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NEWSPOINTS

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The first #DearCoronavirus video went live on social media platforms around the world on March 19. Initially produced by the Inter-European Division and Trans-European Division communication departments in cooperation with Hope Media Europe, the videos ultimately became a collaborative series of 12 inspirational and poignant messages on a wide variety of COVID-19 relevant topics, with participants from more than 40 countries and several world divisions of the Adventist Church. [MORE](#)



Through “Hope 2020,” 32 youth and young adults between the ages of 15 and 25 from the Michigan Youth Rush literature evangelism ministry have received training on how to fundraise for mission work and conduct door-to-door literature distribution while exercising precautionary measures regarding COVID-19. [MORE](#)



Richard O'Fallon, instrumental in the founding of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), lost his long battle with Parkinson's Disease on July 29, in Orlando, Fla. He was 79. [MORE](#)



This was not part of anyone's 2020 vision. The line of cars snaking through Fresno Adventist Academy's parking lot backed up almost a mile down the street. More than 100 volunteers from eight local churches worked together to serve the community. More than 30,000 pounds of groceries and 2,000 GLOW tracts and prayer cards were distributed. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[South Bend Woman Mobilizes Her Church to Help Farm Workers \(Mich.\)](#)

[Community Prayer Held at Adventist Health Bakersfield for Healthcare Workers \(Calif.\)](#)

[Eddlemon Adventist School Announces Reopening Plan \(S.C.\)](#)

[Adventist Church and ADRA Gain One Million Supporters for "Every Child. Everywhere. In School." Education Petition; Next Steps Underway \(Md.\)](#)

[Pine Forge Academy Using UV Light to Clean Campus \(Pa.\)](#)

[Opera on the Asphalt in Englewood \(Colo.\)](#)

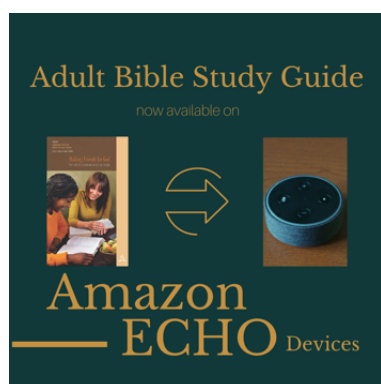
[Court Finds Guam's Medical Mandatory Arbitration Law Constitutional](#)

[In Del Norte, CalFresh Households Have Increased, Food Bank Visits, Utility Assistance Program Users Have Decreased \(Calif.\)](#)

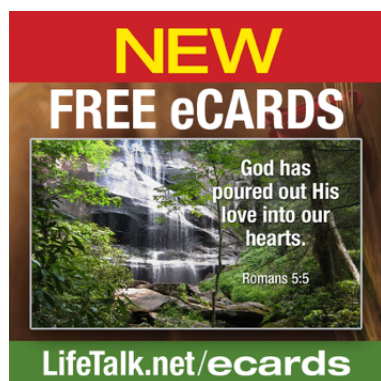
[At the Evangelical Creation Museum, Dinosaurs Lived Alongside Humans and the World is 6,000 Years Old \(Colo.\)](#)

[Several Adventist Schools and Churches Damaged After Blast Rocks Beirut](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



The Adult Bible Study Guide is now available on Amazon Echo Devices! Download the Amazon Alexa app and enable the skill titled *Daily Bible Study Guide* as a Flash Briefing through Alexa's Skills & Games Catalog. If you do not have an Amazon Echo device you can access audio recordings of the daily lesson on the [NAD Adult Ministries Media page](#).



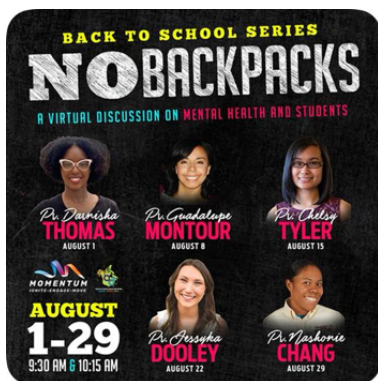
Share encouragement with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. It's a fast and easy way to share God's Word and show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the beautiful designs at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](#), or order printed cards at [lifetalk.net/sharing-cards](#). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God's love.



Take the Evangelism Pledge to do something! In the midst of a global pandemic, economic calamity and social unrest, people have questions. The Bible has answers. Will you commit to doing *something* this fall to share the everlasting Gospel in your community? Take the Evangelism Pledge today! [CLICK HERE](#).



Jesus 101 has released new inspirational videos for individuals and churches, available to download for free! These short videos cover doctrinal topics such as Sabbath rest, prayer, and baptism in a Christ-centered manner. Whether your church or small group is meeting in person or virtually, these valuable resource videos can be used to highlight important topics. To access and download, [CLICK HERE](#).



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](#) 10:15 a.m. (EDT)



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](#).



Voice of Prophecy has developed [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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is August 6-7, 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#).



The North American Division offering for Women's Ministries is now on August 8, 2020. 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](#).



New series on mental health for teens now available. Do you know a teen who is struggling with mental health issues? Do you want to be prepared to minister to teens in your church? This new series developed by NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries includes booklets on depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, getting help, recovery tools, brain training, and staying healthy. To purchase the complete set or individual titles, [CLICK HERE](#).



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](#).



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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 8 *Offering:* [North American Division \(Emphasis: Women's Ministries\)](#)
- 8 *Offering:* [World Budget \(Emphasis: Oakwood University/Andrews University/Loma Linda University\)](#)
- 15 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
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- 22 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
- 29 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)

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NAD Update: "Sonscreen Film Festival 2020 Goes Virtual," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 08-09



NAD News Briefs: "NAD Youth Ministries: the Impact of the Pathfinder Bible Experience," "Retired Breath of Life Speaker Walter L. Pearson Jr., 74, Passes to His Rest," "Escrito Está Holds Virtual Meetings," pp. 10-12

Perspective: "Prophecy Has a Face," by Bonita Joyner Shields, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



He Will Carry You Through It

"I believe God has called us at this time. ... We are in some very troubling times, but

I believe that *if God called you to it, He will carry you through it.*"

— *Desiree Bryant, near the end of an NAD consecration service for the Bryants (G. Alexander and Desiree Bryant) on Aug. 5, 2020, based on 1 Thess. 5:24*

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