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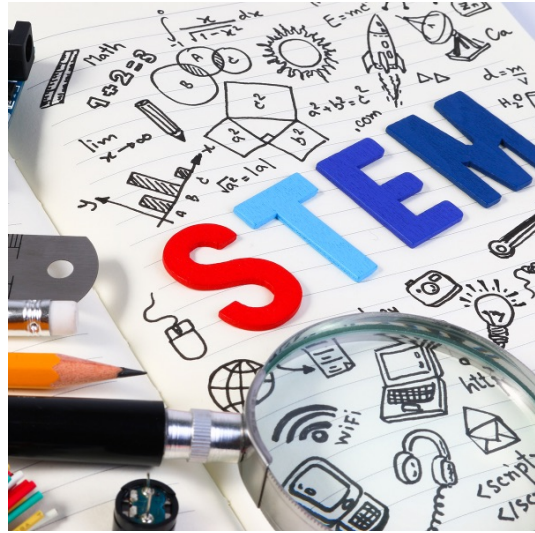
Debra Clements Brill, former vice president for ministries for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, passed to her rest on August 27, in Jamaica, Virginia, after an extended illness. She was 71. Brill retired on October 1, 2019, after serving the division as a vice president for 21 years. “It’s been my great joy to work with gifted leaders who love God and His church!” said Brill upon her retirement. [MORE](#)



“I’ve found the cheat code, the thing that makes life worth living – I have Jesus. And I’m privileged to live this life in service to others,” said Akehil Johnson, the NAD’s Adventist Christian Fellowship student association president at the 2023 Adventist Christian Fellowship Institute. The institute, held July 25-29, at the University of Ottawa, brought together 75 campus ministry leaders, pastors, youth and young adult ministry directors, and supporters. [MORE](#)



Within the three-day NAD Educators' Convention were dozens of breakout sessions hosted by experts and educators, each with specific topics for dedicated teachers to enjoy. The five general sessions, however, gathered all 6,000 attendees in one room to listen to dedicated speakers and to worship. [MORE](#)



Attendees of Ophelia Barizo's STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) seminars at the recent NAD educators' convention would never have guessed that she had been hospitalized just days prior. The smiling woman in front of them, a passionate STEM education consultant, showed no trace of illness. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Ukiah Valley to Hold Event for International Opioid Overdose Awareness Day on August 30 \(Calif.\)](#)

[Gettysburg Adventists Spreading Joy \(Pa.\)](#)

[Opioid Use Disorder Treatment in Mendocino County \(Calif.\)](#)

[New Ebenezer Church Hosts Back-To-School Giveaway in Rochester \(N.Y.\)](#)

[Life Hope Centers First Mobile Health Clinic to Open Backup in Years \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Glendale Keeps Blessing of the Grapes Tradition Alive \(Calif.\)](#)

[U.S. News & World Report Names Adventist Health Clear Lake Among Best Hospitals in 2023-2024 as High Performing for Pneumonia and COPD Treatment \(Calif.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



On Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-3, **Breath of Life Ministries** is partnering with **Lake Region Conference** to host its second annual "Young Adult Rally: Strengthening Your Core." The rally will take place in Chicago, IL. General admission to the Friday night play and Sabbath divine worship are free. However, those who register will receive additional perks, including access to the Core Group Workshops, three meals, and a "swag bag." The registration fee is \$150. To register, visit <https://breathoflife.tv/young-adult-rally-2023/>.



Free Kids Stickers! Hey, kids, check out the free stickers and sharing cards from LifeTalk.

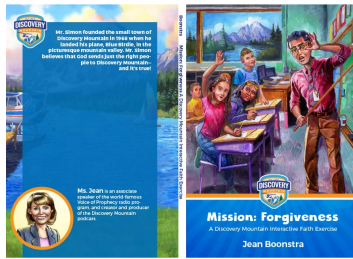
Do you like listening to all the great programs at LifeTalk Kids? You can order these cards and stickers to share with friends and neighbors and invite them to listen to. There are several designs to choose from at:

lifetalk.net/sharing-cards. Order a supply today so you have them on hand for when you want to use them.

There are also many other beautiful sharing cards that your parents and grandparents can use to let others know they matter to God.



Jesus 101 has just released *Grace in 8*, a new short video series available on demand. These eight-minute videos are excellent for family devotionals or small-group discussions. New episodes will be released each week, beginning with the series, "After God's Heart", a deeper look into the life of David. For more information on Jesus 101 or to access these free videos, [click here](#).



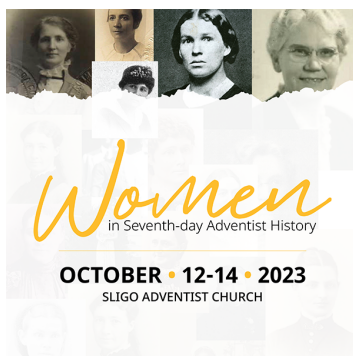
Delight young readers with a *Discovery Mountain* reading adventure this new school year! In the book *Mission: Forgiveness* join the residents of Discovery Mountain as they lead readers on a faith exercise adventure. The story begins in Chaplain Jake's Bible classroom, but where will it end? That's up to the reader! Learn more [here](#).



The NAD Do It Together Sabbath School Conference is happening on Sept. 14-16! This virtual event is a must-attend for Sabbath School leaders as we come together for in-service and get the latest teaching techniques to re-energize our classrooms and foster meaningful connections between students and teachers. Save the date and make this Sabbath School conference an unforgettable experience! [Learn more.](#) [#DoltTogether](#) [#SabbathSchoolConference](#)



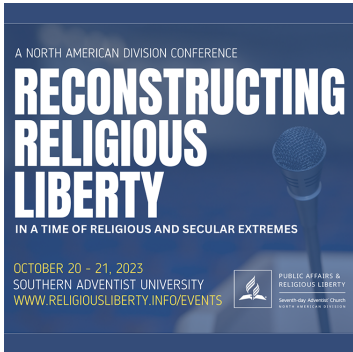
Register now for the Made To Move, 5K run/walk event, Sunday, September 17! You choose the time and place for the 5K run/walk event, hosted by the North American Division Health Ministries. The registration fee of \$25 includes a t-shirt and medal, plus access to the reporting portal to submit your time. Five dollars from each registration will be donated to Holbrook Indian School in Holbrook, Ariz. Invite church members and friend to register at nadhealth.org/events.



Discover the remarkable contributions of women in Seventh-day Adventist history, Oct. 12-14. Hosted by NAD Office of Archives, Statistics, and Research, this inaugural event will feature renowned researchers and keynote speakers like Ella Simmons and Anneke Stasson. From missionaries to educators, their inspiring stories will showcase God's guiding hand in spreading the Adventist message. Join us at Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church, on the campus of Washington Adventist University, Takoma, Park, Md., for devotionals, papers, and plenary sessions. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).



The Society of Adventist Communicators Convention is in Springfield, Mass., on Oct. 19-21, join us 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 registration price is now \$399. [CLICK HERE](#) for more info and/or to register.



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.



[LIFESTYLE](#) – NEW SET, NEW NAME, NEW SHOWS! Get ready for an exciting new season of Lifestyle! Kicking off 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!



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](#)



Introducing our latest addition, the LIFESTYLE.ORG PODCAST! Check out our brand new [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](#).



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Pools of Water

"I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys.
I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs."
— *Isaiah 41:18, NIV*

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