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Some claim that in 1992, Hallmark Cards started “Clergy Appreciation Day.” Others state, however, that the concept of clergy appreciation began way back in AD 65-66, when the Apostle Paul wrote to young Timothy: “Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine” (1 Tim.5:17, NKJV). While Hallmark may have helped us focus our appreciation by buying their cards and gifts during October, Paul reminds us that it is biblical to honor and care for our pastors. [MORE](#)



Only a few weeks after being threatened by wildfires, the northern California communities of Angwin and St. Helena are again facing fires that have caused thousands of people in those communities to evacuate. According to CALFIRE, the Glass Fire began at 4 a.m. on Sept. 27, 2020, in an area to the west of Angwin and north of Deer Park and St. Helena. [MORE](#)



The Adventist Development and Relief Agency, the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, announced today that its board of directors has unanimously elected Michael Kruger as its new president, effective immediately. [MORE](#)



Jordy Barnhart is a legally blind musician who lives in Waynesboro, Pa. During an interview with Kimberly Luste Maran, Barnhart shared how Christian Record Services for the Blind, an organization of the North American Division that offers free resources and scholarships, and sponsors summer camps for the blind and visually impaired, helped shaped his faith. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Church in Reading Launches Monthly Food Pantry_\(Pa.\)](#)

[Wilson Seventh-day Adventist Church Opens New Building_\(Mich.\)](#)

[Dr. Ken Shaw: Southwestern Adventist University Is Proud to Be a Hispanic-Serving Institution_\(Texas\)](#)

[Classroom Instruction Resumes at Napa Valley's Foothills Adventist Elementary School_\(Calif.\)](#)

[Feds: Frito-Lay Refused Seventh-day Adventist Saturdays Off, in Violation of Federal Law_\(Fla.\)](#)

[Lewis Seventh-day Adventist Church Sermon Studies Elijah, "The Prophet From Gilead"_\(Ind.\)](#)

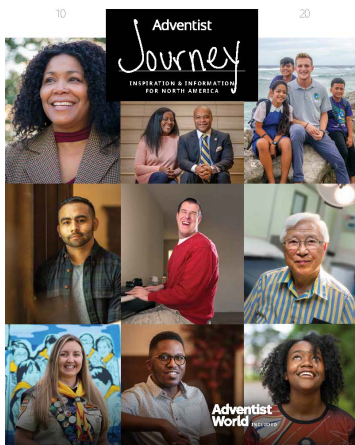
[Update: Two Adventist Schools in Butte County to Re-Start In-Person Teaching Monday \(Calif.\)](#)

["Accustomed to Helping Others, they Now Find Themselves in Need" - Local ACS Part of Group of Non-Profits Helping Needy \(Md.\)](#)

[Spotlight on Towns: Keene, TX — A Town Citizens Never Have to Leave](#)

[Park Named in Honor of Church Member Hazel Lackey \(Mass.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



SPECIAL NOTICE: The [October editions](#) of the *Adventist Journey* and *Adventist World*

World magazines will not be distributed in print and will only be available [digitally](#). (Regular printed editions will resume in November.) In this special online edition, readers can click the links provided on stories and be transported to supplemental material. We also created a new video highlighting all the Adventists featured on this month's *Adventist Journey* cover. *And ...* we want you to click on our magazine content survey link (p.3). [Click here](#) to read both magazines in a page-thru format on the *Adventist World* platform. Thank you for being a vital part of these magazines.



The NAD All-Night Prayer Call is Oct. 1-2, 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#).

Caregiving for the Elderly in the COVID

Era: COVID-19 has uncovered and exploited many weaknesses in the systems designed to protect personal, behavioral, and societal health. The elderly and those with underlying non-communicable diseases have been hit especially hard. NAD Health Ministries is



offering a FREE webinar on October 6, 4:00-5:30 p.m. EST, discussing why the elderly are vulnerable and how we can care for them, decrease their risk, and protect them from this potentially deadly disease. [LEARN MORE](#)



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention is going virtual in 2020! Join us on Oct. 14-15 at 5 p.m EDT for engaging keynotes, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities. Workshops will cover technology and apps for remote working, live streaming for local churches, and more. Everyone can attend thanks to a "pay-as-you-are-able" model for 2020. If you can't pay a registration fee this year, we offer attendance to the virtual convention as a free gift. [REGISTER](#)



UNLOCKING BIBLE PROPHECIES 2.0 STARTS SATURDAY NIGHT! This powerful Adventist World Radio series hosted by Cami Oetman will take place Oct. 3–17 at 7 p.m. in every time zone. Whether you've never cracked open a Bible, or have been studying it all your life, you'll gain new insights from this free master class available in English, Spanish and many other languages. [Subscribe](#) directly on YouTube or learn more at [awr.org/bible](#). If your church would like to host this event on its Facebook page, [CLICK HERE](#).

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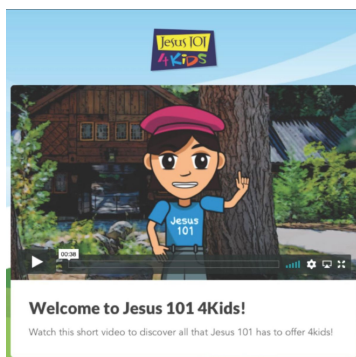
The NAD Office of Communication has launched the NewsPoints ON THE AIR podcast! Check out our first episode as host Mylon Medley interviews Dr. Vincent Hsu, a board-certified internal medicine, infectious diseases and preventive medicine physician at AdventHealth, to discuss ways of staying safe when re-entering public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic. NAD NewsPoints ON THE AIR is available on popular podcast platforms, including [Apple Podcasts](#) and [Spotify](#). We're also on [Facebook](#); and soon to be available on Google.



NEW LifeTalk KIDS 24/7 programming + KIDS Website is LIVE! Now kids of all ages can hear uplifting Christian programs and music especially for KIDS streaming online any time. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen! The new LifeTalkKIDS.net website also includes free Bible guides, coloring pages, games, videos, and more resources for children under the heading "Fun." Kids can share new e-cards with their friends, too, at LifeTalk.net/eCards. [WATCH](#) the video about this new resource.



The Adult Bible Study Guide is now available on Amazon Echo Devices! Download the Amazon Alexa app and enable the skill titled *Daily Bible Study Guide* as a Flash Briefing through Alexa's Skills & Games Catalog. If you do not have an Amazon Echo device you can access audio recordings of the daily lesson on the [NAD Adult Ministries Media page](#).



Jesus 101 has just launched a new exciting resource for children! Jesus101.tv/4kids features animated videos to help kids discover Jesus in the Bible, a valuable resource for churches, schools, and families. Each 90 second video tells Bible stories in a fun and instructive manner and has a coordinating coloring page that kids can download and color at home! Continue to check back as many more will be added in the upcoming months. [LEARN MORE](#)

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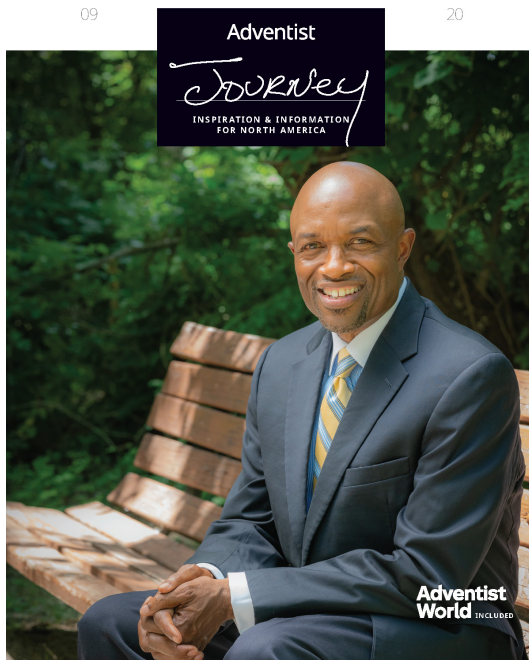
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VIEWPOINTS



Looking For You

"This is the kind of church I want to be part of: You're missing? I'll come looking for you. I will not be glad in your sin; I want to come looking for you and bring you back to the fold."

— *James Black, North American Division Prayer Ministries director, during NAD's virtual Bible Blessings worship on Sept. 22, 2020*

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