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NEWSPOINTS

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On April 17, M. Gilda Dholah-Roddy, associate director of the NAD Adventist Chaplaincy

Ministries, was commissioned as a U.S. Army Reserve chaplain in a ceremony held at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, Md. [MORE](#); and check out [this special profile article](#).



AdventHealth for Children has been recognized as a 2023-2024 Best Children's Hospital by U.S.

News & World Report. The rankings assist parents of children with rare or life-threatening illnesses and their doctors in choosing the right hospital. [MORE](#)



In April this year, the **Pathfinder Bible Experience** welcomed **thousands of students**, supporters, and volunteers to Tampa, Fla., for the NAD finals. A few weeks ago we shared [this written story](#); now you can check out [this news video](#).



On Sunday, July 2, **Breath of Life Ministries** will launch a new **YouTube series called "Fresh Start Sundays."** Each Sunday, at 10 a.m. CST, viewers will receive a spiritual boost for the new week with Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life, and guests. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Columbia Gorge: MCMC Embraces New Era With New Name \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Agrees to Take Over Bakersfield Heart Hospital \(Calif.\)](#)

[Mother-Daughter Duo Graduate at the School of Public Health \(Calif.\)](#)

[Film Project Brings Students and Pros Together \(Wash.\)](#)

[Newly Renovated Bioengineering Labs Support Advanced Study and Research \(Wash.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Howard Memorial and Ukiah Valley Receive Emergency Department Geriatric Accreditation \(Calif.\)](#)

[ASWWU Starts Spiritual Film Festival for Adventist Universities \(Wash.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



NAD NewsPoints will not be published next week. Please feel free to check out [Adventist Journey magazine](#), which includes, in each edition, a video cover story; and list our [NAD news page](#) for new content each week. And [CLICK HERE](#) for our calendar listings of camp meetings in the NAD.



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](#).

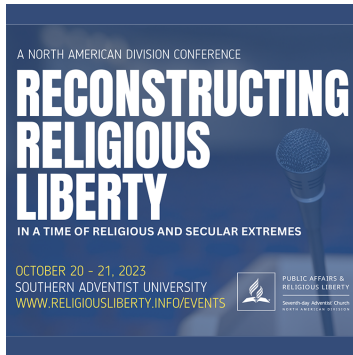


Jesus 101 has released a new Spanish Bible study, *Jesus Gana!* These 10 multimedia Bible studies, in one attractive magazine, have corresponding QR codes that link to short videos with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot explaining the content of each lesson. This Bible course is an excellent way of introducing your friends and family to Jesus, even inviting them to be baptized. Anyone can give Bible studies with this colorful and creative course! For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app ([iOS](#) or [Google Play](#)), click on "Book Offers," and enter code "NAD-JG." Jesus 101 will send this completely free (U.S. and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru July 15, 2023.



Family Life Today* is a dynamic program hosted by Dave and Ann Wilson who are passionate about helping families grow together. They step into the joy and sorrow of family with empathy and honesty about their own brokenness with confidence that Jesus can meet every need. This program provides encouraging biblical content to marriages and families in need. Discover how to make your home a godly home and how to effectively develop a godly family that can impact your community and change the world. *Family

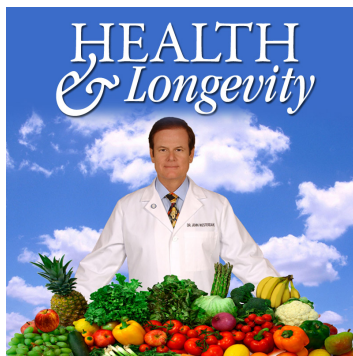
Life Today airs daily, Monday through Friday, on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule for your time zone (lifetalk.net/program-schedule).



The NAD's Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry is excited to announce its upcoming Oct. 20-21 conference *Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes*. [Learn more/register now](#) to explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention registration is now open! Join us in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, as professional communicators attend workshops, meet for worship, and network. We also welcome Adventist college and university students. And after a hiatus, we are planning to bring back our communication awards program and area media tours. Hurry! The early-bird price of \$349 runs until July 10, 2023. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



Want to live longer and feel better? Then don't miss *Health and Longevity*. This popular lifestyle program is hosted by Dr. John Westerdahl and dedicated to providing you with the latest cutting edge information about nutrition, health, and lifestyle medicine. Discover how you can live a vibrant, healthy and long life! The program format includes special interviews with leading health authorities and medical professionals. This program airs twice weekly on LifeTalk Radio. Listen online at: LifeTalk.net or check out the on-demand podcasts at: LifeTalk.net/podcast-lineup



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services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible these following free services: [Full-Vision Books](#); [Gift Bibles](#) and [Study Guides](#); [Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind](#); [National Camps for Blind Children \(NCBC\)](#); [Subscription Magazines](#); and [Zoo Buds](#).

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VIEWPOINTS



Prayer Is the Opening of the Heart

“Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Not that it is necessary in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him.”

— *Ellen G. White*

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