

NEWSPOINTS

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Pain comes in all shapes and sizes. Think about those lost in the pandemic. And all the businesses that have been forced to close. How will the hundreds of thousands who've lost work pay their rent? How will they explain to their families that they might soon be living on the street? You and I can both extend the list of the agonies that plague our fractured planet and the people who live here. But there is always hope, healing hope. [MORE](#)



Widespread testing has long been touted by public health officials as one of the best ways to control the COVID-19 pandemic and save lives. In January, in keeping with this guidance, La Sierra University bolstered its disease detection efforts with the rollout of new, rapid-test equipment. On Jan. 13, 2021, the university's student wellness services department deployed a rapid point-of-care PCR Cepheid GeneExpert Express molecular testing system. [MORE](#)



Like many, NASA scientist R.



Humans of Adventism launched in

Aileen Yingst (Andrews Academy graduate) was home watching as the NASA engineers at the Jet Propulsion Lab in California skillfully landed the small car-size rover after its seven-month journey in space. But as a member of the Sherlock instrument team, she's responsible for helping to analyze photographs of the planet's geology, looking for any clues in rocks or sand grains that might tell scientists whether Mars could have supported life. [MORE](#)

2017. It is an intentionally non-theological exploration of the people that make up the Seventh-day Adventist Church. We are convinced that everyday experiences and stories are crucial to building healthier interpersonal relationships in the SDA church. As we work alongside platforms like Growing Young and the Society of Adventist Communicators, we came to see how important sharing our stories can be. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Pop-Up Clinic Offers Free Medical Services in Fort Lauderdale \(Fla.\)](#)

[Yale Adventist Campus Fellowship Hosts Interfaith Conference on Mass Incarceration \(Conn.\)](#)

[Some Faith Leaders Call Equality Act Devastating; For Others It's God's Will](#)

[Adventist Health Opening Rural Health Clinic in Earlimart \(Calif.\)](#)

[Oakwood University Church, TV Ministry Collecting Water Bottles for Jackson, Miss. Crisis \(Ala.\)](#)

[Delayed Vaccinations Given Sunday at First Seventh-day Adventist Church in West Palm Beach \(Fla.\)](#)

[Sign Up for Drive-Thru COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Ore.\)](#)

[Business Student at Southern Adventist University Scores 2nd Highest in Tennessee on Microsoft Excel Certification](#)

[Wytheville Seventh-day Adventist Church Effort Brings More Natural Foods to the Area \(Va.\)](#)

[Deacons Moonlighting as Loggers \(Ida.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Bakersfield Offering Free Childhood Immunizations This Month \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty will host an interactive webinar, “Christian Witness in an Era of COVID-19, Christian Nationalism, Racial Injustice, and the Equality Act,” on Sabbath, March 20, 5:00-6:30 p.m. EST. Alan Reinach (Pacific Union) will moderate an informative discussion between experts



from across the division, covering topics such as racial stereotyping, Christian Nationalism, the Equality Act and religious freedom, and more. To participate in the discussion [REGISTER](#) in advance, or [WATCH](#) the stream.



Share a flower with free Bible promise sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio. March 12 is National Plant a Flower Day, and you can celebrate by sharing a floral eCard! Send free digital eCards at LifeTalk.net/eCards. It's a fast and easy way to share cheer and show someone you care. You can also order printed cards at lifetalk.net/sharing-cards. Share them for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. Compliments of LifeTalk Radio.



Carbohydrates are largely misunderstood and often become the target of fad diet plans. Join NAD Health Ministries on March 18 as we learn what our body does with carbs, which ones have health benefits, and how to identify the good, bad, and ugly. We'll also work on SMART goals to apply the principles we learn. [SIGN UP](#) for the Joy of Eating Club to join the live session.



On March 16 and 18, tune in to "Financial Wellness—Pursuing your Financial Freedom" sponsored by [Adventist Retirement](#) and presented by [Empower Retirement](#). This webinar will discuss steps to achieving financial wellness, and how Empower's *My Financial Path* can help Defined Contribution Plan participants budget, manage expenses, and reduce debt. [REGISTER](#)



The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, Speaker-Director of Faith For Today will begin new research within the gospel of Luke titled "The Least, Last and Lost." Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Speaker-Director of Jesus 101, will join the team, increasing the fun and depth of discovery as they investigate the loving characteristics of God. These programs will be streaming live beginning March 27, 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m. PDT. LEARN MORE at TheBibleLab.com.

Safety Sabbath is March 27, 2021! This year the focus is on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoiding liabilities from streaming services online, and adapting child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to



prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. [CLICK HERE to learn more.](#)



Our churches should be places of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse.

This church self-assessment tool allows churches to review areas in which they can become increasingly proactive in the prevention of abuse and more effective when intervention is necessary. The chart is available as a [FREE DOWNLOAD](#) from enditnow North America.



Faith for Today and SermonView Evangelism Marketing have joined together to create an all-new online bridge event, INDESTRUCTIBLE, coming April 9-13. Roy Ice, Faith for Today speaker/director, will deliver biblically sound, real-world tactics for helping people in your community grow in their relationships and start living a life of purpose. SermonView's interactive video player will help you build relationships with your guests throughout the series. Learn more and sign up as a host church at IndestructibleYou.org/host.

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- 20 [Weekend of Compassion](#)
- 20 [Disabilities Awareness Sabbath](#)
- 20 [Global Youth Day](#)
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NAD News Briefs: "Washington Adventist



Cover: Raquel Villa, sophomore at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas; [WATCH](#) the interview.

University Welcomes New Adventists During On-Campus Baptisms," "Southwestern Adventist University Professors Publish Research Paper in Peer-reviewed Journal," "La Vida Mission Provides Outreach to Navajo Nation," "Historic Promotion Makes Andrew Harewood First Adventist and African American Chaplain to Reach General Rank in U.S. Army Reserve," pp. 08-10

Faces From the Frontline: "All About 'Us,'" p. 12

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Walk With God

"Walk with God today. He allows us to; He accepts all kinds of company. In the Bible, Jesus asks us to walk with Him, and He will abide in us. Today, I'm asking God to teach us how to walk closer with Him."

— James L. Black Sr., NAD Prayer Ministries director, during NAD Bible Blessing virtual worship on March 9, 2021

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