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## Saved by the Blood

A sixteen-year-old missionary's daughter is alive, saved by the blood of a donor. Some would call it chance, others design.

Missionary Nichols and his family were returning from a little vacation to Asuncion, Paraguay on January 15 when one side of their car was sheared off by collision with a truck on a slippery road. Most seriously injured was sixteen-year-old Becky who suffered fractures of the thigh, upper arm and jaw, a nearly severed ear, and a deep cup in the left shoulder that caused severe bleeding.

When the family was taken to the Baptist hospital as Asuncion the girl's life was probably saved by a transfusion of rare-type blood. The day before the accident an unknown man had come to the hospital wanting to donate blood.

The technicians discovered that his blood type was RH negative. Dr. Donald McDowell, missionary surgeon, turned the man away because they had very little call for that type and did not think it worthwhile to store it. When the man insisted and did not want to leave, they agreed to take blood, more to please him than anything else. The next day Becky's life may have been saved by that extra pint of RH negative blood. It is probable that the hospital staff now thinks that it was by the leading of the Lord that the man insisted on giving and they agreed to take the life-saving blood.

## Beautiful Day

*What a beautiful day for Jesus to come!  
What a beautiful day!  
So I'll pray and watch.  
I'll watch and pray  
For Jesus could come this beautiful day.*

*God's glory will clothe Him  
And angels attend,  
Singing anthems of joy  
That never shall end.  
He will come with a shout  
And trump from on high  
That shall echo and echo  
And never die.  
Then His faithful jewels  
Ascending above,  
Shall dwell forever  
In the fold of His love.*

*What a beautiful day  
when Jesus shall come!*

*What a beautiful day!  
So I'll pray and work.  
I'll work and pray  
For Jesus will come some beautiful day.  
—Mabelle Wiard Willmarth*

## Vietnamese Soldiers Find Christ

*World Vision* supports chaplains in seventeen of the hospitals of Vietnam. Stanley Mooneyham reports that 10,000 soldiers have accepted Christ through this hospital ministry. Hospitalized children are also taught the love of Jesus and carry this Christian influence home to 150,000 more people, according to reports.

## Wondering

The stars of heaven gleam;  
Sure, silent and supreme;  
Lighting the myriad runways of the sky.  
For what whispering craft  
Or silver space-spun raft  
Do they light the labyrinthine paths?  
Or are they spirit ships  
That use these starry slips  
As they wing up  
With hallelujahs on their lips?

The stars' enticing light,  
Piercing the gauze of night,  
Compels minds to think of spiritual realms.  
To human sight it seems  
That these luminous beams  
Glitter unattainably far away.  
Is heaven, too, up there,  
So far from toil and care,  
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## Law Day, USA

Congress names and the President proclaims more special days than we can remember to properly observe. The proclamation of May 1, 1972 as Law Day, USA, brings into focus some important thoughts that have religious as well as national or secular significance.

The President has called upon every citizen to think anew of the central role of law in our society. He reminds us that it is only under the protection of law that "men and women can buy and sell, marry, express their personal opinions, and engage in a vast array of other activities with the assurance that their contracts will be enforced and their liberties protected."

The proclamation cited an experience of Felix Frankfurter, Supreme Court Justice who in his law school days was accused by a student, "You take law awfully seriously."

"Yes," Professor Frankfurter replied quietly, "That's one accusation against which I plead guilty without reservation."

"I do take law very seriously," he maintained, "because fragile as reason is and limited as law is as the expression of the institutionalized medium of reason, that's all we have standing between us and tyranny of mere will and the cruelty of unbridled, undisciplined feeling."

It is passing strange that there seems to be so much difference between taking secular law seriously and taking divine law seriously. Our President and our Congress urge all citizens to note the importance of law. On the other hand, many religious leaders downgrade the Ten Commandments as an authoritative guide for Christians. They do so, presumably, because they want to emphasize that salvation is by grace and the Christian ought to be so guided by the Holy Spirit that he should not need to be checked by the prohibitions of the law. Unfortunately it doesn't quite work out that way. Some leaders forget that it is the work of the Holy Spirit to convince of sin and that the Holy Spirit leads into love of the law rather than against its precepts.

Furthermore, the Ten Commandments law has positive as well as negative provisions. Take, for example, the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy." This is revealed law which is as important in the new dispensation as in the old. When Christians make light of this law, it is not the Holy Spirit leading them to do so but some other spirit. Our relationship to this positive commandment, which Jesus said was made for mankind, may well be a test of the sincerity of our profession to follow the Lord.

Our nation will be better if we observe Law Day, USA. Our churches will be better if we observe the Ten Commandments, not omitting the Fourth.

### Yearbook Progress

During the first and second weeks of March the various elements of the 1971 *Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook* were on the presses of the publishing house with only the index pages yet to be received and set in type as this *Recorder* went to press.

It is expected that the book can be assembled and the golden covers applied during the week of March 20-24, when the filling of orders will begin. Many have been looking forward to the appearance of this well-edited publication with its pictures illustrating Conference activity. Those who have not done so may order at \$3 per copy.

### Our Prayer Corner

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

- 1) The field work of Justin Camenga in the Pacific Coast area.
- 2) The mid-April meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at Riverside and the travel plans of Conference President Paul Osborn.
- 3) The church and beach ministry of the youth evangelistic team with Mynor Soper at Daytona Beach at Easter.
- 4) The guidance of the Holy Spirit in the many baptism and membership classes at this season.

## The Sabbath and Vocational Choice

By Dale D. Thorngate\*

Last month my wife Janet and I traveled to Alfred, New York, to meet with the Vocations Committee and the Board of Christian Education when they met on January 16. I went there with two objectives in mind: to find out as much as I could about what the Vocations Committee had done in the past and to share some ideas with both the committee and the board.

I must say that I was both surprised and disappointed to discover that some of the things I had been thinking about Seventh Day Baptists and their Sabbath-keeping as it relates to their vocation were said as early as 1935 and have been repeated since then on a pretty regular basis.

So I spent the three days in concentrated thought and discussion in an attempt to determine, if I could, why it is that we have been talking about the same Christian vocation and Sabbath-keeping problems for the last thirty-seven years and have not come up with any really comprehensive solutions.

I would like to share with you some of my conclusions.

We have spent a great deal of time in the past encouraging our young people to choose vocations and then find jobs which are compatible with Sabbath-keeping. Perhaps we have not been too creative in this endeavor, particularly in light of the increase in types of employment opportunities available in our industrialized society.

In any case, the result seems to have been that our young people see us offering them a choice between Sabbath-keeping and an attractive vocation. Offered these alternatives—"Do I keep the Sabbath or do I get a good job, one that pays well and one I like?"—they all too often seem to have chosen the latter.

\* Dale D. Thorngate has been named chairman of the Vocational Interests Committee for 1972 General Conference.

Then we complicate the picture by our reaction to the urban trend. It is obvious that our culture is becoming an urban one. The majority of our young people are moving to the cities because that's where the jobs are. However, with a few exceptions, we don't have many urban churches. So we have tended to say to our young people, "Choose a vocation which you can practice here near a Seventh Day Baptist Church."

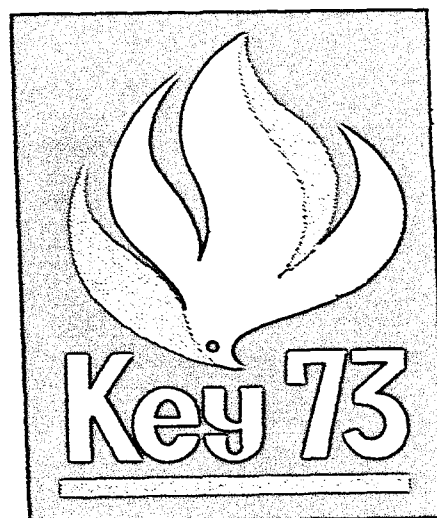
This approach doesn't seem to have been too effective either. When faced with decision, our young people have chosen to go along with the cultural change, leaving the Sabbath behind and moving to the city.

At this point I began thinking that maybe our problem is one of priorities. Upon reexamining my own personal experience, I realized that I came back to the Sabbath only after I had first reaffirmed my belief in Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and reestablished my relationship with God through Him. Then and only then did I return to the Sabbath, using Jesus as the example for my way of life.

The choice for me had never really been between my vocation and the Sabbath or between leaving home and the Sabbath, even though it may have appeared that way. The Sabbath is, after all, only a vehicle for maintaining that relationship with God. If the relationship itself is not real, the idea of keeping the Sabbath becomes meaningless and thus unimportant to a young person choosing a vocation and developing his life patterns.

Perhaps we need to tell our children and young people about Jesus Christ and what He has done for us—about the love of God, who sent Jesus to earth to say, "Anyone who believes in me has eternal life" (John 6:47). Then maybe our young men and women will carry their belief in God through Jesus with them





Plans come closer  
to reality for a  
"Christian blitz"  
across  
North America  
in 1973

KEY '73, believed to be the broadest and most intensive evangelistic effort ever undertaken in the United States and Canada, is led by a Central Committee which closed a two-day meeting in St. Louis, February 22.

The committee heard a report from its executive director, Dr. T. A. Raedeke, that participation was running ahead of schedule. He said that the number of denominations and Christian organizations that have committed themselves to KEY '73 now number 130.

Most of North America's major denominations are included.

The participation ranges from the Methodists and Baptists to Presbyterians, Quakers, Churches of Christ, and nearly all of the principal Lutheran groups.

The chairman of the Executive Committee is Dr. Thomas Zimmerman of Springfield, Mo., general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, largest Pentecostal denomination in America.

The churchmen in their meeting here

when they choose a vocation and leave home.

They will rediscover for themselves the need for their Sabbath in maintaining that relationship with God. Instead of losing them we will find them forming new churches where they go because they will have that commitment to "Go into all the world and preach the good news."

On this vocational Sabbath, March 18, let's think about sending Jesus with our young people instead of worrying about their leaving the Sabbath with us.

#### MEMORY TEXT

"I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Ps. 119:15-16).

approved a 1972 operating budget of \$149,205 for the KEY '73 secretariat located in St. Louis (418 Olive Street). A drive for a \$2,000,000 program budget was begun.

Reports were presented on the progress of the six phases of the 1973 effort that are being planned, and on models of KEY '73 in action.

Mrs. Vonette Bright of San Bernardino, Calif., told the group of a massive women's prayer movement that is being developed.

Raedeke reported that a second Roman Catholic diocese (Cape Girardeau) has joined KEY '73, and that American bishops are to consider membership on a national basis at their April meeting. The St. Louis diocese is already a member, as is a New Mexico interchurch agency to which Roman Catholics belong.

The KEY '73 "sacred year" will be highlighted by a number of mass media events, special promotional events beginning at the local congregational level, emphasis on personal Christian witness, Bible studies, literature distribution, house-to-house visitation, convention and fair exhibits, and special Christmas and Easter celebrations.

KEY '73 is now in its fifth year of planning.

It has brought together denominational leaders that have never before met for any reason.

One participant said it has already served to resurrect the term "evangelism." He said that even church leaders had been dismissing it as a "worn-out, effete" term.

Each church is being encouraged to implement KEY '73 in its own way. Coordinated efforts are being designed simply to reinforce what Christians plan to do at the grassroots level.

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## Ambassadors

God has chosen to work through people—those who have come to know Him are privileged to share their experience. Thus Christ said clearly, "You shall be witnesses unto me." Paul, in writing to the Corinthians stated: "We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ Himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God" (2 Cor. 5:20 LNT).

As Christians all have the joy and opportunity to be used of God in this way. In the *Era of Action* packet (distributed to pastors, clerks, S.S. superintendants and Conference delegates at Amherst in August 1971) announcement is given of the Ambassador Program, "... to encourage our people to recognize and set apart as ambassadors those persons with specific talents whom they will prayerfully send on a Christian mission to go as their representatives in helping reconcile others to God" (see page 22, 23).

Each church could appoint members who have a special talent, ability and experience as "ambassadors," thus encouraging the individual to use his gift in a wider circle. Such action should also be shared with General Conference office so that other churches/groups could know and perhaps call such a person to serve on a special mission in an area of need.

Associations, Conference or boards might also appoint individuals as their ambassadors to share their particular ministry with those in other churches or specific areas.

We urge every reader to look up and become familiar with the suggestions made in the *Era of Action* packet and implement them in his church and/or association.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 25, 1972

ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 12:12-27.

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## Building Homes in Bangladesh

Lest we forget the problems of the victims of the recent war in Bangladesh, we remind ourselves of what is being done in just one of the many villages devastated. It is a story that comes from Baptist Press. Southern Baptists had a few missionaries in the country, but they were powerless to do anything on their own by way of relief during the months preceding or during the fighting. Afterwards the new government assigned them the responsibility of rebuilding the village of Kashempur under the direction of Missionary James F. McKinley.

An estimated 120 to 130 homes are to be rebuilt at a total cost of about \$26,000.

Construction of the simple but adequate little houses in Kashempur is moving rapidly, McKinley reported. They should be ready for occupancy before the monsoon rains begin in June.

Materials for the work are being purchased locally to help the economy. At least ten houses are under construction at a time. The owner provides all of the help except that of specialists, the carpenter and the artisan for weaving the bamboo.

Workers form a human train to carry the building materials long distances across the countryside, carefully balancing the load on their heads, McKinley said. The task does not end at darkness; kerosene lamps provide light to that work continues until late at night.

Before the carpenters reach a building site, the owner is expected to dig holes for the ten posts which become the main support structure. Often the women and children help.

Because the government of Bangladesh will soon stop providing food for these villagers, one member of each family is being taught methods of cooperative farming.

Others, including women who spend hours popping rice for sale in the local market, are already making a living for themselves.

"Kashempur is only one tiny area in Bangladesh," McKinley observed. "Thousands more need help."



**"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).**

## Love and Live

Rev. Charles Swing

We owe our greatest debt of gratitude to God because of His great love for us. Paul the apostle stood in amazement before the riches of God's generosity to us in Christ Jesus and declared that it was impossible to describe the greatness of God's love gift to man. This should be the attitude of each child of God and servant of God as he thinks about the sinful world in which he lives. The world, made up of sinful, rebellious, wayward men, is the object of God's supreme concern. God so loved man that He gave heaven's best and heaven's greatest for his redemption.

Because the world is of such great concern to the heart of our God, each of us should become personally involved in trying to bring this world to God and eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus His Son.

We try to live for ourselves far too much, and only now and then do we stop and think of the other man. So many people forget that we are all human, made of the same flesh and blood, warmed by the same sun, chilled by the same frost, hurt by the same wounds, subject to the same temptations, grieved by the same sorrows, and cheered by the same joys. Whatever clothes we wear, whatever work we do, whatever money we earn, we are all human and we all belong to one human family. We are the sons of God and He is the Father of us all.

Why is it that every now and then we have a brotherly love feeling? It is because on that day when Jesus was born He became one with us that we might be forever with Him. He came to save us

from sin, to give us new life. He came to make all things new for us. If Jesus had not come to earth, we would never have been able to say with Paul, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor. 5:17). If Jesus had never been born there would never have been any hope for me or for you to rebuild our lives. Jesus has a marvelous power with people. Anyone who will let Him come into his life can never be the same again.

An evangelist tells the story of one such man who was as clean-cut a man as you ever saw. He was one of those men whom God had given a lot of gifts. He was a director of a railroad and vice-president of a large bank. He had such a nice way about him that he was assigned to entertain the customers. Of course, this meant belonging to all the clubs and buying his customers plenty of liquor. He drank plenty himself, too. In fact, he became a drunk and would turn up at the bank in the afternoon intoxicated. His drinking finally became such a problem that the president of the bank said, "I certainly hate to do it, but I'll have to let you go if you can't straighten up."

Because that bank president had fired him, the man could not get another job in the banking business in that area. Gradually his savings disappeared and he hit bottom. Dramatic? Sure, tragic too. He finally had to be put into an institution where he was assigned the job of washing dishes. The girl in charge of the dishwashing, the daughter of a foreman on the railroad of which he had been a director, said to him, "Why, you can't

even wash dishes right."

After a few weeks of this, he got to thinking, which, as you know, is one of the greatest things that can ever happen. It was said of the prodigal son, "He began to think and he came to himself." This is what happened to our banker friend. He saw himself as he really was—needing help. He decided to go home to his mother and father, who loved and cared for him.

He not only did that; he started reading the Bible. Daily, he went up to the woods where he used to hunt rabbits and in the peace and quiet of God's outdoors he read and prayed and thought. Finally, he found Jesus and surrendered his life to Him. And, as always, Jesus changed his life. He gave him new life.

The comeback was hard, but a kindly man gave him a job in a far-off city where he sold one of the largest accounts the bank had ever had. He is now vice-president of the bank across the street from the one from which he had been fired. If you asked him how it happened, he would reply simply, "It was Jesus who did it. I gave my life to Him and He came into my heart and gave me peace such as I had never before experienced."

This very day we can have that peace and contentment through Him who was born in Bethlehem long ago. We can have peace deep down in our hearts, and this peace of which I speak does not depend upon circumstances or upon the state of the world. If, in our innermost being, we are attuned to Jesus and His spirit we will know what true peace means. If you asked me how a person can have this peace within despite a life full of anxiety and perplexity, I would bid you to think once again of Him who was born nearly 2,000 years ago.

He knew, as you and I can never know, the stress and strain of this human life with its selfishness, its sinfulness, its ignorance, and its weakness. And He felt, as you and I can never feel, the throb of all this human agony and misery. Yet, through it all and in it all, He had this peace. He moved quietly through what looked like failure, seeking to accomplish

the will of God the Father and resting His spirit in the love of God so that in that dark hour before He suffered, He could bequeath to those around Him His rich legacy of peace.

You and I today, whatever our outward circumstances may be, can know that peace of God in our own hearts. We may be as sure of God as Jesus Himself was—sure of His power to protect us, sure of His hand to guide us, sure of His Presence to go with us. His coming to earth reminds us that we are not only to think of God above and around us, but of God with us. We have the full assurance of His abiding presence, of His continual thought of us and care for us. And so may we always be willing to lend a helping hand to others, realizing that what we give, we have. In helping others we help God and ourselves.

St. Christopher, according to legend, was about to cross a swift stream when a child pleaded with him to be carried over. The plea was so touching and insistent that it could not be refused though the stream was rapid and very dangerous and would tax his ability to get himself across. As he stepped into the current he was almost swept off his feet. He would have been, in fact, had it not been for the weight of the child, which kept growing heavier as the waters became swifter. When he reached the other side he discovered to his amazement that he had been carrying the Christ.

As life's crosscurrents and eddies buffet us, many will be swept of their feet. Those on whose shoulders rest the burdens of others will best be able to keep their footing. What a blessing would come to this anxious world if there were spread abroad the warmth of good will everywhere and the promise of true peace! That was the message of the angels' song over Bethlehem long ago; and so it must be today and every day for all time. Without goodwill there can be no peace upon the earth and we can never suppose that a mere truce in human malice is peace.

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### Light Bearers for Christ

With the announcement of the formation of the new evangelistic association, "Light Bearers for Christ, Inc.," as made in the March 11 *Recorder*, some may wonder, "What is the relation between this and the work of the Missionary Society evangelist on the home front, Mynor G. Soper?" "How can he realistically carry on both interests?"

As the new association has developed during the last months the Home Field Committee of the Missionary Board has kept in close touch with plans and the projected new work. At the October 1971 board meeting this committee, with Evangelist Soper meeting with them, "formally expressed its appreciation to Mr. Soper for his work, and its interest in his new project." The board voted that Brother Soper "serve for another year on the same 'project basis' arrangement, as of (from) April 1, 1972."

### Jamaica Conference News

The Jamaica Conference Board met November 7 at the Charles Street church, Kingston. Seventeen churches were represented by twenty-five delegates. Nine pastors were present and four officers, as well.

A good number of visitors were also present and matters of continuing concern, as well as reports, were received and considered.

The corresponding secretary reported continuing contact with the group in Town Head, Westmoreland and remarked, "Let us pray that the Lord will keep open the door of opportunity in that part of the Island." Pastor Joe A. Samuels gave a report of the sessions of the S. D. B. World Federation and Pastor V. R. Smith a detailed account of his experiences at the General Conference (USA). Pastor Smith's observations are worthy of noting: "The American Conference, unlike ours, spent considerably less time in business sessions and yet more was accomplished during the time spent. This was due to the fact that all of the work of Conference was done in

Since the beginning of his work as home front evangelist, Mr. Soper has chosen to serve on a "project basis"—responding to the call of churches and groups for his services and being paid for the actual days of service—rather than as a full-time employee. Thus churches wishing lay training sessions or evangelistic service are to continue to schedule these directly with him.

The aims and objectives of your board and the Light Bearers for Christ are identical — the clear proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ that individuals might respond and know "abundant life," and in turn effectively share their faith with others. The new association offers added ways through teams and other ministries to reach our goals.

The Light Bearers and the evangelistic work of your board will continue to be closely coordinated as we respond to the continued leading of His Spirit. All are asked to uphold these outreach ministries in prayer.

committees. When these committees report to Conference, there is no long drawn out debate; the report is usually accepted. But if for some reason an amendment is needed, the report is sent back to the committee to make it. The floor does not make the change by vote." It is interesting to see how others view our sessions.

Action taken included: (1) setting the next session of the Jamaican Conference to be held in July 1972 with the Blue Mountain church; (2) noting by the Council on Ministerial Affairs that recognition had been given to Pastor N. W. Harley of the Mountain View church. (3) The treasurer's and auditor's reports showed the funds of the Conference were carrying the needed expenditures quite well. It was noted, however, that since most of the churches pay their own pastors directly that some of these payments were not up-to-date. The Conference board asked the delegates present to remind their churches of any outstanding indebtedness.

The secretary, Joe A. Samuels, in making comments asked, "How is your

church doing financially? What kind of a Christmas is your pastor having? The treasurer is anxious to hear from you."

Because of the shipping strike on the East Coast of the United States, the Week of Prayer booklets which were ordered did not arrive. So these were republished by the Jamaica Conference and distributed to their churches for use January 2-8, 1972.

Let us continue to uphold our Jamaica brethren in their outreach and ministry, praying for particular needs as we are aware of them and generally supporting them with our petitions and regular gifts to Our World Mission.

### Witness in Daytona Beach

A special team of dedicated service workers will again serve during the spring college break, March 27-April 5, at Daytona Beach, Fla. The Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the host church, is coordinating the project with Evangelist Mynor G. Soper who will head the team of young people. Members of this team include Ruth Burdick, Steve Crouch, Butch Keown, Karen Osborn, Phill Osborn, Chris Peterson, and Richard Wheeler.

The Women's Board is again raising the financial support for the travel expenses. Those wishing to contribute may direct their gifts to the Women's Board treasurer: Mrs. Bobbie Wright, 1010 South Street, Louisville, Colo. 80027. The Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church as host is providing local expenses.

While the person-to-person beach witness continues to be a vital part of their work, the local church is planning special evangelistic services and door-to-door contacts as well. Members of the church will work closely with the team members in this outreach.

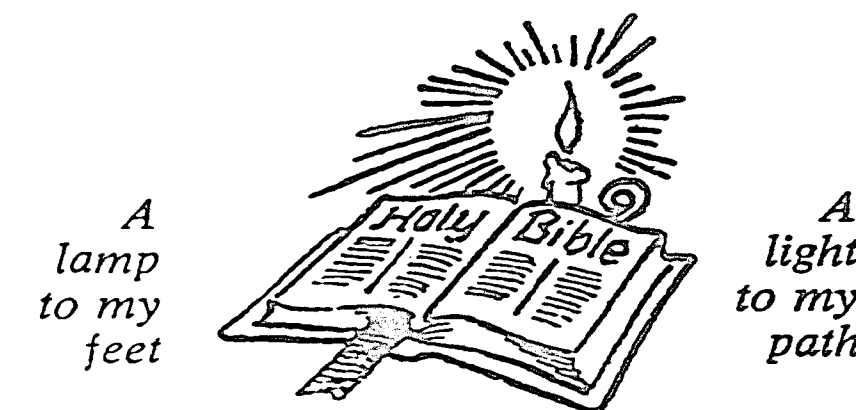
In the total church project, the "New Christian Minstrels," a college age singing group from the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church, will add their witness through music April 3-5. Their advisors are John and Hope Bevis. Numbering about twenty, these youths have been raising funds to make this journey

and have scheduled other stops enroute.

We need to praise the Lord for the response of youth and others to the opportunities for witness in our day. We should all join in prayer support as well.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

for April 1972



### The Church of the Risen Lord

1—Sabbath. The Complete Victory. 1 Cor. 15:51-58

#### The Worshipping Community

2—Sun. The Spirit's Presence. 1 Cor. 14:1-5

3—Mon. Faithful Toward Worship. John 4:19-24

4—Tues. Cleansing and Strength Through Worship. Heb. 10:19-25

5—Wed. Unity and Power Through Worship. Acts 2:41-47

6—Thurs. Fellowship Through Singing. Eph. 5:15-20; Col. 3:14-17

7—Fri. Worship God? Rev. 19:5-10

8—Sab. Praising the Name of Christ. Phil. 2:5-11

#### Organized for Mission

9—Sun. Choosing Gentile Leaders. Acts 6:1-7

10—Mon. Paul's Ways in Leadership. Acts 20:17-24

11—Tues. Dispersion of Leaders. Titus 1:5-9

12—Wed. Bishop's Qualifications. 1 Tim. 3:1-7

13—Thurs. Deacons' Qualifications. 1 Tim. 3:8-13

14—Fri. Appointed to Mission. Luke 10:1-9

15—Sab. The Church in Council. Acts 15:1-6, 10, 11

#### The Witnessing Fellowship

16—Sun. Impelled To Tell Good News to Friends. Mark 5:15-20

17—Mon. Philip in Samaria. Acts 8:1-8

18—Tues. Simon Discovers Christ. Acts 8:9-13

19—Wed. Simon Converted to Christ. Acts 8:14-25

20—Thurs. Apollos with Priscilla and Aquila. Acts 18:24-28

21—Fri. Peter Witnesses to Romans. Acts 10:34-44

22—Sab. Philip and the Ambassador. Acts 8:26-40

#### The Missionary Imperative

23—Sun. Having God's Word. John 17:6-13

24—Mon. Jesus Sends Out Disciples. John 17:14-19

25—Tues. Christ Fulfills Scripture. Luke 24:44-49

26—Wed. The Church Consecrates Leaders. Acts 13:1-5

27—Thurs. European Invitation. Acts 16:6-10

28—Fri. Singing a Witness. Acts 16:25-34

29—Sab. Unity and Devoted Sabbaths. Acts 17:20-26

#### Involved with Human Need

30—Sun. The Serving Fellowship. Luke 22:24-30

### To Mark Century of Uniform Lessons

The Uniform Series of International Bible Lessons has been in use one hundred years, having been launched at Indianapolis, Ind., in April 1872. The present Uniform Series Committee and its guests will mark the century this year on April 23, 1972, at the same church where the work was organized.

Seventh Day Baptists believe that the first Sabbath School in this country was started at Ephrata, Pa., in connection with the academy or Latin school established there for boys of Philadelphia and Baltimore families. The Sunday School in America stems largely from one started by Robert Raikes, English newspaperman. It met some opposition from pastors who saw it as competition to the preaching services. After the American Revolution children were taught by parents to memorize Bible verses, many going as far as committing the entire four Gospels by rote.

The American Sunday School Union in 1825 issued a card with forty-nine Bible lessons for a year's study, with a later edition listing questions for each lesson. John Vincent, a Chicago minister, issued a series of lessons entitled "Two Years with Jesus: A New System of Sunday School Study," to be used by all ages. He later put the plan into a "Berean Series" which was broadly graded with separate lesson leaflets and teacher guides. A children's paper was published by the Sabbath School Board of our General Conference in 1851; and George H. Babcock, one of its later editors and a leader in denominational and local religious education, used the Berean bethods.

By 1872 a nationwide uniform lesson system, proposed by B. F. Jacobs, a Baptist Sunday School leader, was being supported by twenty-nine publishers, and the National Sunday School Convention adopted a seven-year cycle of interdenominational lessons. Grading of lessons by age groups began in 1908. The International Council of Religious Education

guided the program for many years until it was taken over as a part of the National Council of Churches.

The Rev. William Calvin Whitford is remembered as editor of "The Helping Hand" from 1898 to 1925 by older adults in Sabbath Schools today. The Rev. Erlo E. Sutton served as editor from 1926 to 1951, and since then Dr. Melvin G. Nida, Rev. Don A. Sanford and Rev. Duane L. Davis, present incumbent, have served. These men have also worked with secretaries of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education on the Uniform Lesson Committee which outlines and schedules lesson topics and suggests basic Bible study materials.

### Over 30 Percent Increase In Sabbath School

The Sabbath School Loyalty Day observance among Seventh Day Baptists in the United States last fall included the possibility of considerable increase in attendance through enthusiasm stirred by that observance.

The Publications Committee of the Board of Christian Education offered a helpful Christian education book for the Sabbath School reporting the greatest increase in attendance on Loyalty Day. The Adams Center, N. J., church's report indicated thirty-one percent increase over the previous year's average attendance. We congratulate the Sabbath School and church for this achievement and pray they may continue to move ahead.

The Sabbath School secretary reported that "special letters were mailed out to non-active members . . . . A fellowship dinner was served following the church service. Our prominent teachers and officers were recognized, as well as the oldest member there." The Sabbath School is 150 years old, and currently has adult, youth, junior, and primary groups.

We would extend appreciation to the other schools which submitted reports and wish them every success in the beautiful work of sharing the good news in such a way that life is fuller, even to overflowing!

### Happiness Is — Purity

The promise in this beatitude is no less than to see God. Of course, we know that God has no corporeal form, and therefore, there is no question of "seeing" Him in the ordinary physical sense in which one might see a human being or an object. If one could see God in this way, He would be limited and, therefore, not God.

We live in God's world, but don't know it as it is. Heaven lies all about us—not a distant locality among the stars—but around us, now. But, because we lack spiritual perception, we are unable to recognize it.

Heaven is infinite, eternity, the realm of the Spirit, substance without age, or discord, or decay; a realm of eternal good; and yet, to our distorted vision, everything is aging, decaying, wearing out; being born only to die, blossoming only to fade.

We are very much in the position of a color-blind man in a beautiful flower garden. All around him are glorious colors; but he is quite unaware of them and sees only blacks, whites, and grays. If we suppose him to be also devoid of the sense of smell, we shall see what a very small part of the glory of the garden exists for him. Yet there it all is, if he could but sense it.

In this wonderful beatitude we are told exactly how we can see God, and who they are who shall do it. They are the "pure in heart." Again, we have to understand that here the words "pure" and "purity" must be taken in a very much wider sense than that which is commonly allotted to them. Purity, in the Bible, means a very great deal more than physical purity—vitality important though that is. In it is nothing less than the secret of escape from all sickness, trouble, and limitation. And, escape from sin.

Sin does not cheat a man out of the fragrance of a rose, but it cheats him out of that sweeter soul-fragrance of divine love that is folded in every petal. The impure shall see all—except God. Sin cheats us of the true meaning and treas-

ure of life. It is sin that makes pain seem the blind lash of inexorable law and that sets a man confused, wrathful, or despondent in life's stressful situations.

The last words in life are always left to the heart to speak. In every difficult and painful passage of experience a man reaps not the harvest of his learning, but the harvest of his life. He gathers the fruitage of his heart—confusion if his heart be impure, but if pure, then confidence and peace and the vision of God. The blessedness of the pure-hearted is this, that they see beyond the glamour that is about them, and have the vision of the Father's face, and know that the true joys of life have their birthplace and their home in eternity.

In the long stretch of uneventful days, amid familiar scenes and repeated tasks, amid all the gaining and the giving, all the doing and the bearing, beneath the sky, blue today and gray tomorrow, blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see the spiritual eventfulness of earth's monotonies, the deathless meaning of its passing services, the eternal in every hour, and seeing these things is seeing God. If you want to see these things, look into your heart. Then, look for Jesus. Trust His word, accept His strength, submit to the supreme mercy and might of His cross and you shall come to the light of the knowledge of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

—From the program packet

### Wait for Second Baptism in USSR

"Baptist churches in the USSR have a significantly different procedure of baptismal services from our practice in Britain," says Walter W. Bottoms in an article in the *Baptist Times*, weekly newspaper published in London. He describes the process which follows the immersion:

Newly baptized members of a church return immediately to their sanctuary. Ministers who share in the services stand before them and, with raised hands, pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit upon them.

Following the prayer, friends from the congregation come forward with bouquets, one for each new member. Then each is greeted with hugs and kisses of joy and welcome.

—(EBPS)



## Youth Retreat

### North Central Association

Have you been wondering what's been happening with the North Central Association youth? Let me take just a few minutes of your time and tell you.

The high school and college age youth got together during the cold, bleak weekend of January 14-16, in Milton, for the Mid-winter Retreat where everyone experienced warm fellowship. This was easily accomplished because the high temperature Sabbath Day was -20°. (Yes, you read correctly, 20 degrees below zero!)

Things started rolling Friday evening as representatives from the Dodge Center, Minn.; Battle Creek, Mich.; Albion, Milton, and New Auburn, Wis., churches trickled in. Old acquaintances were renewed and new ones conceived through informal conversations. The girls "slept out" in the Ed Shaw living room, while the guys occupied the carpeted church nursery.

The retreaters had a lot in store for them Sabbath Day—church and Sabbath School in the morning; in the afternoon, a panel discussion and talk concerning dating and marriage. It was led by Bill Bond, Campus Crusade staff member in Chicago, followed by Chris Pederson, leading group singing.

We decided to have the business meeting before supper to insure the safe transaction of any important business. This precaution was taken due to the preparation of the evening meal by the male members attending the retreat! Alas! This precautionary method was for naught as the guys concocted the best-tasting hot dogs and cake ever! This event revealed just a few of the hidden talents that the male species does possess! In appreciation for the tasty meal, the female members exhibited their own "Thank You" version of the Ziegfeld Follies.

The evening proved to be very inspirational as Pastor John Camenga of Dodge Center conducted a Bible study of Romans 5:1-11. This was followed by testimonies of what Christ is doing in

the lives of several retreaters. We also had a movie telling of the evangelistic outreach conducted by several high school students in their school. Later on a variety of games were initiated for recreation.

After breakfast Sunday morning each person left, taking with him several meaningful experiences that he encountered during the weekend.

—Helene Nelson, Reporter

## Love and Live

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Peace can only come when we have made room for it in our noisy, crowded lives. Peace can only come as we bury and put away all hatred and suspicion and prejudice. We must put away feuds and grudges and jealousies and fears. We can never hope to do that except by the possession of a new spirit and a new hope possessing our hearts.

Let us open our hearts and lives to His spirit in order that He may permeate our whole being. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that we might live through faith in Him.

Have you given your life to Him? If not, will you ask Him to come into your life now? Say with the chorus writer: "Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Come in today, come in to stay, come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

## American Baptist Convention

The 65th annual meeting of the American Baptist Convention will be held at Denver, Colo., May 10-14, 1972. Starting Thursday, May 4, and continuing until the main meetings begin, approximately 500 Baptists will hold pre-convention board and committee meetings. An attendance of about 6,000 is expected at Denver.

The American Baptist Convention, with headquarters at Valley Forge, Pa., has approximately 1½ million members in 6,000 local churches located in 47 states, including Hawaii and Alaska, and also in Puerto Rico. Through its agencies it supports missionary work in 17 overseas countries.

## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM Budget Receipts for February 1972

	February Treasurer's	2 mos. Boards'	2 mos. Boards'		February Treasurer's	2 mos. Boards'	2 mos. Boards'
Adams Ctr NY ..			10.00	Milton Jct WI ..	50.00	135.00	10.00
Albion WI .....	39.18	124.54	45.00	Monterey CA .....	269.69	269.60	
Alfred NY .....	246.30	1,440.55	40.00	New Auburn WI .....		93.55	
Alfred Sta NY .....	181.50	441.00	10.00	New Milton WV .....	50.00	100.00	
Ashaway RI .....	901.50	901.50	40.00	New Orleans LA .....		5.00	
Assns & Groups .....				North Loup NB .....	200.00	400.00	
Battle Creek MI .....	398.52	911.19	40.00	Nortonville KS .....	163.50	472.00	70.00
Bay Area CA .....	215.00	215.00		Ohio Fellowship .....	20.00	40.00	
Berea WV .....	40.00	100.00		Paint Rock AL .....			10.00
Berlin NY .....	38.00	38.00		Plainfield NJ .....	425.50	904.33	55.00
Boulder CO .....	82.68	82.68	25.00	Putnam Cnty FL .....			
Brookfield NY .....	28.00	28.00		Richburg NY .....	97.75	243.25	10.00
Buffalo NY .....				Riverside CA .....	500.00	1,000.00	20.00
Chicago IL .....				Roanoke WV .....			
Daytona Beach FL .....	360.00	460.00	110.00	Rockville RI .....	33.50	33.50	
Denver CO .....	257.72	1,019.98	55.00	Salem WV .....	400.00	985.00	30.00
De Ruyter NY .....	31.00	90.00	10.00	Salemville PA .....		55.00	
Dodge Ctr MN .....	701.16	822.86		Schenectady NY .....		11.50	
Farina IL .....	40.00	40.00	10.00	Seattle WA .....	144.00	159.00	10.00
Fouke AR .....			10.00	Shiloh NJ .....		2,241.50	
Hammond LA .....		50.00		Stonefort IL .....	30.00	45.00	10.00
Hebron PA .....	70.00	140.00	10.00	Syracuse NY .....		25.00	15.00
Hopkinton RI .....		15.00	10.00	Texarkana AR .....			20.00
Houston TX .....	110.00	110.00		Verona NY .....	135.00	299.94	20.00
Independence NY .....	16.25	56.80		Walworth WI .....	100.00	200.00	
Individuals .....		340.00	77.00	Washington DC .....	255.00	380.50	35.00
Irvington NJ .....		600.00		Washington People's DC .....			
Jackson Ctr OH .....				Waterford CT .....	311.75	486.60	10.00
Kansas City MO .....	40.00	130.00		Westerly RI .....		1,672.50	20.00
Leonardsville NY .....		86.00		White Cloud MI .....		64.14	
Little Genesee NY .....	130.58	478.74	5.00				
Little Rock AR .....			10.00	Totals	\$8,995.31	\$23,685.15	\$991.00
Los Angeles CA .....	350.00	1,332.32	52.00	Non-Budget	276.03		
Lost Creek WV .....		500.00	2.00				
Marlboro NJ .....	314.93	639.86	55.00	Total			
Metairie LA .....				To Disburse	\$ 9,271.34		
Milton WI .....	1,247.39	2,169.22	20.00				

### FEBRUARY DISBURSEMENTS

Board of Christian Education .....	\$ 723.28
Historical Society .....	5.48
Ministerial Education .....	284.93
Ministerial Retirement .....	533.73
Missionary Society .....	3,540.63
Tract Society .....	1,008.44
Trustees of General Conference .....	43.84
Women's Society .....	332.67
World Fellowship & Service .....	353.34
SDB General Conference .....	2,445.00
	<u>\$ 9,271.34</u>

### SUMMARY

1972 Budget .....	\$162,050.00
Receipts for 2 months:	
OWM Treasurer .....	\$23,685.15
Boards .....	991.00
	<u>24,676.15</u>
To be raised by December 31, 1972	\$137,373.85
Percentage of year elapsed .....	16.66%
Percentage of budget raised .....	15.22%
Two months:	
Due .....	\$ 27,008.34
Raised .....	24,676.15
Arrears .....	2,332.19

Gordon Sanford  
OWM Treasurer

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### The Law as a Straight Edge

No one can find salvation by the Ten Commandments, for the better one understands the meaning of the Ten Commandments the more clearly he sees that he has fallen short of the righteousness demanded by them. He sees his efforts as insufficient. Thus the law drives him to seek salvation by grace rather than "by the deeds of the law."

Leighton Ford has commented on Romans 3:30: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in

his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." Evangelist Ford puts it this way, "The Commandments are the straight edge to show where we're crooked."

Although it is true that the law does not save, it is equally true that without the law no one is aware that he needs to be saved. That is the first reason for the giving of the law. The second reason is to provide a standard with which the Christian compares his life and, with the help of Christ, keeps it straight. Every Christian knows his continuing need of that divinely-given straight edge.



"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51).

There is a green hill far away,  
Outside a city wall,  
Where the dear Lord was crucified,  
Who died to save us all.