

NEWSPOINTS

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Throughout the years, Dave Gemmell has heard several myths about pastors. With October (and Pastoral Appreciation Month) getting ready to start, we thought we'd share some of his pastoral myth busting. Gemmell is an associate director for the NAD Ministerial Association. [MORE](#)



When Kiana Roat, former principal of Green Bay Adventist Junior Academy in Wisconsin, approached Pathfinder area coordinator Becky Zeismer last year with the idea of collecting sleeping bags no longer needed after Oshkosh, the two had no idea what to expect. And no one imagined the extraordinary outpouring of goods received. [MORE](#)



For four weeks, in an unprecedented event, the Northeastern Conference hosted the Abundant Living Evangelistic Series right in the parking lot of the conference headquarters in Jamaica, New York. Led by Oswald Euell, NEC executive secretary, and assisted by Winston Stephenson, NEC assistant to the president for evangelism, as well as pastors from the NEC churches located in and around Queens, the series ran July 14-August 10, 2019. [MORE](#)



"I have witnessed far too many situations where well-meaning people fly by the seat of their pants, don't plan appropriately, ... and pray everything works out OK. Think how much more effective we could be if we practiced good stewardship through proper organization, planning, and communication best practices." [READ MORE](#) of this blog on how to lay a strong foundation online for sharing the gospel.

ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Alma Seventh-day Adventist Church Demolished After Contractor's Costly Mistake \(Ark.\)](#)

[How Latino Congregations Across Utah County Try to Bring Spiritual Influence to Younger Generations \(Utah\)](#)

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[Adventist Health Clear Lake Launches Pop-Up Care Shower Project \(Calif.\)](#)

[Great Bend Seventh-day Adventist Church and School Hosts Let's Move Day \(Kan.\)](#)

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The [NAD All-Night Prayer Call](#) is Oct. 3-4, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Eastern Time. NAD prayer leaders will serve as "prayer hosts" throughout the night. Let's give thanks; let's share needs; let's pray together! Call 404-891-6338; access code is Prayer# (772937#).



Children's Sabbath (Oct. 5) resources are available now! Check out the free downloads for the "God's Amazing Grace" program, a lesson on God's unconditional love for all of us. Find posters, order of service ideas, optional activity suggestions, and even a letter for your pastor! For more information, visit NAD Children's Ministries' [Children's Sabbath 2019 page](#).



ALC presents: Critical Components of Effective and Lasting Pastors. This online course discusses the essential components of a consistent and long-lasting pastoral ministry in the local church setting, including compelling preaching, efficient pacing, and other practical qualities of an effective pastor. For the pastor seeking to strengthen his ministry as well as his own personal spiritual and emotional health, discover the invaluable insights of this course and [earn 1 CEU](#).



Attend "A Practical Guide to Effective Health Ministry Training" on Oct. 18-20. Ministering to the health needs of the community is a vital part of Adventist Church's mission. It can open the hearts of people from all backgrounds to gospel truths. This

training provides practical tips on how to bring together your church's gifts in order to have a power-filled health ministry. This course is offered by NAD Health Ministries, and is recommended for all health ministry leaders. Co-sponsored by the Manitoba-Saskatchewan Conference, the training will be held at the Russell Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, Russell, Manitoba, Canada. More info: <https://nadhealth.org/events/>.



Pacific Press and Jesus 101 Release the 2020 Daily Devotional Book, *Jesus Wins!* Elizabeth Talbot, speaker/director for the Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, has authored the newly released 2020 daily devotional book for adults entitled *Jesus Wins!* published by Pacific Press. Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. This book helps readers to view the circumstances around them through the lenses of faith, and draws them to the foot of the cross, to see Jesus more clearly. Available now at www.adventistbookcenter.com and www.Jesus101.tv.



The 175th Anniversary of October 22 will be observed Oct. 17-19 at the William Miller Farm in Whitehall, NY. The Ellen G. White Estate and Adventist Heritage Ministries are sponsoring the event, along with the General Conference and the Atlantic Union Conference. Ted N.C. Wilson, GC president, will be the Sabbath evening speaker. Jim Nix, White Estate director, will be among the weekend's speakers. For more info/to register, visit www.adventistheritage.org.



Join the Society of Adventist Communicators in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Oct. 17-19! If you missed this super early-bird registration, don't fret! You can still catch the early-bird special. Pay just \$375 when you register before Sept. 30. Price goes up to \$400 on Sept. 30. Spouse rate is \$350. [Click here](#) to register/find out the special student rate; check out

presenters [HERE](#).



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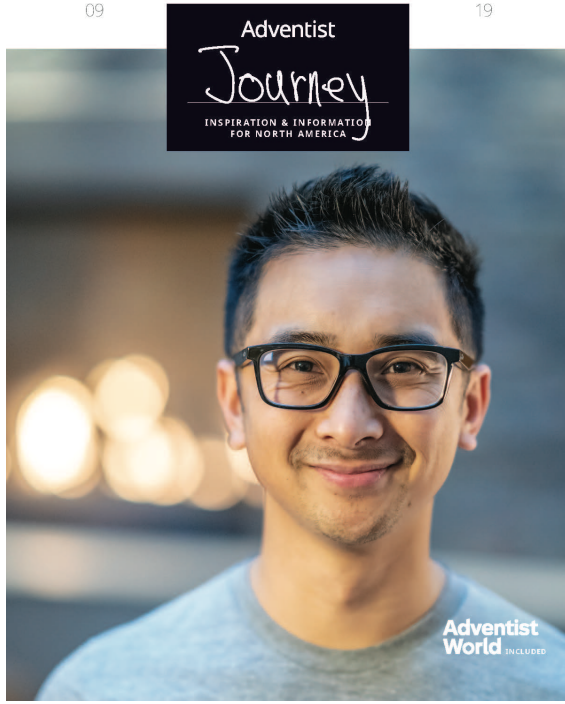
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VIEWPOINTS



Going Up to God Down on Your Knees

"Moses went up to God — he didn't go to the president, the secretary, a friend ... he went up to God. Before he faced anything, he went to God. [In the morning] when you wake up, before you grab your phone, go to Facebook or Instagram, or talk to your friends, or prepare a meal for your children, you must go to God. And the best way to go to God is to kneel down. ... The highest place that you can go is to go down. ... [This morning] I want you to remember: Before you do anything, you need to go up to God."

— *Pastor Andres Peralta, associate director of Youth at the General Conference, during NAD morning worship on Sept. 25, 2019*

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