered Christmas music from now through December 26 on LifeTalk Radio. Listen on the FREE mobile app, [online](#), on ROKU, Amazon Echo, or Google Home. Gift 2: You can get FREE "You Matter to God" Sharing Cards to give to family, friends, and neighbors, and to include with your holiday cards and gifts. Order your free cards [HERE](#).



Christmas gift idea from AdventSource: *Back to Bible Basics*, by Desmond B. Hills, features tips for how to read, study, and share the Bible; an overview of the 66 books of the Bible; and scripture scrapbooking. Readers will learn how to study the Bible while discovering its structure, beauty, and history. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



Hope Channel End of Year SALE! 25% off your favorite Hope Channel items, discounted, now to Dec 31. There are gifts in every price-range. Great witnessing tool! Items include David Asscherick's *God?* series on DVD, Dr. Nerida McKibben's *Reversing Diabetes* DVD, music CDs, Hope Channel merchandise, and more! [CLICK HERE](#)

The NAD All-Night [Prayer Call](#) is Dec. 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#).



Breath of Life TV Ministry has partnered with IBN in recording its 4th ABC Christmas

Special, which will air on Christmas Day. Special musical guests include Sheléa, Kirk Franklin, the Oakwood Aeolians, along with the preaching ministry of Carlton Byrd, Breath of Life speaker/director. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information about Breath of Life. [CLICK HERE](#) for inquiries on the special. Please share with others, join our watch party, and use **#KingofKingsonABC** on social media.



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.



2019 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 21-23, 2019.

The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. Get [Early Bird registration](#) through February 28! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 28.

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What a Gift

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons’ [Galatians 4:4-5].

Because you are His children, God sent the spirit of His Son into our hearts. ... Because you are His child, God has also made you His heir. What an amazing thing when you begin to think about it. We are talking about the presence of the omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, immutable, and unchangeable God. It just always blows me away, to contemplate why He would do it.

We can use the words, “Well, because ‘God so loved the world...’” But why? Why would He leave the beauty of heaven to come and identify with the human family? ... What a gift.”

— *Daniel R. Jackson, president of the North American Division, speaking at NAD staff worship Dec. 5, 2018*

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