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On July 28, the North American Division Adventist Media Ministries board voted to accept the name of Debleaire Snell for the position of speaker/director of Breath of Life Ministries. [MORE](#)



Texas Health Huguley will soon be able to care for even more people thanks to a \$73 million expansion project that will add more than 108,000 square feet to the hospital's footprint. [MORE](#)



Beware of the Wolves — *Adventist World* executive editor Bill Knott recently spoke with Karnik

Doukmetzian, general counsel of the General Conference and the North American Division, about dubious charities with unverifiable projects that take advantage of church members. [MORE](#)



Bryant Taylor has been voted to serve as the associate director of *Communication*

for the Southern Union Conference in Peachtree Corners, Georgia. He succeeds Nathan Zinner who accepted a call to be the Communication director for the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Here's How the COVID Delta Variant Is Impacting Children in Central Florida](#)

[Faith Meets Science to Boost Vaccine Equity \(Calif.\)](#)

[Florida's Unexpected COVID-19 Delta Surge Could Be Prolonged: Infection Expert](#)

[What the Lambda COVID-19 Variant Means for Us Right Now](#)

[Blue Zones To Host Series of Plant Slant Cooking Classes \(N.C.\)](#)

[Father-Son Duo Hearly and Andreas Mayr Complete Chesapeake Bay Kayak Trip for Hunger Relief \(Md.\)](#)

[How Some Bushwick Houses of Worship Weathered the Pandemic \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Calimesa Seventh-day Adventist Church to Hold Camp Meeting-Style Services \(Calif.\)](#)

[As COVID Cases Rise — Again — Doctors in D.C. Area Are "Holding Their Breath"](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



"Indestructible Love" is a new and **FREE evangelism resource for local churches**, featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Roy Ice. This plug-and-play five-part interactive video series, with accompanying discussion questions and downloadable resources, presents the whole plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent who died to recover his lost children. Also, *Signs of the Times* has released a coordinating "Indestructible Love" special edition issue! Jesus 101 is offering 100 copies to the first 50 churches that register for the series. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.



Starting Aug. 9, It Is Written will air "Connect," a new online series on the subject of effective prayer. Presented by John Bradshaw, "Connect" will livestream on It Is Written TV, Facebook, and YouTube at 7 p.m. EDT. "Connect" will also air on LifeTalk Radio at 8 p.m. EDT. Viewers are encouraged to register for "Connect" at iiwconnect.com to get access to exclusive giveaways. [CLICK HERE](#) for promotional material.



Register by Aug. 9 for the Do It Together - Sabbath School Convention 2021! Sponsored by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the virtual convention will focus on doing Sabbath School together. This event is designed to train leaders for in service, and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. [Join us](#) on Sept. 9-11! Fee is only \$20; register by Aug. 9 to receive a free swag bag. [WATCH](#) the video.

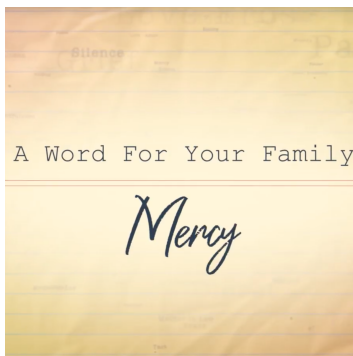
The 2021 "Go Do It!" Youth Congress, sponsored by NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries, will be held virtually on Aug. 12-14. This is the first annual event of its kind. Sessions will include mental



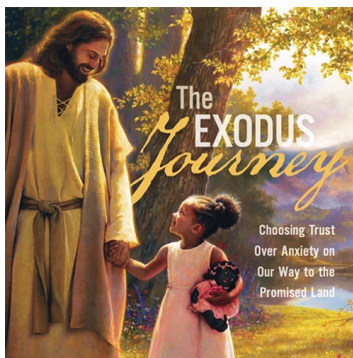
health, social media, relationships, music, and much more. Random backpack giveaways during the event will include a MacBook or iPhone. [CLICK HERE](#) for schedule and to register for this FREE event.



Interested in radio evangelism? The FCC is opening a filing window for applications for full-power noncommercial FM radio stations *November 2–9, 2021*. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this once-in-a-decade opportunity and what you need to do now to apply for a new radio station in your area. With an FCC radio station license, you can get your radio programming *free* from LifeTalk Radio, the Adventist Media Ministry network. For programming assistance, email: info@LifeTalk.net.



A Word for Your Family from NAD Family Ministries: King Solomon wrote, “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver” (Prov. 25:11, ESV). [CLICK HERE](#) for 52 words and accompanying videos that will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. Words we often use without a second thought, and words about which we must think carefully — share with friends or show them in your church!




Get *The Exodus Journey*, a new book by Jesus 101's Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, for free! [The Exodus Journey](#), published by Pacific Press, is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be the Redeemer, Provider and Guide. Get your FREE copy (US and Canada, one per household) by downloading the Jesus 101 mobile app on your device, click on “Book Offers”, and enter code “NAD-EJ”. Code valid through Aug. 15.

The It Is Written Sabbath School program has launched new content for the third quarter!

SABBATH SCHOOL
3RD QUARTER

Study with authors of the Sabbath School quarterly, *Rest in Christ*.



HOST:
Pastor
Eric Flickinger

GUEST:
Dr. Gerald
Klingbeil

GUEST:
Chantal
Klingbeil

VIEWING TIMES (EDT)
Friday: 8:30 p.m.
Saturday: 7:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
& 1:00 p.m.

Host Eric Flickinger, It Is Written associate speaker, is joined by Rest in Christ quarterly authors Dr. Gerald and Chantal Klingbeil as they discuss each lesson study. The half-hour program is posted at the beginning of each week on [It Is Written TV](#) (on demand) and airs on Fridays and Saturdays on the It Is Written TV livestream. [LEARN MORE](#)

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- 4 [Men's Ministries Prayer Sabbath](#)
- 4 [Offering: Local Church Budget](#)
- 5–11 [Nurture Periodicals \(*Adventist Review*, *Guide*, *Primary Treasure*, *Little Friend*\)](#)
- 5–11 [Family Togetherness Week](#)
- 5–11 [Youth Week of Prayer](#)
- 11 [Super Youth Day Sabbath](#)
- 11 [Family Togetherness Sabbath](#)
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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Feature Interview: "Beware of the Wolves: Practical ways to avoid ministry scams," by Bill Knott with Karnik Doukmetzian, pp. 04-07

Health Care Connections: "The Sun Still Rises," by Ingrid Hernández, pp. 08-09

NAD Update: "2021 Elections Bring Leadership Changes for NAD Administration, Departments, and Guam-Micronesia Mission," by Mylon Medley, pp. 10-11

Perspective: "Widen My Lens," by Randy Robinson, p. 13

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VIEWPOINTS



Time To Wake Up

“There's a new pandemic within Christianity today and it's called spiritual slumber. What is spiritual slumber? It is when, in a spiritual sense, ... we're not having a living and active relationship with the Lord. ... It's time to wake up. We do not know the hour of the Lord's coming, but the signs tell us that it's near. Jesus is coming.”

— Omar Grieve, speaker/director for *La Voz de la Esperanza*, during NAD staff worship on Aug. 4, 2021

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