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# NEWSPOINTS

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**In 1940, the Review and Herald Publishing Association published a book with a dark blue cover** that you have probably never seen, written by an author you likely do not know. On the front are three words — *They Also Served* — and the name — *Covington*. This book, written and researched by Ava Covington Wall roughly 80 years after the founding of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, was the first book detailing the many women who contributed to the church's founding



**In this Pentecost 2025 year and beyond, Adventist scholars can “witness” by accurately and** dispassionately sharing with other scholars who Adventists are and what they believe. Over the past 15 years, a steady uptick of Adventist historians have regularly participated in meetings of the American Society of Church History, one of the premier academic organizations in the world for the study of religious history. This year's meeting occurred from

and growth. This out of print and now elusive book offers just a glimpse of the many women involved in the early Adventist denomination, and it's the focus of a new podcast. [MORE](#)



**A massive storm system tore through the central and southern United States the weekend of March 14, spawning roughly 66 tornadoes across seven states and claiming the lives of at least 37 individuals. Mississippi, Missouri, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, and Louisiana experienced widespread destruction, with hundreds of buildings in ruins. The North American Division Adventist Community Services (NAD ACS) is monitoring the situation in partnership with ACS directors in affected states. [MORE](#)**

January 3-6, in Chicago, Illinois. Themed “Legends,” it featured research by eight Adventist scholars, including two panel sessions focused on Ellen White and the Adventist experience. [MORE](#)



**The North Carolina state disaster relief warehouse in Statesville has recently become a critical training ground, equipping Adventist Community Services (ACS) teams from around the North American Division with the skills necessary to manage disaster response operations effectively. This initiative, held throughout March, focuses on preparing volunteers to oversee multi-agency warehouses that receive and distribute essential supplies to disaster survivors in their communities. [MORE](#)**

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Health Simi Valley Opens New Clinic to Improve Access and Enhance Patient Care \(Calif.\)](#)

[AdventHealth for Women Provides Fourth Trimester Care for Families \(Fla.\)](#)

[Ron Whitehead Moves from Volunteer to Full-time Youth Director at Lake Union Conference](#)

[AdventHealth Tampa Is First in Tampa Bay to Offer Implantable Chemotherapy Pump for Patients With Metastatic Colorectal Cancer \(Fla.\)](#)

[AdventHealth music therapist quoted in story on “how companies use scientifically informed music to impact health outcomes” \(Fla.\)](#)

[Colorado Man Who Spent Months in COVID ICU Visits Health Care Team 5 Years After Start of Pandemic; “I’m Blessed” \(Colo.\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES

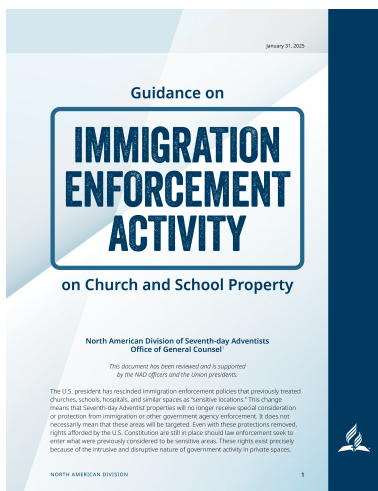


**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories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



**LATE REGISTRATION STILL OPEN! Join us at the tHRive 2025 on April 27-30 in Miami, Florida.** The NAD's 20th HR conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register [here](#); late registration closes on April 3. Questions? Email [HRS@nadadventist.org](mailto:HRS@nadadventist.org).

**Sonscreen Film Festival is April 3-5, at the Loma Linda University Church Complex!** The festival is an annual event for students (primarily college and university) and young creatives with a passion for film. Since its first festival in October 2002, Sonscreen



has become a connection hub where students and young professionals can mix with peers and established filmmakers. Join us at the festival to share your creative work, watch short films, and meet with film students and professionals. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

**Join us April 3-6 at the North American Division Headquarters in Columbia, MD,** for the Adventist Nurses Conference. With the theme “empowered for impact.” This event offers nurses of all backgrounds the chance to grow professionally, connect with fellow nurses, and renew their spiritual and personal wellbeing. Earn contact hours, elevate your calling, and be empowered to make an impact. Sponsored by AAFCN and AdventistNurse.org, this conference is designed to inspire and equip you for the changing demands of nursing. Don’t miss this transformative opportunity—[register](#) today!

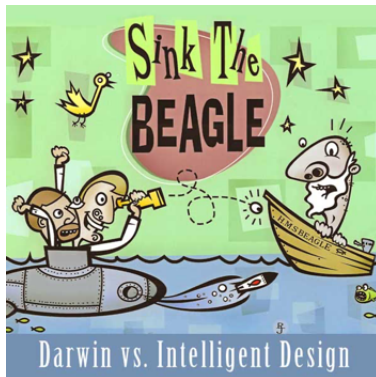
**The North American Division has provided for churches and schools the** document entitled "Guidance on Immigration Enforcement Activity on Church and School Property." These guidelines, prepared by the NAD Office of General Counsel, have been reviewed — and is supported by — the NAD officers and union presidents. [CLICK HERE](#) for the guidelines in English. [Spanish-](#) and [French-](#)language versions have been published and all are also available under the [NAD website "Guidelines"](#) tab.

**Save the Date! The Office of Prison Ministry for the North American Division** of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in partnership with the Ontario Conference of Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a Prison Ministry Cross-Reach Conference in Toronto, Canada August 7-9, 2025. We solicit your presence.

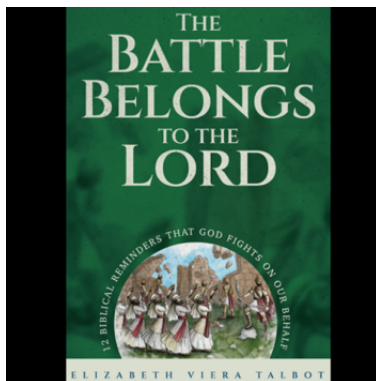




This conference will be filled with explosive sermons, educational seminars, elevating and soul stirring music, networking, and culminating with an inspiring concert. Register opening soon for this event.



**Why is the theory of evolution so persistently promoted in the academic arena** and the broader world of history and science? Creationism believes in Intelligent Design where life and the universe were created by a benevolent God. Evolution believes living organisms developed from earlier forms. Which theory holds more water and which theory is more susceptible to sinking? Discover more as you listen to Dr. John Kurlinski and Dr. Stan Hudson, present an engaging and amusing program, *Sink the Beagle* airing weekly on [LifeTalk Radio](http://LifeTalk Radio). For a program schedule visit: [lifetalk.net/program-schedule](http://lifetalk.net/program-schedule). Also available as a podcast: [lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup](http://lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup).



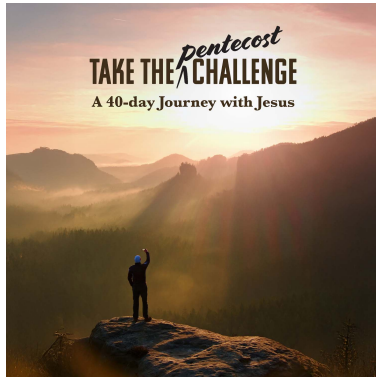
**Jesus 101 has released a television series “The Battle is the Lord’s”** with an accompanying study book by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot. [The series covers twelve biblical warfare narratives](#) that remind us that God fights on our behalf. This book has powerful insights for facing life’s traumas, while showing that God is willing and able to fight for you in your battles for understanding, perception, and reassurance. For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on “Book Offers”, and enter code “NAD-BBL” (US and Canada, one per household). Code valid thru March 31.

**Jesus 101 has the perfect daily devotional podcast to help you connect to God daily.**

*Jesus Wins!* is an audio devotional that revisits the stories of Jesus, touches on His graceful ways, and



shares applicable truths found in His simple yet profound messages. Listeners can see His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element of His life is too small to provide insight, and these insights will revitalize your life! Click [here](#) for access to these free daily devotionals.



**Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises?** Embark on a 40-day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation —a journey to be inspired, empowered, and changed from the inside out. Over these 40 days, deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the life-changing power of consistent time in His presence. Embrace the challenge and be transformed! Click [here](#) to learn more.



**Join John Bradshaw for another season of It Is Written.** The spring schedule features popular reruns from previous years, new episodes on health and US history, and the release of three new programs in the Daniel the Prophet series. In February, be sure to watch "The Rescue: Fugitives and Freedom," which focuses on the story of the daring Oberlin-Wellington rescue. Episodes of *It Is Written* are released every Friday at 6 p.m. EST on [itiswritten.tv](http://itiswritten.tv).



**Discovery Mountain has resources to help your school run a Pentecost 2025 event!** Grow the faith of your students with our plug-and-play Week of Prayer program, Flyover Faith, and immerse them in the Word of God with our fun-filled Expedition Bible Guides, beautifully illustrated NKJV Bible, and easy-to-use study aids. [Click here to learn more and view our resources.](#)



**“Scrambled Faith,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, is here!** Keziah’s discovery of a very famous—and endlessly intriguing—puzzle sparks twists and turns. Listen along each week and exercise your faith. [Click here to listen to the latest episodes from Discovery Mountain.](#) [Click here to explore the latest episodes and stories from Discovery Mountain.](#)



**Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes.** This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include: Alison Arnglim, Dean Butler, Nikki DeLoach, Billy Gardell, J. Scott Reed, Lara Love Hardin, Josh and Lauren Swickard, and many more. To watch the latest shows, visit: [www.lifestyle.org](http://www.lifestyle.org).



**This quarter on *It Is Written Sabbath School*, join host Eric Flickinger and study author John C. Peckham** as they discuss God’s love and justice. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



**Don’t miss some of Authentic’s most-watched episodes!** Join host Shawn Boonstra in this winter best-of season as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven’s radical remedy. Using Scripture as his guide, he confronts tough topics like the truth about hell, slavery in the Bible, and the mystery of sin and temptation. Episodes rerun every Friday on [3ABN](#) (6 p.m. ET) and our [Facebook](#) channel (7 p.m. ET). View our entire back catalog of episodes on our [YouTube](#) channel and at [vop.com/authentic](http://vop.com/authentic).

**It Is Written continues to provide Pentecost**



**2025 resources and training.** Learn proven evangelism principles from John Bradshaw, Wes Peppers, Eric Flickinger, Robert Costa, and other seasoned evangelists through our online and live training events held around the country. Find Bible studies, sharing books, and more to aid your preparation in our online store. Explore all Pentecost 2025 resources at [itiswritten.com/pc25training](https://itiswritten.com/pc25training).



### **Christian Record Services is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North**

America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who are blind worldwide. Churches, individuals, and businesses provide support for services. All who are legally blind or have physical impairments that prevent them from holding reading material or focusing on ink print are eligible for these free services: [Full-Vision Books](#); [Gift Bibles](#) and [Study Guides](#); [Naomi Chapman Turner Library for the Blind](#); [National Camps for Blind Children \(NCBC\)](#); [Subscription Magazines](#); and [Zoo Buds](#). Service may vary by region due to contractual agreements.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

### **March**

- 01** [Local Church Budget](#)
- 08** [Adventist World Radio](#)
- 15** [Local Church Budget](#)
- 22** [Local Conference Advance](#)
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### **April**

- 05** [Local Church Budget](#)
- 12** [Hope Channel International](#)
- 19** [Local Church Budget](#)
- 26** [Local Conference Advance](#)



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## ADVENTIST JOURNEY



**Cover:** Richard Green, business owner, church elder, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada

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**NAD Update:** "Breath of Life Ministries Celebrates 50 Years of Media, Music, and Evangelism" by Christelle Agboka, pp. 08-10

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*This magazine is mailed to Adventists in North America; [click](#) to view the March issue online. [WATCH](#) the cover interview.*

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## VIEWPOINTS



## Wisdom

"Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold."

— *Proverbs 3:13-14, NIV*

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