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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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What is a passionate leader? The NAD's inaugural "Passionate Leader Summit" for Women's Ministries leaders, held at the division headquarters in Columbia, Md., from Feb. 1-4, tackled this query through inspiring messages, interactive workshops, and moving testimonials. [MORE](#)



The fourth stop of the Young Adult LIFE Tour took place in the Mid-America Union Conference territory at the College View church in Lincoln, Neb., on Jan. 26-27. With more than 150 registrants and 900 in attendance on Sabbath morning, the event reached a large audience with the message of strategically engaging and encouraging all generations to grow together on our faith journeys. [MORE](#)



The Associated Collegiate Press has awarded a 2023 Pacemaker Award to *Envision*, Andrews

University's student-produced magazine. *Envision* was distinguished in the category of feature/general audience magazines produced by four-year colleges and universities. The award, designated by the judges of the ACP, recognizes national excellence in collegiate journalism. [MORE](#)



John McVay, president of Walla Walla University, was selected as a 2024 recipient of the Charles

Elliott Weniger Award for Excellence. The award was presented at the annual award presentation on Feb. 17, in Loma Linda, California. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[UC San Francisco Health, Adventist Health and Madera County Officials Announce Proposal to Reopen Madera Community Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health/Rideout Hospital: A Beacon of Medical Excellence in Marysville \(Calif.\)](#)

["Bucaramanga?" — an ADRA Story from Colombia](#)

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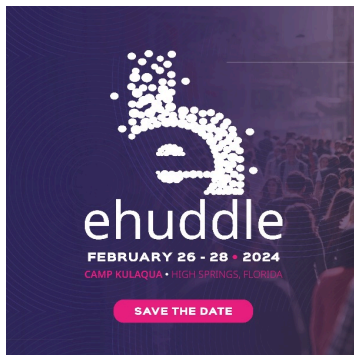


Check out the items on sale at the [Adventist Book Center](#) to celebrate Black History Month!

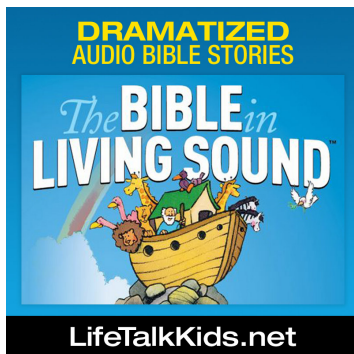
Historical books, stories, contemporary studies, music and more are always available, and are specially priced now. Authors include Charles E. Bradford, Heather Thompson Day, Ricardo Graham, Hyveth Williams, and much more,



Would your Pathfinder like a free Camporee pin? It's all theirs when they complete the Pathfinder Bible Study Challenge and personally attend the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee! [Learn more](#) about this opportunity to grow a Pathfinder's faith ...and pin collection!



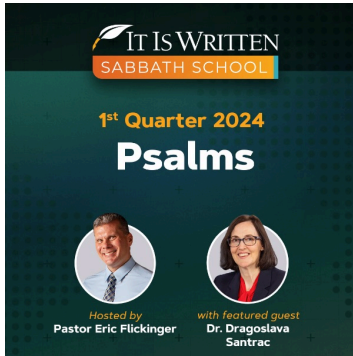
Get ready for an unforgettable experience at ehuddle 2024! Held from Feb. 26-28 at Camp Kulaqua, Fla., we welcome pastors and volunteer lay pastors to join this event. Alongside union and conference leaders, dive into discussions with our South Pacific Division guests, exploring innovative church growth 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](#)



Perhaps you remember growing up and listening to "The Bible in Living Sound" as a kid. Well those powerful stories are still around. Now is a great time to share these Bible adventures with your own children or grandchildren. This original audio Bible series includes 450 dramatized audio stories featuring reenacted Biblical events with professional actors' voices, music and sound effects. The program streams daily on [LifeTalkKids.net](#). Check the kids program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule](#). Or listen on our FREE LifeTalk App available at: [lifetalk.net/connect](#)



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



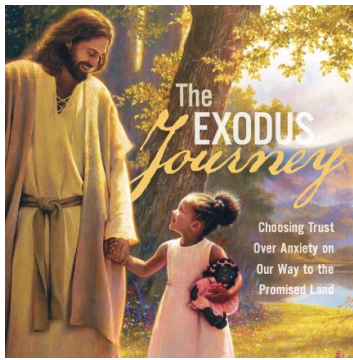
Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author! This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath. Watch on [It Is Written TV](https://www.itiswritten.com) or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).



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](https://www.seasons.org) 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.



2024 NAD tHRive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, Calif. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](https://www.nadadventist.org) by March 10. Questions? HRS@nadadventist.org.



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>].



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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VIEWPOINTS



Pleasantness of a Friend

"Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart,
and the pleasantness of a friend
springs from their heartfelt advice."

— *Proverbs 27:9, NIV*

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