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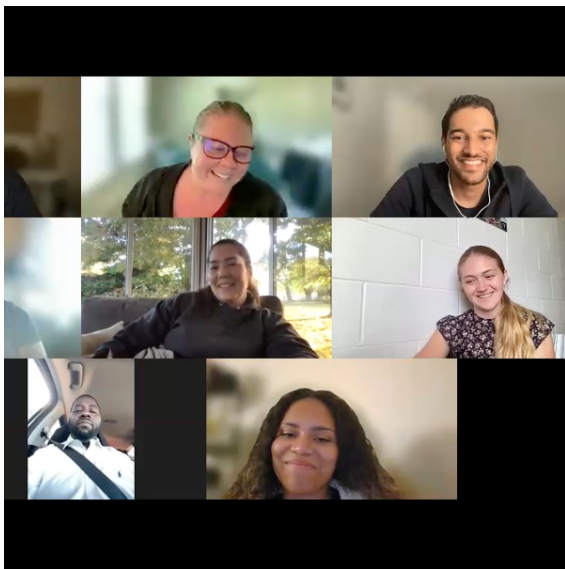
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The NAD is current engaged in a rebuild of the platform that powers Adventist Church Connect and Adventist School Connect. In late 2024 or early 2025, ACC/ASC will move to an entirely new WordPress-based platform, matching the existing functionality and giving the platform a new foundation to move forward providing more than 6,600 websites for all churches and schools across the NAD. [MORE](#)



The idea of 60,000 visitors effectively doubling the size of your town overnight may not thrill everyone, but for some of the small businesses of Gillette, Wyoming, the prospect is an exciting opportunity. [MORE](#)



On May 15, NAD leaders met with student leaders from universities across the division. The goal was to determine what young people are concerned with and discuss what they might want church leadership to know. Tracy Wood, NAD Youth and Young Adult Ministries director, shared this at the start of the online meeting: “The voices of students from your campuses can and do have a significant impact across North America.” In addition to church leaders from both union and division levels, students were also present, representing Adventist and non-Adventist campuses across the country. [MORE](#)



Pacific Press and AdventistBookCenter.com have launched a dedicated resource page to support the Pentecost 2025 initiative. Available at www.Pentecost2025Resources.com, this curated collection offers essential tools, training materials, and evangelistic guides to help members and churches maximize their Pentecost 2025 efforts. [MORE](#)



France is an unusual place to be celebrating America's Independence Day. And yet on July 4, the Collonges (*Campus Adventiste du*



AdventHealth Orlando ranked No. 1 in the Orlando metro area among U.S. News' 2024-2025

edition of Best Hospitals. It's the 14th consecutive year the hospital has topped the rankings in greater Orlando (Fla.).

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Salève) dining room was decked out in the stars and stripes, serving hot dogs and veggie burgers as educators from across the NAD, Trans-European Division, Inter-European Division, Middle East University, and the Ukrainian Union Conference gathered for the 2024 Higher Education Council "Educating for Mission" Conference. G. Alexander Bryant, NAD president, gave the blessing as educators gathered for the 2024 Higher Education Council "Educating for Mission" Conference. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

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[New Website Announces Camporee Road Closures, Facility Hours and More \(Wyo.\)](#)

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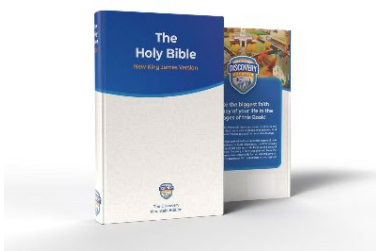
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Island and discover from where the thunder is coming! At Thunder Island VBS kids will explore the beauty of Thunder Island, a place where God speaks to us from the thunder to tell us how much He loves us! And learn more about Jesus through Bible stories 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. *Reeelaxx!*



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.



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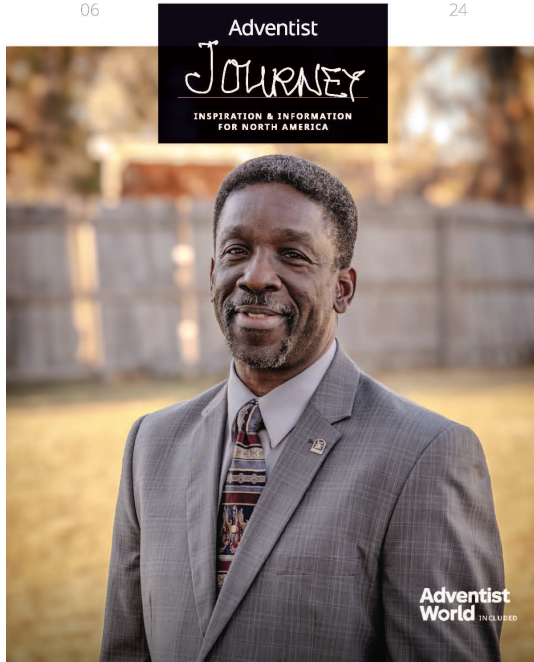
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All Saved by Grace

"There are no shorter or longer versions of eternity; *we are all saved by grace*. Let's treat

each other as fellow undeserving-yet-saved citizens of God's gracious kingdom."

— Elizabeth Viera Talbot, speaker/director of *Jesus 101*, in her July 17 devotional from the book *Jesus Wins!*

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