

NEWSPOINTS

February 3, 2021



"Listen to Each Other" — NAD president G. Alexander Bryant shares his reflections on Black History Month and his desire for Adventists in North America to share their own personal story with people from other communities as they seek to better understand the diversity in the church.
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Most were not predicting it, and many treasurers at various levels of the church were looking for a report trending in the opposite direction. But in what could only be described as a miracle of faithfulness, 2020 tithe figures for the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America came in close to 1.1 billion dollars. [MORE](#)



Steven Smith, M.D., vice president/chief scientific officer of AdventHealth, and principal investigator of the Janssen



Much like the example in Joshua 3-5 where the Israelites placed stones to remember the spot the Jordan River dried up for crossing, each

Pharmaceuticals COVID-19 vaccine clinic trial, recently shared his expertise and insight on vaccine development with Mylon Medley, assistant director of NAD Communication. Smith says, “You couldn’t design a vaccine that looked any better than these first two vaccines [Pfizer and Moderna] that are out of the gate.” [MORE](#)



On Jan. 18, 2021, in College Place, Washington, “As far as the eye could see, there were cars. The mood was one of anticipation and gratitude,” said Alareece Collie, Walla Walla University Church executive pastor. While most of the world’s population has suffered from social isolation, unease, and painful losses during 2020, it was the promise of hope that brought the Walla Walla Valley community together. [MORE](#)

year during the month of February in the U.S. some African Americans celebrate their history by focusing on historical milestones or “stones of remembrance” that have led to progress on their journey from slavery to freedom. [MORE](#)



Andrews Christian Academy in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was hit in August 2020 with a rapidly-forming derecho storm causing destruction and power outages area-wide for weeks. As the teachers, students, and their families recovered, plans were made to ensure the students could get back to school as soon as possible. The teachers felt it was important not only for the students to learn but to talk and work through their frightening experiences. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Vaccinates More than 1,000 People During Public Vaccination Event \(Calif.\)](#)

[Williamsport Seventh-day Adventist Church Remembers the Past and Speaks to the Future \(Pa.\)](#)

[Flexible, Affordable, and Christ-Centered Online Learning with SWAUonline \(Tex.\)](#)

[IMAGES: Boston's Hyde Park Neighborhood Is a Feast for the Eyes \[Feat. Hyde Park Seventh-day Adventist Church\] \(Mass.\)](#)

[Let's Talk Food: Breakfast is King \(Hawaii\)](#)

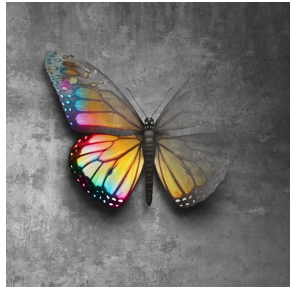
[Gillette to Host International Youth Gathering That Could Bring 55,000 \(Wyo.\)](#)

[Verde Valley Food Project Collects More Than a Million Meals for Neighbors in Need \(Ariz.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



TOMORROW: Adventist Community Services presents a FREE Zoom webinar discussing principles of financial empowerment and practical tools for your ministry. ACS volunteers and anyone interested in community outreach ministry are invited to tune in Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. EST to hear presenter Colette Newer, ACS Director of Washington Conference, address why many of those who access ACS services are struggling in a cycle of poverty. [LEARN MORE](#)



TOMORROW: Join NAD Health Ministries on Feb. 4 for "Preserving Hope," a FREE webinar to explore the growing concern of suicide and discuss suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention. We all need to understand signs of suicidal ideation, to be able to ask questions that encourage discussion, and to know where to direct individuals for specialized care. [LEARN MORE](#) and [REGISTER](#).



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call starts

Thursday, Feb. 4-5, 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; accesscode is Prayer# (772937#).



Jesus 101 has free animated videos with accompanying coloring pages just for kids!

These new resources will help kids discover Jesus in the Bible, illustrating the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. Perfect for churches, schools, and families, the complimentary coloring pages are available for children to download and color anywhere! Find these free videos and coloring pages at Jesus101.tv/4kids.



Give Kids A Smile Day is February 5! Tell children and their parents about the new LifeTalkKids.net website and 24/7 streaming channel, with Christ-centered programs and resources for children. In addition to stories and music, LifeTalkKids.net includes Bible study guides for children and youth, a kid's Bible reading plan, coloring pages, videos, and much more. Check out LifeTalkKids free [sharing cards](#), [ecards](#), and [stickers](#).

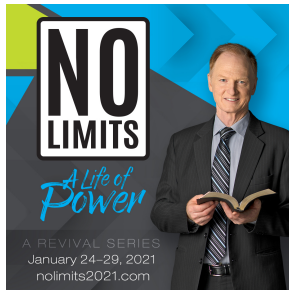
Part 3 of NAD Adult Ministries' FREE six-part webinar series, "Digital Discipleship and Evangelism," featuring Digital Strategist Jamie



Domm, will stream on Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. EST on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#). This presentation, "The Role of Engagers & Digital Disciples," will discuss community in the digital space, 360° community care, and practical tips for digital discipleship and engagement. [LEARN MORE](#)



NAD Family Ministries presents new books by Claudio and Pamela Consuegra! *Building Homes of Hope and Wholeness* is a new training program for local church leaders, featuring a leader's guide, a participant's guide, and PowerPoint slides. *Solo Mom*, for single moms, and *Solo Dad*, for single dads, can also be used by local church Family Ministry, Single Adult, and Women's Ministry leaders. Find English editions at [AdventSource.org](#). Spanish and French versions, and digital editions on Amazon coming soon!



Jump-start your faith in the new year with the It Is Written online series No Limits: A Life of Power. Pastor John Bradshaw shares 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](#).



Want to "Cruise With a Mission?" The Center for Youth Evangelism (CYE) has announced Dec. 12-19, 2021, as cruise dates! Departing San Diego, Calif., with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, before returning back to San Diego, Cruise With a Mission provides young adults from all walks of life opportunities to connect with God and others in Christian community — and experience joy as you engage in serving others both on and off the ship. More information can be found at [cye.org/cwm](#).

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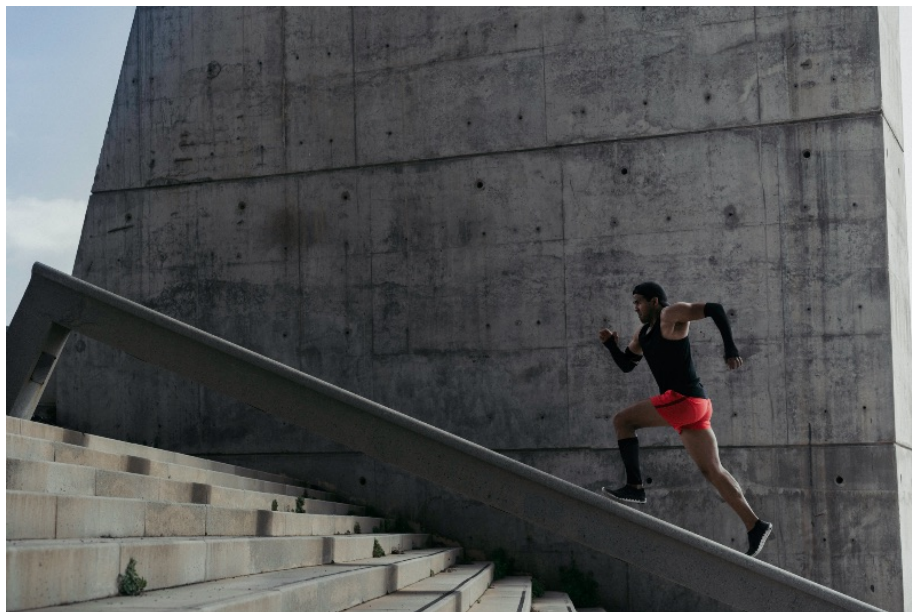
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Stay in the Race

"Let us press on with all of our might. ... God gives power to the faithful — and to them that have no might, He will increase [their] strength, Press toward the mark, stay in the race. If you feel faint — and at times we all feel faint — don't be daunted; look up for your 'redemption drawth nigh."

— Michael Harpe, NAD Stewardship Ministries director, during NAD virtual staff worship, Feb. 3, 2021

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