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NEWSPOINTS

May 20, 2020



Daniel R. Jackson, president of the NAD, and his wife Donna, have announced their intent to retire, effective July 1, 2020. With the postponement of the 2020 General Conference (GC) Session NAD administration has worked with GC leadership to establish a clear process for the election of the new NAD president in July 2020. [MORE](#)



Since the first case was confirmed on the tribal land on March 17, the Navajo Nation has had the most confirmed cases of COVID-19 per capita in the U.S. The principal of the Adventist boarding school for Navajo students, and the native ministries director for the Pacific Union Conference share their realities of serving the marginalized nation within a nation, especially during the coronavirus public health crisis. [MORE](#)



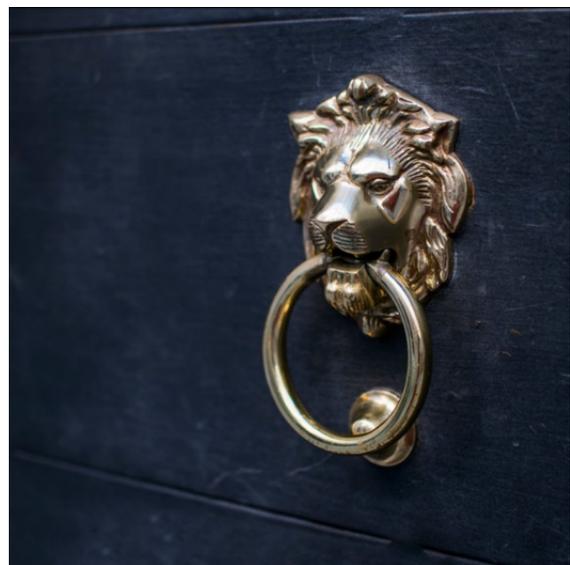
Prior to COVID-19, Mildred P. Johnson's family had planned a traditional 90th birthday celebration for the matriarch, but due to social distancing guidelines currently in effect in Alabama, the family decided to have a drive-by birthday celebration instead, inviting both friends and colleagues to take part. Johnson served 42 years as a religious educator (Bible instructor) for the South Central Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. [MORE](#)



The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business



For the Simi Valley Seventh-day Adventist church in Southern California, keeping the church family connected when they feel so disconnected is paramount. The transition from normal church services to live-streaming and [online giving](#) was seamless, having utilized both pre-pandemic. The first Sabbath in May, Pastors Phil and Jan White started doing "drive-by greetings" after the livestream worship. [MORE](#)



It's hard to knock on someone's door, even if we already know them. In fact, it's not even socially

International (AACSB) initial accreditation committee reviewed and accepted the initial self-evaluation report of La Sierra University's Tom and Vi Zapara School of Business. AACSB is considered the global gold standard in business school accreditation. [MORE](#)

acceptable nowadays to just show up unexpectedly at someone's house. Add the need for social (physical) distancing, and it becomes clear that one way of evangelizing can no longer be the primary method. But you don't have to knock on a stranger's door to share your faith. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[\[VIDEO\] Graduation Parade 2020 | Southwestern Adventist University \(Tex.\)](#)

[Idaho Church Provides Shelter for Homeless Families During Stay-Home Order](#)

[Local Church Passes Out Fresh Food to Struggling Families \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Health's Hospital@Home Expands Flexible Bed Capacity \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Delano Regional Medical Center Now Offering Free COVID-19 Testing \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Mobile Vaccination Clinic is Back on the Road, Again \(Calif.\)](#)

[Prince George's Councilman Dernoga Pitches in to Help Those in Need During Coronavirus Outbreak; Local Adventist Church Part of Supply Drop Off Program \(Md.\)](#)

[Bonners Ferry Adventist Church Opening Saturday \(Ida.\)](#)

[First Responders Host Parade for Littleton Adventist Hospital Workers \(Colo.\)](#)

[Montgomery County Officials, Hospitals Say There is Enough Capacity During COVID-19 Surge \(Md.\)](#)

NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19

The North American Division has compiled a list of [local churches offering livestreamed worship services](#). Find your timezone, then select a



church service. We know that our Church is not a building, but a people seeking Christ's soon return! To add your church to the list, [CLICK HERE](#) and submit your stream information. Continue to check back for newly added listings!



Every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. EDT, starting May 5, the NAD Children's Ministry and Family Ministry departments are teaming up to bring quick, relevant information via livestream to both you and your children in these uncertain times. We invite every family to join us to learn lesser-known side-effects that constantly being at home can have on both parents and children. The 15-minute streams will be viewable on the ["Our Family Room" Facebook](#) page and will later be shared on both [Family](#) and [Children's Ministry Youtube](#) channels. For additional resources for every segment, check out [Family](#) or [Children's Ministries](#) websites.

SABBATH SCHOOL

Study with authors of the Sabbath School quarterly, *How to Interpret Scripture*



HOST
Pastor John Bradshaw



GUEST
Dr. Michael Hasel



GUEST
Dr. Frank Hasel

WATCH

- Friday at 8:30 p.m. EDT
- Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. EDT

Our Sabbath School study and sermon airs multiple times each weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on [It Is Written TV website](#). Past episodes of the programs can be viewed on demand at It Is Written TV or at these links: [Sabbath School](#) and [In The Word](#).



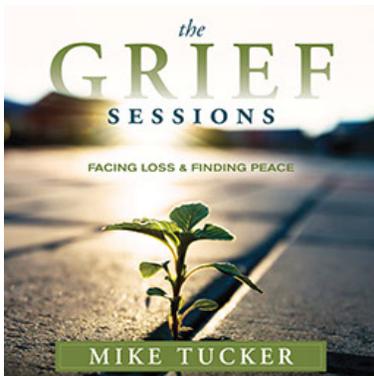
Voice of Prophecy's ONLINE BIBLE STUDIES are the perfect way to study the Bible with people in your community from a safe social distance, using their mobile device, tablet, or computer. The newly updated [Biblestudies.com](#) website allows individuals and local churches to create their own free customizable Bible study website. To sign up: register at [bibleschools.com/apply](#), customize the title/name of your Bible School and your welcome message, select

the VOP lessons you want to use, and Bible study requests will come directly to you! [CONTACT](#) Voice of Prophecy with questions.



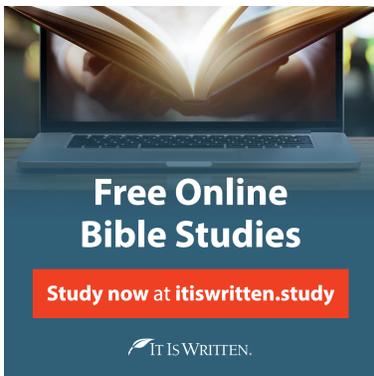
Voice of Prophecy has developed

ShareYourFaithOnline.com to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component. This website offers six tangible ways churches and their members can engage their communities online.



Now, more than ever, we are facing

unprecedented moments of grief compounded by social isolation. Mike Tucker, host of the Lifestyle Magazine life-coaching TV series, invites you to join "[The Grief Sessions](#)," a Facebook Live interactive experience! Each of the six sessions is filled with Bible-centered, research-based, and people-proven ways to turn loss into living again. [Tune in](#) Fridays, 6:30 p.m. CDT/4:30 p.m. PDT, starting April 24, 2020.



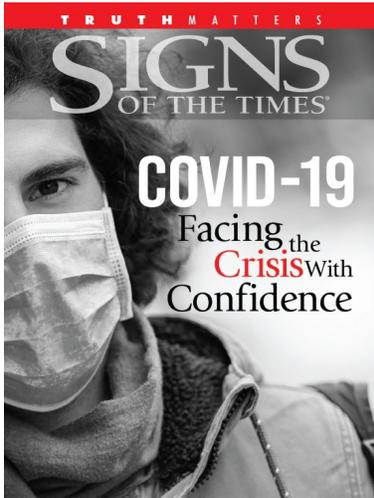
If the coronavirus disease has you stuck at home, the free, online Bible studies from It Is Written are a great way to share your faith with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers (while keeping your distance!). The 25 lessons cover the major themes of the Bible using simple questions. Videos, photos, and historical information enrich the experience. The studies can be found at www.itiswritten.study.

NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries

streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#) Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning:



- [NAD Youth Sabbath School](#) 9:30-10 a.m. (EDT)
- [NAD Youth church](#) 10:15-11 a.m. (EDT)



Special "Signs of the Times" available to order now! COVID-19: Facing the Crisis With Confidence" is a special, 16-page sharing edition on the coronavirus pandemic. In view of the shocking developments we have witnessed, this issue is a practical and spiritual response to the most significant global health crisis of the 21st century. Knowing the facts will keep your fears at bay and help you face the future with hope! Buy it for you, order in bulk for your friends/neighbors, or mail it to an entire zip code. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Faith For Today launches a new virtual Bible study series, "The Bible Lab," as a resource for those sheltering in place. The ICE-O-LATION Sessions are interactive Bible studies with Speaker/Director Roy Ice, where participants have the ability to study together from their own homes. The Bible Lab meets on Sabbath mornings at 10:30 a.m. PDT. For more information visit: www.TheBibleLab.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

One of the questions on everyone's mind is, "What life will look like after COVID-19?" This question is especially important for churches anxious to return to corporate worship. If you are considering reopening your church soon, don't miss "4 Steps to



Reopening Churches,” a free webinar presented by Adventist Risk Management, Inc. and the North American Division. You have 3 opportunities to join us for this important topic: May 26 at 2 p.m., May 26 at 8 p.m., or May 28 at 4 p.m (all times EDT). [Register today!](#)



From May 31–June 13, at 7 p.m. in every time zone, Cami Oetman of Adventist World Radio will host a worldwide master class focusing on Bible study and Bible prophecy. *Unlocking Bible Prophecies* will transform what may feel like a confusing book of the Bible—Revelation—into something clear and understandable. Learn more and register for this free event at awr.org/bible.



Seminars Unlimited, in connection with Voice of Prophecy and AWR 360°, now offers a customizable postcard to showcase the services of your local church to the public. At this crucial time, share what your church is doing to serve the needs of your community. The 11"x6" card can be direct mailed to a zip code of your choice. Call (800) 982-3344 for more information.



The Center for Youth Evangelism's "Cruise With a Mission" Alaska trip, scheduled for this September, is canceled. Nonetheless, there is an amazing, if not a better alternative! "Cruise with a Mission" is going back to the Caribbean for December 13-20, 2020. Find more information at cye.org/cwm.

As COVID-19 cases continue to grow, many churches have temporarily gone to online services. [AdventistGiving](#) allows you to return your tithe and give your offerings online, in a secure way, while you do your



online banking, or even if you are unable to attend church due to an illness or COVID-19 closing. [LEARN MORE](#)



Send an encouraging Bible promise to someone you care about with NEW Scripture eCards from LifeTalk Radio—FREE to share by email! Choose from beautiful [NEW “You Matter to God!” eCards](#) that include a Bible promise, and add your own message of comfort. Perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, and get-well cheer, too. Another gift from LifeTalk Radio to brighten your day and help you to share God’s love.



Sharing Hope is an online platform for reading and sharing some of the best Adventist books and tracts available. Sharing Hope trusts that the materials in their app will be one source of comfort, help, and encouragement to you and others. [CLICK HERE](#) to see the library of materials.



Hope Channel invites you to get [Hope at Home](#) this weekend! Worship, pray, and study the Word of God with Derek Morris, president of Hope Channel, and others from the safety and comfort of your home. [Tune in](#) through the [Hope Channel app](#), [Facebook page](#), [HopeTV.org](#) or your television.

ADRA’s Daily Hope messages are brief thoughts to calm fears in the midst of the outbreak. The news is bleak but God is good. Let Daily Hope be a small reminder that there is still beauty and



love in the world. Enjoy a few moments of peace as you read how God continues to change lives all around the world. [CLICK HERE](#) to read.

EVENTS CALENDAR

May

- 23 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
- 30 *Offering:* [LocConf Union Designated](#)

May Focus:
[Community Services](#)

June

- 6 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 13 [Women's Ministries Emphasis Day](#)
- 13 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 20 [Refugee Sabbath](#)
- 20 *Offering:* [Local Church Budget](#)
- 27 *Offering:* [Local Conference Advance](#)
- 27 [Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Trans-European Division](#)

June Focus:
[Church Growth and Evangelism](#)

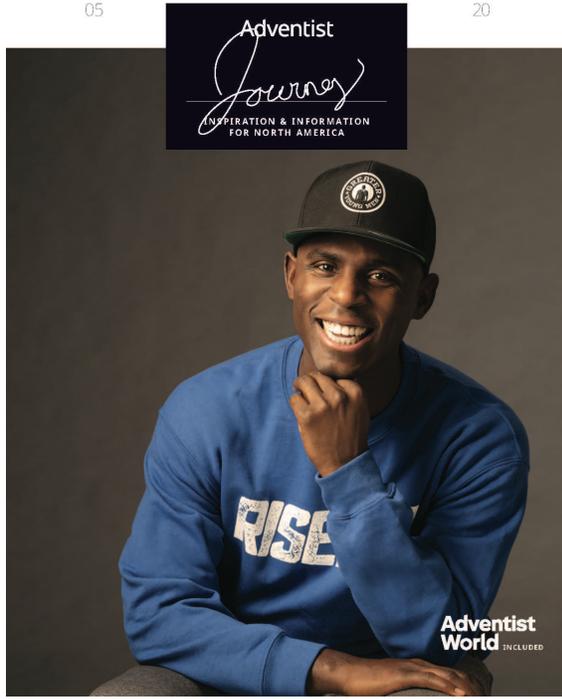
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VIEWPOINTS



All About a Relationship

"We will never be alone no matter how dark our day might be. And dark days will

come. The light of His presence will always be with us, so, with our Heavenly Father, we can keep pressing on. Remember, our Heavenly Father is more than an introduction to a name — it's all about a relationship."

— Larry Evans, , during NAD virtual staff worship on May 20, 2020

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