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Charles Edward Bradford, first president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, passed away on Thursday, September 9, 2021, in Huntsville, Ala., after more than half a century of ministry. He was 96. Not only was Bradford the first NAD president, serving as leader of the fledgling division, he was the first African American to serve in that role. [MORE](#)



This month, the dean of Southern Adventist University's School of Nursing was honored by the Champions of Health Care program for her volunteer efforts. Holly Gadd, Ph.D., chair of Southern's AdventHealth Nursing Education, was selected by the Chattanooga and Hamilton County Medical Society to receive the 2021 Health Care Volunteer Award. [MORE](#)



U.S. News & World Report continues to rank Southwestern Adventist University as a top institution. Ranked once again as No. 2 for social mobility within the Regional Colleges West ranking, SWAU continues to stand out amongst top performing colleges and universities in the United States. [MORE](#)



After years of prayerful planning, more than 338 evangelistic meetings are being held now across Texas and parts of Oklahoma. Church leadership, pastors, and members in the Southwestern Union, Adventist World Radio, the Texas Conference, the Southwest Region Conference, and the Oklahoma Conference have come together to make this massive event happen. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Tumalo Fire Destroys Shop, Damages Bus Barn at Three Sisters Adventist Christian School \(Ore.\)](#)

[Free Dental Clinic to Serve Sandy Area People In Need \(Ore.\)](#)

[Brownsville Seventh-day Adventist Church Members Concerned About Ongoing Vandalism \(Texas\)](#)

[God's Closet Returns to Help Clothe Community Youth \(Alberta, Canada\)](#)

[Two-Person Adaptive Bike Team to Join 2,400-Mile Fundraising Ride \(Calif.\)](#)

[Malten, Pine City Communities Come Together to Recognize One-Year Anniversary of Babb Road Fire \(Wash.\)](#)

["To Make a Person Whole": Body, Mind, and Spirit \[Loma Linda as a Blue Zone\] \(Calif.\)](#)

[Men's Ministry Recognizes Pleasantville Resident for Community Service \(N.J.\)](#)

[Ridgetop Seventh-day Adventist Church Vacation Bible School Features "Heroes" \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Commentary: Open Talk About Minority, Poor Health-Care Gap May Breed Solutions \(Fla.\)](#)

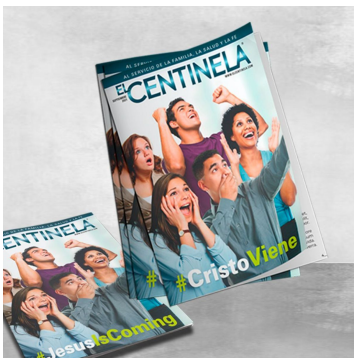
ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



On Sept. 16, join Dr. Janet Johnson, pediatrician, to learn how COVID-19 impacts children's health, including children's education, mental health, and ways to safely transition back to school. This webinar, starting at 7 p.m. ET, is offered by [NAD Health Ministries](#) on behalf of the [Adventist Association of Faith Community Nursing \(AAFNCN\)](#). Nurses and Adventist educators can earn contact hours by attending. [LEARN MORE](#)



The "Joy of Eating" Club, sponsored by NAD Health Ministries, will have its monthly meeting Sept. 16, at 4 p.m. ET, to discuss nutrition considerations for vegetarians, the second session of a series. The Joy of Eating Club is an online meet-up for anyone interested in healthy eating. [CREATE AN ACCOUNT](#) to join the club and attend upcoming meetings!



El número especial “Bilingüe” de El Centinela del mes de Septiembre, 2021. La idea es: impactar a mas de 300 amigos en toda nuestra división y predicar en cada iglesia hispana sobre la segunda venida de Cristo. El Seminario anual de EL Centinela. Este 2021 será virtual y están invitados todos los pastores y sus lideres locales. Allí se lanzaran todos los materiales y recursos de evangelismo para el 2022. También se dará entrenamiento. www.elcentinela.com

Sept. 18 is Grandparents Sabbath!

Grandparenting: Giving Our Grandchildren a GRAND



View of God, by Drs. Claudio & Pamela Consuegra, is the perfect tool to help your church celebrate this special day. Filled with research, practical ideas, and discussion questions, this book may be used by individuals or small groups to explore their God-given role of grandparenting and disciple-making. Call [AdventSource](#) at (402) 486 8800 for special bulk pricing, or [ORDER ONLINE](#).



The Made to Move Virtual 5k Run/Walk is Sept. 19! Or you can participate any day between Sept. 19-Sept. 26 and submit your time for a chance to enter the Winner's Circle. You choose the time and location, just make sure it is 5k (3.1 miles)! Bring along your church, your friends, or go solo. [LEARN MORE](#)



International Day of Peace is Sept. 21. Share God's love and peace with others by sending [eCards](#) or [sharing cards](#), and telling them about LifeTalk Radio podcast programs! They'll love inspirational LifeTalk programs such as "[A Better Way to Live](#)," "[LifeQuest Liberty](#)," "[Message of Hope](#)" and others. [CLICK HERE](#) for more FREE podcasts.



Oct. 2-3, attend Addiction Recovery Facilitator Training, either in person in Glendale, Calif. or via ZOOM! This training event fulfills a portion of the three-part training course to become a "Journey to Wholeness" Facilitator. As a Facilitator for the Journey to Wholeness (JTW) program, you will be empowered with the skills, understanding, and compassion needed to help individuals who are walking the path to freedom from addictions, hurts, and habits. [LEARN MORE](#)

Fundraising Fundamentals, a FREE webinar offered by NAD Adventist Community Services, will be held Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. ET.

Pastors, lay members, conference and ministry leaders,



volunteers, and anyone interested in practical principles of fundraising are invited to attend this presentation by Daniel Saugh, Canadian programs manager, AMCC SDACC coordinator, ADRA Canada. [LEARN MORE](#)



The 2021 virtual Society of Adventist Communicators convention will be held Oct. 17-19. University students studying communication, PR, marketing, graphic design, media production, or similar fields are invited to attend FREE of charge! Corporate, nonprofit, freelance, higher education, and Church professionals, as well, will be blessed with keynotes and workshops from industry experts. [REGISTER](#) today!



"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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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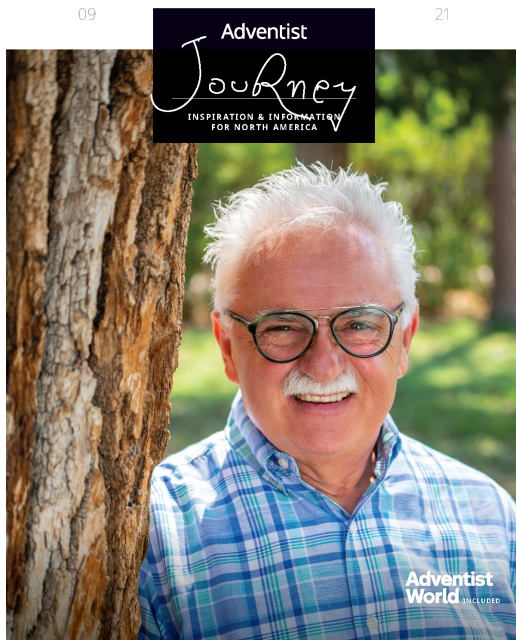
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ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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NAD Update: "Norm Middag, Former NAD Pathfinder, Adventurer, and Camp Ministries Director, Passes to His Rest," by Kimberly Luste Maran, Dixie Plata, and Renee Brownlow, pp. 10-11

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VIEWPOINTS



The Resurrection and the Life

"We need is to experience the power of a God who is not dead! That's what we need in our lives, in our churches, and in our world today — to experience the power of a God who is not dead. We need to experience the power of the resurrection! ... We need Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life."

— *Errol McLean, associate director of the NAD Evangelism Institute (NAEI), during NAD staff worship on Sept. 15, 2021*

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