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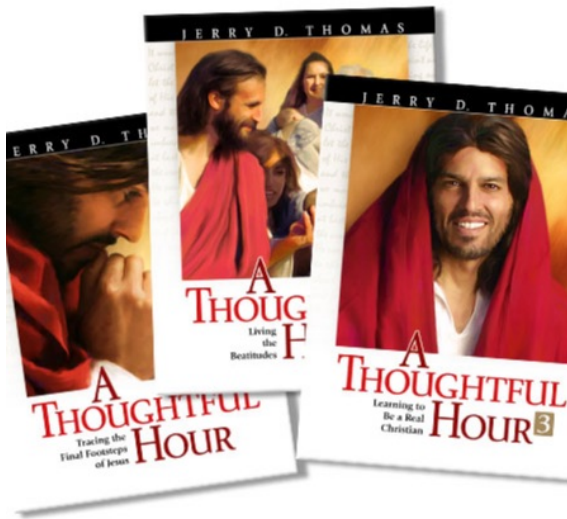
March 25, 2020



It Is Written will conduct a virtual, online evangelistic event starting April 17, 2020. The coronavirus disease pandemic has shut down evangelistic meetings all across the country, but this online event, presented by John Bradshaw, It Is Written speaker/director, will reach all of North America. [MORE](#)



In response to the national shortage of medical supplies due to the spread of COVID-19, this week Southern Adventist University's School of Nursing donated personal protective equipment to two local hospitals, CHI Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga and AdventHealth Gordon in Calhoun, Georgia. [MORE](#)



Have you ever considered starting or joining a small group, but never got around to it? Now that most churches have cancelled their on-site services and closed their buildings, it's an ideal time to start a small group. Small groups are an excellent way to share support and to boost one another's spirits in these strange and isolated times. [MORE](#)



COVID-19 has forced everyone to adapt quickly. Many pastors are attempting to hold church online, or post sermons for members to view. Many are using smartphones or a webcam on a computer to get the job done. [Here](#) are some simple things you can do if all you have is your smartphone.



Message of Hope: Lives are disrupted, damaged or lost. Economies devastated, plans destroyed. The pandemic of 2020 will



With many church buildings closed because of COVID-19, children aren't able to pick up copies of their favorite Sabbath magazines. Pacific Press Publishing Association has decided to make its

never be forgotten. But what if, in the midst of fear and anxiety, we stand united, around the world, with a message of hope? [WATCH](#) the #dearcoronavirus video in English, produced by EUD-TED-Hope Media Europe in 48 hours with participation from 40 countries in 32 languages. [WATCH](#) in Spanish.

weekly children's publications — Our Little Friend, Primary Treasure, and Guide — available in PDF format on each magazine's own website for free. The weekly magazines will continue to appear for as long as the coronavirus threat keeps church buildings closed. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

["Spread Hope Not Germs": Adventist Health Cancer Center Gets Uplifting Chalk Art \(Calif.\)](#)

[Hospitals Expect to Feel the Financial Pinch from Coronavirus Efforts. Clinics Already Are. \(D.C.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Expands Services in Paradise \(Calif.\)](#)

[Group Supports Parker Restaurant by Purchasing 125 Sandwiches for Doctors and Nurses \(Colo.\)](#)

[Outbreak Voices: An Adventist Pastor On Finding Grace In Solitude \[NPR interview\] \(Ida.\)](#)

[Hospitals Set Up Tents to Screen, Separate Patients as They Prepare for Coronavirus Spread \(Md.\)](#)

[Two Arrested for Berrien County Break-Ins \(Mich.\)](#)

[Food Pantries Still Open in Gateway and Hazelwood \(Ore.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

STARTED TODAY, ON FACEBOOK! Join the NAD Ministerial Association for "Ministry in a Pandemic, a Virtual Conference," comprehensive webinars in English — March 25 2-4 pm ET (finished); March 26 11 am-3 pm ET; and Spanish — March 26 6-8



pm ET; March 27 11 am-3 pm ET. In this fast paced rapidly changing landscape of the pandemic, congregational care and community outreach can be difficult. Today and more than ever before, technology and innovation through Holy Spirit-driven conscientiousness should be used to reach and touch people for Christ. The world needs hope! [WATCH](#) on Facebook. And ... [WATCH TODAY'S EVENT NOW!](#)



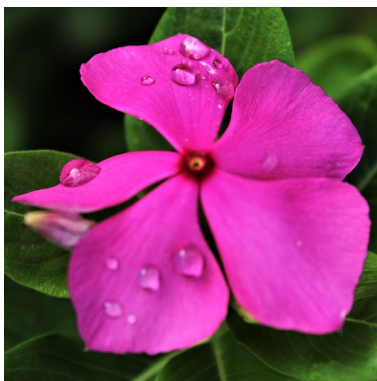
April 11 is Christian Record Services offering Sabbath! Christian Record Services for the Blind gave Marye McKenney hope and connection with a church community. Like you, many people who are blind are missing relationships, especially now in this time of nationwide isolation, lockdowns, and social distancing. Watch Marye's story, ["Give Hope!"](#) and consider donating to Christian Record on Sabbath, April 11. Together we can help people who are blind connect with Christ and enjoy fellowship with a community that celebrates their potential for ministry. Materials for churches are available [HERE](#) or [GIVE ONLINE](#).



Is your church live-streaming? We want to hear from you! The NAD is looking to compile a list of churches that are currently live-streaming their services. [Click here](#) to send a detailed email, including streaming platform, link, name of church and website, and pastor/AV contact information.



As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches are reducing and/or canceling religious gatherings and services — or temporarily going to online 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](#)



The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is Apr. 2-3, 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#).



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](#)



Due to COVID-19, many churches are now doing online services for both Sabbath School and divine service. Here are a few resources and ideas NAD's Children's Ministries has gathered to help with different activities parents and care providers can do at home with children. There are some great ideas that can be utilized by parents *and* churches going virtual! [Check out](#) the list!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE with FREE CARDS! Just in time to include with Spring and Easter 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 for all ages and order your favorites for free at: LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards.



Hope Channel invites you to get *Hope at Home* this weekend! Worship, pray and study the Word of God with Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel, and others from the safety and comfort of your home. [Tune in](#) through the [Hope Channel app](#), [Facebook page](#), [HopeTV.org](#) or your television.

EVENTS CALENDAR

March

- 28 **POSTPONED:** [ARM Safety Sabbath](#)
- 28 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Inter-European Division \(EUD\)](#)

March Focus:
Women in the Church

[Camp Meeting Calendar](#)

April

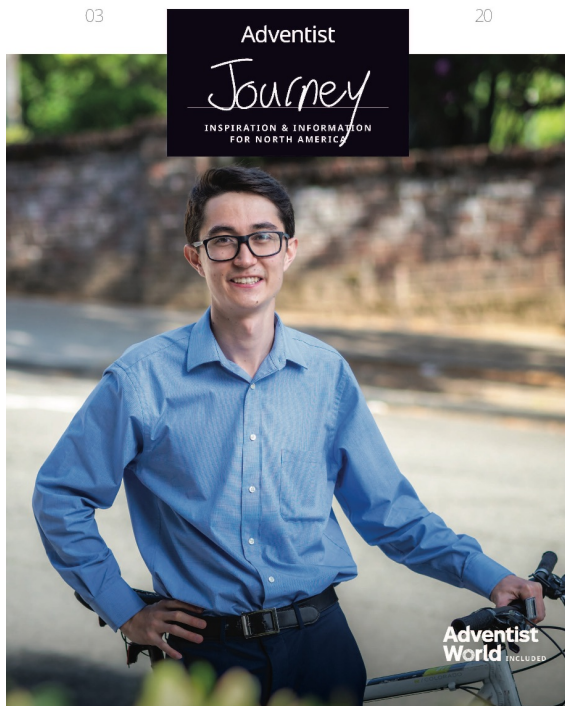
- 4 [Missionary Magazines \(Signs, Message, El Centinela\)](#)
- 4 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 11 [Stewardship Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Offering: World Budget \(Emphasis: Christian Record\)](#)
- 17-18 **CANCELED:** [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)
- 18 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)
- 25 [Education Sabbath](#)
- 25 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)

April Focus:
Stewardship

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VIEWPOINTS



I Put My Trust in You

"Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.
Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you."

— *Psalm 86: 1-4, NIV*

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