

# NEWSPOINTS

December 9, 2020



***U.S. News & World Report*** continues to rank Southwestern Adventist University as one of the top institutions regionally. Ranked #11 overall in Regional Colleges West and #2 for social mobility, SWAU continues to stand out amongst top performing colleges and universities in the United States. *U.S. News & World Report* utilizes 17 factors ranging from retention to social mobility and from campus life to alumni giving to compile the rankings. [MORE](#)



On Nov. 1, Col. Andrew Harewood was promoted to general officer upon accepting the position of deputy chief of chaplains for the Army Reserve, making him the first Adventist and the first African American to become a general in the Army Reserve. With the promotion, he is the third Adventist chaplain in the U.S. military to reach the general rank. [MORE](#)



La Vida Mission in Farmington,



Terry Shaw, AdventHealth President/CEO, has been named one of 100 Most Influential People

**New Mexico, served 250 families of the Navajo Nation** with fresh produce, hand sanitizer, and propane with the help of donors and non-profit organizations Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) and Navajo Strong. [MORE](#)

by Modern Healthcare. This recognition acknowledges and honors individuals who are deemed by their peers and the senior editors of Modern Healthcare to be the most influential individuals in the industry in terms of leadership and impact. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Outreach Pantry Has Lots of Food To Give Away \(Ohio\)](#)

[Buchanan Church Helps Community Prepare for Winter Months by Taking in To Give Back \(Mich.\)](#)

[COVID-19 Testing Site at Oakwood University Church \(Ala.\)](#)

[Clothing Giveaway to Benefit Veterans, Low-Income Residents \(Okla.\)](#)

[Wake County Partners with Raleigh Gethsemane Adventist Church to Offer Free COVID Testing \(N.C.\)](#)

[Virtual Reality Helping Hospitals Respond to COVID-19 \[video\]](#)

[Helicopter Crashes as Texarkana Men Leave Church Services in Marietta, Texas](#)

[A Gift That Lasts: Q&A with SWAU Sophomore Psychology Major Raquel Villa \(Texas\)](#)

[AdventHealth Donates \\$1.9 Million to Nonprofits Combatting Homelessness, Food Insecurity and Other Top Health Needs \(Fla.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

### NAD NEWSPPOINTS



### The latest episode of the podcast NAD

#### **NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available!**

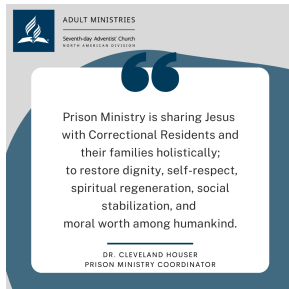
In this episode host Mylon Medley interviews Erica Jones, assistant director of NAD Women's Ministries and coordinator of Enditnow North America, and Kendra Arsenault, filmmaker, director, and host of the Advent Next podcast. Topics include abuse within the Adventist Church, and the new, three-part docuseries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

### **ChurchToo is a three-part documentary series that aims to shed light on the reality**

of abuse in faith communities and what we can do to end it. ChurchToo was produced by enditnowNorthAmerica in collaboration with the Adventist Learning Community



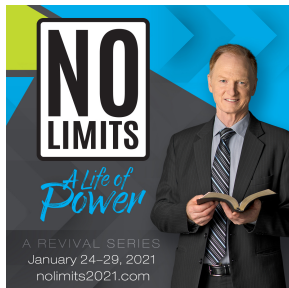
and SonScreen Films. The docuseries premiere will be on Facebook on Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. ET. [CLICK HERE](#) for the NAD enditnow Facebook page.



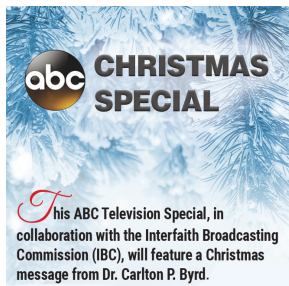
**Dec. 12 is Prison Ministry Sabbath! The NAD Prison Ministry department solicits your special support to recognize this important work in your local churches.** Our office has prepared materials for your use on Prison Ministry Sabbath and beyond! [CLICK HERE](#) for the “NAD Prison Ministry Emphasis 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](#). [MORE](#)



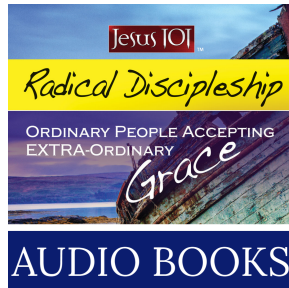
**God’s plan for you is not to have a meaningless life. He wants you to enjoy** power-filled living now! In this online series, Pastor John Bradshaw will share practical Bible messages to help you experience a revival in your heart, in your home, and in your church. Join No Limits: A Life of Power Jan.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



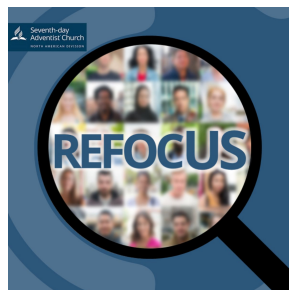
**Breath of Life, in partnership with the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission, presents** "Glory," an ABC television Christmas special that will be aired on ABC television affiliates across the United States on Dec. 25. Tune in for a Christmas message from Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, Speaker/Director of Breath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



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**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.

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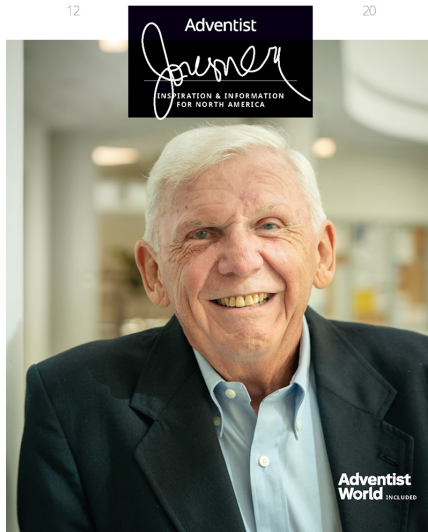
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## VIEWPOINTS



### One With Us

"Though we cannot understand it, we can believe that He, who made the worlds, for our sakes became a helpless babe. Though higher than any of the angels, though as great as the Father on the throne of heaven, He became one with us. In Him God and [humanity] became one, and it is in this fact that we find the hope of our fallen race."

— *Ellen G. White, That I May Know Him, p. 26*

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