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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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Walla Walla University president John McVay announced on Jan. 11, 2024, that he will retire at the end of this academic year, after completing 44 years of service to the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Eighteen of those years were spent at WWU.

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"Where does all that money go?" As a church employee for more than 40 years, 30-plus of which as a treasurer, Randy Robinson has heard that question more times than any other. It is a profoundly legitimate question, but one that is difficult to answer because of the complexity of the church's financial system. But that's no excuse for not providing a clear and understandable answer. [MORE](#)



In a remarkable milestone, Washington Adventist University (WAU)* is celebrating 120 years of dedicated service to education, faith, and community. Founded in 1904 in Takoma Park, Maryland, WAU has been a steadfast beacon of higher learning and spiritual growth. To kick off this year-long celebration, on Jan. 11, 2024, WAU president Weymouth Spence initiated a special daily prayer initiative, at 1:20 p.m. ET, uniting the WAU community in faith and reflection. [MORE](#)



Kidney-tumor patients have an innovative new treatment option, first performed recently by a surgical team at AdventHealth Celebration. The procedure, known as histotripsy, targets and destroys tumors using sound beams, noninvasively and without the need for needles or incisions. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Mama Rosa's Food Pantry: Where Compassion Goes Beyond Meals \(Adventist Community Services\)](#)

[Yellowknife Church Gives Away Almost \\$150,000 in Donations to Struggling Families \(Northwest Territories, Canada\)](#)

[Plant-Based Cooking Class Teaches Alternative Way to Be Healthy \(Minn.\)](#)

["Serve the Broader Community" - Free English Classes at Yarmouth Church Helped by \\$5K Grant \(Maine\)](#)

[Adventist Health Re-Establishes In-Home and Hospice Care in Paradise and Butte County \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The moment every Discovery Mountain listener arrived Jake and Natasha are getting married ... or will the wedding be delayed? Tell your favorite Discovery Mountain listener to catch the whole story in "Wedding Woes" and "Love One Another," and exercise their faith, too. [Listen here.](#)



Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.

Marriage was established by God to be the place in which children can be raised safely and successfully, both husband and wife can flourish, and parents and children can experience love and security. Join John Bradshaw and explore the significance of marriage, the challenges of current divorce rates, and how biblical advice can guide us toward healthier and more fulfilling relationships. [Watch on It Is Written TV](https://itiswritten.tv/savingmarriage) itiswritten.tv/savingmarriage.



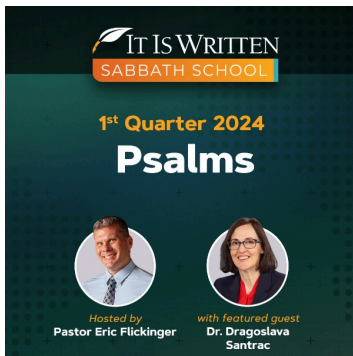
Get ready for an unforgettable experience at ehuddle 2024! Held from Feb. 26-28 at Camp Kulaqua, Fla., we welcome pastors and volunteer lay pastors to join this event. Alongside union and conference leaders, dive into discussions with our South Pacific Division guests, exploring innovative church growth and evangelism practices. Don't miss out — free registration opens soon, and offers access, daily lunches, and exclusive gear. Note: Lodging is separate, with additional meal options available. [MORE](#)



You don't need to be an expert to help people move through the changes of grief and loss.

What you do need is a heart of compassion and a listening ear fashioned after the Master Jesus.

SEASONS is a support program built on the foundation of the Bible and the power of people gathering to support and strengthen each other. Through the series of ten sessions participants will move from loss to discovery and finally to establishing a new identity and purpose.



Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author!

This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath.

Watch on [It Is Written TV](#) or [YouTube](#).



Is God's Word important to you? Do you treasure God's Word and store it in your heart

as the Psalmist suggests? "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11.

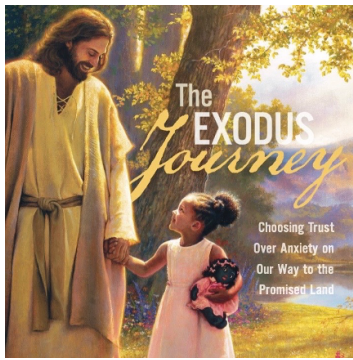
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Attention film students and professionals:

You are invited to the Sonscreen Film Festival,

April 4-6, 2024, in Loma Linda, Calif. Come prepared to watch films and mingle with peers, potential employers, and award-winning guest filmmakers. Plus, pitch your idea for a future film and you could win \$3,500 in funding. Register or learn more at [sonscreen.com](#)

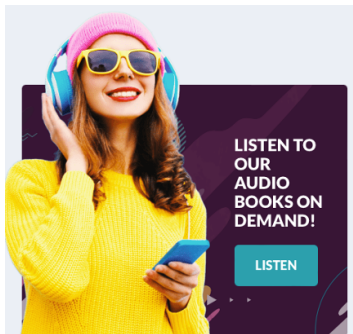


Jesus 101 has just released *The Exodus Journey* audio book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot.

The Exodus Journey is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be their Redeemer, Provider, and Guide. Jesus 101 audiobooks are completely free and available for streaming on demand. The Exodus Journey can be accessed here [<https://jesus101.tv/listen/?media=40780>].



View the 2018-2023 NAD Adventist Education Progress Report by clicking [HERE](#). The purpose of this report is to describe the status of education in the North American Division, including early childhood through higher education programs. View the full report at [this link](#).



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Breath of Life: Fresh Start Sundays now airing on LifeTalk Radio! Four new inspirational programs have been added to the line up from Breath of Life Ministries: *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life; *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna; *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent; and Snell will host a program focusing on lifestyle and well-being called *Healthier U*. For a complete LifeTalk program schedule for your time zone visit: lifetalk.net/program-schedule



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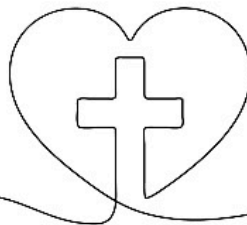
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Love One Another

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

— John 13:34, NIV

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