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NEWSPOINTS

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NAD Adventist Community Services is committed to supporting the operations of the ACS food pantry ministries of the 60 local conferences within the NAD territory (United States, Canada, Bermuda, and Guam-Micronesia). In order to provide that support, NAD ACS is investing \$1.5 million and allocating a grant of \$25,000 per conference for relief efforts. [MORE](#)



An EF-3 tornado brought havoc and death to southeastern Tennessee and north Georgia in the middle of the night on Easter Sunday, April 13. The tornado caused widespread destruction and 16 deaths. Two Seventh-day Adventist Churches in Tennessee were significantly damaged. [MORE](#)



Tornadoes touched down just feet away from the It Is Written ministry headquarters in Collegedale, Tenn., early Monday morning, April 13, 2020. Reports of power outages, missing persons, and deaths filled local news reports Monday morning. When staff went to check on the building, they were met with debris all across the parking lot and hundreds of trees snapped in half all around the building. [MORE](#)



Can our Adventist students make a difference in the global fight against COVID-19? Brendon, a



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Adventist Health announced on April 8, that it has acquired Blue Zones®, a pioneer in taking a systemic and environmental approach to improving the health of entire cities and communities. This revolutionary move by Adventist Health comes at a time when public attention is especially focused on the interconnectedness of our health to that of our friends and neighbors in the face of the coronavirus disease crisis. [MORE](#)



Students at SOULS West, Pacific Union Conference's evangelism

student at Forest Lake Academy, gives a resounding “Yes!” When asked about his innovation with the face masks, Brendon explains, “God has put me in this position knowing the skills I have to help put an end to this crisis.” [MORE](#)



During this time of isolation, we are still called to minister to others. Remember, the church is not a building, it's people. Digital tools can be used in many ways to extend the church experience beyond the building and help those in your community who are struggling financially, spiritually, and emotionally. We must now take the gospel message to the digital mission field and spread our message of hope and wholeness when it is needed most. [MORE](#)

training school, are partnering with the Pacific Press Publishing Association to help deliver hope. With help from Pacific Press, SOULS West students started raising funds to send thousands of copies of *The Great Hope*, an abridged, modern-language version of Ellen G. White's classic book *The Great Controversy*, to COVID-19-ravaged Los Angeles, California. [MORE](#)



"On a typical Sabbath, my church's worship space is filled with a 120 people," shares Heather Crews, pastor of an Adventist church in Virginia. "But these days are not typical. The chairs are empty and the space is quiet. Preaching to an empty room is a necessity, not a choice." Crews shares [SEVEN TIPS](#) for using sermon time effectively without an in-person audience.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Tennessee Couple Celebrates 58th Anniversary with Cards, Flowers, Song from Strangers](#)

[Adventist Health Acquires Community Health Planning Venture \(Calif.\)](#)

[Eight More Health Care Sites Join Race to Add Hospital Beds Amid COVID-19 \(Md.\)](#)

[Chevron Gives \\$100,000 to Adventist Health Bakersfield to Help Healthcare Workers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Donations to Food Bank of Nevada County Come at a Critical Time \(Nev.\)](#)

[Historic Steeple Succumbs to the Ravages of Time \(Mass.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Opens Onsite Grocery Market for Employees \(Calif.\)](#)

["It Is Written" to Present "Hope Awakens" Online \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Food Pantries Still Helping Needy \(Mich.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Church Feeding Program \(Bermuda\)](#)

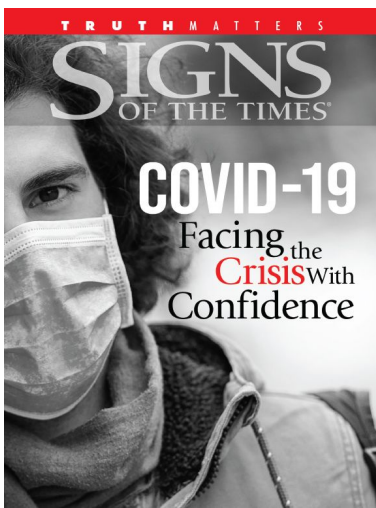
[Visionary Ministerial Educator Werner Vyhmeister Passes to His Rest at 88](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Faith For Today launches a new virtual Bible study series, "The Bible Lab," as a resource for those sheltering in place. The ICE-O-LATION Sessions are interactive Bible studies with Speaker/Director Roy Ice, where participants have the ability to study together from their own homes. The Bible Lab meets on Sabbath mornings at 10:30 a.m. PDT. For more information visit: www.TheBibleLab.com.

Special "Signs of the Times" available to order now! COVID-19: Facing the Crisis With Confidence" is a special, 16-page sharing edition on the coronavirus pandemic. In view of the shocking developments we have witnessed, this issue is a practical and spiritual response to the most significant global health crisis of the 21st century. Knowing the facts



will keep your fears at bay and help you face the future with hope! Buy it for you, order in bulk for your friends/neighbors, or mail it to an entire zip code. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Act now — Is your church live-streaming? We want to hear from you! The NAD has compiled a list of churches that are currently live-streaming their services. [Click here](#) to send a detailed email, including church name, link to the stream, language the service is presented in, city and state, timezone, and pastor/AV contact information. We want to include your church!



As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches have temporarily gone 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, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness or COVID-19 closing. [LEARN MORE](#)



North American Division Youth & Young Adult Ministries streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#) Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning:

- [NAD Youth Sabbath School](#) 9:30-10 a.m. (EDT)
- [NAD Youth church](#) 10:15-11 a.m. (EDT)

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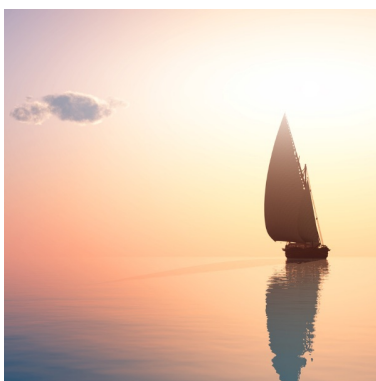
the beautiful “You Matter to God” and “God Loves You” sharing cards at no cost to you. See the beautiful new designs at LifeTalk.net/eCards. Email yours for free just in time for Mother’s Day sharing! Great for birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and to help you to share God’s loving care.



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.



Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts that the materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.



ADRA’s Daily Hope messages are brief thoughts to calm fears in the midst of the outbreak. The news is bleak but God is good. Let Daily Hope be a small reminder that there is still beauty and love in the world. Enjoy a few moments of peace as you read how God continues to change lives all around the world. [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

EVENTS CALENDAR

April

[April Focus:](#)

- 17-18 **CANCELED:** [Pathfinder Bible Experience](#)
- 18 [Literature Evangelism Sabbath](#)
- 25 [Education Sabbath](#)
- 25 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)

May

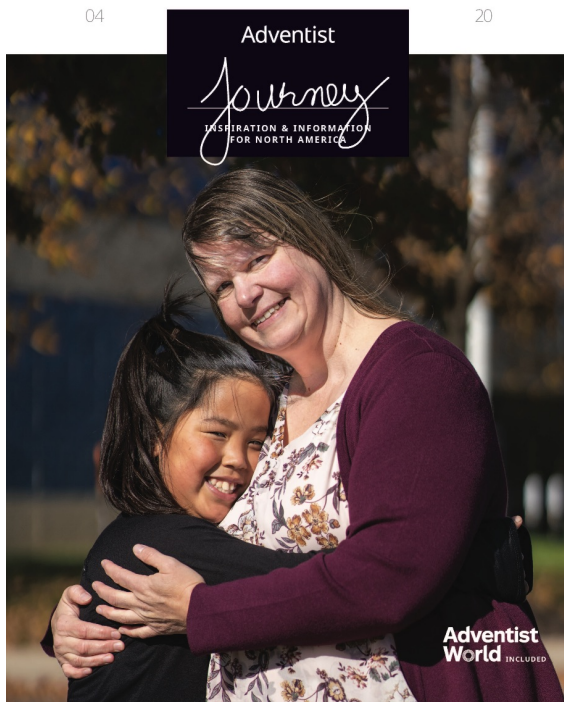
- 1-31 [Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#)
- 2 [Community Services Sabbath](#)
- 2 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 4-10 [Screen-Free Week](#)
- 9 [Youth Sabbath](#)
- 9 *Offering:* [World Budget \(Emphasis: Disaster & Famine Relief\)](#)
- 16 [Adventist Single Adult Ministries Sabbath](#)
- 16 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 23 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
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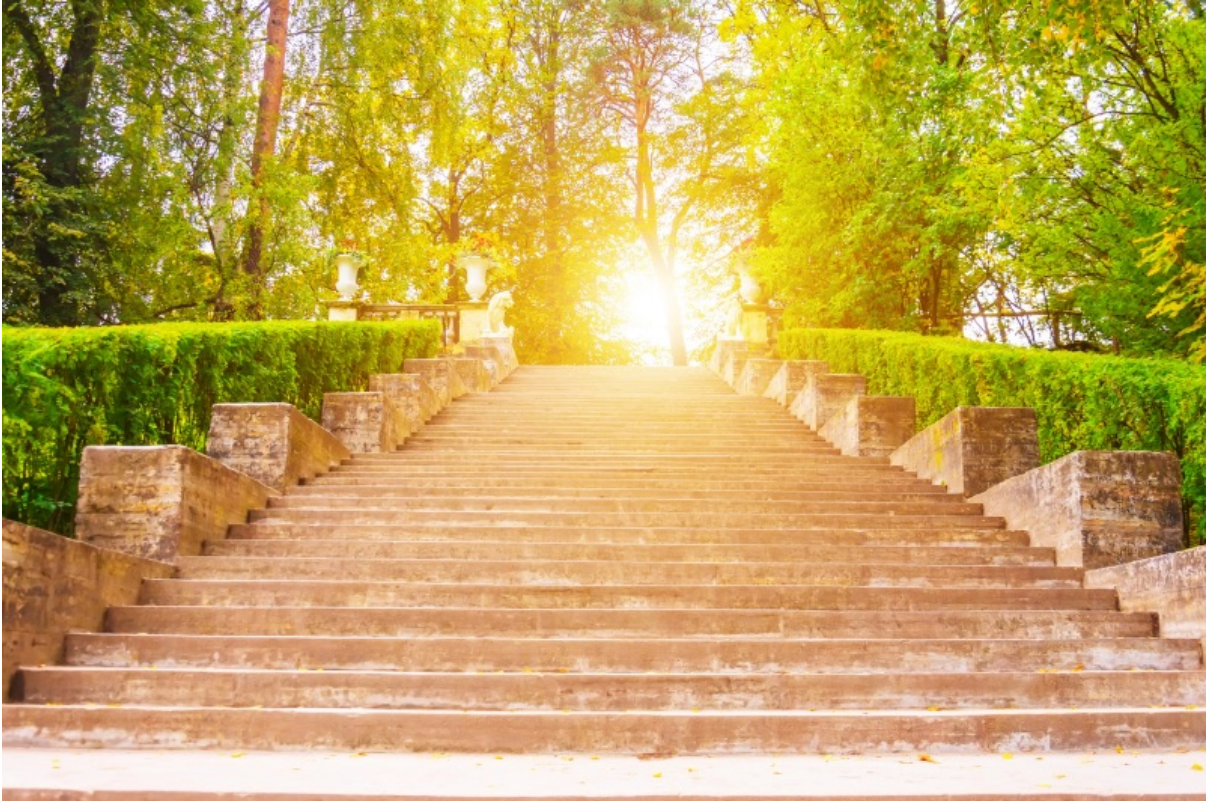
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Perspective: "Life Worth Living" by Shawn Boonstra, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



His Presence

"The Lord replied, 'My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.'"

— *Exodus 33:14, NIV*

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