



Seventh-day
Adventist® Church
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

September 9, 2020



More than 2,200 Adventist youth and young adult ministry leaders from across North America spent much of their Labor Day weekend attending the three-day North American Division Youth and Young Adult Ministries OneTeam Playbook 2020 Leaders Convention. The event was held virtually and live streamed through Zoom. [MORE](#)



What can we do? That thought occupied my mind as I watched the nation again turn its attention to another senseless killing of a Black individual in America at the hands of the police. ... As I arrived at church, my attention was drawn to the sign that sits beside the road running past the church. Pulling into the parking lot, I felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit gently respond with the answer to my question: “Start with the sign.” [READ MORE](#)

ACTS

20:21

It Is Written presents ACTS 10:21, a 16-month evangelism cycle initiative for NAD churches! ACTS 20:21 begins Oct. 9, and includes six evangelistic events, effective training, a brand new, comprehensive database and outreach management app, soul-winning resources, and direct social media advertising. The evangelism cycle builds relationships. Guests who attend a meeting on prayer or health early in the year will make connections that will encourage them to attend a full-message evangelism series later on. [MORE](#)



Prior to his enrollment at Walla Walla University, Joel "Joey" Barajas attended a community college in Seattle to be near his older brother, who was studying at the University of Washington. But instead of picking up books for studies, he picked up an addictive hobby: gambling. Eventually Barajas decided to be more intentional about school — and his relationship with God. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[First Seventh-day Adventist Church Celebrates 100th Anniversary_\(Ind.\)](#)

[Women's Breast Health to be Topic of Tuesday Seminar at Greeneville Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Waivers Allow SLO County Private Elementary Schools to Open Classrooms \(Calif.\)](#)

[Harbor of Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church Hosts Grand Opening of Basketball Court with Youth Tournament \(Mich.\)](#)

[Flags Ordered to be Flown at Half-Staff to Honor Adventist Who Died in Helicopter Crash](#)

[Disaster Certification Class Via Free Virtual Training \(Ala.\)](#)

[Six Private Schools Get Waiver to Bring Their Students Back \(Calif.\)](#)

[L.E.A.D Pledge Takes the Next Step to Tackle Racism Through a 40-Day Challenge \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Bronson Battle Creek to Expand Inpatient Behavioral Health Services in Former Battle Creek Adventist Hospital \(Mich.\)](#)

[Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church Collaborates with Local Organizations to Offer Ham Radio Operator License Preparation Course \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Not too late to join! NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries is hosting an online week of prayer. The event features youth-led talks and more, and runs Sept. 6-11 each evening at 7:30 p.m. EDT. Participants can also tune in for a final Sabbath worship at 9:30 a.m. EDT on Sept. 12. Watch on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).



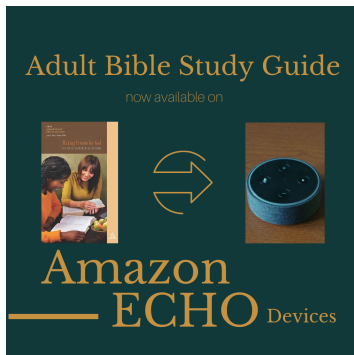
The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is September 10-11, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



Christian Record Services announces PhoneFaith, an outreach ministry for people who are blind. PhoneFaith offers daily dial-in presentations that inform, encourage, and inspire the mind, body, and spirit through mental health and wellness sessions, social meet-and-greet interactions, Bible trivia and games, and prayer time. Call (209) 399-9465, or visit [ChristianRecord.org/PhoneFaith](#).



Share encouragement with free Bible Promise Sharing Cards and Grandparents Day cards from LifeTalk Radio. Did you know National Day of Encouragement is September 12? And Grandparent's Day is September 13! It's fast and easy to show someone you care with LifeTalk sharing cards. Choose from [the beautiful digital designs](#), or order printed cards at lifetalk.net/sharing-cards. They're great for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. [WATCH](#) the LifeTalk Grandparents Day video!



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](#).

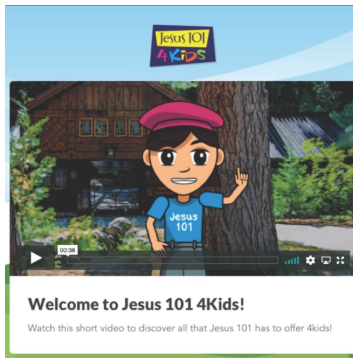


Join us Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. EDT, as the NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments team up on a new stewardship series. Dates are Sept. 1, 15, 29, and Oct. 6. The 15-minute streams will be viewable on the ["Our Family Room" Facebook](#) page and will later be shared on both [Family](#) and [Children's Ministry](#) Youtube channels. For additional resources for every segment, check out [Family](#) or [Children's Ministries](#) websites.



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 just launched a new exciting resource for children! Jesus101.tv/4kids features animated videos to help kids discover Jesus in the Bible,



a valuable resource for churches, schools, and families. Each 90 second video tells Bible stories in a fun and instructive manner and has a coordinating coloring page that kids can download and color at home! Continue to check back as many more will be added in the upcoming months. [LEARN MORE](#)



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](#).



Deadline extended! FaithCounts, a leading and fast-growing multi-faith online platform, has launched its fourth Film Your Faith contest, awarding \$35,000 in prizes to films of two minutes or less showcasing the power of faith in a positive light. Filmmakers from amateurs to pros are encouraged to submit two-minute videos about faith, anytime between now and the new Sept. 23 deadline. Go to faithcounts.com/video-contest for details.

EVENTS CALENDAR

September

- 6-11 [Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 6-12 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
- 6-12 [Nurture Periodicals \(Adventist Review, Guide, Primary Treasure, Little Friend\)](#)
- 12 [Family Togetherness Sabbath](#)
- 12 [Super Youth Day Sabbath](#)

[September Focus:](#)
[Health](#)

[Camp Meeting](#)
[Calendar](#)

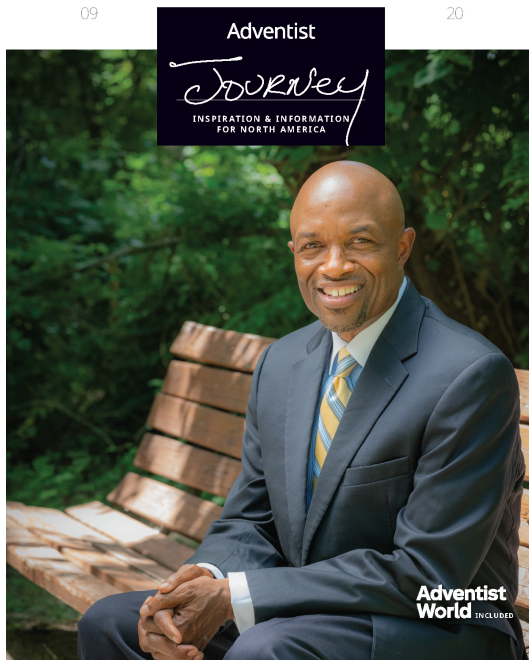
[Adventist Mission](#)

19 [Made to Move Day](#)

20-26 [Made to Move Week](#)

26 [Deaf Ministries Awareness Sabbath](#)

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Feature: "G. Alexander Bryant Named North American Division President," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-05

Feature: "An Interview With the New NAD President," conducted by Dan Weber, pp. 06-07

NAD News Briefs: "Refugee Children's Summer Camp Leads to Community Learning," "An Interfaith, Multiconference 'Virtual Freedom Ride' Champions Prayer and Activism," "North American Division Bids Farewell to Dan and Donna Jackson," pp. 08-10

Perspective: "Until All Lives Matter...," by Carl McRoy, p. 13

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click [HERE](#) to download the PDF.

VIEWPOINTS



Do What Is Right and Just

“This is what the Lord says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place.”

— *Jeremiah 22:3, NIV*

NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES



[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Vimeo](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Website](#)



[Forward to a Friend](#) | [Subscribe](#) | [NewsPoints Archives and PDFs](#)

2019 North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists | 9705 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046

Dan Weber, communication director | Julio Muñoz, associate director

Kimberly Maran, NewsPoints editor | Georgia Damsteegt, NewsPoints assistant editor