

NEWSPOINTS

December 17, 2020



A year-end message from NAD president G. Alexander Bryant: "I want to extend to you, on behalf of my fellow officers and the entire NAD office family, our warmest holiday greetings as this year 2020 comes to an end. And what a year it has been! Who could have guessed when we started 2020 we would end it in this manner?" [WATCH](#) the video and/or read the transcript. [CLICK HERE](#) to read Bryant's message in Spanish.



The Oakwood University Church



The Walla Walla University Center for Humanitarian Engagement is pleased to announce that it will participate in a community health initiative, the Blue Zones Project Walla Walla Valley, which was announced earlier this month by Adventist Health, and includes several other participants in the local community. [MORE](#)



Union College has launched the new Bridge to Union Scholarship — a plan that will cover the tuition costs for students from most families with

in Huntsville, Alabama, has engaged in community service in extra special ways since the COVID-19 pandemic started earlier this year. On Nov. 24, during their "Thanksgiving Food Giveaway," the receiving line began at the Oakwood Family Life Center and extended all the way in front of Oakwood University's Ashby Auditorium (gymnasium). [MORE](#)



As the COVID-19 pandemic affected life for everyone, Southwestern Adventist University focused on meeting student needs through the Fighting Food and Housing Insecurity fundraising campaign. Launched with a goal to raise \$50,000, SWAU has recently concluded the campaign, exceeding the goal. [MORE](#)

an income of less than \$60,000. "In these challenging economic times, every dollar matters," said Vinita Sauder, president of Union College. [MORE](#)



Washington Adventist University's community continues to be a community of prayer and faith during this challenging time in history. Despite the challenges, the Holy Spirit has been working to soften hearts and lead individuals to commit to a life in Christ. On two consecutive weekends, a student and an employee of WAU have made this commitment publicly through baptism at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church on the campus of WAU. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Texico Conference Family Ministries Director Manuel Rodriguez Passes Away After Illness \(English\)](#)

[Texico Conference Family Ministries Director Manuel Rodriguez Passes Away After Illness \(Spanish\)](#)

[Adventist Healthcare Shady Grove One of 24 Md. Hospitals to Receive Vaccines Next Week](#)

[Adventist Health Hospice Invites Community to Celebrate and Remember Loved Ones with Donation to Light Up a Life \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Needle Inn Volunteers Make Stockings, Hats for Newborns \(Calif.\)](#)

[New Life Seventh-day Adventist Church Offered Free COVID-19 Testing \(Ala.\)](#)

[Pagosa Packs 1,985 Boxes for Operation Christmas Child \(Colo.\)](#)

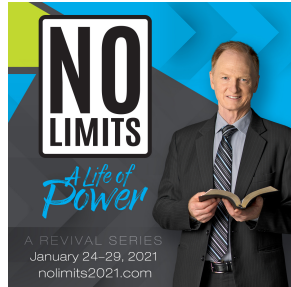
[Nurses Missing Holiday Celebrations for First Time Ever to Keep Families Safe \(Colo.\)](#)

[Lewiston Seventh-day Adventist Church to Hold 49th Annual Christmas Cantata \(Ida.\)](#)

[Breckenridge Village of Tyler Receives Funding Needed for New Building \(Tex.\)](#)

[Redlands Adventist Church Presents "Walk Through the Bible" \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



God's plan for you is not to have a meaningless life. He wants you to enjoy power-filled living now! In this online series, Pastor John Bradshaw will share practical Bible messages to help you experience a revival in your heart, in your home, and in your church. Join No Limits: A Life of Power Jan. 24-29, 2021. Registration will open Dec. 10, 2020, at nolimits2021.com. Download sharing resources at itiswritten.com/rtresources.

NAD NEWSPOINTS



The latest episode of the podcast NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available! In this episode host Mylon Medley interviews Erica Jones, assistant director of NAD Women's Ministries and coordinator of Enditnow North America, and Kendra Arsenault, filmmaker, director, and host of the Advent Next podcast. Topics include abuse within the Adventist Church, and the new, three-part docuseries ChurchToo. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google](#). We're also on [Facebook](#).



Breath of Life, in partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, presents "Glory," an ABC television Christmas special that will be aired on ABC television affiliates across the United States on Dec. 25. Tune in for a Christmas message from Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, Speaker/Director of Breath of Life Television Ministry, and music by award-winning musical artists Michael W. Smith, the Oakwood University Aeolians, and more! [LEARN MORE](#)

FREE ECARDS

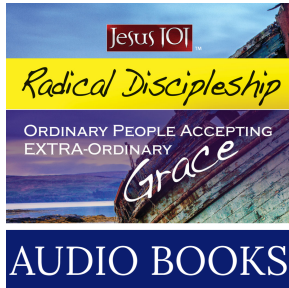


SHARE CHRISTMAS CHEER! You can still touch the hearts of those you care about, even if you're miles apart. Contactless cheer is as easy as emailing free LifeTalk Radio digital ecards at LifeTalk.net/ecards. You can also enjoy Christmas music and special programs on LifeTalk Radio through December 25. [CLICK HERE](#) for the schedule of Christmas concerts and programs. Don't find a LifeTalk radio station near

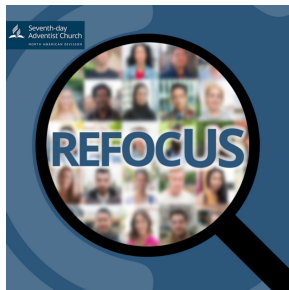
you? Listen on the new free mobile app, on Amazon Echo, ROKU, satellite, or [online](#).



Check out the *Champions of Faith 5 Volume Set*, by Merlin L. Neff! From Adam and Eve to Christ's apostles, these captivating stories of Bible heroes will increase the faith of kids of all ages and will reveal a God who can be trusted in any situation. Includes thought questions, factoids, and an index that identifies character traits, such as courage and forgiveness. All dialogue is taken directly from the NKJV Bible. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.



Jesus 101 offers a variety of free audio books in English and Spanish that anyone can enjoy from virtually anywhere! These audio books make it easy to enjoy Christ-centered topics while you're working, cooking, exercising, or on the go! These are also a great resource for those who may be visually impaired. Easily access these audio books on the free Jesus 101 app or visit jesus101.tv/listen/ and click on "Audio Books."



The 2021 NAD Human Resources Conference: Virtual Edition will be held on April 25-27, 2021. The conference will be a fully virtual event, which will provide all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, education directors, and university VPs of finance with relevant presentations, important updates, great networking opportunities, valuable resources, SHRM Professional Development Credits (PDCs), and much more! [REGISTER](#) by April 15, 2021.



Earlier this year, Adventist World Radio's Unlocking Bible Prophecies series with Cami Oetman received more than 5 million views and thousands of Bible questions. In response to requests for additional programs, AWR's president, Dr. Duane McKey, is holding a brand-new weekly series through March 6, 2021, called Earth's Final Countdown. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

EVENTS CALENDAR

December

- 19 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 26 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Southern Asia Division \(SUD\)](#)
- 26 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)

[December Focus: Christian Hospitality](#)

[Adventist Mission](#)

January

- 2 [Day of Prayer](#)
- 2 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 9 [Offering: Local Conference Advance](#)
- 16 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 17-22 [Religious Liberty Week](#)
- 23 [Religious Liberty Sabbath](#)
- 23 [Offering: Religious Liberty \(NAD\)](#)
- 30 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)

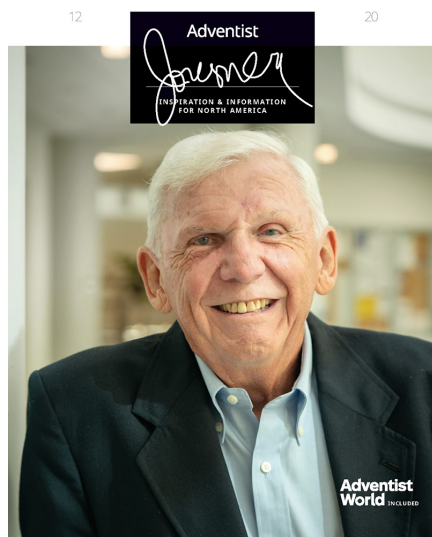
January Focus:

[Friendship](#)
[Evangelism](#)

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

Adventist Mission

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Feature: "More Than One Approach to Filling a Need," trio of stories by LaTasha Hewitt, Nicholas Lozito, and Rajmund Dabrowski, pp. 04-06

Commentary: "I'm an Adventist, Not a Conspiracy Theorist," by Adam Fenner, pp. 08-10

NAD News Briefs: "Andrews University Releases Daniel/Revelation Bible Study Journal," "Southwestern Adventist University Awarded \$483,900 Title Grant," "LifeTalk Radio Launches Online Channel for Kids," p. 12

Perspective: "Goodbye, Mr Scrooge," by Dan Weber, p. 13

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click [HERE](#) to view the December publication.

VIEWPOINTS



God Will Shine His Light

“But the path of the just is as the shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day,’ [Proverbs 4:18, KJV]. You know, I used to think, ... well, if I am just, if I do the right thing, then my light will shine more and more; I will become more visible. But the more I see God’s leading in my life, and the more I look at this text, I realize it’s not that the just will shine, but the *path* of the just is as the shining light. God will shine His light on our path more and more, and we will see more and more of His providence in our life.”

— Terri Saelee, coordinator for Adventist Refugee & Immigrant Ministries, during virtual NAD staff worship on Dec. 16, 2020

NAD MEDIA MINISTRIES



[Twitter](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Vimeo](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Website](#)



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

2020 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