Welcome...
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Word On Campus
"...do not worry what you are to say or how to say it...You will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you." (Matthew 10:19, 20.) We have all had moments when our words flowed freely and barely knew what we were saying ourselves as the words rolled off our tongue. This may have been a bit like what Jesus had in mind in His instructions to the disciples. There is no greater feeling than to know that somehow God has spoken and acted through us. Perhaps this is how the disciples felt on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit set their tongues on fire and they boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Our roommates and friends need to hear about the activity of God in our lives. Sharing the things we are learning from God with each other can be a blessing to us and them. But we need not worry about what we are to say. God will inspire us and speak through us, and give us just the right words to say. The point is to be ready and listening to the voice of God in our own hearts and pay close attention to what's going on in others. When the concerns and questions of our friends meet God's reply - He may choose to deliver His message through us. The message God inspires us with may be a silent one in which we are urged to be quiet and merely pay attention. Or it may be time to speak a word of encouragement. Regardless of the message, we can be sure that it will well up from the life of God deep within us, and we will not need to worry about how or what to speak. God inspired conversations always leave us wondering if the message is for the one receiving it or for the
bearer of the message. We are left with a deep sense of God's presence throughout the entire conversation - so no need to worry about what to say to your friends on campus. You will be given what to say, for you will not be speaking, but the spirit of your Father will be speaking through you!

News & Events

1. **Over A Hundred University Students Baptized In Papua New Guinea**: Close to 5,000 people were baptized in this summers evangelistic campaign in Papua New Guinea (PNG) where close to 100,000 people crammed into Sir John Guise Soccer arena to hear Adventist evangelist John Carter share the message of the blessed hope we have in the soon coming of Jesus. A number of those who accepted Christ and baptism were college and university students that were being ministered too by Adventist campus ministers on surrounding university campuses. To read more check out: [Baptism](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f). To get an idea of the student ministry presence on college and university campuses in this area of the world check out: [SASA](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f) (Simbu Adventist Student Association). You can also read about the role that Adventist and Adventist students are playing in government and politics in PNG by reading here: [Politics](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

2. **Adventist Olympian Gives Glory To God**: The whole world saw the gesture of Kenyan silver medalist Abul Kirui in the men's long distance marathon when Abul dropped to his knees giving glory to God for his victory. "Every race is an opportunity. I tell God, 'Wherever You place me, I will share You.' So every time I finish a race I say, 'Thank You, God,' " Kirui says. To read more about this 30 year old long distance runner go to: [Olympian](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

3. **180 CYE Symposium on Youth & Young Adult Ministry**: October 16-18 on the Andrews University campus is an annual gathering of scholars, practitioners and administrators gather to discuss important topics related to youth and young adult ministry. This years topic will identify Adventist congregations that attract and retain youth and young adults. For more info visit [180](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

4. **Ultimate Purpose Seminar October 10-13**, Southern Adventist University will be hosting Pastor Doug Batchelor from Amazing Facts ministry who will be speaking to students on topics like: What Is Truth, How Did We Get Here, Why Is There evil and Where Am I Going? For more information go to: [GYCS](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

5. "**Gear Up**": California Conference Youth Ministry Convention, October 18-20, Ontario Convention Center. A workshop in public campus ministry will be offered by Ron Pickell, ACF/NAD Volunteer Coordinator entitled "Loving God On Campus: Thriving Spiritually On Today's Secular Campus." For more information check out: [Gear Up](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

6. **ACF Georgia Cumberland Conference Campus Ministry Training**: October 19-21, ACF/GCC will host a mini-retreat for ACF chapter leaders at Cohutta Springs Camp. Student leaders and sponsors are invited for a weekend of community building and planning for the 2012 - 2013 school year. To learn more go to: [ACF/GCC](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

7. **Campus Catalyst Campus Ministry Training**: Arizona Conference is sponsoring a campus ministry training weekend - November 9-11. This training will focus on launching new ACF campus ministry chapters and sustaining those already in existence. For more information email us at: [Campus Catalyst](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

8. **E. L. Minchen Reason Symposium, November 13-15**: Andrews University Campus. This is a new symposium addressing contemporary issues challenging youth and young adults today. This years topic is "Missional Youth" For more information contact chaplain Timothy Nixon at: [ELMR Symposium](http://us2.campaign-archive1.com/?u=7ae0ea6be9ab5c680763331f&id=0af35d4ce1&e=498f83c24f).

9. **Adventist "Mission To The Cities" NY13 Evangelism Project**: Church leaders in spring mission planning meetings of the church selected 24 cities around the world to target with major evangelistic effort for sharing the gospel and outreach efforts of the Adventist church in 2012. What are the implications for this outreach effort for college and university campuses in this broad initiative of the church? How can we take seriously an outreach to these cities without a well planned effort
for reaching students gathered from all over the world on these campuses? To
learn more about the churches Mission To The Cities go to: NY13. To learn about
the mission to New York go to: Take Gift NY. To join the discussion on how to
involve campus ministry in the Mission To The Cities Campaign got to: ACF/NAD

10. **Cruise With A Mission:** (December 9-16, 2012). Looking for a young-adult
mission trip? Need some spiritual renewal? How about a one week vacation on a
cruise ship? Try something different! Check out Cruise With A Mission, Dec. 9-16,
2012. Ports include Jamaica, Grand Cayman, Honduras and the Bahamas. To
learn more about the 2012 CWM or to register go to: CWM 2012.

11. **Urbanna 2012 Student Mission Conference** (December 27-31): The
International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) sponsors a student world
missions conference every three years at St. Louis, MO bringing together the best
in Christian speakers on campus and world missions encouraging students to
reach out to their world in Jesus name. Urbanna brings together thousands of
students from around the world and connects them to mission agencies for short
and long term mission opportunities. Urbanna is a great event to inspire students
to reach their campus for Christ. For more info go to: Urbanna 2012

12. **GYC 2012:** (December 28 - January 1) Go to GYC to learn more and register for
the 2012 college and young adult GYC Conference in Seattle, WA.

13. **Lake Union Conference Youth Congress Jesus - All Or Nothing for senior youth/young adults offering specialized training** In Public Campus Ministry, Chicago, IL, (Feb 8-10-2013). More information contact PastorRon@andrews.edu or register at Youth Congress

14. **Church Of Refuge (COR) Summit:** COR Summits exist to network and support
local church leadership who value youth/Young Adults. Two COR Summit's are
being offered in Chicago on February 10, 2013. Register today by contacting
Justin Yang. For more info go to: COR

15. **the One project 2013:** February 11 & 12, Chicago, IL. Celebrating the supremacy
of Jesus in the Adventist church. Undergraduate student and group discounts are
available. For more info contact Japhet De Oliveria or go to: the1project.org

16. **InSpire 2013:** (April 27, 28) InSpire is a web community where Seventh-day
Adventist members gifted in and passionate about the creative arts can share their
ideas and creations in a collaborative way. Songwriting, drawing, painting,
photography, sculpture, poetry and more can be used in powerful ways to convey
God's message of hope and healing to our churches and surrounding cultural
environments. This website, by Pacific Union Conference Church Support Services,
represents an intentional effort to stimulate dialog and creative

17. **2013 ECHO Conference:** July 24-26, Dallas, TX. For those new to the Echo
Conference - Echo is a three-day gathering of artists, geeks and storytellers
serving the church. Join Echo participants for inspiration, education, connection
and worship. More info: ECHO

18. **Impact South Africa 2013:** This event is sponsored by the General Conference of
Seventh-day Adventist's Youth/Young Adult Department as a world conference on
youth and community services. Join us in South Africa bringing together world
leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist church to focus on community service needs
and harnessing the resources of our youth. For more information and additional
news about GC world youth/young adult ministries go to: GC YOUTH

**Resources**

1. **Two Great New Campus Ministry Resources On Christian Apologetics:** Check
out two new books prepared especially for students and campus workers on non-
Adventist college campuses to answer some of the difficult questions students run
into on a secular campus. **Always Prepared** provides answers concerning basic doctrinal questions while **Understanding Creation** deals with the tough questions concerning faith and science. Contributing Adventist scholars from the sciences, theology and philosophy and edited by Dr. Humberto Rasi, Dr. Nancy J. Vymeister and Dr. James Gibson. These books are being offered to students and campus workers on non-Adventist college and university campuses at half price for a limited time. Those who meet the requirements can still call Pacific Press (800) 447-7377 this month through October 28 to receive these books for $10 each and at a 50% discount off the normal $19.99 price. Call today to receive your personal copy.

2. **Hell And Mr. Fudge:** Edward Fudge's first printing of his famous book on the end of life and an eternal burning hell "The Fire That Consumes: A Biblical And Historical Study Of The Doctrine Of Final Punishment" was published in 1982. Now in it's third printing it remains a classic on the non-immortality of the soul. Fudge, a Church of Christ minister and theologian rocked the evangelical world when his book was published. Now a film is being released that captures the background and scholarship of Edward Fudge's research. The film is *Hell (The Film): A Final Word*. To read more about Dr. Fudge's story and the movie project click on [HELL](#). To see a trailer of the film click on [Final Word](#).

3. **Templeton Science And Religion Series:** Includes a series of nine short books concerning the sciences, humanities and religion. These books were commissioned to open intellectual doors and create discussion for readers of all backgrounds concerning the discussion of science and faith. Each expert begins with a background of their field of study with a view to the religious dimension returning to a wide variety of critical viewpoints. To learn more about these valuable resources discussing the integration of science and faith go to: [Templeton](#).

4. **ACFLINK.ORG WEB SITE:** [ACFLINK.ORG](#) is the best way for staying connected with Adventist ministry on non-Adventist college and university campuses. Another great connecting point is: ACF on Facebook at [ACF North America](#).

5. **ACF/NAD BLOG:** Check out the new ACF/NAD Campus Ministry Blog for continuos campus ministry news and information. Check us out and follow us at: [ACF BLOG](#).

6. **Campus Ministry Quick Start Guide:** Check out the new Quick Start Guide for campus ministry at [AdventSource](#). *Quick guides are now downloadable from the ARC Campus Ministry Resources Web Site by going to: [ARC](#)*.

7. **Revising and updating Campus Ministry Resources:** We are in the process of revising and improving Adventist Christian Fellowship (ACF) materials and would love to have your input. If you have read, examined or used any of the following materials for teaching others, please click on [ACF Resources](#) and complete the survey. Resources being revised include: "Word On Campus: A Guide To Public College Ministry," "Word In Action Workbook Series," "Quick Start Guide To Public College Ministry." For any specific suggestions or additions to add to the curriculum please contact Kirk King @ [Kirk](#)

8. **CRAVE Campus Outreach:** CRAVE is a new approach to campus evangelism being pioneered by Jeff Tatarchuck (SECC Youth Conference Evangelist) and Marquis Johns (Youth Pastor, NY) utilizing very traditional evangelistic methods with a non-traditional message of setting up a tent on campus and preaching to students about their deepest cravings and our cravings can lead us to God, the only one who can fill our deepest needs. This traditional approach with a new relevant message has had huge success uniting campus ministry groups and introducing students to the message of Christ and his saving love. We are very excited about the prospects for CRAVE and are even now working on pre campus evangelism package and follow up materials that will introduce students to small group Bible studies and a Christian community on campus. To see more check out the CRAVE TOUR Video of Cal State San Marcos from fall of 2011: [CRAVE](#).

Undergraduates: Recent studies of college students' attitude toward religion suggest that the academy is no longer the bastion of secularism it was once assumed to be. These studies further reveal that the spiritual landscape on today's college campuses is virtually unrecognizable from what we have seen in the past. To help make sense of these changes, the SSRC offers this online guide derived from a series of essays commissioned from leading authorities in the field of higher education. Go to SSRC GUIDE to read more.

10. **Creation/Evolution Debate in Public Schools**: Check out *The Revisiononaries* a documentary on state standards of education concerning the creation/evolution debate in the Texas school system. Go to *The Revisiononaries* for a view of the movie trailer.

11. **Tools and Resources For College Student Bible Study**: If you're looking for some good resources on college student bible studies and topics for Friday night meetings - go to InterVarsity's Ministry Exchange where you can find loads of topics and bible study discussion ideas for student related questions and issues.

12. **Dream Church**: Looking for the dream church where you can belong and plug into? Check out Dr. Joe Kidder's great article on a Jesus Centered life that leads to a dream church community. To read more go to: Dream Church

13. **Attention College Age Young Adults**, if you are ready to take a break from the classroom, without interrupting the process of preparing for life as a responsible adult, join Traverse for a summer adventure or a full gap year experience. Warning: You will be exposed to ADVENTURE • TRAVEL • SERVICE • FAITH! Learn more at Traverse

14. **"Living It" Public High School Ministry**: Check out the new web-based Discipleship Resource Center for public high school ministry at Living It. Here you can find resources for: visiting high school students in their world--including on campus, nurturing your personal spirituality, sharing devotional experiences, creating outreach ideas, along with resources for dealing with teenage at-risk behaviors. The site also features video testimonies from high school students and leaders about how they have been used by God to reach their world. You can also download the latest issue of the Living It bi-monthly newsletter by going to: LINL or join the group on Facebook at: "Living It FB"

15. **Are You Man Enough?**: August 2011 of Boundless Webzine published Joshua Rogers, "Are You Man Enough To Love A Woman?" where Rogers challenges men on who to date and the myth of finding the "perfect" woman. Read more: Dating

16. **Why Jesus?** Check out Ravi Zacharias' recent book *Why Jesus: Rediscovering His Truth In An Age Of Mass Marketed Spirituality*. In this new book Dr. Zacharias helps guide between fact and fiction about the more New Age Jesus of the Celestine Prophecies and Dan Brown's popularized Davinci Code. For more info go to: WHY JESUS?

17. **A Place For Christian Refugees**: In a recent issue of Neue Magazine, blogger Jared Byas talks about the new Christian wrestling with so many questions from a skeptical culture that a place is needed for people to air their doubts and talk about living their faith amid competing values. This raises the question if our churches and campus groups are safe places for students to raise questions about living for Jesus on or off campus? For more info check out Refugee

18. **Veritas Forum; The Veritas Rif Podcast** continues to provide relevant, insightful commentary on today's most pressing issues. Check out one of the latest in the series of campus talks on "Why Health Care Reform Needs Spiritual Reform" by Dr. Ray Barfield of Duke University. Check it out at Veritas

19. **Does Our Faith Make A Difference?** For a great article on the influence we can have in life and over others check out this great article on Yes You Can Make A Difference by Reinder Bruinsma. The encouragement he shares will encourage us in living our faith on campus as in all of life. Check out: Difference

20. **Daniel Challenge**: Looking for a great campus outreach program on your campus? Do you long for your campus group to move beyond nurture and
fellowship and into reaching their campus for Christ? The Daniel Challenge from the Be Hive is a program of ten lifestyle principles based on the Old Testament prophet Daniel who challenged his Babylonian overseer that he would be ten times stronger if he was allowed to not “defile himself from the kings table”. In the Daniel Challenge participants are challenged to adopt ten lifestyle principles of better health that will improve well being while potentially boosting their GPA over the semester. This could be a great way of involving students in communicating the gospel on campus through Adventist lifestyle. For more information go to: Daniel Challenge.

21. **Christian University Classes On Line.** Check out classes and course work for Christian beliefs at [Christian University](http://www.christianuniversity.org). Christian University GlobalNet is a fully online Christian university, enabling to work at your own pace and from your own home, church, office or any other location equipped with internet access! Our courses are also fully available on Web-based smart phones and other mobile devices, making CUGN an educational institution with a curriculum that is fully mobile-compatible. We currently offer three on line academic programs: certificate in Bible (16 credits), Diploma in Biblical Studies (36 credits), Master Of Arts In Religion Degree (60 credits). Next term begins April 11. *First on line class is free!*

22. **Can We Talk?** is a helpful article on conversation ideas between Christian’s and Atheist’s. Check it out at: [Talk](http://www.canwetalk.org).

23. **Book Review: The Atheist's Guide To Reality** by Alex Rosenberg is another among the recent books that have come out in support of Atheism as the only intellectually honest approach to reality since life is nothing more than a random coming together of subatomic particles. Clifford Goldstein reviews Rosenberg's book and puts him so far over the edge that he makes “today’s new atheists—Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, and the late Christopher Hitchens—look like compromising, waffling, dithering sellouts.” To read more from Goldstein go to: [Fundamentalist](http://www.fundamentalist.org).

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**Cultural Trends**

1. **Rising Tide of Restrictions On Religion:** A rising tide of restrictions spread across the world between 2009 and 2010. Three quarters of the worlds approximately 7 billion people now live in countries with high government restrictions on religion or high social hostilities involving religion, up from 70% a year earlier. Read more at: [Restrictions](http://www.restrictions.org).

2. **The Generation Gap and the 2012 Election:** According to [PEW research](http://www.pewresearch.org) Transitions

- **Montana Sate University:** The Montana SDA Conference recently created a new position for public campus ministry and hired Alan Newbold to serve as a campus chaplain at Montana State University in Bozeman. Welcome, Alan, to the new and wonderful world of secular campus ministry.

- **Campus Ministry In New York City:** The Greater New York Conference just created a new campus ministry position for campus ministry in New York City.
group, in the last four national elections, generational differences have mattered more than they have in decades. To read more click on GAP.

3. A Theology Of Hazing is a look at the need for belonging and acceptance on college and university campuses. Check out Hazing to read more about the negative effects of college hazing.

4. One Voice About Our Whole Humanity: Adventist consensus on what it means to be human by the Third International Bible Conference, Jerusalem, Israel, June 20, 2012. To read a synopsis of what the church has come to consensus on the meaning of being human go to: HUMAN

5. Atheism On The Rise In The US: According to a new poll taken by the Global Index of Religiosity and Atheism religiosity is in decline in America while atheism is on the rise. Read more at: Atheism

6. England's Atheist's To Outnumber Christians In The Next 20 Years: Christianity is waning in England and could be outnumbered by nonbelievers within 20 years, according to a new study. For more info go to: Atheist

7. Pope Warns Against American Secularism: Check out the article in the Adventist Review about a recent address given by Pope Benedict XVI to American bishops about the secularization of America and its negative affect on the Christian faith. Go to: Secularization

8. Recent Methodist Decision On Homosexuality and Christian Teaching: Despite emotional protests and fierce lobbying from gay rights groups, United Methodists voted on May 2 to maintain their denomination’s stance that homosexual acts are “incompatible with Christian teaching.” To Read More Go To: Methodist’s

9. Changing Views of Gay Marriage: A Deeper Analysis: President Obama’s recent expression of support for same-sex marriage has highlighted long-term changes in opinion on the issue. Combining data from a number of surveys makes it possible to track changes in opinion among smaller groups in the population -- including younger and older people across racial, ethnic, partisan and religious groups. Read more

10. Seventh-Gay-Adventist Documentary: This film documents the life and struggle of three Seventh-day Adventist families York City college and universities by hiring Ruben Sanchez a graduate student of NYU in Religious Studies and Journalism. This is an important step for what has become a growing Adventist ministry among students in the largest city of the U. S. Welcome, Ruben, and we pray for your efforts this year in helping establish campus ministry in New York.

- Arizona Conference Young Adult and Campus Ministries: The Arizona conference just created a new position for young adult ministry in the Arizona conference by hiring Benjamin Lundquist to serve as the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Director for the Arizona Conference. Benjamin will have his hands full as Arizona State University at Tempe boasts the largest university campus in the US with close to a 90,000 student population. We welcome Benjamin who is wearing a couple hats in his new position as well as one of our new Volunteer Coordinators for Young Adult Ministry in the North American Division.

- Minnesota Campus Ministries: The Minnesota Conference recently created a part time position for young adult and campus ministries by hiring Anna Romuald to serve in this capacity. Anna will be serving under the Minnesota Youth Ministry Director, Jeff Wines. We welcome Anna to her new position and look forward to the growth of young adult/campus ministries in Minnesota under her leadership.

- Florida Conference Campus Ministries: The Florida Conference has committed to hire one new campus chaplain in 2013 and is now in the process of gathering names for a long list for this new position. We celebrate and congratulate the Florida Conference in the development of this new position. For inquiries about Florida Campus Ministries please email Youth Director Pedro Perez at: Florida Campus Ministries.
in their life journey as gay Seventh-day Adventist. Form info: GaySDA

11. Sorting Through The Gay SDA Issues:
   Check out point and counterpoint discussion on the issue of gay's and the SDA church as first Andy Nash contributing editor for the Adventist Review discusses the Seventh-Gay Adventist Documentary: Adventist Review. Then take a look at the Spectrum magazine blog by Steve Moran and their take on the same subject at: Spectrum.

12. Why American Churches Are Loosing The Less Educated:
   A new study reports that white Americans without college degrees are dropping out of church faster than their higher educated counterparts has many possible explanations. To read more click here.

13. Boomerang Generation: Feeling OK about Living with Mom and Dad? Most young adults living with their parents do not see a stigma in that arrangement. More than three-quarters of them say they are satisfied with their living situation and upbeat about their financial futures, in part, perhaps, because it has become such a widespread phenomenon. Read more.

My Campus

In this new section of ACF TODAY we intend to feature campus ministry groups across the NAD. This months photo feature is from Texas A & M ACF group who went all out for their Welcome table during campus Open House. Student leader Elissa Morris reports their ACF group gave out 600 flyers, 400 bookmarks, 280

Campus Ministry Training

ACF Mission Year is a 10 month task force campus missions program where students learn how to practice and share their faith on a non-Adventist campus while helping others maintain their faith. Take a few classes, make friends, participate in Bible studies and engage in campus outreach through ACF Mission Year.

ACF Institute is a two week concentrated introduction to campus outreach. ACFI prepares students to win students for Christ, learn about friendship evangelism, on-campus witness and Christian apologetics. This years ACF-I was a huge success as participants learned helpful campus ministry tools and were instrumental in helping gather names for a new ACF group at UC Riverside campus. Watch for information about ACFI 2013. For more info about ACF Mission Year or ACF Institute go to ACF. You can also find us Face Book at: ACF-I.
TestaMINTS (mints with bible verses) and 110 prizes! They had over 90 students sign up requesting bible studies and turn out for their first few friday night ACF meetings have been double and triple their previous years. Praise God for ACF @ Texas A & M!

If you are a student or a campus minister on a secular campus, order your copy of *Always Prepared* and *Understanding Creation* for a limited time until October 28, 2012, at half price by calling (800) 447-7377.

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