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NEWSPOINTS

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The air was electric as student filmmakers, film professionals, and guests gathered for the NAD's 21st annual Sonscreen Film Festival, held April 13-15, at the Loma Linda University Church complex. At the second in-person festival since 2019, attendees screened 42 student films and several professional films, made valuable connections, and were inspired to use film for outreach and social awareness. Sonscreen concluded with a pitch competition, where aspiring



AdventHealth for Children and Heart of Florida United Way are teaming up to start a movement that gets children, parents, and all Central Floridians talking about mental health and empowers them to “Be a Mindleader.” One goal is to help facilitate life-changing conversations about mental health between children, teens, and the adults. [MORE](#)

filmmakers could compete for funding for film projects, followed by a rooftop reception and awards ceremony, where 10 student films were awarded. [MORE](#)



This year’s theme at Pacific Union College is “Revival;” and there's certainly optimism on the horizon for PUC. For the first time in more than a decade, PUC has the highest number of new students enrolled for spring. [MORE](#)



In the Red Slough Wildlife Management Area in southeastern Oklahoma, you will find well-loved and well-respected Jared Wood handling and observing alligators, following a passion he developed as a kid. “I love all animals,” Wood begins. “My mother always encouraged my fascination with animals by letting me bring them home to play with, but I always liked reptiles the best.” [MORE](#)

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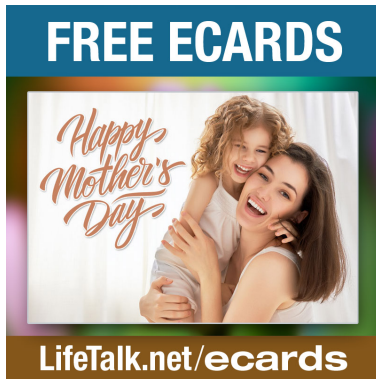
[Adventhealth Orchestra Brings Healing to Central Florida Health Care Providers \(Fla.\)](#)

[Orlando Magic, Adventhealth Recognized With Downtown Orlando Partnership Golden Brick Award for Adventhealth Training Center \(Fla.\)](#)

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You've read the news and watched the footage. Witnessed the aftermath from tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, floods and other disasters tearing apart communities. Families are displaced, having lost their home, livelihood and even loved ones. This Sabbath, May 13, is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. You can help ACS make a difference; [please consider giving!](#) Learn more by [clicking here.](#)



Where would you be without your mother? Well the fact is, you simply would not exist.

Mother's Day is just around the corner and LifeTalk Radio has created many beautiful cards for your enjoyment. It takes less than a minute for you to visit LifeTalk.net/eCards and send your mother a FREE digital greeting card. LifeTalk has a dozen different electronic greeting cards designed especially for Mother's Day. It's so easy, just a few clicks and you're done. Be sure and watch the special 1-minute Mother's Day video (lifetalk.net/videos)



The Do It Together REFILL is a follow-up from the NAD Do It Together Conference held in Jan. 2023. This can't miss virtual event is designed to train leaders for in-service and to update teaching techniques and connections with students and teachers. Join us on May 19-20 as we Do It Together in Sabbath School! [FREE REGISTRATION](#)



GAIN is a community of Adventist communicators, technologists, and media professionals worldwide seeking to foster communication, technology, media, and the Internet to help the Adventist Church carry out its mission. GAIN Americas is a continental conference designed to allow local communication leaders to participate in the GAIN

experience. The 2023 event will be held at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md., on June 7-11. The \$99 [registration](#) includes all conference meetings, panels, and snacks. Meals for the event can be pre-purchased for \$119. Additional fees for a variety of optional programming includes a trip to the unforgettable Sight and Sound Theatre's production of Moses. [LEARN MORE](#)



The "Something Better" [NAD Educators' Convention](#), will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 7-10. Current and retired Adventist educators are invited! Educators employed within the NAD EC-12 system will be registered by their local union or conference. Registration for NON-NAD EC-12 employees is now open. Questions? [Send an email](#).



Are you looking for an exciting event to bring your church together this fall? Then look no further than [Upheaval](#), the all-new event presented by Pastor Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of Voice of Prophecy. This is a free event with features that will help individuals and churches alike grow in their knowledge, faith, and passion for God. Upheaval is set to be launched this Fall and promises to become an invaluable tool for churches and individuals in their spiritual journey.



***Revelation: The Fifth Gospel*, written by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and published by Pacific Press,** analyzes the portraits of Jesus in the last book of the Bible, given to us for times like these. In seasons of uncertainty, this book invites the reader to discover that JESUS WINS! For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "[Book Offers](#)", and enter code "NP-REV". Jesus 101 will mail it completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Hurry! Code valid through May 12.



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Progressing through the past 170 years, educational excellence combines with the integration of faith and learning; done today through the “lens of contemporary education pedagogy that supports traditional Adventist core values, mission, and philosophy.” [Subscribe to learn more](#) and keep up to date. Spring 2023 edition is now available!



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.



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“I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted.”

— *Job 42:2, NIV*

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