

NEWSPOINTS

April 28, 2021



On April 15, the North American Division administration voted to reinstate mission deployments through the NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries. This reinstatement includes long-term missionary volunteers (two months or longer) from North America who serve around the world. [MORE](#)



Christian Record Services is pleased to announce that Brian Carlson will join the Mission Advancement department as digital media manager, starting full-time on June 1. [MORE](#)

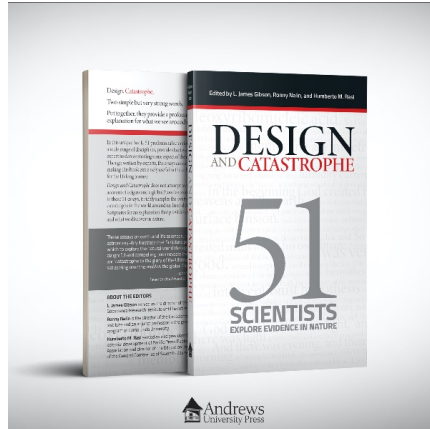


Southern Adventist University's Enactus team placed third in the nation at the Enactus United States National Exposition. The team has previously ranked second in their league



Almost six decades have come and gone, along with the Soviet Union and most of the British Empire, 11 U.S. presidents, nine Minnesota Vikings coaches (no Super Bowl victories yet!), and three generations of Maplewood students who counted Evan

several times, but this is their first year to advance through the competition to the final round, which included the top four schools in the U.S. [MORE](#)



Evidence for a designed creation and a worldwide flood is the focus of a new, popularly-oriented book from Andrews University Press intended for the college classroom and general readership. Design and Catastrophe: 51 Scientists Explore Evidence in Nature has been released this month by Andrews, in partnership with the Geoscience Research Institute in Loma Linda, Calif. [MORE](#)

Swanson (known as "Swanee") as a lifelong friend and mentor. This year, at age 80, Swanson finally retired his dry erase markers. [MORE](#)



The 31st constituency session of the Southwestern Union was held on April 25, 2021, at the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church in Texas. After worship, the business session was called to order, and a special recognition service for retiring president Larry Moore thanked him for his 49 years of service to the Lord. [Carlos Craig](#) was voted new union president. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Gettysburg Adventist Christian School Plans Open House \(Pa.\)](#)

[Guam Adventist Academy Angels Dive Into High School Sports](#)

[Castle Rock Adventist Hospital Expands \(Colo.\)](#)

[Minnesota Churches Caught in Standoffs Between Protesters and Police](#)

[Mansfield Seventh-day Adventist School Students Win Robotics Competition \(Ohio\)](#)

[CDC Funds BIPOC Vaccination Effort at Emerald City Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seattle's Central District \(Wash.\)](#)

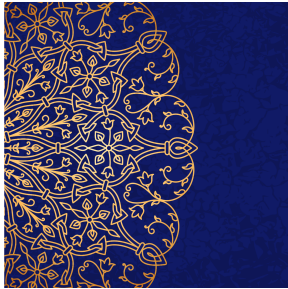
[Canyonville Adventist Elementary Second-Grader With Inoperable Brain Tumor Has Classmates and Community Rallying Around Her \(Ore.\)](#)

[Two-Thirds of Churchgoers Gave Same or More of Their Income to Church During Pandemic: Study](#)

[Maranatha Seventh-day Adventist Church Helps Local Families Through Food Pantry Giveaway \(Tenn.\)](#)

[SWAU Nursing Students Support COVID-19 Vaccine Efforts \(Tex.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Adventist Muslim Relations invites you to a free webinar, "The Word: Qur'anic Christology & Witnessing," on April 30 at 8 p.m. EDT. "The angels said, 'Mary, God gives you news of a *Word* from Him, whose name will be the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, who will be held in honour in this world and the next, who will be one of those brought near to God,'" (Al Imran 3:45). Dr. Petras Bahadur, director of the Global Center of Adventist-Muslim Relations, will present. [JOIN](#) with passcode: sda



LifeTalk Radio announces new program, "Authentic," will air every Sabbath and Sunday at 9 a.m. EDT, beginning May 1. LifeTalk Radio (LTR) is pleased to partner with Voice of Prophecy to broadcast this weekend show featuring Pastor Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of VOP. [FIND](#) an LTR affiliate radio station near you, or listen with the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app or [ONLINE](#).



Tune in to NAD Adventist Community Services' FREE risk management webinar on May 6, at 2 p.m. EST. Learn about potential risks to humans or property that your ministry may face, and how to implement effective risk management to minimize or eliminate unintentional harm. Robert Smith, ACS director of Allegheny East Conference, will present. [LEARN MORE](#)



Sabbath, May 8, 2021 is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. ACS works with local conferences and disaster response agencies to equip volunteers to serve and assist the community, providing disaster assessments, sheltering services, donation management, home reconstruction, and emotional and spiritual care. Your gifts make it possible for us to help survivors of hurricanes, fires, floods, earthquakes, famine, and other crises. Donate at your local church or online [HERE](#).



Jesus 101 has just launched "The Exodus Journey," a new television series airing on Hope Channel beginning April 2021. In this twelve-part series, special guest Ty Gibson joins Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, Jesus 101 speaker/director. This series, based on the book of Exodus, is about learning to choose trust over anxiety on

our way to the Promised Land. For more information visit: www.Jesus101.tv.



Thank You! In a video message, Seventh-day Adventist Church leaders from the General Conference and the North American Division thank members for their faithful support of tithe. They also remind members of the importance of helping to support the Mission Offering, which helps to fund mission work around the world. [WATCH](#) the video.



The Bible Lab Online is back! Roy Ice, speaker/director of Faith For Today, is leading a study on the gospel of Luke titled "The Least, Last and Lost". Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director of Jesus 101, joins the team. Adding her to these discussions increases the fun and depth of discovery as the loving characteristics of God are investigated. These programs are streamed live each Sabbath from 10:30-11:30 a.m. PDT. For information and to join the discussion go to TheBibleLab.com.



Want to "Cruise With a Mission?" From Dec. 12-19, participants depart San Diego, Calif., with stops in Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan, and Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, before returning back to San Diego. The Center for Youth Evangelism's Cruise With a Mission provides young adults from all walks of life opportunities to connect with God and others in Christian community — and experience genuine joy as you engage in serving others both on and off the ship. More information can be found at cye.org/cwm.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 1 [Community Services Sabbath](#)
- 1 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 3-9 [Screen-Free Week](#)
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- 8 [Offering: Disaster & Famine Relief \(GC and NAD\)](#)
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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Feature: "Changing Girls' Lives in Kenya," by Kirsten Roggenkamp, pp. 04-06

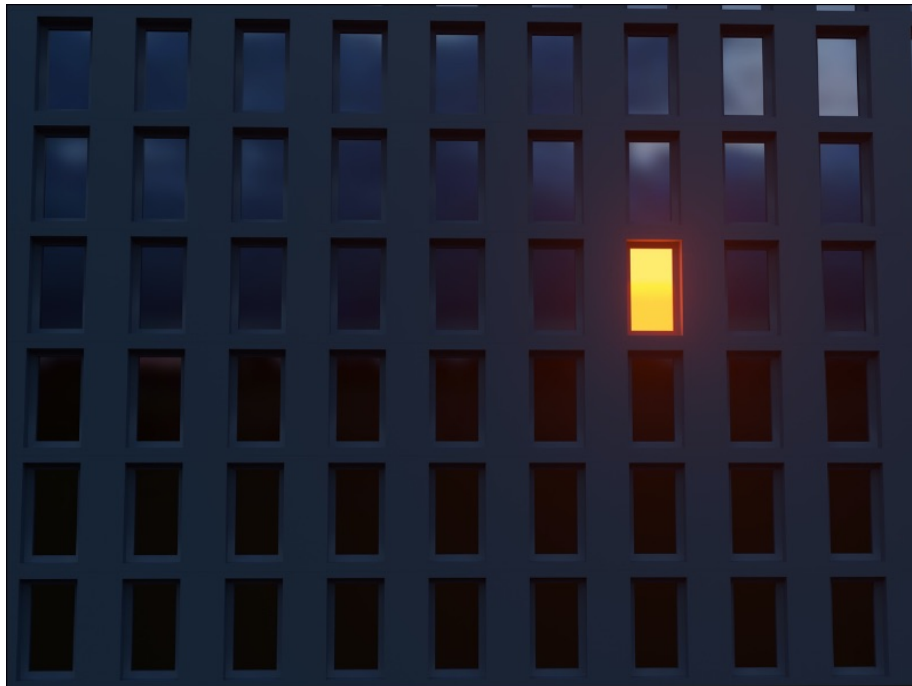
Health Care Connections: "The Most Precious Gift," by Dee Woolford, pp. 08-10

Faces From the Frontline: "Putting On My Game Face," interview with Amy Miller, p. 11

Perspective: "Every Encounter Matters—Digital Encounters Included," by Adam Fenner, p. 13

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Jesus Brings Hope

"When Jesus comes to your home, He brings hope."

— Vandeon Griffin, an associate director for NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries, during Bible Blessing NAD virtual worship on April 27, 2021

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