

Things to Know



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Musings from the Word

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“All my life you have been faithful.” These words, sung at the recent North American Division Year-End Sabbath worship, resonate deeply for any follower of Jesus who continues on the journey of discipleship. The psalmist in chapter 39, verse 4 makes this plea with God: “Show me, YHWH, my life’s end and the number of my days; let me know how fleeting life is.” This powerful prayer, as a frequent part of our time alone with God, provides a wider context for the present times of our lives. The writer knows that if we can place this moment against the backdrop of God’s wider, lifelong activity in our lives, we will have a better grasp of so much more. Among other discoveries, we will grasp His faithfulness. As Paul writes to young Timothy, “If we are faithless, He remains faithful,” (2 Tim 2.13). And this is why the song continues, “Your goodness is running after me.” Paul knows this. The psalmist knows this. The relentless pursuit of good for our life in the work of the Holy Spirit cannot be halted. So, grab the family pictures, place in the queue pictures of you down through time and know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, all that line of photographs represents the goodness of God, the faithfulness of His relentless grace. Present. Always. Forever.

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Illinois was the home of the first automobile race (Chicago-Evanston and back) on November 28, 1895.

Musings from the Field

Just a word of gratitude for the way the most recent Session was conducted. Many shared with me that a sense of the sweet, sweet Spirit of God was present. I praise God for being the Presence behind that spirit. As we move into this new quinquennium, one hope will be that we grow in grace and knowledge. We will continue to provide training, continue to make Jesus central in these last days. Administration continues in the pursuit of a new Youth Director for our conference. Stay tuned and keep this a matter of prayer.

Finally, a helpful virtual gathering related to violence will be hosted by the North American Division. Did you know that 68% of victims of violence will reach out to a church member before seeking the advice of a pastor? That means there is a 68% chance someone may come to you for help. Are you prepared? Do you know what to do to help?

The enditnow Virtual Summit (November 13, 2022) will provide viewers with practical information and tools on all forms of abuse to help create safe churches and communities.

Presentations will be available in English, with Spanish and French subtitles on the [North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists](#) and [Enditnow North America](#) Facebook pages.



Be faithful in the little things; for on the right performance of these hang great results. Do not leave the work which needs to be done, because it appears to your judgment to be small and inconsiderable. Make up every waste place, repair the breaches as fast as they occur. Let no differences or dissensions exist in the church. Let all go to work to help someone who needs help.

– *Special Testimonies A*, p. 11.

