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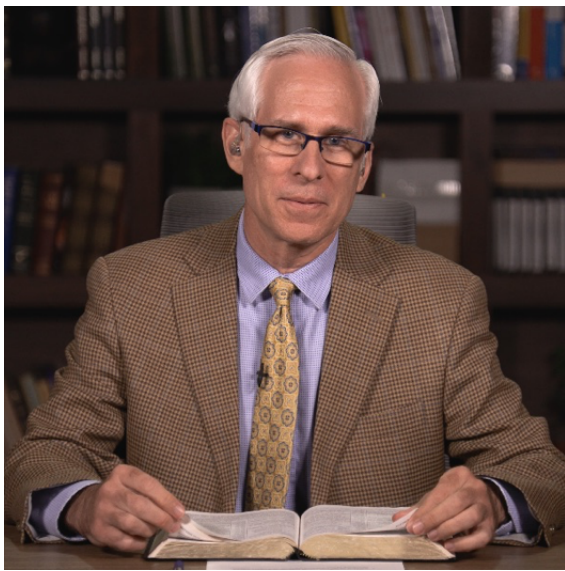
May 6, 2020



**COVID-19 has affected the number of volunteers, hours of operation, food distribution hours,** and other programs, but the Northeastern Conference Adventist Community Services Center, located in Corona, New York, has still been able to distribute food. They partnered with local entities and on April 29, they gave food to 375 families. [MORE](#)



**Ron felt impressed to hand the woman at the gas pump a GLOW tract. He did and the woman** recommitted her life to Jesus, and she joined the church. But how can we share the message of hope during these uncertain times? What can we do when we are all staying at home and personal contacts with others aren't as available or encouraged while we navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic? [MORE](#)



**It Is Written TV is conducting virtual Sabbath school with the co-authors of the current Adult Bible Study Guide, "How to Interpret Scripture."** The program features John Bradshaw, speaker/director of It Is Written, along with co-authors Michael Hasel, professor of Near Eastern Studies and Archaeology at Southern Adventist University, and Frank Hasel, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute. [MORE](#)



**"The weekend that the world woke up to the COVID-19 pandemic, we experienced a wave of closings and radical changes to our daily lives. I am an administrator for more than 50 ministry social media accounts, and [that weekend] my notifications were filled with hateful comments aggressively mocking us and our collective faith. ... What shook me the most was that this behavior was foretold in the Bible."** [READ MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Thousands of Families Received Groceries from Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[In Partnership with Feeding America, Paw Paw Church Holds Food Distribution for Community \(Mich.\)](#)

[Douglas County First Responders Thank Parker Adventist Hospital Workers \(Colo.\)](#)

[Churches Cautious About Reopening \(Ga.\)](#)

[Driveway Graduation \(Calif.\)](#)

[Boardman Church Holds Drive-Thru Food Pantry \(Ohio\)](#)

[Feeding the People: Adventist Church Undertakes Farm Project \(Utah\)](#)

[Colorado Hospital Chaplains Serve as Link to Family Members During Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

[More Volunteers Are Needed for Tornado Relief \(Tenn.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**The National Day of Prayer in the U.S. is May 7, please join us** for a special time of prayer at 12 noon EDT; for a 20-minute livestream prayer session with NAD leaders. You can watch on the [NAD Facebook page](#).



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



**Seminars Unlimited, in connection with Voice of Prophecy and AWR 360°, now offers a customizable postcard** to showcase the services of your local church to the public. At this crucial time, share what your church is doing to serve the needs of your community. The 11"x6" card can be direct mailed to a zip code of your choice. Call (800) 982-3344 for more information.

**If the coronavirus disease has you stuck at home, the free, online Bible studies** from It Is



Written are a great way to share your faith with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers (while keeping your distance!). The 25 lessons cover the major themes of the Bible using simple questions. Videos, photos, and historical information enrich the experience. The studies can be found at [www.itiswritten.study](http://www.itiswritten.study).



### **Voice of Prophecy's ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES**

are the perfect way to study the Bible with people in your community from a safe social distance, using their mobile device, tablet, or computer. The newly updated [Biblestudies.com](http://Biblestudies.com) website allows individuals and local churches to create their own free customizable Bible study website. To sign up: register at [bibleschools.com/apply](http://bibleschools.com/apply), customize the title/name of your Bible School and your welcome message, select the VOP lessons you want to use, and Bible study requests will come directly to you!



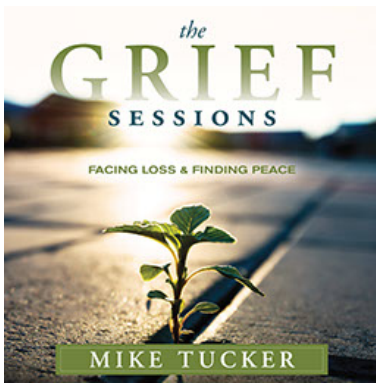
### **The North American Division has compiled a list of [local churches offering livestreamed worship services](#).**

Find your timezone, then select a church service. We know that our Church is not a building, but a people seeking Christ's soon return! To add your church to the list, [CLICK HERE](#) and submit your stream information. Continue to check back for newly added listings!



**The Center for Youth Evangelism's "Cruise With a Mission" Alaska trip**, scheduled for this September, is canceled. Nonetheless, there is an amazing, if not a better alternative! "Cruise with a Mission" is going back to the Caribbean on Dec. 13-20, 2020. Find more information at [cye.org/cwm](http://cye.org/cwm).

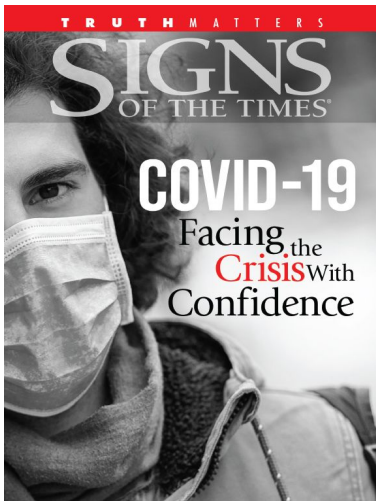
**Now, more than ever, we are facing**



**unprecedented moments of grief** compounded by social isolation. Mike Tucker, host of the Lifestyle Magazine life-coaching TV series, invites you to join "[The Grief Sessions](#)," a Facebook Live interactive experience! Each of the six sessions is filled with Bible-centered, research-based, and people-proven ways to turn loss into living again. [Tune in](#) Fridays, 6:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. PDT, starting April 24, 2020.



**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](http://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.



**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](#)



**NAD 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)



**Send love to your mother with NEW eCards from LifeTalk Radio**—now available to share via email for FREE! Choose from the beautiful “Happy Mother’s Day!” or “You Matter to God” eCards, and many other new designs at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](#). Add your own message and email yours in time for Mother’s Day! Great for birthdays, anniversaries, and graduations, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God’s love.

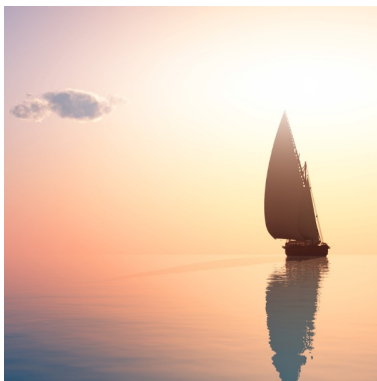


**Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best** Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts the that materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.



**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.

**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.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### May

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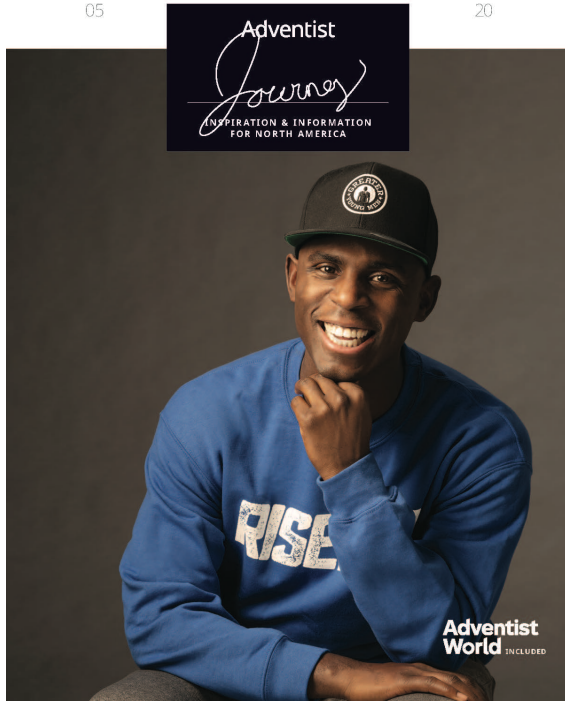
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## VIEWPOINTS



**Thank you, Mothers!**

She is clothed with strength and dignity;



she can laugh at the days to come.  
She speaks with wisdom,  
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.  
She watches over the affairs of her household  
and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children arise and call her blessed;  
her husband also, and he praises her:  
“Many women do noble things,  
but you surpass them all.”  
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;  
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.  
Honor her for all that her hands have done,  
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

— *Proverbs 31:25-31, NIV*

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