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News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

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**Terry Forde, president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare, headquartered in Montgomery**

County, Maryland, will step down from his role on Aug. 2, to become president and CEO of Health First, headquartered in Brevard County, Florida. [MORE](#)



**Oakwood University has emerged as the new national champion at the 35th Honda Campus All-Star**

Challenge held on April 12. The Alabama-based university defeated 31 other teams to take home the title and a \$100,000 institutional grant. Howard University, Spelman College, and Morehouse College finished in the top four. [MORE](#)



**The biology department at Washington Adventist University is proud to celebrate the** achievement of Charis McRoy, a junior under the guidance of Sam D. Perez, chair of the biology and chemistry department at WAU. McRoy, also a member of the honors college, has earned a summer internship at Johns Hopkins University for 2024, following her persistent applications. [MORE](#)



**Pacific Union College business student Olivia Newman has been spending her junior year studying** in Spain through Adventist College Abroad. From the beautiful architecture in Spain and her goal of improving in



**During the second week of April 2024, Kirt Onthank, professor of biology at Walla Walla University,** was invited to share his expertise on octopuses on NBC News. Onthank contributed to a story about an Oklahoman family that recently welcomed 50 octopus hatchlings and has been garnering attention on TikTok. [MORE](#)



 **IT IS WRITTEN®**

**It Is Written announces a new travel-themed Vacation Bible School program, "Flight 3:16."**

During Flight 3:16, children will visit five countries as they prepare for the ultimate destination, Heaven. Flight 3:16 is a complete VBS kit that includes supplies for 14 children. [MORE](#)

speaking the Spanish language, Olivia chose to study at Campus Adventista de Sagunto. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Free Kids Clothing Event Held Sunday at Cascade Seventh-Day Adventist Church \(Ore.\)](#)

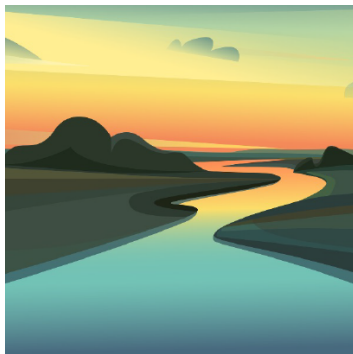
[‘The Hopeful,’ Film About Adventist Origins, Debuts in Theaters \(Mo.\)](#)

[This Is Carolina: Grand Strand Church Transforms Trailer Into Mobile Food Pantry \(S.C.\)](#)

[Volunteers From Tuolumne County Build Dorm in Kenya \(Calif.\)](#)

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## 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.



**The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May.** This year it falls on May 2. People of many different faiths join in prayer on this day. At LifeTalk Radio we believe prayer makes a difference. We encourage you to participate in the National Day of Prayer (U.S.). And when you have personal prayer needs or concerns we invite you to share them with us. Submit your prayer requests online ([lifetalk.net/prayer](http://lifetalk.net/prayer)) any day, any time. Or call our prayer hotline: 1-800-775-HOPE (4673). Watch our 1-minute prayer video ([lifetalk.net/videos](http://lifetalk.net/videos)).





**The ACS Disaster Response Offering is taking place May 11.** This offering is the result of a collective effort of ACS leaders throughout the North American Division and is a primary source of funding for this ministry. It is also an opportunity for all members, whether actively volunteering or not, to be part of helping those affected by disasters. Click [here](#) to learn more.



**Join us for "Finishing Strong: A Week of Spiritual Emphasis."** This program is geared toward school-aged children from grades K-12. Streaming begins May 6 at 12 p.m. CT/1 p.m. ET. Homeschoolers and classrooms alike can watch daily during the week of May 6-9. Join us each day for this 30-minute inspirational program! [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

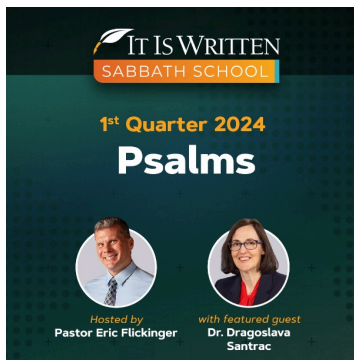


**Catch fresh episodes of *Authentic* each week!** Shawn Boonstra and our production team are thrilled to bring you a new season of *Authentic*, which began airing on March 29. Stay tuned for brand-new episodes on the history of the Bible; beauty, evil, and desire; the lure of conspiracies and horoscopes, and more fascinating topics. New episodes of *Authentic* are released Friday evenings at 7 ET — you can watch them on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, plus at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).



**Are the young people in your life asking questions about current events and the wars in our world?** Invite them to listen to Discovery Mountain's current season of *Under Siege* for some good news about resolving differences. Listen along with them [here](#).





**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](#).



**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!



**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](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule)



**Jesus 101 has new and free downloadable activity worksheets and coloring pages for kids!** These resources also have accompanying animated videos that will help kids discover Jesus in the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. These valuable resources are perfect for churches, schools, and families. Jesus 101 is always working to develop new biblical studies resources for kids. To download these activity sheets, coloring pages, or to view the animated videos, visit [www.Jesus101.tv/4kids](http://www.Jesus101.tv/4kids).



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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 Buds](#). Service may vary by region due to contractual agreements.

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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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**Feature:** "Working Together Through Education at the Mamawi Atosketan Center of Influence" by Christelle Agboka with reporting from Lynn McDowell, pp. 04-07

**NAD News Briefs:** "Walla Walla University President John McVay Announces Plans to Retire," "El Centinela Debuts Evangelistic Bible Guides for Spanish Speakers," "Southwestern Union Announces Initiatives to Support Southwestern Adventist University Theology and Education Majors," pp. 08-10

**Perspective:** "Divine Appointments: Hiding in Plain Sight?" by Terri Saelee, p. 11

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## VIEWPOINTS





## God's Call in our Lives

"In the great days that are filled with joy and fulfillment, and the low days, when you just want to write a resignation letter, recognize it's not about our feelings — it's about God's call and fulfilling that call in our lives. And by the grace of God, He gives the fulfillment in that call, ... My prayer is that you would recognize that God has sent you for a specific purpose for a specific time, and that you would find joy and fulfillment in that process."

— *Rick Remmers, assistant to the president of the North American Division, during NAD morning worship, April 23, 2024*

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