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# NEWSPOINTS

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**Adventist Information Ministry has been advancing the NAD's evangelistic efforts since 1982,**

when it was established on the Andrews University campus as an evangelistic contact center for Adventist media ministries. Today, it serves as the division's epicenter for connecting broadcast and social media interests with local churches through phone and online platforms. The success of AIM's recent digital evangelism efforts has necessitated a larger workforce at a new location.

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**Escrito Está, the Spanish-language ministry of It Is Written, marks 30 years of ministry this**

year. Escrito Está is currently the most widely aired Spanish-language television program of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The ministry's original focus was reaching the Latino population in North America, but that focus quickly expanded to the rest of the world. Today, Escrito Está has a prominent presence on national television stations in several Latin American countries. [MORE](#)



**For the third year in a row, students from Southern Adventist University took home top honors** in the SkillsUSA collegiate division state championship in web design and development in April. According to Richard Halterman, dean and professor in the school of computing, three teams from Southern competed and placed first, second, and third in the Tenn. state championship. [MORE](#)



**The 39th annual Children's Day presented by Farmer Boys transformed Loma Linda University Health Drayson Center Superfield into a fun-filled learning experience.** Hundreds of children aged 3 to 8 and their families participated in the event's unique blend of interactive activities, animal encounters, and engaging performances on Wednesday, May 8. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Receives International Baby-Friendly Designation \(Calif.\)](#)

[Tenet Healthcare Closes \\$550M Sale of 2 California Hospitals to Adventist Health \(Calif.\)](#)

[Special: What it Takes to Send a Pathfinder Club in Guam to Camporee](#)

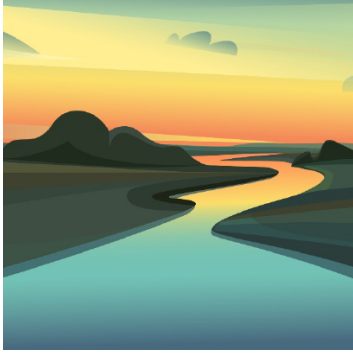
[This Central Florida Hospital Will Have an Amphitheater, Shopping Options, More \(Fla.\)](#)

[State Track Runs into Sabbath for Walla Walla Valley Academy Qualifiers \(Wash.\)](#)

[Maskwacis, Alta., High School Students Are Building Their Futures with Carpentry Class \(Canada\)](#)

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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.



**LifeTalk Radio pays tribute to those who, during times of war, gave the ultimate sacrifice.** They died so we could live in freedom. More than seven decades ago, our grandparents and great grandparents were saying a prayer of thanks as World War II was ending. Many lives were lost during that epic struggle for freedom. Today, we are blessed because others are willing to give their lives. Watch our short one-minute Memorial Day video at: [lifetalk.net/videos](http://lifetalk.net/videos) — then say a prayer of thanks.



**Come with us as we explore [Thunder Island](#) and discover from where the thunder is coming!** At Thunder Island VBS kids will explore the beauty of Thunder Island, a place where God speaks to us from the thunder to tell us how much He loves us! And learn more about Jesus through Bible stories from the Gospel of John, engage in other really cool island activities, and enjoy a refreshing snack at Coconut Cafe. Thunder Island has five days of Christ-centered activities that help kids see that God is always with us. *Reelaxx!*

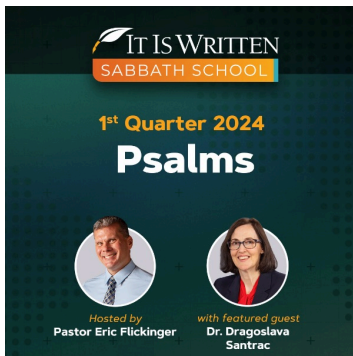


**Catch fresh episodes of *Authentic* each week! Shawn Boonstra and our production team are thrilled to bring you a new season of *Authentic*, which began airing on March 29.** Stay tuned for brand-new episodes on the history of the Bible; beauty, evil, and desire; the lure of conspiracies and horoscopes, 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).



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

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**NAD Update:** "University Student Leaders Continue Dialogue With NAD Leadership," by John Simon, pp. 08-09

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**Perspective:** "When We Answer the Call to Help "The Least of These" by W. Derrick Lea, p. 13

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## VIEWPOINTS



## **Prayer Is the Opening of the Heart to God**

"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him."

— *Ellen G. White, Steps to Christ, p. 93*

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