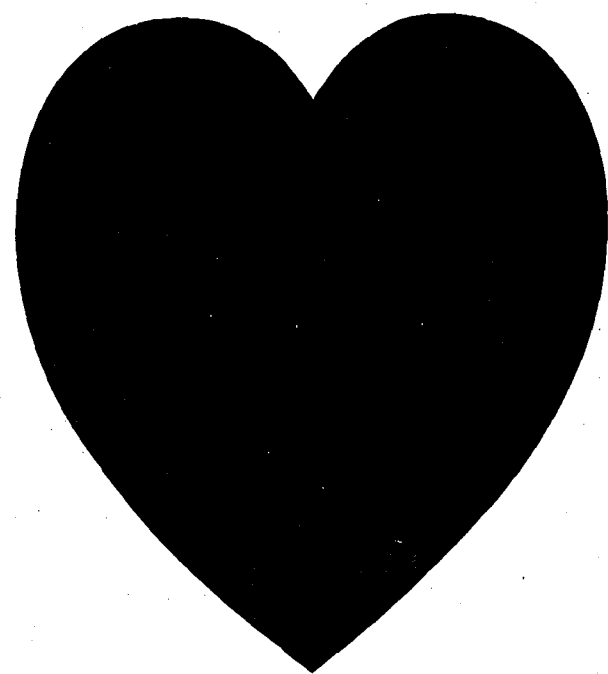


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**IS YOUR HEART RIGHT WITH GOD?**



Heart trouble is a major medical problem today. Surgeons have developed medication and surgical techniques to keep the body alive a little longer. Why? Because of the value and sacredness of human life.

However, man is plagued by another kind of heart trouble — spiritual heart trouble. Man's heart is not right with God, and therefore not right with his fellow man. He needs a change of heart — a new heart.

There is only "One Way" to have a right heart. That way is giving your heart in love and trust to the God who expressed His love for you in Jesus Christ. The following Scriptures point the way:

Jesus said . . . "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

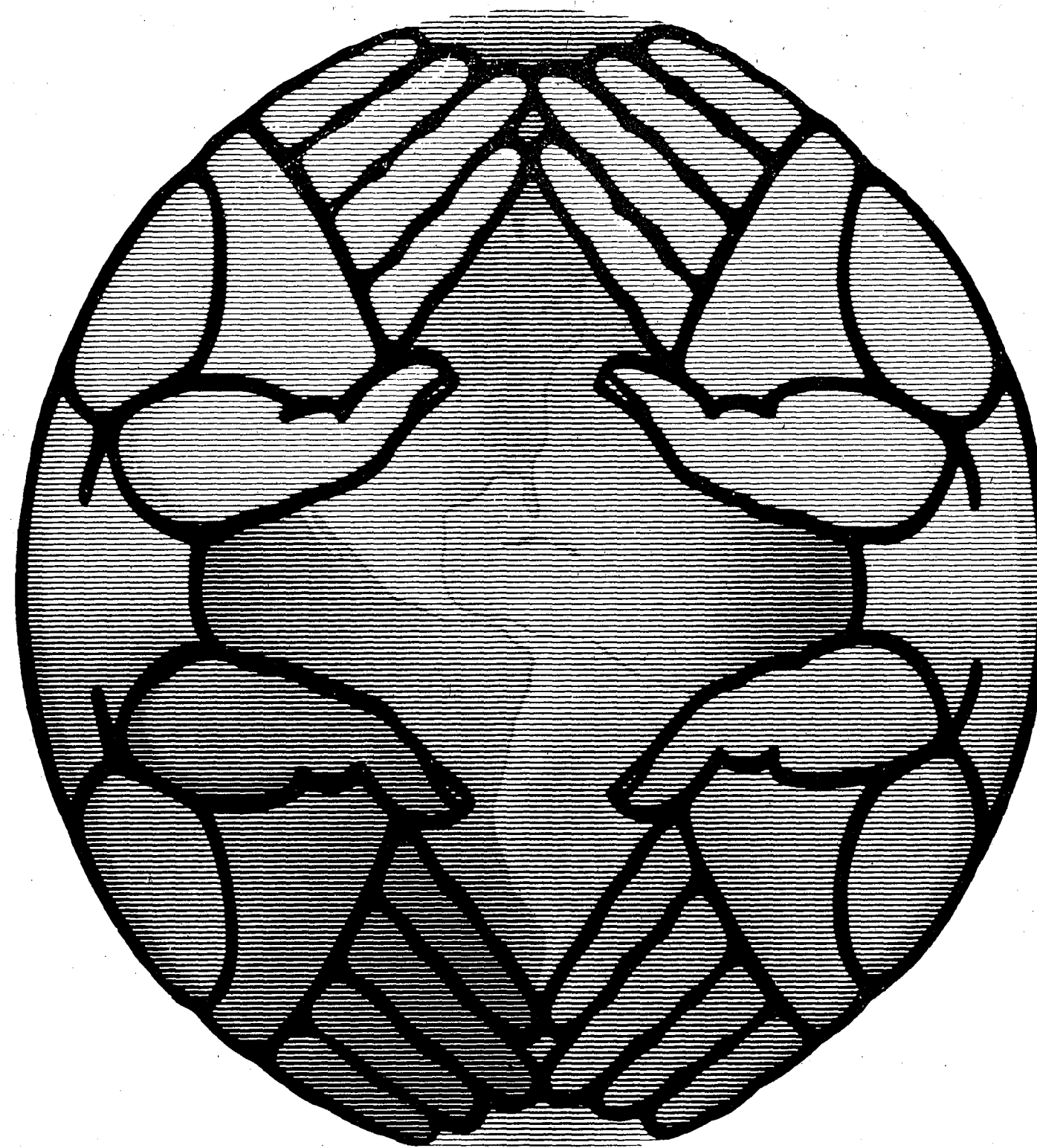
Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful" (John 14:27).

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16).

Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:1-2).

By faith and prayer, turn your old heart over to Jesus, and let Him give you a new one.

—Rev. Don Richards



**For these gifts  
we thank you, Lord**

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## THANKSGIVING 1974

"It is a good thing to give thanks  
unto the Lord, and to sing praises  
unto thy name, O most High:

To show forth thy loving-kindness  
in the morning, and thy faithfulness  
every night."

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## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 25, 1973

ALWAYS OF GOOD COURAGE

Lesson Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:16-  
5:5

## EDITORIAL



## LET US GIVE THANKS

Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph

"Let us give thanks." These four words, or their equivalent, should spring from the hearts and echo from the lips of every American during the national observance of this Thanksgiving week. Yes, and this giving of thanks should find tangible expression through the offerings we bring to our Father God — the offerings of our money, our time, and our talents in acts of grateful, dedicated stewardship.

It becomes quite evident to people of religious insight that a genuine spirit or act of thanksgiving cannot be proclaimed and promoted and made effective for a day or a season, however. In practice, great multitudes of Americans for whom true worship is a lost art can do better than indulge themselves intemperately at a turkey dinner and then enthrone football as king for the afternoon.

How natural, and how thrilling, should be the observance of our national Thanksgiving Day for Seventh Day Baptists. Like an athlete in peak physical condition for a sports event, we, by our consistent Christian training in worship, should find in a day set apart for national giving of thanks the opportunity for a new climax of spiritual exultation in acknowledging God's continuing goodness to us.

As Sabbath-observing Christians, every seventh day provides us with the divinely sanctioned privilege and responsibility of giving thanks through the renewing experiences of Sabbath worship and rest, that spirit overflows into all the days and activities of the week, offering us manifold reason and opportunity for being thankful.

By the way, let us not get the impression that Christian giving of thanks is only addressed to our Creator and Father God. Who of us is not debtor to innumerable fellow "yokebearers" — those whom we call friends and those whose names we will never know? Is it not hypocrisy to make a pretense of being thankful to God while neglecting any words or acts giving like expression to our fellow men?

We should all do well, as modern "learners from Christ," to ask Him, "Master, teach us how to be thankful."

—*The Sabbath Recorder*, November 24, 1952.

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SCSC team sings at Conference: Larry Graffius (with guitar), Mary Jane Campbell, Debbie Barber, Scott Smith, and Susie Monroe.

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## THANKSGIVING

The Pilgrims set aside a day for Thanksgiving. We grateful heirs can say amen to their prayer. Anxious in a time of violence and discord, we may reflect that our forefathers carried their firearms with them into the fields. Violence and fear are with us yet. So too is the Lord's bounty. Working together in peace we can multiply His gifts. For surely non-violence is a realizable goal. Individuals and communities have achieved it. Perhaps one day nations will. Get together with your family, friends, neighbors, or co-workers to discuss the problems of violence and how you can work together to help solve them. For a helpful discussion guide and further information write: Religion in American Life, 475 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y. 10017. Play an active role in your community and help show the way.

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## THE DISCERNMENT OF TRUTH

Scott Smith

All through history man has been a searcher, a creature that has striven to expand his circle of influence. This has gotten many nothing but trouble and then for some, it has meant expanded wisdom. This seems to be one of man's natural tendencies. The misfits of each generation are not satisfied with what is handed them so they struggle to discover on their own. The process of discerning truth can be very frustrating and also very rewarding.

Have you ever watched at a fair or a circus, the man who does the "hide the pea" trick? The gentleman who is running the show will show you the pea, then slide the tin cup over the pea and mix the three cups quickly. When he's all done and you choose, the chances should be one of three of your getting the right one, but that elusive pea very seldom turns up. You'll find that this is quite often a rigged game, and so it is with the search for truth. The game is more often than not "rigged" in favor of the unknown. We keep turning over tin cups and peas just don't turn up as often as we feel they should.

There is, I think, a very great difference between the trickery of the sideshow and the reality of life. The power that controls our universe, unlike the trickster of the carnival, is not one to cheat us in our struggle called life. The God who controls our every breath does not hide truth from us in the way the carnival man does. In fact, God has given us the free gift of the knowledge of the universe. I find it astounding to think of the time when the Father will show us all the mysteries that we here on earth have been wondering about, fighting about, and killing each other over for so many years.

"In the same way, we can see and understand only a little about God now, as if we were peering at His reflection in a poor mirror; but someday we are going to see Him in His completeness, face to face. Now all that I know is hazy and blurred, but then I will see everything clearly, just as clearly as God sees into my heart right now" (1 Corinthians 13:12 LB).

This is our promise that we will acquire all knowledge. Jesus told us when He was on earth in the flesh, that He had told us everything the Father had told Him.

"I no longer call you slaves, for a master doesn't confide in his slaves; now you are my friends, proved by the fact that I have told you everything the Father told me" (John 15:15).

Can you realize how wonderful it is to be called "friends" by the most powerful force of the universe? Can you then also see that that power did, does, and will reveal to us the truths of the universe?

He gave us knowledge through His Son. He will give us total wisdom when Jesus comes again. He gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us to truth right now.

When the Holy Spirit, who is truth, comes, He shall guide you into all truth, for He will not be presenting His own ideas, but will be passing on to you what He has heard. He will tell you about the future.

So you see that in the future we will be told all there is to know. Right now we must hold the wisdom of men up to the Holy Spirit so that He can lead us into all truth. Let us pray without ceasing.

—Crier

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## BOB HARRINGTON CRUSADE

"It's Fun Being Saved" were the words which one saw on a large banner across the top of the choir area as he was seated in the bleachers at the Riverside International Raceway at Riverside, California, for an evening at the Bob Harrington Crusade. Brother Bob continued in the spirit of this theme as he spoke to the crowd each evening at 7:30, September 16 through 23. He stated that with the promise of abundant life here and eternity with Christ, Christians must be excited, happy, and eager to share the truth that it is fun to be saved.

Many Riverside church members participated as choir members, counselors and ushers. Jack Price who directs the choir for the crusades also sang with deep consecration and conviction such songs as "The King Is Coming," "He Touched Me," and "Amazing Grace." The choir met each evening beginning at 6:30 and continued to rehearse as the crowd assembled. At the close of practice time Jack had the choir repeat after him a prayer which ended "The Lord bless us, as we sing, only for Jesus." The weather was very cold for Southern California and we wore heavy coats, scarves, and used blankets for our knees but the love of the Lord was certainly a warm flame in the hearts of the thousands who came to hear and worship.

It was thrilling to be seated in the 500 voice choir and watch those who came forward to give their lives to Jesus. They seemed to come from the darkness of the stands as they filed through the narrow exit and then out onto the center of the raceway into the floodlights. It reminded one of the hymn which says "Out of my darkness, sorrow and night, Jesus I come into thy freedom, gladness and light.

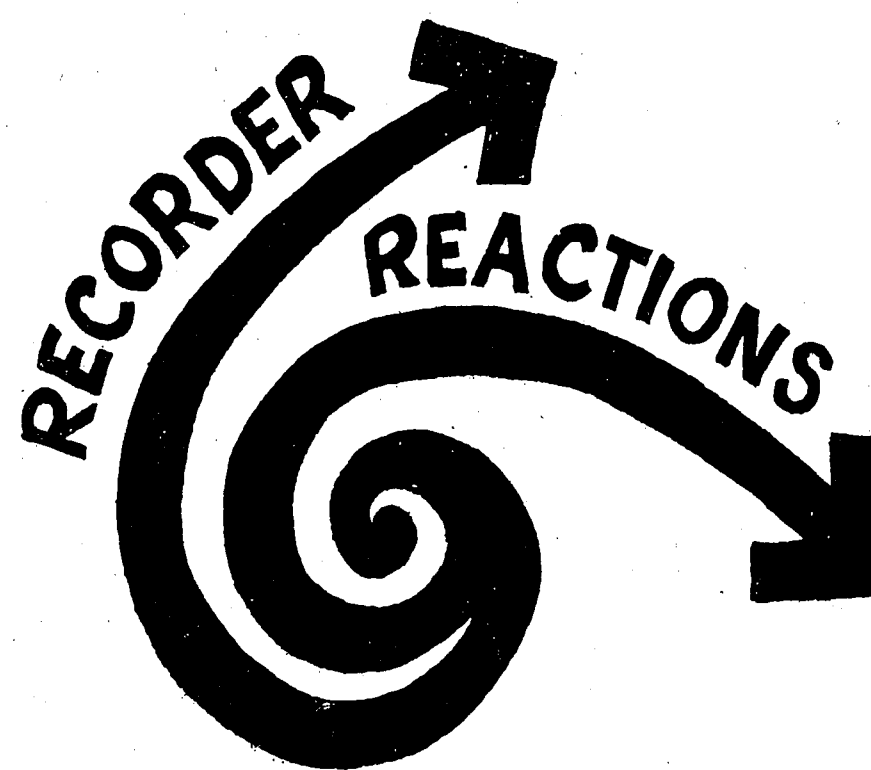


Rev. Harrington speaking at the Riverside SDB Church.

Jesus I come to Thee." Then to walk out of the raceway and observe the counselors working with those who had come—this, too, was being done "only for Jesus."

Bob Harrington and Jack Price came to our church on Sabbath, September 22, for the morning service and presented the gospel in message and song using the crusade emphasis again.

The real strength of the crusade will carry on in the lives of those who found the great saving, forgiving, and sustaining power of the Savior. Revival comes within the hearts of individuals and thus the church is strengthened, too. The prayers of Christian people should continue to be with the new converts and with Brother Bob and Brother Jack as they and their staff move across our nation to share the truths of our Lord and His wonderful salvation.



I enjoy the *Sabbath Recorder* very much, it is so good in dealing with Sabbath proclamation and witness. I am a minister in a Sabbathkeeping church and find the contents of the *Recorder* often aids in sermon preparation.

—Pastor W. H. McCann  
Dundee, Michigan

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I like the new *Recorder*. It is nice to see pictures of people we know but seldom see. I also enjoy the children's page and the list of new subscribers. I found out that two people were located near here at the Rome Air Base by reading the list of new subscribers.

—Marion Sholtz  
Verona, New York

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I am interested in seeing the *Sabbath Recorder* changed from a denominational newsletter to a denominational evangelistic outreach newspaper . . . I believe that the *Sabbath Recorder* could be used with a twofold purpose of saving people through Jesus Christ and giving Seventh Day Baptists an identity of their own which in turn they can pass on to others.

—Patrick Lee Peil  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Just a note to tell you how much my husband and I enjoy the "New" *Recorder* . . . I hope you will continue your wide coverage of church news even if it means shortened articles—abstracts if necessary.

—Hannah Burdick  
Alfred, New York

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All Seventh Day Baptist news items concerning churches, pastors, the laity and missions are of interest to me.

—George J. Spencer  
Bridgeport, Nebraska

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I like the idea of the "Book Review" in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Most of us who are "involved" do not take the time to read as much as we might. I, for one, like the idea of the condensed "review" and plan to make a scrapbook of them as they come.

—Catherine Barber  
Westerly, R. I.

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Congratulations on a fine paper. Our paper should be first of all inspirational, then denominational and least of all informational on matters such as draft, car accidents, and war, unless there is a specific spiritual lesson to be learned from such incidents.

—Claston Bond  
Dodge Center, Minn.

## HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES



*"Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."*

Matthew 9:38

Here is a list of suggestions, compiled by a missionary on the field, telling how he would like his friends to pray for him:

1. Pray for the essential things. Good health is important but not necessarily essential. Ask God to give me the measure of health that will best glorify Him. Perhaps some sickness would demonstrate to those around us that I have a God who can keep me in perfect peace, even in the midst of pain or trial.

2. Pray for daily grace. I do not ask for an easy path on the mission field, but rather for grace sufficient to be an overcomer in the way.

3. Pray that I shall not be too busy to pray. Does that shock you? Don't you know that it is just as easy for me, a missionary, to be too busy to pray, as it is for you to be too busy to pray for me?

4. Pray for gentle determination. I am not so anxious that you ask God to remove obstacles, but that He might give me that quiet, gentle determination to be unconquerable in the tasks He gives me.

5. Pray for the Lord's censorship of my activities. I know that I shall have His divine blessing, when I engage in activities directed by Him. But it is so easy for a missionary's time and energy to be spent on secondary things.

6. Pray for enabling to resist temptation. Remember, I am not on a higher level than you live; I am subject to temptations and Satan is determined to hinder my testimony, to rob my life of power or

to make my witness futile. I need your prayer for grace and strength to resist temptation.

7. Pray for my attitudes to people and circumstances. Remember that a missionary can become lonely; I can become discouraged; I can become irritable, sharp, harsh, and impatient with the people, even among those whom I serve as well as with other missionaries. It is so easy for me to be taken up with 'the work' or 'the problems' and to gradually allow these things to quench the passion for the lost and the love for Christ which should characterize my life.

When you pray for me remember: I have all your weaknesses but my circumstances expose them more openly.

IMF "Outreach"

### *Our Prayer Corner*

#### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

##### Pray for:

1) Those people around the world who do not have as much to be thankful for as do we. Let us pray that this Thanksgiving we will not only be truly thankful for our many blessings, but that we may also be willing to share our bounty with others.

2) Pastor Isoto and those leading out in the growing witness of Seventh Day Baptists in the Philippines.

3) The restraint of evil in high places. Let us especially pray that God will lead out in the affairs of this nation during this critical time.

### Perspectives on Amnesty

A 16mm color film presenting in beautiful photography and clear dialogue a number of significant perspectives on amnesty with warm humanity is now available from the United Ministries in Higher Education in Milwaukee, Wis. For Seventh Day Baptists and their friends who wish to discuss this complicated matter — this film seems to be a very helpful resource.

What is service to one's country? What is the range of amnesty in terms of those to be granted such amnesty? What qualifications are to be considered in granting amnesty? What is the history of amnesty? What kind of an ethical and human world do we live in?

These questions are dealt with by a wide range of representatives from the life of America — both members and leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, POW's, draft resisters, management leaders, professors in Law, Sociology and History are interviewed in "Perspectives on Amnesty."

Have you thought of the differences between amnesty, forgiveness, pardon? These are much easier to discuss after seeing this film. Are you in good perspective on "civil disobedience" in the American scene? Are you aware of some of the deep feelings and broad intellectual concerns of those who face the American morality in light of "service to country"?

After previewing this film with two ministerial groups, one of them a campus ministry group, we feel very definitely that this film can help any searching group to appropriate the moral, religious, personal and national problems involved in "Amnesty Post-Vietnam."

One could enjoy this film just from the skill with which the photography music and dialogue and flow of development of present issues. The viewer enters into the experience of families, veterans groups, draft resisters, exile groups, as well as hearing the personal opinions of

those in the intellectual community, the commercial world, and the "man on the street." Photographic development makes participation in these various experiences by pleasant shifts. At one point the viewer is given a quick survey of American history in civil disobedience that adds a dimension to all the considerations of amnesty.

Because the film leaves one with a challenge to better perceive what one's respectability is to his country, and to understand the ethical nature of our world, the film is an excellent learning resource.

This 16mm color film can be ordered from AMS Films Productions, 2407 N. Oakland, Milwaukee, WI 53211. The rental for showing is \$22.00.

### Samples of Renewal in Faith Lessons

Only one set of *Renewal in Faith* lessons was sent to each church in mid-September. Those who received the copies are encouraged to make sure that all potential users be advised of a sample within their reach. The sharing of these samples should include not only potential teachers but also the planning groups such as a Christian Education or Camp Planning Committee. It is quite possible that Youth Fellowships may find the *Renewal in Faith* series helpful in sharing their faith and improving their own understanding of the strong heritage which they as Seventh Day Baptists have.

A set of cherry colored order forms was shared by the Missionary Society in a September mailing as was also the goldenrod colored explanation sheet sent out with the sample copies from the Board of Christian Education. The *Renewal in Faith* lessons however, are ordered direct from the S.D.B. Publishing House.

The first year's series dealt with S.D.B. History, and the second with Evangelism. Place your orders early (at 10 cents per set, plus postage) as the S.D.B. Publishing House, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

## SATAN, THE HINDERER AND THE PRAYER CLOSET

Rev. Don Phillips

Who is he who would rob the Christian of all his delight in prayer, and oft-times whisper: "You do not feel like praying, therefore, do not pray!" It is Satan, the arch deceiver and hinderer! Yes, this is indeed one of the enemies hindering approaches to the soul. The gifted poet, Richard Chenevix Trench, recognized the need of challenging the soul to the place of prayer. He wrote:

"When prayer delights thee least,  
Then learn to say,  
Soul, now is greatest need  
That thou should'st pray!"

The Devil desires to impede our prayer life for he knows that the Christian who is constant and fervent in prayer is indeed a great threat to his pernicious cause. Satan is indeed the hinderer according to the Word of God (1 Thess. 2:18; Gal. 5:17; Zech. 3:1, 2). In his diabolical effort to hinder us, he stealthily and carefully works in his uncanny way to drain our lives of both the desire to wait upon God, and all delight in prayer. Yet, it is when we feel least like praying that we should stir ourselves up (Isa. 64:5) to stand against the enemy and resort to the place of prayer. Yes, it is in the very moment when we find ourselves most hindered by the enemy and void of any spirit of prayer or joy in praying that we should challenge our innermost being saying:

"Soul, now is greatest need  
That thou shouldst pray."

It was the godly Andrew Bonar who affirmed that he never entered into a season of pure prayer without a fierce battle at the threshold. It is true that



Rev. and Mrs. Don Phillips

at the portal of the prayer closet Satan stations his strongest forces to hinder the one who prays. It is evident that the famous poet, William Cowper, knew something of the power of Satan to hinder one's approach to the mercy seat, for he wrote:

"What various hindrances we meet  
In coming to a mercy seat!  
Yet, who that knows the worth of prayer  
But wishes to be often there!"

Christian, never underestimate the power of your hindering enemy! See him lurking on every hand. What various hindrances he employs to cripple or utterly defeat your prayer life. What are some of the methods he uses? Let us examine some of them.

One very common method employed by Satan in keeping the believer from the closet of prayer is that of casting over him a spirit of slothfulness. Yes, many Christians seldom, if ever, wait upon their God in fervent prayer simply because they have become victims of Satan-induced laziness. Indeed, it is time that we recognize sloth as sin and repent of it, in a spirit of contrition and brokenness. Only as we find forgiveness for the sin of laziness will we be willing to pay the price of genuine prayer. Prayer costs something in time and energy but the one who has found victory over Satan induced sloth will enter into a new experience of delightful communion with his Lord. Could it be, dear friend, that sloth has kept you from your prayer closet? If so, then recognize this as sin

and repent! Yours can be a joyous experience of prayer as you overcome the hinderer at the foot of the cross!

Yet, another method Satan uses to hinder our prayer life is that of causing, to come over us a spirit of unwarranted tiredness and lethargy. Are you oftentimes too tired to pray? Could it be that the enemy is using unwarranted tiredness to hinder your prayer life? Examine your spirit of tiredness. Is it justified? Are you overworked? *Then rest! Physical rest is vital to your spiritual rest and continual blessing.* However, if you have no reason to be tired then stand against the enemy. Claim the victory of Calvary and find rest in Christ. Thereupon, give yourself to fervent prayer.

Still another means employed by Satan to hinder our prayer life is that of imposing upon us a spirit of inattention. In times of prayer he causes our minds to be easily diverted from being occupied with God and our communion with Him. Our minds wander and we are too often distracted and are given to thinking about other things. In view of the fact that this has been a common experience among Christians let us pause for a moment and consider the means by which we can overcome the enemy at this point.

It was George Muller, the man of faith, who knew what it was to suffer from wandering thoughts in times of prayer. But he found after many years the secret of victory. He relates his own experience: "I often spent a quarter of an hour, or half an hour, or even an hour on my knees before being conscious of having derived comfort, encouragement, humbling of soul, etc. And often, after having suffered much from wandering of mind for the first ten minutes, or quarter of an hour, or even half an hour I only, then, began to pray." Then, this great man of prayer, triumphantly adds: "I scarcely ever suffer now in this way!" What happened? Where was the victory found? It was simple. He indicates that *meditation in the Word of God coupled with prayer spelled victory over inattention for him.* For many years he had given much of his time to prayer with little meditation in the Word, now he found victory in a happy combination of

meditation and prayer. Is your mind given to wandering during times of waiting upon God? Try this combination. Spend time in the Word letting God talk to you, then as you talk to Him you will enjoy victory. Meditate and pray! If it worked for George Muller it will work for you!

It is important that we consider briefly yet, another approach of our hindering foe. O how cleverly and subtly he works to cause us to be *satisfied with a form of godliness* and to deny the power thereof (2 Tim. 3:5). He deadens our sensitivity to heavenly things by causing us to be taken up with the things that are earthly. We, therefore, fail to set our affections in things that are above but rather we fix them on things on the earth (Col. 3:2). We are not taken up with that which is sensual so much as we are given over to the things which are secular. In this place of "worldly-mindedness" we are led by the hinderer to keep up our form of godliness and to deny its sanctifying power in our lives. In this place we continue to "say" our prayer — we utter mere words — but when it is said and done we have not "prayed." Indeed, we have merely gone through the form of prayer. Yes, we have said our prayers out of a sense of duty but we have not prayed. And once again the hinderer has scored another victory. He has defeated us in our spiritual life. Oh, that we might be absolutely abandoned to the Victor with our affections set on Him! Thereupon, His power could be released in our lives making it possible to overcome the enemy that in turn we might no longer deny the power of godliness but enjoy its power and pray in the Spirit.

We must consider the fact that Satan hinders our prayer experience *by putting us under undue pressure.* We become exceedingly occupied and preoccupied with trifles. The hinderer will cause us to feel that we must be constantly expending our energy upon things which seem at the moment to be important but actually are "much ado about nothing." Ah, so many among us are too busy to wait upon God. Is this true of you; are you too busy?

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## Winning the Battle for Health

By Leon M. Maltby

Under the heading of "Most Unforgettable Character I Have Known" I would like to nominate a neighbor whose pluck and determination in battles against great odds have been an inspiration to me. Mrs. Oakley and her husband own the house just back of us. A hedge-like growth of tall evergreens and other trees separates our back yards and provides a haven for birds and squirrels as well as a pleasant privacy for the human residents.

Though we have been back yard neighbors for several years my first real acquaintance with Mrs. Oakley came through the Hillside Terrace Neighborhood Association, an organization set up to preserve and foster the benefits of an integrated community. In the earlier days of that organization, which has now accomplished much of its purpose and lost its drive, Mrs. Oakley was the energetic membership chairman and therefore prominent at the monthly meetings held in the auditorium of the neighborhood school whose students were predominantly of the black race. She has to relinquish that activity because of serious illness, an infection in both her kidneys, that threatened her life.

Six years ago our neighbor gave up her employment and went to Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York to receive a kidney transplant from her sister. Since that time she has become something of an expert on medical and surgical terminology, for she has had much experience in a battle for health that seemed to be a losing battle. There was danger that her system would reject the transplanted kidney. The doctors prescribed a medicine to combat rejection. It was successful, but it caused her face and body to become extremely puffy. Along

with it went deterioration of bones and loss of the use of her legs through separation of the hip joints. She could get around the house only in a wheel chair and her husband had to do all of the cooking and housework before and after his day's work for the city street department.

Mrs. Oakley never lost faith that she would get well though the odds seemed to be against it for several years. Her husband remarked that if he had that much wrong with him he would give up and die. Not Mrs. Oakley; she continued to make painful trips to the hospital and stuck to the prescribed medicine and diet.

The time came when the body swelling went down to some extent and the kidney functioned almost normally. She went back for a complete hip replacement with artificial ball and socket joint. When I saw her walking around the back yard recently, she was proud to show how that one hip could bear her weight. The other leg was an inch and a half short because there was no hip joint. She told me she was driving her car and was going back to New York soon to get another hip. It was not without some danger. The adrenal gland on the borrowed kidney has never functioned and she might die at the end of any day of exertion without warning if she did not take Adrenalin by mouth.

Furthermore, she told me that during the operation there would have to be nine pints of blood with the white corpuscles and other properties removed on a standby basis. The doctors had said, "You are getting along quite well now, don't you think that is good enough?" Her reply was that she was determined to walk perfectly, not with a bad limp

and discomfort. So within a month this black woman with indomitable spirit hopes to greet her neighbors cheerily as she walks and works in a normal way.

I cannot say for sure that my neighbor has been an active church member, but she has faith. It has taken her through more difficulties than most of us can even imagine. Do we think we have troubles? How do we react to our lesser problems? Jesus once said about a woman who was of another ethnic group, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt" (Matt. 15:28). He said also of an officer in the Roman army who came to Him with another acute health problem, "I have not found so great a faith, no not in Israel" (Luke 7:9).

### MEMORY TEXT

"We knew that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." — 2 Corinthians 5:1

### Danish Baptists Contact Burundi Christians

Two nurses from Denmark and a teacher from Finland have returned to Burundi to take up work again in the Baptist mission there.

The president of the Danish Baptist Union and another pastor went earlier this year to Burundi. Both were formerly missionaries in the country. They spent several weeks reestablishing contact with local Baptist churches.

They reported that even with many tragic losses during the incidents of 1972, the mission work over the last forty-five years had not been in vain. The local churches have assumed growing responsibility, even holding an annual assembly at which an executive committee of fifteen national members was elected.

In addition to spiritual help for the church work, the two pastors cited the need for medical personnel.

Their reports preceded news of a worsening of the situation recently in Burundi.



## Just To Be Tender

Just to be tender,  
just to be true,  
Just to be glad the  
whole day through,  
Just to be merciful,  
just to be mild,  
Just to be trustful  
as a child:  
Just to be gentle  
and kind and sweet,  
Just to be helpful  
with willing feet,  
Just to be cheery  
when things go wrong,  
Just to drive sadness  
away with song,  
Whether the hour  
is dark or bright,  
Just to be loyal  
to God and right,  
Just to believe  
that God knows best,  
Just in His promise  
ever to rest,  
Just to let love  
be our daily key,  
That is God's will  
for you and me.



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What are you doing that is so important? Is it more important than prayer? Examine your work! Is it necessary? If you are a pastor or Christian leader how much of your work could be delegated to others, thus leaving you freer to give yourself more and more to prayer and to God's Word.

It is true that Satan delights in getting Christians on a "merry-go-round" of almost incessant activity and thus rob them of time for prayer. Many of us become so involved in doing good legitimate things that we have no time for waiting upon God and renewing our strength so as to mount up with wings as eagles (Isa. 40:31).

Dr. Oswald Smith writes: "Satan would rather have us work than pray any time. Full well he knows that prayerless work will be powerless and fruitless. Hence, if he can only keep us so busy that we do not have time to pray he will have accomplished his purpose."

"Away with work that hinders prayer  
'Twere best to lay it down;

For prayerless work, however good,  
Will fail to win the crown."

It was Bernard M. Baruch, famous Wall Street financier, who once said, "In this hectic age of distraction all of us need to pause every now and then in what we are doing to examine where the rush of the world and of our activities is taking us. Even an hour or two spent in such detached contemplation on a park bench will prove rewarding." Thereupon, the great businessman called attention to a remark made by his good friend General George C. Marshall. He quoted him as follows: "Early in the war I instructed every officer assigned to the general staff to get away from Washington for a day or two each week. I didn't want tired minds making decisions that would affect the lives of millions of soldiers."

How much wiser are the children of this world than the children of light! Why are we so slow to grasp the secrets that business magnates and generals seem to see? It is because Satan has hindered us from seeing the importance of de-

tached contemplation and rest. It is imperative that we have regular moments of undisturbed communion where we shut out all other distractions and see Jesus afresh! Yes, in this hectic age of distraction all of us need to pause every now and then . . . "to wait upon our God." Certainly we must *make time* to be in His presence. Certainly our secret for power with God and man is prayer and to the extent we allow Satan, the hinderer, to rob us of our extended times of waiting upon God to that extent we miserably fail!

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALBION, WIS.— In June the Albion SDB Church conducted a successful Bible School. Later in the month the church was painted under the direction of Roger Robson, Jr., who donated his labor and equipment. Roger was assisted by various members of the church. A week following the completion of the painting a severe storm hit Albion. Many trees were uprooted, including some near the church, however the church wasn't damaged, for which we are thankful.

Couple's Club and YF met infrequently during the summer, under the direction of Vernie Smith the YF drew up a new constitution. Our YF hosted the Association Youth Retreat in January. Serving as sponsors this year are Jerry Vaught and Jeanette Appel.

The Albion church ladies group made dozens of cookies to serve after the evening sessions of Conference in August. Our ladies also made and displayed a banner at Conference. We are happy to be a part of Church Women United cooperating with the other churches in the Edgerton area. Some of our men are active in the Milton Church Men's Fellowship.

At our recent business meeting Jerry Vaught was licensed to preach.

—Jeanette Appel

DODGE CENTER, MINN.— Another busy summer is past with many and varied activities. Late in May we welcomed the Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn to our midst. She remained here to

visit their daughter, Linda Camenga, and family while Pastor Van Horn went on to New Auburn to present the On the Job Training Program which has proved quite successful in the Washington, D. C., church. Following his presentation of this program in our church, several people have met on Tuesday evenings using this type of outreach in the Dodge Center area. We were disappointed the Van Horns could not remain for the weekend but did appreciate hearing their testimony and more about the work in our nation's capital.

About thirty children, a majority of whom were not from our congregation, enjoyed the Vacation Bible School held early in June under the direction of Diann Greene. She and Linda Camenga had prepared material and crafts around the theme "To Know Him Is To Love Him." Several made decisions for Christ and organized a Bible study afterwards.

A few of our young people attended Association Senior Camp at Battle Creek's Camp Holston later in June. Pastor John was director and Linda a counselor for this camp while their children enjoyed a visit with Grandpa and Grandma Camenga at Beaver Dam, Wis. Pastor John stayed in Milton the next two weeks to help with Junior and Intermediate camps at Camp Wakonda.

The Christian Fellowship group packed and shipped four boxes of good used clothing to our Guyana, South America, mission in response to the request in the *Sabbath Recorder* by Rev. Leroy Bass.

A majority of our congregation was able to attend all or part of the General Conference sessions at Milton last August. The Ladies' Aid banner, which was displayed there, was made by Shirley Stoeckel and Leanne Lippincott again this year.

Those who took office as Sabbath School officers in October are: Phil Greene, superintendent, Bob Klopstein, assistant; Seili Bond, secretary-treasurer, Ardith Greene, assistant; Steve Greene, chorister, Randy Langworthy, assistant; Linda Greene, graded department superintendent, Bill Babcock, assistant; Leta Stebbins, home department superintend-

ent; Marguerite Clapper, missionary superintendent.

The Once-a-Month Evangelistic Service on Sabbath Eve is being planned by the Youth Fellowship, Young Adult Christian Fellowship Groups alternately. The Good News Club is meeting in the Phil Greene home on Wednesday afternoons again.

Part of our Meal of Sharing receipts was given to the Light Bearers for Christ last spring and during our last church quarterly business meeting we voted a specific amount to be sent each month for one year. It is hoped they can come here in November on their way home from the East Coast to share their testimony and music with our community. After looking into several insurance plans available, we are happy to be providing Medical Insurance for our pastor and his family. It seemed that in this way we could supply one of their needs and express our appreciation for their work among us. They plan to spend a week's vacation camping, etc., before returning home from North Central Association at White Cloud, Michigan. Bob and Lorna Austin and Wallace and Millicent Greene also attended these meetings.

—Ardith Greene, Correspondent

### Births

Kagarise.— A daughter, Leslie Ann, to Dwight and Minnie (Hale) Kagarise of New Enterprise, Pa., on October 13, 1973.

### Obituaries

KERR.— Eda Davis, was born March 31, 1894, in Miller County, Arkansas, and died in Fouke, Arkansas, in October 1973. She was the daughter of Alfred Stillman and Nettie Lewis Davis.

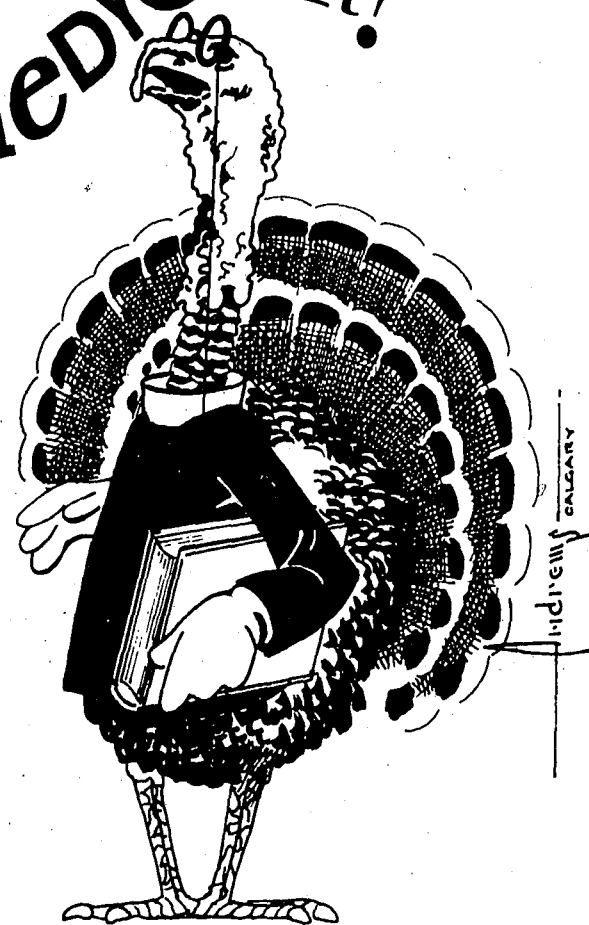
She was an active member of the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist, joining the church by baptism November 1, 1913. Survivors include a son, George W. Kerr of Fouke; two daughters, Mrs. Ina L. Robertson of Texarkana, and Mrs. Melba J. Attaway of Fouke; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the Revs. Ray Nicholas and Floyd Goodson officiating. Burial was in the Fouke Cemetery. —F. G.



RELIGIOUS

Gobbledygook!



Sanctification, eschatology, soteriology, pneumatology, redemption, regeneration, and charisma are religious words not generally understood. And there many more such words, all good words, godly words, very important words.

But to many people it is simply religious gobbledygook!

Christian people themselves will sometimes admit that they do live in a subculture and that they do talk in frazzled cliches.

Really there is no need for such confusion. The Son of God was so plain.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that every one who believes in him may not be lost, but have Immortal Life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him escapes condemnation, while he who does not believe in him is already condemned because he hath not believed in the only Son of God.”

(John 3:16-18)



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David Aldave, Pastor Eugenio Aldave of the Torreon, Mexico, church, Dr. E. J. Horsley, Association president, and Rev. Glen Warner, host pastor.

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