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On Oct. 17, more than 260 registered communicators, comprised of professionals and students, gathered at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center in Illinois to attend the 2024 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention. For the next three days, participants enjoyed the trademark features of the annual SAC convention, such as breakout sessions, local media tours for college/university students, new tech, and top-notch



On Monday, Oct. 21, the Oakwood University Board of Trustees announced that Leslie N. Pollard, Ph.D., has accepted a new position with the North America Division. In a statement, Oakwood University shared that Pollard has accepted a new opportunity to join the NAD as assistant to the president for pastoral continuing education and mission, commencing July 1. [MORE](#)

speakers to engage and inspire. [MORE](#)



After a whirlwind five years, including a pandemic and transition from Ontario Conference to the NAD, I returned to camporee, this time in Gillette, Wyoming, in 2024. Return speaker Damian Chandler’s messages and the production powerfully depicted the story of Moses. The most lasting lessons came, however, from the storms that impacted the “Believe the Promise” camporee. [READ MORE](#)



For the third year straight, Payscale ranked Pacific Union College as the third top college with the highest-paying associate's degree. Payscale is the leading provider of compensation data, software, and services. Their College Salary Report came from the alumni salary data of 3.1 million respondents, representing more than 2,400 colleges and universities in the country. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[AdventHealth Wauchula and Local Partners Deliver Critical Supplies to Hundreds of Hardee County Families After Hurricane Milton \(Fla.\)](#)

[PNW Seventh-Day Adventist Team Sets up Donation Hub for Hurricane Disaster Relief in Georgia \(Wash.\)](#)

[Mental Health Awareness Takes Center Stage in ‘Mindfit’ Documentary at Sun Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Idaho\)](#)

[AdventHealth CEO: "Push Through Inertia" to Achieve Meaningful Change \(Fla.\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week. Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [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.

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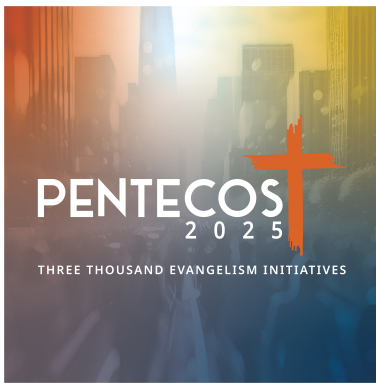


Join our global church family for the 15th annual Creation Sabbath on October 26, 2024. Creation Sabbath brings together Christian communities worldwide to celebrate God, our Creator, and recognize the wonders of creation. Suggestions for celebrating this day include acknowledging the significance of the day during your service, presenting a creation-themed sermon, organizing a nature outing, hosting an afternoon presentation, or engaging in environmental outreach. Don't miss out! [Click here](#) to register your church's event and download the free Creation Sabbath event kit, including promos and a sermon. Also, follow Creation Sabbath on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



The NAD Year-End Meeting is an annual business meeting for leaders in the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. The meetings will be held on Nov. 1-4, 2024, and will be live-streamed. [Click here](#) for the general schedule and later, to watch the meeting and read event news.

All of us, church leaders and members, play a pivotal role in mobilizing for evangelism. With [Pentecost 2025](#), our goal in North America is to hold at



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least 3,000 proclamation initiatives in 2025, with 2024 a year of "Preparing for Pentecost." More than 3,300 have already signed up; funding is still available for approved events. [LEARN MORE/FAQS](#). Check out our [news page](#); and watch our [first webinar](#)!

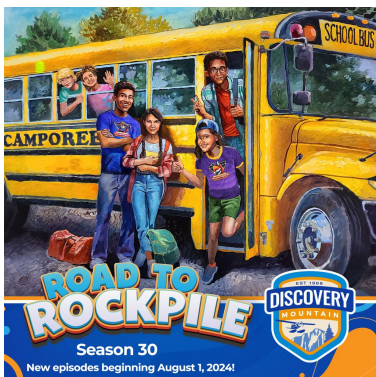
Hosted by Pastor Mark Finley, this program is designed for people looking for truth, hope and inspiration. It's also for those who wish to gain a greater understanding Bible prophecy. Discovering God's ultimate plan for our lives brings life's greatest joy. In a world of uncertainty, God's Word, rightly understood, brings certainty and assurance. [Hope Lives 365](#) airs daily on LifeTalk Radio. For a complete program schedule for your time zone, please visit:

lifetalk.net/program-schedule. Listen on our handy LifeTalk Radio App, a free download at:

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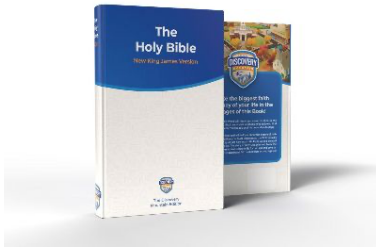


Dive into the book of Mark with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Tom Shepherd, Ph.D., author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



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.

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](#).



Pentecost 2025 is an exciting initiative by the North American Division, calling Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America to unite in hosting more than 3,000 evangelistic events throughout 2025. It Is Written is excited to provide a variety of resources designed to support pastors, churches, and lay members in sharing the message of hope and faith during this significant year. Click [here](#) to learn more.



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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NAD Update: "Night at the Camporee" Brings a World Premiere to Gillette Community, Christon Arthur Selected as La Sierra University's Next President, Oakwood President Appointed as Member of the Executive Committee of the American Council on Education Inaugural Commission on Faith-based Universities" by Christelle Agboka, Darla Martin Tucker, and Aimee Leukert, pp. 08-10

Perspective: "Women Leading in the

Spirit of the Latter Rain" by G. Alexander Bryant, p. 11

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Our Tower of Strength

"Christ is our tower of strength, and Satan can have no power over the soul that walks with God in humility of mind."

— *Ellen G. White, My Life Today, p. 316*

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