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# NEWSPOINTS

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**Nearly 500 pastors, church planters, and ministry leaders gathered March 11-15 at Camp Kulaqua Retreat and Conference Center in High Springs, Florida, for the Pentecost 2026 Boot Camp, five days of training designed to strengthen evangelism, discipleship, and church planting across the Seventh-day Adventist Church's North American Division. The event is part of the**



**When the day of Pentecost had fully come, the believers gathered together in one place.** They were united in purpose and expectation. Acts 2:1 reads, "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place" (NKJV). It was not an accident, a coincidence, or a spontaneous spiritual outburst. It unfolded according to God's precise and purposeful timing.

division’s broader Pentecost and Beyond initiative, a multi-year effort focused on mission, revival, and church growth.

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**The North American Division hosted the 2026 Virtual Health Ministries Training on Feb. 20-22.**

More than a dozen guest speakers and nearly 150 attendees from all around the world convened via Zoom to highlight and unpack valuable principles and skills pertinent to the effective extension of the right arm of the gospel to a sin-sick world.

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**For years, various projects have been deeply considered by the administration at Pacific Union**

College. At the start of 2025, vice president for advancement Carlos Garcia, with the help of various departments, created the PUC Forward Campaign to raise funds for numerous renovations to highlight overall campus and student life, beautifying and improving the campus.

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**When Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in San Antonio, Texas, prayed for a new way** to reach their community, no one imagined the answer would involve corn riblets, poncho puffs, and a rodeo bustling with more than a million visitors. Yet that was exactly how God opened doors. [MORE](#)



**On Aug. 20, 2025, at Maplehurst Correctional Complex, the goodness of God was** demonstrated when 89 inmates publicly declared their faith through baptism. Through the faithful teaching and guidance of the chaplaincy team and all of MHCC's chaplaincy volunteers, including Prison Ministries volunteers, MHCC held its first-ever, large-scale, full-immersion baptism service. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

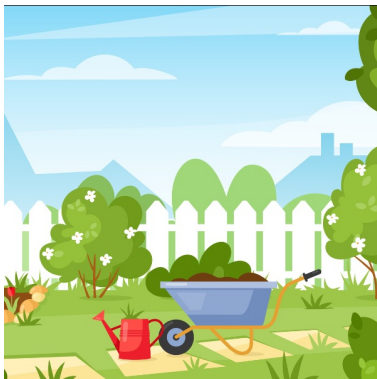
[Adventist Health: Colorectal Cancer Awareness and Why Screening Could Save Your Life \(Calif.\)](#)

[Purpose in Practice: How Central Florida Doctors Are Caring for the Whole Person—Body, Mind and Spirit \(Fla.\)](#)

[Adventhealth and YMCA Partner to Expand Emergency Readiness \(Fla.\)](#)

[The Inland Empire's Only Minimally Invasive Brain Tumor Treatment \(Calif.\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** We hope to get back on our weekly schedule, and until we do 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. [Click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.



**Film students and professionals are invited to the Sonscreen Film Festival**, April 9-11, 2026, in Loma Linda, CA. Enjoy screenings, connect with peers and industry professionals, and meet award-winning guest filmmakers. You can even pitch your next film idea for a chance to win \$3,500 in funding. Learn more or register at [sonscreen.com](https://sonscreen.com).

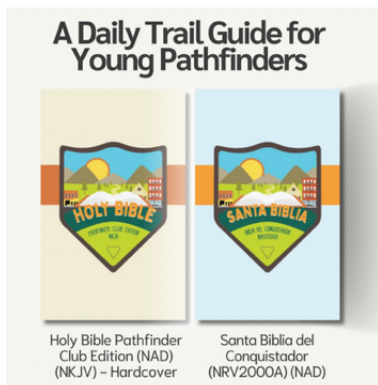


**Through service, we become a wellspring of the mercy, grace, and love** we have received from God (John 4:14). The ACS Convention brings together individuals who are passionate about making a meaningful difference in their communities. Whether you've been serving for years or are just beginning your journey with Adventist Community Services, you'll be inspired by dynamic speakers, encouraged by fellow servants, and equipped through practical, skill-building sessions. Join us in Greenville, SC, April 16-18, 2026! [Register today and be part of the impact.](#)

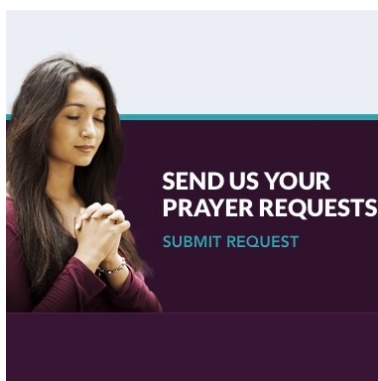
**For many, it's been a challenging winter in some areas of our country** with piles of snow and power outages, but now a new season is on the way. So take a moment and share the joy of spring. Send an



eCard to someone special in your life. Discover beautiful FREE digital sharing cards from LifeTalk Radio at: [LifeTalk.net/ecards](https://LifeTalk.net/ecards). Sending eCards is easy, fun, and fast. You can also order a variety of free printed sharing cards for many different occasions at: [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards](https://LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards). Let family, friends and co-workers know you are thinking of them. Remind others: God Loves You.

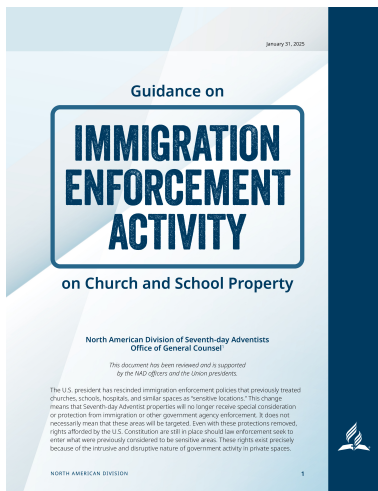


**Empower your Pathfinders and Adventurers with a Bible built for their journey!** The NAD Youth Ministries, Pacific Press, and AdventSource have teamed up to release these special Bible editions in English (NKJV) and, for the first time ever, Spanish (Nueva-Reina Valera)! Designed to withstand campouts and study sessions alike, these Bibles are the official resource for the Pathfinder Bible Experience. [Click here](#) for both Pathfinder and Adventure Bibles from Adventist Book Center. [AdventSource](#) link for the Pathfinder English version; [Spanish](#) version.

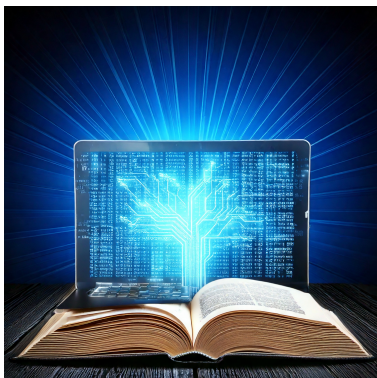


**Are you in need of encouragement, hope, or prayer?** Jesus 101's prayer warriors would be honored to pray for your specific request. Our prayer team meets every Wednesday to pray over received prayer requests. Click [here](#) to submit your prayer request online.

**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.



**Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world.** This Adventist Learning Community course empowers pastors and church leaders to harness the power of AI tools to transform sermon content into engaging, shareable social media posts. You'll learn how to optimize sermon videos, design eye-catching visuals, and use online engagement tools to grow your church's digital presence. By the end of the course, you'll have the skills and confidence to combine AI technologies with creative strategies—amplifying your message, reaching new audiences, and spreading the gospel far beyond your local community. [LEARN MORE.](#)



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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.



**There is a Quiet Crisis Happening in Plain Sight. We Aren't Supposed to Talk About It.** It's not a crisis of faith. It's a crisis of profound isolation, affecting millions who suffer in silence while surrounded by their community. They are in our pews, in our neighborhoods, and in our families. Now, the story is finally being told. To find out more, watch the interview with Christian Record Services and 3ABN found here: <https://bit.ly/quietcrisisinterview>

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### God Unites His People

“Pentecost reminds us that God does not homogenize His people. He unites them. When many voices come together in one accord, the church is prepared to serve God faithfully, not in some distant future, but in this very moment. God has been shaping His people for this season all along.”

— G. Alexander Bryant, in the [article](#) "Many Voices, One Accord"

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