Central California Conference’s Camp Wawona, located within Yosemite National Park, was evacuated due to the nearby Ferguson Fire, which is encroaching on Yosemite Valley. And Pine Springs Ranch, within the Southeastern California Conference, was also evacuated due to fire and smoke threats from the Cranston Fire. MORE

In just a few days, the NAD Education team of 125 staff and volunteers will greet 6,000 education professionals—from classroom teachers and principals to deans, marketing and development directors, administrators, and food service employees—as they converge on Chicago on Aug. 6-9 for the 2018 Teachers’ Convention. This is the largest professional development event in the church. MORE
With just one member still in regular attendance a year ago, the Osceola church (Iowa) was about to close. That all changed when Bill Ruble entered the picture. He and his wife, Carol, immediately got to work inviting old members back to church and visiting with prospective members. They also recruited help from others who had been active with them in a home-based church plant for several years prior. After a year of these efforts, there are now 25-30 people in regular attendance at the church. MORE

Charline Etienne’s daughter was a kindergartner at a Miami learning center when she began having problems in school. Etienne turned to a pediatrician who tested the girl and diagnosed her with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). From there, Etienne embarked on a long, tiresome journey to find the resources her daughter needed to thrive academically. MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

ACS of Denver Donation Center Set Up for Victims of Westminster Apartment Fire (Colo.)

U.S. Senate Chaplain Barry Black Speaks at "Mission Himpossible" Event (Conn.)

Moses Lake Adventist Church to Hold Free Dental Clinic (Wash.)

Imagination Library, with Adventist Health Clear Lake, delivers 50,000th book to Lake County (Calif.)

Seventh-day Adventist Church in Jamestown to Hold Friendship Supper (N.D.)
Southern Adventist University's Classical 90.5 WSMC Installs New Digital Transmitter (Tenn.)

Chino Portuguese-Speaking Adventist Church to Host Vacation Bible School (Calif.)

Calimesa Adventist Church's "Old-Fashioned" Summer Worship Series Will have Music, Speakers (Calif.)

Pastor of Three Detroit Lakes Churches Retires After 42 Years in Ministry (Minn.)

With Five Members Left, the Church on Pitcairn Island Was Set to Close Until a Miracle Occurred

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is August 2-3, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).

Time is running out! The 2018 Church Planters Boot Camp will take place in beautiful Camp Kulaqua, Fla., from Aug. 16-19. Join us to learn how to plant a church through very practical steps, strategies, and tips. There will be seven "Equipping Tracks" offered during the boot camp, with English and Spanish options available. CLICK HERE for more info and to register.

The Urban Mission and Ministry Congress will be held at Andrews University, Sept. 6-8. Human population is rapidly expanding in urban contexts, mandating that we care for people in cities, serve them, and share the Gospel with them. UMMC provides the opportunity for field practitioners and academicians to develop the church’s understanding of urban community
and promote Christ's method of reaching everyone.

The Conscience and Justice Council (CJC) **invites you** to its 3rd annual conference, Sept. 13-16, in Houston, Texas, for a spirit-filled, provocative, and empowering convention exploring the freedom and equality issues impacting this country and the world. This CJC Freedom and Equality Convention will discuss mass incarceration, mental health, voting, immigration, persecution, evangelism, prophecy and more. **CLICK HERE** for more information.

The "**Coaching Distinctively Adventist Sports**" course from ALC covers principles to help the individual coach and school administration clarify the mission and purpose for their inter-school sports programs, equipping them to intentionally put those values into practice with their sport teams. **This course** is a requirement of the NAD Office of Education as of the 2018/2019 school year, for all employed and volunteer sports coaches at Adventist schools.

**August Deadline for Upgrading Church Websites!** If your church is using Adventist Church Connect (ACC) website software, upgrade now to the new 3.0 system. ACC 3.0 offers new templates that work on desktop and mobile devices, an online calendar that you can sync with iCal or Google calendar, and more. Churches that are not upgraded by August will be converted to a single page data-driven site. **Upgrade Now**
**Discovery Mountain**, the award-winning children's audio adventure series produced by Jean Boonstra and the Voice of Prophecy, has launched its sixth season! "Being Neighborly" takes its theme from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. When a noisy plane crash interrupts Discovery Mountain camp, the aftermath raises the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Listen free at discoverymountain.com/listen!

## CALENDAR

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**Feature:** "Hearing Their Hearts" by Kimberly Luste Maran, p. 06-08

**NAD News Briefs:** "ACS Disaster Response Advisory Inspires Collaboration, Addresses Need; V. Bailey Gillespie, Adventist Educator and Valuegenesis Leader, Passes to His Rest; Andrews University Student Awarded Barry Goldwater Scholarship; Oakwood University Receives Crystal Apple Award; Rocky Mountain Conference Pastor Honored for Public Service; NAD Leader Becomes Highest Ranking Adventist
VIEWPOINTS

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."