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# NEWSPOINTS

April 3, 2025



## **The Board of Trustees of Oakwood University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr.**

Gina Spivey-Brown, Ph.D., RN, MSA, FAAN, FNAP, FADLN, as the 12th president of Oakwood University. The announcement concludes a comprehensive and prayerful search process. [MORE](#)



## **From January 14-18, roughly 120 participants, including Children's Ministries directors and their**

teams, and children's pastors, met at Falls Church, Va., for the annual NAD Children's Ministries retreat. Themed "Reckless," the event encouraged attendees to pursue God and ministry goals with bold faith. For busy leaders, "Reckless" offered spiritual renewal, equipping, and fellowship through worship, practical training, and social



**On March 26, the North American Division voted to receive the Center for Youth Evangelism LLC** as an official entity of the division as of May 1, 2025. This vote comes after the March 24, 2025, vote by the Andrews University board to transfer to the division the non-profit entity that has been part of the university since 1979 under the name of Youth Resource Center (it was renamed CYE in 1996). [MORE](#)



**As the winter quarter moves forward, La Sierra University is preparing a new, three-year** budget

activities. [MORE](#)



**Monte Sahlin, one of the foremost researchers of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the NAD** and a former pastor and church administrator, has passed away. He was 76 years old. [MORE](#)



**The Frederick Seventh-day Adventist Church held a job fair on March 18, aimed at assisting** federal workers affected by layoffs. Wes Moore, Maryland governor, April McClain Delaney, U.S. representative, and other



and working on a strategic plan to position the university to reach near and long-term enrollment targets, culminating in 5,000 by 2035. [MORE](#)



**“Give us today our daily bread” (Matt. 6:11, NKJV) — Members and friends of Patmos Chapel** Seventh-day Adventist Church in Apopka are answering this prayerful request for hundreds of families in central Florida. The church’s mobile food giveaway has been cited as one of the largest distribution sites in Orange County, Florida. [MORE](#)

state and local officials attended the event. More than 1,000 job seekers attended the event. [MORE](#)



**In a small Cleveland church, where worshippers from Russia and Ukraine kneel side by side,** peace reigns, defying the war that divides their homelands. This unique congregation sings, prays, studies and fellowships together, with no trace of the painful divisions or hatred that mark their nations’ conflict. [MORE](#)

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[7.7 Earthquake: ADRA Mobilizes Emergency Response Following Massive Destruction in Myanmar and Thailand](#)

[Highland Academy Hosts Seventh-day Adventist Music Festival \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Eliot Church’s Memorial Hall Sold to Seventh-day Adventist Church \(Mass.\)](#)

[Faith & Healthy Habits Come Together at Adventist Plant-Based Cooking Classes \(R.I.\)](#)

[AdventHealth Among First in U.S. to Offer IDP023-2-101 Clinical Trial for Patients With Progressive Multiple Sclerosis \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventist Healthcare Fort Washington Medical Center Honored With Award for Reducing Patient Waiting Times \(Md.\)](#)

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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.

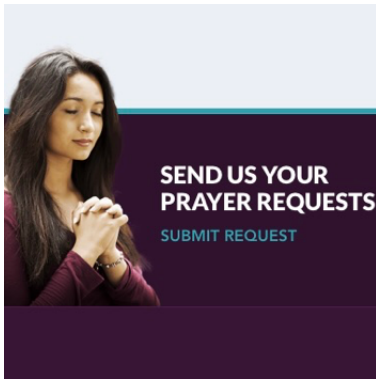


**LATE REGISTRATION STILL OPEN! Join us at the tHRive 2025 on April 27-30 in Miami, Florida.** The NAD's 20th HR conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors, and university VPs of finance. Register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



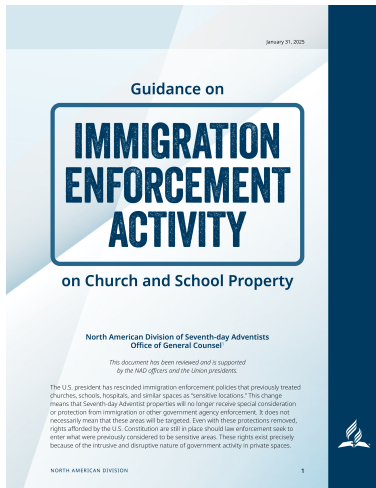
**Join us April 3-6 at the North American Division Headquarters in Columbia, MD,** for the Adventist Nurses Conference. With the theme “empowered for impact.” This event offers nurses of all backgrounds the chance to grow professionally, connect with fellow nurses, and renew their spiritual and personal 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!

**Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer?** Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.



**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.



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**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 Aug. 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.

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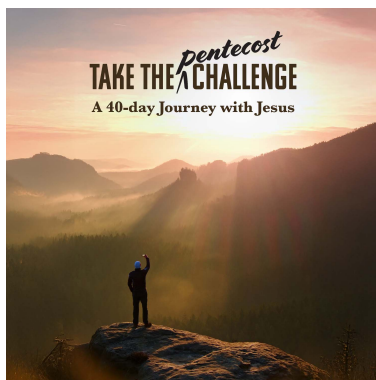
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*Jesus Wins!* is an audio devotional that revisits the stories of Jesus, touches on His graceful ways, and shares applicable truths found in His simple yet profound messages. Listeners can see His tender, loving care for those around Him. No element 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](https://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\*.](#)



**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](https://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](http://itiswritten.com/pc25training).



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## VIEWPOINTS



## The Resurrection and the Life



"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'"

— *John 11:25, 26, NIV*

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