

NEWSPOINTS

November 24, 2021



The NAD recently sponsored its annual enditnow Summit on Abuse. It featured professionals presenting on support for children and their families, legal obligations for church members and staff, the threat of pornography, and the dynamics of power and control. The summit was streamed live on YouTube and Facebook on Nov. 14, in English, and on Nov. 15 in Spanish. [MORE](#)



The Nov. 7, first-ever Sonscreen Film Festival alumni event opened with a screening at which presenters showed trailers for their films. The schedule then opened up, giving the almost two dozen guests participating time to share information for future projects, learn what their peers were working on, and connect with former classmates and new friends. [MORE](#)



The new Bietz Center for Student Life at Southern Adventist University has won four awards from the Association of University Interior Designers (AUID), a national organization. Most notably, wall art in the Bietz Center's Jack Blanco Chapel won "best in show." [MORE](#)



On Nov. 22, the NAD responded to the statement from the Greater New York Conference regarding harmful comments made by the pastor of the Grand Concourse Church in Bronx, N.Y. Read the NAD response as well as the GNYC statement [HERE](#). Today, the [GNYC issued a statement](#) regarding the pastor's resignation.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Community Services Helps Put Food on Tables Ahead of Thanksgiving Holiday \(Ala.\)](#)

[Suspect in Sexual Assault at Southern Adventist University Arrested in East Brainerd \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Phenix City Pastor: "We Want Everyone To Experience Quality of Life." \(Ga.\)](#)

["Made Us Stronger": York County Pastor Says Church Will Endure After Arson \(S.C.\)](#)

[Local Groups Deliver 1,000 Thanksgiving Turkeys to 1,000 Families in Queens \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Help for the Holidays: Food Bank of Nevada County Hosts Holiday Food Distributions at Adventist Church \(Nev.\)](#)

["That's What Jesus Would Want": Gainesville Church Hosts Breakfast to Hear Community's Needs \(Ga.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Join David DeRose, M.D., for his weekly podcast, "American Indian and Alaska Native Living." Each one-hour episode focuses on a broad range of health issues in Indian country, viewed in a holistic way that can align with traditional Native perspectives. [LISTEN](#) to the podcast, and check out Dr. Derose's, "30 Days to Natural Diabetes and High Blood Pressure Control" [presentations](#).



Enjoy quality time this Thanksgiving with **LifeTalk** programs for the whole family! Listen together at [LifeTalk.net](#) or [LifeTalkKIDS.net](#), and check out the fun activities for kids! Traveling? Take LifeTalk Radio with you! Get the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app with both the main and kids' channel audio streams. Tune in for "The First Thanksgiving" program on Thanksgiving Day, 7 p.m. ET. Christmas music begins on November 26!



It Is Written Canada, in collaboration with local Adventist pastors in Ontario, Canada, presents a unique evangelistic series entitled, "Finding Hope Together." These pastors vulnerably share their personal struggles and practical journeys as they serve God. Tune in on [YouTube](#) or [Facebook](#) every Friday, Sunday, and Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. ET, Nov. 5-24. Learn more at [FindingHopeTogether.ca](#), and [WATCH](#) the trailer.



ReCharge your church's ministry with the It Is Written public evangelism and church growth retreat! Evangelism doesn't have to stop with COVID-19. As the world becomes more confusing, our opportunity to share the gospel increases! Learn practical tools from experienced soul-winners such as G. Alexander Bryant, John Bradshaw, and more. Held Dec. 12-14 at Cohutta Springs Conference Center in Georgia; [CLICK HERE](#) to register by Dec. 6.



Is your church engaging with Muslim Afghans as they resettle in your community?

Adventist Muslim Relations is happy to present five webinars to prepare and assist pastors reaching this group. Check out: "[Refugee: Who? What? Safe?](#)" "[The Church as a Healing Community,](#)" "[Islam 101: Faith, Culture, and Engagement,](#)" "[Logistics: What Is the Next Step? What Are We Expected to Do?](#)" and "[God's Perspective on Refugees \(E. G. White\).](#)"



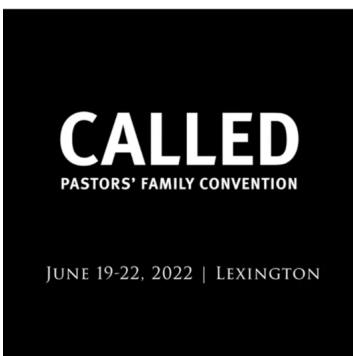
"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional for the entire family created by the North American Division, Children's Ministries department. This devotional, available in English and Spanish, guides readers through the first 25 days of December, celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Do you have a prison ministry? Do you personally visit those who are incarcerated?

Jesus 101 offers free resources for this purpose— you can request these FREE materials to minister to inmates during the upcoming Christmas season. Jesus 101 will provide devotional booklets, pamphlets, and DVDs at no charge for prison outreach. Materials may be sent to prison ministry leaders or directly to prisons. Email your request to office@jesus101.tv. For more information about Jesus 101, visit www.Jesus101.tv.



NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the CALLED Pastors' Family

Convention is now open. Pastoral families are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed for all pastors and their families in the North American Division. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

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In Praise and Thanksgiving

"I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them —
he remains faithful forever.
He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

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