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News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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Beginning Jan. 4, a North American Division administration team visited several islands within the Guam-Micronesia Mission for two weeks. “We wanted to provide encouragement and do an assessment of needs and see how we could better support the work there,” said NAD president G. Alexander Bryant. [MORE](#)



***Liberty* magazine exists to reach a very specific and often-overlooked “mission field.”** For the past 120 years *Liberty* magazine has reached out to lawmakers at the federal and state levels, members of the judiciary, city officials, county administrators, academics, leaders of other faith groups, and many others who help shape our country’s public discourse. [READ](#) this interview published in 2023.



In the heart of compassion and dedication, Christian Record Services stands tall as it celebrates an incredible milestone — 125 years of unwavering commitment to serving individuals worldwide who are blind and visually impaired. Since its inception in 1899, CRS has been a beacon of hope, breaking down barriers and providing life-changing services to individuals facing vision challenges. [MORE](#)



Walla Walla University School of Nursing has received a \$105,231 grant from the Washington Student Achievement Council to upgrade nursing simulation labs on the Portland campus. This is the third significant grant awarded to the School of Nursing in the past year which total more than \$490,000, continuing to support high-level nursing education at WWU. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Walla Walla University Builds XR Stage Using Unreal Engine and Scalable Display Technologies](#)

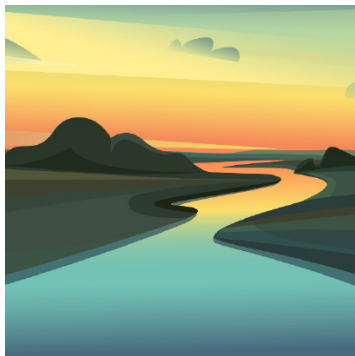
[Gulf Coast Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Woolmarket Holds Annual Food Giveaway \(Miss.\)](#)

[Charlotte Adventist Church Honors Community Service of Longtime Hidden Valley Resident \(N.C.\)](#)

[Hospice of Cincinnati, Adventist Health Expand Hospice; Labor Pressures Shutter Midwest-Based Programs \(Ohio\)](#)

[Adventhealth Shawnee Mission Named to u.s. News & World Report 2024 Best Hospitals for Maternity Care \(Fla.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch Adventist Journey magazine stories and videos.



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



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!



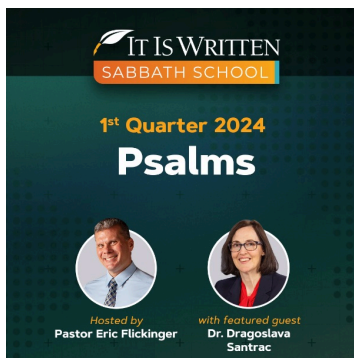
2024 NAD tHRive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, Calif. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#) by March 10. Questions? HRS@nadadventist.org.



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](https://www.lifetalkkids.net). Check the kids program schedule for your time zone at: [lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule](https://www.lifetalkkids.net/kids-program-schedule). Or listen on our FREE LifeTalk App available at: [lifetalk.net/connect](https://www.lifetalk.net/connect)



Jesus 101 has just released **Grace in 8** – a new video devotional program that helps you connect with God in just 8 minutes. The new series is on the gospel of Luke. [Check out this program](#) to see how God can use you to fulfill His purpose. Jesus 101 is also giving away the free book, Luke: Salvation for All. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app and enter the code G18 into the Book Offers section. Code valid thru March 15, 2024.

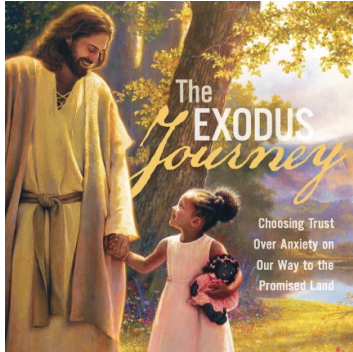


Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author! This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath.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



Three Decades of Understanding Adventist Youth! The Valuegenesis (VG) Project is a research effort that has been going strong for more than 30 years, providing a unique window into the lives, beliefs, and experiences of Adventist young people. The NAD Office of Education, the John Hancock Center for Youth and Family Ministry at La Sierra University, and a dedicated team of researchers have conducted three previous studies known as VG1 (1990), VG2 (2000), and VG3 (2010). In October 2021, the project launched its fourth

iteration, Valuegenesis 4 (VG4), slightly delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This latest effort continues the tradition of exploring the faith and well-being of Adventist youth. Explore the results through the newly launched website: <https://faithinstitution.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



Christian Record Services is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North

America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who are blind worldwide. Churches, individuals, and businesses provide support for services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible for these free services: [Full-Vision Books](#); [Gift Bibles](#) and [Study Guides](#); [Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind](#); [National Camps for Blind Children \(NCBC\)](#); [Subscription Magazines](#); and [Zoo](#)

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VIEWPOINTS



God's Free Gift

"Salvation is God's free gift to the believer, given to him for Christ's sake alone. The troubled soul may find peace through faith in Christ, and his peace will be in proportion to his faith and trust."

— *Proverbs 27:9, NIV*

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