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News and Information from the North American Division

# NEWSPOINTS

May 27, 2020



**Due to the impact of COVID-19 and the postponement of the 2020 General Conference Session** until May 2021, and the North American Division policy that requires the election of NAD vice presidents and department directors be held after a GC Session, the North American Division Committee voted on May 21, 2020, to hold division elections on May 26, 2021, in Indianapolis, Ind.

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**The 2020 Sonscreen Film Festival was on track to be held with new partner CoLab on April 2-5.** But those plans changed the second week of March as COVID-19 closures caused the NAD to cancel the festival that was to be hosted at the Loma Linda University Church. By April 13, after weeks filled with long hours reorganizing, shuffling, and creating, the festival moved online. It became the first NAD event to successfully occupy virtual space over a week-long period. [MORE](#)



**After years in disrepair and closure, 53 churches in east central India have reopened with the help of It Is Written.** Spiritual, health, and social services have been initiated to keep them active; and local leaders, Bible workers, and volunteers are pitching in to help communities. [MORE](#)



**"I understand you want to be a foster mom,"** said a woman who'd knocked on the Evans family's front door in a small community in Alaska. "I . . . maybe," replied Shoni Evans nervously. Evans had seen these native babies before with their foster mom at the local Adventist church she attended. [READ MORE](#)



**On May 21, the North American Division NAD elected Edwin G. Romero to serve** as the administrator and chief executive officer of the NAD Retirement Plans, filling the vacancy left by Raymond Jimenez. Like his



**Congregations everywhere are looking forward to reopening their doors and beginning** live services at churches again. The anticipation of worshipping together means plans are

predecessor, Romero was also elected  
associate treasurer for the North American  
Division. [MORE](#)

necessary that adapt to how church  
services are conducted. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Oakwood Adventist Academy Seniors Surprised by Faculty and Staff \(Ala.\)](#)

[Elkins Celebrates Memorial Day \(W.V.\)](#)

[Rock 'n' Roll Legend Little Richard Laid to Rest at Oakwood University \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Sonora Provides Masks to Help Businesses \(Calif.\)](#)

[Letter to Editor: Adventist Church Donates Land to Enterprise Cemetery \(Ore.\)](#)

[Step Back In Time: Churches in Otsego County – Part 2 \(Mich.\)](#)

[Albany Churches Join Together to Provide Free Masks to the Community \(Ga.\)](#)

[Napa County Churches Look to the Future Even as They Remain Closed \(Calif.\)](#)

[Tucson Churches Prioritize Health as Threat of Coronavirus Looms Around Openings \(Ariz.\)](#)

[Vegan Cafe Offers Options for All \(Tenn.\)](#)

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## NAD ONLINE DURING COVID-19



**Don't let social distancing put distance between you and the gospel!** Streaming Jesus 101 programs is easy! FREE video and audio programs are available on demand on the [Jesus 101 website](#) and Jesus 101 mobile app. Additionally, Jesus 101 programs may also be streamed on YouTube, Amazon Fire TV, Pandora, Roku, TuneIn, Stitcher, iHeartRadio, Vimeo,

iTunes, and Google Play. For more information, visit: [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).

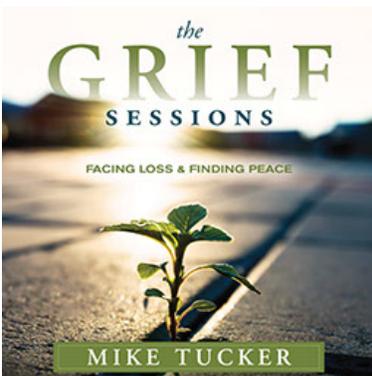


**NAD Youth & Young Adult Ministries streams Youth Sabbath School & Youth church** every week on [Facebook LIVE!](#) Each Sabbath features different guest presenters and speakers. Join us on Sabbath morning:

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



**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.



**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.

**Our Sabbath School study and sermon airs multiple times** each weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on [It Is Written TV website](#). Past episodes

## 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



**Free Online Bible Studies**

Study now at [itiswritten.study](http://itiswritten.study)

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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](http://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](http://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

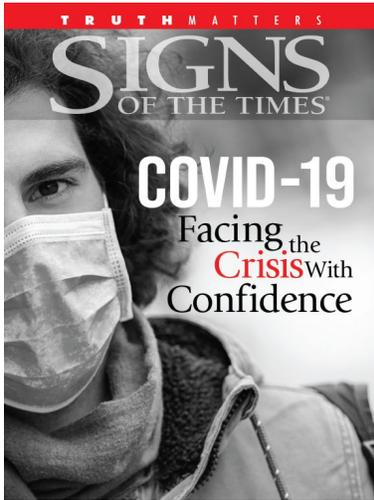
[ShareYourFaithOnline.com](http://ShareYourFaithOnline.com) to encourage church members to share their faith, especially in this time of quarantine. Even as social distancing restrictions ease up, for evangelistic efforts to be successful going forward, they will need to include a strong online component.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

**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](http://www.itiswritten.study).



**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](http://www.TheBibleLab.com).



**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.



**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!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

**The NAD [All-Night Prayer Call](#) is June 4-5,** 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#).



**Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month?** With everything going on in the world today, there's never been a better time to check in on your mental health. It Is Written has a variety of resources to learn how to care for and improve your mental health, from free TV programs and resources, to books for purchase. Check them out [HERE](#).



**Faith For Today is celebrating its 70th anniversary this month!** *Faith For Today* was launched on WJZ-TV (now WABC-TV) in New York, NY at 9:30 p.m., Sunday, May 21, 1950. The broadcast, founded by William and Virginia Fagal, began a continuous broadcast ministry making it the first authentically national religious telecast in North America and the longest continuously aired broadcast next to Meet The Press. For more information on Faith For Today, please visit [www.faithfortoday.tv](http://www.faithfortoday.tv).



**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](http://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 the that 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.

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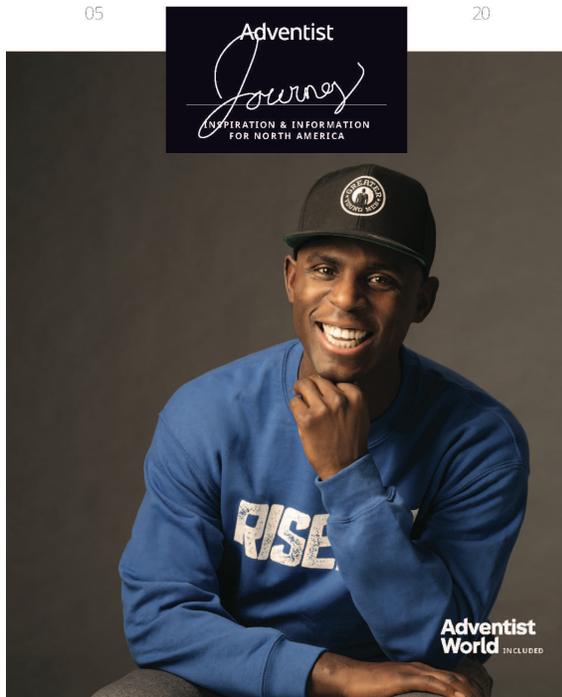
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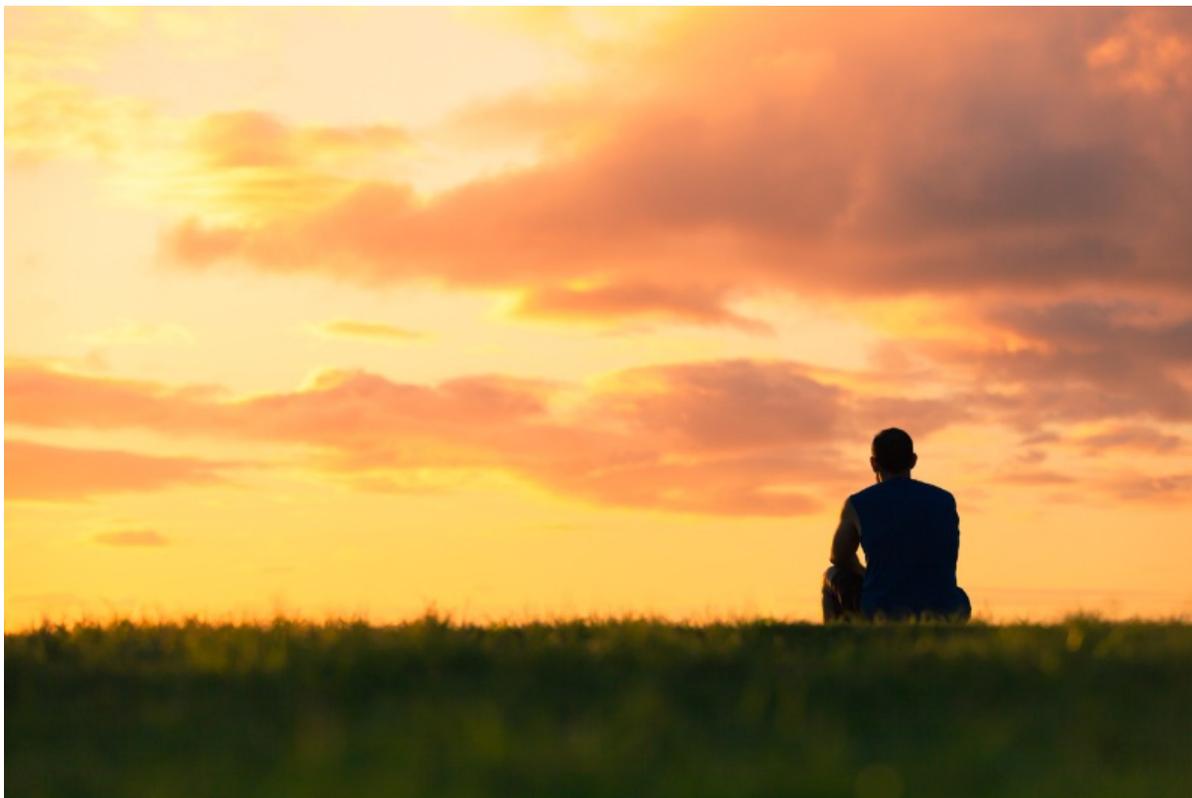
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## VIEWPOINTS



## The Lord is Close

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

— *Psalm 34:18, NIV*

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