



News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

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In answer to the recent Texas winter weather disaster, the Oakwood University Church and

Breath of Live Television Ministry conducted a "water drive," collecting more than 30,000 bottles of water as well as other essential items. The items traveled by truck on Feb. 22 from Huntsville, Alabama, to the Houston, Texas area for distribution the next day. MORE



With a mother who is a professional radio personality and a father who is a disc jockey,



Rockefeller "Rocky" Twyman was a guest the NewsPoints ON THE AIR Podcast in February 2021.

Inspired by the U.S. Civil Rights Movement and molded by Adventist education, Tywman has led a life of service for decades. His "can-do" attitude has sustained the 72-year-old prayer warrior's drive to do all he can to help others. LISTEN



The Voice of Prophecy is pleased to announce the debut of its latest media offering. Authentic, a 30-

communication is in Brittany Winkfield's blood. It should come as no surprise that the young adult entrepreneur is successfully managing a career as a magazine editor and publisher of her own start-up, as well as balancing the roles of communication professional, wife, and mother. READ MORE



On Nov. 21, 2020, Adventist Surangel Whipps Jr. won the presidential election in Palau,

becoming the 10th president of this beautiful Pacific nation. Whipps was sworn in as president on Jan. 21, 2021, during the inauguration ceremony at the Palau National Capitol. MORE



On the heels of the success of the first-ever virtual Sonscreen Film festival in 2020, organizers are

preparing for the 2021 event to again be held virtually. But it won't look much like the 2020 event, said Julio Muñoz, director of Sonscreen, and an associate director of communication for the NAD. He shared that Sonscreen, partnering with Tanya Musgrave, has come up with a way to

minute television and radio program featuring Shawn Boonstra, which made its debut on Feb. 20 on the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. The weekly program is accessible on hundreds of radio stations continent-wide as well as a growing list of television networks. MORE



From Feb. 7-13, Jimmy Shwe, a pastor and coordinator of the Karen Seventh-day Adventist

Church outreach under the Adventist
Refugee and Immigrant Ministries in North
America, guided the division's more than
50 Karen congregations in a virtual,
bilingual week of "United Prayer." MORE



In response to the inclement weather and its devastating effects, Texas Health Hospital Mansfield's executive team

converted sections of the professional office building into warming stations and recharge zones for team members, their families, and even their pets. Additionally, an entire wing of the hospital was devoted to clinical staff as sleeping quarters so that

make this year's event a more interactive experience through online platform

Gather. MORE

they could continue to safely care for patients. READ MORE

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

Oakwood University Church Is Doing Its Part To Help People in Texas (Ala.)

Front-Line Staff Thanked by Kingsbury Seventh-day Adventist Church and School (N.Y.)

Two Franklin Groups Build Steam in Efforts To End Systemic Racism (Tenn.)

Berrien Springs Native Part of NASA's Mars Rover Project (Ind.)

"Everybody Needs an Aunt Libby:" Family Celebrates 100th Birthday of Rockwell Doctor Elizabeth Lombard (N.C.)

Seventh-day Adventist First of Several Mobile Food Pantries (Mich.)

Church Hosts Drive-Thru Food Giveaways To Help Locals During Pandemic (Tenn.)

Kern County, with Adventist Health Tehachapi, Starts Mobile Vaccination Clinic (Calif.)

<u>Duke University's Student Government Senate Recognizes "Duke Seventh-day Adventist Student Association" (N.C.)</u>

Mesquite Passes Out Free Firewood on Feb. 17 (Tex.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR HEALTH! Tune in to LifeTalk Radio nightly from Feb. 24-28 at 8 p.m. EST, to learn how to prevent and overcome top health threats with lifestyle strategies, all from medical experts! This series, hosted by Pastor John Bradshaw of It Is Written, will discuss how to achieve optimal physical, mental, and spiritual health. Listen with the free LifeTalk Radio mobile app, on Amazon Echo speaker (Alexa), Google Home speaker, Roku, satellite (Glorystar galaxy 19, channel 1004), or online at LifeTalk.net and click "Listen Live."



Our churches should be places of safety and support for those facing all types of abuse. This church self-assessment tool allows churches to review areas in which they can become increasingly proactive in the prevention of abuse and more effective when intervention is necessary. The chart is available as a FREE DOWNLOAD from enditnow North America.



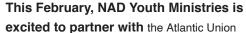


The NAD All-Night Prayer Call starts

Thursday, Mar. 4-5, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern. 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#).







Conference in hosting Youth Sabbath School starting at 9:30 a.m. ET. We look forward to this collaboration! Our theme this year is "Go Do It!" and our Scripture reference is Eccl. 9:10. CLICK HERE for the weekly YouTube broadcast. Feb. 27 - Greater New York Conference.

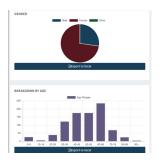


Safety Sabbath is March 27, 2021! This year the focus is on helping churches protect against cybercrime, avoiding liabilities from streaming services online, and adapting child protection policies to an online environment. Sign up today to receive tips on how to prepare for Safety Sabbath and a valuable resource kit to help you protect your congregation. CLICK HERE to learn more/register.



Faith for Today and SermonView Evangelism Marketing have joined together to create an allnew online bridge event, INDESTRUCTIBLE, coming April 9-13. Roy Ice, Faith for Today speaker/director, will deliver biblically sound, real-world tactics for helping people in your community grow in their relationships and start living a life of purpose. SermonView's interactive video player will help you build relationships with your guests throughout the series. Learn more and sign up as a host church at IndestructibleYou.org/host. Save over 40% by registering by Feb. 26!

Need help tracking your Adventist Community Service outreach activities? You







can create reports with the click of a button with ACS's e-reporting system. Tune in March 4, at 2 p.m. EST, for a FREE Zoom webinar on how the web-based e-reporting system will replace the ACS quarterly paper reports. It is designed to construct reports on demographic information for both volunteers and service recipients, and quantified service activities at local ACS centers, churches, conferences, and unions. <u>LEARN MORE</u>

Registered Nurses, professional nursing skills built on a foundation of faith can make a difference in your house of worship and community. Successful completion of the Foundations of Faith Community Nursing online course provides 36.5 contact hours. This course, beginning March 7, is sponsored by NAD Health Ministries and Adventist HealthCare.

REGISTER for the March-April session.

Jesus 101 has free animated videos with accompanying coloring pages just for kids!

These new resources will help kids discover Jesus in the Bible, illustrating the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. Perfect for churches, schools, and families, the complimentary coloring pages are available for children to download and color anywhere! Find these free videos and coloring pages at <u>Jesus101.tv/4kids</u>.

EVENTS CALENDAR

February

1-28 Black History Month

27 <u>Offering</u>: <u>Local Conference Advance</u>

Family Life

March

6-13 Adventist Youth Week of Prayer

6 Women's Day of Prayer

6 Offering: Local Church Budget

13 Offering: Adventist World Radio (GC)

20 Weekend of Compassion

20 <u>Disabilities Awareness Sabbath</u>

20 Global Youth Day

27 ARM Safety Sabbath

27 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering: Euro-Asia Division (ESD)

27 <u>Offering</u>: <u>Local Conference Advance</u>

March Focus:
Women in the Church

Camp Meeting Calendar

Adventist Mission

ADVENTIST JOURNEY



Cover: Brittany Winkfield, publisher of *Back2Basics* magazine; <u>WATCH</u> the interview.

Feature: "Online Impact and Inspiration Through God's Grace," by Kimberly Luste Maran, pp. 04-06

NAD Update: "enditnow Virtual Summit On Abuse Draws Diverse Audience," by Mylon Medley, pp. 08-09

NAD News Briefs: "Guide Magazine
Publishes a Story-Based Book About
Adventist Fundamental Beliefs;" "NAD
Youth and Young Adult Ministries
Announces New Resources on Playbook
Website;" "NewsPoints ON THE AIR Is
Division's First Official Podcast," pp. 10-11

Perspective: "When We Pray," by Carolyn R. Forrest, p. 13

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click <u>HERE</u> to view the January issue online.

VIEWPOINTS



Take Down the Walls that Divide Us

"This is *our* history: to correct the false narrative of God that has been preached to oppressed people, to correct this and to validate their worth to Him. He died and gave His life for all people. He [died] to take down the systemic and perpetual walls that divide us."

- Carmela Monk Crawford, Message magazine editor, during NAD virtual worship on Feb. 24, 2021

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