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A series of meaningful worship moments set the stage for the treasurer's report on the final day of the 2024 NAD Year-End Meeting. As she took the stage on Nov. 4, treasurer and chief financial officer Judy R. Glass continued the focus on God as our source of strength and provider. "It's amazing to see what the Holy Spirit is already doing in this room," she said. [MORE](#)



The thematic focus on the NAD's major evangelistic initiative for prayer and revival known as Pentecost 2025 permeated the 2024 year-end meeting, leading to a special presentation during the final day of YEM on Pentecost 2025 from division leaders. This gave attendees a bird's eye view of plans and recent developments. [MORE](#)



While the anchor report of the final day of the 2024 North American Division Year-End Meeting was the treasurer’s report on the organization’s finances, the thematic focus was on NAD’s major evangelistic initiative for prayer and revival known as Pentecost 2025. On Nov. 4, NAD ministry departments and other church partners shared reports showing commitment to the initiative. [MORE](#)



It’s been 10 years since conference and union presidents, executive secretaries, and



Yami Bazan, president of Union Adventist University, kicked off the North American Division’s Year-End Meeting on Friday, Nov. 1, with a message centered on the “preparing” part of the week’s theme of “Preparing for the Pentecost.” Three morning worships were shared by two new officers and one new university president at the NAD’s year-end business meetings. [MORE](#)



Community service, fellowship, and relevant training sessions made up the spouses’ meetings during this year’s NAD Year-End Meeting,

treasurers gathered in one room to brainstorm how best to carry out the church's mission in North America. A long-awaited follow-up, the 2024 administrators' conference hosted more than 200 conference and union officers at the NAD's headquarters on Oct. 30-31.

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Who are your people? What is good news to them? Where do my people need me to show up for them? These are the questions that attendees were challenged to answer at the Spring 2024 Young Adult LIFE Tour stop at Pleasant Valley church in Happy Valley, Ore. [MORE](#)

with roughly 50 spouses of conference leaders in attendance. [MORE](#)



As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, we often find ourselves reflecting on the many blessings in our lives — the prayers that have been answered, the breakthroughs we've witnessed, and the victories we've celebrated. But what if we could learn to give thanks not just at the end of the journey but “in the middle of it”? What if we could cultivate the kind of gratitude that doesn't wait for the resolution, but chooses to acknowledge God's faithfulness even while the outcome is still unknown? [MORE](#)

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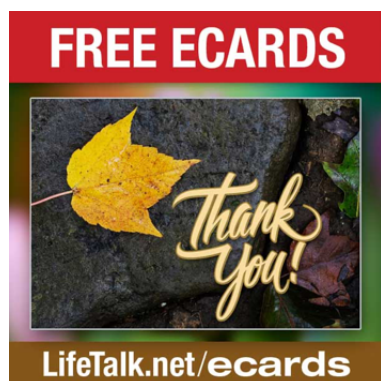
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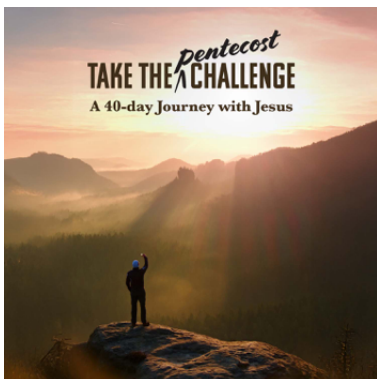
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Are you ready for Thanksgiving? When was the last time you said "thank you" to someone in your life? The Thanksgiving season is soon upon us and it's a great time to thank those who are special to you. Doing so only takes a minute when using FREE LifeTalk digital eCards at: lifetalk.net/eCards. A host of different and beautiful designs are available. Just a few clicks and you're done. It's a simple and easy way to let others know you're thinking about them via email or SMS texting. Don't miss this chance to make someone feel appreciated. Let them know today! For free printed cards visit: lifetalk.net/sharing-cards.



Ready to strengthen your faith and grow in confidence in God's promises? Embark on a 40-day journey with Jesus, designed not for mere fasting or prayer, but for intentional, daily time with Him. This challenge, starting now, is all about personal spiritual growth and transformation — a journey to be inspired, empowered, and changed from the inside out. Over



these 40 days, deepen your relationship with Jesus and experience the life-changing power of consistent time in His presence. Embrace the challenge and be transformed! Click [here](#) to learn more.

NEWS: The NAD Office of Volunteer Ministries is pleased to share the announcement that

Sterling Volunteers has been successfully acquired by First Advantage. They will continue to provide their excellent partnership and service as a First Advantage company. The trusted Adventist Screening Verification (ASV) platform and exceptional customer service remain unchanged. We are excited to continue our partnership with Sterling as a First Advantage company and look forward to new products and services to help you hire smarter and onboard faster. Click [here](#) to view the press release from First Advantage.



All of us, church leaders and members, play a pivotal role in mobilizing for evangelism. With

[Pentecost 2025](#), our goal in North America is to hold at least 3,000 proclamation initiatives in 2025, more than 3,800 have already signed up; funding is still available for approved events. [LEARN MORE/FAQS](#). Check out our [news page](#); and consider donating to your local church's Pentecost 2025 initiative through the [AdventistGiving platform](#).

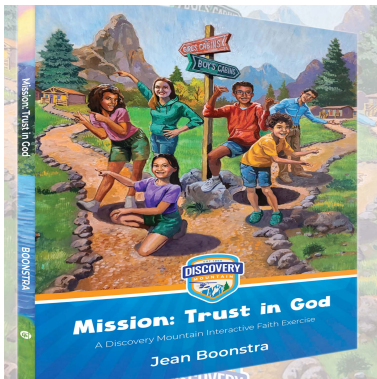


It Is Written has recently released two new episodes of its flagship program. In "[1, 2, 3, 4, Prayer](#),"

join John Bradshaw as he explores transformative prayers from Scripture and discover four simple steps that will empower you to pray effective prayers. In "[Daniel the Prophet: Ten Times Better](#)," learn how Daniel and his three friends were able to thrive under trying circumstances and how important it is to remain committed to your beliefs. Watch on [It Is Written TV](#).



Calling all Pathfinders! Act fast to take advantage of *Discovery Mountain's* Camporee Sale. Right now, you can get special discounts on our exclusive Believe the Promise International Camporee merchandise, like our Mountaineer Pathfinder T-shirts! These polyester shirts can withstand the most active of Pathfinding activities, and they're comfortable enough for daily wear. Our custom-crafted Blue Birdie Gillette belt buckles are also on sale—keep that cowboy spirit alive! [Click here to visit vop.com/store](https://vop.com/store) and check out these awesome items. The sale lasts until November 27.



Are you ready for a faith exercise mission? Ms. Jean has written a fun interactive story with *Mission: Trust in God*, a brand-new *Discovery Mountain* book published by our friends at Pacific Press. Your journey begins at Lookout Ledge, where you lose something important and begin to panic . . . As you choose different story paths in your search across town, you'll meet Jake, Natasha, Cyrus, Carson, Sam, and other friendly faces. They'll help you ultimately learn how to calm your anxieties and place your trust in God. [Click here to visit vop.com/store](https://vop.com/store) and pick up copies for you and your friends



Share Christ with the children in your community through our My Place With Jesus resources. Our notes and bookmarks are perfect for school giveaways, birthday parties, Halloween, and stocking stuffers! Check out our [Sunshine Notes](#), [Journey Through the Bible Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#), and [My Place With Jesus Bookmarks \(Spanish\)](#).

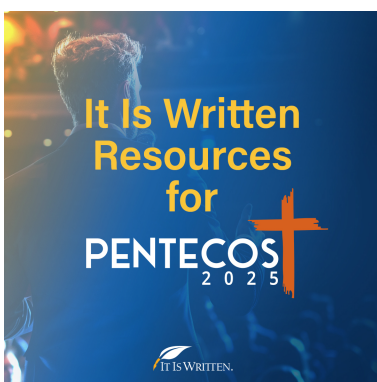
Lifestyle with Roy Ice has just released a new season of episodes. This award-winning talk show focuses on living your best life; featuring discussions, interviews, and demonstrations centered around whole life health. Some of the guests from this season include:



Alison Arngrim, 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.



Study the book of John this quarter with It Is Written Sabbath School host Eric Flickinger and Dr. Thomas R. Shepherd, co-author of this quarter's Bible study guide. A new half-hour program is released every Sabbath that coordinates with the lesson study. Watch on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) or [It Is Written TV](http://ItIsWrittenTV.com).



Pentecost 2025 is an exciting initiative by the North American Division, calling Seventh-day Adventist churches across North America to unite in hosting more than 3,000 evangelistic events throughout 2025. It Is Written is excited to provide a variety of resources designed to support pastors, churches, and lay members in sharing the message of hope and faith during this significant year. Click [here](#) to learn more.



Season 8 of *Authentic* is in full swing! Join host Shawn Boonstra as he cuts to the core of our fallen human nature and heaven's radical remedy. He discusses dealing with anger, our deep natural dislike for rules and authority, and most of all, why God's moral law and commandments are more relevant than ever. New episodes come out every Friday at 7 ET—catch them on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) channels, plus at vop.com/authentic.

[Christian Record Services](http://www.christianrecord.com) is a ministry of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America serving people of all faiths and walks of life who



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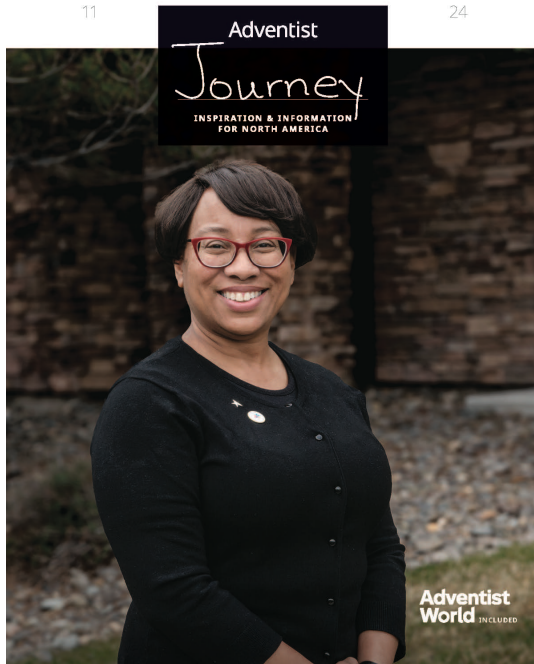
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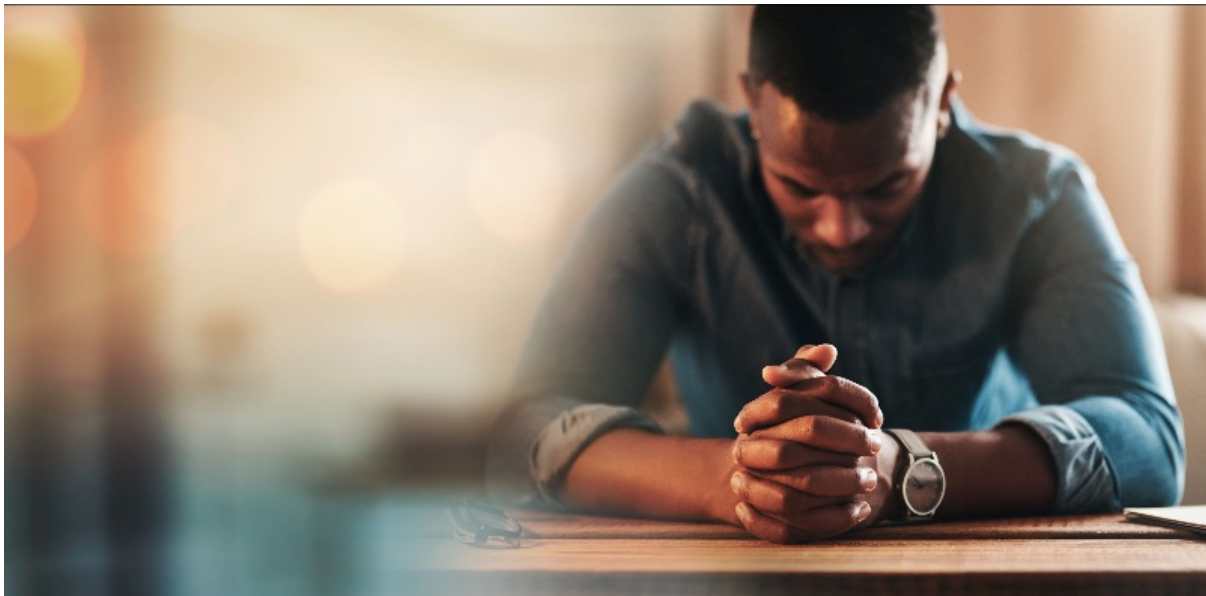
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Every Sincere Prayer

"Every sincere prayer is heard in heaven. It may not be fluently expressed; but if the heart is in it, it will ascend to the sanctuary where Jesus ministers, and He will present it to the Father without one awkward, stammering word, beautiful and fragrant with the incense of His own perfection."

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