



# NEWSPOINTS

February 21, 2019



**Chef GW Chew has always had a passion for entrepreneurship, missionary work, and food.** Starting The Veg Hub restaurant as a Adventist center of influence in Oakland, California, was a no-brainer. [READ MORE](#) of this special Adventist Journey feature. And [WATCH](#) the video story.



**When the Camp Fire swept through Paradise, Calif., and the surrounding area this past November**, it became the most deadly, costly wild fire in the state's history. Hundreds of members in the Pacific Northwest joined others from around the country to donate toward church-organized relief efforts. [MORE](#)



**Southwestern Adventist University's annual music festival weekend culminated** with a concert at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, Texas, on Feb. 10, as 280 students, representing 25 high schools, along with professional musicians combined their talents to bring honor and glory to their Creator. [MORE](#)



**Washington Adventist University recently welcomed Richard Castillo as the new vice president** of Integrated Marketing and Communications. The university also announced that Mark Sigue would serve as vice president of Ministry. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Savannah Adventist Christian School 5th Graders Sound Unforgettable Wake-Up Call for WJCL Viewers \(Ga.\)](#)

[Paradise's Feather River Hospital Workers Get Last Paychecks After Camp Fire Wiped Out More Than 1,200 Jobs \(Calif.\)](#)

[8th Cir. Won't Revisit Seventh-day Adventist's Retaliation Claim \(Minn.\)](#)

[DeSantis Vows to Provide Scholarships to More Children Seeking to Attend Private Schools \(Fla.\)](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Students Visit The Galt Herald \(Calif.\)](#)

[Adventist Church Starts Garden of Hope to Help Unity Blossom in the Community \(Ga.\)](#)

[Children's Mobile Immunization Clinics this Week, Free for Families Without Insurance \(Calif.\)](#)

["Produce Pop-Up Pantry" Offered FREE Food in West Palm Beach \(Fla.\)](#)

[Whispering Pines School \(N.Y.\) Hosts International Korean Language Teacher](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & RESOURCES



**ICISF Emotional & Spiritual Care Classes** will be offered April 16-19, 2019 by NAD Adventist Community Services. Join Martin W. Feldbush, D. Min., BCC at the NAD headquarters in Columbia, MD for the "Advanced Group Crisis Intervention" course (April 16-17), and the "Grief Following Trauma" course (April 18-19). Onsite registration will not be available. Register online [HERE](#).



**Safety Sabbath is March 23, 2019!** For the past three years, Adventist churches across the North American Division have joined in conducting an annual church emergency drill on Safety Sabbath. Register for the event, download materials and resources to prepare your church, and learn how to conduct an emergency drill, such as fire, active shooter, missing child, or earthquake by visiting [SafetySabbath.com](#).



**Jamii Kingdom is a new VBS** created by the Children's Ministries Department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America. At this VBS kids will have fun exploring an African savanna while making friends and learning how we are all part of God's big family. Christ-centered activities will introduce kids to the plan of salvation and how we can share the Good News with others. Order by Feb. 28 and save \$25! Learn more: [www.AdventistVBS.org](#) and [WATCH](#) the video.

**RISE UP RALLY is the official launch** of the new



"Rise Up Against Abuse" initiative, dedicated to fighting all forms of abuse through awareness, education, intervention and prevention. RISE UP RALLY will present workshops, trainings, presentations, expert panels and a special concert with Sarah Kelly and Jonas Ekman. [REGISTER TODAY](#) for a chance to connect, share, learn, and RISE UP together! Event is March 7-10.



**The 2019 Sonscreen Film Festival** will take place April 4-6 at the Troesh Conference Center at La Sierra University in Riverside, Calif. Sonscreen is an annual gathering for Christian filmmakers, artists, and all those who have a passion for film for the purpose of creating timely and relevant productions. Registration is open now! [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



**The *Discovery Mountain* VBS Will Debut Next Month!** The Voice of Prophecy's first *Discovery Mountain* Vacation Bible School is nearly here! Visit [this page](#) to learn more about *Rescued: Safe in Jesus*, and watch a sample music video—filmed on location at Glacier View Ranch. And check out ongoing new episodes of the *Discovery Mountain* [podcast](#) as Season 8, called "Seeds of Change" continues this week.



**2019 NAD Human Resources Conference to be held on April 21-23, 2019.** The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, college and university directors and university VPs of finance. Get [Early Bird registration](#) through February 28! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 28.

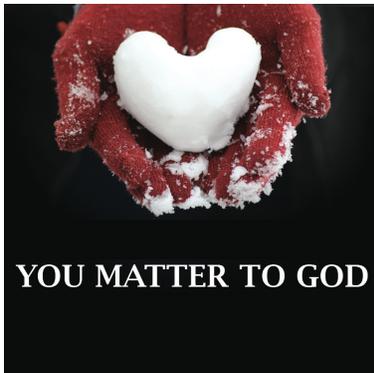
**Don't miss your chance** to join us in the Holy Lands and watch the Gospels come to life! Oleg Kostyuk, host of Cross Connection, will be guiding us through the ancient wonders of Jerusalem, Caesarea,



Galilee, and more. Visit [hopetv.org/studytour](http://hopetv.org/studytour) or call 301-680-5221 for more info. [#HCTours](https://twitter.com/HCTours)



**NAD Family Ministries is please to share info on one of their newest resources, *New Freedom to Love*.** This online resource was created to deal with the problem with pornography. [Click here](#) to visit the New Freedom to Love website. All these resources are available free to download so pastors, and church members, can view and show them in their congregations.



**YOU MATTER TO GOD!** Share this important message with your family, friends, neighbors, and others. Order the free LifeTalk Sharing Cards online at [LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/](http://LifeTalk.net/sharing-cards/). They are a great little gift for anyone, and they are FREE from LifeTalk. Sharing the Good News about God is easier than ever!

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## Love With...

"Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

— *1 John 3:18, NIV*

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