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NEWSPOINTS

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The Sonscreen Film Festival original short “Those Were the Good Days” has received the “Best Short Film North America” award at the Kids International Family Film Festival. The six-minute film, which was produced in collaboration with Pacific Union College, has also been named as an official selection of the upcoming Topaz Film Festival, by the Women in Film Dallas Scholastic Grant Fund, and was honored as an Atticus Award Finalist at the California-based Daddying Film Festival & Forum earlier this year. [MORE](#)



“We have to always be open [to] re-educating ourselves, reconfiguring and rethinking.”

During the NAD's 2023 Educators' Convention, held Aug. 7-10 in Phoenix, Ariz., a seminar on the 21st-century challenges impacting educators highlighted continuous learning as the key to staying relevant amid technological advances and shifting societal and economic norms. With 300 seminars spread across six breakout sessions, the convention underscored that the best educators are lifelong learners. [MORE](#)



This past year saw the creation of a new Pathfinder honor. My own daughter, along with two of her friends, were the initial catalyst to beta-test and help develop the requirements. As we did so, it became an opportunity to look at little-known or even unknown stories of early Adventist women. [READ MORE](#)



When my sons were little, we would occasionally play hide-and-seek. It didn't matter where we were — in the house, in the yard, or on vacation somewhere — there were always enough hiding places to make it fun. I would count to 10, and the kids would scamper around attempting to find some item large enough to conceal them from sight. [READ MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health St. Helena Announces Knee/Hip Replacement Re-Certification \(Calif.\)](#)

[Seventh-Day Adventist Church Has Held Several Food Giveaways This Season \(Canada\)](#)

[Loma Linda, California Is One of the World's 'Blue Zones' - People Here Live 10 Years Longer by Eating Less Meat and Relaxing on Saturdays \(Calif.\)](#)

[New Public Food Pantry Coming in Snohomish \(Wash.\)](#)

[Miami's Blue Zones Center Partners With Overtown Youth Center to Promote Healthy Habits for Longevity \(Fla.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



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.



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](#)



"Health Everlasting" is the theme for NAD

Health Emphasis Sabbath! NAD Health Ministries encourages you to celebrate and emphasize health on Sabbath, Sept. 16. Health Ministries will discuss multiple aspects of health such as physical, emotional, mental and see how health is used as a platform for evangelism, as we desire health everlasting. And it comes one day before with our Virtual 5K begins. Come and utilize the many resources. [Link to more information:](#)



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.



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](#).



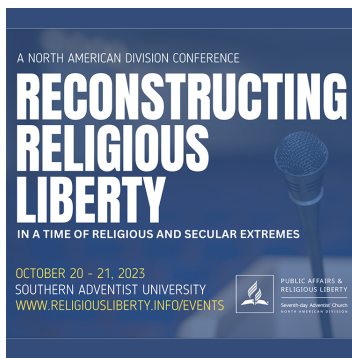
Delight young readers with a *Discovery Mountain* reading adventure this new school year! In the book *Mission: Forgiveness* join the residents of Discovery Mountain as they lead readers on a faith exercise adventure. The story begins in Chaplain Jake’s Bible classroom, but where will it end? That’s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



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](http://www.religiousliberty.info/events) to explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America.



Have you checked out [Lifestyle](#) lately? Last week, Roy Ice interviewed Danny Jordan, an established TV producer and his wife Lynn. They share their personal journey after learning their daughter would be born with a limb difference, inspiring Danny to write The Capables, a children's book series about superheroes with disabilities. [WATCH IT HERE!](#) *Lifestyle* is available on [satellite](#), [local networks](#), and for [streaming on various platforms](#). Watch it on our [APP](#) or [website](#) and share it with friends and neighbors.



Have you been watching the new season of [Lifestyle](#)? This week, Roy Ice delves into the topic of narcissism. We throw the term around casually, but narcissism is a very real condition that can lead to serious abuse. This week licensed marriage and family therapist Cynthia Eddings sheds light on the epidemic that is narcissistic abuse and the trauma it inflicts. [WATCH IT HERE!](#) *Lifestyle* is available on [satellite](#), [local networks](#), and for [streaming on various platforms](#). Watch it on our [APP](#) or [website](#) and share it with friends and neighbors.



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Amazing Prophecies Continues This Week!

Adventist World Radio's *Amazing Prophecies* weekly series continues this Friday, Sept. 8, with the topic "Revelation's Greatest End-Time Signs"! Join Dr. Kyle Allen on an incredible journey through Bible prophecy. Watch live on Facebook (facebook.com/AWR360) Friday evening at 4 p.m. PT/7 p.m. ET, or watch on-demand afterward at awr.org/amazingprophecies.

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"He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

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