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In 1868 Ellen G. White wrote that slavery is “a sin of the darkest dye.” Then in 1894 James Edson White boarded a steamboat and traveled throughout the South to establish schools and share the Advent message among African Americans. As a result of that movement, Oakwood University was established; and a steady stream of leaders have also emerged to add to the legacy of empowerment. ... As long as there is poverty, injustice, and oppression, the Lord still has a work for us to do.



More than 150 people were empowered to embody the healing ministry of Jesus during the North American Division Health Summit 2019 in Albuquerque New Mexico, on Jan. 20-26. The summit was themed “Healing of the Nations,” which was based on Revelation 22:2 (KJV): “And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.”

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John W. Thurber, best known as second tenor of the King's Heralds quartet with the Voice of Prophecy from 1961-1967, passed away Sunday, Feb. 3, in Lincoln, Neb., at the age of 87. Thurber is also known for his work in Youth ministry. [MORE](#)



Courtesy Desmond Doss Council

Feb. 7, 2019, marks 100 years since Desmond T. Doss's birth in Lynchburg, Virginia. Doss, who passed away in 2006, grew up to be one of the greatest examples of love and kindness of the century as he served as U.S. Army medic in World War II. Armed only with his faith and a prayer, his faith, love, and patriotism changed the world. [MORE](#)

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[Community Invited to Southwestern Adventist University's "Science and Religion" Lecture Series \(Texas\)](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD All-Night [Prayer Call](#) is February 7-8, 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#).



On Feb. 9, celebrate Adventist television ministries by giving a special offering. Adventist television has been around for decades, almost since the inception of TV. Thousands have been introduced to the truth through the TV ministry of [Breath of Life](#), [Faith for Today](#), [It Is Written](#), and [Jesus 101](#). Your support allows the Gospel to continue to be shared today. [CLICK HERE](#) for a video about Adventist TV ministries.



ALC is offering a FREE Gen-Z Teachers Class! Join Dr. Michael England as he explores the unique traits of Gen Zs and Millennials. You will discover methods of accommodating their learning needs and examine techniques to create a positive learning environment. Discover technological trends that define this generation and learn ways to teach and reach them for the Kingdom. This [course](#) is worth 0.8 CEU.



The 2019 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 4-6 at the Troesh Conference Center at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Don't miss your chance to join us in the Holy



Lands and watch the Gospels come to life! Oleg Kostyuk, host of Cross Connection, will be guiding us through the ancient wonders of Jerusalem, Caesarea, Galilee, and more. Visit hopetv.org/studytour or call 301-680-5221 for more info. [#HCTours](https://twitter.com/HCTours)



Don't miss the 2019 Chosen International Camporee in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on Aug. 12-17! Worship, work on honors, meet new friends, trade pins . . . these are just a few of the fun activities children and teens will be able to participate in during the 2019 camporee! International tickets are sold out, and there are only 4,000 NAD general admission tickets left! Price goes up March 1. Register today at camporee.org.



RISE UP RALLY is the official launch of the new "Rise Up Against Abuse" initiative, dedicated to fighting all forms of abuse through awareness, education, intervention and prevention. RISE UP RALLY will present workshops, trainings, presentations, expert panels and a special concert with Sarah Kelly and Jonas Ekman. [REGISTER TODAY](#) for a chance to connect, share, learn, and RISE UP together! Event is March 7-10.

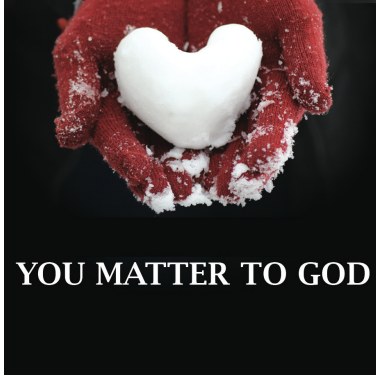


An All-New Season of *Discovery Mountain* Debuts This Week! The Voice of Prophecy's audio adventure series for kids is back with an all-new season called "Seeds of Change." Download free *Discovery Mountain* episodes from your favorite podcast platform or listen [online](#). And keep an eye out for the debut *Discovery Mountain* Vacation Bible School, called [Rescued: Safe in Jesus](#), coming in February!

NAD Family Ministries is please to share info on one of their newest resources, *New Freedom*



to Love. This online resource was created to deal with the problem with pornography. [Click here](#) to visit the New Freedom to Love website. All these resources are available free to download so pastors, and church members, can view and show them in their congregations.



YOU MATTER TO GOD! Share this important message with your family, friends, neighbors, and others. Order the free LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/. They are a great little gift for anyone, and they are FREE from LifeTalk. Sharing the Good News about God is easier than ever!



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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Breaking Down Barriers

"Jesus came to destroy every barrier that keeps us from knowing God and ultimately living in relationship with one another. Jesus came to redefine us!

"Before He came, we defined ourselves according to who we were, what we had, what we believed, and what we did. And if [that] was different from [others], a wall was put up. ... The walls have everything to do with us.

"Christ came to give us a new measure of who we are, and that measure will transcend the differences between us. That measure is Christ Himself — who He is and what He has done."

— *Rosa T. Banks, Ph.D., former General Conference associate secretary, during a Black History Month morning worship entitled "Dismantling Dividing Walls," at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Maryland, on Feb. 6, 2019*

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