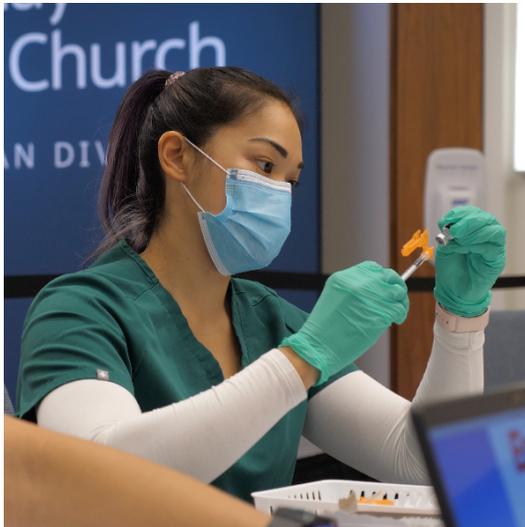


NEWSPOINTS

December 22, 2021



On Dec. 12, the sun beamed down on a crisp afternoon as a stream of personal vehicles pulled into the North American Division headquarters' parking lot. Once parked, people of all ages were welcomed and directed inside to the second COVID-19 vaccine clinic held this fall at the headquarters. [MORE](#)



Dec. 10 was a momentous day for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Adventist HealthCare and distinguished Historically Black Colleges and Universities, as the life and legacy of Lucille "Lucy" Byard was recognized and honored. Byard was a Black Seventh-day Adventist who was turned away by the Washington Sanitarium in 1943 because of the color of her skin. [MORE](#)



For the second year in a row, the Orangevale Seventh-day Adventist Church hosted a drive-thru Christmas event for its community. On Dec. 11, the California church welcomed more than 350 people who came to view a manger scene with live animals, hear voice and bell choirs, enjoy refreshments, and receive gifts. They also had the opportunity to participate in a canned food drive. [MORE](#)



The School of Nursing at Southern Adventist University will offer a 16-week course, beginning Jan. 11, 2022, that equips participants to pursue health and wellness coaching certification. No prior healthcare experience is required. “The program is ideal for anyone working in healthcare who wishes to use a coaching approach when working with patients,” said Lilly Tryon, DNP, professor in the school of nursing. [MORE](#)

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[SWAU Legacy; Providing a Chain of Connections to Future Generations](#)

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[RVAA Students Care for Chickens on a Mission](#)

[AdventHealth Shawnee Mission Doctor Discusses Recent Coronavirus Case Surge \[video, at 3:45\]](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



No NAD NewsPoints next two weeks! Let's remember pray for one another, help each other, and reflect on God's Gift to humankind — not just during the holiday season, but each day of the year.

We thank you for being part of the [NewsPoints](#) family. God's richest blessings to you now and in the New Year!



"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](#)



Food and Mood: How what we eat affects how we feel. Depression rates among adults in the U.S. have tripled from a pre-pandemic rate of 8.5 percent to 32.8 percent. What are the contributing factors? Has the pandemic affected eating habits? Is there an association between the foods we consume and our emotions? Is there a biblical connection between lifestyle choices and mental health? Does diet contribute to our happiness?

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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 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.



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.

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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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MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER,
PRINCE OF PEACE.
— *ISAIAH 9:6, NKJV*

For Unto Us a Child Is Born ...

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

— *Isaiah 9:6, NKJV*

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