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# NEWSPOINTS

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**After a five-month search, Kettering Health has invited Michael Gentry to lead the next** chapter of the organization's future as chief executive officer (CEO). Gentry is an accomplished and mission-driven healthcare leader with executive experience at top systems across the country. His first official day at Kettering Health will be July 3. [MORE](#)



**Lindsay Morton, an experienced educator with a heart for Christ and the college's mission and vision,** will become vice president for academic administration and academic dean in July, Pacific Union College (PUC) announced on April 4. [MORE](#)



**Chattanooga First Seventh-day Adventist Church member Coleen Jenkins' home in Cleveland, Tenn.,** was badly in need of roof repair. The roof leaked in multiple spots. Nick Joy, head deacon at Chattanooga First church, received a call from a friend telling him about the dire situation with Jenkins' leaky roof. Hearing the news, Joy was impressed to help. [MORE](#)



**Southern Adventist University is set to receive \$3 million over the next five years as part of the** Department of Education's Developing



**In Feb. 2022, Russia invaded Ukraine. While world leaders deliberated how to support the people of Ukraine militarily, the international governing body of the Seventh-day Adventist Church reached out to Adventist colleges in North America and Europe, asking if they could help displaced Ukrainian students whose educations were disrupted by the invasion.** [MORE](#)



**I had reached out to ask if Athena Gray might be willing to share a little bit of her life story. She and**



Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. This marks the largest-ever grant awarded to the university, which has a current enrollment of nearly 3,000. [MORE](#)

**her** husband Kevin shared some of their upbringing with me, taking me through so many experiences before Athena said, 'I do have one more story I'd love to share with you.' What she and Kevin shared next was a story that, unbeknownst to us, would carry across the country. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Visalia Medical Clinic, Adventist Health Physicians Network Join Forces \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist To Renovate, Expand Clinic in Paradise \(Calif.\)](#)

[Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church To Host Plant-Based Cooking Class \(Ga.\)](#)

[Adventist Review: Five Adventist Summer Camps Listed Among the Best in the U.S.](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



The "Something Better" [NAD Educators' Convention](#), will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 7-10. Current and retired Adventist educators are invited! Educators employed within the NAD EC-12 system will be registered by their local union or conference. Registration for NON-NAD EC-12 employees is now open. Questions? [Send an email](#).



The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This year it falls on May 4. 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 ([lifetalk.net/prayer](http://lifetalk.net/prayer)) any day,

any time. Or call our prayer hotline: 1-800-775-HOPE (4673). Watch our 1-minute prayer video ([lifetalk.net/videos](http://lifetalk.net/videos)).



**You've read the news and watched the footage. 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. What happens next? For many, Adventist Community Services (ACS) Disaster Response helps. This Sabbath, May 13, is the Disaster and Famine Relief Offering. You can help ACS make a difference; [please consider giving!](#) Learn more by [clicking here](#).



**Are you looking for an exciting event to bring your church together this fall? Then look no further than [Upheaval](#),** the all-new event presented by Pastor Shawn Boonstra, speaker/director of Voice of Prophecy. This is a free event with features that will help individuals and churches alike grow in their knowledge, faith, and passion for God. Upheaval is set to be launched this Fall and promises to become an invaluable tool for churches and individuals in their spiritual journey.



***Revelation: The Fifth Gospel*, written by Dr. Elizabeth Talbot and published by Pacific Press,** analyzes the portraits of Jesus in the last book of the Bible, given to us for times like these. In seasons of uncertainty, this book invites the reader to discover that JESUS WINS! For your free copy, download the Jesus 101 mobile app, click on "[Book Offers](#)", and enter code "NP-REV". Jesus 101 will mail it completely free (US and Canada, one per household). Hurry! Code valid through May 12.

[Subscribe](#) to the "Engage" newsletter. NAD Adventist Education is based on biblical



**teachings and** the writings of Ellen White.

Progressing through the past 170 years, educational excellence combines with the integration of faith and learning; done today through the “lens of contemporary education pedagogy that supports traditional Adventist core values, mission, and philosophy.” [Subscribe to learn more](#) and keep up to date. Spring 2023 edition is now available!



**The dates for the International Pathfinder Camporee are August 5-11, 2024**, in Gillette, Wyoming. The 2024 Believe the Promise Camporee will highlight the exciting story of Moses and Miriam in an exciting production each evening as well as offer various honors and activities each day that Pathfinders from around the world will enjoy. We hope to see you there! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.

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## VIEWPOINTS



## The Word of God

"The Word of God stays — it takes us from our youth years all the way through our adult years and builds our faith. The Bible is such a powerful thing."

"I can tell you from experience growing up, those Bible verses I learned in Pathfinders have always come back to my mind, and I'm sure that [these] Pathfinders will also have those moments where they're faced with a situation or a challenge. The Word of God is in their hearts and they can face the circumstances, they can face challenges, because they have wisdom acquired by reading the Word of God."

— Vandeon Griffin, and Armando Miranda Jr., respectively, from the floor of the Pathfinder Bible Experience in Tampa, Florida, on April 22, 2023

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