

# NEWSPOINTS

December 15, 2021



**"We Can Still See the Hand of God Leading His People"** — A holiday message from the NAD president and first lady, G. Alexander and Desiree Bryant, as 2021 draws to a close. [WATCH OR READ](#) this greeting.



**North American Division Adventist Community Services has been working to keep** up with the latest situation in the U.S. states of Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, and Mississippi after a historic long-track tornado ripped a wide swath of destruction across these states. The tornado event struck late Friday, Dec. 10, into Saturday morning, Dec. 11. [MORE](#)



**The phone rang late on New Year's Eve. The call relayed the worst news. The Smiths\* had not** returned from their trip to Kotzebue, Alaska. Edna and Jose, Arctic Mission Adventure workers, sprang into action. As members of the Selawik search and rescue team, they knew that they'd be working against the clock. Temperatures would continue to drop into the negatives on the tundra and even the most experienced snow machine drivers could get turned around on the vast wasteland. [READ MORE](#)



**On a Thursday afternoon this fall quarter, students in Charles Dickerson's Introduction to Black** Studies class, a new offering at La Sierra University, got an up-close look at a pair of rough iron slave shackles carefully displayed in a shadow box frame — historical objects Dickerson purchased more than 20 years ago. For some it was an emotionally powerful moment. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

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[Andrews University Gets Grant For Theological Seminary](#)

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[A Church Retreat Came to the Aid of Canada's Latest Disaster Survivors](#)

[Culture of Innovation; New Entrepreneurship Center Opens at SWAU](#)

[Five Loma Linda University Health Research Teams Earn Grants](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



### **Food and Mood: How what we eat affects how we feel.**

Depression rates among adults in the U.S. have tripled from a pre-pandemic rate of 8.5 percent to 32.8 percent. What are the contributing factors? Has the pandemic affected eating habits? Is there an association between the foods we consume and our emotions? Is there a biblical connection between lifestyle choices and mental health? Does diet contribute to our happiness?

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### **Indestructible Love is a FREE evangelism resource for local churches,**

featuring Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and Pastor Roy Ice. This five-part interactive video series presents the plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent willing to give everything to recover His lost children. Also, *Signs of the Times* has released a coordinating Indestructible Love special edition issue. Jesus 101 is offering 100 free copies to churches that register for this series by Dec. 31. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



### **CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS with MUSIC from LifeTalk**

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**"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional** for the entire family created by the North American Division, Children's Ministries department. This devotional, available in English and Spanish, guides readers through the first 25 days of December, celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season. [LEARN MORE](#)



**Do you have a prison ministry? Do you personally visit those who are incarcerated?** Jesus 101 offers free resources for this purpose— you can request these FREE materials to minister to inmates during the upcoming Christmas season. Jesus 101 will provide devotional booklets, pamphlets, and DVDs at no charge for prison outreach. Materials may be sent to prison ministry leaders or directly to prisons. Email your request to [office@jesus101.tv](mailto:office@jesus101.tv). For more information about Jesus 101, visit [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).



**NAD Ministerial is delighted to announce that registration for the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention** is now open. Pastoral families are encouraged to take advantage of the early bird rates through Jan. 31, 2022. The convention will be held June 19-22, 2022, in Lexington, Kentucky. This event is designed for all pastors and their families in the North American Division. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

**How will you share Christ this Christmas?**





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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



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missionaries in Massachusetts; [WATCH](#)  
the interview.

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## VIEWPOINTS



### God Has Brought Us Through

"Here we are again, the end of another year, 2021. And as we look back on this year, we can see that there have been challenges, there have been COVID restrictions, there have been vaccination mandates — there have been all these challenges that we've had before us. But yet, we can still see the hand of God leading His people and leading in His church. And He has brought us through yet another year of turmoil and challenges. ... He has brought us through."

— G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, during the division's 2021 holiday greeting; [CLICK HERE](#) for the entire message

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