

NEWSPOINTS

January 6, 2021



When the Class of 2024 arrived on the Southwestern Adventist University campus in Aug. 2020, they stepped into a university experience unlike previous classes. Due to COVID-19, SWAU had moved classes online the previous semester and was now reopening its campus with accommodations in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of faculty, staff, and students. [MORE](#)



COVID-19 losses, restrictions, and closures have greatly altered our world, and will continue to ripple out around the globe for years. In varying degrees, we've all had our lives changed. ... I am grateful Lord's protection, and in these circumstances, in this uncertain time, there are lessons we can learn — even from the basic and mundane task of grocery shopping. [MORE](#)



Many people around the world are anxiously awaiting a COVID-19



We know we have the Creation story correct — the Bible says so. How then do we deal with persons

vaccine. A handful of pharmaceutical companies are well into the development process and others have begun distribution — a process that ordinarily could take years achieved in a matter of months. This understandably raises questions about how a vaccine could be developed so quickly. [LEARN MORE](#) from an AdventHealth article.

who don't believe that Genesis is right about creation and the flood? Jesus had some harsh things to say to the Pharisees who refused to accept Him, but He used a very different approach to other people He dealt with. How do we fit that into our scenario today? [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Inter-American Publishing Ministries Leader Dies of COVID-19 Complications](#)

[After Kidnapping, Inter-American Division President Thanks Church Members For Their Prayers](#)

[Adventists: Miami-Based Church Leader, Daughter Released After Haiti Kidnapping \(Fla.\)](#)

[Q&A With Adventist Health's Dr. Ronald Reynoso About the COVID-19 Vaccine \(Calif.\)](#)

[Portland Adventist Community Services Continues to Serve Throughout the Holidays \(Ore.\)](#)

[Highland Adventist School Hosts Special Holiday Event \(W.V.\)](#)

[Adventist Health White Memorial Hospital Gets Help From National Guard, State, Army \(Calif.\)](#)

[First a College, Then a Town: College Place Celebrates its 75th Anniversary as an Incorporated City \(Wash.\)](#)

[Toys for Tots Event Gives Away 2,300 Toys \(Calif.\)](#)

[January Fresh Food Distributions Announced in St. Joseph County \(Mich.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Ten Days of Prayer 2021 starts today! This year you're invited to seek revival through the power of the Holy Spirit during Ten Days of Prayer. As you pray, claim God's promise as your own: "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

The NAD All-Night Prayer Call starts Thursday, Jan. 7-8, 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#).



TOMORROW, January 7, NAD Health Ministries is offering a FREE webinar about the COVID-19 vaccines. Hear from renowned experts, Dr. David Williams and Dr. Roger Seheult, and consider what we know to date about the vaccines, common questions and concerns, and implications for certain population groups. We will also discuss what the Church can do to foster hope, awareness, and healing. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#).



Learn health coaching skills with an online course from NAD Health Ministries on January 24 and 31. By using key concepts of health coaching, you can help individuals make a plan for their own health, supporting and mentoring them along the way. In this two-session course, you will learn the value of health coaching, its uses and applications, and key techniques for effective coaching. CEs available for nurses and health coaches. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#).



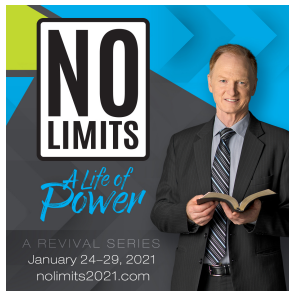
Starting January 12, NAD Adult Ministries is offering a FREE six-part webinar series, "Digital Discipleship and Evangelism," featuring Digital Strategist Jamie Domm. Tune in January 12 at 7 p.m. EST on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) for Part 1: The Digital Discipleship & Evangelism Model, discussing how to generate global impact, understanding your audience, and tips on branding. Part 2 will stream on January 26! [LEARN MORE](#)

NAD NEWSPOINTS



New episode of the podcast NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available! In this week's episode host Mylon Medley interviews Vandeon Griffin, NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries associate director about New Year's resolutions, youth, and the impact of starting a new year during the pandemic. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google](#). We're also on [Facebook](#).

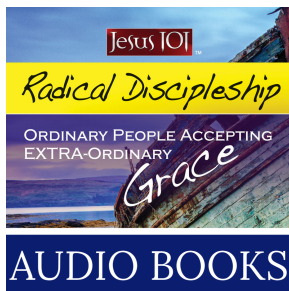
Jump-start your faith in the new year with the It Is Written online series No Limits: A Life of



Power. Starting January 24, Pastor John Bradshaw will share practical Bible messages to help you experience a revival in your heart, home, and church. Register and watch at nolimits2021.com. Download sharing resources at itiswritten.com/rtresources.



Thank you for making a difference! In 2020, LifeTalk Radio launched a new LifeTalkKids.net website and 24/7 streaming channel with Christ-centered programs and resources for children! LifeTalk also shared thousands of "You Matter to God" [sharing cards](#), Bible study guides and podcasts, Steps to Christ books, and other resources available at LifeTalk.net. Thank you for making a difference with your gifts to the evangelistic outreach of LifeTalk Radio. We couldn't have done it without you!



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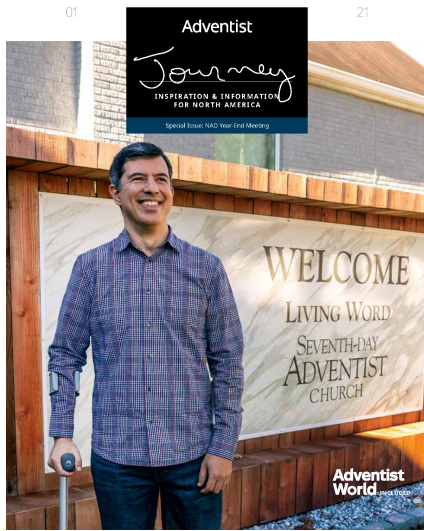
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In the Living Word

"As we put our feet into 2021 with the desire to move forward confidently, without dwelling on our fears, ... we must stay rooted in the Word, not only the written Word, but the Living Word. There are many scriptures that offer hope to strengthen our faith and guide in a deepening relationship with the Living Word, which helps our faith grow too."

— Diane Thurber, Christian Record Services president, during NAD virtual staff worship on Jan. 6, 2021

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