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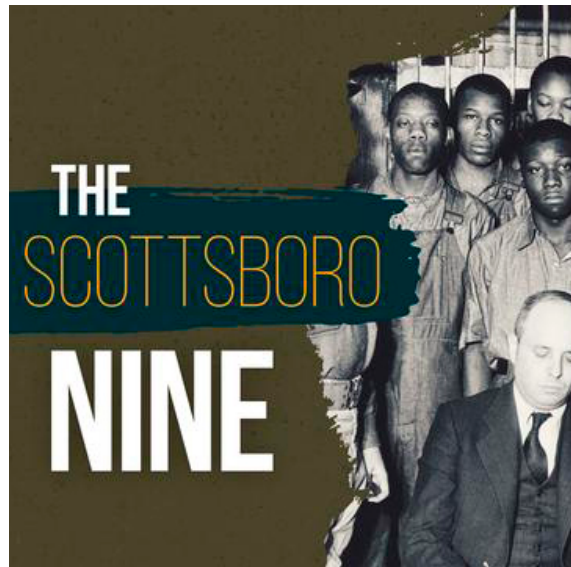
News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

March 12, 2020



The Seventh-day Adventist Church in Tanzania gained more than 15,000 new members after a recent revival conducted by Carlton Byrd, speaker/director of the Breath of Life television ministry. “This revival is another testament to God’s miraculous power!” remarked Byrd. “The Spirit of God knows no limits and reaches far beyond our ability and imagination. I am very grateful for what God has done.” [MORE](#)



In February 2020, It Is Written aired three special programs in honor of Black History Month. Two were new programs, and one was a rebroadcast of last year’s “Black Wall Street,” which won five Telly Awards. “Black History Month is an important part of the American landscape,” said John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written. [MORE](#)



Donald L. Jernigan, retired CEO of AdventHealth, passed away on March 7, 2020. Don, as he was known, died from complications of a long illness, with his beloved wife, Sharon, and daughters, Jill and Jana, by his side. He was 75. A faithful steward, he led physicians, hospitals, regions, and ultimately a complex and sophisticated health care system with a purpose that superseded bottom-line metrics and always focused on people. [MORE](#)



Former Pacific Union Conference Treasurer Theodore R. “Ted” Benson died the evening of March 8, 2020, following a long battle with cancer. He was 71 years old. Benson began his long career with the Pacific Union in 1976 as a systems analyst, going on to serve as associate treasurer from 1981 through 2001, as undertreasurer from 2002 through 2005, and as treasurer from 2006 until his retirement on March 31, 2019. [MORE](#)

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[Supervisors Approve Agreement with Adventist Community Services to Manage Local Donations During Disasters \(Calif.\)](#)

[Douglas County: "We Want to Be Ready" for Coronavirus \(Colo.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Chief Medical Officer Speaks About Staying Safe From Coronavirus \(Calif.\)](#)

[Southern Students to Donate Duffle Bags for Children in Foster Care \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Sip Some Soup Draws a Crowd in Willits \(Calif.\)](#)

[Coronavirus Prompts Surge in Virtual Care at Portland Area Clinics \(Ore.\)](#)

[Healthier, Happier: In America, Our Diet is What's Killing Us \(Minn.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Begins Required Daily Flu Screenings for Visitors, Employees \(Calif.\)](#)

[Public Welcome at Foothills Adventist Elementary in St. Helena \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



It is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of Sonscreen 2020 due to concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NAD officers did not come to this decision easily, but as the health and safety of our filmmakers, presenters, guests, and hosts is extremely important, they felt it was the best course of action. The decision was made alongside the [Sonscreen Film Festival](#) team and in consultation with our hosts on the campus of Loma Linda University, education leaders, and health experts. We know that it is a disappointment, especially for the filmmakers who have worked to share their stories with our community. Providing a safe space for young visual storytellers to share their talents, tell their stories, and connect with other creatives remains a high priority for the NAD.



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) has resources for churches and schools available [HERE](#). Resources include planning tips for the possibility of disruption to everyday life, resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and answers to frequently asked questions regarding insurance coverages for travel, property, and liability insurance.

ARM has also created a video that promotes common-

sense ways we all can use to prevent the spread of germs. This video may be shared by any Adventist organization or church member on social media, websites, and e-newsletters. [WATCH](#)



As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, some churches are reducing and/or canceling religious gatherings and services. [AdventistGiving](#) allows you to return your tithe and give your offerings online, in a secure way, while you do your online banking, are on a long business trip, on vacation, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness. [LEARN MORE](#)



"NO MAN DID THIS!" — Share the March 14 Adventist World Radio offering video in your church. Wisam's family tried to stone him when he became an Adventist. Then his cousin tried to stab him after he became a pastor — but a miracle took place! Don't miss the rest of the story during the AWR offering on March 14. Get a sneak peek at awr.org/wisam, and download offering resources for your church at awr.org/offering. Can't get enough mission videos? Check out awr.org/videos for AWR's full library!



Jesus 101 has completed the construction of a video/audio recording studio and two edit rooms at its headquarters in Riverside, CA. The recording studio will allow the ministry to produce more audio and video programs in both English and Spanish. These programs include: Biblical Studies, Plug Into Life, Connectate a la Vida, and many more. For more information on Jesus 101 visit www.Jesus101.tv.

A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries: King Solomon wrote, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver," Proverbs 25:11 (ESV). [CLICK HERE](#) for 52 words and



accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. They are words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully. Share with friends or show them in your church!



FREE SHARING CARDS FOR YOU! Just in time to include with Valentine cards and gifts, new LifeTalk “God Loves You” cards help you to share God’s love easily. Remind someone that God loves them with a LifeTalk sharing card. You can choose from 30 different card designs and order your favorites for free at: LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

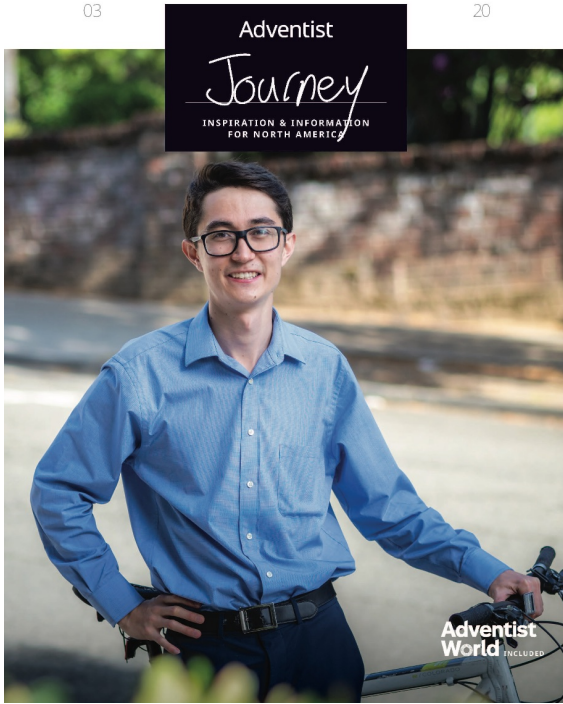
- 7-14 [Adventist Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 14 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Adventist World Radio\)](#)
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- 21 [Weekend of Compassion](#)
- 21 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
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Doing Our Part

"God will not work a miracle to keep those from sickness who have no care for themselves, but are continually violating the laws of health and make no efforts to prevent disease. When we do all we can on our part to have health, then may we expect that the blessed results will follow, and we can ask God in faith to bless our efforts for the preservation of health."

— *Ellen G. White, Counsels on Health, p. 59*

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