Inspirational Quotes

"God is able to take the mess of our past and turn it into a message. He takes the trials and tests and turns them into a testimony."
- Christine Caine

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

Prayer - Petition - Praise

Pray for everyone affected by the passing of Ron Halvorsen Sr. Ron worked for the salvation of youth for many years. Read more...

Ministry Openings

Bible Worker/Young Adult: The country of England is looking for six volunteer staff to go to the north of England for 12 to 24 months. For more information www.adventistvolunteer.org or email

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**Ministry Movement**

**Atlantic Union Conference:** Ryan Simpson is the new Union Youth Ministries Director. He is soon to finish his Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University. [Learn more...](#)

**New York Conference:** Jeremy Garlock has accepted the position as Superintendent of Schools, and Youth Ministries Associate Director.

**North American Division:** Armando Miranda will join the NAD youth department to support unions and conferences with camp and club ministries. Armando is currently the Associate Youth Director in the Texas Conference. [Learn more...](#)

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**Ministry Seekers**

**Youth Ministry Education:** Certified teacher with MA in Youth Ministry seeking a position in either Adventist Education or Youth Ministry. Has NAD endorsements in 6th-12th religion, and 6th-10th general Science. Also served as Assistant Chaplain for two academies. Contact Michael Young [michaelyoung06@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelyoung06@yahoo.com) or (956) 998-9433

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**Adventist Resources**

**Delegates by the Numbers:** For the 2015 GC sessions there are a total of 2,566 delegates. Of these delegates 6% are under the age of 30, while 35% of the delegates are between the ages of 50-59. Of the 2,566 delegates 83% are males, while only 17% are women. [Learn more...](#)

**VBS Destination Paradise:** Spend the summer in Paradise
with the 2015 VBS program, "Destination Paradise." This special VBS from the NAD Children's Ministries department explores the life of Jesus and helps kids learn that God loves, speaks, cares, acts, and wins. Kits available through Advent Source in English and Spanish. Learn more...

MA in Communication Program at Andrews has been revised: These changes include studio renovations, curriculum revisions, and more. Learn more...

Envision Magazine: This student produced publication of Andrews University is a joint product of the Department of Communication & Visual Art & Design focused on inspirational and lifestyle content for Christian University students. Learn more...

Mission Lifeguard: This newly re-launched newsletter by the NAD and Young Adult Ministries provides resources and information for young adults to become involved in their churches, and community. Learn More...

Non-Denominational Resources

Lead The Cause: This week-long summer event trains students to effectively share the gospel, while also igniting a passion for Christ. For dates visit www.leadthecause.org

Live It Up Tour: Through this conference for students and youth leaders, they will discover how to live a joy-filled life that is upwardly focused on Christ. Read more...

KidMin Conference: This dynamic and interactive conference sponsored by Group will be September 25-27, 2015 in Chicago, Illinois. Read more...

Dare 2 Share presents Live It Up, the 2016 teen evangelism training conference that will provide practical teen faith sharing tools. For dates visit dare2share.org/liveitup

Adventist National / International
Events

**Cruise With A Mission 2015:** Recharge your Young Adult spiritual batteries, and share a heart for service during this annual meaningful adventure. The ship sails from Seattle, Washington, July 26-August 2, 2015. More info. at www.cruisewithamission.org or www.cye.org. Sponsored by CYE/NAD Education Department. More info. Brad Hotelling hotelling@andrews.edu or (269) 471-8380

**CALLED:** NAD Pastors Kids Congress will be held in conjunction with the NAD Pastors "Called" convention, June 28-July 1, 2015 in Austin. Sponsored by the NAD Youth Ministries Department. (301) 680-6000 Read more...

**IMPACT San Antonio Texas:** Join young adults from around the world in a global experience for 10 days during the General Conference session July 2-11, 2015. Sponsored by the NAD/GC Youth Ministries departments. Read more...

**General Conference Summer Day Camp:** The SWUC Young Adult and Youth Ministries in collaboration with the NAD and GC Youth Ministry Department will host Summer Day Camp July 6-9, 2015 in San Antonio, TX. Target ages are 10-16. More info. www.southwesternadventist.org/youth or call (817) 295-0476 ext. 433

**General Youth Conference (GYC) 2015 "Called, Chosen, Faithful"** will be in Louisville, Kentucky, on December 30, 2015-January 3, 2016. Read more...

**Florida Leadership Summit:** An interactive gathering for all church leaders and members will be August 7-9, 2015. Tracks include worship coordinating, musicians arena, praise team academy, and many more options. Contact Natasha Richards (407) 374-9450, or natal@me.com. Sponsored by the South Florida Ministerial Department. Read more...

Pathfinder Camporees

**August 12-17, 2019 Chosen International Camporee**

**Ticket Sales:** For more information www.camporee.org or come see the CICamporee booth at this summer's NAD Ministerial and
GC Texas meetings. More info...

**FFICamporee Free MP3 Daniel Bible Story Music:** All Daniel Bible Story songs are now available free at www.camporee.org


**Inter-European Division Camporee:** This camporee will be August 3-9, 2015 in Switzerland. More info...

**Southern Union Camporee:** This camporee will be October 12-16, 2016 in Camp Kulaqua, Florida. More info...

**Lake Union Camporee:** This camporee will be September 15-18, 2016 at the Berrien County Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

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## Research and Surveys

**College Grad Jobs:** Recent data from the National Association of Colleges and Employers shows that employers are planning to hire 9.6% more new college graduates in 2015 than they did last year. Learn more...

**U.S. Marriage Rates:** According to the U.S. Wedding Forecast from Demographic Intelligence, millennials will be at a typical marrying age, but are less likely to marry. The marriage rate is at 6.74 per 1,000 people. Learn more...

**The Biggest Difference Between Old and New Hymns:**
A new study done by research professor of Christian worship Lester Ruth shows that 39% of contemporary worship songs directly address Jesus, 4% of popular worship songs are trinitarian, and 4% of popular evangelical hymns are trinitarian. Learn more...

**Active-Duty Members:** In an article for Christianity Today, the US department of defense reported that Southern Baptists provide the most military chaplains (437 out of 2,837). However the active-
duty members are now outnumbered by atheists.

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**Miscellaneous**

**Should Churches Dim Lights:** In a discussion piece for Christianity Today, experts weigh in on the debate if low lighting sets a better mood or mimics entertainment too much. [Learn more...](#)

**Man breaks religious rules** to help a child who was hit by a car. Watch this inspiring story, and great discussion starter. [Learn more...](#)

**5 year old’s video goes viral** as he insists in buying a meal and praying for a homeless man. Great discussion starter. [Learn more...](#)

**Baptist’s New Speaking in Tongues Policy:** In an article for Christianity Today the president of the International Mission Board for the Baptist church discussed policy changes and what they mean for the future. [Learn more...](#)

**Transformational Leadership:** In an article for Christianity Today, Ed Stetzer discusses four important mindsets for leaders, and why leadership development is necessary for the health of the church. [Learn more...](#)

**3 Tips for Millennial Meetings:** This short excerpt shares simple suggestions for involving millennials in leadership meetings and working together. [Learn more...](#)

**Top 10 College Majors:** According to a report by Georgetown University Center on Education and Workforce, 9 out of the top 10 highest paying college majors are within the engineering field. [Learn more...](#)

**Angola Clash with Apocalyptic Christians:** The Angola government has closed churches while an ongoing dispute continues whether 13 or hundreds of former Adventist followers were killed. [Learn more...](#)

**Going Digital:** Services such as FotoBridge or ScanCafe allows you to digitize collections of analog photographs that may
deteriorate over time. Learn more...

**De-Christianizing China Skyline:** In an effort to remove 400 crosses from rooftops of churches, China proposes where churches can put them instead. Learn more...

**How to save $100K by the time you're 30:** In this article for USA Today, Amanda Reaume provides tips on how to save money. Learn more...

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**Do You Need A Smile?**

Honk if you love Jesus... text while driving if you'd like to meet him.

Never Judge Appearances (click to watch)
411 is a free newsletter of the Center for Youth Evangelism located in the Andrews University Theological Seminary, Berrien Springs, MI 49104 | 1-269-471-8380
The Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, at its May 14, 2015 meeting, voted to ask Pastor Ryan Simpson to serve as the union’s new youth ministries director. His responsibilities include emphasis on youth and young adult ministries, including public campus ministries. Simpson succeeds José Cortés, Jr., who is now serving in the North American Division Ministerial Department as an associate director.

Simpson’s educational experience includes a bachelor’s degree in Religion from Northern Caribbean University, a master’s degree in Family Relations from Montemorelos University in Mexico, and this year, he is expects to complete a Doctor of Ministry with concentration in Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Andrews University Theological Seminary. Also, he is fluent in Spanish.

He previously served the Southern New England Conference as associate youth ministries and family ministries director; the Bermuda Conference as personal ministries and youth/Pathfinder ministries director; and the East Jamaica Conference as a district pastor, youth/Pathfinder ministries and communication director, and as a national television and radio presenter.

Simpson is endorsed as an Adventist Chaplain by the Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and also currently serves as the Adventist chaplain at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, with responsibilities to serve Adventist students and staff on campus.

Simpson and his wife, Jo-Ann, a medical doctor, are the parents of three children, Ryan, Lylah-Elizabeth, and Rachael-Ann.

Atlantic Union Conference Votes New Youth Ministries Director

Atlantic Union Conference Communication Department