

# NEWSPOINTS

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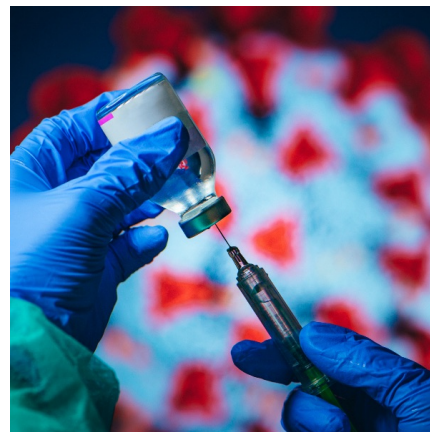
**"I really don't like Christmas. I hate to say it, but through the years I have gotten grumpy** once Thanksgiving ends. But before you cast me away as a holiday hater, let me explain a few things." [READ MORE](#) of this commentary titled, "Goodbye, Mr. Scrooge."



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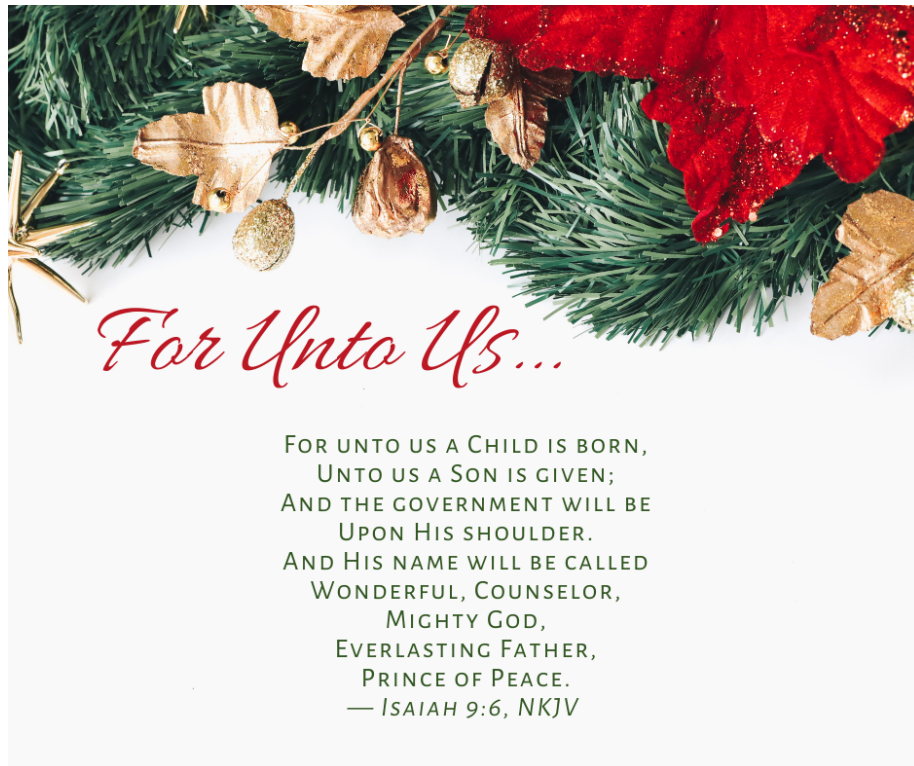
**Every summer Jared Wood, director of the Dinosaur Science Museum at Southwestern Adventist University and Arthur Chadwick, director of the Dinosaur Excavation Project at**



**Seventh-day Adventists look to the coming of Christ as the great culmination of history and an end of all disease, suffering, and death. We advocate healthful living through practical**

SWAU, along with Keith Snyder, chair of Biology at Southern Adventist University lead a dinosaur dig at the Hanson Ranch in Wyoming. This is an ongoing collaborative research project, and they have gathered a large amount of data over the years. Some of their work has recently been published peer-reviewed journal. [MORE](#)

and wholistic healthy lifestyle behaviors, which help maintain a healthy immune system. In the pandemic, even more is needed. [READ MORE](#) relating to COVID-19 vaccines as Adventist experts weigh in on concerns and offer counsel.



## No NAD NewsPoints next week!

Let's remember pray for one another, help each other, and reflect on God's Gift to humankind — not just during the holiday season, but each day of the year.

*And please enjoy the rest of our NAD NewsPoints content below!*

## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Cape Coral Adventist Community Services Listed Among Food Distribution and Donation Sites in Southwest Florida](#)

[VeggZ Cafe Brings Plant Power Back to Battle Creek as City's Lone Vegan-Only Eatery. \(Mich.\)](#)

[Spreading Christmas Cheer for All to Hear: Students Sing Christmas Carols in Horry County \(S.C.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Care Partners to Support 2020 Holiday Toy Drive in Montgomery County.](#)

(Md.)

["A Ray of Hope:" Adventist Health Lodi Memorial Health Care Workers Get Their First COVID-19 Vaccine Shots \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Doctor: COVID Vaccine Won't Cause False-Positive Results \(Calif.\)](#)

[Highlands Ranch Couple Giving Back to Littleton Adventist Hospital ICU Workers Who Cared for Husband with COVID-19 \(Colo.\)](#)

[Marysville Police Holding Parade for Adventist Health and Rideout Hospital Staff \(Calif.\)](#)

[Dr. Miller of Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Reports on COVID-19: The Storm Approaches \(Calif.\)](#)

[Wellness Wednesday: KGET Teams Up with Adventist Health and Edible Schoolyard Kern County to Share Healthy Recipes \(Calif.\)](#)

[Littleton Adventist Hospital \(Colo.\) Distributes Food to Struggling Employees](#)

[Southern Adventist Student Was Teen Who Died in Thursday Car Accident on I-75 \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Maryland's Alternate Care Sites Provide Expert Care and Surge Capacity for COVID-19 Patients](#)

[Ethnan Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Pa.\) Tries to Help "Make Sure the Children Have ... a Happy Christmas"](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**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](#)



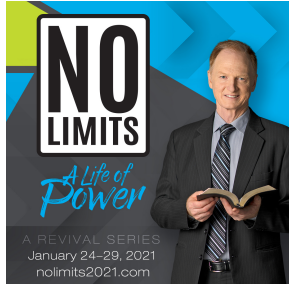
**It is with immense joy, pride, and excitement that Message magazine again presents** George Powell singing his original song, "The Greatest Gift of All." Powell wrote the verses and Chester Baldwin wrote the chorus. [WATCH](#) this video on the *Message* website.

**New episode of the podcast NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is now available!** In this week's episode host Mylon Medley interviews Mark Tamalea

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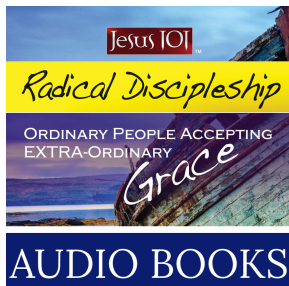
about the Renewed Hope Food Pantry, a service New Haven Seventh-day Adventist Church in the greater Kansas-City area. Church pastor Tamaleaa says that the pantry went from serving 300 weekly to more than 3,000 a week in response to the effects of the pandemic. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and [Google](#). We're also on [Facebook](#).



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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### December

**December Focus:**  
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### January

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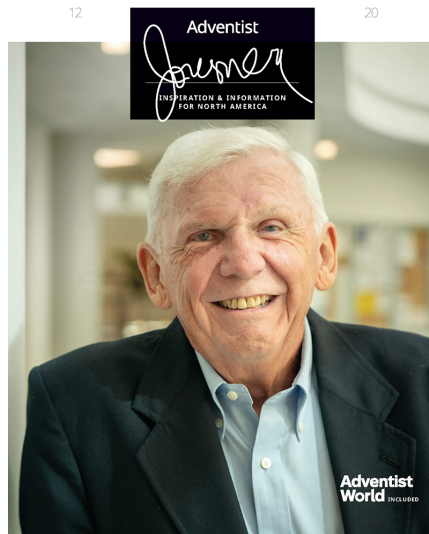
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**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

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## VIEWPOINTS





## In the Palm of His Hand

"Back in March when we closed the office [building], we were not sure what the future would bring, we were not sure how we would do ministry, we were not sure of the finances, we were not sure of how this year would end. But now, Lord, we are closing in on the end of the year, and there's still a lot of things we're not sure about, but one thing we are abundantly clear on: you have this church and you have each of us in the palm of your hand."

— G. Alexander Bryant, President of the North American Division, in prayer during NAD virtual staff worship on Dec. 16, 2020

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