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NEWSPOINTS

January 18, 2023



The three-day Adventist Ministries Convention, starting with a reception and evening general session on Jan. 8 and running through the morning of Jan. 11, was bookended by the Adventist Radio Convention, the Adventist Women Leaders luncheon meeting, and the NAD Children's Ministries Retreat. In addition to the "Replenish" juice bar, ministry exhibits booths, seminar tracks, and morning hikes, the notion of rest and replenishment spilled into the six general sessions of the AMC. [MORE](#)



At any major convention, the exhibit hall is a hotspot with lots of activity. The exhibit hall open throughout the North American Division's Adventist Ministries Convention, held Jan. 8 to 11, 2023, in Greensboro, N.C., was no exception. And the heart of the exhibit hall was the 45 ministries represented nestled between seminar locations on a long corridor at the convention center.

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Three theology students from Pacific Union College participated in an evangelism class last fall that allowed them to share their faith and the truth of the gospel with three church congregations and the surrounding community in San Francisco, Calif. The hands-on class ultimately resulted in nine baptisms. [MORE](#)



Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director of Breath of Life Television Ministries, and pastor of the Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala., recently kicked off a new teaching series entitled "On the Verge of Something." The series launched on Sabbath, Jan. 7, and while Jan. 21 is the final Sabbath series, this theme continues on Wednesday evening through Feb. 22. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Seventh-day Adventist Church Volunteers Offer Assistance to Victims of the Recent Tornado. \(Ala.\)](#)

[Adventist Healthcare Opens Primary Care Office in Takoma Park. \(Md.\)](#)

[Crews Work to Determine Cause of Fire at an Adventist Church in St. Paul \(Minn.\)](#)

[Midsouth Adventist Churches Organize Regular Blood Drives Aimed At Assisting Sick Cell Patients. \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Driver, Students Escape Injury After School Bus Erupts in Flames on Ward Parkway in Kansas City. \(Mo.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



LifeTalk Radio is adding a highly rated program called: Blueprint for Men. This program is devoted to helping men discover and live out their God-given design in a secular world. Check the program schedule (lifetalk.net/program-schedule) to see when this new program is airing in your time zone. Listen online at: lifetalk.net or use the handy LifeTalk Radio App, a free download at: lifetalk.net/connect.



Many souls are frantically searching for a “Light in the Dark.” To many of our neighbors, friends, family, and even fellow church members, the stress and strains of society can lead them down a dark and lonely pathway ... perhaps at the cost of their lives. It's time to share the light! Join the NAD and It Is Written for Mental Wellness Sabbath on Feb. 18. [CLICK HERE](#) for resources.



Every church is vulnerable to fire — no matter the size of your congregation or where your church is located. Having a plan to evacuate the church in case of fire is vital to the safety of your members. Practicing your plan is just as important as having a plan. That's what Safety Sabbath is all about. Register your church today to take part in Safety Sabbath and practice a fire drill with your congregation on March 25, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more/register.

Join us at the 2023 "Power to Heal" NAD Health Summit to refresh your skills, gain more tools and resources for health ministry, connect with others who are passionate about health, be inspired



as you serve others, be reenergized, and so much more! [Registration](#) is open, and space is limited. Make your plans now for this live, in-person conference, to be held in Lexington, Ky., on April 2-8.



The dates for the International Pathfinder Camporee are August 5-11, 2024, in Gillette, Wyoming. The 2024 Believe the Promise Camporee will highlight the exciting story of Moses and Miriam in an exciting production each evening as well as offer various honors and activities each day that Pathfinders from around the world will enjoy. We hope to see you there! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



Season 4 of Authentic Debuts Nationwide – Join Shawn Boonstra of the Voice of Prophecy this Sabbath for *The Prince*, as he discusses what led Jesus and his followers to give their lives for an wildly unpopular message. This episode serves as the debut episode of season 4 of Authentic which can be viewed on Hope Channel, 3ABN, and at vop.com/authentic.

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"As we reflect on what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for and fought for, may our actions bring to fruition daily that we are one family created in God's image with inalienable rights of freedom and equality. May we use our voices, platforms, and our spheres of influence to lift the marginalized, the disenfranchised, and the least among us."

— G. Alexander Bryant, president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America, sharing his thoughts on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 16, 2023)

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