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NEWSPOINTS

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On June 29, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's General Conference Executive Committee

met to receive the name of Judy R. Glass, the recommendation for division treasurer, from both the North American Division's standing nominating committee and executive committee. Glass was confirmed in a 99 percent affirmative vote, and is the first woman to serve as treasurer for the NAD. [MORE](#)



Amid the rising tide of gun violence in Orange County, Fla., nearly 60 public citizens,

neighborhood activists, police officers, pastors, and civic leaders gathered at Patmos Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apopka, seeking ways to stem the bloodshed. The April 19 forum was convened by the OC Citizen Safety Task Force. [MORE](#)



Vinita Sauder, president of Union College, announced her retirement effective May 31, 2024, in a letter to the board and to the campus on Thursday, July 6. “I am excited to begin a new phase of my life after 40 years in higher education,” said Sauder. [MORE](#)



In a unanimous decision issued on Thursday, June 29, the United States Supreme Court discarded decades-long precedent by strengthening legal protections for workers whose religious beliefs conflict with their job obligations. The ruling in *Groff v DeJoy* is expected to significantly impact job opportunities for Americans of various



The two weeks following the end of the 2023 academic school year were not a quiet summer respite for 14 communication students at Walla Walla University. Instead, the days, and sometimes late nights, were filled with costumes, cameras, and a clapperboard. The communication students were helping on set during the production of a short film, “The Color of Threads,” produced by the WWU Center for Media Ministry.

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As a pastor, I have noticed over the years that one of the main reasons people stop going to church is the lack of friends and

faiths who have frequently faced challenges due to their Sabbath-keeping practices. [MORE](#)

meaningful relationships in the church. Loneliness and church should be an oxymoron. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Hope Studios launches at Hope Channel International \(GC\).](#)

[Lights, Camera, Action at the Depot \(Wash.\)](#)

[Little Debbie Park Opens to the Public \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Northwest Ministries Recognized for Exceptional Work With \\$160K in Grants](#)

[Film Production at Dayton Depot \(Wash.\)](#)

[Trailblazing Educator Humberto Mario Rasi Dies at 88](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



LIFESTYLE – NEW SET, NEW NAME, NEW SHOWS!

Get ready for an exciting new season of Lifestyle! Kicking off on July 23 with William Shatner, our lineup of guests, topics, and interviews will blow you away. You won't want to miss Joni Eareckson Tada, Jeremy Miller, Maurice Benard, Sean Kanan and many more, all here to positively impact millions of individuals and help them lead healthier and more fulfilling lives. Catch us on [TV](#), our [APP](#), or [website](#) to stay tuned!



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](#).

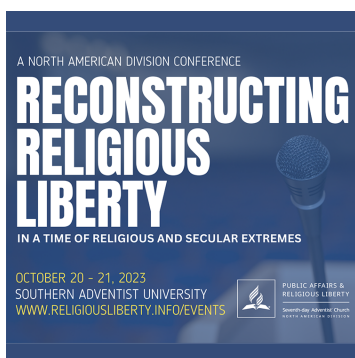


Jesus 101 has released a new Spanish Bible study, *Jesus Gana!* These 10 multimedia Bible

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.



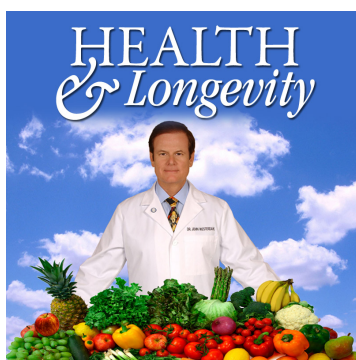
Do you know what happens when you take the wacky adventures of a big family and mix them with exciting true stories of modern-day Christian heroes? You get a captivating audio drama series called, *The Brinkman Adventures!* Powerful stories from the lives of real missionaries come to life through the humorous escapades of the Brinkman family. These adventures will strengthen your faith and family and inspire young and old to follow Jesus wherever He may lead. This program airs every Sunday on LifeTalk Radio. Check the program schedule for your time zone (lifetalk.net/program-schedule). Also available on LifeTalkKids.net.



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](http://www.religiousliberty.info/events) 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



Introducing our latest addition, the LIFESTYLE.ORG PODCAST! Check out our brand new [Lifestyle.org Podcast](http://Lifestyle.org_Podcast)! You never know what you'll find! Dive deep with Roy Ice as he interviews celebrities, professional athletes, authors, experts and exceptional individuals to learn how they overcome challenges and create their best lives possible. Check out these episodes... [Living with Stuttering](#), [The Real Soldiers Behind the Movie 12 Strong](#), [How a Kid Became the King of Animatronics: The Garner Holt Story](#), and [How Lifestyle Psychiatry Can Save Teen Girls from Depression and Suicidal Thoughts](#).



Our newest [BIBLE LAB](#) just launched in Bloomington, Indiana. Welcome!

Could you imagine the biggest complaint at your church being, "I can't get a seat at our Bible study?" Roy Ice, [Faith For Today](#) Director & Host of [Lifestyle](#) has discovered how to do just that and more, and he and his team would love to share how God can do the same thing with your community by starting a Bible Lab, a Bible study focused on God's loving Character. All study guide materials are FREE! Find or start a lab near you! [TheBibleLab.com](#)



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VIEWPOINTS



Do Not Be Afraid

“Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one.”

— *Isaiah 44:8, NIV*

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