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NEWSPOINTS

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Themed “Safeguarding Peace,” the enditnow Summit on Abuse, held from Nov. 12-13, at Andrews University, featured an abuse survivor's video testimony and follow-up discussions; thought-provoking devotionals; and presentations from advocates, church leaders, and educators. [MORE](#)



Christian Record Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the opening of its new office space dedicated to the production of braille resources. This expansion marks a significant commitment to serving the worldwide visually impaired community and enhancing access to braille literature for all. CRS celebrated a soft opening during a ribbon-cutting ceremony, held after a recent board of directors meeting. [MORE](#)



The Oakwood Adventist Academy boys varsity basketball team, after being denied a Sabbath

accommodation in the finals for the 2021-2022 state championships, forfeited. Fast forward to the 2022-2023 season and the team is back in the tournament and able to play. In this new film, [watch what happens at the March 2023 finals](#); and what lessons the team learned.



Christmas is all too often the most stressful time of the year. This can lead to unintended anger or outbursts, emotional or mental breakdowns, or physical problems. But there is hope for a truly joyous holiday season. [READ MORE](#) of this previously published holiday article.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

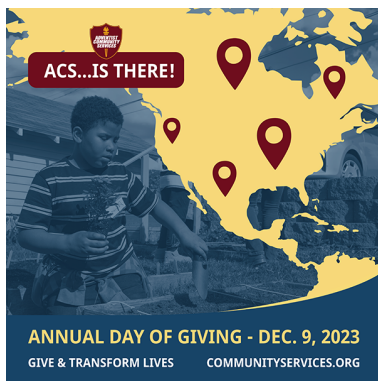
[Adventist Health Tillamook Launches \\$75,000 Fundraiser for NICU Telemedicine Robot \(Ore.\)](#)

[Guild of Adventist Health Pledges \\$340,000 for Hospital Neurology Program \(Calif.\)](#)

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[Longtime Nascar Partner Adventhealth Joins Forces With Legacy Motor Club in 2024 \(Fla.\)](#)

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The Annual Day of Giving for Adventist Community Services is on Sabbath, December 9. This offering keeps volunteers serving communities across the NAD. Whether distributing food and clothes, welcoming refugees, teaching life skills, or offering showers to the unsheltered, ACS fulfills Christ's mission to reach people by meeting needs and making communities wholesome. Plan now to give at your church on December 9; or [give online](#). And [click here](#) to learn more.



Share some Christmas cheer. LifeTalk Radio offers free printed sharing cards at: lifetalk.net/sharing-cards. These handy colorful and beautiful cards are small enough to include in your mail or just to hand to someone anywhere. Wish Merry Christmas to the grocery clerk, a co-worker, a neighbor or anyone you meet. Show them the back side of the card and invite them to listen to beautiful Christmas music on LifeTalk Radio. Order a supply of FREE sharing cards today. Then brighten someone's day.



Calling all pastors and local church religious liberty leaders! Please join us for the first-ever Religious Liberty Campaign training webinar, held on Sabbath, Dec. 9, from 5-6 p.m. ET. Religious Liberty Sabbath 2024 is almost here (January 13); this interactive webinar is your opportunity to ask questions and learn about the many resources available to help you plan a memorable and successful Religious Liberty Campaign. No registration required for the webinar, which will be hosted on Zoom and live-streamed on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@nadparl>.

On December 8 a day of fasting and prayer, coordinated by Adventist Muslim Relations and Jewish Ministries from the NAD, seeks to pray for the afflicted, seek guidance from biblical teachings for



peacemaking, and offer support to those impacted by the conflict. We stress the importance of finding solace in prayer during these tough moments, believing that amidst tragedy, increased prayer and seeking God's comfort can spark positive change. Zoom in with us on Dec. 8, 2023, at 8:30 p.m. ET (U.S. and Canada). Click here to join: <https://nadadventist.zoom.us/j/91780480460>



In the face of tragedy, how do you live with suffering and shattered dreams? Do you want to know the secret of overcoming your pain? This week's guest on [Lifestyle](#), Joni Eareckson Tada has been sharing this secret to communities around the world and has impacted thousands of families by teaching others how to push through chronic pain in order to inspire and serve others. She is joined by her husband, Ken Tada, they will share about her remarkable life and ministry. [WATCH IT HERE!](#)



If you're a dad or know someone who is, you don't want to miss this episode of the [Lifestyle.org Podcast](#)! Join host Roy Ice and author J. Scott Reed as they dive into Reed's latest book, [The Power of a Dad](#). Discover the impact of fatherhood and why it matters for our children. Learn about his newest venture co-leading a ministry in Los Angeles that focuses on bringing sons and daughters in the entertainment industry together to create a sense of belonging and support. [WATCH IT HERE!](#)



Get Ready for [The Bible Lab](#) Global Launch on YouTube! Join the global conversation about the character of God, starting Dec. 9 at 10:30 a.m. PT. Share your thoughts live, connect your loved ones, and be part of something groundbreaking. Your voice matters. Be there when the world tunes in! Beginning Dec. 9, a direct link to the live stream will be at the top of The Bible Lab's homepage. [WATCH IT HERE!](#) The Bible

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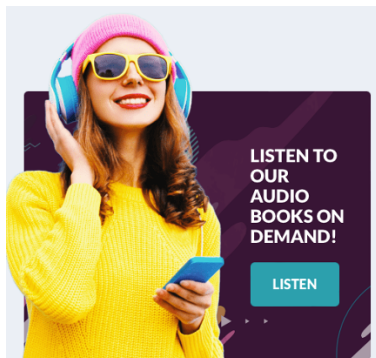
Lab is a ministry of [Faith For Today](#).



Exciting news for social media users! If you've ever wanted to share your faith in practical and meaningful ways on social media, but weren't sure how to do it effectively, check out the NAD resources [HERE](#). It's not just about sharing faith online; it's about fostering faith-based communities. The NAD training resources are the place to help you become a successful digital disciple.



View the 2018-2023 NAD Adventist Education Progress Report by clicking [HERE](#). The purpose of this report is to describe the status of education in the North American Division, including early childhood through higher education programs. View the full report at [this link](#).



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Breath of Life: Fresh Start Sundays now airing on LifeTalk Radio! Four new inspirational programs have been added to the line up from Breath of Life Ministries. The first and third Sundays of the month will feature *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life. On the second Sunday of the month listen to *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna. The program on the fourth Sunday is called *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent.

On months with a fifth Sunday, Pastor Snell will host a program focusing on lifestyle and well-being called *Healthier U*. For a complete LifeTalk program schedule for your time zone visit: lifetalk.net/program-schedule



Discovery Mountain listeners, did you know that there are even more programs to help you exercise your faith? Join the Discovery Mountain Club and become a Mountaineer! Listen to Jake's Take, Creation Nuggets, Bedtime Bible Stories and more! Learn more [here](#).



Christian Record Services is a ministry of the **Seventh-day Adventist Church in North**

America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who are blind worldwide. Churches, individuals, and businesses provide support for services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible for these 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](#). Service may vary by region due to contractual agreements.

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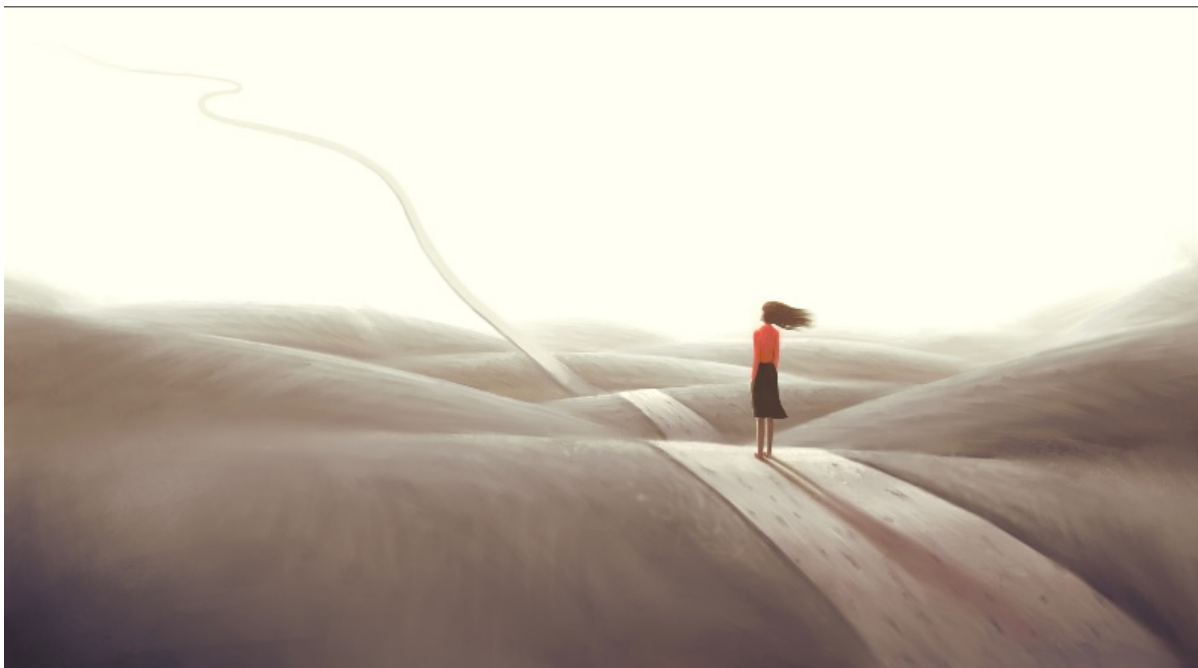
NAD Update: "Adventist Information Ministry's New Suicide Prevention Course a Lifeline for Callers" by Christelle Agboka, pp. 08-09

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VIEWPOINTS



In Every Situation

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

— *Phil. 4:6, NIV*

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