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# NEWSPOINTS

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**The NAD's 18th annual Religious Liberty dinner, held on April 30, in the Dirksen Senate Office Building** in Washington, D.C., celebrated a central human right — the freedom of religion or belief. It brought together 90 religious liberty advocates, government officials, diplomats, academics, Adventist Church leaders, NAD public affairs and religious liberty (PARL) interns, and other guests, representing 10 denominations. [MORE](#)



**The La Sierra University Board of Trustees on May 9, unanimously approved the appointment of** Christon Arthur to serve as the university's sixth president. He arrives from Andrews University in Michigan where he has been provost since 2016. Arthur will begin his presidential duties on July 1. He takes over the leadership post from Richard Osborn who was selected last fall to serve as the university's interim president following the resignation of Joy Fehr. [MORE](#)



**The Bachelor of Arts in theology program and the Master of Divinity program at Andrews**

University are collaborating to provide an easier pathway for students to complete both the undergraduate and graduate programs. In the 2024–2025 school year, undergraduate theology students will have the opportunity to partake in 15 shared credits of upper-division classes that will count toward their undergraduate degree and a subsequent MDiv degree. [MORE](#)



**A new home away from home on the north side of Southern Adventist University’s campus is in the works.** Southern Mountain Cottages will provide a new on-campus housing option for students and expand the living spaces available in response to enrollment’s climbing numbers. [MORE](#)



**Pacific Union College partnered with CAL Fire Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit and Napa County Fire**

Department to conduct a prescribed burn across 13 acres of the college’s Angwin



**Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center, the flagship hospital of Montgomery County’s largest and longest-serving healthcare system, has received a \$1 million gift from the Lee family of Potomac.** This substantial contribution will support the completion of a six-story patient tower under construction at the hospital. [MORE](#)

forest property on May 1, successfully managing overgrown vegetation, enhancing forest health, and building fire resilience. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Waynesboro Seventh-Day Adventist Church to Open Its 'Meadow Walk' Natural Trail \(Va.\)](#)

['Community Day' Brings Together Local Resources and Religious Groups \(W.Va.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Sierra Vista Hosts Baby Shower for Mother-To-Be \(Calif.\)](#)

[Ormond Beach Mother-Son Duo Helps Adventhealth With Its Free Sports Physicals \(Fla.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**NAD NewsPoints will not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter, [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



**The NAD Prison Ministries Department is excited to announce its inaugural** Cross-Reach Conference, taking place virtually in July. Join us for inspirational and informative presentations designed for current and prospective Prison Ministries participants. This virtual event will be held on Zoom on July 12 from 6 to 9 p.m.; and July 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. [Registration](#) is now open for this free event!





**Host an exciting Discovery Mountain event at your local church this summer** with the engaging "Rescued: Safe in Jesus" five-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) program! This immersive experience is designed to captivate children's imaginations while teaching them important lessons about faith and safety in Jesus. Through interactive activities, captivating stories, and fun games, children will embark on a memorable adventure that reinforces biblical truths and builds lasting friendships. Don't miss this opportunity to make a positive impact in your community. For more details and to get started, learn more [here](#).



**Just because summer is here and school is out, does not mean that learning needs to stop.** Want a great summer companion for your Kids? Discover how to help your kids continue to learn through excellent programs at: [LifeTalkKids.net](http://LifeTalkKids.net). Kids grow better with radio! Fuel their imagination and engage their curiosity. Kids need never be bored! Building character for now and for eternity is what LifeTalk Kids is all about. Explore great programs like: Awesome Science, Discovery Mountain, Your Story Hour, Adventures in Odyssey Lamplighter Theatre, Pathways of the Pioneers, Sailor Sam, The Bible in Living Sound, and more.



**This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, Mark Finley joins Eric Flickinger** to discuss the great controversy. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on YouTube or It Is Written TV at [itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school](http://itiswritten.tv/sabbath-school).





Come with us as we explore [Thunder Island](#) and discover from where the thunder is coming! At Thunder Island VBS kids will explore the beauty of Thunder Island, a place where God speaks to us from the thunder to tell us how much He loves us! And learn more about Jesus through Bible stories from the Gospel of John, engage in other really cool island activities, and enjoy a refreshing snack at Coconut Cafe. Thunder Island has five days of Christ-centered activities that help kids see that God is always with us. *Reelaxx!*



Catch fresh episodes of *Authentic* each week! Shawn Boonstra and our production team are thrilled to bring you a new season of *Authentic*, which began airing on March 29. Stay tuned for brand-new episodes on the history of the Bible; beauty, evil, and desire; the lure of conspiracies and horoscopes, and more fascinating topics. New episodes of *Authentic* are released Friday evenings at 7 ET — you can watch them on our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels, plus at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).



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 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](http://www.Jesus101.tv/4kids).



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"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" — 2

*Corinthians 5:17, NIV*



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