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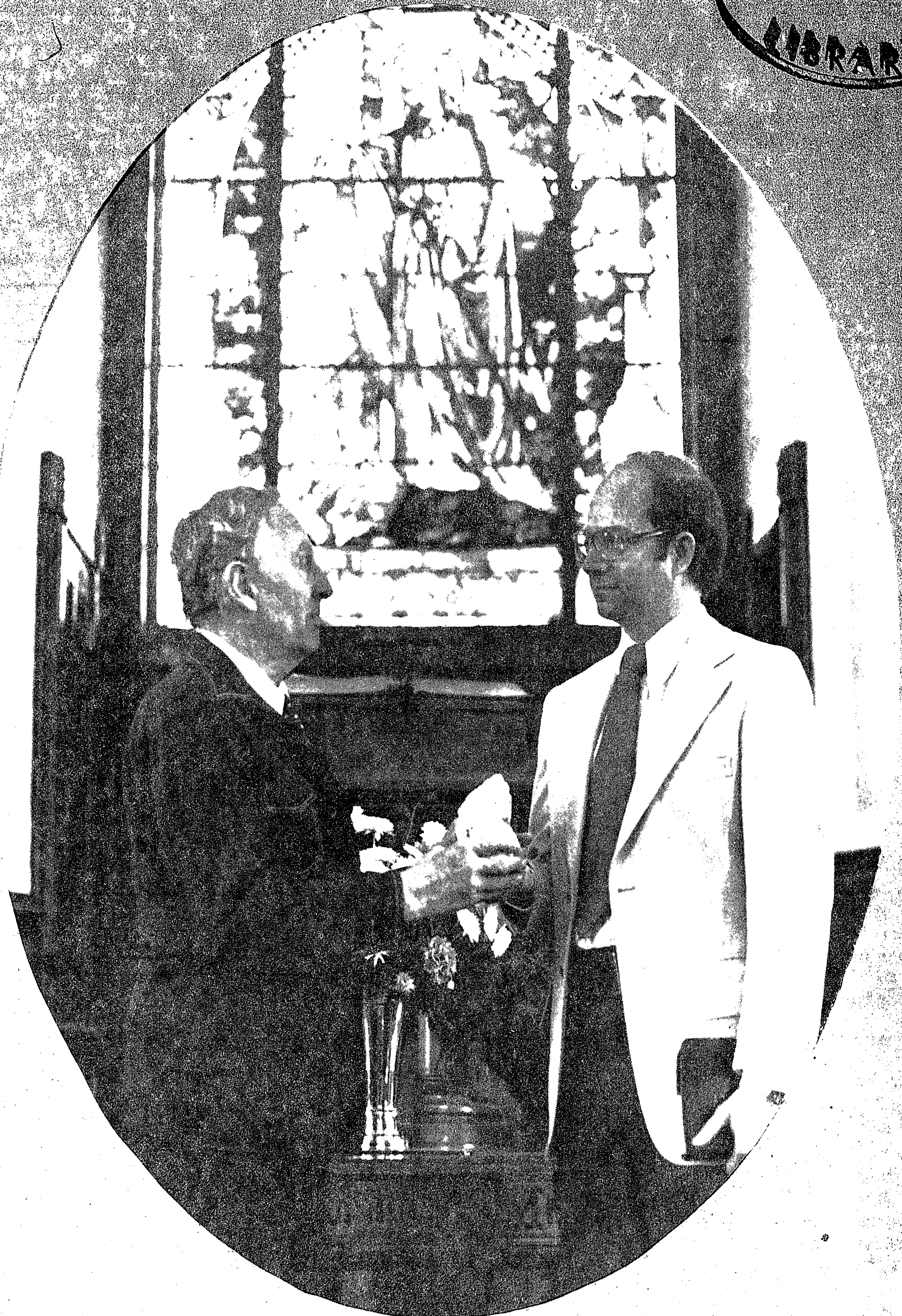
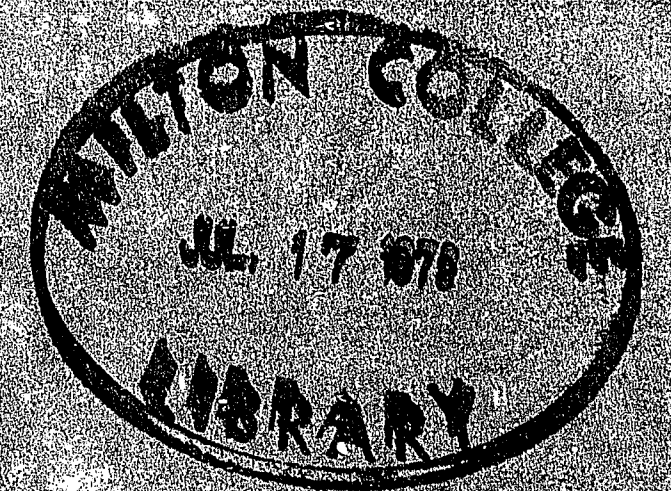
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### HEADQUARTERS LOCATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The Seventh Day Baptist Headquarters Research Committee has been analyzing desirable features for denominational headquarters facilities and location.

A "points to ponder" opinion survey among church members nation-wide has been completed, according to committee chairman, Dr. E. Keith Davis.

About 4 percent of the questionnaires were returned, some of them reflecting the thinking of churches as groups. Chairman Davis indicates that probably no conclusive trends can be determined on the basis of the returns so far. However, a good sampling of opinions is now available.

The results are currently being reviewed by committee members, and a preliminary report will soon be forwarded to Commission.

It is anticipated that Commission will release a report to the denomination at large at General Conference time. □

# AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

## GOOD NEWS FOR EVERYONE EVERYWHERE

The one hundred sixty-second annual meeting of the American Bible Society was held May 11, 1978 at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by editor John D. Bevis who is the denominational representative to the society serving on the advisory council. The society reported "Good News for Everyone - Everywhere" as Scripture distribution multiplied greatly over the past year. During 1977 a lot of emphasis was placed on increasing the circulation of the *Good News Bible*. It is reported that the great majority of Americans who received the new translation greeted it with enthusiasm. President Carter received the symbolic five millionth copy, specially bound and inscribed for the occasion, at a White House ceremony in September. We are happy to note that many Seventh Day Baptist churches have helped to promote distribution of the *Good News Bible*. Especially commendable is the work of the Boulder, CO, church under the direction of its pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph.

## VOLUNTEERS AID WORK

Some of the happiest people in the United States must be the 30,774 ABS Volunteers. A woman from New Jersey reported, "I represented ABS in my church and received such a blessing. I just have to do more!" And a volunteer in Michigan noted: "God is blessing the distribution of Bibles through our Scripture Courtesy Center. It is a joy to be a volunteer worker in the vast ministry of spreading the Good News!" There should be a volunteer worker for Bible distribution in every community. If you are interested in such a mission you may write directly to the Bible Society or to John Bevis for more information.

## GIFTS FROM THE CHURCHES

More than 80 denominations, churches, and agencies contributed a total of \$1,545,634.41 to the American Bible Society in 1977. We are extremely happy to note that Seventh Day Baptists more than doubled their reported giving over the previous year. Our reported contributions amounted to \$1,179.07 which is an average of .227 per member. This places us in the top seven of denominational giving on a per member basis. The highest per member giving was by the 9,500 member Apostolic Christian Churches of America with 1.428 per member. We should seek to raise at least \$1,500 this year to assist in the wonderful work of sharing God's message of love and peace with the world.

As you give to the American Bible Society in 1978 you may send your gift through your local church treasurer or mark it "ABS" and send it directly to Mr. Gordon Sanford, Our World Mission Treasurer, Little Genesee, N.Y. 14754.

Dr. Arthur Borden, director of Church Relations for the society, will be present at General Conference at Houghton to report on society work and to discuss how we can participate more in Bible distribution.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF 1977

- The total Scripture distribution throughout the world reached 410 million copies in 1977, an all-time record. This was an increase of 80 million over 1976.
- The American Bible Society, through thousands of contributions from individual donors and churches, was responsible for 246 million of these.
- 114 million Scriptures were distributed in the United States and 99 million in Latin America.
- 170 million Scriptures were distributed in the Asia-Pacific region, an increase of 50 million over 1976.
- At least one book of the Bible has been published in 1,631 languages and distinct dialects.
- Bible distribution work continues in areas of political strife and turmoil, including Ethiopia, Uganda, Rhodesia, Lebanon and elsewhere.
- Baptists, Methodists and Lutherans were the leading denominations in terms of annual donations to the American Bible Society.

## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Here are some of the up and coming projects planned by the American Bible Society for 1978 and 1979. We'll let you know when they are ready.

- The complete Bible in Today's Spanish, the Version Popular
- Advent Scripture Cards
- 1978 Christmas Selection
- Special Selections for Hospital Patients
- Special Selections for the Terminally Ill and Their Families
- Scripture Cards for Roman Catholic Penitential Rites
- Portion of Scripture for the Bereaved
- Portion of Scripture for Seamen's Ministries
- Scripture Workbooks for Children
- Scriptures for Children To Coincide with the International Year of the Child □



## THE VITAL QUESTION

Rev. Neal D. Mills  
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The more I see of the world and learn of its history, the more I am impressed with the universality of the spiritual laws of God. One can no more break the law of love with immunity than he can break the law of gravity. And the more I study the Old Testament the more I see in it a progressive preparation for the New Testament. Slowly, step by step, God reveals Himself to mankind through human experience.

The Israelites slew, pillaged, and burned as they invaded Canaan. A stern and jealous God demanded it, so they thought. In First Kings 18:40 we find Elijah, the prophet of the old order, finishing off the priests of Baal in a bloody lynching party. But it didn't stamp out Baalism. In Second Kings 9 we see that Elisha appointed Jehu, the hard-fighting, hard-driving charioteer, as king, and Jezebel, the promoter of Baalism was murdered in cold blood. Then to make a complete end of the work, Jehu cleverly lured all the worshippers of Baal in the land into the temple and massacred them there (2 Kings 10:18-28). Could that be where Hitler got his idea? Well, this was all a bloody surgery to cure Israel of Baalism and idolatry. What was the result? Baalism lived on! The wild zeal of "the sons of the prophets" with brute force and bloodshed failed. A new kind of prophet was needed.

Then Amos, Hosea and Isaiah came upon the scene preaching, teaching, and writing. Blood gives way to brains; force must yield to persuasion; fighting must cease in the face of love. "So you, by the help of your God, return, hold fast to love and justice, and wait continually for your God," pleaded Hosea (12:6). "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God," cried Micah (6:8). What hate and ruthlessness can never accomplish, love and mercy can. So the prophets began to sow the seeds which came to fruition in Jesus of Nazareth. The sowing must go on in our time till it bears fruit in every human life.

The principle of love which was sown as a tiny seed by the prophets became the very heart of the message of Jesus. He condensed His whole message in the two great commandments: love God, and love your fellowmen. At the close of His

earthly ministry, after a breakfast with His disciples on the shore of Galilee, Jesus asked Peter the one all important question, "Peter, do you love me?" Three times the question was put to Peter, and three times he replied, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Peter had denied his Lord three times; now he must declare his love three times.

Jesus might have asked other questions of Peter, such as, Do you believe in me? Many people think that if they believe thus and so, they can be sure of a front seat in heaven. He might have asked, Do you accept me as Son of God and Savior? or Will you serve me? Will you fight for me, suffer and die for me? But all these are included and implied in the one all-embracing, vital question, "Do you love me?" Jesus knew that if He had Peter's love He had Peter.

We must face the same question today. Its answer is the first step in the proper solution of every human problem. If God has our love He has us, and our dedicated service to Him. The world shies away from that vital question and is paying the consequences. It is trying to solve its problems on some other basis and it doesn't work.

Jesus expects certain things to follow if we really love Him: repentance, acceptance of Him as Savior, growth in Christian grace and service. These expectations are declared in His preaching. "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." "You must be born again." "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." "He who loses his life for my sake will find it." This is all the fruit of love. Jesus expects us to bear the fruit of love.

Three children went to their mother one morning and said, "Mother, I love you." The mother gave each one a task to do. The first refused and went away. The second promised to do his task and then promptly forgot. The third promised and then went and did as he was asked. Which of these children loved their mother most? Jesus told a similar story of a father and two sons. "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he

who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21)

A young man complained to his pastor about the temptations and sin and suffering in the world, and he condemned God who made it so. "Why, I could make a better world myself," he said. "Good," said the pastor, "Go to it, that is just what God put you in this world to do." That is what we all are here for.

Our answer to the question, "Do you love me?" comes not only in words but in living. A new convert was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" He answered, "It wasn't under anybody's preaching. It was Aunt Hannah's practicing." Noble, consecrated living will turn others to Christ; careless, selfish living will turn them away. The test of our love for God is the kind of fruit we bear. "By their fruits you shall know them," said Jesus. Are our lives bearing good and beautiful fruit, or is it sour and gnarly?

Jesus described in detail some of the fruits of love in what we call the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit...Blessed are those who mourn...Blessed are the meek.... Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness...Blessed are the merciful...Blessed are the pure in heart...Blessed are the peace makers...blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake..." Perhaps we all suffer persecution at times, but can we take it like Christians? Paul said in First Corinthians 13: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrong, but rejoices in the right." A real Christian shows all these acts and qualities in his life. He is quite different from most other people.

Perhaps the most precious and sweetest fruit of the love of God is forgiveness. The world today is full of bitterness, injury, revenge and counter-revenge. A tremendous amount of love and forgiveness is needed to check the tide and save the world from destruction by hate.

The practice of love calls out love in others, even as Jesus' love did. "We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Love can make over a life. Many people who had lived

wretchedly wicked lives have been converted by the love of a mother, or wife or a friend.

Love bears fruit in character and also in service. We are responsible for ourselves and for others. After the replies of Peter to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Jesus commanded, "Feed my sheep," or "Tend my sheep." There are always sheep to be turned back from danger and guided in the right direction by our example and our words of persuasion. And there are always sheep to be fed the nourishment of the gospel. The church needs teachers, leaders, and workers.

But we are so inclined to be more concerned that others carry their full share of the work and the burdens than that all the sheep be properly fed and led. Even as Peter pointed to John and said, "Lord what about this man?" so we point to our neighbor and say, "Is he doing his share? Why should I do more than he? How much does he give to the church?" etc. Jesus' reply to all who think and talk that way is, "What is that to you? Follow me." Let us remember that we receive far more than we can ever repay.

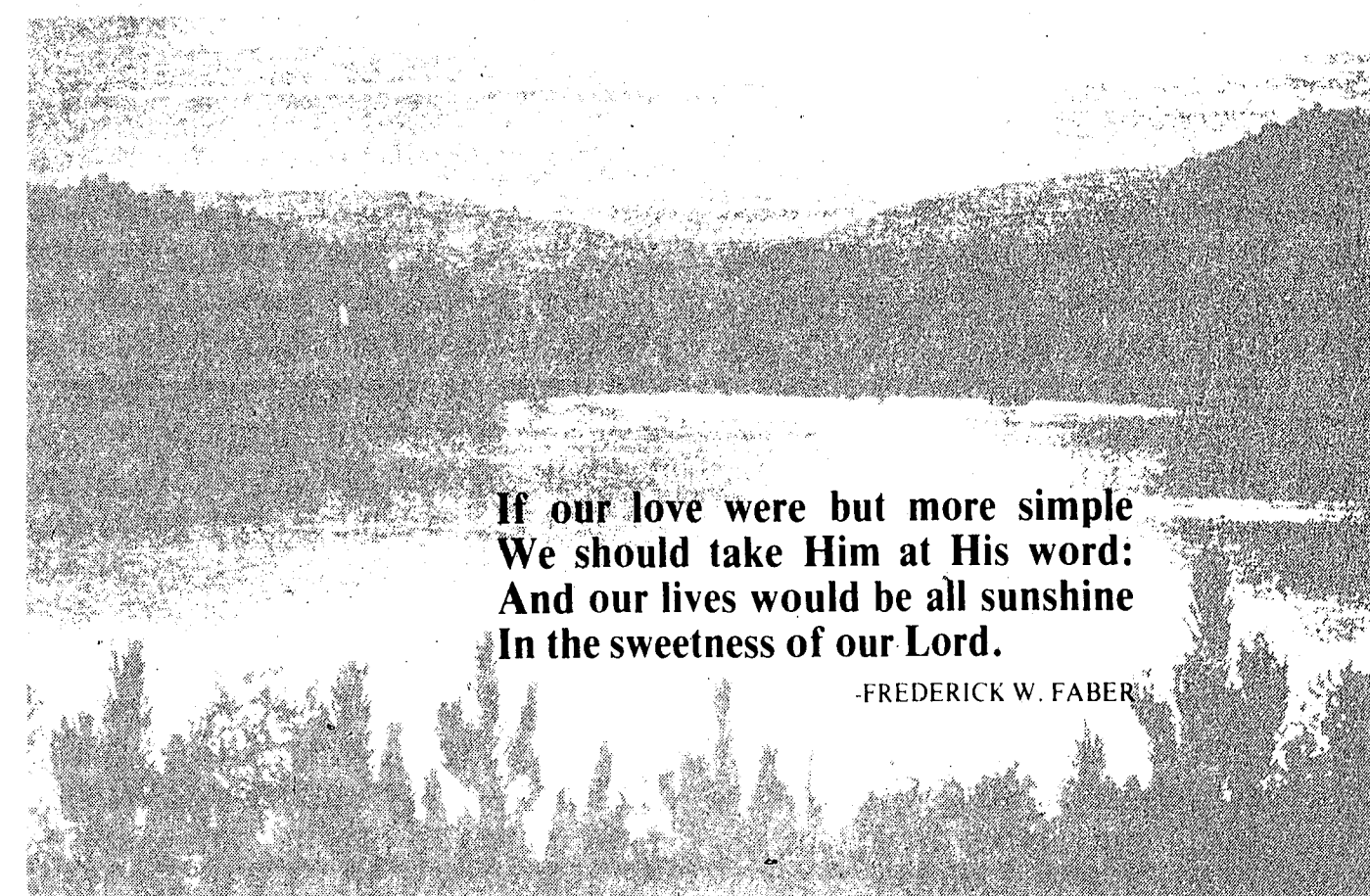
Were the whole realm  
of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

To all of us comes the question, "Do you love me?" And we must answer it. We can say no, but the

penalty for that is high. We can say, later I will; but the penalty and risk again is great. Or we can say, "Yes, Lord, with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength I love you." When we can say that and mean it, the kingdom with all its blessings is ours. And it will show in our character and in our service as we tend God's other sheep with love.

When we have dedicated ourselves to love and follow Christ, we must go out to the sheep that need tending. We must let our love flow out to them in the most appropriate and helpful ways. There are many challenging problems in our society. All of them can be solved with love and in no other way. But the world is today attacking its problems by means of violence. The repressed seek to gain freedom by violence; minority groups seek to gain their civil rights by violence; reformers seek to change the establishment by violence; and those given authority and charged with responsibility for maintaining order and justice, all too often resort to violence. Violence is self-destructive. We need no further proof that "Those who take the sword shall perish by the sword."

We Christians must lead the world to freedom, understanding and peace by seeking with love, and with zeal and determination, for the wise and just solutions of our problems. And we need to be on the action front putting the right solutions into practice. This is our answer to that vital question that Jesus puts to each of us, "Do you love me?" □



If our love were but more simple  
We should take Him at His word:  
And our lives would be all sunshine  
In the sweetness of our Lord.

-FREDERICK W. FABER

# PRISON MINISTRY FOCUSES TOWARD INMATES' FAMILIES

By Dan Martin



AVON PARK, Fla. — The couple had been crying when they came into the chapel at Avon Park Correctional Institute.

He looked older than his 55; she than her 53. He was wearing the drab uniform of an inmate; she was dressed in an outfit that had seen better days.

"They had a look of horror on their faces," said Flo Wall. "Their eyes were red...you could tell they had been weeping. They had that look that said, 'This is not real... this can't be happening...'"

The man had been a successful investment broker, active in politics and social life. They had a big, nice home and plenty of money. Then, their empire crumbled. He was convicted of stock fraud and sent to prison. They lost home, car, money, friends and way of life. "She couldn't even get welfare," Mrs. Wall said. "She was living across town...in a housing project, impoverished."

At that moment — when the couple walked into the chapel — Flo Wall's current ministry began, a ministry to the wives and children of inmates at Avon Park Correctional Institute, a minimum security prison in the lakes region of central Florida.

Life is very hard for the families of inmates. Many have severe economic problems, coupled with disruption and disgrace. Often they have nowhere to turn, not even to the church and Christians. "It has been very difficult," says the wife of a former policeman serving time in APCI. "People acted like I had done the things he was sent to prison for... children made comments about my husband to my children." In many cases, the wives of prisoners are ostracized.

Rommie Loudd, a former All-America football player serving time in the prison, said: "Mrs. Wall's ministry is very important. When a man comes to prison he is going to be taken care of. He'll get three

meals a day...clean clothes and a place to sleep. But the family... the women and children. They're the ones hurt the most. Lots of them are thrown out of churches because the man is in prison. People disassociate themselves with them."

Mrs. Wall's husband, Warren, is senior chaplain at APCI, approved by the Chaplain's Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. He notes: "Many times our churches are not very compassionate toward the prison ministry. We have been wanting to get our own people involved, but they seem to have the attitude, 'We don't want to do too much for these people. They asked for it. They are cuddled too much as it is.' Often the families are touched by the same stigma."

On that Sunday morning three years ago, Flo Wall's ministry to families of prisoners began. She had been a minister's wife for more than 30 years, but on that day, her heart went out to the distraught woman.

In the past three years, her ministry has spread to touch the lives of many women and children, people whose lives have been shattered. The ministry is built around "fellowship, worship, Bible study, personal counseling, providing a place to stay" and reaching out in love.

"We are trying to help people understand that if they will commit themselves to God, and give Him a chance in their lives, everything will be okay," she says. "God knows they are here...what has happened. He could have prevented what happened, but He allowed it and is still in control. We want to help those who are not saved to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and Lord, and after that to learn to receive love from Him, and strength, and to trust Him to make sense out of this awful mess."

Avon Park Correctional Institute, on an Air Force bombing range, is unusual in that families of inmates are allowed to worship in the chapel twice each Sunday. Families may visit each weekend, on Saturday or Sunday.

Until recently, families could visit on both Saturday and Sunday, but that policy has changed. When the Walls' ministry began, they opened their home to feed and house the families over the weekend. The home, a converted barracks building, is small, but on one recent Saturday night 25 persons slept wherever there was space. Wall set up a tent camper to help house some of the overflow.

With the changing of the policy, the space crunch eased, but many of the families still come on Saturday afternoon — driving long distances to get there — so they can visit Sunday morning. Sunday now is a time of fellowship and food, Bible study, prayer time and ministering.

Recently, the Walls obtained a large home near the prison which has two cottages and "lots of space." They are currently remodeling and refurbishing the "villa" to make it both their home and central place for their ministry. "The ministry has just grown from putting another chicken in the pot to the Spanish Villa on Lake Letta," Mrs. Wall says. "It has been so beautiful...the Lord has added and provided. It has been the simplest thing; just taking one step at a time with the Lord."

The effect of the ministry is shown in the lives of the wives:

— "It is beautiful," says one. "I find peace and love here. When Mrs. Wall talks about Jesus, she really ministers to us. Sometimes we hate to go home."

— "This has been the greatest year and a half of my life. I have never had such peace and joy."

One of the inmates says he feels he is "in seminary" and another comments he believes he is "sitting at Jesus' feet, learning." Still a third, whose family disclaims him, says he is "part of the biggest and best, God's family."

An important Scripture reference to the ministry is Second Corinthians 4:8-10: "We are hedged in on every side — troubled and oppressed in

every way; but not cramped or crushed; we suffer embarrassments and are perplexed and unable to find a way out, but not driven to despair; we are pursued, but not deserted — to stand alone; we are struck down to the ground, but never struck out and destroyed; always carrying about in the body the liability and exposure to the same putting to death that the Lord Jesus suffered, so that the resurrection life of Jesus also may be shown forth by and in our bodies" (Amplified version).

"We read that all the time," Mrs. Wall said. "This is not the defeat of their lives. We have to be reduced to the simple belief that he (Jesus) loves us, that He is in charge and has grace for everything in our lives." □

-Baptist Press

## SABBATH THOUGHTS



From time to time someone inquires, "How do we know that the seventh day (Saturday) of our week is the same seventh day that was hallowed following creation?" Here is the evidence: (1) *Suppose* that the weekly cycle had somehow been lost (there is no evidence to suggest this, however). *Before* the giving of the Ten Commandments at Mt. Sinai, Israel knew which day was the seventh, if by no other means, through the giving of the manna. Ordinarily, the manna would spoil if kept longer than a day, but when the sixth day arrived they were to gather a double portion in order that it would not be necessary to work on Sabbath, the seventh day. There was no question as to which day was the Sabbath. Miraculously, no manna appeared on the seventh day (see Exodus 16:4-31, especially vs. 22-30).

(2) The commandment at Sinai was to "remember the Sabbath." This indicates that it was clearly known prior to that time. It was not instituted then. It is imbedded in God's eternal moral law.

(3) Jesus' example in Sabbath observance is a further indication that

the seventh day had not somehow been lost. The Sabbath had been so corrupted by Jesus' day that it was necessary for Him, as God the Son, to restore a proper balance to Sabbathkeeping. Surely if the people were observing the wrong day, on top of all their other faulty Sabbath observance, Jesus would have told them. Furthermore, He did no sin, and therefore must have kept the seventh day according to the commandment (see Luke 4:14-16 and 31).

(4) Jewish practice since Jesus' time to this day has kept very strict calendar records. Jews today observe the seventh-day Sabbath on Saturday. Likewise, the majority of Christians keep Sunday, not because they believe it to be the seventh-day Sabbath, but because they say they thus honor Christ's resurrection on the first day, even though there is no commandment to do so, it being purely a matter of tradition (Mark 7:13).

(5) Whatever God commands, He enables us to perform. Surely He would not command us to "keep the Sabbath holy" if we could not tell which day of the week it was. "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy!" □

-Rev. Russell Havens

# REACHING OUT

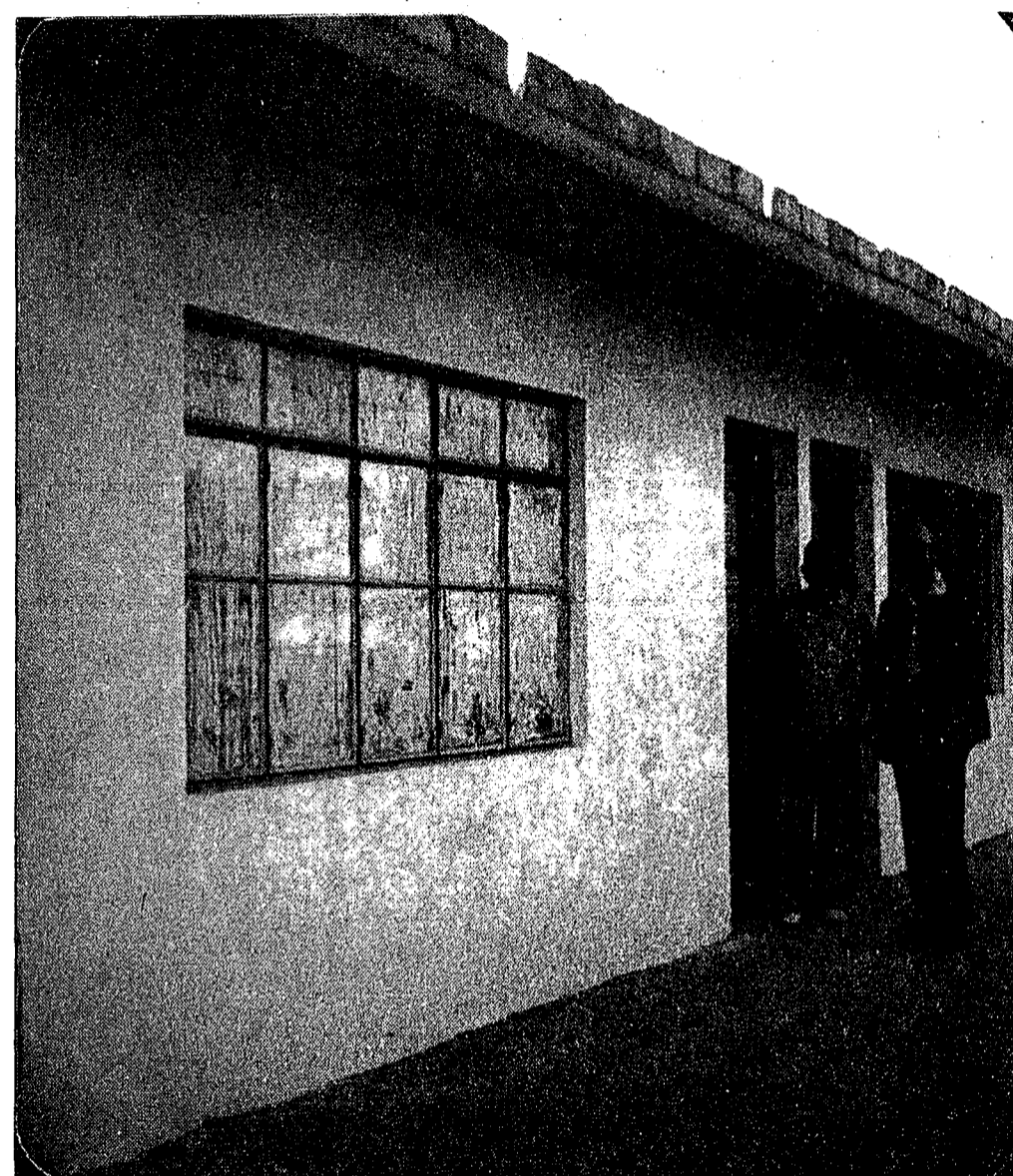
A real program of aid to our brothers in Mexico is in full advance, and enthusiastically so, throughout the Mid-Continent Association. Led by the officers of the Association and motivated through the dedicated work of Deacon Daryl White and Deaconess Barbara White of the Boulder church, the member churches are cooperating in raising money which they have pledged toward the building of the Matamoros Church and Education Center. This work was dedicated April 23, 1978 and named officially The Education Center of the Light Bearers, "Centro Educacional Portado de Luz." The Association was represented by Barbara and Daryl White. The name originated with Pastor Elias Camacho, the "Father" of the Mexico Seventh Day Baptist Churches. He was inspired by the name "Light Bearers," and was acquainted with Patricia Lawton, who was with the group by that name.

It was a joy to the Mid-Continent churches to have such a close working relationship with these "Bearers of the Light," our neighbors in Mexico. The actual work was initiated by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado, several years ago. At one time the Association was blessed by a visit from Pastor Eugenio Aldave and his son David, of the Torreon church, during a regular Association meeting of the churches. This occasion served to generate a wonderfully warm feeling for our brethren south of the border, and the interest has not faded during ensuing months and years. In fact, the churches of the Association have entered into an agreement with our Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society to produce matching funds amounting to \$1,500.00 which will assure the amount of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of finishing the building in Matamoros.

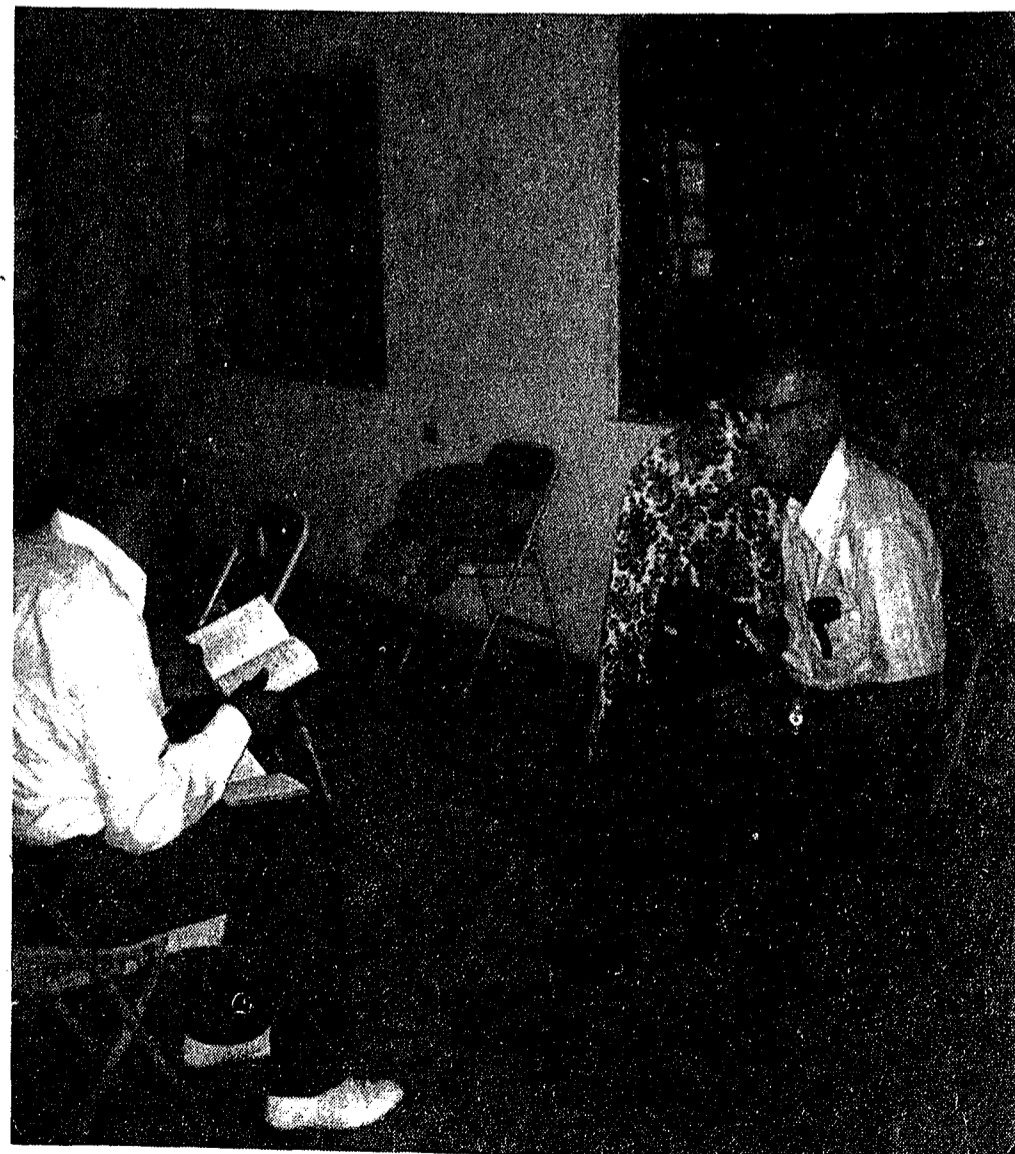
To witness to the enthusiasm of the people we have sent from the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church Miss Patty Burdick and the August family, Jim, Frances, Scott and Jami, who have dedicated their skills as workers to this project. There are others who are considering a similar undertaking.

There can certainly be no doubt in the minds of those who labor for Christ in our neighboring country, that we have faith in Him and His work in Mexico. Our prayers and our pledges of money are proving daily that we are behind the project. We quote from Brother Camacho, "I am a Mexican, yes, but I am an American also, and this is what Americans do for the love of our Lord Jesus Christ for Mexico." We answer "Amen" to that statement, and also pray that we are more than even these things, we are Christians working for the same Lord Jesus Christ, through the witness of Seventh Day Baptists.

-Madeline Fitz Randolph



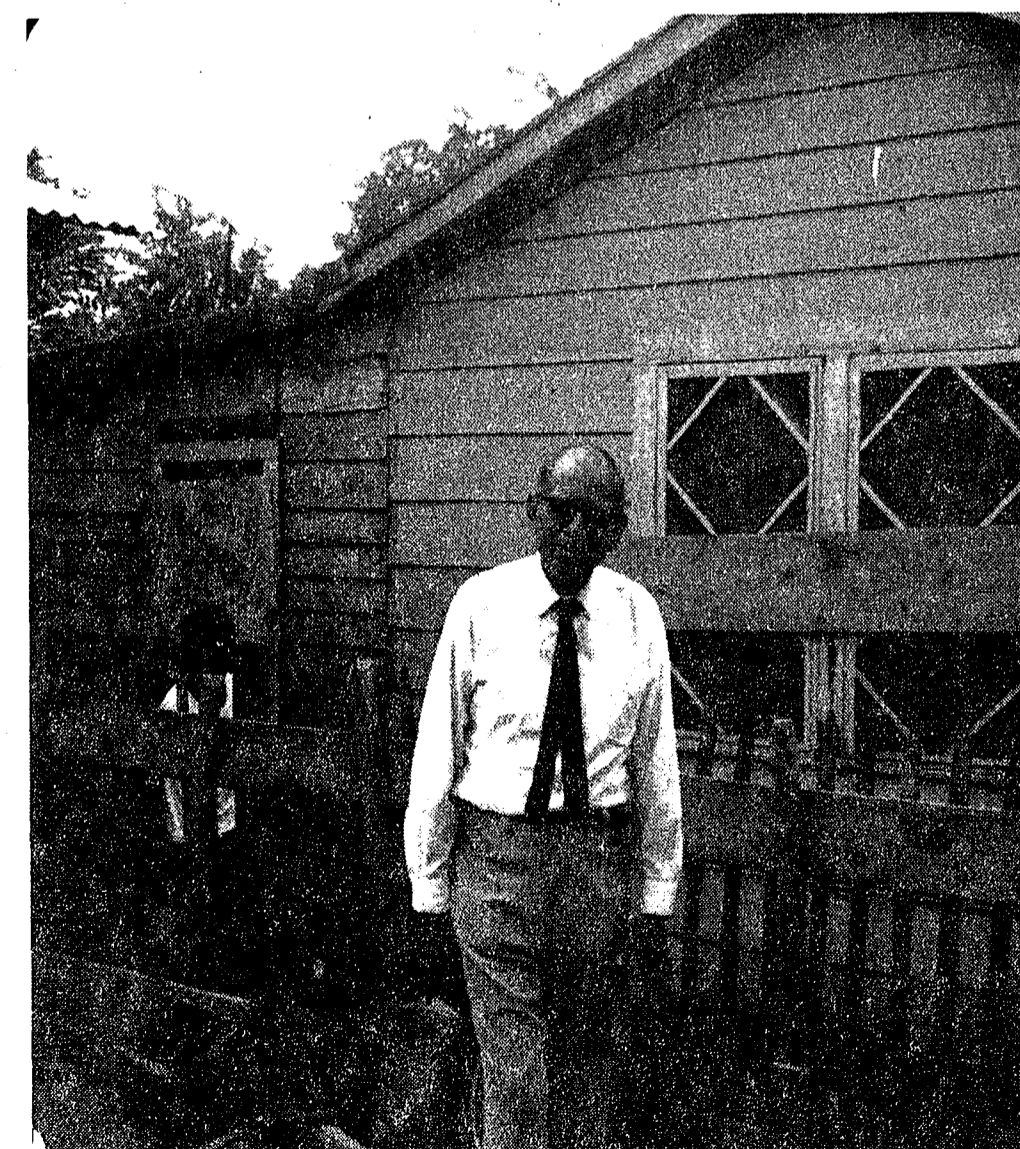
Pastor Elias Camacho and Deacon Daryl White in front of the new Centro Educacional de Luz. (Below) Brother White is taping Pastor Camacho's remarks for sharing later with SDB's in the Mid-Continent Association who have supported the development of this new work in Mexico.



# TO MEXICO



Pastor and Mrs. Camacho are pioneers in SDB work in Mexico. The translation of this article into Spanish is for the benefit of our Mexican brethren who will also receive this issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*.



Un plan real para dar ayuda a nuestros hermanos en Mexico avanza entusiastamente por la Asociacion Mid-Continent. Dirigida por los oficiales de la asociacion y fomentada por la dedicado labor de Deacon Daryl White y Deaconess Barbara White de la Iglesia Boulder, las iglesias de la asociacion estan cooperando en reunir dinero que han prometido para la construccion de la Iglesia y Centro Educacional de Matamoros. Esta obra fue dedicada Abril 23, 1978 y llamada oficialmente "Centro Educacional Portado de Luz." La asociacion fue representada por Barbara y Daryl White. El nombre origina con el Pastor Elias Camacho, el "Padre" de las Iglesias Bautistas Del Septimo Dia. El recivio la inspiracion del nombre "Portadores de Luz," y conoció a Patricia Lawton, que pertenecio al grupo con ese nombre.

Es una alegria muy grande para las iglesias de Mid-Continent poder relacionarse y trabajar con los "Portadores de Luz," nuestros vecinos en Mexico. La obra actual fue iniciado por la Iglesia Bautista de Denver, Colorado, hace ya unos años. Una vez la Asociacion fue bendecida con la visita del Pastor Eugenio Aldave y su hijo David, de la Iglesia de Torreon, durante una asamblea regular de la Asociacion de Iglesias. Esta ocasion produjo una cordialidad pesa con nuestros hermanos a la frontera del sur, y el interes no se ha desuaneado en todos estos meses y años. De esta manera, las Iglesias de la Asociacion han tenido un acuerdo con la Sociedad Misionera Bautista del Septimo Dia, para iguales fondos de \$1,500.00 que aseguren la suma de \$3,000.00, con el proposito de terminar el edificio en Matamoros.

De la Iglesia Bautista del Septimo Dia Boulder hemos mandado como testigos del entusiasmo de nuestra gente a la Srta. Patty Burdick y a la familia August, Jim, Frances, Scott y Jami, que han dedicado sus travilidades como trabajadores en esta obra. Otras personas estan considerando comprometerse de la misma manera.

No existe la menor duda en la mente de los que trabajan por Cristo en nuestro pais vecino, que tenemos fe en El y en su obra en Mexico. Nuestras oraciones y promesas monetarias comprueban diariamente que estamos respaldando esta obra. Como dice el Hermano Camacho, "Soy Mexicano, si, pero tambien soy Americano, y esto es loque los Americanos hacen por el amor a Nuestro Senor Jesu-Cristo por Mexico." Nosotros decimos "Amen" a este dicho, y en nuestras oraciones pedimos ser mas que eso, somos Cristianos trabajando por Nuestro Senor Jesu-Cristo a traves de los testigos Bautistas del Septimo Dia. □

translation by Diane Merchant

# MISSION NOTES

# focus

"Where there is no vision the people perish"

Verse for the month: "Let everyone bless God and sing His praises, for He holds our lives in His hands. And He holds our feet to the path....Blessed be God who didn't turn away from me when I was praying, and didn't refuse me His kindness and love."

-Psalm 66:8, 9, 20

● **MOZAMBIQUE** — Pastor A. L. Benesse reports twelve baptized in June in the province of Nampula at Malema. He writes: "The church here in Mozambique is sending many greetings to all the brothers over there."

● **JAMAICA** — Missionaries Doug and Jane Mackintosh return on furlough in mid-July. A new Crandall High School is in the process of formation and the appointment of a new Jamaican principal is anticipated. Though the economic situation in Jamaica worsens, the leadership there is seeking to increase SDB students, the local support of CHS through the Jamaican Conference and set realistic goals for the immediate future. They ask your prayers.

● **U.S.A.** — Open doors are being entered by local churches and Associations to establish new groups in new areas — extension growth! Eastern Association placed \$500. in its budget to help establish a group in the Boston, MA, area. An initial meeting has already been held. The new Christ SDB Church, Little Rock, AR, is working with new contacts in Memphis, TN, and regular meetings are planned with advertising and personal contacts.

● **WORLD FEDERATION** — Representatives from ten sister Conferences around the world are expected to participate in the '78 SESSION, August 2-6, at Alfred,

NY. Designated gifts are coming in for this special event! If you, or your church (or group) have not yet contributed, such funds can be sent to the treasurer, Darlene J. McCall, 401 Washington Trust Bldg., Westerly, RI 02891.

● **U.S.A.** — Two new missionary pastors began service July 1 — Dale D. Thorngate in Columbus, OH and William J. Zaremba in Bay Area, CA. Both graduated from seminary this spring. Other new graduates that are also serving under the same plan are Ken Chroniger, Central SDB Church in Maryland; Kenneth Burdick at North Jersey SDB, NJ; and Larry E. Graffius in White Cloud, MI.

● **KENYA** — Annual Camp Meeting is scheduled for August 22-26. Joel L. O. Omare writes, "The people enrolled for Bible Correspondence are doing good. I was home last holiday (from school in Nairobi) and I went around to meet people from different churches and teach them the Word. I enjoyed to be with them, but the problem is that it was raining very much so it was not easy to do the work of the Lord as we like."

● **JAMAICA** — "Summer Crusades" are planned again for August, with meetings scheduled for the weaker churches. Training for workers will be at Maiden Hall where camps are also scheduled following Conference sessions at Luna SDB Church in mid-July. Pray for these outreach ministries!

● **U.S.A.** — On Sabbath, June 17, a meeting was held in Chehalis, WA to share with the public information regarding the beliefs of SDB's. The Seattle church is sponsoring the meeting patterning it after similar meetings held in the Northwest.

Sarah Becker, former missionary to Malawi and Clayton and Sandra Baumel are in charge of arrangements. Other area informational seminars are planned for the Fall.

## PRAYER

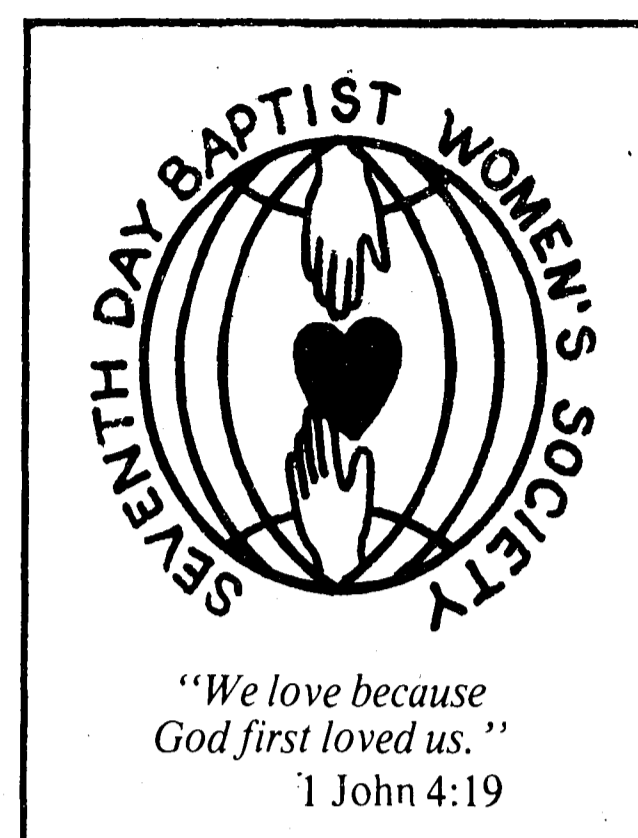
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### A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

AUGUST 1978

#### PRAY FOR

- 1-Safe travel for the SDBWF delegates who are enroute to the USA
- 2-1978 SESSION of the SDB World Federation
- 3-Participants in the Youth Pre-Con
- 4-Staff and campers meeting for the Young Adult Pre-Con
- 5-The blessings of a quiet Sabbath in preparation for General Conference
- 6-The 166th Session of SDB General Conference (USA)
- 7-Chairmen of the committees of General Conference and the members of the committees
- 8-Special speakers and musicians who have a part on the Conference program
- 9-The directors of the Associated Conferences — THANK Him for their dedication
- 10-The love of Jesus to shine through in all of the deliberations
- 11-The Conference president (for strength to make it through the rest of the week)
- 12-**PRAISE GOD FOR THE DAY OF REST!!**
- 13-A safe journey home from General Conference
- 14-The Institute for SDBWF delegates and pastors
- 15-The new Conference president and his family
- 16-Those who will be sharing their experience at Conference with their local churches
- 17-The formation of a new board at Crandall High School
- 18-Those SDB delegates who will be sharing the Sabbath with our churches in the US
- 19-The Spirit to make an extra effort to share the blessings of the Sabbath with someone
- 20-Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, CT
- 21-The Lord to lead the brethren in Jamaica as they search for a new principal for CHS
- 22-Pastor and Mrs. Larry Graffius, White Cloud, MI
- 23-The children who have been reached through VBS and summer camps
- 24-Pastor and Mrs. Justin Camenga, Portland, OR
- 25-Menzo and Audrey Fuller as they share their experiences and prepare to go to Malawi
- 26-Thank God for FREEDOM to WORSHIP HIM (are you enjoying that freedom to the fullest?)
- 27-Doug and Jane Mackintosh and their boys as they settle in the USA
- 28-The people who the Lord will reach in the Boston, MA, area
- 29-The dedicated service worker in the SDB Sound Studio, Jeanne Wilhelm
- 30-Those listening for God's calling — how has He called YOU to serve Him?
- 31-The executives of our denominational Boards and Agencies



by Madeline Fitz Randolph

The week of May 15 was a memorable time for your editor. Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in meeting with the Executive Committee of N.A.B.W.U. President of our Women's Board, Ada Davis and I were present and we experienced a very pleasant and enriching time with these wonderful women who made up our committee. There were many things to be learned about the way the committee functions, and a great deal of our time those two days was spent in learning about each other and telling of the activities and goals of our women's groups.

For two short days, we were together constantly (except for sleeping) and there was a great deal of Christian camaraderie. We learned to know each other quite well, and each of us had an opportunity to speak before the group. It was a humbling experience, since your editor was, in a very real sense, representing all of Seventh Day Baptist women. As I listened to each of those women who was representing her own convention, it was my prayer that I would do well for all of our women. They were all very receptive to each other.

So many wonderful thoughts were shared; so much real love shown; such a real desire to be friends together in our common cause; it was an unforgettable experience.

One of the committee members brought to us an adaptation of THE LORD'S PRAYER. Here it is:

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- You cannot say "Our..." if your life has but little space for other people and their needs.
- You cannot say "Our Father..." if you do not demonstrate this relationship convincingly in daily living habits.
- You cannot say "Who art in Heaven..." if all your interest and pursuits are based on earthly comforts and material things.
- You cannot say "Hallowed be Thy name..." if you are satisfied with things as they are.
- You cannot say "Thy will be done" if you are unwilling or resentful of having it change your life.

## NATIONAL AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION CONVENTION

You cannot say "On earth as it is in Heaven..." unless you are ready to give yourself to service here and now.

You cannot say "Give us this day our daily bread..." if you ignore the hunger and other needs of neighbors, near and far.

You cannot say "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..." if you harbor grudges and collect injustices.

You cannot say "Lead us not into temptation..." if you deliberately chose to remain in a situation in which temptation is likely to occur and overcome you.

You cannot say "Deliver us from evil..." if you are not prepared to stand for righteousness and justice for others.

You cannot say "Thine is the kingdom..." if you fear what neighbors and friends might say.

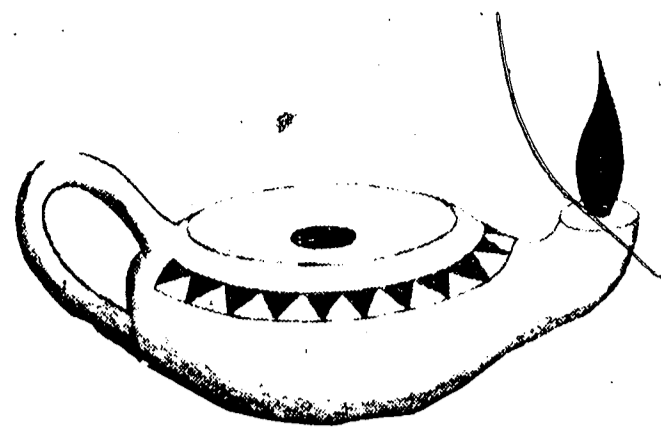
You cannot say "Thine is the power..." if you do not open your heart to receive the power of God in Jesus Christ and use that power through loving others.

You cannot say "Thine is the glory..." if you are seeking your own glory first.

You cannot say "Forever..." if you are anxious about each day's affairs.

You cannot say "Amen" unless you can honestly say "Cost what it may this prayer, as taught by Jesus, is a conscious act of opening up myself to the power of His Spirit."

The newly-elected president of N.A.B.W.U. (or Nay-boo, as we learned to call it) is a pastor's wife of a large church in Kansas City, and the first black woman to hold this office. She presided with courteous firmness and made us all so welcome, that we immediately began a delightful sharing experience. On Tuesday evening we were instructed to dress in our very prettiest dresses, and we were invited over to her church to dinner. When our afternoon sessions were over, we did dress up in our long dresses, and we were taken by bus to the St. Stephen's Church. There we were fed in the most sumptuous style you can imagine. After this meal was over, we struggled to our feet and were led into the beautiful sanctuary where we were seated on the very front row, all 29 of us. There we experienced the beauty and skill of a 120 voice choir as they performed for us and a gathered congregation of perhaps 400 or 500 people. It was an evening prepared just for our committee, and it did much to honor our president, Marina Bell Williams. We are indeed privileged to be associated with these people and to share with them our witness for the Sabbath and for our Lord Jesus. □



Thy Word is a light...

# SPECIAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Plans for Pre-Cons, Associated Conferences, and Sabbath School classes at General Conference in Houghton are being finalized. Your experience at Conference will be enriched if you plan to attend the activity planned for your age group.

## PRE-CONS

**FAMILY CAMP** August 3-6, 1978

Place: Camp Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N.Y.  
Theme: THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY: "GOD'S GOOD NEWS"

Staff: Directors — Donald and Jean Pierce  
Lecturer and Discussion Leader:  
Rev. Victor Skaggs  
Devotions: Mrs. Madge Sutton  
Recreation: Ronald and Luan Ellis  
Sabbath School Lesson: Rev. Albert Rogers  
fee: Adults (19 and older) \$18.00  
Youth (12-18) 14.00  
Children (2-11) 10.00

## YOUNG ADULT

August 2-6, 1978

Place: Alfred University Campus, Alfred, NY  
Registration: The Alfred Seventh Day Parish House  
West University St., Alfred

Theme: "DON'T SLEEP THROUGH REVOLUTION"  
Staff: Directors: Elmo and Madeline Randolph  
Worship: Rev. Russell and Mrs. Paula Havens  
Music: Stephen Thorngate  
Fee: \$50.00 (All persons between the ages of 18 and 35)

## YOUTH PRE-CON RETREAT

August 2-6, 1978

Place: Alfred University Campus, Alfred, NY  
Registration: The Alfred Seventh Day Parish House  
West University St., Alfred

Theme: "HOW DOES A MAN BECOME WISE?"  
Staff: Directors: Douglas and Karen Payne  
Teacher, Leader of the Sabbath: Rev. Paul and Muriel Osborn  
Music: Mrs. Lisa Thorngate, (MUSICAL "THE FAMILY OF GOD")  
Fee: \$50.00 (all persons between the ages of 15-18) □

THE ADULT SABBATH SCHOOL CLASS will be divided into thirteen sections, each section discussing the relationship of an Interest Committee in relation to the Conference theme.

THE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CLASSES will be organized and located by Associated Conference groups.

### Associated Conferences for Children

Kindergarten — Earl and Dianne Hibbard, directors  
theme: "The Basic Fruit: LOVE"  
Primary — Socrates Thompson, director  
theme: "God Loves"  
Junior — Susie Pinder, director  
theme: "The Music Machine"  
Junior High — Robert Van Horn  
theme: "The Music Machine," a study of fruits of the Spirit through songs and activities.

Associated Conferences will have a sharing time Sabbath afternoon. □

### YOUTH CONCERNS

In response to needs expressed by Youth at the 1977 Conference, a Senior High Associated Conference for ages 15-18 will be held at Houghton this summer.

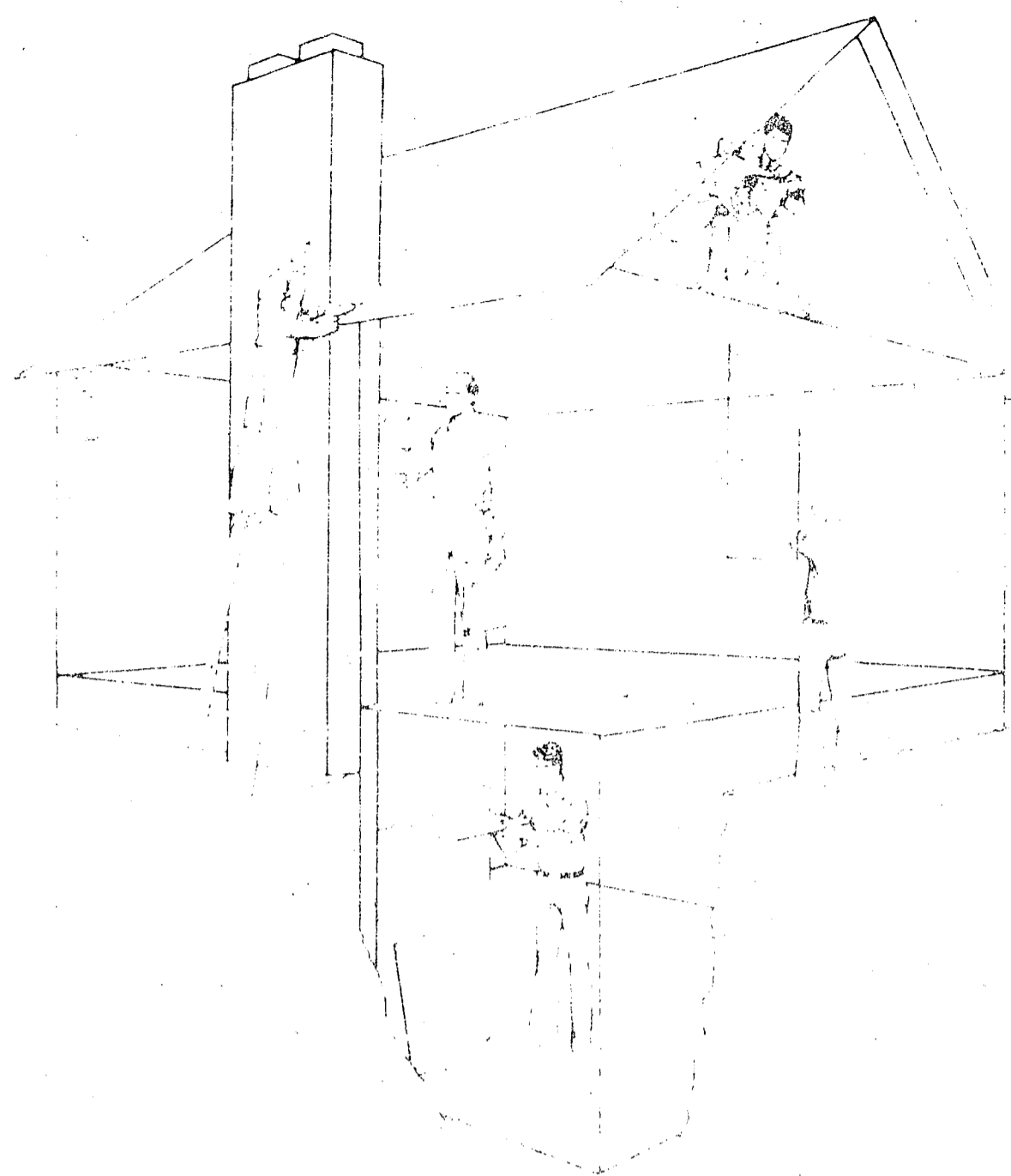
Joyce Lyons, the director, has planned an interesting and varied program around the theme, "In Everything We Do, Give Thanks." This program includes Bible study, learning activities, attending Interest groups and an all-day visit to Letchworth Park, returning in time to attend the special feature program in the evening.

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The National Youth Fellowship officers have worked with special Staff at Houghton to provide recreation after the evening meetings:

- Sunday: Business meeting
- Monday: Sports night
- Tuesday: 6:00 Banquet and speaker  
Hike and bonfire
- Wednesday: All day trip to Letchworth Park  
Evening speaker — sports figure —  
Coffee House
- Thursday: to be announced
- Friday: Youth prepare for the Sabbath  
AFTER THE SABBATH NIGHT:  
YOUTH CELEBRATION □

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There was a house to be built.  
All agreed.  
The need.  
The location.  
The resources.  
Even the builder.

But, he had no real experience in building. True, he had books on the subject. True, he had talked with others about such a job.

But he had never done it.

Yet, he did sense the need and wanted, as much as anyone else, to see it done. Thus he had bought some tools—hammer, saw, even a power saw (in spite of the fact that there was no electric power "on site"). He shared his vision, his interest, his committal to see that house built. But...?

A young man joined into these group discussions one day. He was "new" and many hardly knew his name. Few knew his background, his family. But he was welcomed, to a point. As interest, theory and sharing of how others had built filled the hour this young man was receptive and strangely silent. Then, just before the set time for closing, he asked, "And when do you plan to begin?" Each looked to the other for someone to answer.

"I'm ready" he said. "Can I meet someone? I'm willing to help!" But, all without exception made excuse. Previous plans. No experience. Did not fully agree on the plan. They thanked the young man, invited him back to their next regular meeting, and adjourned.

*Could this really have happened?*

Perhaps. Several churches have small groups called "Growth Forces." They have met for some time to review needs, possibilities, sites, types of "buildings," methods of "construction," and how others are doing it. Some, like the young man express their commitment, "I'm ready." But what then?

These are day of real opportunity! These are days when eyes have been opened. Expectations are there. Even the need(s) have been identified. "Tools" are in hand. But...?

Many God grant that Church Growth -- a viable and working plan in countless churches across our land and around the world -- will not be just another "unworkable program" (in some people's thought). It can be the beginning of a NEW YOU! A NEW MINISTRY! A NEW CHURCH! AND OTHER NEW CHURCHES TOO! Is this your prayer? Your commitment? Your working experience? *It can be.* □

## BUILDING

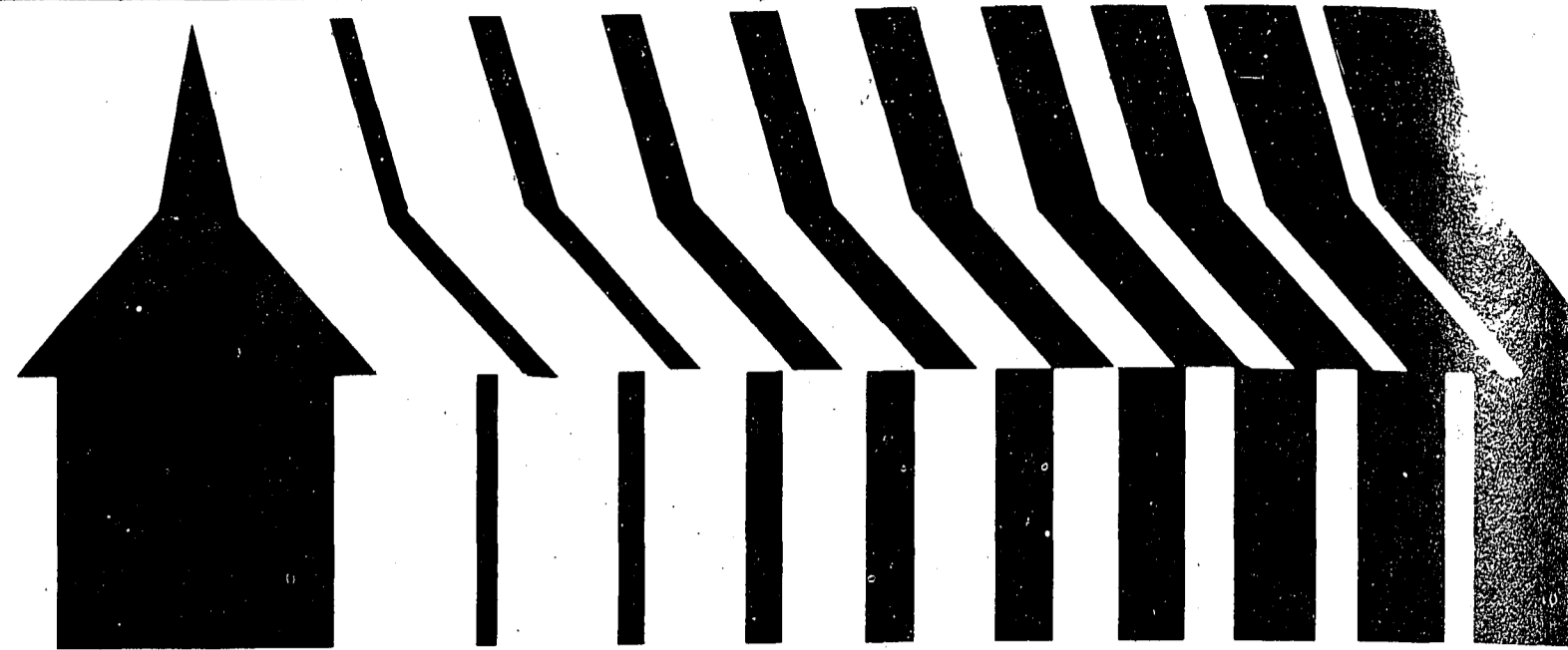
by Rev. Leon R. Lawton

**THE LORD... IS NOT  
WANTING ANYONE TO PERISH,  
BUT EVERYONE TO  
COME TO REPENTANCE.**

2 PETER 3:9 (NIV)



## ADVENTURE IN GROWTH



by K. D. Hurley

Exciting! Rewarding! Spiritually invigorating!

These and many other adjectives are being used to describe an encouraging new "adventure in growth" among Seventh Day Baptists.

Within the past months, there have been —

- more fellowships formed,
  - more churches established,
  - more students studying the ministry,
  - more pastors ordained
- than at any other comparable period of time since the turn of the century.

There is evidence, through the growth studies in our churches, that more and more people are actively engaged in searching the Scriptures; are earnestly seeking to discover and utilize their God-given "gifts"; and are experiencing spiritual renewal. Underlying such developments is certain to be — and must continue to be — strong pastoral leadership and devoted lay participation.

Skepticism regarding our denomination's ability to grow is slowly, but surely, being dispelled. How do we now capture the spirit of bold new adventure and really capitalize on our growth potentials? By reviewing the experiences of other groups, some revealing hints can be discovered.

Dr. O. D. Emery, general secretary of Church Education in the Wesleyan Church, recently conducted a survey of the 50 fastest growing churches in that denomination and reported his findings in the March/April issue of CHURCH GROWTH: AMERICA.

Three basic areas of strength, he indicated, appear consistently in churches experiencing growth. These are attitudes, leadership, and outreach.

In these categories, he emphasizes the following points:

### ATTITUDE STRENGTHS:

"A good congregational climate is much more important than eloquent preaching or an attractive building...A growing congregation understands that God expects their church to reach the lost with the gospel....We desperately need a **growth conscience.**"

### LEADERSHIP STRENGTHS:

"Growing churches have purposeful, goal-directed, achievement-oriented leadership. Some of this leadership must necessarily be found in the pastor. However, all growing churches have strong lay leadership, as well....As the leadership nucleus seeks to know what God intends for their church, they find themselves extended in vision, humbled by

grace, and committed to serve as stimuli for the entire congregational body in their efforts to be effective stewards of Christ's Great Commission."

### OUTREACH STRENGTHS:

"In a growing church the method is never considered as important as the task. Under God, a healthy church possesses a growth conscience which prompts it to 'Outreach at all costs,' and then find the methods that will be most successful....A growing church does not content itself to sing 'Rescue the perishing, care for the dying...' as a prayer to God, but rather as instruction and challenge to itself with God's guidance, concerning its own sacred duty."

With reference to the **fastest growing churches**, Dr. Emery highlighted the discovery "that they vary greatly in size, location, facilities, and approaches.... It means that churches are growing in size in rural areas as well as large cities, in the South and in the North, in the West and the East. Growing churches are comprised of business executive as well as farmers, high income as well as low income laity. There are white churches, as well as minority churches experiencing growth."

"We also discovered," he concluded, "that doctrine does not, in and of itself, either contribute to or hinder growth at the local church level. Growth seems to be more related to the broader issue of evangelism and the application of principles of growth by the local church constituents."

All of this should be encouraging to Seventh Day Baptists and helps to validate the growth principles we have been learning and putting into practice.

Equally confirming are "common denominators for both church and individual growth" as revealed in an extensive study made by Seventh-day Adventists among 3,217 members in 28 of their churches. Six rapidly growing churches in the study all had "a deeply consecrated and committed laity."

The writer of the report, Dr. Gottfried Oosterwal, professor of Mission and of Comparative Religion at Andrews University, in the June 1978 issue of MINISTRY indicates that "contrary to the general belief that these lay members should be involved in the 'official' program of the church in order to make the church grow, the findings show that the success of the laity as a factor in soul winning comes through *spontaneous witnessing* — believers giving an account of their faith in their daily lives and contacts with people at work and in society.

"One of the most urgent tasks of the church, therefore, is to stimulate and to prepare the church membership for this roll of spontaneous witnessing, according to their particular spiritual gifts, interests, and special talents. Lay training should be built on the diversity of the gifts that characterize each local church."

"All the growing churches," Dr. Oosterwal concludes, "were, indeed, churches with a very warm fellowship, stimulated by both the minister and the believers."

Of course, not all churches in any denomination — nor all individuals within those churches — are growing. But most Seventh Day Baptists, along with many other Christians, I believe, really "have a deep desire to serve God and to use their many spiritual gifts, their talents, and their funds to accomplish the task for which God has called them."

So, it behooves us to continue to organize workshops in church growth; to establish growth forces in our churches; to utilize our trained and experienced growth force leaders; to set realistic growth goals; and to pray and work for growth.

If we devote proper attention to it, utilizing our talents, our energies, and our resources effectively, our *adventure in growth* will surely continue. We will set new records and be inspired to shout out, even more joyfully, our praises to the Lord.

Hallelujah! □



## Christ Commissions

Me

"Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples; baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."

Matt. 28:19-20 TEV

*You shall be witnesses for me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8b TEV.*

The Commission of Jesus Christ comes to me even as it comes to you as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

How do I fulfill this commission?

1. I fulfill this commission first of all by the life that I live. This is the most important witness that I can make. I can also share with others what Jesus means to me.
2. I can share in the fellowship and witness of the local church. Our gathering together in worship shares our faith. The love which I share with members of the church is a fulfillment of the Commission of Jesus Christ. As I support the local church with my time, my talent and my substance I help fulfill this commission.

3. There is a wider aspect to this commission, an aspect wider than I am able to personally attend to. Yet working with others this part of the Commission of our Lord can be met also. God gives different gifts to different persons. I cannot do everything by myself. Working through Seventh Day Baptists and through the support of Our World Mission, I can print materials for witness and study, I can support leadership in various areas: new churches, small churches, other lands, I can provide training for Christian service. I can do this because you are working with me, and together with God and the Holy Spirit we can fulfill the commission of Jesus Christ.

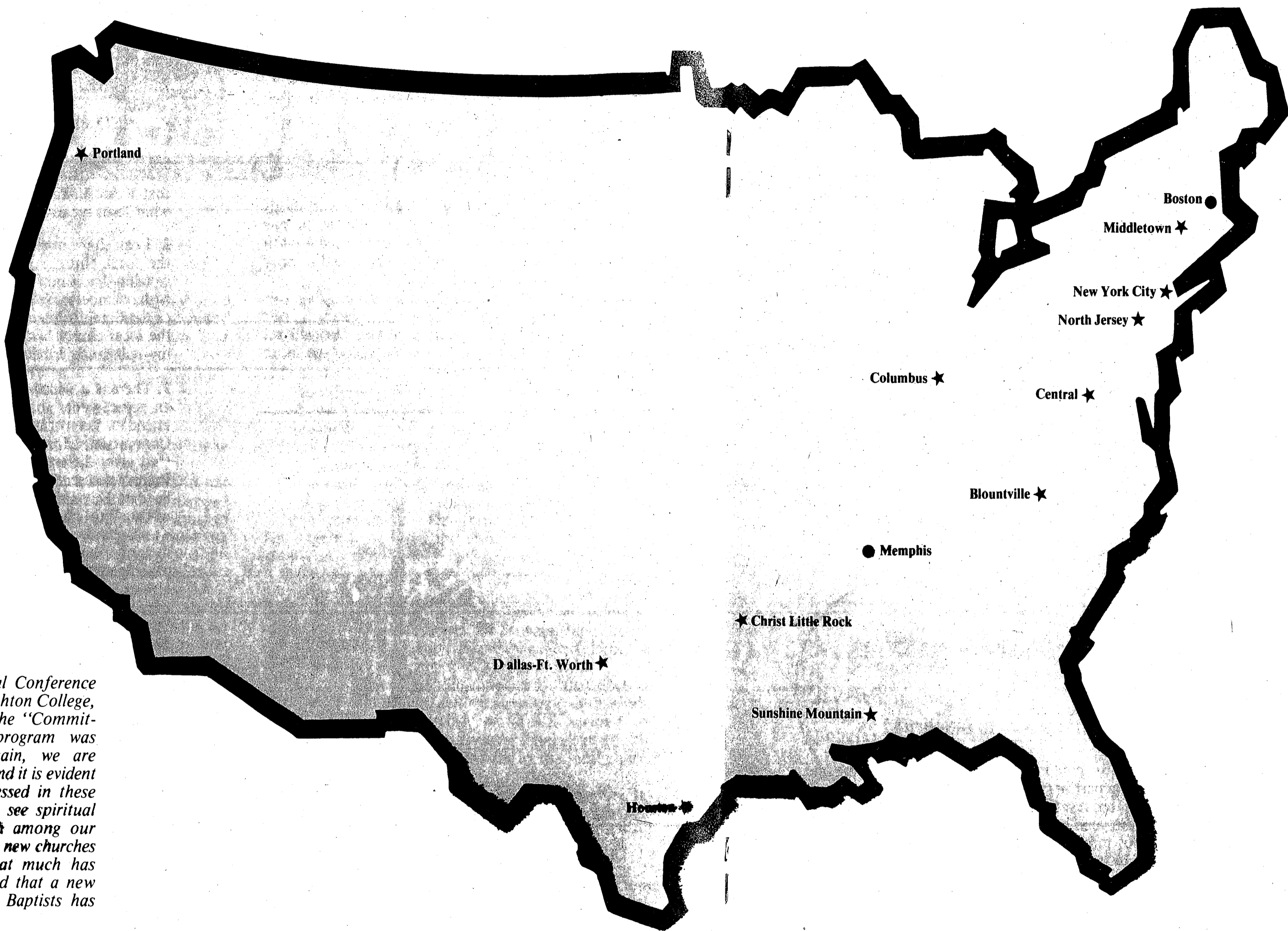
In fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission, I return to God what I can do through my own personal witness; through the use of my time, talent and material possessions. The Commission extends to the ends of the earth, and I am limited by the time and ability to be in many places. Yet I have a part in the wider ministry by my commitment and my willingness to give of that which God has prospered me in fulfilling this part of Christ's Commission.

My support of the Seventh Day Baptists' OUR WORLD MISSION extends my witness, my response in service.

We have the joy of fellowship and filling at Conference time. In response to the joy that I know in Christ and Christian fellowship, I am going to give an extra offering in August which says **THIS IS MY LOVE OFFERING TO CHRIST AND HIS WORK!**

**WON'T YOU JOIN ME?** Together we will feed the roots so that an abundance of good fruit will be borne.

# SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST COMMITTED TO GROWTH



*NEW CHURCHES — 1976*

- North Jersey  
Basking Ridge, NJ
- New York City  
Bronx, NY

*NEW CHURCHES — 1977*

- Columbus, Ohio
- Sunshine Mountain  
Chatawa, MS

*NEW CHURCHES — 1978*

- Central Church  
Upper Marlboro, MD
- Christ Church  
Little Rock, AR
- Dallas - Ft. Worth, TX
- Houston, TX
- Middletown, CT
- Portland, OR
- Upper East Tennessee  
Blountville, TN

*NEW GROUPS — 1978*

- Boston, MA
- Memphis, TN

*In 1976 the General Conference met in session at Houghton College, N.Y., at which time the "Commitment to Growth" program was introduced. Once again, we are meeting at Houghton and it is evident that the Lord has blessed in these past two years as we see spiritual and numerical growth among our people. A listing of the new churches and groups reveal that much has been accomplished and that a new day for Seventh Day Baptists has dawned.*

**Share God's vision for growth that the world might be saved.**

New registration forms are being used this year which can be used either by individuals or by families. It is no longer necessary for each person in a family to fill out a registration form, but one family can use just one form. In the case of family registrations, the number of people taking advantage of a particular package (room and board) arrangement should be written in the appropriate box.

There is real advantage to PRE-REGISTERING and PRE-PAYING before getting to Conference. This will greatly speed up the registration process for you, shortening what could be an hour plus of waiting in line to a short process of having your pre-registration confirmed and receiving a packet already prepared for you. This packet will contain your room assignment, meal ticket, and other materials you will be needing for Conference. BE SURE TO PRE-REGISTER EARLY.

There are a limited number of camping spots available on the Houghton campus. These are offered on a first-come first-served basis. As of this writing, three of these spots have already been requested. Additional camping off the campus is also available, but arrangements there must be made by the camper directly with the desired camping facility.

No confirmation of pre-registration will be done unless specifically requested. If you wish a confirmation, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Confirmation will only be made prior to July 15.

When you pre-register, pay special attention to these points:

1) The registration fee is NOT included in the package deal. Be sure to add it in.

2) Registration and package deal costs for youth 11-16 are less and for children under 10 are considerably less. There will be nursery services available the major portion of each day. Don't be afraid to bring your family and enjoy Conference.

3) You don't have to worry about whether you managed to get one of the air-conditioned rooms or not. All rooms are comfortable and none are air-conditioned.

4) Conference registration costs for those attending Pre-Con are less.

5) Be sure to include your check made out to "SDB GENERAL CONFERENCE HOST COMMITTEE."

6) Be sure to add correctly and send the correct amount. This is a common

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**DISPLAYS**

*Who are you? Where are you? What are you doing? These and other questions can be answered in an informative, interesting and creative way through a booth at General Conference. We have had many interesting booths in the past that made the work of many groups much more meaningful than just reading about them. There is still time to put together an exhibit. You may want to tell us what you are doing or perhaps you have a message for us or some literature you want to make available. The exhibit booths are being coordinated by the Schenectady SDB Church. If you need some space, please contact:*

*Mr. Gordon Kilts  
West Mountain Road  
Glen Falls, New York 12801  
How many tables will you need?  
Tables will be supplied by the college. You will need to supply everything else for the exhibit. If you have any special needs such as electricity, let us know. □  
See you at Conference.*

*-Gordon Kilts, Chairman*

**GENERAL CONFERENCE GEMS\*\***

The 1978 sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference are just around the corner. Meeting together in Houghton, New York, Seventh Day Baptists from all over the country will convene to celebrate, worship, study, transact business, and fellowship. Under the able leadership of President Richard Shepard, the experience promises to be an exciting one. Arrangements are being made by the Eastern Association. Every effort is being made to assure each Conference delegate of sufficient comfort in all areas of the hosting arrangements. Included here, are items of interest for your thought and consideration. JOIN US, WON'T YOU, AT THE 1978 GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS IN HOUGHTON, NEW YORK. □

*-Herbert E. Saunders, Chairman*

\*\*Otherwise known as "Herb's Blurbs"

**CHILDREN — RECEPTIONS**

Attention — parents of young children — come and enjoy taking part in Conference this year! Yes, you can take part, because your little ones can be cared for. They'll be in good hands. There will be two staff members to care for infants in one room. Right across the hall there will be two more staff members to care for the older children (1-4). The hours for the nursery are: 9-12, 1:30-4:30, and 7-9.

This committee is also making arrangements for the President's Reception on Sunday evening and coffee hours for the other nights. All physical arrangements are being made for the week's meetings. □

*-Philip S. Bond, Chairman*

mistake in pre-registering, and will add to your time of registration when you arrive at Conference. Double check your addition. □

*-Dale E. Rood, Reg. Chm.*

**SEE YOU  
AT HOUGHTON  
AUGUST 6-12**

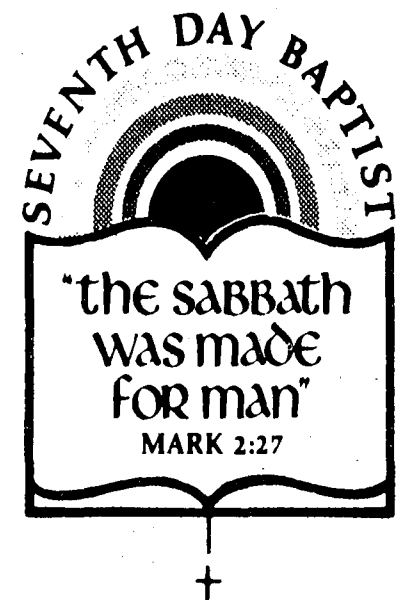
The Sabbath Recorder

**SELECT ONE OF THESE FOUR LOGOS  
TO REPRESENT  
SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS**



Logo used for many years. The torch is symbolic of light — the Good News of Jesus Christ, and of the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath. The shield stands for faith — knowledge and use of the Word in passing the light to other people, generations and nations transcending barriers of education, nationality, language and race.

The open Bible expresses SDBs' reliance on Scripture as the infallible source of all truth and wisdom. Undergirding the whole structure is the Cross of Christ. From that foundation, the enterprise expands ever upward and outward in witness for Christ. The rising sun indicates the beginning of growth; the arching rays represent the outreach of evangelistic influence into society at large. The sun is also reminiscent of Creation, reminding us of the God-ordained, recurring Sabbatical cycle of rest and recreation which links Seventh Day Baptists with the Biblical base for Sabbath observance.



The empty cross stands for Christianity and the central place of Jesus Christ in the Christian faith. The dove symbolized the peace that the cross will bring by the gift of the Holy Spirit. The sunrise represents the new dawn for Seventh Day Baptists and is reminiscent of Creation and the recurring Sabbatical cycle taught in the Scriptures. The circle represents God's love — without beginning or end, and is large enough to include all who respond in life-giving faith in Jesus Christ.

The circle represents universal harmony in Jesus Christ. The seven-sided polygon symbolizes the seven days of the week with the "Creator's Sabbath" as the base, as well as of the Christian shield of faith. The leaning cross represents Christ (His life, death, resurrection and coming again with power and glory), and the forward action of evangelism and missionary growth, and personal development.



**BE PREPARED TO OFFICIALLY ADOPT A LOGO  
AT THE 1978 SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE  
MEETING IN HOUGHTON, NY, AUGUST 6-12**

# the CHURCH in ACTION

## NEW YORK CHURCH CELEBRATES WITH CONCERT/BANQUET

BRONX, NY — The New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its anniversary with a concert and banquet on April 30, 1978, at the Savoy Manor in the Bronx. This second annual event was a time of fellowship and renewal as some 170 members and friends gathered.

The opening prayer was given by Historian Thomas L. Merchant of Plainfield. The prayer was followed by opening remarks and the presentation of the chairman for the day by the Rev. Henry A. Grant, associate pastor of the church. The chairman for the concert was John D. Bevis, editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*, who along with Dean Herbert E. Saunders, was instrumental in the organization of the church.

The main address was given by Mrs. Iris King, a former Mayor of Kingston, Jamaica, and currently director of personnel for Beth Abraham Hospital in New York. Musical selections were provided by: Philip Bailey, Pat Thompson, Millicent Callendar, Larry Walters, Beverly Powell, and Gia Williams. The choir from the Toronto, Canada, SDB Church also provided several selections. A large group of the Canadian brethren had participated in the church services the previous day.

Following remarks by the Rev. Socrates A. Thompson, pastor of the church, the benediction was given by the Rev. D. C. Flearey, pastor of Victory Tabernacle (Sabbatarian).

The New York City church is now holding services in their recently purchased building located in the Bronx at 1472 Ogden Avenue. When you are in New York they invite you to join them for Sabbath worship. □



Members of the Farina, IL, SDB Church gathered to wish "Godspeed" to Pastor and Mrs. Francis Saunders as they left southern Illinois to serve the Berea, WV, church.

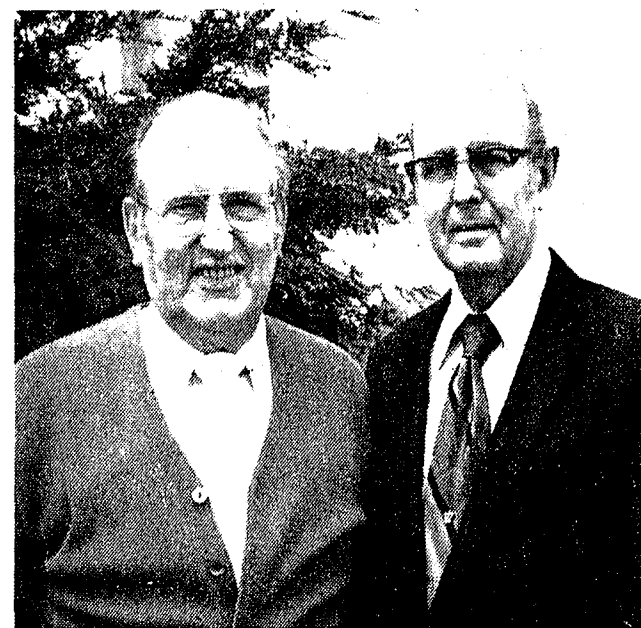
## FARINA CHURCH CONSECRATES "AMBASSADOR"

FARINA, ILL. — On Sabbath Day, May 6, Mr. Leigh Stewart, moderator of the church and retired construction man, was designated as "Ambassador" of our church. A service of consecration followed the message delivered by Pastor Francis D. Saunders on the theme, "ANANIAS — AMBASSADOR." Mr. Stewart will be serving as project director in the building of a new facility at "Sunshine Mountain," directing the work of an S.C.S.C. team assigned to help in this work. The Farina church is happy to endorse Leigh, a man of high Christian standards and faith, as he gives of his time and talents in this special area of dedicated service.

On Sabbath Day, May 20, a number of our people journeyed to Stone Fort, Ill., to help the church there celebrate its 107th Homecoming Anniversary. Pastor McSparin was in the hospital, having suffered a series of heart attacks; hence Pastor Saunders led in the morning worship service, bringing the message, "His Mind in You," and officiating at the celebration of the Lord's Supper. He and Mrs. Saunders brought the special music, "His Hand in Mine."

Pastor and Mrs. Saunders will be leaving Farina on May 28 to take up a new "retirement" position as pastor of the Ritchie S.D.B. Church at Berea, W. Va., and as resident manager of Camp Joy. □

"Ambassador" Leigh Stewart with Pastor Fran Saunders.



## CHURCH IS DENOMINATIONAL MELTING POT

DAYTONA BEACH, FL.—It has been a busy winter for the Daytona Beach church. Improvements to the church buildings, outreach through newspaper ads, annual Homecoming events, and growing participation in the total church program have highlighted the season.

New front steps, a wheelchair ramp, and railings make the entrance to the church safer and more convenient. The new lights installed in the church sanctuary improve the appearance and lighting within the sanctuary. Work has been done on the parsonage roof and wiring. A new heating and cooling system is being installed in the church and social hall to replace the old space heaters which gave out. We look forward to increased utilization of the church facilities with the convenience and comfort of the new heating and cooling system. Remodeling of one restroom added

some much needed space in the social hall. We appreciate the gifts and labor given so freely by the members and friends of our church. Without them, these improvements would not have been possible.

The church Aid had carpeting installed in the social hall, Congoleum in the kitchen and restrooms, and Astro-turf type carpeting at the entrances. The Church Aid sponsored a holiday bazaar and a spring rummage sale.

Many participated in the annual Homecoming events in March. Color slides of fifty-two past and present Seventh Day Baptist churches were shown, with the people present standing for the churches to which they had belonged. There were thirty churches represented by people present. Churches with five or more present other than Daytona Beach included Shiloh (10), Verona (9), Brookfield (8), Salem (7), Fouke, Milton, and North Loup (6 each). Daytona Beach seems to be the melting pot of our denomination.

Various people have written the ads now appearing in the local papers advertising our services and beliefs. The Communication Committee sponsors this outreach. The church sign on US 1 near the church has brought others to worship with us.

With reluctance the church accepted Pastor Van Horn's announcement of his resignation and retirement effective October 1. We are grateful for the twelve years Pastor Van and Erma have so effectively led us. We rejoice that they will remain active in the Daytona Beach church in their retirement. Their leadership has helped the steady growth of the church as it has progressed from a missionary pastor church of predominantly retired "winter" people to a self-supporting church with a growing number of permanent residents and a vision of outreach and continued growth. The church now seeks a new pastor to help us continue the work begun. □

-Janette Crouch

## MOTHERS HONORED

MILTON, WI — The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton celebrated Mother's Day on May 13 with the service oriented around the theme "Mothers, Families, Homes." The ladies of the Evening Circle provided daisies in white and pastel colors for

each girl and woman of the church. The morning services were followed by the monthly Meal of Sharing. The offering taken at the Meal of Sharing was for the support of the SCSC work.

After dinner, Pastor Cruzan read several selections from Leland Foster Wood's book, *Beatitudes for the Family*. He then honored mothers and homes in several categories. Those representing the newest home established were Brian and Robin FitzRandolph Bliese. The newest mother present was Lisa Thorngate, the oldest mother present was Mabel Nelson at 89. Mabel was also honored by having the most descendants present. Her family were all on the Meal of Sharing Committee. The couple married the longest were Stanley and Belva Fox with 56 years of married life. Leo Young had the most living descendants of anyone present with 33. The ladies were honored by flowers presented by Pastor Cruzan.

Our next Meal of Sharing will be held on June 17 during the SCSC training program. The project will be in support of Sunshine Mountain in its building program. We understand that an SCSC team will be working there this summer. □

## DOES YOUR WILL REFLECT GOD'S WILL

*Tulsa World* published the following amazing statistic, "Seven out of ten people who died during 1976 did not have wills." Approximately 1,900,000 Americans died that year, which means that 1,330,000 died without making a will. Certainly many of those 1,330,000 intended to make a will but put it off until it was too late. I am sure many of them were Christians who could have included a significant gift for the Lord's work.

If you have been thinking of making a will, or wondering about other plans that could help you fulfill your hopes and wishes for yourself, your family and the cause of missions, here is a simple first step.

Attorney Donald M. Graffius will be at General Conference at Houghton (Aug. 6-12, 1978) to assist individuals who want to plan to make "deferred" contributions for denominational work: wills, bequests, gift annuities, etc. The gifts of life are yours to share! □

## NEWS NOTES

● Elder J. A. Nieuwstraten, pastor of the church in Haarlem, has been elected president of the Conference of SDB Churches in the Netherlands.

● Gary Hemminger is serving the Seattle, WA, church as summer assistant pastor. He will be director of the Junior Counselor program, will assist with camp, and help lead summer neighborhood Bible clubs as well as serve as assistant to Pastor Duane Davis.

● Edwin Johnson of the Kansas City, MO, church and Leigh Stewart of the Farina, IL, church spent the month of May assisting in the building program at Sunshine Mountain in Mississippi. Work has begun on the building to house retarded children. The plans for the building were drawn by George Stillman of the Houston, TX, church.

● The Eastern Association has voted funds to assist in the development of a witness in the Boston, MA, area. If you have friends or relatives living in that area that you would like to have contacted, please send their address to Rev. Russell Havens, 118 Main Street, Westerly, RI 02891.

● Recent new contacts in Memphis, TN, have resulted in plans to seek to build a Fellowship in that city. Assistance for the new work is coming from Christ SDB Church in Little Rock, AR. If you have friends in the Memphis area, please share their names with Rev. James Mitchell, 5703 Chaucer Lane, Little Rock, AR 72209.

● The Youth Fellowship of the New Auburn, WI, S.D.B. Church sponsored a film "A Thief in the Night" which drew an audience of 132 to the church.

● The church in Houston, TX, sponsored a retreat May 13-14 at the Stillman ranch in Columbus, TX. President Richard Shepard was a recent speaker at the Texas church at which time he shared plans for Conference with the congregation.

# CHURCH ORGANIZED — PASTOR CAMENGA ORDAINED

A "Double-Feature Sabbath" was the exciting experience of Seventh Day Baptists who gathered in the area of Portland, Oregon, on June 3, to formally organize a new church and to call to ordination its pastor, C. Justin Camenga.

Justin and Sue Camenga and their two children came from Wisconsin to Portland, Oregon, in the fall of 1970. After a career in Army intelligence and public school teaching in special education, Justin enrolled in graduate studies in theological seminary in Portland, that year. At first, the Camengas made a round-trip of over 300 miles nearly every Sabbath to worship with the Seattle Area SDB Church, but after a couple of years decided to have family worship in their home, and to pray that God would lead others to unite with them. Through about six years, several friends have come and gone to the little "mission fellowship," but in 1975 the group found more stability and organized as a Branch Church of Seattle. Now four families meet regularly each Sabbath Day at the Camenga home in Portland, Oregon. They came to the decision this Spring that God was leading them to more formal organization and to call their leader to ordination as a Seventh Day Baptist minister.

Sabbath Day, June 3, dawned a beautiful, clear day in the Pacific Northwest. The "City of Roses" displayed its well-chosen nickname and the snow-capped volcano peaks and forests on the horizon helped the Seventh Day Baptists gathered there to proclaim the glory of God! The special all-day services were held at the Salvation Army Hall of Vancouver, Washington, across the Columbia River from Portland proper. Eighteen Seventh Day Baptists from the Seattle Area church joined the ten regular Portland Area people, along with representatives Alton Wheeler from Riverside, John Peil from Los Angeles, and Herbert Saunders from the Council on Ministry, Plainfield, N.J. Also present was Delfin Trujillo from the Bay Area of California.

After a fellowship hour, Justin Camenga led in a devotional worship service, and the formal organization of the Portland Area Seventh Day Baptist Church took place. Richard Steele, formerly a deacon of the Denver church, spoke, with a history of the formation of the group and its development to this decision to form a church and ordain a pastor. Larry Sanford, president of the Seattle Area church, told of the endorsement of this decision from the "mother church" and Pastor Alton Wheeler and others reported the support of the Pacific Coast Association and the greetings from denominational leaders. The church has prepared its statement of beliefs and covenant, and plans to leave its Charter Membership list open for several weeks to see if others would like to unite with the new church. The following eight people signed the Covenant on June 3: Claud Burson, Letha Burson, C. Justin Camenga, Eric Camenga, Steve Garritano, Susan Garritano, Richard Steele and Virginia Steele. (Justin and the Steeles will be joining by letter from the Seattle Area church; the rest have not been members of other SDB churches.)

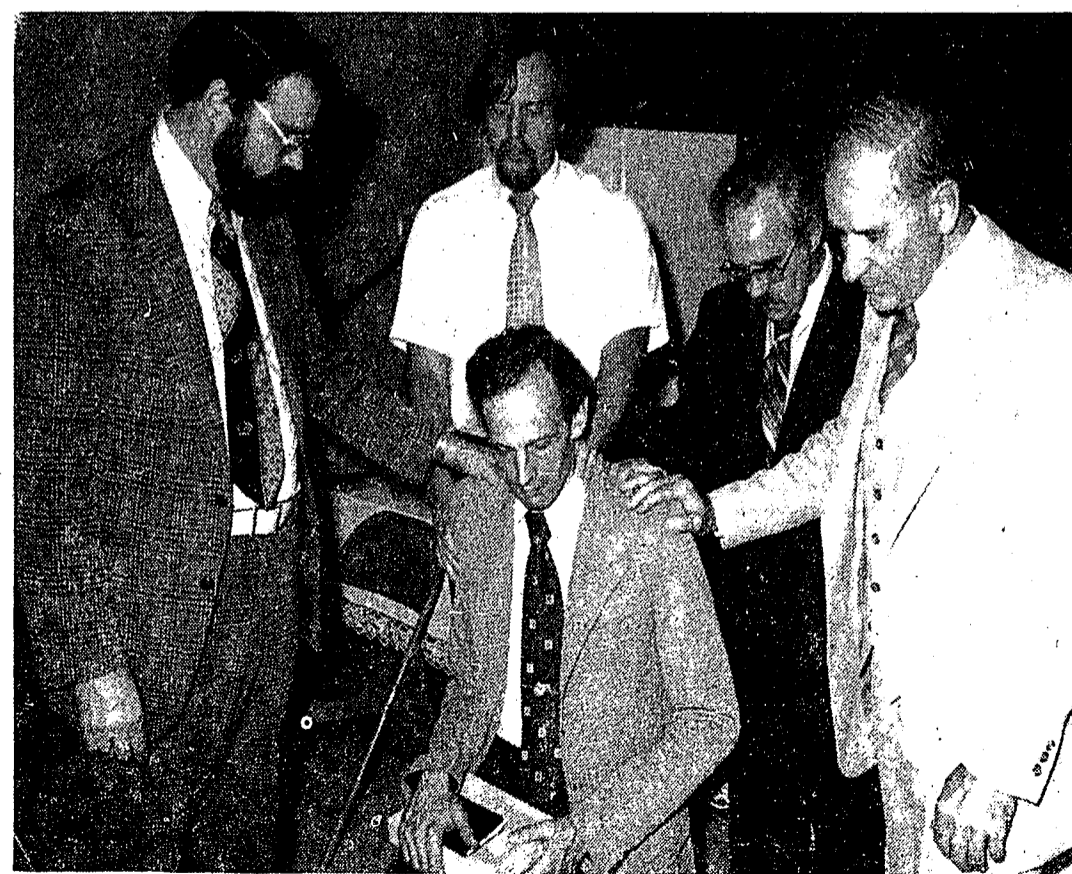
Pastor Duane L. Davis of Seattle, who has assisted the church in a small way on behalf of the Pacific Coast Association evangelism-outreach, gave the Dedication Prayer.

Following the church's organization, a council to consider the ordination of C. Justin Camenga was formed, including the members of the new church and representatives from other Seventh Day Baptist churches present. Richard Steele was chosen chairman and Letha Burson, clerk, for the day. Mr. Camenga gave a statement of his Christian conversion and experience and the factors in his life leading up to this time. After a bountiful fellowship dinner provided by the Portland Area church, the council resumed to hear the candidate's



Members and friends gathered on Sabbath June 3 to officially organize the Portland Area SDB Church. The church is an outgrowth of the work begun in Seattle some years ago. Let's praise God for this new church!

A service of ordination to the ministry was conducted by Dean Herbert Saunders for Justin Camenga, pastor of the Portland church. Assisting in the service were the Rev. John Peil, the Rev. Duane Davis and the Rev. Alton Wheeler.



Statement of Belief. After the Statement of Belief was given and questions were asked and discussed, the council retired to reach a decision in private. They soon returned to announce to the assembly that they had voted unanimously by secret ballot to proceed with the ordination at once.

The Service of Ordination was conducted by Dean Herbert E. Saunders, who gave a Charge to the Candidate. A Charge to the Church was presented by Dr. Alton L. Wheeler, and the prayer with laying on of hands was led by Rev. John M. Peil. Pastor Duane L. Davis then gave a Welcome to the Ministry, after which the Rev. C. Justin Camenga pronounced the benediction prayer.

Portland, Oregon, is one of the five major cities of the United States West Coast, and with its suburbs has over three-quarters of a million people. The members of the new church are enthusiastic about their opportunities for outreach and growth, and believe God has given them a fertile field for the gospel of Christ as understood and practiced by Seventh Day Baptists. The four families now regularly represented live in an area covering about thirty miles in Oregon and Washington State, and they visualize that God may be leading to several potential areas for new churches in the days ahead. Their immediate goals include finding a public place for worship, further advertising and follow-up, incorporation in the state of Oregon, and becoming a member of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, as they seek for new ways to witness and serve the Lord in their region. □

-Duane L. Davis

## BLESSINGS ABOUND IN JERSEY CHURCH

SHILOH, NJ — Our Shiloh SDB Church has been blessed with so many special events added to our regular busy schedule that finding time to write about them is sometimes difficult.

Spiritually, we were lifted up at Easter by our choir's performance of Gaithers' and Huff's "Alleluia" led by Jane Jernoske; by the Easter sunrise service, despite the rain storm; and especially by the addition of fourteen new members — eleven by baptism, one by testimony and two by letter. Christian Family Day saw seven babies and youngsters dedicated to God.

Musically, we have been inspired by presentations, mostly at Friday evening services, by soloist Dan Chroniger, by Marietta Gray Fansler with original songs and her own paintings to illustrate each, by the Light Bearers, and by the New Joy Singers, a group sponsored by South Jersey Youth for Christ.

Socially, barbershop music was enjoyed at the Men's Fellowship Sweetheart's Night for Valentine's Day; exercise was available at the church skating party; and Perry Cain, our Youth Worker, was thoroughly surprised and pleased by the arrival of his fiance, Christina Rogers, at the All Church Social.

Physically, we have not been neglected either. Besides four Sabbath Emphasis dinners, our bodies have been sustained by a Mother-Daughter Banquet cooked and served by the Men's Fellowship, a Sports Banquet for those who participated in the Basketball League, a spaghetti dinner, a dime-a-dip dinner, and a soup supper.

The young people, not to be outdone, have presented a thought-provoking Sabbath Morning service, held a youth retreat, attended a Phillies ball game, an Anything Goes Party and an April Fool's Party. All the youth groups from three-year-olds to teens meet for an hour on Friday night and from this have grown many additional activities for each level.

We are thankful for the many life-enriching experiences that the church provides and for God's continuing guidance. □

-Cathy Dixon

## ATTENTION YOUTH

Suggested topics  
for Youth Fellowship  
Study for August

Bearing the Fruit  
Scripture — John 15: 1-18  
Matt. 5: 43-48  
Gal. 5: 23-24

Study book:  
Fruits of the Spirit  
Ron Hembree  
Baker Book House  
Grand Rapids, Mich.

## SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS 1978

*"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good, and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." -Jer. 29:11.*

### 1978 Workers

JoAnne Burdick  
Boulder, CO

John Lima  
Milton, WI

Christina Boyd  
New Enterprise, PA

Lori Mares  
Chetek, WI

Doneta Richards  
Bridgeton, NJ

Doreen Sanford  
Milton, WI

Rachel Drake  
Shinglehouse, PA

Laurie Horton  
Alfred Station, NY

Mark Jacob  
Pomona Park, FL

Karen Seager  
Little Rock, AR

David Thorngate  
Columbus, OH

Anmarie Johnson  
Milton, WI

Les Williams  
North Loup, NE

### 1978 Projects

S.D.B. Church  
New Auburn, WI

S.D.B. Church  
Battle Creek, MI

S.D.B. Church  
Paint Rock, AL

Sunshine Mountain  
Chatawa, MS

S.D.B. Churches  
Verona, NY  
DeRuyter, NY □

## HAVENS ORDAINED NEW CHURCH WELCOMED

The 140th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptists convened in Westerly, Rhode Island, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 19-21. Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Association president, called the meeting to order and presided over its various functions, including the business meeting which was held on Sunday morning, May 21. A large number of members and friends were in attendance from throughout the Northeast, plus delegates and visitors from other areas of the country.

Theme for the Association was, "Disciples — Chosen To Know, Committed To Grow, Commissioned To Show." At the opening service, Rev. Herbert Saunders, dean of the Center on Ministry, spoke. On Sabbath morning, Rev. Charles Bond, pastor of the Shiloh, NJ, SDB Church, presented the message. Sunday morning, following the business session, Rev. David Pearson, pastor of the Plainfield SDB Church, concluded the weekend by speaking on the third aspect of the theme.

Three special events highlighted the Association. Pastor Russell W. Havens, pastor of the host church, was ordained to the office of elder in the ministry of the church. Pastor Havens presented his statement of Christian experience and his doctrinal statement to the Ordination Council which met Sabbath morning. Following their questions and approval, he was ordained at 3:30 PM, Sabbath afternoon, May 20. Rev. Everett T. Harris offered the invocation. Rev. Donald Richards read 2 Timothy 4:1-8. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, chairman of the Council on Ministry, preached the sermon. Rev. Rex Burdick presented the candidate. Rev. Herbert Saunders presented the Charge to the Candidate. Deacon Maurice Young made inquiry of the candidate. Hiram W. Barber, III, president of the local congregation, made inquiry of the congregation. Rev. Charles Bond presented the Charge to the Church. Rev. Leon Lawton, joined by a large number of ordained persons, offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Dale Rood presented the Welcome to the Ministry. Mrs. Paula Havens sang two hymns chosen by Pastor Havens, "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Amazing Grace." Mrs. Kathy Miller was the organist.

The second special event of the weekend was a concert of sacred music presented by the Senior Choir of Victory Tabernacle Seventh Day Christian Church of New York City, directed by Mrs. Myrtle G. Phillips. The choir presented a variety of music which thrilled the congregations and brought it to its feet with a standing ovation at the conclusion.



Earl Stocking, Howard McAuliffe, and Paul Gawlak, officers of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel of Middletown, CT, were welcomed as representatives of the new member church in the Eastern Association by President Leon R. Lawton. The Pine Street Chapel has been an independent Sabbatarian church for over fifty years.

The third special event was the welcoming of a new church into the Association. Messrs. Paul Gawlak, moderator; Howard McAuliffe, secretary; and Earl Stocking, treasurer, of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel of Middletown, CT, were present and introduced themselves to the meeting. The moderator presented a letter of request from the Chapel for membership in the Eastern Association, and the request was granted by an unanimous rising vote with a round of applause. President Leon Lawton welcomed the three representatives and extended to them the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the Association.

A singspiration was led by Rev. Dale Rood and Mrs. Kathy Miller on Sabbath afternoon. In addition, various group meetings convened in the afternoon.

The entire weekend was filled with an air of expectancy, and as the Association concluded its business and worship it was felt that God had blessed in a "more abundant" manner than had been expected. Discipleship had taken on deeper meaning. □



Roberta (Mrs. Howard) Ellis, an active member of the Berlin, NY, SDB Church was elected president of the Eastern Association. The Berlin church will host the Association in 1979.

## BATTLE CREEK INVITES CONFERENCE-BOUND TO VISIT

Check out I-94 through southern Michigan and 401 and 2 through Canada as the shortest, quickest, most scenic, least expensive route (no tolls except the bridge or tunnel into Canada and the bridge into New York).

Spend the Sabbath before Conference begins as guests of the Battle Creek church at Camp Holston on beautiful Cotton Lake just three miles south of I-94. The camp has been reserved for your FREE use. (Please bring your own bedclothes and pillow.) The trip from Battle Creek to Houghton is eight hours driving time according to AAA.

Write ahead to the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, 196 N. Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49017 to insure your reservation or leave I-94 at Battle Creek's Capital Avenue exit, Exit 97, and call the church office (964-3124 day or night) or Arnold Davis, camp custodian (964-2800). Please indicate if you have your own travel trailer or tent that you plan to use or if you wish beds in the dorms and how many.

Join us for Sabbath morning worship and our meal of sharing following the worship service. Sabbath School is at 9:45, Church at 11:00. □

## PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION

RIVERSIDE, CA — The Pacific Coast Association convened at the Riverside SDB Church April 21-23 using the theme "Ye Shall Be Witnesses" which was a continuation of the Commitment to Growth program. It was a time when as an association we considered our commitment to growth and discussed the question, "Where do we go from here?"

Secretary K. Duane Hurley and his wife Shireen attended and shared denominational matters, music, and good fellowship with us. Representatives from Seattle, Portland, the Bay Area, and Los Angeles made for a lively, inspirational weekend enjoyed by all.

In the Sunday morning business meeting, the following programs and ideas were agreed upon:

1) The PCA is entering into the Missionary Pastor plan of the Bay Area Church by providing \$3,500

each year for three years.

2) In anticipation of hosting General Conference in 1982, a conference site committee will be selected.

3) The Portland Area Branch Church will become a member church of PCA at the same time it organizes as a church. (This was accomplished June 3, at which time there was an ordination service for Justin Camenga.)

4) It was agreed that the PCA endorse and encourage home mission endeavors helping with support to persons feeling the call of the Lord to serve in new areas of witness and service. A committee was appointed to establish guidelines, promote funds, and publicize this evangelistic approach. □

-Christine J. Davis

## MORE THAN A NAME

For many years TV viewers have enjoyed the game "To Tell the Truth." Interesting individuals are



## Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.

Rev. Francis D. Saunders  
Berea, W. Va.

● *Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.*  
(Romans 12:2)

● Through the years this verse has come to mean more and more to me; perhaps because I am aware of our natural tendency to mold the image of our Christian experience into that of the world in which we live. We are prone to pattern our witness to the standards set by the world. Our voices join the jargon of its language! We bounce to the beat of its rhythm! Somehow the level we thus reach conforms to that of the society in which we live when we really could and should be transformed in the "likeness of His dear Son." The "renewing of our minds" should lift us high above the level of the world and its passions, proving what is that "good and acceptable and perfect will of God." That proving can be taking place daily in our lives as we continue in the process of "being perfect, even as our Father in Heaven is perfect." This doesn't take place by conforming our standards to those of the world around us. When we finally come face to face with Him, we shall be like Him, not because He has changed and conforms to the world, but because we have been "transformed by the renewing of our minds." □

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEES SUPPORT RESTRUCTURING

The June 4 meeting of the Historical Society trustees endorsed proposed revisions of the General Conference bylaws which will create a Conference Council to replace the Commission and Planning Committee. The Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president, of Alfred Station, N.Y., said the proposals recognize the Historical Society as one of several agencies related to General Conference.

Thomas L. Merchant, historian, compared the new plan to the federal government in which there are allocations of responsibility and wide representation. Checks and balances protect essential principles, he pointed out, as well as our basic loyalties. Concern was expressed for mutual respect across the denomination and flexibility in future structure changes which may be necessary.

Frederik J. Bakker was recognized for his twenty-five years of service as a trustee of the Society. He and Mrs. Bakker also celebrated with a special cake at the buffet luncheon at Mr. and Mrs. Merchant's home for members of the Society following the meeting.

The annual Historical Society meeting, postponed from its usual date in May, reelected the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Richburg, N.Y., as a trustee for five years. He also was reelected treasurer. Mr. Rogers continues as president and other officers are Atty. Frederik J. Bakker, Plainfield, N.J., secretary, and the Rev. Everett T. Harris, Westerly, R.I., and the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, North Loup, NE, vice-presidents.

Commendation was voted for Miss Diane Thorngate, Monterey, CA, for her inventory of historical materials in the Milton, WI, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Miss Thorngate also assisted the historian as a dedicated worker in the Society vaults for several weeks last Fall.

Publishing the *Register of the Cohansy (Shiloh) Seventh Day Baptist Church* as edited by Ernest K. Bee, Jr., Upper Marlboro, MD, was noted. Sale of this publication has begun in South Jersey as a Sabbath School project, Merchant said, and will be opened to the public

shortly as a valuable eighteenth century research tool.

Accessions to the library were listed in the annual statement to General Conference approved by the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. North were introduced as Life Members and a number of new, active members were noted.

### IN APPRECIATION

Whereas **FREDERIK J. BAKKER** has completed 25 years of service to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, as Trustee and Recording Secretary since 1952; and

Whereas his service to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination has extended well beyond his work with the Historical Society to include:

35 years as a Trustee of the American Sabbath Tract Society, from 1931 to 1965, during which time he assumed ever-increasing responsibility, including the office of President, and

10 years as Trustee and Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, from 1968 to the present; and

Whereas these many years of often concurrent service total more than 70 man-years of voluntary labor on behalf of Seventh Day Baptists; therefore

Be it resolved, that the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society takes the opportunity of its annual meeting to express its profound gratitude to **FREDERIK J. BAKKER**.

On the 4th day of June, 1978,  
-Albert N. Rogers, Pres. □

### TRANSPORTATION — IT'S A LONG WALK

From Houghton to the Buffalo Airport is roughly 65 miles. It is a long walk, and I hate to think of a taxi fare for such a trip. So if you are not a marathon runner (or walker) nor have money to spend on a taxi (if you do have money to spend on a taxi let us know your arrival time and give your money to OWM), don't fail to put your travel arrangements on your registration form for Conference. The most convenient airport to Houghton is Buffalo, New York, so if at all possible plan to fly into Houghton International

(really the name of Buffalo International Airport) and let your transportation committee know your plans or else you may discover the truth of the statement "It's a long walk."

When you get into the Buffalo Airport, if your scheduled time was on your registration form and you requested to be picked up, or if you have made other arrangements with the transportation committee, please wait by the luggage pick-up for your driver. (If you see some kook running around jumping over things, get out of his way. He is a big, hefty football player and could hurt you especially if it required his doing it again for a retake of the commercial.) There are two terminals at Buffalo, but never fear, the name of the airline you fly with will let us know where you will be.

If you are in need of special arrangements for your arrival at Houghton College, please indicate these arrangements on your registration blank, or notify (before July 30):

Pastor Gordon Lawton  
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401-377-4637 or 401-377-2123  
For assistance on Sunday, August 6, or during Conference week, call SDB registration at Houghton College, 716-567-2211. □

-Gordon P. Lawton, Chairman

### ACCESSIONS

BOULDER, CO  
Elmo F. Randolph, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Carol (Mrs. Lon) L'Heureux  
Bruce Buchanan  
Sanja Severance  
Calvin Walker  
Jerienne (Mrs. Calvin) Walker

CHRIST CHURCH  
LITTLE ROCK, AR  
John Camenga, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Frank S. Blackwood, Jr.

By Testimony:  
Sandra L. (Mrs. Wm. E.) Schoffner  
William E. Schoffner  
William E. Schoffner, III

### VOCATIONS BULLETIN BOARD

We invite our readers to share job opportunities, desires, items of interest, etc., through our *Vocations Bulletin Board*.

### MARRIAGES

BURDICK-BURDICK.-Kenneth B. Burdick, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick of Milton, Wis., and Ruth Elynn Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wendell Burdick of DeRuyter, N.Y., were united in marriage April 9, 1978, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, DeRuyter, N.Y. The Rev. C. Rex Burdick, uncle of the bride, and Pastor Helen R. Green officiated. The Burdicks will reside in Morristown, N.J. where he will serve as pastor of the North Jersey S.D.B. Church.

KERSTEN-SHAW. — Rinald John Kersten, of Janesville, Wis., and Teresa Lynn Shaw of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on May 20, 1978 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating. They are making their home in Janesville.

REICHERT-KEOWN. — Robert Charles Reichert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reichert, Milwaukee, Wis., and Miss Colleen Keown, daughter of Mrs. Cecil Severance, were united in marriage in the North Loup, Nebr., Seventh Day Baptist Church, on May 6, 1978. Pastor Victor Skaggs of the North Loup Church officiated. The couple will reside in Portland, Oregon.

RICE-BURDICK.-Robert Terry Rice and Vicki Lynn Burdick, both of Westminster, Colorado, were united in marriage at the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 15, 1978. The bride's pastor, Edgar F. Wheeler, officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Burdick of Westminster, Colorado. They are residing in Austin, Texas.

### BIRTHS

PARMALEE. — A son, Michael Edgar, to Asahel F. and Annita (Wheeler) Parmalee of Westerly, R.I., on May 30, 1978.

RYSCHON. — A son, Benjamin Luke, born to John and Ruth (Soper) Ryschon of Ord, Nebr., on April 25, 1978.

SIGLEY.-A daughter, Lucille Ann, to Michael and Cindy Sigley of Longmont, Colorado, on March 11, 1978.

### OBITUARIES

ELLS. — Nina Palmiter, daughter of Fred and Jennie Palmiter, was born in Alfred Station, New York, October 21, 1890, died in Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, New York, June 2, 1978.

She was married to Cleon Ells. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Glennis Ricketts of Belmont, New York; two sons, Lewis of Hornell, New York, and Carl of Niagara Falls, New York; one sister, Mrs. Mida Odell of Andover, New York; and five grandchildren.

For the past ten years, Mrs. Ells had been a member longer than any other but one of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined the church in June 1904. She was a graduate of Alfred University, Class of 1917, and was a school teacher.

Funeral services were held in the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel officiating. Interment was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

-R.E.Z.

FOX.-Howard, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Fox, was born Sept. 3, 1893 at Flanders, South Dakota, and died at Gary, Indiana, on April 24, 1978. He was a former Milton, Wis., resident, graduating from high school and college there. He was married to Inez Hutchins who survives him. He is also survived by a son Arthur of Alberquerque, N. Mex., and a brother, Stanley, of Milton, Wis. Memorial services were held from the Marquette Park United Methodist Church, Gary, Ind., on April 27.

-E.C.

JENSEN. — Mrs. Bernice (Bond) Jensen died May 27, 1978 at the Rose of Sharon Nursing Home in St. Paul, MN, where she had resided for the past five years.

She was born August 11, 1925 in Dodge Center, MN, to Henry and Cora (Ellis) Bond. She was married to Harry W. Jensen on September 7, 1946 in Dodge Center. Since then they have made their home in the Minneapolis area, though she retained her membership in the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, James of Coram, NY, and Jerry of Blaine, MN; two daughters, Mrs. Thom (Judith) Carty of Ramsey, MN, and Mrs. Tom (Jeanne) Fasteland of Roseville, MN; two grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Harold (Leona) Bushaw of Superior, WI, and Mrs. Clare (Ardith) Greene of Dodge Center; two brothers, Claston Bond of Dodge Center, and Arthur Bond of Rochester, MN, and a host of friends.

Burial was in the Ft. Snelling National Cemetery.

-L.W.B.

LAYMAN. — Issac F. Layman was a native of Illinois, but he and his wife Teresa made their home for years in Brownsville, Texas, where we first met them. They had become converts to the Sabbath through contact with the Seventh-day Adventists, with whom however they could not join. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith. They first learned of Seventh Day Baptists through a listing of the Edinburg church in the telephone directory and frequently attended our services while Elder Clifford Beebe was pastor there.

He was a builder by trade, and in the course of his work made contact with members of the Seventh Day Church of Christ (Iglesia Bautista del Septimo Dia) of Mexico. He brought Brothers Elias Camacho and Jose Flores and wife to attend our annual Communion service at Edinburg, and later invited us to go with them to visit the headquarters church of the group at Madero, Mexico, resulting in Pastor Camacho's attendance at Ministers Conference at Battle Creek in 1965, and the affiliation of their group with the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation.

The Laymans later moved to Florida, and thence to McMinnville, Tenn., but kept their

interest in Mexico, returning every winter. They had just returned from there last winter when he died of pneumonia, Feb. 23, 1978.

Although keeping a lively interest in Seventh Day Baptists, they never united with us, but became members of the Church of God (Seventh Day).

-C. A. B.

PALMITER.-Miss Zada, daughter of Albert and Harriet Babcock Palmiter, was born in the town of Albion, Dane County, Wis., September 15, 1886, and died at Arbor View Health Center, Madison, Wis., May 6, 1978.

Miss Palmiter was a graduate of Albion Academy and an Edgerton area teacher for several years. Having graduated from Beloit Hospital School of Nursing, she was employed at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., for some time.

Zada was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church for seventy-six years. Surviving are nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held May 9, 1978, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion, with Rev. A.A. Appel officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery near Albion.

-A.A.A.

STUSSER. — Margaret Marschner, the daughter of Otto and Emma Marschner, was born April 1, 1905 in West Germany and died April 27, 1978 at New Haven, CT.

She was a non-resident of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church. She came to the United States in December 1928. She is survived by her two brothers, Eric and Ernst Marschner.

Funeral services were conducted in New Haven, CT, by her pastor, the Rev. John G. Schmid of Verona, NJ. Burial was at the Fairview Cemetery in New Britain, CT.

-J.G.S.

TODD.-Clark Milton, son of the late Lewis Edgar and Azelia Bernice Satterlee Todd, was born Dec. 7, 1881 at Brookfield, N.Y., and died April 30, 1978 at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis.

Clark went with his family to North Loup, Nebr., when he was four years old, later moving back to Brookfield. In 1922 he moved to Milton, Wis. where he spent the remaining years of his life, except for winters spent in Florida. Clark was married to Ruby Clarke in 1906. She died in Florida, Feb. 14, 1957. On Oct. 9, 1958 he was married to Mrs. Mabel Perry who also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his son, Loyal, and daughter Bernice, both of Milton, Wis., also a grandson, James Todd, and a granddaughter, Mrs. Patricia Jones. Memorial services were held from the Milton church by his pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, on May 7, 1978. Interment was in Milton Lawns Cemetery, Janesville, Wis.

-E.C.

WOODIN.-Walter Woodin, born August 2, 1907, died April 25, 1978 after a brief illness.

Walter was the son of Frank and Carrie Bliss Woodin. He was a lifelong resident in the Little Genesee area being baptized but never an official member of the Little Genesee SDB Church. Mr. Woodin was a graduate of Milton College, Westbrook Academy, and Syracuse College of Forestry. He is survived by several cousins. Burial was in the Little Genesee Cemetery with services being conducted by Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn.

-K.B.V.H.

# SALT SHAKERS FOR JESUS

The sun was up and so was Petey. From his top bunk he looked down at Clarence on the bottom. Clarence was wide-awake too. They grinned at each other and hopped out of bed. "One-Two-Three! Let's go!" exclaimed Petey. ZOOM! The two boys got dressed, made their beds, brushed their hair, and washed their faces in four minutes and twenty-seven seconds. (At least Petey did. Clarence had trouble getting his socks on right so he was just a few seconds slower.) They were excited because today was the first day of their vacation and they were going to Salt Lake in Utah.

When they arrived at the lake, Petey and Clarence could hardly wait to get wet. Neither of the boys had learned how to swim yet. Were they surprised to find themselves floating with ease in this lake! The salt in the water lifted them up. In the other lakes and pools the boys had been to, their feet always sank to the bottom. They really liked it here in Salt Lake.

On the way home that evening the boys talked and talked about how the salty water lifted them up. Clarence said, "Boy, I'm glad God decided to make salt. It does two things I like. It makes corn on the cob taste better and it lifts me up." Just then Dad chimed in and said, "You know boys, there's a verse in the Bible about salt. Jesus said it and it goes like this: 'Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?' (Matthew 5:13) That means that we are like salt when we have Jesus in our lives. Just like the salt in the lake lifts us up, we can lift up the spirits of other people when they feel badly. And just as salt makes food taste better, we can make life around us better by sprinkling Jesus' love everywhere. The verse goes on to say if we don't keep Jesus in our hearts, we won't be able to share Him with others. Then the world would be like corn on the cob without salt."

"WOW!" exclaimed Petey. "That would be awful! I'm going to keep Jesus in my heart so my salt shaker will always be full." □

-Susan Bond

## THE POWERFUL LITTLE FLY

The fly had just finished feasting on the carcass of a millipede. His tummy felt so full and good he wanted to fine someone to tease. Suddenly he spied Mr. Hippopotamus basking on a sunny sandbank. He buzzed past the lazy hippo's head, tickled his ear, and said, "Do you know I'm stronger than you are?"

The sleepy hippo answered, "Don't be ridiculous. Go away and leave me alone."

"If you don't believe it," teased the fly, "just wait around awhile and you'll see."

He buzzed into the hippo's ear. He tickled his nostrils. The hippo twitched his ears, tossed his head, sneezed, and finally got up and lumbered lazily off into the water where the fly couldn't bother him anymore.

"See. What did I tell you?" boasted the little fly, as he circled over the hippo a last time and headed back toward the forest. He was so happy he'd been born a strong little fly, and not a lazy hippo. All of a sudden BANG! He ran into a wall he couldn't see. It was springy and sticky. His feet got caught in it. He tried every way to get unstuck but couldn't. It was a spider's web.

Sometimes we feel quite proud of ourselves and boast about the big things we can do and the wonderful plans we have. Yet we never know what lies ahead for us. The Bible says, "Don't brag about your plans for tomorrow --wait and see what happens" (Proverbs 27:1).

By ourselves we have nothing to brag about. Every day of our life is a gift from God. □

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# Seventh Day Baptist Ministries and Outreach

## THINKING ABOUT GIVING...

The financial support of Christ's Kingdom upon this earth depends upon you and me. Jesus gave us a Commission "to go and make disciples." Jesus sent laborers out to share the message of the Kingdom and gave them instructions. Among the instructions He gave, He also made this statement found in Luke 10:7, "the laborer is worthy of his hire." He depends upon each one of us to support the laborers who serve His Kingdom as a vocation.

As Seventh Day Baptists, we do not demand a tithe for the work of God. This is not a prerequisite for being a member of the church or the denomination.

Paul speaks about giving in 2 Cor. 9:6-15. A key thought in this passage is, "Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly."

He also writes to Corinth another time: 1 Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

We hold up the tithe as a Biblical principle which also has the sanction of Jesus Christ, who says that our giving of the tithe should be coupled with living a life of justice, mercy, and honesty.

### LET'S DREAM A LITTLE:

As we dream, let us ask: What greater ministry could my church render if we all tithed our incomes?

What areas of service could be entered into by our churches working together through Our World Mission? You do the dreaming. What do you come up with?

"Bring the full amount of your tithes to the Temple, so that there will be plenty of food there. Put me to the test and you will see that I will open the windows of heaven and pour out on you in abundance all kinds of good things."

If we all tithed and all of our tithe was given through the Church, how greatly could we enlarge the ministry of Jesus Christ through Seventh Day Baptists.

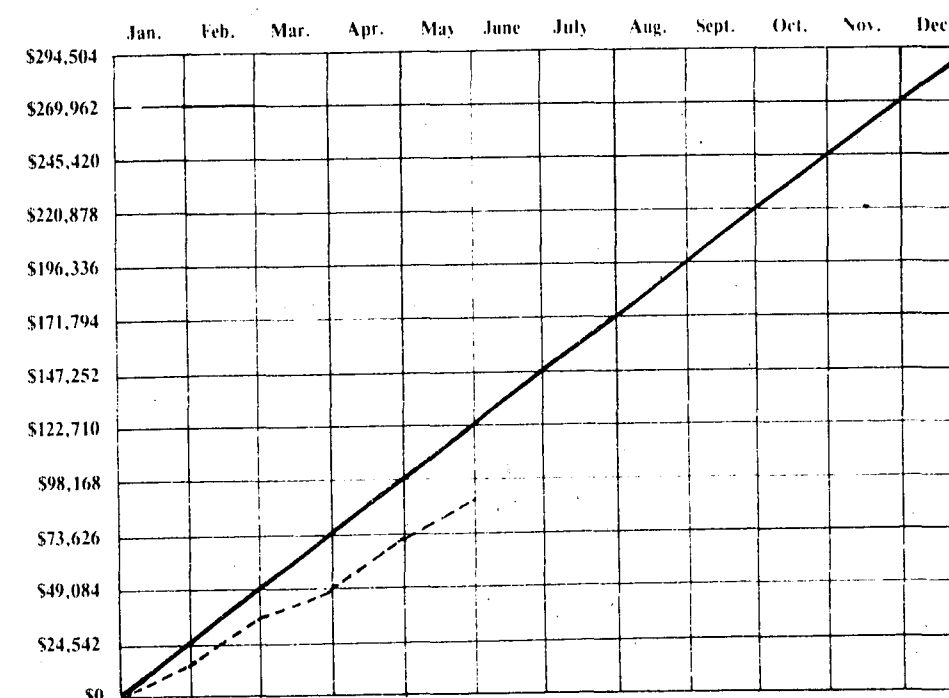
We are not limited to a tithe. We may want to give special offerings as we become enthused about the work of the church.

We may want to continue to support the work of Christ through Seventh Day Baptists after we have been called to our heavenly home. We can do this through "Deferred Giving," directing the use of some of our assets for the work of the Kingdom of Christ after our death. Don Graffius will be at Conference and would be glad to talk to you about this.

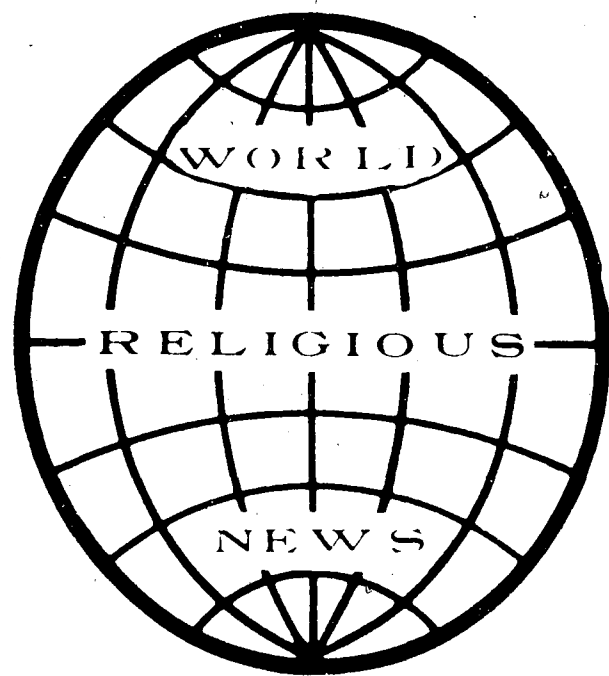
God depends upon each one of us in the work of His Kingdom on earth. We are called to serve, each in the way that God calls us. We are also called to support the work and workers of the Kingdom through our giving. GOD DEPENDS UPON US. He loves a cheerful giver. □



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**SATURDAY SCHOOL  
BRINGS RESULTS**

BALTIMORE, MD. — A black Baptist minister here has found that switching "Sunday school" to Saturday has resulted in a new surge of activity and participation, especially among youth.

Dr. Harold H. Carter, pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church here, said the congregation was faced with declining Sunday school attendance partly due to the lack of time available after Sunday worship for an adequate study program. "About 800 people showed up for worship service, but we were lucky if 100 would show up for Sunday school," he said.

He said he decided in 1973 to transfer the Sunday school concept, with its emphasis on Bible study, to Saturday morning. The idea proved successful.

There are now some 450 persons, ranging in age from 8 to 75, including 50 teen-agers, who regularly attend the Saturday church school. Age groups meet for Bible study from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and then break into groups for other activities. Dr. Carter said that "the most significant thing about the program's success is that it has brought the young adults into the church. That's been the biggest problem facing all churches -- failure to get the teen-agers." □

—American Baptist New Service.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Notice to camp leaders, Sabbath School superintendents, Vacation Bible School directors:

The Board of Christian Education will send all data to the Editor of the *Yearbook* by September 1.

Please send your information sheets to us by Aug. 1 in order that our records will be complete. □

**FEDERAL WORKERS  
PROTECTED BY  
NEW SABBATH LEGISLATION**

WASHINGTON (BP) — Federal employees whose religious obligations require them occasionally to miss work would be allowed to work overtime under a provision of the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedule Act of 1978, which has passed the House of Representatives.

Present policy does not allow such compensatory time because the time-and-a-half pay rate for overtime is too expensive. Under the new law the overtime pay for work to make up time lost for religious obligations would be at the normal pay rate.

Rep. Stephen J. Solarz (D.-N.Y.), who has introduced the amendment, noted that "members of minority faiths must either choose between reduced incomes or diminished annual leaves if they are to abstain from work during certain periods of time, as they are required to do by their religion."

The Solarz amendment would allow employers to provide overtime work at a normal pay rate on days when an employee has no religious obligations — but would not require that such overtime be provided.

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (D.-Mass.), a Roman Catholic priest, introduced a bill last year which would have provided much more sweeping protection of minority groups' religious rights. That measure would have required an employer to respect religious beliefs, practices, and observances of employees unless such an accommodation would cause "severe pecuniary or other material loss" to the employer.

Drinan's bill has not been acted on by the House. In the meantime, Solarz' more limited measure will go next to the Senate. □

—Carol Franklin

**THE ANGLO-ISRAEL THEORY  
PAPER AVAILABLE**

We are happy to offer our readers a paper written by Mrs. Lenore Crouse of Arthur, NE entitled: *The Anglo-Israel Theory*. Students of prophecy will find the paper interesting and helpful in a study of the so-called "lost tribes." To request your copy of this study write to the Editor, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061. □

**WORLD VISION  
TO ASSIST REFUGEES**

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — The launching of a mercy ship to assist hundreds of Vietnamese boat refugees was announced today by Dr. Stan Mooneyham, president of World Vision International.

Called "Operation Seasweep," the relief effort will be carried out by a 345-ton, 188-foot-long, LST-type landing ship. Its mission will be to cruise the South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand and give aid to the boat refugees.

"Our relief help is certainly not a cure-all," Mooneyham said. "It is just a first step to keep these people alive until the various governments involved can resolve the resettlement issue and allow them to find a permanent home."

He explained that the mercy ship will provide the refugees with packages of food, water, medicines, clothing and personal hygiene items. In addition to the normal crew, a medical doctor, two nurses and two mechanics will be on board. The mechanics will handle engine and boat repairs when needed and a limited number of spare boats will be available to replace those badly damaged.

According to reliable estimates, about 1,500 people are leaving Vietnam each month via small fishing boats. As many as 5,000 boat refugees are on the high seas at any given time. The boats are overcrowded, they have little food, water or fuel, and they are often attacked by pirates who rob, rape and sometimes murder the refugees. It has been reported that some Southeast Asia countries are not permitting the boat people to land; where landing is permitted, "freedom" is restricted to crowded refugee camps until Western nations agree on a resettlement program.

Mooneyham estimated the cost of the relief ship operation to be about \$50,000 per month. Additional funds are also being sought by World Vision to help assist 101,000 other Indo-China war refugees in several holding camps in Thailand.

World Vision is a Christian humanitarian agency whose ministries include childcare, disaster relief and development, evangelism and strengthening of Christian leadership throughout the world. □

**Editorial**

**SWORDS INTO PLOUGHSHARES**

In recent weeks the United Nations General Assembly has convened a historic special session to consider world disarmament. It is the largest disarmament conference in history — and the first since 1932 that has brought virtually all the nations of the world together.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said: "Unless an end is put to the arms race and unless a vigorous process of disarmament is initiated, there can be no guarantee that relations among states would be based on the principles of national independence and sovereignty."

Elsewhere in this issue we have shared with you the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) resolution regarding disarmament. The BWA desk at the UN is maintained very capably by Mrs. Eleanore Schnurr. Your editor appreciates his recent conference with Mrs. Schnurr and tour of the UN Church Center. Mrs. Schnurr supplies information to all Baptist publications regarding developments in all areas at the UN.

The idea for a study on world disarmament has taken seventeen years to bring to life. The session will not actually conduct any negotiations. It is, in effect, an international town meeting that can only mobilize government and world public opinion. As Winston Churchill once said: "It's better to jaw, jaw; than to war, war."

Christians should show an interest in efforts to bring about better living conditions in the world, peace and the lessening of hostilities everywhere. We observed with keen interest the results of this special session and pray that God's will may be accomplished. □

**UNITED NATIONS  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY** *Special Session  
on  
Disarmament*

*Statement of the  
BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE*

The Baptist World Alliance calls upon the statesmen and stateswomen of the world to intensify their efforts to reduce the level of standing armies, navies, offensive weapons, and defensive weapons, and to permit a larger proportion of goods and services produced by the peoples of the world to be used toward increasing the quality of life in all nations and dependencies.

The Baptist World Alliance is an association of 109 Baptist conventions/unions (free "national churches" as they are called by other religious forces) around the world. The largest number of our affiliates are in the countries often called "Non-Aligned," but we also have affiliates in many of the countries of the NATO group and of the Warsaw Pact group.

There follow excerpts from some recent statements on disarmament:

*From a 1970 Resolution on World Peace and Reconciliation*

We reaffirm the deep devotion of Baptists to peace and reconciliation for all humanity on this earth under God;...

We call upon the statesmen of the world to intensify their efforts and to take initiatives for peaceful and just solutions of international disputes and differences, and toward that end, to

- strengthen and improve the United Nations,...
- seek agreements for the limitations of both offensive and defensive strategic weapons,
- seek immediate agreements to suspend the further deployment of all offensive and defensive nuclear strategic weapon systems, subject to national verification or such other measures of observation and inspection as may be appropriate,
- encourage all efforts for peace by way of international conferences,
- strive for justice and fullness of life for all people of all races,
- contribute toward the progress of all peoples in overcoming hunger and disease and poverty.

*From a 1975 Resolution on World Peace*

We are encouraged by some contemporary improvements in international relations including conferences on arms limitation, control of nuclear weapons, arbitration efforts, and the current detente; yet we deplore the violence and armed conflict persisting in many parts of the world....

In the face of world hunger and massive human need on every hand, we call upon governments to abandon the evil acceleration of the fantastically costly armaments race, to turn away from national greed in the sale of armaments, and to cooperate in the removal of economic and political incentives to war.

*From a 1977 Resolution on World Peace*

We commend all national leaders who are striving for a just and peaceful solution to the problems in all troubled areas.

We commit ourselves anew to pray and to work with all others who cherish the achievement of this goal.

We pledge ourselves to work with a sense of urgency for all things that make for peace, remembering the words of Christ, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." □

Submitted by: Robert S. Denny  
General Secretary  
Baptist World Alliance



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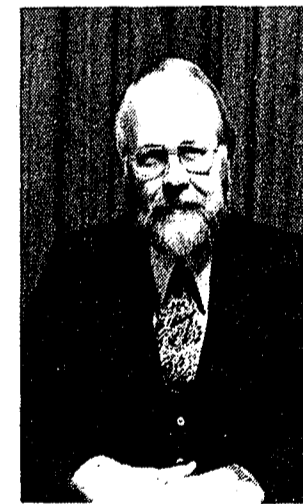
### BEARING THE FRUIT



Monday evening's speaker is Dr. Edward Horsley, a member of the Denver, CO, church. He will be discussing preparation of the soil/planting the seed.



The watering/the growing will be the subject of tonight's sermon by the Rev. Russell Havens, pastor of the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly, RI



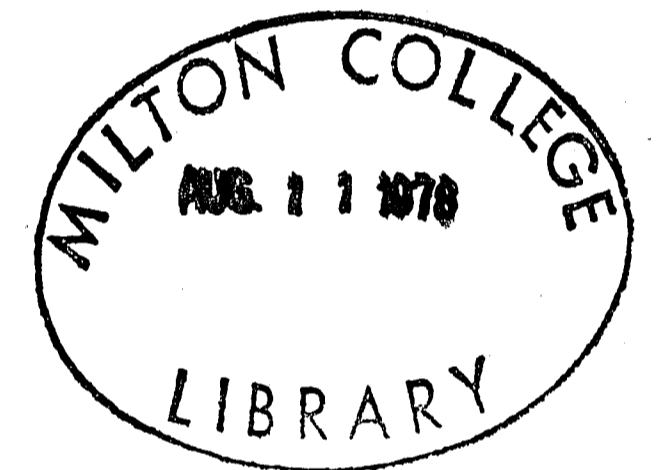
On Thursday evening the topic will deal with the cultivating of the plant. The speaker will be the Rev. Dale D. Thorngate, pastor of the church in Columbus, OH.



Speaking Friday night is the pastor of the church in Seattle, WA, the Rev. Duane L. Davis. His subject is "Bearing the Fruit."



The developing of the fruit will be the subject for Sabbath morning, presented by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Battle Creek, MI, church.



*He waters the earth  
to make it fertile.  
The rivers of God  
will not run dry!  
He prepares the earth  
for His people  
and sends them rich  
harvests of grain.  
Psalm 65:9 LB*