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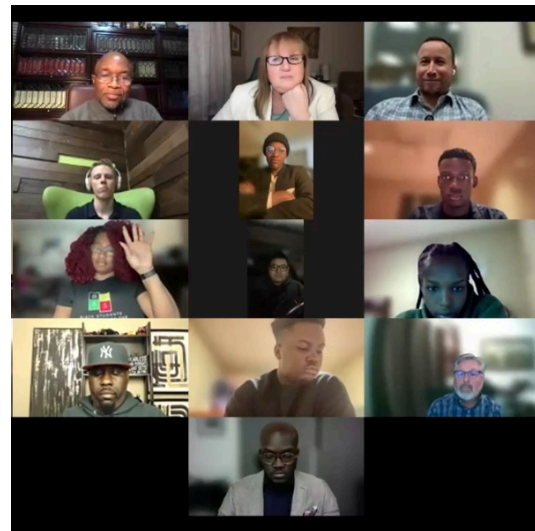
NEWSPOINTS

February 8, 2024



James Edson White, the son of Adventist pioneers James and Ellen White, is credited with taking the gospel to African Americans in the southern U.S. — after having departed from the Adventist faith for approximately 30 years. What may have seemed like a delayed answer to Ellen White’s prayers over the years that Edson was absent from the faith turned out to be God’s perfect timing for the gospel to be shared with former slaves and their children.

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On Jan. 24, the North American Division conducted a university student leaders advisory. The virtual event was cohosted by G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, Wendy Eberhardt, NAD vice president for ministries (which includes Children’s, Family, Disabilities, and many other ministries), and Tracy Wood, NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries director. [MORE](#)



Tent evangelism, often considered an outdated method of evangelism, recently demonstrated its continued effectiveness through a joint evangelism event. The Atlantic Union, with the support and assistance of the Southern Union, recently hosted a 20-day "System for Survival" evangelistic initiative. The endeavor reaped 253 baptisms. [MORE](#)



Message magazine is published by the North American Division, and printed at Pacific Press Publishing Association. Message is one of several sharing magazines geared toward members being able to share them with their family members, friends, neighbors, and colleagues. As Black History Month begins, we thought we'd share with readers this inspirational 2023 interview with the magazine's current editor. [MORE](#)

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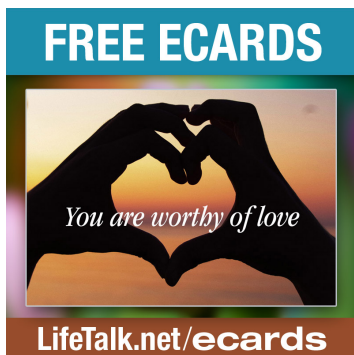
Check out the items on sale at the [Adventist Book Center](#) to celebrate Black History Month!

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,



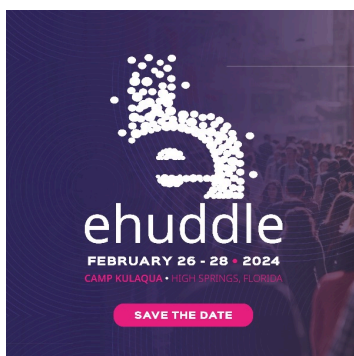
Get ready for Valentine's Day with "Saving Marriage," a new program from It Is Written.

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](#) itiswritten.tv/savingmarriage.



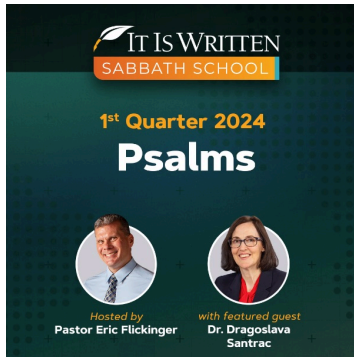
February is the month when love is celebrated and LifeTalk Radio makes it easy

to share some love. Let your friends and family know they are loved. Encourage them today by sending a FREE digital eCard. Let others know God loves them and that you're thinking of them. LifeTalk Radio has many free digital eCards (lifetalk.net/ecards) which include powerful Scriptures and Bible promises, beautiful pictures and encouraging words. Sending eCards is fast, easy and just a click away. Cards can be texted or posted on social media. Share some love today!



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](#)



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](#).



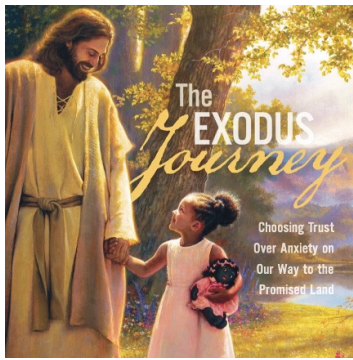
You don't need to be an expert to help people move through the changes of grief and loss. What you do need is a heart of compassion and a listening ear fashioned after the Master Jesus. [SEASONS](#) is a support program built on the foundation of the Bible and the power of people gathering to support 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.



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. [Make your hotel reservation](#) by March 28. Questions? HRS@nadadventist.org.



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>].



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



Working Together With Christ

"True worship consists in working together with Christ. Prayers, exhortation, and talk are cheap fruits, which are frequently tied on; but fruits that are manifested in good works, in caring for the needy, the fatherless, and widows, are genuine fruits, and grow naturally upon a good tree."

— *Ellen G. White, The Review and Herald, August 16, 1881*

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