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NEWSPOINTS

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On Sabbath, Aug. 17, the Pacific Press Publishing Association celebrated its 150th anniversary in an auditorium at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. The program, themed “Proclaiming God’s Love for 150 Years,” drew 300 past and present Pacific Press workers and supporters to celebrate the press’s enduring mission of uplifting Christ through literature, media, and music. [MORE](#)



On Sabbath, Sept. 14, the Detroit City Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church marked a significant milestone as they hosted the first-ever Pathfinder Day for the Inkster Community Nighthawks, their sponsored Pathfinder club. The special occasion was celebrated with great enthusiasm, as clubs from across the Motor City area gathered to support the Nighthawks. [MORE](#)



La Sierra University maintained its robust status in the 2025 Best Colleges rankings released on Sept. 24 by U.S. News & World Report, bettering its placement for "Best Value" and retaining its position as No. 4 within 15 western states for "Social Mobility," an indicator of a university's ability to enroll and graduate disadvantaged students. [MORE](#)



I've been flying a lot lately and noticed something I never paid attention to before. No, it's not about the safety features. I've accepted that the unlikely event of a water landing means we're crashing, and if I have to blow through a tube to inflate a flimsy-looking vest, I'm doomed. *C'est la vie.* [MORE](#)

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[Riverview Seventh-Day Adventist Church Breaks Ground for New Building \(Ga.\)](#)

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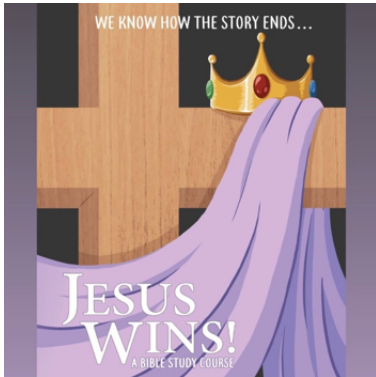
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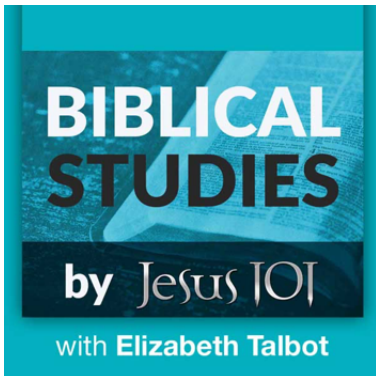
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Jesus 101 has released a new Bible study course, Jesus Wins! These 10 Bible studies, printed by Pacific Press in one attractive magazine, have corresponding QR codes that link to short videos with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot explaining the content of each lesson. This Bible course is an excellent way of introducing your friends and family to Jesus, even inviting them to be baptized. Anyone can give Bible studies with this colorful and creative course! For your FREE copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app ([Apple](#) or [Google/Android](#), click on “Book Offers,” and enter code “NAD-JW” (U.S. only, one per household). Hurry! Code valid thru Sept. 30, 2024.



Listen to a lively Christ-centered program introducing you to the real Jesus of the Gospel and equipping you to share His love with others. *Biblical Studies*, a 13 minute program, can be heard each week day, Monday through Friday at 10 A.M. (Eastern) on LifeTalk Radio. For a complete program schedule for your time zone, please visit: lifetalk.net/program-schedule. The program is produced by the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute and is hosted by Elizabeth Viera Talbot, Ph.D., Speaker/Director for Jesus 101, a media ministry of the NAD, that offers in-depth Biblical resources, instruction and training. For additional information, programs and seminars please visit: Jesus101.tv

All of us, church leaders and members, play a pivotal role in mobilizing for evangelism. With

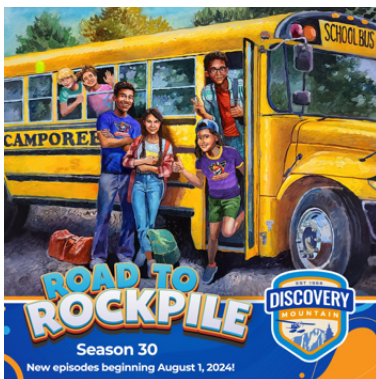


[Pentecost 2025](#), our goal in North America is to hold at least 3,000 proclamation initiatives in 2025, with 2024 a year of "Preparing for Pentecost." Join Pentecost 2025 through prayer, community engagement, and proclamation events. Adventist members, churches, and schools, [sign up today!](#) More than 2,000 have already signed up; funding is still available for approved events. [LEARN MORE/FAQS.](#)

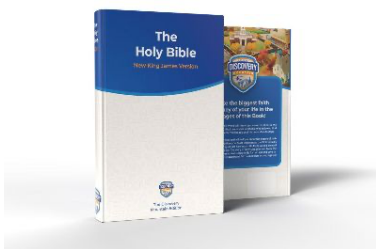


Join us for the 2024 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention on Oct. 17-19!

This fall we are meeting at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center just outside of Chicago, Ill. Registration is still open; hotel block closes on Friday, Sept. 27. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Keep the camporee joy going! Join the Discovery Mountain Pathfinders in Discovery Mountain Season 30 called "Road to Rockpile." The Pathfinders face surprise challenges — and blessing — at Camporee. The entire season is available free and on demand at [DiscoveryMountain.com](#).



Pre-order the Discovery Mountain Bible today! This Bible features all-new, high-quality art to bring to life some of your family's favorite stories and characters from the Bible. Learn more [here](#).



Dive into the book of Mark with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Tom Shepherd, Ph.D., author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



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.



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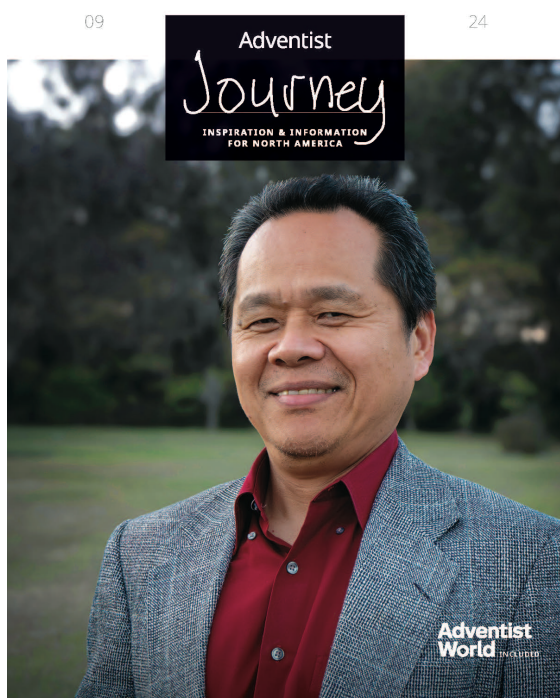
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"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act."

— *Proverbs 3:27, NIV*

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