



# NEWSPOINTS

August 30, 2024



**“Camporee is the zenith of experiences for every Pathfinder,” says Vernon Norman. That’s why it** was the Huntsville, Ala., resident's dream for almost 40 years to attend an International Pathfinder Camporee. This past August in Gillette, Wyo., his dream came true. [MORE](#)



**At the largest ever hands-on blacksmithing event for young people in the U.S., the “Southern Smiths”** introduced the art of shaping metal with fire to more than 800 participants at a booth offering the blacksmithing honor, sponsored by Southern Adventist University, at the 2024 International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, Wyo., in early August. [MORE](#)



**On May 1-3, the Disability & the Church Conference hosted by Key Ministry took place in Orlando, Fla.** The conference featured speakers and exhibitors from different parts of North America and various denominations and ministries who provided vital information about ways to foster an inclusive worship experience for individuals with and without a disability. [MORE](#)



**One of the prominent features of the International Pathfinder Camporee is dynamic biblical reenactment.** The 2024 dramatic presentation that fueled the theme “Believe the Promise” was highlighted by a host skilled actors portraying the life experience of Moses. During the camporee, one-hour meet-and-greets were carved out of afternoon programming for the Moses cast to engage with attendees. [MORE](#)



**For the past five years, the NAD has tackled a growing pastor and teacher shortage caused by retirements, resignations, and fewer**



**Attending conventions within the North American Division is always**

graduates entering those fields. The 2019 Chosen International Pathfinder Camporee saw the launch of the NAD Ministerial Association “NextGen” initiative, featuring a social event for young people interested in pastoral ministry. One thousand attended. At the 2024 camporee, several NAD departments hosted booths designed to engage children, youth, and young adults interested in serving the church in different capacities. [MORE](#)

**an engaging experience. There is** the promise of exceptional speakers, vibrant music, interesting breakout sessions, and an exhibit hall overflowing with new organizations to discover. But what makes conventions such as the 2024 Adventist Young Professionals Conference exciting is the whole person benefits of connection and community.

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist HealthCare and Howard University Name Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., M.D., President of Howard University Hospital \(Md./D.C.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Sonora Celebrates Two New Educational Programs \(Calif.\)](#)

[Dakota Adventist Academy Students Volunteer at Closet 701 \(N.D.\)](#)

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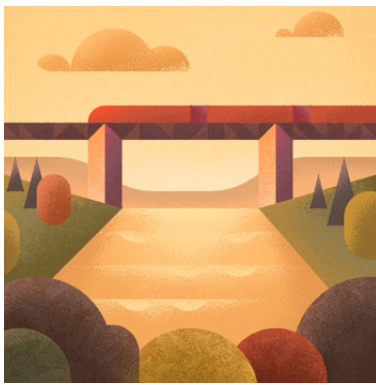
[Thousands in Bonuses to Cam-plex Workers for Camporee Hours \(Wyo.\)](#)

[Camporee Pathfinders Chop Their Hair for Kids in Need \(Wyo.\)](#)

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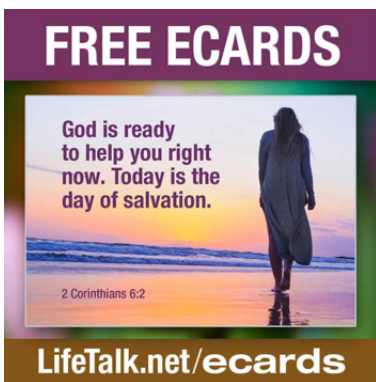
**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for camporee [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine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



videos.



**Keep the camporee joy going! Join the Discovery Mountain Pathfinders in Discovery Mountain Season 30** called "Road to Rockpile." The Pathfinders face surprise challenges — and blessing — at Camporee. The entire season is available free and on demand at [DiscoveryMountain.com](https://DiscoveryMountain.com).



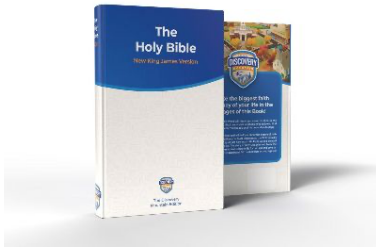
**Loneliness is a national epidemic. People need to be reminded God loves them.** They need to know Jesus is their friend. You can let them know! Why not brighten someone's day by sharing a word of encouragement using a digital card with a positive Bible promise? LifeTalk Radio has many FREE digital eCards at: [lifetalk.net/ecards](https://lifetalk.net/ecards). It's easy to share God's Word using eCards which can be shared via email, texting SMS or posted on social media. Just a few clicks and you're done. Make a difference in someone's life today.



**Join us for the 2024 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention on Oct. 17-19!**

This fall we are meeting at the Hilton Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center in Illinois, just outside of Chicago. Registration is still open; sponsorships are available; and we are accepting entries for all our awards until Sept. 9. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Pre-order the Discovery Mountain Bible today!** This Bible features all-new, high-quality art to



bring to life some of your family's favorite stories and characters from the Bible. Learn more [here](#).



**Dive into the book of Mark with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Tom Shepherd, Ph.D.,** author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



**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).



**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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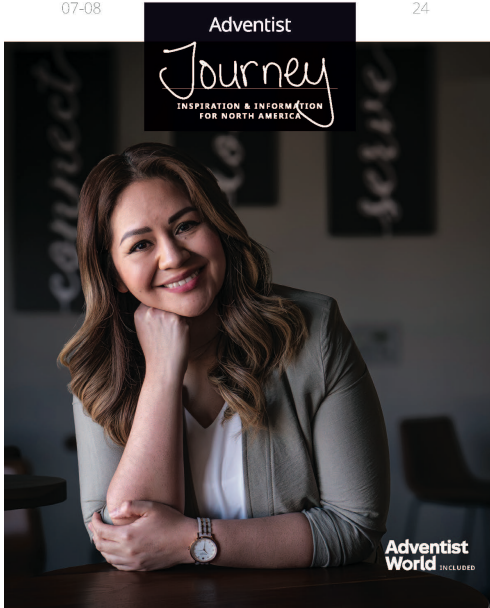
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### Haven

"He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad

when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven."

— Psalm 107:29, 30, NIV

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