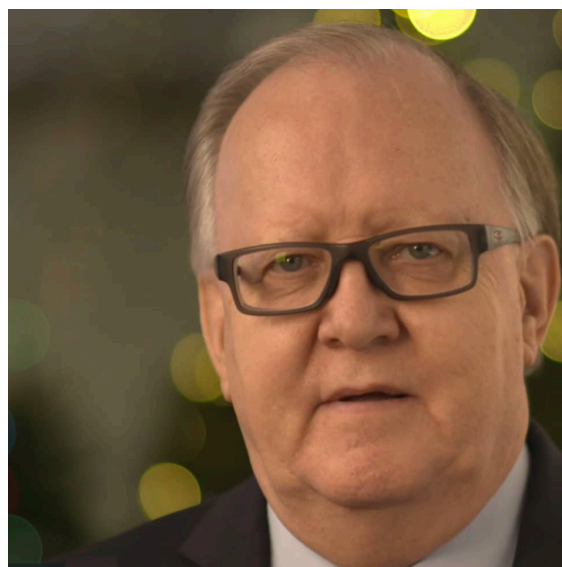


# NEWSPOINTS

December 18, 2019



**The presence of Jesus in the flesh is an absolute gift to the human family.** And it's not just a gift to Seventh-day Adventists or Christians, but to the entire world and all who live in it. If God is for us, who can be against us? [MORE](#)



**"Of all the events of human history, the birth of the Christ Child, Jesus Christ on planet earth — the commencement of God's intrusive, redemptive act on the part of human beings — has been the greatest event that has ever transpired."** [WATCH](#) NAD president Daniel R. Jackson's 1-minute greeting for the 2019 holiday season.



**November 8, 2019. One year after the Camp Fire ripped through his community, Allen Plowman** is back on his California property. Or what is left of it. As fall slips into winter around the residents of Paradise, it's not the haunting, happy sounds of Canada geese flying south that greets them every morning; it's the visceral roar of a chainsaw. Or three. [READ MORE](#)



**Marvin Moore is celebrating major milestones at Pacific Press this month.** The newly-released Dec. 2019 *Signs of the Times* marks Moore's 300th issue and 25th year as editor of the 145-year-old Seventh-day Adventist publication. [MORE](#)

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## ADVENTISTS IN THE NEWS

[Playground Honors Legacy of Girl Lost in 2015 Tree Accident \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Escanaba Adventist Church Serves Military Families During the Holidays \(Mich.\)](#)

[Journey to Bethlehem, a Living Nativity, Coming to Meridian \(Ida.\)](#)

[Walk Through Bethlehem at Living Nativity in La Grande \(Ore.\)](#)

[Adventist School Presents "The Great Controversy" \(Kan.\)](#)

[Adventist Risk Management Adopts Insurity's Policy Decisions Evolution and Digital Services Platform to Streamline and Automate Workflows](#)

[Seventh-day Adventist Churches Host Christmas Program for the Homeless in](#)

[Chattanooga \(Tenn.\)](#)

[Adventist Church Hosts Christmas Sing-a-Long \(Ore.\)](#)

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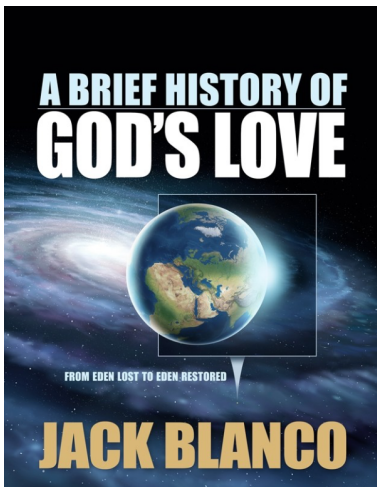
## Announcements & Resources



**Faith For Today is pleased to announce that Roy Ice will be joining the Faith For Today team** in January 2020. He will serve as speaker/director and join Mike Tucker as a co-host of Lifestyle Magazine. For more information on Faith For Today, please visit [www.FaithForToday.com](http://www.FaithForToday.com).



**The North American Division headquarters will be closed from Dec. 23 to Dec. 27, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020.** The NAD NewsPoints team will be taking a break that week from our regularly scheduled activity — look for us in the New Year! Please have a safe, wonderful holiday!



**Birth. Life. Death. What's the point of it all? Is humanity an accidental episode** of atomic cruelty, serving no purpose but to survive until we die? Unimaginable. Discover the beauty of the greatest story ever told in *A Brief History of God's Love* as Jack Blanco, best-selling author of *The Clear Word* devotional paraphrase, distills the beauty of Ellen G. White's 3,659-page *Conflict of the Ages* series into bite-sized chapters for today's busy readers. [INFO](#)

**The 2020 NAD Human Resources Conference will be held on April 26-28, 2020.** The conference is planned for all conference/union human resources



directors, secretaries, treasurers, academy treasurers, education directors, and university VPs of finance. Get [Early Bird registration](#) through February 27! [Reserve a hotel](#) by March 26.



**ALC's "Pastors and Church Schools" course** helps pastors understand the potential evangelistic and discipling impact a vibrant church school ministry can have on the local church and community. After watching the videos, completing course learning materials and learning activities, and taking short multiple choice quizzes, you'll [earn 1 continuing education unit \(CEU\)](#) and a training certificate.



**Enjoy CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERTS on LifeTalk Radio, Dec. 21-25**, at 9 p.m. (EST) each night. Tell your family and friends so they can enjoy these special concerts too! Get the printable list of concert titles and dates/times to share with your church family at [www.lifetalk.net/Inserts](http://www.lifetalk.net/Inserts) under the heading "Christmas Music Bulletin Insert." You can hear LifeTalk 24/7 online at [www.LifeTalk.net](http://www.LifeTalk.net), via the free mobile app, on ROKU, Amazon Echo, Google Home, or by satellite.



**Protect Your Ministry—Register for Safety Sabbath 2020!** Do you want to help your church members feel safe and prepared to act when emergencies occur? Safety Sabbath is an opportunity for churches to implement safety practices and emergency planning. Your church can create and practice an emergency drill, so you and your members can stay safe during a crisis. Register your church for SafetySabbath2020 and join in the fifth annual nationwide safety event! Get started at



[SafetySabbath.com](http://SafetySabbath.com).



**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!* Revisit the stories of Jesus and His followers in this life-changing daily devotional. View the circumstances around you through the lenses of faith, and see Jesus more clearly. [WATCH](#) this video to learn more. Available now at [www.adventistbookcenter.com](http://www.adventistbookcenter.com) and [www.Jesus101.tv](http://www.Jesus101.tv).



**If you are a pastor, chaplain, volunteer lay pastor, administrator, Bible instructor, seminarian, pastor's spouse, son or daughter of a pastor, the CALLED Pastors' Family Convention is for you!** If you have experienced great highs and lows in ministry, this convention is for you! If you have ever pastored a church or district, this convention is for you! [CLICK HERE](#) for more info. Dates: June 21-24.

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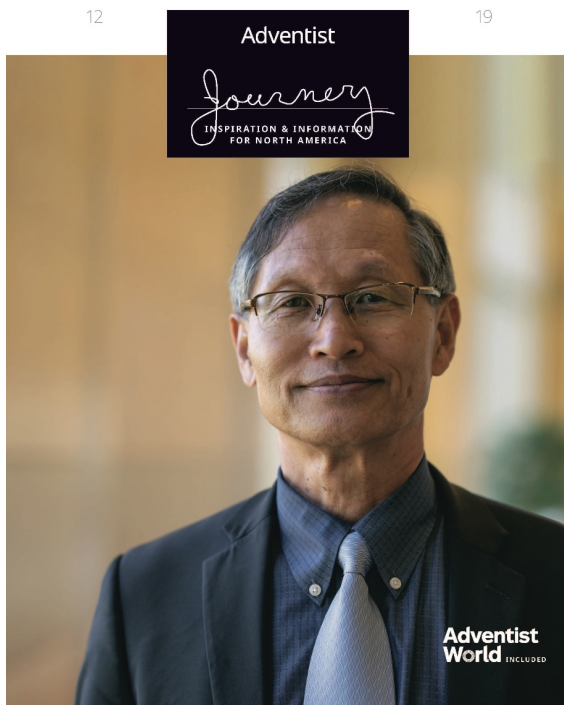
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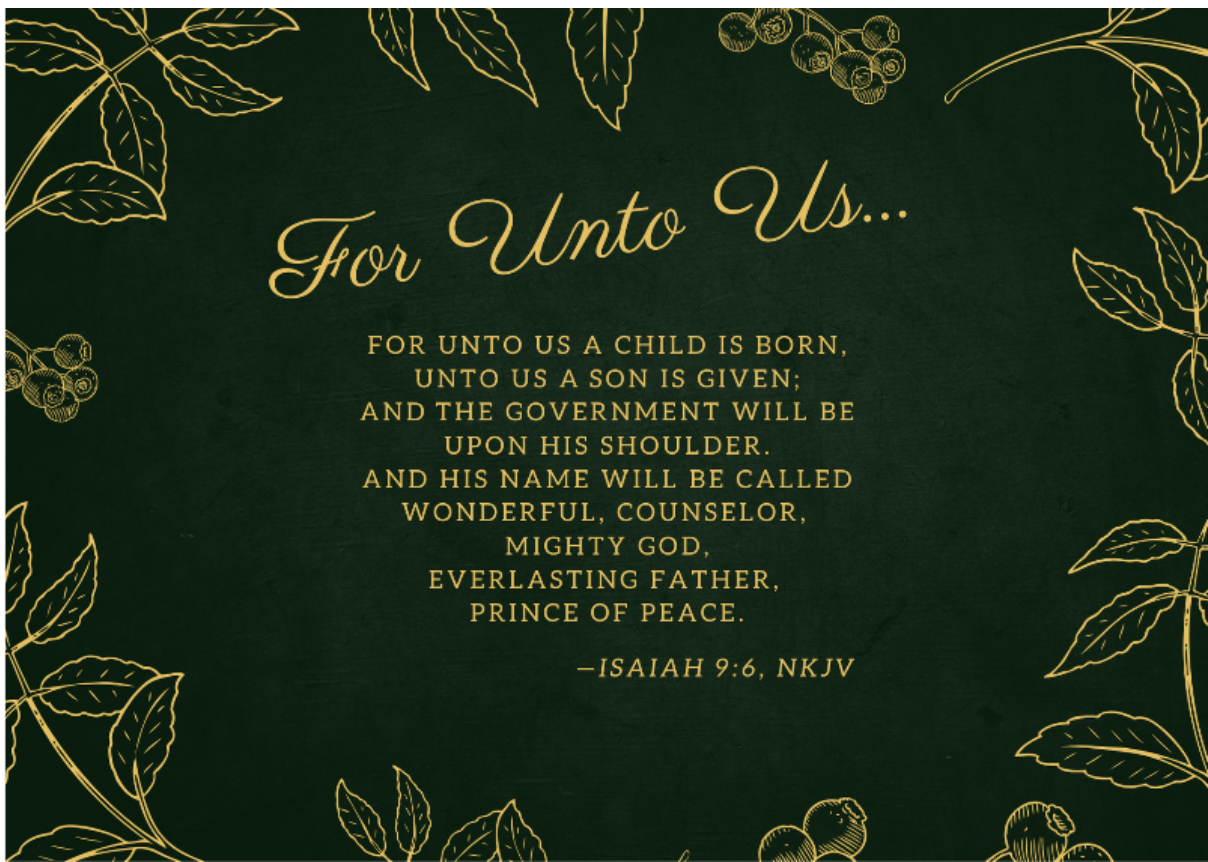
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## VIEWPOINTS



## For Unto Us a Child Is Born

"For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

— *Isaiah 9:6, NKJV*

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