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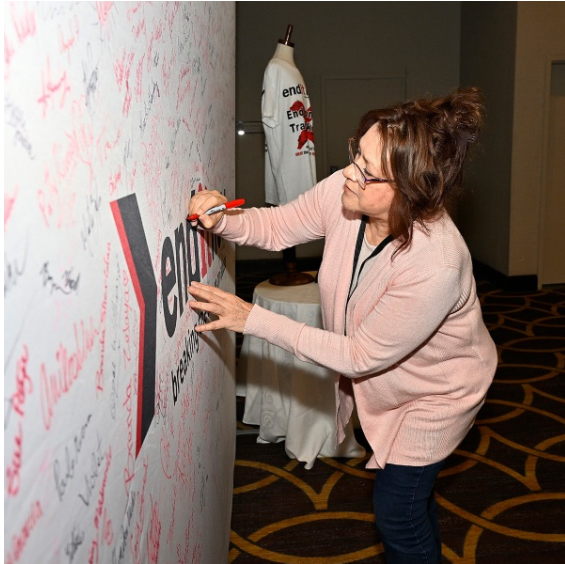


Sabbath Schools in Seventh-day Adventist churches around the world will see a big change as the Alive in Jesus curriculum launches in January 2025, with the roll out of materials for babies (birth through 12 months) and beginners (1-3 years). The rollout will continue for the next three years for age groups kindergarten and primary (2026), followed by junior and teen (projected for 2027), and youth (projected for 2028). The new curriculum replaces GraceLink,



“We call it Pentecost 2025 because we don't really want it to be just about numbers. We want it to be about the outpouring of God's Spirit today. ... That's really where the focus should be.” Pentecost 2025 launched on July 1, 2024. And while that's still the focus as evidenced by the prayer plan and video training webinars currently in production, the NAD is enthused that, to date, more than 3,100 churches and schools have registered. [MORE](#)

Junior PowerPoints, Real-Time Faith, and Cornerstone Connections. [MORE](#)



After a year of planning, the 2024 NAD enditnow Safeguarding Peace training on abuse prevention and response, set to take place in New Orleans, La., almost did not happen. Hurricane Francine threatened to shut everything down. However, after much prayer and consideration, organizer Erica Smith, assistant director of NAD Women's Ministries, and the enditnow team decided to proceed. [MORE](#)



God has promised a special gift to His church and to His people living in the last days. This promise is illustrated in a very familiar passage found in Joel 2:28, 29: “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit” (KJV). This promise is for us today. For all people.

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Wanting to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest setup of a four-person tent at the

International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyo., this summer, members of the Southern Asian Church Seventh-day Adventist Church (SASDAC) Sentinels Pathfinder Club in Silver Spring, Maryland, were disappointed when the planned competition didn't take place. But once the group returned home, they tried to break the record again. [MORE](#)



Tucked away in a corner of the East Pavilion Building, the Geoscience Research Institute (GRI)/North Pacific Union Creation Study Center (NPUC CSC) booth proved to be a hidden gem at the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming. With six unique honors in geology, chemistry, rocks and minerals, meteorites, and dinosaurs, the booth attracted curious Pathfinders with its engaging scavenger hunt and interactive displays. [MORE](#)

In early August, Pacific Union College created connections by making its mark at the International

Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyo., providing engaging activities, essential training, and showcasing Adventist higher education to 60,000 young people. Despite storms and weather-related setbacks, PUC staff and students had the opportunity to witness God's presence and power amidst the storms. [MORE](#)



For the past 15 years, individuals around the world have celebrated Creation Sabbath, a special occasion promoted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church emphasizing the recognition and appreciation of God as the Creator. This event, scheduled annually on the fourth Saturday in October, was specifically formalized in 2009. The decision to create a yearly recurrence was influenced by the growing need to recognize God's power and grace as Creator and Redeemer. [MORE](#)

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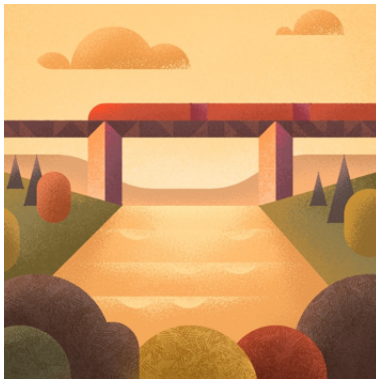
['We Are Blessed' Tidewater Adventist Community Health Fair Offers Free Health Checkups and Food \(Va.\)](#)

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[Adventist Health Hospice Care - Video \(Calif.\)](#)

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**Society of Adventist
Communicators**

Last chance: 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. Click [here](#) to learn more.

FREE printed stickers for kids. Order now for Halloween. Are you ready to greet the little



visitors at your front door on Halloween? Why not give them something more than just candy? LifeTalk Radio offers FREE printed stickers for kids in your neighborhood. Stickers are fun and kids love them. Plus these stickers invite kids to listen to LifeTalkKids.net. Encourage children in your neighborhood to enjoy adventure stories, awesome characterbuildingprograms and more. Order FREE printed stickers today so you're ready for Halloween, visit: LifeTalk.net/stickers



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.](#)

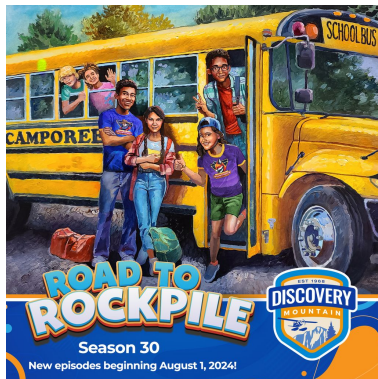


Join our global church family for the 15th annual Creation Sabbath on October 26, 2024. Creation Sabbath brings together Christian communities worldwide to celebrate God, our Creator, and recognize the wonders of creation. Suggestions for celebrating this day include acknowledging the significance of the day during your service, presenting a creation-themed sermon, organizing a nature outing, hosting an afternoon presentation, or engaging in environmental outreach Don't miss out! [Click here](#) to register your church's event and download the free Creation Sabbath event kit, including promos and a sermon. Also, follow Creation Sabbath on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

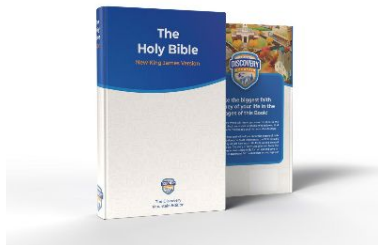
Dive into the book of Mark with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Tom Shepherd, Ph.D., author of this quarter's Bible study



guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



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](#).



Pentecost 2025 is an exciting initiative by the North American Division, calling Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America to unite in hosting more than 3,000 evangelistic events throughout 2025. It Is Written is excited to provide a variety of resources designed to support pastors, churches, and lay members in sharing the message of hope and faith during this significant year. 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

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Perspective: "Women Leading in the Spirit of the Latter Rain" by G. Alexander Bryant, p. 11

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VIEWPOINTS



Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a Greater Measure

"Pentecost is not just an event but it is our asking, pleading, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in a greater measure."

— *G. Alexander Bryant, on Oct. 2, 2024, during a meeting at the North American Division headquarters*

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