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# NEWSPOINTS

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**On Friday, Dec. 6, 2024, Breath of Life Ministries celebrated 50 years with its Legacy Night, held at Oakwood University Church in Huntsville, Ala. — its home since 2012. The evening reflected on the ministry's evolution and honored key contributors. It also featured performances by 10-time Grammy winners Take 6 and the current Breath of Life Quartet. [MORE](#)**



**On January 8, 2025, the North American Division will kick off the world church's 10 Days of Prayer with a special prayer meeting. The event, which will live stream from the NAD headquarters, begins at 9 p.m. ET. The NAD is encouraging those interested in joining the North American Division for the special hour-long prayer meeting to register via the special Pentecost 2025 prayer page. [MORE](#)**



**The North Pacific Union summer ministerial internship is a wonderful opportunity for Walla Walla University theology and religious studies majors interested in pastoral ministry.** Through this 10-week program, students earn full-time practical experience under the mentorship of skilled NPUC pastors, which strengthens their understanding of what pastoral careers look like. [MORE](#)



**Dawson Stephens hasn't always felt the passion for ministry that he has today. It took strong action from God to change the trajectory of the life of this senior theology major in the School of Religion at Southern Adventist University, and he uses his testimony to inspire other believers who are struggling with faith.** [READ MORE](#)



**Andrews University has received a grant of \$6,326,735 from Lilly Endowment Inc. through its Ministry**



**Many people turn to social media to cope with feelings of loneliness, but there is ongoing debate on the health impacts. Some find that the digital space helps to connect with**

in Rural Areas and Small Towns Initiative. The aim of the initiative is to provide resources to help churches in rural areas and small towns enhance the vitality of their ministries and strengthen the leadership of the pastors and lay leaders who guide them. [MORE](#)

family and friends, while others experience greater feelings of loneliness the more time they spend in the digital world. How can both be true? Loneliness is more nuanced than previously thought. [READ MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Health District Accepts Adventist's Proposed Lease Changes \(Calif.\)](#)

[Butte County Sheriff Updates on Feather River Adventist School Shooting Victims' Recovery \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Health Glendale Joins Pioneers in Interventional Pulmonology \(Calif.\)](#)

[From 30 Seizures a Day to Seizure-Free: How Adventhealth for Children Treated a Little Girl's Rare Syndrome \(Fla.\)](#)

[Safety Emphasized as Oahu Bicycle and E-bike Accidents Continue Rising \(Hawaii\)](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**Our regularly scheduled NAD NewsPoints will be not be published next week.** Please check out the NAD's social media ([Facebook](#), Twitter (X), [Instagram](#)) for new content, or visit the NAD Homepage for [news](#) and much more. And [click here](#) to read/watch *Adventist Journey* magazine stories and videos.

**TONIGHT: Join us for the “Seeking God’s Spirit” Pentecost 2025 Prayer Service,** launching the 10 Days of Prayer on January 8, 2025. Start the year with purpose with special prayer time

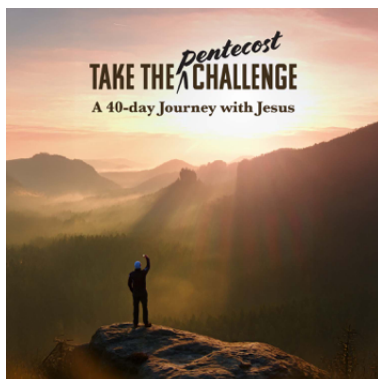




and presenters NAD president G. Alexander Bryant and GC president Ted N.C. Wilson. Let's unite to seek God's presence, direction, and power for our communities. Prayer event begins 9 p.m. ET (join our prayer prep around 8:45 p.m. ET). [CLICK HERE](#) for info on how to participate.



**Get a Daily Boost! Stay connected with Christ during 2025 with daily devotional programs** from LifeTalk Radio. From one minute to several minutes each day, allow your lifeline with God to be renewed through the devotionals presented by John Bradshaw, Shawn Boonstra, Elizabeth Talbot, Ron Hutchcraft, and others. Check out the program list at: [lifetalk.net/programs](https://lifetalk.net/programs) or regular on-demand podcasts at: [lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup](https://lifetalk.net/podcast-lineup). Listen online at: [lifetalk.net](https://lifetalk.net); or download the free LifeTalk App at: [lifetalk.net/connect](https://lifetalk.net/connect).



**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



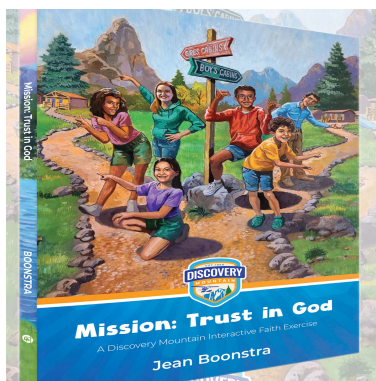
unchanged. We are excited to continue our partnership with Sterling as a First Advantage company and look forward to new products and services to help you hire smarter and onboard faster. Click [here](#) to view the press release from First Advantage.



**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 \(Spanish\)](#).



**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](#).



**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](#) and pick up copies for you and your friends



**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 Arngim, 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](http://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).



**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](http://vop.com/authentic).



**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.

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**Cover:** Jessica Moon, wife, mom, and Adventist school principal in Dover, Delaware.

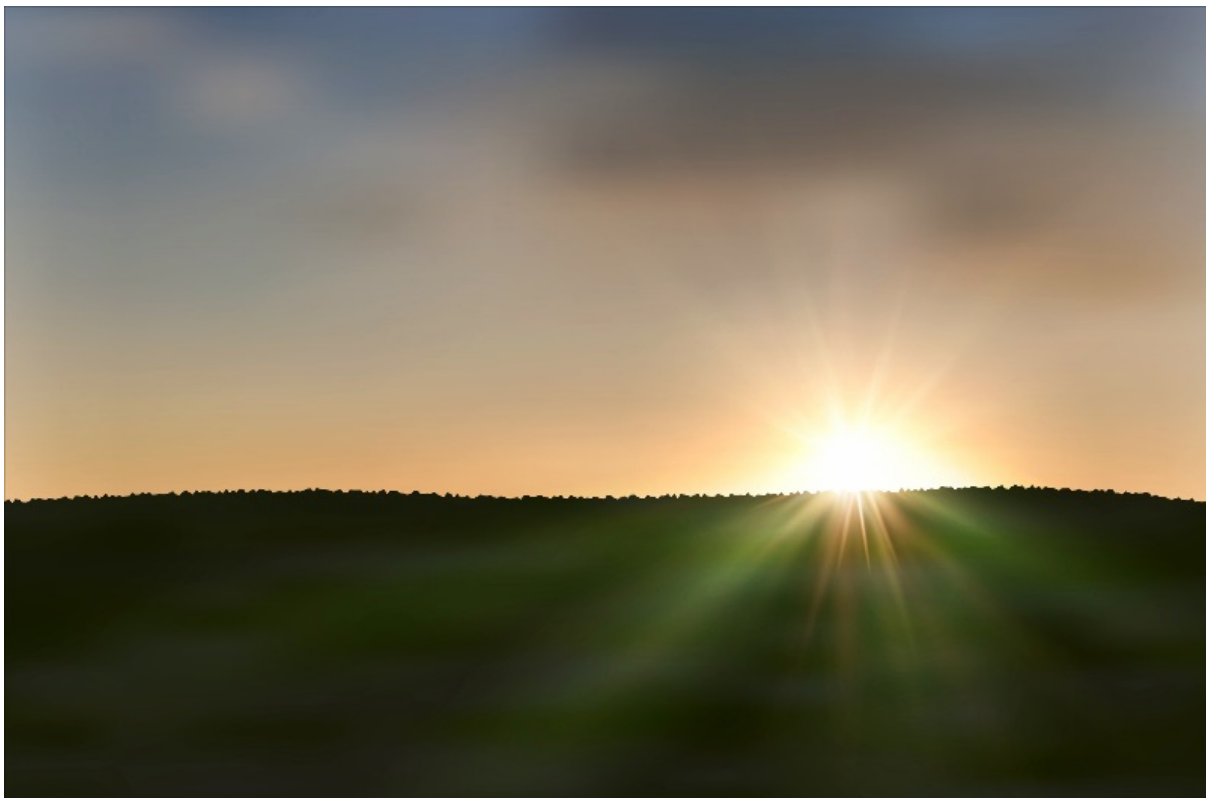
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**NAD Update:** "Coming Together in Mission: Officers Share Reports at the 2024 North American Division Year-end Meeting ", "Seeing the Mission Field as It Actually Is", "One Plus One to the Power of the Holy Spirit = Amazing Things" by Christelle Agboka & Becky St. Claire, pp. 08-10

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## VIEWPOINTS



### Great Things Will Happen

"When God's people pray earnestly, sincerely, individually, and collectively, God will

answer. Great things will happen in and among God's people. And the world will feel the impact as the Holy Spirit comes to equip and empower His people."

— Ellen G. White, *Prayer*, p. 3

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