

# NEWSPOINTS

December 8, 2021



**Angel, with the blue eyes, lurked on the outskirts of our Chester, Pennsylvania, *Message* Community Infusion** in July 2021. I don't blame him for being wary of our enthusiastic bunch. How desperate do you have to be to clean up an empty city park, trim the trees, set up the praise team and band, bring in free food and give away free COVID shots — all so we can attract a potential contact who needs Jesus? [MORE](#)



**In Greene County, Tenn., only one-third of a mile separates Riverview Community Seventh-day Adventist Church from Victory Church of God.** And now, the two congregations are sharing a single worship space! Here's the story behind how two churches of different denominations have allowed the love of God to perpetuate uncommon grace between their congregations. [MORE](#)



**One morning while shaving, Rich Reiner's discovery of a lump proved to be a wakeup call.** At the age of 39, he was shocked when medical tests determined he had Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with a less than desirable long-term prognosis. That was more than 30 years ago. Reiner and his wife placed greater emphasis on their health and now will continue to encourage healthful lifestyle habits through their support of a new fitness center at Union College.

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**Physician leaders from the AdventHealth Central Florida Division recently published** a New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) article outlining how clinical leaders moved beyond their traditional focus on quality and safety and drove change and innovation in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The two physician leaders enlisted the help of the entire clinical leadership team to identify five main areas that presented unique challenges and the lessons that emerged. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Willow Grove Church Steps Up Its Mission To Feed the Hungry During the Pandemic \(Pa.\)](#)

[Madison Man Writes, "Our Love Was Right On Time." \(Ala.\)](#)

[Greenville Adventist Academy Won't Be Given Part of Takoma Property \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Templeton Hills Adventist School Students Sewing 100 Hats To Gift to the Homeless \(Calif.\)](#)

[Six Injured After Suspected Drunk Driver Hit People Leaving Church, Police Say \(Pa.\)](#)

[Christmas Comes Early for the Seventh-day Adventist Food Bank in McBride \(B.C.\)](#)

[Volunteers in Romulus Make, Deliver Beds to Children in Need \(Mich.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**THIS SABBATH, contribute to the Adventist Community Services Offering.** Dedicated ACS volunteers are doing a tremendous job reaching communities, and demonstrating the love of God while meeting their needs. Adventist Community Services may be *the church* in your community, and your financial gifts to the [ACS Offering on Dec. 11](#) will allow ACS to continue serving communities in Christ's name. Give at your local church, marking "ACS Offering" on your tithe envelope, or give [ONLINE](#).



**Friday, Dec. 10, join Adventist Muslim Relations' webinar:** "How can I present the Sanctuary to my Muslim friends?" How can we answer questions like, "What is Jesus doing all day long in heaven?" Guest speaker Aecio E Cairus, Ph.D., now retired, served as a professor and Ph.D. program director at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS). Join on [ZOOM](#).



**Indestructible Love is a FREE evangelism resource for local churches,** featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Roy Ice. This five-part interactive video series presents the plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent willing to give everything to recover His lost children. Also, *Signs of the Times* has released the a coordinating Indestructible Love special edition issue. Jesus 101 is offering 100 free copies to churches that register for this series by Dec. 31. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

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**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](#).



**"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](mailto:office@jesus101.tv). For more information about Jesus 101, visit [www.Jesus101.tv](http://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.



**How will you share Christ this Christmas?** Share the joy of Christ-filled Christmas music and programs on LifeTalk Radio with free printed [Sharing Cards](#). Order them now—for free! You can also send free Christmas [eCards](#) via email. Listen to Christmas music, programs, and concerts for free [ONLINE](#).

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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- 11 [Offering: Adventist Community Services \(NAD\)](#)
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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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## VIEWPOINTS



### What God Can Do

"I have seen God, for so long, do so much, with so little, I now believe He can do anything with nothing — meaning me."

— E.E. Cleveland, Adventist evangelist, author, and civil rights advocate who passed to his rest in 2009

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