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NEWSPOINTS

May 9, 2024



Seven professional films and 40 student films were screened at the Sonscreen Film Festival held at the Loma Linda University Church Complex in California on April 4-6. Sonscreen also provided networking and professional development opportunities, including career advice from seasoned filmmakers and a new “luncheon with a professional.” And the third annual pitch competition offered emerging filmmakers funding for projects. [MORE](#)



Southern Adventist University recently announced that it is the only institution in Tennessee designated as a Hispanic-serving institution. The designation comes from the federal government, which considers colleges and universities with Hispanic student enrollment of 25 percent or higher to be Hispanic-serving institutions. [MORE](#)



On Monday, May 6, 2024, the Walla Walla University Board of Trustees unanimously elected Alex Bryan, to become the university's 24th president. No stranger to the Walla Walla University community, Bryan will replace John McVay, who is retiring after serving the university for 18 years. [MORE](#)



More than 60,000 young people, hailing from more than 100 countries, will set up a tent and RV city August 5-11, 2024, as they attend the Ninth International Pathfinder Camporee at the Cam-Plex Facilities in Gillette, Wyo. Themed “Believe the Promise,” the six-day camporee, held every five years, is sponsored by the NAD, headquartered in Md., and the Center for Youth Evangelism, located in Berrien Springs, Mich. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Tyler County Congregation Displaced After 2 Rounds of Flooding Damage Church \(Tex.\)](#)

[Free Dental and Health Clinic in Santa Maria Provides Care to Those in Need \(Calif.\)](#)

[Yellowknife Church Offers Planter Boxes to Residents \(Canada\)](#)

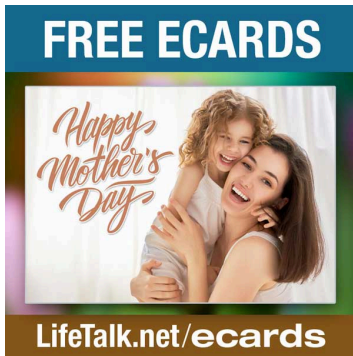
[150+ Top Places to Work in Healthcare | 2024 \(Ill.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Tillamook Announces Specialized NICU Telemedicine Robot \(Ore.\)](#)

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NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.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.



Mother's Day is just around the corner and LifeTalk Radio has created many beautiful cards for your enjoyment. LifeTalk has a dozen different digital greeting cards designed especially for Mother's Day. So you can send her more than one! It takes less than a minute for you to visit [LifeTalk.net/eCards](#) and send your mother a FREE digital greeting card. It's so easy, just a few clicks and you're done. Be sure and watch the special one-minute Mother's Day video at: [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.



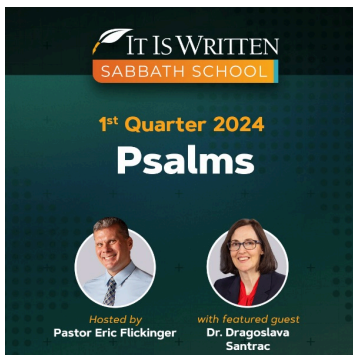
Join us this summer for an unforgettable Discovery Mountain event at your local church featuring the exhilarating "Rescued: Safe in Jesus" five-day VBS program! Dive into an adventure-filled journey as we explore faith, friendship, and the ultimate rescue. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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 p.m. ET — you can watch them on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, plus at 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



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.



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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VIEWPOINTS



Bread of Life

“Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’”

— *John 6:35, NIV*

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