

NEWSPOINTS

February 23, 2022



The seventh annual North American Division eHuddle took place online on Feb. 15-16. Defined by Jose Cortes Jr., associate director for evangelism at the NAD, as “an evangelism and leadership think tank,” eHuddle is an opportunity for pastors, laypastors, and elders to gather as a collective mind and regroup about what ‘evangelism’ means to the church in the current environment. [MORE](#)



Adventist Health and World Vision International have partnered to donate and distribute dozens of bicycles to middle school and high school students in Northern Mexico. The project, Bicycles That Change Lives, aims to reduce school dropout rates and encourage physical activity. Students will use the bicycles for commuting to and from school and for general recreation. In Dec. 2021, Adventist Health facilitated the first delivery, which included 111 bicycles. [MORE](#)



On Feb. 19, the Oakwood Adventist Academy Mustangs high school basketball team attended the Alabama High School Athletic Association State Tournament in Jacksonville, Ala. But they weren't there to play. They showed up to cheer on and thank two of the teams for their willingness to reschedule their game so OAA could have played at the later time once the Sabbath was over. AHSAA denied the requests to swap the games; Oakwood's basketball team said that they would not play until the sun was down. [MORE](#)



One chilly afternoon last fall, Karen Yang saw two young men walking toward the bus stop. She recognized one of them as a regular Ann Arbor church attendee and pulled over to offer a ride. Vincent, a refugee from Rwanda, had been going to the church and he was with Sherif who was newly arrived from a Rwandan refugee camp. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Dr. Robert Metzger of AdventHealth Orlando Reflects on His Nearly Six Decades of Advancing Transplantation](#)

[Vegan Kitchen: Nearly 150 Years Ago, a Seventh Day Adventist Leader Had a Vision About Vegetarianism](#)

[Oakwood Adventist Academy Forced to Forfeit Semifinal Basketball Playoff Due to Sabbath Conflict \(Ala.\)](#)

[Alabama Governor Kay Ivey Sends Letter to AHSAA, Seeking "Answers" on Oakwood Academy Forfeit](#)

[Study by Loma Linda Professor Links Avocado Intake With Better Diet Quality in Adolescents \(Calif.\)](#)

[Hundreds Choose To Have Their Tattoos Removed Through Free Service at Garden Pathways \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Get to know Pastor Debleaire Snell! Don't miss the *It Is Written Conversations* program featuring Debleaire Snell, the new speaker/director at Breath of Life. Snell speaks with John Bradshaw, *It Is Written* speaker/director, about his early life, his call to ministry, and his experience as a minister of the gospel. [Click here](#) to watch.



Looking for material on Black History Month? Pacific Press Publishing Association has a wide range of books in many genres. From books by prominent Black leaders of the past and present, to biographies, sharing materials, health books, and more — there are close to 100 items to choose from. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the entire list of products.



Oakwood University's "Windows on the Word: Social Justice in the Word of God"

broadcast continues on Fridays at 7:30 CT during the month of February. This 4-part series for Black History Month is the first in the weekly broadcast "Windows on the Word" hosted by University President, Dr. Leslie Pollard. "Windows on the Word" is designed to highlight contributions to the Adventist mission and faith worldwide. The daily lesson plan used in this series is [available in PDF](#) or [hard copy](#). Check out [Oakwood's YouTube channel](#) for streaming.



The pandemic has unearthed mental health needs that have been simmering for many years. Mental health professionals and lay members have their roles in meeting this need. Join NAD Health Ministries for RESTORED – a virtual mental health and wellness summit, March 31-April 3. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



Come celebrate 50 years with us! Adventist Community Services Convention - April 7-9, 2022, Grapevine, Texas. At the convention, you will expand your skills and ability to serve, hear inspiring stories of mission accomplished, and renew your commitment to community services. Join us as we celebrate God's work and imagine the future of ACS. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



Want to have a seating problem at Sabbath School? Imagine the biggest complaint at your church being, “I can’t get a seat at our Bible study” or having to make seat reservations for Sabbath School. Roy Ice, speaker/director of [Faith For Today](#) and host of [Lifestyle Magazine](#), and his team, want to share how God can help you experience explosive growth in church attendance through Bible Lab. Find/start a lab near you! [TheBibleLab.com](#). Study guide materials are free.



The NAD's new blog/website, A Rugged Journey, is dedicated to connecting young men to God through mentorship and community; helping them find answers to life's toughest challenges. No judgment — just compassionate advice from people who care. Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#): [@ruggedjourney](#); and [subscribe to our YouTube channel](#) to hear from our vloggers. [MORE](#)



If you are a high school student who makes movies, check out the Southwestern Adventist University South by Southwestern Film Festival offered through the communication department this spring. The online film festival is available to all high school students, you can enter as an organization or individual, and the deadline is March 1. For more specifications and details, or to register, [CLICK HERE](#).



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Jesus 101TV has released new video and audio programs in Spanish. "Confianza" (La Travesia del Exodo) is a twelve-part video program featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Gustavo Squarzon. It is a companion to the newly released book of the same title. The video series and book invite viewers to face anxiety with faith in God. New audio programs include "La Travesia del Exodo," "Conectate a la Vida" series, and the audio book, *Apocalipsis: El Quinto Evangelio*. [LEARN MORE](#).



Make your church a center of compassion in your community by offering the Grief Sessions seminar. *Faith For Today* helps your church meet the needs of the community as Christ did. The Grief Sessions seminar is a small group, Bible-based six-session course. Host Mike Tucker of *Lifestyle Magazine* shares grief principles and interviews guests about their grief journey. [CLICK HERE](#) to order your copy; or call 888-940-0062 to learn more.

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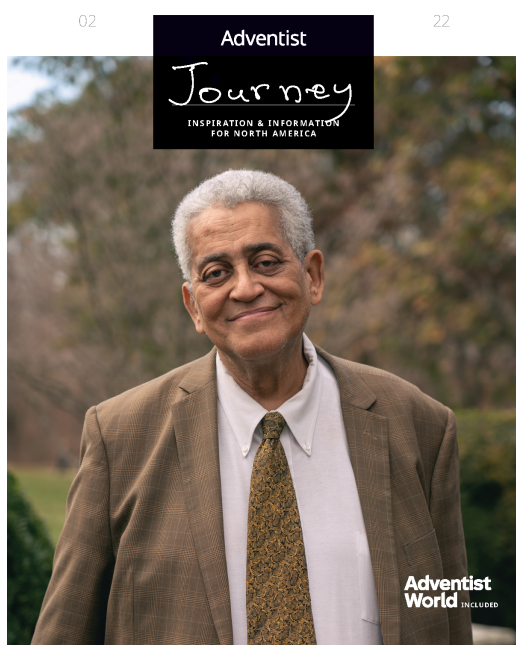
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Running Together

"If we're really running the race of endurance, it will unite us and God will be glorified. [We will be] a witness to others. And people will be saved in the name of Jesus Christ."

— *Chad Stuart, Spencerville Seventh-day Adventist Church senior pastor, during the NAD 2022 Week of Prayer*

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