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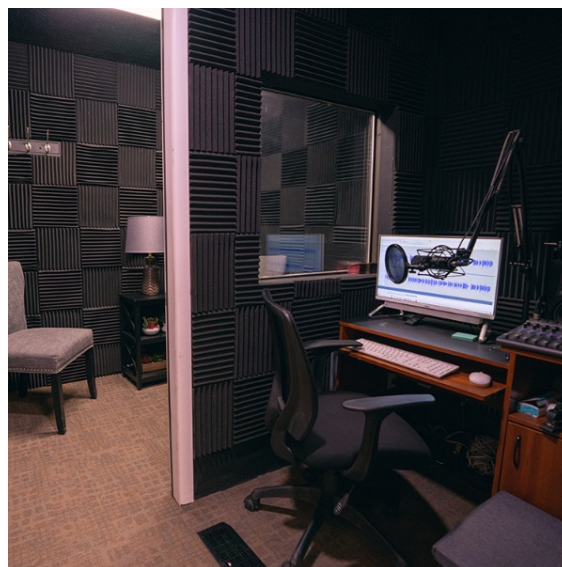
NEWSPOINTS

April 30, 2025



On May 2, the NAD will livestream a special one-hour prayer meeting. NAD president G.

Alexander Bryant shared that the division recognizes "our great need to stay in a mindset of knowing our continual need to pray for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit;" and thus, church leaders felt compelled to host another event to enrobe in prayer the churches and schools engaged in community efforts and proclamation events this spring, and continue to invoke



On March 19, at precisely 4:24 p.m., the airwaves above Kaibeto, Ariz., came alive with a message of hope. Diné Adventist Radio's first full-power FM station — KDHH 89.5 FM — went live, reaching listeners across Tuba City, Kaibeto, and the Western Agency of the Navajo Nation. It was a quiet but powerful breakthrough for a project years in the making. [MORE](#)

the Holy Spirit. [MORE](#)



After a tenure of more than nine years marked by creativity, collaboration, innovation, and dedication to mission, Christian Record Services (CRS) president Diane J. Thurber announced a late July 2025 retirement during the organization’s board of directors meeting on Monday, March 17. [MORE](#)



The NAD has received a \$1.5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. as part of its National Initiative to Strengthen Hispanic Pastoral Leaders and Congregations. This grant will directly support *Misión Next*, an innovative initiative designed to enhance the cultural capacity and leadership abilities of first-generation Hispanic pastors and leaders, while also equipping second- and third-generation pastors to better approach ministry within the unique context of North America. [MORE](#)



The last Sabbath of March 2025 marked the Disabilities Ministries Annual Conference, hosted this



On April 12, the Northside

year by the Living Hope Seventh-day Adventist Church in Haymarket, Virginia. Representatives from across the country joined forces to share insights, with the event live-streamed for those unable to attend in person. This was a historic meeting with record-breaking attendance, signaling the church's increasing emphasis on inclusion. [MORE](#)

Adventist church in St. Louis, Mo., was filled with energy, unity, and purpose during the Ignite St. Louis: *One Spirit, One Mission* prayer symposium. Hosted by the Mid-America and Lake Union conferences, the evening event drew church members and leaders together to pray for God's power and guidance leading up to major evangelistic efforts. [MORE](#)

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Adventist Healthcare Emergency Departments Launch AI Initiative to Help Enhance Patient Safety and Care Efficiency \(Md.\)](#)

[Two Mendocino County Hospitals Named Among the Cleanest Hospitals in the Country \(Calif.\)](#)

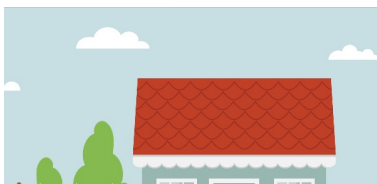
[AdventHealth's Rocky Mountain Region Facilities Proud to Be Named Among America's Best Maternity Hospitals \(Fla.\)](#)

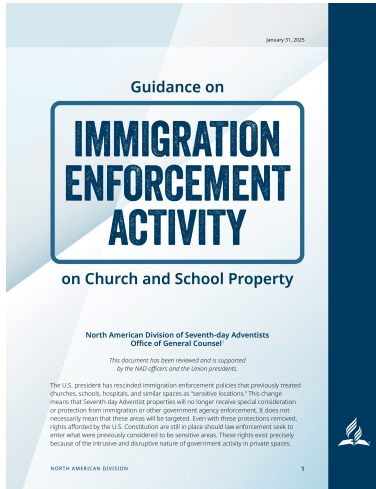
[AdventHealth Avista Achieves Pathway to Excellence Redesignation \(Fla.\)](#)

[Monroe Church to Help Address Water Crisis in Tallulah With Water Relief \(Ga.\)](#)

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.





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.



Prayer changes everything! Join our live-stream prayer meeting event on May 2. Hosted by the NAD, you can participate by signing up on the special Pentecost 2025 prayer page (limited space). Another option is to watch and pray with church members North America by tuning in on the NAD Facebook page or YouTube. Let's meet at the throne of grace — as one church, one family. [CLICK HERE](#) for info on how to participate.



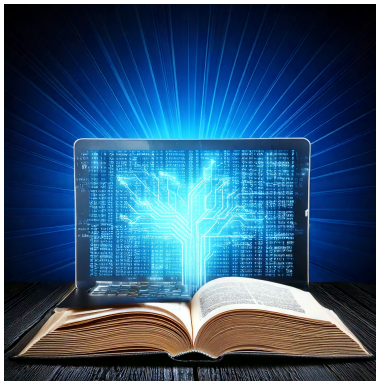
The ACS Disaster Famine and Relief Offering (DFRO) is on Sabbath, May 10. You have witnessed the aftermath from tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, floods and other disasters tearing apart communities. Families are displaced, having lost their home, livelihood and even loved ones. Adventist Community Services Disaster Response stands ready to serve those affected by these and other tragedies. Plan now to give at your church on May 10 or give [here online](#); and together we are "Serving Communities in Christ's name."



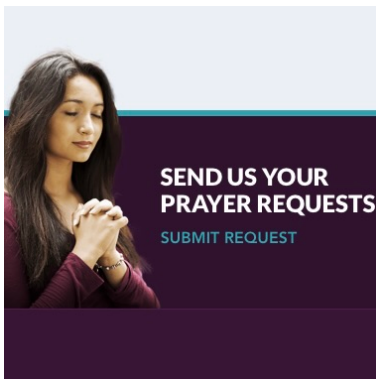
The National Day of Prayer is observed



annually on the first Thursday in May. People of many different faiths join in prayer on this day. At LifeTalk Radio we believe prayer makes a difference. We encourage you to participate in the National Day of Prayer. And when you have personal prayer needs or concerns we invite you to share them with us. Submit your prayer requests online at: lifetalk.net/prayer any day, any time. Or call our prayer hotline: 1-800-775-HOPE (4673). Watch our 1-minute prayer video at: lifetalk.net/videos



Take your ministry beyond the pulpit and into the digital world. This 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. [Click here](#) to learn more.



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.

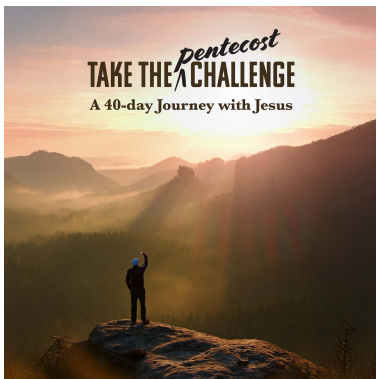
Save the Date! The Office of Prison Ministry for the North American Division of the Seventh-

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





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Canada Aug. 7-9, 2025. We seek 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.

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

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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.



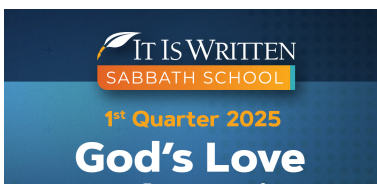
Discovery Mountain has resources to help your school run a Pentecost 2025 event! Grow the faith of your students with our plug-and-play Week of Prayer program, Flyover Faith, and immerse them in the Word of God with our fun-filled Expedition Bible Guides, beautifully illustrated NKJV Bible, and easy-to-use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



“Chasing Hope,” an all-new season of Discovery Mountain, begins May 8! Summer camp has started—and so has a new mystery! Missing items and a new Ranger Station Camp push campers to chase something more enduring than fun: hope. Listen along and exercise your faith. [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.



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



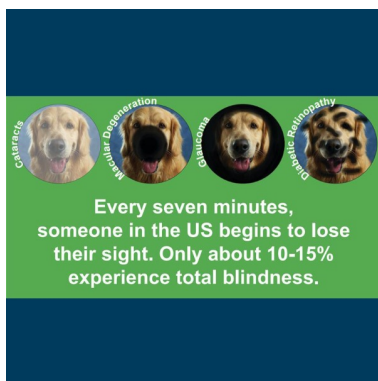
justice. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](#) or [It Is Written TV](#).



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.



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.



Every seven minutes, someone in the U.S. begins to lose their sight. Just as Christ ministered to the individual needs of each person He met, Christian Record Services strives to bring hope, encouragement, and spiritual growth to all who are navigating vision loss — wherever they are on their journey. Thank you for partnering with us to make a difference. Learn more at ChristianRecord.org

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VIEWPOINTS



Sufficient Grace

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

— *2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV*

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