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# NEWSPOINTS

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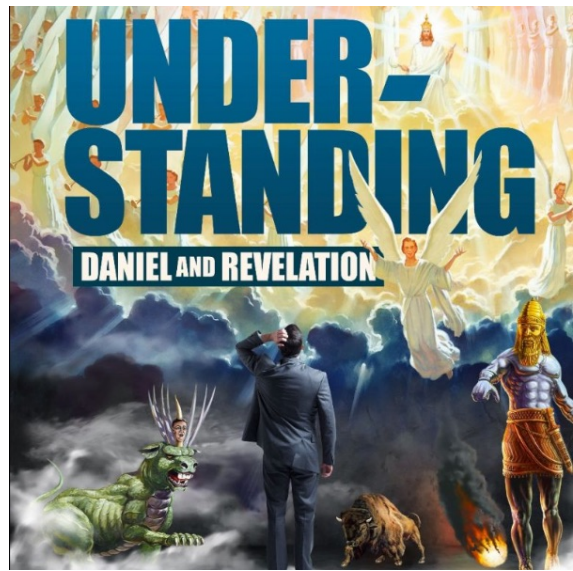
**On July 1, 2020, under a big white tent on the grounds of the North American Division headquarters,** more than 200 in-person and online guests bid a fond farewell to [Daniel R. and Donna Jackson](#) during a two-hour celebration of their ministry and leadership. Each ministry, service, and entity of the division had the opportunity to share memories and messages for the Jacksons, who officially retired on July 1. [MORE](#)



**On Saturday, June 20, hundreds of youth and young adults took to the streets of Minneapolis, Minn.,** with “A Cry for Justice and Healing,” an outreach event aimed at rebuilding the city and regaining a sense of peace. The event, held in the aftermath of George Floyd’s murder on May 25, was attended by more than 350 volunteers, 16 Adventist churches, and officials from three conferences. [MORE](#)



During this time of the COVID-19 pandemic, literature evangelists face unusual challenges. But it is also a time of unusual opportunities. When it would seem that some doors are closing, it has proven to be a time when many hearts are opening. Here are stories from three workers. [MORE](#)



Mark Finley's book *Understanding Daniel and Revelation* has just been released from Pacific Press. Finley, who has conducted evangelistic meetings around the world for the past 50 years, shows how biblical prophecy fits into real life. Recently Dale Galusha, Pacific Press president, interviewed Finley about this new book. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[New Encyclopedia of Seventh-day Adventists Is Now Online](#)

["Let's Talk Social Justice" Panel to be Hosted by Seventh-day Adventist Church June 28th \(Alta.\)](#)

[Scholarship Program Designed to Increase Diversity of Mental Health Workforce \(Calif.\)](#)

[Faith Groups Provide Food, Hand Sanitizer to Public \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Donates 500 Masks to Bakersfield Homeless Center \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Partners to Share Food Boxes \(Calif.\)](#)

[March of Solidarity: Southwestern Adventist University Hosts Walk Around Campus to Celebrate Diversity \(Tex.\)](#)

[Food Roots Partners with Adventist Health to Increase Access to Locally Grown Food \(Ore.\)](#)

[Virtual Vacation Bible School Comes to Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Church of Huntsville Continues Serving the Community, Offering Resources \(Ala.\)](#)

## NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



**North American Division Children’s Ministries proudly announces our upcoming VBS Live** from July 6-10! Due to our current situation around the world, we decided to get together and do a Virtual VBS FOR FREE for all of our children in the North American Division and now, around the world! Currently we have more than 4,900 children registered! For more information on how you or someone you know can join, [CLICK HERE](#).

A vertical program poster for the 'Seventh-day Adventist Regional Conferences Virtual Convocation 2020'. The poster is blue and white with a grid layout. It lists the dates from July 8 to July 11. For each date, it provides the time, a featured speaker with a small portrait photo, and the speaker's name and church affiliation. The program includes 'Nightly Program' with live panel discussions, worship services, and Sabbath worship services. At the bottom, it lists 'TUNE-IN' locations: Oakwood University Facebook Live and Oakwood University Youtube, along with logos for CUEN, Facebook Live, and YouTube.

**The Regional Conferences VIRTUAL Convocation is next week!** Join the online event from July 7 to 11 for the daily livestream starting at 6:30 p.m. ET during the week, and 4 p.m ET on Sabbath. Guests include Tricia Payne, Ainsworth Morris, Daniel Honore, Debleaire Snell, and Sabbath concert featuring Jonathan Nelson, Wintley Phipps, Samantha Howard, Brandi Sutton, Sean Tillery, Stephen Manders, and Decree. [Click here](#) for Oakwood's Facebook Live Video link page; [click here](#) for Oakwood's YouTube channel.

**For many Seventh-day Adventist families, snapping up deeply discounted Christian books during the camp meeting “auditorium sale” is a summer tradition.** This year, most camp meetings have been canceled due to the coronavirus stay-at-home orders so Pacific Press Publishing Association and



# ONLINE SUMMER BOOK SALE

CHECK [AdventistBookCenter.com](http://AdventistBookCenter.com) DAILY  
July 12-19 to catch all these one-day bonus deals!

For one week, you'll have the opportunity to watch short videos to learn all about the sale's featured books. Then, simply order your favorites at amazing discounts!



**Faith For Today's new mobile app is here!** Connect on any device to a multitude of Faith For Today's resources. Watch episodes of award-winning TV series *Lifestyle Magazine*, watch sessions of "The Bible Lab," and connect with resources from "The Grief Sessions" and "Mad About Marriage." Find additional Life Tips, Marriage Tips, and Faith Tips! Download the Faith App from app stores, or [CLICK HERE](#).



**New JESUS 101 Daily Devotional Podcasts are available 365 days** of the year, from the 2020 devotional book, *Jesus Wins!*, a book that is changing lives. A minister shared this story: His lifelong friend had fallen away from God; still this minister sent his friend *Jesus Wins!* as a gift. He read the entire book, surrendered his life to Jesus, and even asked his family for forgiveness! Praise God! For more information on this devotional podcast, visit [Jesus101.tv](http://Jesus101.tv).



**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 at NEW TIMES:

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



## Voice of Prophecy has developed

[ShareYourFaithOnline.com](https://www.shareyourfaithonline.com) to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component. This website offers six tangible ways churches and their members can engage their communities online.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**You are cordially invited to a virtual farewell for Brenda Billingsy** who is retiring from her position as an Associate Director of NAD Ministerial. Elder Billingsy has been extremely supportive of the recruitment and support of Women Clergy during her tenure at NAD Ministerial. If you would like to thank her for her ministry, please join us for her virtual farewell party sponsored by NAD Ministerial on July 2, at 3 p.m. EDT. [Preregister](#) for the Zoom webinar, or watch the stream on [Facebook](#).



**GIVE HOPE this Independence Day with a shareable video from LifeTalk Radio** honoring our forefathers who, under God, formed the identity of America as the land of the free and the home of the brave. But the battle is not over; we continue to see the struggle between good and evil, between slavery and freedom, between sickness and health. Jesus says "Let not your heart be troubled." [SHARE](#) that message of hope and the free video at [LifeTalk.net](https://www.lifetalk.net).

**The It Is Written *In the Word* sermon series is now available as a podcast**, making it easy to listen to the Word of God wherever you are! Taking you deep inside the Bible, *In the Word* presents inspirational preaching on a wide range of biblical subjects. John



Bradshaw, It Is Written president, presents each sermon, and a new episode is posted every Friday. Listen to *In the Word* on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), [Google Podcasts](#), [Stitcher](#), [iHeart Radio](#), and [Castbox](#).



**The North American Division offering for Women's Ministries is now on August 8, 2020.**

The offering was formerly scheduled for July 11. In *Evangelism*, p. 464, Ellen G. White wrote, "The Lord has a work for women as well as for men. They may take their places in His work at this crisis, and He will work through them." For sample offertory readings to celebrate this special offering, [CLICK HERE](#).



[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.



**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.

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**Feature:** "Ministry, God's Mission, and People," an interview with Dan Jackson by Dan Weber, pp. 04-08

**NAD News Briefs:** "Local Church, Union, and Division Team Up to Provide Lunches for Health-Care Workers at a Maryland Hospital," "Pacific Union Conference Evangelism Training Students Deliver Hope," "Adult Bible Study Guide Coauthors Conduct Virtual Sabbath School on It Is Written TV," pp. 10-11

**Perspective:** "Loving Disciples!," by Philip Baptiste, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS





## To Each of You ...

"Jesus loves you. Jesus cares about you. And He cares about me. As I move into a different phase of life. ... I go with some assurance and it is simply this: 'Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. ... I am weak, but He is strong.' ... To each of you: Jesus loves you. He died for you, and He lives for you. And He is absolutely committed to living with each one of you throughout all eternity. ... God bless you abundantly."

— *Daniel R. Jackson, during his final NAD (virtual) worship as president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, on June 30, 2020*

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