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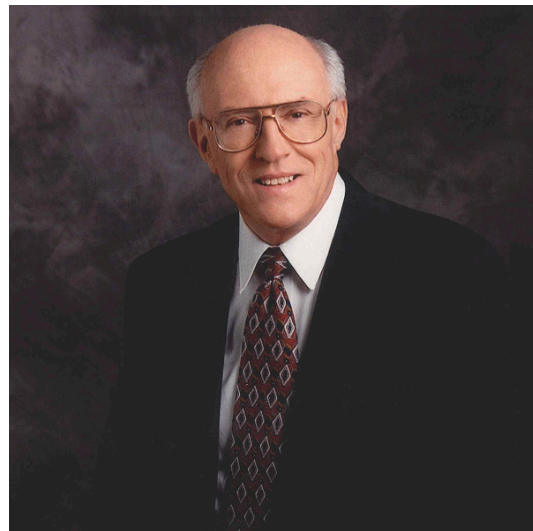
News and Information from the North American Division

NEWSPOINTS

April 11, 2024



From Feb. 26 to 28, nearly 200 pastors and other leaders gathered at Camp Kulaqua in High Springs, Fla., for the 2024 eHuddle, an annual evangelism and leadership think tank hosted by the NAD Ministerial Association. Thousands more tuned in via Facebook and YouTube. [MORE](#)



Mardian J. Blair, who led AdventHealth (formerly Adventist Health System) from 1984 until 2000, passed away on March 26 at the age of 92 in Apopka, Florida. Blair leaves behind a profound impact on the organization and in faith-based health care, particularly during a time of significant change in the health care industry. [MORE](#)



This month of Ramadan, some Adventists accepted the “Ramadan Lantern Challenge,” and visited their local mosque and neighbors to bless them, either with Aaron’s blessings and a box of dates, or simply to get to know them and pray for them. Here are three stories I am sharing with the hope that readers can see themselves in one of them, and move from curiosity and a bit of discomfort to engagement and blessing. [MORE](#)



Many of our local churches love their young adults but are at a loss as to where to begin a thriving ministry with them. The North Pacific Union Young Adult LIFE Tour stop intends to bring insights and relevant, doable steps toward building a flourishing young adult ministry now. The tour’s next stop will be in Portland, Ore., from April 19-20, at the Pleasant Valley church. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Virginia Beach Seventh-Day Adventist Church Hosts Spring Community Health and Wellness Education Day \(Va.\)](#)

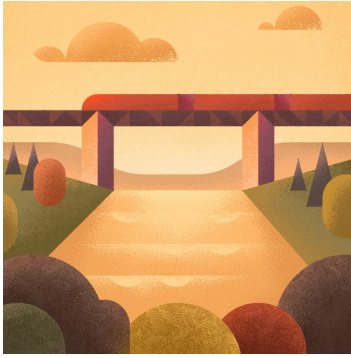
[Bemidji Seventh-Day Adventist Church Dedicates New Ten Commandments Monument \(Minn.\)](#)

[Police Search for Suspect in Silver Spring Church Burglary \(Md.\)](#)

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[Adventist Health Offers Free Child Immunizations at Various Kern Locations in April \(Calif.\)](#)

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2024 NAD tHRive Conference on April 21-24 in San Diego, California. The conference is planned for HR professionals and leaders working for Seventh-day Adventist organizations (at the conference, union, academy, and higher education levels). Learn more at nadadventist.org/hrconference.



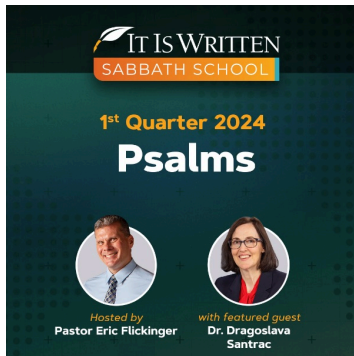
Jesus talked a lot about money because it's a chief competitor for our hearts. As believers, our faith must be the foundation of our financial stewardship. *Faith & Finance* offers a practical, biblical, and good-natured approach to managing your time, talents, and resources. It also includes consumer-oriented features, financial news and commentaries aimed at helping people practice sound, Biblical stewardship. This half-hour program airs daily on LifeTalk Radio. For a complete schedule of programs for your time zone, please visit: lifetalk.net/program-schedule.



Are the young people in your life asking questions about current events and the wars in our world? Invite them to listen to Discovery Mountain's current season of *Under Siege* for some good news about resolving differences. Listen along with them [here](#).



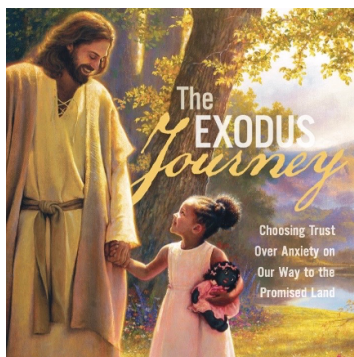
It Is Written announces a new travel-themed Vacation Bible School (VBS) program, Flight 3:16. During Flight 3:16, children will visit five countries as they prepare for the ultimate destination, Heaven. Flight 3:16 is a complete VBS kit that includes supplies for 14 children. Visit flight316.fun for more information.



Learn more about the weekly Sabbath School lesson by studying with its author! This quarter on It Is Written Sabbath School, host Eric Flickinger is joined by study guide author Dr. Dragoslava Santrac as they provide insights into the Psalms each week. A new 30-minute lesson study is released every Sabbath. Watch on [It Is Written TV](#) or [YouTube](#).



Would your Pathfinder like a free Camporee pin? It's all theirs when they complete the Pathfinder Bible Study Challenge and personally attend the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee! [Learn more](#) about this opportunity to grow a Pathfinder's faith ... and pin collection!



Jesus 101 has just released *The Exodus Journey* audio book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot. The Exodus Journey is about choosing trust over anxiety, and dives into Israel's journey to the Promised Land, inviting readers to consider their own daily walk towards the heavenly Canaan, trusting God to be their Redeemer, Provider, and Guide. Jesus 101 audiobooks are completely free and available for streaming on demand. The Exodus Journey can be accessed here [\[https://jesus101.tv/listen/?media=40780\]](https://jesus101.tv/listen/?media=40780).



Jesus 101 has new and free downloadable activity worksheets and coloring pages for kids! These resources also have accompanying animated videos that will help kids discover Jesus in the stories of the Bible in a fun and instructive manner. These valuable resources are perfect for churches, schools, and families. Jesus 101 is always working to develop new biblical studies resources for kids. To download these activity sheets, coloring pages, or to view the animated videos, visit www.Jesus101.tv/4kids.



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: *Scripture Lab* hosted by Pastor Debleaire Snell, speaker/director for Breath of Life; *Point of View*, a program on marriage and family life, hosted by Snell and his wife, Gianna; *Vision Sunday*, hosted by Snell and Kirk Nugent; and 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



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VIEWPOINTS



Abundant Peace and Security

"Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security."

— *Jeremiah 33:6, NIV*

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