

# NEWSPOINTS

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**A man stole the wallet of the Bible commentator Matthew Henry. As he reflected on the incident,** Henry said, “Let me be thankful, first, because he never robbed me before; second, because although he took my purse, he did not take my life; third, because although he took all I possessed, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.” Unquestionably, Henry’s attitude is one we need, particularly this year. [READ MORE](#)



**The year 2021 marks Southwestern Adventist University’s Dinosaur Science Museum and Research Center’s 25th annual summer dig in Wyoming.** Through the past quarter century, this special project has excavated and cataloged more than 30,000 dinosaur bones. As the research project has gained world-wide recognition over the years, the number of summer participants has outgrown the capacity of the onsite research station, which lost its roof in a recent storm. [MORE](#)



**Bright and early every Tuesday**

morning, Pat Bailey shows up at Auburn City Seventh-day Adventist Church to direct cars into the food bank line, the COVID-19 testing line, or both. “I meet every car that comes in,” Bailey says. As a community health care consultant for the city of Auburn, Wash., she helped negotiate plans for the Auburn City Church site to serve as a COVID-19 testing location in the suburbs between Seattle and Tacoma. [MORE](#)



**Charis McRoy, a senior at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Maryland, has enjoyed writing poetry to express her emotions and experiences ever since the third grade. Through the years, she decided to author a book on the Bible story of Esther. Remembering what she had learned about Esther in Sabbath School, she wanted to journey deeper into that Bible story. [MORE](#)**

## NAD NEWSPPOINTS



**ON THE AIR, the first official podcast of the division, is also a brand extension of NAD**

NewsPoints, a weekly, digital newsletter. The podcast came to fruition after Mylon Medley, the show's producer, host, and editor successfully pitched the show to the communication department and the division's leadership. [MORE](#)



**Guide magazine managing editor Laura Sámano has compiled 28 true stories, one for each of the Seventh-day Adventist fundamental beliefs, and written Bible study questions for each belief in the new book *What We Believe for Guide Readers*. The book's stories, which include stories of Adventist pioneers as well as contemporary protagonists, introduce kids to each of the Church's fundamental beliefs. [MORE](#)**

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Amid Pandemic, Churches Continue to Give During Holidays \(W.Va.\)](#)

[First Virtual Global Healthcare Conference Supports Growth, Education of Seventh-day](#)

[Adventist Healthcare and Education Leaders World Wide \(Calif.\)](#)

[Oakwood University Celebrates Founder's Day \(Ala.\)](#)

[Redlands Area Interfaith Council Offers Online Thanksgiving Celebration \(Calif.\)](#)

[Eufaula Seventh-day Adventist Church Clothes Closet Open Sundays \(Ala.\)](#)

[61 Pastors Agree to Online Church Services to Slow Coronavirus Surge, Support Health Workers \(Mich.\)](#)

[Exploring Collegedale's Wolftever Creek Greenway \(Tenn.\)](#)

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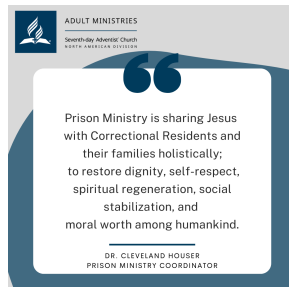
[Food Programs Available in Citrus County \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist HealthCare Planning New Facility to Replace Small Prince George's Hospital \(Md.\)](#)

[Southern Adventist University Students Receive Rita Vital Endowed Scholarship for Faith and Service-Learning](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Dec. 12 is Prison Ministry Sabbath!** The NAD Prison Ministry department solicits your special support to recognize this important work in your local churches. Our office has prepared materials for your use on Prison Ministry Sabbath and beyond! [CLICK HERE](#) for the “NAD Prison Ministry Emphasis Day Resource Packet” including a [sermon](#), [call to action](#), social media materials, and more.

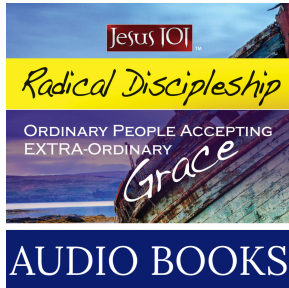


**The Adventist Community Services offering will be collected Dec. 12.** The COVID-19 pandemic has placed overwhelming demand on food banks throughout the North American Division. More than 1,300 ACS Centers across NAD are providing millions of meals this year, demonstrating God’s love through service. Your financial gifts on December 12 will make it possible for us to continue responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Give at your local church, marking “ACS Offering” on your tithe envelope, or [online](#).

**It Is Written ReCharge Retreat Now Online! The annual It Is Written public evangelism and church growth retreat will be held online Dec. 13-14.** If your church is part of [ACTS 20:21](#), you can attend for free. Individual and church attendance options are also available. CEUs will be available for pastors. Guest presenter Henry Wright will speak on



"Preaching that Changes Lives." Learn more at [itiswritten.com/recharge](http://itiswritten.com/recharge).



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**Take our survey: Adventist Journey** magazine is offering an opportunity to share your feedback. Fill out the 8-question [survey](#) to share your thoughts and experience as a reader of *Adventist Journey*. [CLICK HERE](#) watch the full interview with Heather Thompson-Day, featured on our November cover! Thank you for being a vital part of this magazine!



**The NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are back with more episodes of "Our Family Room,"** relevant information to both you and your children in these uncertain times. Mark your calendars! This November, we will begin a new series on Emotional Intelligence in children! [WATCH](#)



**FREE CARDS & STICKERS to help YOU SHARE your FAITH!** Tell children you love about [LifeTalkKIDS.net](http://LifeTalkKIDS.net) for adventure and Bible stories just for them. Order FREE [sharing cards](#) and [stickers](#), and be ready to share your faith any time with your family, friends, and community. LifeTalk Sharing Cards are also available as eCards to send by email at [LifeTalk.net/eCards](http://LifeTalk.net/eCards). When you share LifeTalk Radio and [LifeTalkKIDS.net](http://LifeTalkKIDS.net), you help to connect others with Jesus Christ.

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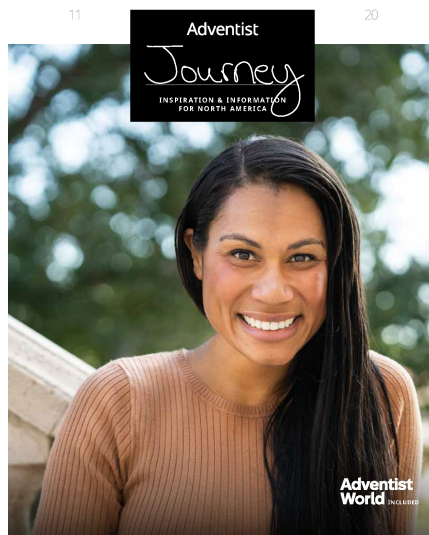
**December Focus:**  
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## VIEWPOINTS



## Bring an Example of Love

"Let's remember, on this Thanksgiving Day, to be thankful for each other and not focus on faults that others have. Let's try to live in unity and bring an example of what it means to love our neighbor to our country, because it's in dire need of experiencing the love for each other as we know today."

— Gordon Bietz, associate director of Adventist Education, during virtual NAD staff worship, on Nov. 23, 2020

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