



News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

March 30, 2022



For the past 30 years, LifeTalk Radio has been a powerful and practical resource helping to change hearts by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and connecting people with Christ. LifeTalk Radio manager and director John Geli recently talked about the station's launch of LifeTalk Kids, a children's streaming channel. [MORE](#)



On Feb. 27, Southern Adventist University's board of trustees designated two of its former presidents, David Smith, Ph.D., and Gordon Bietz, D.Min, for recognition of their dedication and service to the university. [MORE](#)



In Glendale, Calif., an Russian-American congregation of almost 100 members is embracing community and unity amid these especially challenging times. Within this diverse church family exists 15 nationalities, including Russian, Ukrainian, Armenian, Georgian, Belarusian, and more, worshipping together each week. [MORE](#)



On Saturday, April 16, a premiere of “Return to Palau” will take place at the Howard Performing Arts Center on the campus of Andrews University at 4 p.m. Admission is free. The documentary film tells the story of the DePaiva family who moved from Andrews University in 2002 to pastor the Koror church on the island nation of Palau, only to suffer a shocking tragedy. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Local Church Shares Bond With Commanders QB Wentz \(Md.\)](#)

[Southern Adventist University’s Wind Symphony To Celebrate God’s Love in Sacred Performance \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Scappoose Adventist School \(Sas\) Is Soon To Receive a Multi-million-Dollar Makeover \(Wash.\)](#)

[\\$250,000 Gift to Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove \(Md.\) Breast Center Promises Earlier Detection for At-Risk Women](#)

[Adventist Mission Sends Emergency Funds to Ukraine](#)

[Ukraine Donations Provide Much-Needed Mobile Clinics](#)

[“The Chosen” TV Series Connects With Union College Business Class \[video\]](#)

[Two Seventh-day Adventists Awarded the U.S. Voluntary Service Highest Honor](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Upcoming Webinar this Friday, 8:30 P.M.

April 1, 2022 — "Ramadan: History,

Opportunities, and Resources to Share." You have Muslim friends but you are not sure what to say ... All you know is

that Ramadan is starting and it seems to be a rather important time. Wondering why this month matters? How to connect heart to heart and have deep, faith-based conversations? Wish you had resources to know what to do? Join us and invite your Adventist friends this Friday.

[Join us on zoom.](#)

Meeting ID: 628 114 1739; Passcode: 450717



The 2022 Sonscreen Film Festival will take place April 7-9 in Loma Linda, Calif.

Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



Come celebrate 50 years with us! Adventist Community Services Convention on April 7-9 in Grapevine, Texas.

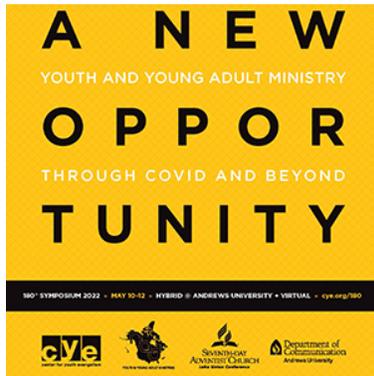
At the convention, you will expand your skills and ability to serve, hear inspiring stories of mission accomplished, and renew your commitment to community services. Join us as we celebrate God's work and imagine the future of ACS.

[LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



The pandemic has unearthed mental health needs

that have been simmering for many years. Mental health professionals and lay members have their roles in meeting this need. Join NAD Health Ministries for RESTORED — a virtual mental health and wellness summit, March 31-April 3. [LEARN MORE/REGISTER](#)



Researchers, pastors, theology students ...

please submit papers for the upcoming 180 Symposium held virtually and at Andrews University. The theme this year is “A New Opportunity: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Through COVID and Beyond.” [CLICK HERE](#)



Want to have a seating problem at Sabbath School? Imagine the biggest complaint at your church being, “I can’t get a seat at our Bible study” or having to make seat reservations for Sabbath School. Roy Ice, speaker/director of [Faith For Today](#) and host of [Lifestyle Magazine](#), and his team, want to share how God can help you experience explosive growth in church attendance through Bible Lab. Find/start a lab near you! [TheBibleLab.com](#). Study guide materials are free.



2022 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 24-26. The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Please don't use this link if you have received an email from NAD Human Resource Services indicating that you have a registration credit. Register [here](#) by March 24. [Reserve a hotel](#) by April 3.



Signs of the Times has released a special edition issue entitled "Indestructible Love"

Written by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot, director for Jesus 101. This resource is designed to accompany the FREE evangelistic series for local churches. This plug-and-play five-part interactive video series presents the whole plan of salvation from the perspective of God as a parent willing to give everything to recover His lost children. [CLICK HERE](#) to register for this video series by April 15.



Share Joy with free Bible Promise Sharing Cards from LifeTalk Radio. It's a fast and easy way to show someone you care. It only takes a minute to choose from the [beautiful designs](#), or order printed cards [here](#). Great for birthdays, anniversaries, Easter, thank you's, and get-well wishes, too. [Click here](#) for free resources like health program cards and stickers for kids. More gifts from LifeTalk Radio to help you to share the joy of the Lord!



Make your church a center of compassion in your community by offering the Grief Sessions seminar. [Faith For Today](#) helps your church meet the needs of the community as Christ did. The Grief Sessions seminar is a small group, Bible-based six-session course. Host Mike Tucker of [Lifestyle Magazine](#) shares grief principles and interviews guests about their grief journey. [CLICK HERE](#) to order your copy; or call 888-940-0062 to learn more.



Get energized! Improve your health! Hear LifeTalk Radio health program podcasts at <https://lifetalk.net/podcasts1/>. Did you know you can get free Health Program cards from LifeTalk to share with your church and community? Perfect for sharing at health ministry events, fair booths, and other events. They fit easily into a #10 business-size envelope for mailing. [CLICK HERE](#) to order these FREE program cards.

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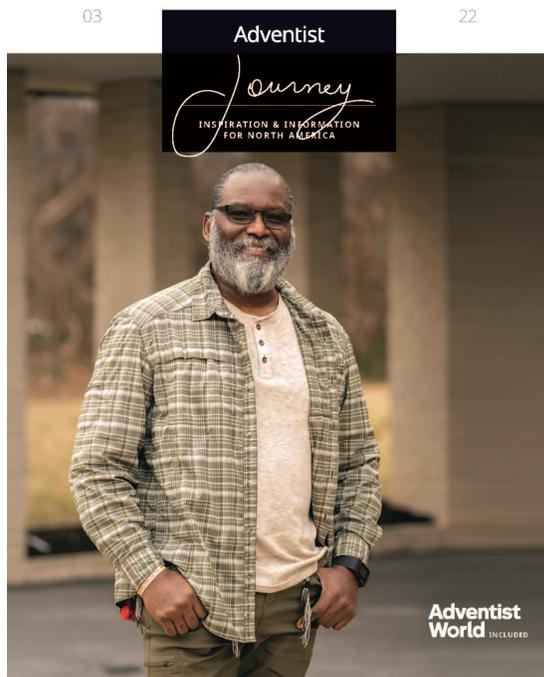
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engineering consultant, and community services volunteer. [WATCH](#) the interview.

This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; click [HERE](#) to view the March issue online.

VIEWPOINTS



Precious Work for the Master

"Earnest, God-fearing women can do a precious work for the Master. This kind of work is the remedy for lukewarm, selfish, covetous souls. They will, if they work to save others, melt away the cold, icy atmosphere which has surrounded their souls."

— *Ellen G. White, Letters and Manuscripts — Volume 12 (1897), letter 171, par. 14, shared during NAD staff worship on March 30, 2022, at the conclusion of Women's History Month*

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