

The Sabbath Recorder

Prayer Thought

Fastest Safety Signal in the World

Electronic signals travel exceedingly fast in computers but apparently not all the same speed. The claim is made for Sperry Rand's electronic UNIVAC 1108 that it can recover stored data faster than anything else on earth. The impulses going through this giant brain to bring the answer to the question asked travel at the rate of 696 million miles per hour. At that rate of speed the answer should be on its way very, very soon. Such speed is so far beyond anything we know of that we rightly say it is incomprehensible.

We had to wait until this late date in history to develop a machine that could send impulses at 696 million miles an hour. But when we stop to think, this is not so strange. Believers in God have known about the amazing hearing and answering power of God for thousands of years, perhaps even from the day when Adam first talked to his Maker.

A verse of Scripture comes to mind that is familiar to most of us and was suggested as a memory text in the *Sabbath Recorder* of June 13, 1966. In Isaiah 65:24 we read the promise: "And it shall come to pass that before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear." Now that may be poetic rather than technical language, but the truth expressed there ought to mean more to us in the light of man's recent achievement in UNIVAC 1108. We don't have to wait for God to hear our sincere requests. There are times when the answer is on the way before the prayer is voiced. How wonderful it is to know that while we are yet framing the

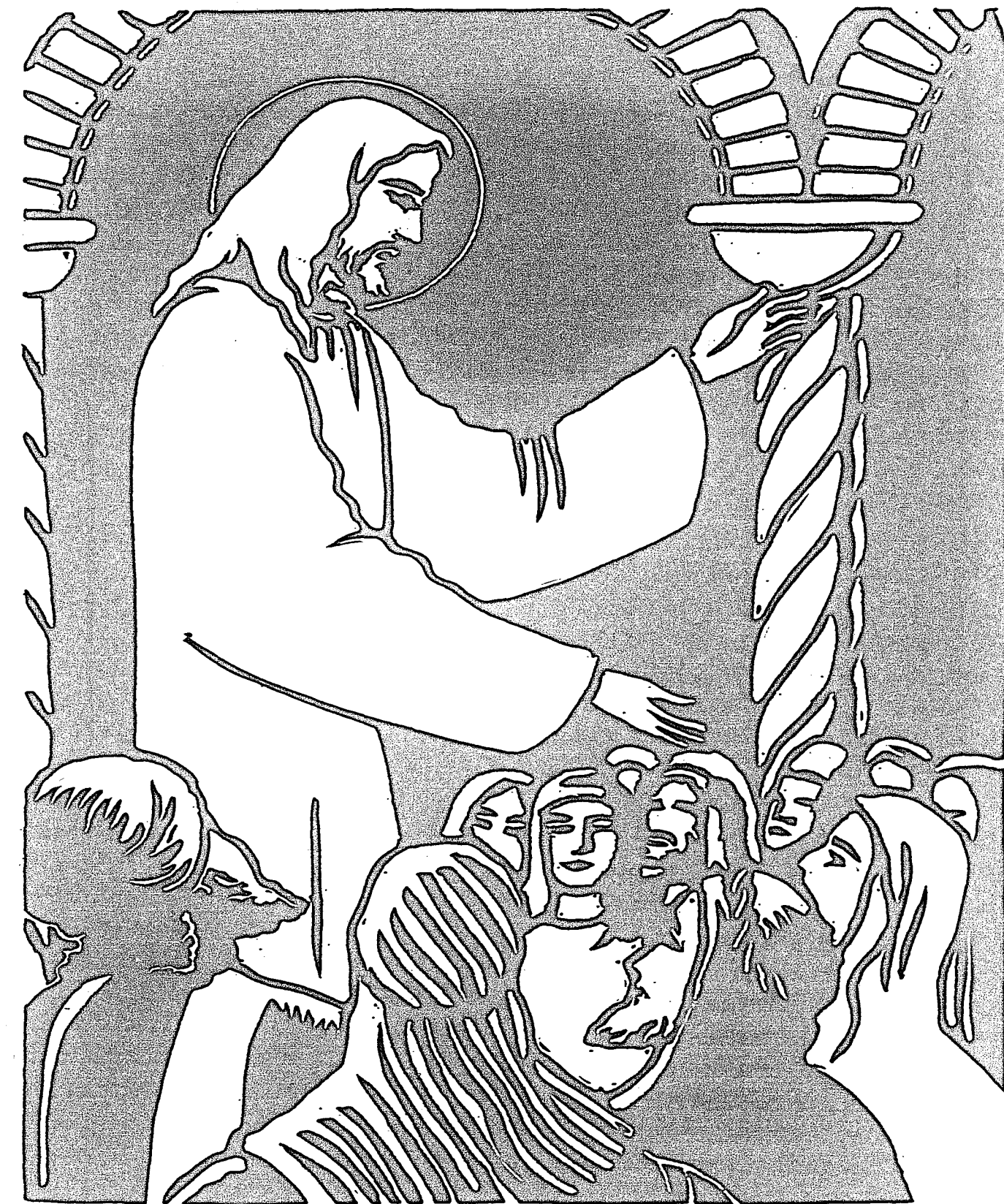
words of our petitions God has completed the unfinished sentence and is ready at that instant to set things in motion to give us the answer we need.

Man puts a timer on his computer or figures out the miles per hour by which impulses can be made to recover recorded data. God is not limited by any such speeds. He knows the thoughts and intents of the heart before the lips utter them. If answers to our prayers seem sometimes delayed it is not because God did not hear. He sometimes has to work through humans, whose wills are not yielded to His.

Sabbath Recorder Goes to South Africa

Recorder subscriptions do come in. New subscribers are not as numerous as we would wish, but some of them are very heartening to those who like to see our literature spread around the world. A subscription has recently come from a previously unknown man living in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. The contact is not entirely new, for he has been in touch with Job Duma Oliphant, long-time leader of Seventh Day Baptist work there, who occasionally writes to the American Sabbath Tract Society. In fact, Brother Oliphant had suggested that he subscribe to the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Readers in this country may find their denominational weekly meaning more to them when they recall that native leaders in faraway countries are encouraging their friends to gather up enough money to subscribe. People in Europe, Africa, India, Burma, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Guyana, Jamaica, and Canada do not take our paper for granted (though some get it free); they read it carefully and thus challenge us to make it valuable.



Jesus Teaching in the Temple

We cannot sit at the feet of Jesus in the temple as so many did in the days of His flesh, but we can still sit at His feet as we study the Bible, for faithful disciples with memories sharpened by the Holy Spirit preserved His teaching for us. May we take heed.

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Sad State of Stewardship

The church giving to Our World Mis-
sion for May and the first five months of
the year is reported by Treasurer Gordon
Sanford on page 15 of this issue. A
glance at the totals will show that it was
a relatively good month—nearly \$12,000
as compared with a very low figure of
\$8,000 in April. Perhaps this is a good
time to remind ourselves that on the
average we are not giving very well and
that the amount now needed each month
to meet the obligations of our modest
budget is about \$13,500.

Let us take a look at ourselves in
relation to the total gifts of our church.
Maybe it would come closer to us if
we thought of it in terms of tithing. Let
us do a little supposing. For easy figuring
let us say that most employed people
earn \$400 per month as an average. That
is a low figure, but it will do. A tithe of
that total would be \$40. Over a period
of five months if such an average per-
son turned in all of his tithe to denomi-
national work his church would be
credited with \$200. But, of course, the
local church needs part of that tithe;
shall we say one half? Let us then suppose
that there is no church so small that there
are not three members who could give
one-half of their tithe to Our World
Mission. It would add up to \$300 from
January to May.

Now take a look at the list of churches
on page 15. There are twenty-two of
the sixty-five that are below \$300. To
put it a little more pointedly, three people
giving half their tithe would have con-
tributed more than the whole church.
This does not look very good. If you
are a member of one of these twenty-
two churches, how about asking yourself
what you did with the Lord's share of
your income.

We profess to believe in missions. We
have to believe in missions if we believe
in Jesus who was the greatest missionary
of all time — sent from heaven to earth
to tell people of salvation. If our belief
in missions is to have any substance or
proof we must give to missions.

Our denominational budget is primari-
ly for missions in the broader sense of
that term. Church members may well
pray the prayer of Saul when he met

Jesus on the Damascus road, "Lord, what
wilt thou have me to do?" It does not
look good to see blank spaces opposite
a number of churches month after month
in the treasurer's columns. If, perchance,
there are some who do not approve of
every item in our OWM budget, it is very
easy to designate gifts for portions which
seem most vital to the giver.

We have mentioned the churches where
three people giving half their tithe could
have contributed more than the whole
church. The same sort of figuring could
be used for the larger churches. How is
it in your church? If twenty people gave
the same as you are giving would your
church be credited now with \$2,000?
The question is not which churches are
strongest in giving potential, but rather
whether or not we as individuals are
giving proportionately and giving it large-
ly to the cause of Seventh Day Baptists.
There is satisfaction and blessing in
"rendering unto God the things that are
God's." Let us resolve to have that bless-
ing and be happy like those who are
"bringing their tithes into the storehouse."

The Uncertain Seventies

There are serious questions in the
minds of many churchmen and secular
observers as to what the seventies will
bring forth in the way of church organiza-
tion and growth. Some are wondering if
the church will have to put its major em-
phasis on survival since there are so many
challenges to its structure and past ways
of doing things.

The Public Relations Association of
the Southern Baptists held an annual
meeting recently which faced some of
these questions as they relate to public
relations. One of the major addresses was
by William E. Hull, dean of the Theol-
ogy School at Southern Baptist Theologi-
cal Seminary in which he challenged Bap-
tists to get out of the survival-only rut
and get a new attitude toward the exten-
sion of the church.

How much more applicable is that
challenge to Seventh Day Baptists than to
the largest Protestant denomination in
America. There are cases where survival
is the natural attitude. Certain churches

can look at their statistics over the past
few years and say with determination
that their strategy will be to press on in
the direction they are going because they
are going up. Other local churches hesi-
tate to even look at their baptism and
membership figures, knowing full well
that they have been slipping. A church
that has been consistently losing ground
over a period of years knows that travel
in this direction will ultimately lead to
extinction. Thus when they get together
to discuss the future it is pretty likely to
be a council of defense instead of attack.
They think first of survival, hoping that
when they have learned how to survive
they can give attention to plans for ag-
gressive rather than defensive action.

The Christian Church must learn that
it cannot gain ground by just attempting
to hold ground. There are some serious
uncertainties in this period of the seven-
ties. Some signs point to a resurgence of
faith, a greater receptivity to the gospel.
Other more glaring signs show a turning
away from the institutional church.
Where is the prophet wise enough to pre-
dict how easy or how hard it is going to
be to win converts and to add members
to the church? And when it comes to the
Seventh Day Baptist sector of the Chris-
tian line, the uncertainty is perhaps
greater. Will we be able to persuade
people to accept Christ and to also ac-
cept the proposition that it makes a dif-
ference to the Lord whether people keep
His commandments (including the Sab-
bath) or not? Judging from the past, the
percentage of our people who are willing
to "contend earnestly for the faith" is
not sufficient to guarantee a steady de-
nomination-wide growth.

We are not bound to the lethargy of
the past. God is able to shake these dry
bones and put vibrant life into them.
Some of our churches have died and some
are apparently near death. It may take
a miracle to change from a death march
to a victory march, but miracles of sur-
vival and regained strength are more
possible in the church building than in the
medical building, where we see them hap-
pen. "God's hand is not shortened that
it cannot save," wrote the prophet (Isa.

MEMORY TEXT

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" (John 11:25, 26a).

59:1). It is just as true today and is true in small churches as well as large.

A great military man has said, "The best defense is a strong offense." Let's have done with the concern about survival and get on with the business of sallying forth outside the walls to meet the enemy. Personal evangelism can be effective when there is only one person working. When we take the battle for men's souls to the camp of the enemy instead of huddling within our crumbling walls, we will see growth.

The seventies may be unusually crucial years. A hunger for solid foundations of faith in this hostile and insecure world seems to be growing. The victory can be ours if we are there at the right time with the right message. The day of long-range planning is passing if we are thinking of meeting situations as they are today. Society is in such a state of flux that we cannot tell what approach or what program will meet the need a few years hence. That is where personal work comes into its own. Denominational programs may be outdated before they can be put into effect. Not so with personal work. We are all in the water together or in the busy marketplace. We can see the needs of our neighbor and give him help at his moment of greatest need.

How uncertain are the seventies? That depends on how certain we are that we have found Christ and the way of spiritual happiness through obedience to our Lord and Savior. It is not ours to predict the shape of the institutional church in the years to come, but if life touches life the invisible church will grow until it becomes very visible. Whatever we have of spiritual resources, let us use them wisely and enthusiastically. The church can and will grow when all its watchmen blow the trumpet "not with uncertain sound."

Conference Publicity

Displays at Conference

When the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference meets in the facilities of the Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, there will be adequate facilities for displays. Most of the Conference sessions will be held in the large assembly room which is about 80' x 80'. It is planned to have tables available for displays along the sides of this room. The walls are rough concrete with fluorescent lighting overhead immediately above the tables. It is possible to mount posters with paper masking tape on the walls or to have a standing display that could lean against the wall. Tables, 4' x 30', will be available for display purposes, but all the other items needed for your display would need to be brought.

While contact has been made with the regular boards and agencies of Conference, it may be possible that some association or local church would like to have a special display at Conference this year. If this is so, we would be glad to reserve space for you and would ask you to write expressing your desire and reserving your space no later than July 15 to the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. 02891.

The Conference program calls for movement from this hall to Stockbridge Hall on Friday, August 13, in time for the Sabbath eve service. It will be necessary for displays to be dismantled or moved. There is only limited space at Stockbridge. Those desiring display space are asked to reserve it as early as possible indicating the number of tables required, and if they also wish to move it to Stockbridge. It is probable that you could set up your display during registration time on Sunday afternoon, August 8, after 4 p.m. Your questions or suggestions would be welcome.

When England grew corrupt God brought over a number of pious persons and planted them in New England, and this land was planted with a noble vine.
—Jonathan Edwards

Let Go and Let God Challenge Your Future Endeavors

Romans 13:11-14

By Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

These verses come at the conclusion of a chapter that concerns itself with practical Christian conduct, and they are immediately preceded by warnings against sins of excesses and the instruction to love our neighbor as ourself. This passage then stresses the urgency of the times for the believer, and his obligation to make the best use of it for the Lord.

Actually the Scripture is saying two things here in its warning against sins of excesses and lovelessness:

1. That they are to be avoided because they violate the will of God and deprave the soul.
2. That they are to be avoided because they dissipate one's time, energy and ability, all of which belong to God.

We are reminded: "In all this, remember how critical the moment is. It is time for you to wake out of sleep" verse 11, NEB).

Quite frankly, there are also other ways of dissipating our lives and time than in licentiousness, debauchery and hatred. We must avoid wasting our time through selfish, indifferent, insensitive attitudes. Christians are often guilty of not using their time profitably for the Lord, as they:

Daydream in "spiritual speculations" that are aside from and not essential to basic Christian truth.

Emphasize the mere mechanics of how to properly go about things, spending more time on legalities than the spirit of living and service for the Lord.

Focus on nonessentials, majoring on minor things.

Dwell "at ease in Zion," rejoicing in our good fortune, but neglecting or even avoiding contact with a needy world.

We just could fall into that "Lord, Lord" class of professing believers (Matt. 7:21) to whom Jesus speaks a warning. The church has been guilty of "turning off" many thoughtful people by its self-centeredness. (We must not be too self-conscious if at times we turn others off

because the gospel faithfully shared and lived bothers their conscience.)

It is "high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed." The reference is to the near return of the Lord Jesus Christ so expectantly awaited by the early church. This event that seemed to them so imminent was cause for joy to Christians personally, but at the same time a cause for faithful living and urgent activity because it would also be a time of judgment and a time when opportunity for spreading the good news would be past.

Their timetable was not accurate, but their spirit was correct. For Christians who take their faith seriously, the times are always urgent. The life of Christ is always full of challenge. We don't know how much time is allotted us personally to serve Him on earth, nor when this age will pass at His return. Some are saying no more than thirty years remain for the church to carry on its witness and work for Christ. Some say no more than ten. We don't know. But we do know that these are troubled, revolutionary, threatening days. Never has the awareness of perishing souls, hungry bodies, oppressed masses and collapsing morals been more clearly impressed upon God's people. It is a pressing duty and privilege to share the gospel, to comfort, to feed, to visit, to speak for righteousness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So the challenge to Christians is to "cast off the works of darkness" (v. 12) and to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ . . ." (v. 14). It is time to quit living with the outlook of the natural man who is insensitive to God's will and His concerns and instead to be wholly united with Him, covered by Him, submitted to Him, letting Him speak and work through us. Then we are truly His church, His body—His lips, hands, feet, eyes and ears—through whom He works to do His redeeming will.

Let Go and Let God Challenge Your Future Endeavors.

Note: This Bible study on the theme of Eastern Association was presented as a devotional message just prior to the consideration of the future work of the association.

Central Association Highlights

The Central New York Association is a grouping of Seventh Day Baptist churches in central and northern New York which holds meetings spring and fall, promotes a camping program, and does more things together than some of the other associations in the United States.

The annual meeting was held with the Verona, N. Y., church, June 4-6, under the direction of Richard Burdick of DeRuyter as moderator. Attendance was considered good and was swelled by delegates and visitors from other associations. The official delegates were the Rev. J. Paul Green from Southeastern, Dale Rood from Eastern, and the Rev. Edward Sutton from Allegheny. The pastor noted on Sabbath morning that only one association, Southwestern, was without representation in the audience that filled the church.

The theme of this 132nd annual meeting, "Listen, Love, and Respond," was well introduced and carried out in the full weekend of meetings, not only by the speakers but also by the music, much of which was distinctly modern. After a thoughtful message on listening to God by Pastor Wayne Babcock the congregation celebrated the communion together with deacons from the various churches serving. At the Sabbath morning service, centered on "Love," the ushers had to bring in extra chairs to seat the crowd. Announcement was made that the offering would go to Our World Mission. The ushers had only two plates which were fairly deep but were well filled when they had collected from only half of the pews. The young man had to hold down the paper when bringing the complete offering to the front. "Pressed down and running over" the plates on the communion table were a reminder of the love which was emphasized in the morning sermon by Dale Rood. The speaker outlined the subject well and brought out the truth that love is to be lived not just talked about. It must be willingly received as well as given. It is personal; must be directed not just emanated.

A considerable part of the joy of an

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The many lone-Sabbathkeepers who have little regular contact with others of like faith except through church bulletins and this weekly publication.

2) The extended missionary visit of the Rev. Leon Lawton to the Malawi field this month.

3) The further leading of the Holy Spirit and the removal of certain obstacles in regard to attendance from abroad at the SDBWF meetings in Westerly.

association gathering in a crossroads church in rural New York is the fellowship of the meals and the get-togethers of old friends and new between the sessions. The Sabbath noon meal was served by the Eastern Star in the Masonic Hall of the little village of New London about one mile from the church.

After a song and worship service led by people from Adams Center, Syracuse, and DeRuyter, the delegate from Southeastern Association broadened the vision of what small groups could do by telling of the four areas of service presently being carried out by his association—some of which started with little money but much faith and were growing into big projects.

The tempo of the program changed for the presentation of what is called "The Power Company" a musical group of youth ranging from seventh grade to college and directed by Gary Williams of the Verona church. "Life" is a lengthy production somewhat similar to "Tell It Like It Is" containing some spoken parts. It was followed by testimonies. The thought content of this concert is evangelistic. A few members of the audience would have appreciated the message more without the drums and loudness.

The missionary emphasis of the association was carried largely by missionary Leroy Bass who preached in the evening and showed slides of Seventh Day Baptist work in Guyana.

The youth were prominent at all sessions. They held extra fellowship sessions



Speaker

Holds

Attention

Well

The Rev. Edward Sutton, preaching at the closing service of the Central New York Association at Verona Sunday, June 6, held the undivided attention of an audience that had a goodly number of tired young people in it. It was a practical message based on portions of 1 Peter 3 and 4 calling for a demonstration of Christian attributes.

The young speaker, who for some months has been wearing a well-groomed beard, got an immediate burst of laughter when he began, "I have always been an admirer of Abraham Lincoln." What is admirable in Lincoln was his heart, not his face, as the story of ministering to a dying soldier showed. We, too, must begin to love with all that is in us. Compassion and concern are evidence that we are alive, not dead. The speaker made humility and love very desirable through his illustrations and his constant relatedness to the audience. He closed with the thought that we will be like-minded (as Peter says) and our lives will be a blessing when we take God's love seriously.

"A bell is no bell till you ring it,
A song is no song till you sing it,
And love in the heart wasn't put there
to stay;
Love isn't love till you give it away."

Sabbath night and Sunday morning and elected officers for the year.

The business took a major portion of the Sunday morning time and continued into the afternoon as is usual in this association. There were many routine matters to take up as well as plans for evangelistic training, camp development, and the State Fair booth. There were two lengthy reports on proposed evangelistic outreach.

Camper Exchange 1971

Lyle Sutton, camper-exchange coordinator for the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education, finally has been able to draw together the names, dates and directors for the campers' visits to other Seventh Day Baptist camps this summer. Many phone calls, as well as frequent correspondence, have gone into his work. He extends his very best wishes for exciting Christian fellowship for campers and staff in the '71 camper exchange. The associations which send campers and the ones that receive also are expected to share in the vital experiences as they hear reports from their visiting campers.

By associations, the exchange program shows Eastern sending to Central New York, Central New York to Allegheny, Allegheny to Eastern, North Central to Southwestern, Southeastern to North Central, Southwestern to Pacific Coast, Mid-Continent to Southeastern, and Pacific Coast to Mid-Continent.

Exchange campers are:

Debbie Barber from Eastern, Waynette Burdick from Central, David Snyder from Allegheny, Sue Burdick from North Central, Becky Bond from Southeastern, Jeffrey Monroe from Southwestern, Lynn Ashcraft from Pacific Coast, and Becky Johnson from Mid-Continent.

Alternate exchange campers have been chosen in many cases, so that some representatives from sending associations can represent them in case of illness or other emergency for the chosen exchange camper. We feel sure that this is one case where "playing second fiddle" is no hardship.

Sending associations pay the cost of transportation to and from the host camp, while the host camp pays the cost of camp and arranges for the local transportation of the visitor.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 3, 1971

SET FREE TO SERVE

Lesson Scripture: Galatians 5:13-26

The Jesus Movement

Love Is Its Theme; and
Evangelism Its Response

By the Baptist Press

"Wow! Jesus loves you."

Over and over teen-agers across the nation are using that phrase as the "Jesus Movement" shakes their lives. To them, it is a startling revelation.

And it captures the theme of the movement. Love is the theme. Jesus is the subject. Surprising discovery is the response.

In Southern California, a moustached youth shook his head and repeated the phrase, "Wow, I used to hate cops, and now I just love everybody. Praise God."

In the worship services for teen-agers in the movement, love is the mood. You can feel it, hanging heavy in the atmosphere.

"It's so peaceful there, man," said one teen-ager in describing a worship and Bible study period at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, about forty miles south of Los Angeles. "You can go there and sing or listen and know Jesus loves you. The love is just so heavy."

It shows on the faces of the kids present. Look closely at their radiant, happy expressions. Wear your nerve ends on your eyeballs, and sense what you see: the freshness, the vigor, the openness, the commitment in those shining faces.

As love is its theme, evangelism is its response. The Jesus movement is intensely evangelistic.

Why? The youth have discovered Jesus, and His love. And they can no more bottle it inside them than they could cap a volcano with a cork. They've got to tell others.

"Hey man," they say, "Jesus died for your sins."

Everywhere they go they bubble over with the news of what Jesus is doing in their lives. They bring friends to church, Bible studies, communes, rock concerts. They pass out tracts on the streets.

Their witnessing is in the idiom of youth, not the pious phrases of the older generation. Instead of asking, "Brother,

are you saved," they often respond with a friendly, "Jesus loves you; can we rap about it?" Their loving, sharing phrase takes evangelism out of the "selling" category and puts it in the "sharing" category. And they are willing to leave the response to the Holy Spirit, without using high pressure evangelism techniques.

There is in the movement an apparent de-emphasis on preaching. With it goes the strong beat of rock music, and the twang of an amplified guitar. And the feeling, like the technique, is electric.

Testified one thin, long-haired girl in a maroon T shirt: "Wow, I went to the rock concert Friday night . . . and wow, it was just wonderful. So beautiful.

"I mean, like the guys were playing and I raised my arms, and I could just feel it. I mean, my arms got so light and I felt I could just reach out to heaven. And it was so goood . . ."

She was referring to a rock concert sponsored by Calvary Chapel at the Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach. As estimated 5,000 kids were there, packing the 1,700 capacity auditorium. Another 1,000 jammed into the gymnasium. Thousands were turned away; hundreds waited outside hoping someone would leave.

Inside, five Christian rock groups, (one of them symbolically called Love Song), play and sing. Their sounds are quality; their musicianship, professional. Both in song and testimony, they tell of their search for meaning in life, their trips through drugs and sex and occult religions to Jesus. About 400 kids respond to the invitation, tears rushing over their cheeks; smiles cutting their faces in half.

Though perhaps not necessarily a manifestation of the Jesus movement, but certainly complimenting it, "God-rock" music is sweeping the country in popularity.

According to authorities in the music industry, only about one out of every 100 records becomes a hit; but one out

MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Missionary Board Takes Decisive Action

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board (empowered to act in behalf of the board when occasion requires) several decisive actions were voted. With the full committee in attendance and President Loren Osborn in charge it was voted to authorize Executive Vice-President Leon Lawton "to visit Malawi as soon as can be arranged on emergency basis and that he request, at appropriate time, the inclusion of the repayment of the expense in the 1972 budget."

Other actions taken at this meeting are as follows:

Dedicated service worker— Voted: to continue to correspond with Miss Elizabeth Maddox on her offer to serve as dedicated worker in Malawi and if support of budget is inadequate by September that we seek designated gifts for that item to make possible her service.

Crandall High classrooms — Voted: to ask Commission to authorize special appeal in amount of \$10,000 for building of classrooms at Crandall High School

of every twenty-five hits now has a religious theme.

Bare feet, long hair, ragged clothes—the mod look—are blended with a new pietism in the movement that defies understanding by most adults. They look like "hippies"; but they talk like pietistic fundamentalists.

Accompanying the new pietism is a new literalism in Biblical interpretation. Yet there is nothing new about it, except that youth educated in a culture that teaches logical criticism accept with such unquestioning, simple faith the Bible, and its application to life.

Coming out of a youth culture where permissiveness has recently sanctioned everything, the pendulum is now swinging the other way.

— (See "Missionary Reporter," page 11, Feb. - Apr. 1971, for board action).

Guyana—Voted: that Executive Vice-President Leon R. Lawton negotiate with Pastor Leroy C. Bass looking toward deferring his return to Guyana for a period of two to three months, to ease the extremely heavy financial burden at this immediate period.

Missionary pastors — (a) Syracuse. Voted: to refer application from Syracuse to Home Field Committee and executive vice-president for action.

(b) Schenectady. Application forms have just been received but no pastor has yet been called to our knowledge. Refer to Home Field Committee.

Review of financial situation and needs by treasurer — Voted: that the treasurer be authorized to borrow funds as may be necessary to meet expenditures of the society.

Transmittal of funds to India—Agreed: to continue plan of accumulating funds and to remit only \$50 monthly (overlooking exception of additional \$100 sent in May). It was understood that this action does not constitute underwriting mission work in India but only remittance of special gifts received.

The movement stresses the Ten Commandments. It strongly prohibits promiscuity, greed, pride, drunkenness, drugs, debauchery, laziness, cigarettes, etc. A new kingdom in moral conduct seems to be waiting in the wings.

Paradoxically, love is the theme of the movement; yet many of the participants would reject the situation ethics concept that Christians should reject rules in favor of doing whatever is "the loving thing to do" in each and every situation." Instead, they search the Bible for prooftexts for a rule for each action.

But if any one trend seems to come through loud and clear in the movement, it is the theme of love. And love runs deep, not shallow, in the heart of the gospel.

Rev. Leon Lawton
To Visit Malawi, Africa

By action of the Executive Committee of the Missionary Board, the executive vice-president, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton expects to visit Malawi, Africa, leaving from Kennedy Airport, N. Y., June 17, 1971.

The objectives of this visit as presented to and approved by the Executive Committee are as follows:

1—To interpret board policy, understand the witness and work being done, and seek to apply policy to local situation. Copies of the new *Handbook* (published Jan. '71) have been shared with missionaries and the secretary of Central African Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. Since this is also new to our missionaries they are reluctant to "interpret" it without being more certain of its real meaning. They feel that someone from outside could do this better.

2—To answer repeated requests from the missionaries to visit the field and personally become familiar with the work, workers, etc. Their request has been underscored by talks with Secretary Alton L. Wheeler who visited the field the beginning of this year. It seems wise to visit Malawi while the David Pearsons are present to enable background information and communication to be the best. They will be on furlough from July '71 to June '72.

3—To meet with Central Africa Conference trustees and leaders, to come to know them and sense their vision and plans for the witness and work and how best the Missionary Board can be most meaningfully related to it.

4—To seek to understand and relate most meaningfully to the continuing financial crisis brought about by withdrawal of Doctor Victor Burdick's salary allowance refund from Malawi government, reduction of special direct gifts to the field, and increase of salaries payable to African pastors entering the work following graduation from Bible Institute. Salary amounts have been temporarily restored through receipt of large special gifts outside OWM, but even these will not last beyond August 1, 1971.

Allegheny Association Views
Past as Door to a New Era

A forward-looking program was viewed in the perspective of the denomination's 300 years at the annual meeting of Allegheny Association held at Richburg and Alfred, N. Y., May 14-16. Guest speakers included the Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills of Brookfield, N. Y., delegates from the Central Association, and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Plainfield, N. J., president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

The program, planned by the association's Executive Committee, was opened in the Richburg church Sabbath eve with a fellowship supper. Since most members of Allegheny Association's churches live within an hour's drive of each other the practice of dividing the

5—To sense the need for and place of service that a registered nurse dedicated worker—Miss "Tibbie" Maddox—could fill at Makapwa, and lay groundwork for her entering such work in October of this year, if present plans work out.

6—To provide personal experience and insights that would be of value in the proposed consultation on Malawi planned for August 1971 in Westerly, while representatives, missionaries, African Interests Committee members, and board executives were available, for review and long-range planning. The carrying through of No. 1 and 3 above, would also make possible preparation by the Central African Conference Seventh Day Baptists for their representatives to be able to fit into such a meeting most meaningfully.

It is expected that Mr. Lawton will return on July 31, in time to participate in Conference Planning Committee sessions at Plainfield on Sunday, August 1.

Brother Lawton has requested that our prayers be with him as he meets with our Seventh Day Baptist missionaries at Makapwa and Blantyre and with the Central Africa Conference leaders, carrying out the objectives listed above, as God gives him guidance and strength.

—E. T. H.

sessions in the eastern and western areas arose some years ago.

A historical paper was read by Mrs. Mills following fraternal greetings from Central Association extended by her husband. She cited DeRuyter Academy and *The Protestant Sentinel*, predecessor of *The Sabbath Recorder*, as early Central Association contributions to denominational life. Mr. Rogers then presented a series of color slides depicting architectural and artistic achievements of Seventh Day Baptists, with special reference to the New England roots of York State churches. Mrs. Francis Bucher, Sr., Adult Committee chairman for the association, presided at this session.

Sabbath morning worship was held in the stately old Alfred church with the Rev. David S. Clarke, former pastor, presiding. It was announced that Russell G. Johnson of Philadelphia, Pa., has accepted the Alfred pastorate effective September first. Mrs. Nellie Bond Parry, soloist, and the Alfred church choir sang. A special memorial hymn was sung by the choir in tribute to Miriam Shaw, missionary to China, who died May 12, 1958. The theme sermon, "The Door of a New Era" was delivered by Mr. Rogers from 1 Cor. 16:9. A special children's service was conducted by Mrs. Luan Sutton Ellis of Alfred Station. Dinner in the Alfred parish house followed.

A youth group presented selections from the "Tell It Like It Is" folk-musical by Kaiser and Carmichael on Sabbath afternoon in the Alfred church. Mrs. Phyllis Burdick Mattison substituted as director for Miss Arlouene Van Horn who was ill. After this a panel discussion by representative young people and adults was held on the topic, "What Can We Do To Encourage More Youth To Develop an Interest in Church?" Donald Van Horn, Alfred Station, presided, and participants included Lisa Cudahy and Gordon Sanford of Little Genesee, Leon Clare, Mrs. Mary Clare, Steve Crandall and Kenneth Snyder of Alfred, Mark Lewis of Alfred Station and Mrs. Ethel Dickinson of Richburg.

The annual business meeting of Allegheny Association was held Sunday morning in the Alfred Parish House fol-

lowing worship led by the Rev. Edward Sutton, Alfred Station, and members of the Young Adult Committee. The Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, moderator and pastor at Richburg, presided at the business session. Progress on raising funds for the new dorm soon to be erected at the association's Camp Harley Sutton was reported. Plans were also announced for expansion of the Angelica, N. Y., County Fair booth to include a children's booth. This will include visual aids, and story-telling arranged by Mrs. Mary Clare. A draft of the new association constitution and bylaws was also read.

Following an informal women's luncheon, arranged by Mrs. Bertha Drake, Shinglehouse, Pa., a work bee was held at Camp Harley Sutton under the direction of Robert Stohr of Richburg and Harold Snyder of Alfred, trustees.

Pastorates Accepted

A number of ministers including spring theological graduates have recently announced confirmed plans for involvement in new pastoral situations.

Mr. Melvin F. Stephan having completed one year of study at Wesley Theological Seminary at Washington, D. C., has accepted the pastoral call extended for a period of one year by the Salemville, Pa., church, effective as of July 1.

Mr. Alan R. Crouch, graduate from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, will move with his family to DeRuyter, N. Y., the middle of July to offer pastoral service to the DeRuyter and Syracuse churches.

Mr. Russell G. Johnson, graduate from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, plans to assume the pastoral role in the Alfred, N. Y., church the first of September.

Pastor Leslie A. Welch, who has served the Lord at Berea, West Virginia, as pastor of the Ritchie church since December of 1960, will become pastor of the Paint Rock, Alabama, church the latter part of July.

The Rev. C. Rex Burdick, having assumed pastoral leadership in Riverside, Calif., since September of 1965, has ac-

cepted the call of the Berlin, New York, church with pastoral duties to begin September 1.

Summer pastoral assistants include Mr. C. Justin Camenga at Los Angeles, Calif.; Rev. Eugene Fatato at Riverside, Calif.; and Rev. Don Sanford at Milton, Wis. Other lay assistants include Mr. Dale Thorngate at Washington, D. C., part time, and Mr. Steven Crouch for the summer months beginning June 18 at Shiloh, N. J.

Since a number of churches remain pastorless, and in view of the fact that other types of spiritual leadership are needed and will be needed in the foreseeable future, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel as dean of the Center for Ministerial Education continues to challenge additional persons to be open to the calling and leading of the Lord realizing that they will act wisely in seeking that academic training which will lead to further discovery and development of their God-given talents and skills needed in this complex and technological age.

—Alton L. Wheeler

News from Korea

Jin Sung Kim, the principal leader of Seventh Day Baptist work in Korea, in his most recent letter asked for prayers for a special meeting in Seoul where he had been invited to hold meetings with a church of another denomination that had accepted the Sabbath and baptism. He promised more news when the meetings had been held in early June.

Much of Mr. Kim's work is with the Seventh Day Baptist church of Kwang Ju where he lives. It is quite some distance from Seoul, the capitol of South Korea. He writes that they are again holding church services in the tent now that the weather is warmer.

The spirit of this young man is reflected in what he says about the need of a building. For some time he has been receiving about \$35 per month from interested Seventh Day Baptist friends in the United States. At first this was felt to be needed to help with his sustenance and as a little encouragement for him to carry on. He showed himself capable of

saving up the gifts for special purposes—like buying the tent for evangelistic work. More recently he has written of being able to provide his own living. Now he writes, in his somewhat halting English, "We absolutely need of church building, even with mud and brick, so we are saving a fund for building from the money you sent to me every month."

Giving to some people is a two-way street. Mr. Kim sends books by competent authors that describe missionary and church work in Korea. The latest such book is a remarkable 1967 work (sent air mail) entitled *Korea and Christianity* by Spencer J. Palmer, a scholarly comparison of Christianity in China and Korea. It has 106 pages of text, followed by nearly seventy pages of notes and other documentation. This and other books may be loaned to interested people.

American Baptists Evaluate Annual Session

The American Baptist Convention was held at Minneapolis, Minn., May 12-16. In a wrap-up story of the sixty-fourth annual meeting Frank A. Sharp, director of press relations, states that election of a woman president (Mrs. Marcus Rohlf) and the struggle with the issue of withdrawal of troops from Vietnam were the major items dealt with in the meeting which had as its theme, "Let Us Break Bread Together."

The theme was acted out on the opening night by inviting representatives of all Twin Cities churches, Catholic and Protestant, to participate in a Communion service, the elements of which were grown and processed by American Baptists. It is not stated how many non-Baptists accepted the invitation, but 2,800 delegates and 1,200 people classed as visitors were present and reportedly met in a spirit of celebration and thanksgiving.

Throughout the five days of meetings delegates and visitors were urged by several speakers to take action calling for the termination of American military participation in Southeast Asia, some calling for withdrawal by December 31, 1971.

A key resolution adopted by the convention calls for the withdrawal from

Vietnam of all U. S. military personnel except those in diplomatic service, "hopefully by Dec. 31." The resolution, carried by a margin of 1,451 to 199, also directs all U. S. forces in Southeast Asia "to refrain from taking the initiative in the dropping of bombs and the firing of weapons."

Other resolutions deal with criminal justice, re-registration in Mississippi, fragmented society, family life patterns, peace, and the Middle East. The section on criminal justice calls for reform of the penal system and puts Baptists on record as "willing to accept our share of the tax burden to pay for implementation of these goals." The convention expressed "grave concern over role of the U. S. Department of Justice in approving new re-registration procedures adopted this year by a number of Mississippi counties," contending that the procedures will work to the detriment of black voters.

The American Baptists are engaged in a study of denominational structure. The committee on structure in its report recommended that the name be changed from "convention" to "American Baptist Churches" and that they meet every two years instead of yearly. These recommendations will be voted on at the next annual meeting, scheduled to be held on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, May 23-27, 1972.

Plan Million Dollar Radio Effort To Reach China's Millions

One of the most far-reaching single evangelistic movements in the history of Christian missions to China is being planned by the Far East Broadcasting Company. It is the biggest endeavor that this twenty-seven-year-old Far East broadcasting company has even attempted. Already much of China is covered by broadcasts on shortwave stations, but the new plan is to establish a 250,000 watt medium wave (regular broadcast band) radio station on an island off the southern coast of Korea. This means a transmission five times more powerful than any radio station in the United States and located only three hundred miles from Shanghai. Bob Bowman, president of the Christian broad-

casting company, says, "Just the thought of this voice for the Lord in Communist China thrills me as nothing ever has before."

In addition to the Korean project they are planning to place another 250,000 watt medium wave station on the west coast of Luzon in the Philippines to reach Canton and all of southern China.

The target date for putting both of these new installations on the air is early 1972. The total cost for transmitters, buildings, installations, etc., will exceed \$1 million. There are two questions that naturally come up in regard to this. What is it worth to reach China with the gospel, and how does a faith broadcasting company raise a million dollars in a year's time? The leaders of this evangelistic program believe that the Christian people of America and the world have the answers to these two questions. Though nothing like this amount of money has ever been asked for before, it is true that all the needs of the past have been met by the faithfulness of God's people. Under present circumstances there seems to be no other way that China can be reached with the gospel other than by the radio voice, and these regular band radio broadcasts will reach millions more than the shortwave broadcasts have been able to reach in the past.

Strengthening Summer Outreach

Many of our churches feel the need of extra help during the summer, especially the early part of the summer. Some are fortunate enough to get SCSC teams for Vacation Bible School, camp and visitation projects. Other make special arrangements for assistant pastors or assistants to the pastor for the various outreach projects that are possible during vacation time. Some well-trained men and women are available this year.

The church at Westerly, R. I., announces that Miss Helen Ruth Green, theologically trained and experienced, will be serving as assistant to the pastor beginning June 7.

The Milton church has the services this summer of the former editor of the *Helping Hand*, the Rev. Don Sanford.

He assists in the camping and other educational program.

On the West Coast, as previously announced, the Rev. Eugene Fatato of Battle Creek is the summer assistant at Riverside. The Los Angeles church is served in a similar way by Justin Camenga, who came from Portland, Ore., as soon as the seminary year ended.

Other churches served part time by students during the school year will have the benefit of more leadership during the summer in addition to the greater Sabbath School and other services that can be rendered by teachers, college and high school students during the summer months. More and more churches are becoming involved with camp as evangelistic and faith strengthening programs for youth.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NEW AUBURN, WIS.—There has been so much activity in the New Auburn church this spring! Even so we feel the urgency to do more for our Lord and the advancement of His Kingdom here on earth in these days.

The Rev. Gordon D. Oliver and his family continue to be a great blessing to us. He preaches exuberantly the Word of God and he also does a lot of calling in this area.

Pastor Oliver attended the Ministers Conference in Battle Creek, April 28 - May 4. He has been sharing his experiences there with us. He is now attending the course of required instruction at the Ministerial Center in Plainfield in preparation for accreditation.

Pastor Oliver has been active in the ministerial group in New Auburn. This group is newly formed and certainly provides coordination in community-church activity. He also preaches at the two rest homes in Bloomer, taking his turn every five or six weeks. Usually women from our Missionary Society accompany him to sing with the patients, showing interest in their needs and providing compassion and love to them in their situation.

The Women's Missionary Society also helps with the American Legion's project of taking home baked cookies and books

to the veterans' hospital at Tomah, Wis.

Our society chose secret pals again this year. At our meetings President Kittie C. North has been giving us "thumbnail" sketches of the lives of early Seventh Day Baptist women. We have also been singing some hymns of historical importance, opening our hearts and minds to the deep significance of 300 years of Seventh Day Baptists in America. The *Helping Hand* lessons have been inspiring us on this level also.

We have five graduating high school seniors this year and six graduating from eighth grade. High school graduation was the evening of May 22, and on that Sabbath morning our young people had charge of the church service. Seventeen young people took part with the morning message being shared by four of the five graduating seniors. The Women's Missionary Society presented the eleven graduates and their advisor with yellow carnations and gifts to the five seniors. Afterward the graduates were guests of honor at a fellowship dinner.

Our Youth Fellowship was guest of the Tillinghast F.Y.C. on May 12 at a banquet honoring graduates at the Holiday Inn in Eau Claire. Theron Ochs, inn manager, was also a guest and spoke to the group.

In March twenty young people and adults attended one session of the Inter-Faith Fellowship Charismatic Renewal in Eau Claire. Nicky Cruz, first convert of David Wilkerson, was guest speaker. Resulting from that activity was a Community Y. F. meeting in New Auburn sponsored by our Y. F. at which four converted drug addicts gave their testimony.

The Bible study group of the church is preparing to study Herbert Saunders' "The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation."

Our Bible School reaches out this year to include the Lutheran children as well as the United Methodist children and children with no church home. We would ask your prayers as we join in this united ministry to the children of this area.

May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with and in each of you.

—Correspondent

OUR WORLD MISSION

OWM Budget Receipts for May 1971

	Treasurer's		Boards'		Treasurer's		Boards'	
	May	5 mos.	5 mos.		May	5 mos.	5 mos.	
Adams Ctr NY ..\$	190.00	340.00	10.00	Milton Jct WI ..	61.00	453.80	25.00	
Albion WI		154.00	25.00	Monterey CA		100.00		
Alfred NY	1,241.05	2,778.85	182.00	New Auburn WI ..	102.25	254.55	75.00	
Alfred Sta NY		1,488.15	30.00	New Milton WV ..	50.00	250.00		
Ashaway RI	167.50	1,465.00	154.00	New Orleans LA ..	10.00	10.00	5.00	
Assns & Groups ..	330.17	430.17	341.00	North Loup NB ..	200.00	800.00	10.00	
Battle Creek MI ..	504.39	2,073.29	292.00	Nortonville KS ..	196.50	1,229.50	146.00	
Bay Area CA		340.00	31.20	Ohio Fellowship ..	40.00	100.00	250.00	
Berea WV	50.00	179.29	10.00	Paint Rock AL ..		250.00	30.00	
Berlin NY	145.00	787.11	266.00	Plainfield NJ	523.91	2,644.10	482.90	
Boulder CO		413.40	82.00	Richburg NY	95.00	732.49	31.00	
Brookfield NY	61.00	296.27	85.00	Riverside CA	534.50	2,807.15	70.00	
Buffalo NY		205.00		Roanoke WV		15.00		
Chicago IL		512.50	21.00	Rockville RI	24.25	128.50	11.00	
Daytona Beach FL ..	200.00	500.00	10.00	Salem WV	210.00	1,068.15	157.00	
Denver CO	162.12	796.29	12.00	Salemville PA	160.00	378.00		
De Ruyter NY		129.00	10.00	Schenectady NY ..	7.00	27.00	20.00	
Dodge Ctr MN	330.51	1,316.90	50.00	Seattle WA	40.00	94.00	106.25	
Farina IL		97.50	10.00	Shiloh NJ	1,296.10	4,499.36	111.00	
Fouke AR			10.00	Stonefort IL			31.00	
Hammond LA				Syracuse NY				
Hebron PA	70.00	391.00	35.00	Texarkana AR		20.00		
Hopkinton RI		25.00	121.00	Verona NY	147.79	714.20	71.00	
Houston TX			5.00	Walworth WI	200.00	665.00		
Independence NY ..	47.50	261.00	51.00	Washington DC ..	294.50	530.50	141.00	
Individuals		50.00	65.00	Washington				
Irvington NJ		1,100.00		People's DC			10.00	
Jackson Ctr OH	400.00	400.00		Waterford CT	146.75	876.06	145.00	
Kansas City MO	140.00	260.00	10.00	Westerly RI	537.50	2,150.00	263.00	
Leonardsville NY ..		214.37		White Cloud MI ..	48.40	287.93	20.00	
Little Genesee NY ..	111.08	677.40	20.00					
Little Rock AR	30.03	156.75	10.00	Totals	\$11,771.69	\$48,669.73	\$4,790.35	
Los Angeles CA	750.00	1,825.00	147.00	Non-Budget	1,002.63			
Lost Creek WV		1,250.00	36.00					
Marlboro NJ	312.08	1,850.97	10.00	Total				
Metairie LA				To Disburse	\$12,774.32			
Milton WI	1,603.81	4,820.23	438.00					

MAY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education	\$ 1,054.89
Historical Society	8.31
Ministerial Education	730.94
Ministerial Retirement	597.37
Missionary Society	4,946.15
Tract Society	1,516.71
Trustees of General Conference	83.06
Women's Society	350.00
World Fellowship and Service	393.60
General Conference	3,009.79
SDB World Federation	83.50
	\$12,774.32

SUMMARY

1971 Budget	\$147,770.00
Receipts for 5 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$48,669.73
Boards	4,790.35
	53,460.08
Amount due in 7 months	\$ 94,309.92
Needed per month	\$ 13,472.85
Percentage of year elapsed	41.67%
Percentage of Budget raised	36.85%

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

For July 1971

A lamp to my feet



A light to my path

(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.")

Set Free To Serve

- 1-Thurs. From Bondage to Responsibility. Gen. 45:1-15
2-Fri. A Patriot's Prayer. Psalm 122
3-Sabbath. Jesus' Sabbaths Brought God Among Men. John 9:13-34

God, the Christian, and Government

- 4-Sun. God and Caesar. Mark 11:27 - 12:17
5-Mon. A Christian in Government. Acts 8:9-39
6-Tues. Respect for Authority. Romans 12:9 - 13:10
7-Wed. A Ruler Achieves Good Government. Deut. 17:14-20; Psalm 72:1-4, 12-19
8-Thurs. Wisdom Asked of God and Then Applied. 1 Kings 3:5-28

- 9-Fri. Wisdom for Leaders. Proverbs 14:16-35
10-Sabbath. Love's Authority Achieves Health Every Day. John 7:14-31

God, the Christian, and Civil Law

- 11-Sun. Godly Justice. Deut. 16:18 - 17:11
12-Mon. Laws To Live By. Deut. 4:1-20
13-Tues. A Royal Decree. Daniel 6:1-15
14-Wed. Obedience to God Changes a King. Daniel 6:16-28
15-Thurs. The Superior Law. Acts 4:1-22
16-Fri. The Christian Citizen. 1 Peter 2:9-25
17-Sabbath. The Sabbath Uplifts Society. Mark 3:1-6; Luke 13:10-19

Why the Family?

- 18-Sun. Humans Reflect God's Nature. Gen. 1:26-2:9
19-Mon. The Family Is Established. Gen. 2:15-25.

- 20-Tues. God's Guidance in Choosing a Mate. Gen. 24:42-67
21-Wed. An Ancient Love Poem. Song of Solomon 2:1-17
22-Thurs. God's Concern for the Family. Malachi 2:1-5, 10-17
23-Fri. The Permanency and Blessings of Marriage. Mark 10:2-12; Psalm 128
24-Sabbath. The Sabbath a Real Part of Life. Luke 13:10-21

Roles and Relationships Within the Family

- 25-Sun. Relations Between Husband and Wife. Eph. 5:21-33; Gal. 3:28
26-Mon. Relations Between Children and Parents. Exod. 20:12, 14, 17; Eph. 6:1-8
27-Tues. Children and God's Realm. Matt. 18:1-14
28-Wed. Jesus Loved Children. Mark 10:13-31
29-Thurs. A Helpful Mother-in-Law. Luke 4:38-41; Prov. 31:10-22
30-Fri. A Concerned but Confused Parent. Matt. 20:20-27
31-Sabbath. The Sabbath Affords Family Rest. Exod. 16:22-36

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