

CONFERENCE PUBLICITY
First of Series

**GENERAL CONFERENCE
AUGUST 1979**

The North Central Association will host General Conference August 5-12, 1979, at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Adrian College is a Methodist church-related school with a student body of approximately 1,500. The campus is mostly new and has a spacious appearance. Most of the buildings are of Indiana limestone, pleasingly separated by large green lawn areas and landscape plantings.

Worship services will be held in the chapel, a new building, which has an excellent organ and piano. Business sessions and other group meetings will be held in the auditorium, a short walk from the chapel. The auditorium, dining hall, and library are air-conditioned; dormitories and classrooms are not.

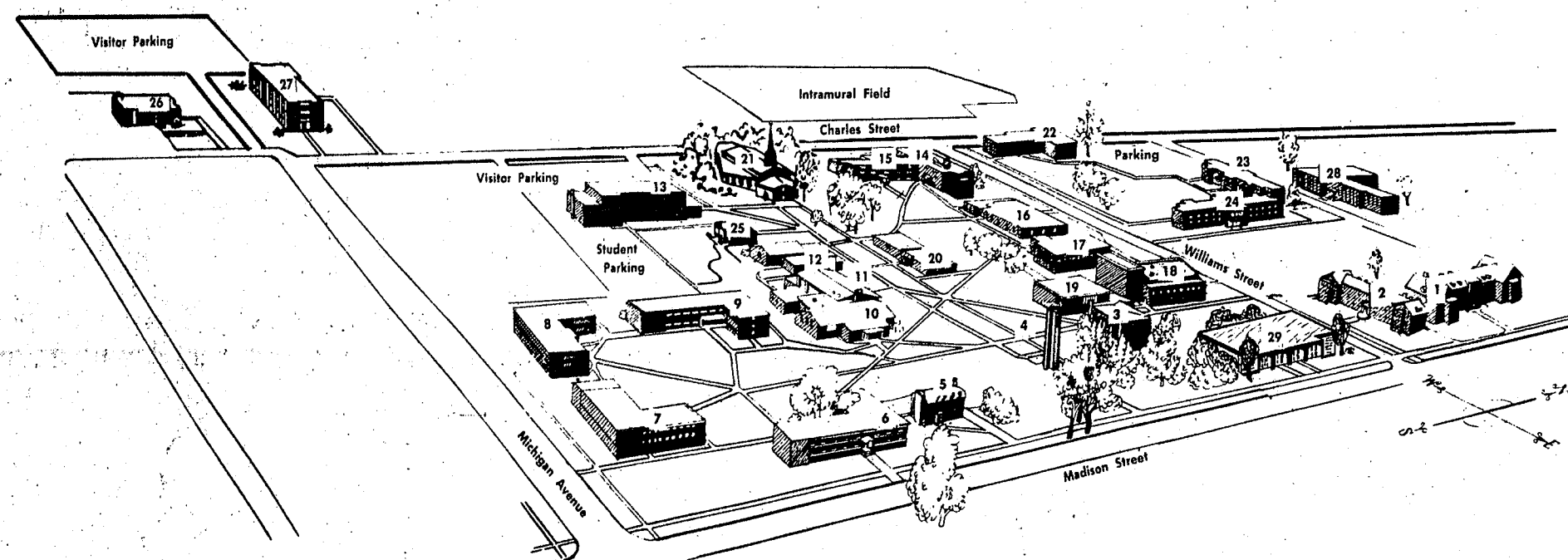
The City of Adrian is located in Southeast Michigan. It is approximately 37 miles southeast of Jackson, Michigan; 70 miles southwest of Detroit; 35 miles northwest of Toledo, Ohio; and some 80 miles southeast of Battle Creek, Michigan, the nearest SDB church. Detroit and Toledo are the closest major airports.

The Host Committee has had lunch on two occasions in the dining hall, cafeteria style, and was pleased with both the quantity and quality of the food and the pleasant atmosphere. In addition to the regular dining hall, there is a large, beautiful dining room for any special occasions, banquets, etc.

Dormitory rooms are clean, pleasant, and of very ample size with two single beds in the rooms. All linens are furnished. Facilities are "down the hall."

Adrian is a great place to have a great Conference. See you in Adrian, August 5!

-George Parrish,
Host Committee Chairman



ADRIAN COLLEGE MAP

- | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Jarvis Hall | 11 Ritchie Dining Center | 19 Natatorium |
| 2 Estes Hall | 12 Rush Union | 20 Administration Building |
| 3 Downs Hall | 13 Dawson Auditorium | 21 Chapel |
| 4 Herrick Tower | 14 Peelle Hall of Science | 22 Cargo Hall |
| 5 Cornelius House | Planetarium | 23 Hazel Herrick Hall |
| 6 Davis Hall | Robinson Observatory | 24 Lowry Hall |
| 7 Feeman Hall | 15 Jones Hall | 25 Goldsmith Health Center |
| 8 Stevens Hall | 16 Shipman Library | 26 Plant Services Building |
| 9 Powell Hall | 17 Mahan Hall | 27 Pellowe Hall |
| 10 Ritchie Dining Annex | 18 Ridge Gymnasium | 28 Deans Hall |
| | | 29 North Hall |

The Sabbath Recorder
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, N.J. 07061
(ISSN 0036-214X)

Second class postage paid at Plainfield, N.J. 07061

1279
MILTON COLLEGE LIBRARY
MILTON WI 53563

THE SABBATH

OUR 135TH YEAR

RECORDER

1844
1979

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

FEBRUARY 1979



"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).

FEATURES

- 3 Church Covenants
John D. Bevis
- 4 Practicing Professors
Rev. Francis D. Saunders
- 7 And That Makes All the Difference
Janet Thorngate
- 8 Baptist Men's Day of Prayer
- 9 The Longest Day
Evelyn Bigford Lutz
- 11 Points To Ponder
Rev. Charles H. Bond
- 12 What Does the BWA Mean to SDB's?
Dorothy Parrott
- 13 Summer Christian Service Corps
- 16 Word of Truth
Rev. Russell Havens
- 17 Spotlight on Australia-New Zealand
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
- 19 Memphis Ministry
- 20 The President's Column
Bob Austin
- 20 The Link
Barbara Snyder
- 27 A Man Sent from God
Claston Bond
- 28 We Are Able To Possess the Land
Rev. A. L. Peat
- 32 Take a Lesson from Us
John D. Bevis

DEPARTMENTS

- 14 Board of Christian Education
Mary Clare
- 31 Book Reviews
John D. Bevis
- 29 Children's Page
Linda Harris
- 22 Church in Action
- 18 Missionary Society
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
- 30 Our World Mission Report
- 21 Women's Society
Madeline Fitz Randolph
- 25 Accessions - Denominational Dateline
- 26 Marriages - Births - Obituaries

The Sabbath Recorder

February 1979
Volume 201, No. 2
Whole No. 6,639

A SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PUBLICATION

Published monthly by the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. Printed in the U.S.A. First issue June 13, 1844. Second class postage paid at Plainfield, New Jersey. Subscriptions: United States \$6.00; Foreign \$6.50. Single copies 50 cents. Special rates for students, retired Seventh Day Baptist ministers and service persons. Member of the Associated Church Press and the Evangelical Press Association. The Sabbath Recorder does not necessarily endorse signed articles.

The Sabbath Recorder
P.O. Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061

JOHN D. BEVIS, EDITOR

William R. Austin, Mary G. Clare, Linda D. Harris, K. D. Hurley, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Thomas L. Merchant, Madeline F. Randolph, Rev. Herbert E. Saunders.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Miss Florence B. Bowden, Chairman; Rev. Charles H. Bond, Owen H. Probasco, Rev. Donald E. Richards.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I., on Sunday, March 18, 1979, at 2:00 p.m., for the following purposes:

1. To elect voting members, a Board of Managers, and officers to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are elected.
2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the fiscal year January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978.
3. To ratify the appointments of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.
4. To consider and act upon other such matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on March 1, 1979 as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournments thereof shall be determined.

-Elston H. Van Horn
Secretary

The Sabbath Recorder

A covenant is "a formal, solemn and binding agreement: compact, a written agreement or promise usually under seal between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action."

CHURCH COVENANTS

by John D. Bevis



When a group of Christians with the same basic beliefs comes together to organize as a church one of the very first things they seek to accomplish is the drawing up of a covenant. The church covenant is an agreement concerning the duties of the members toward the church and each other. Frequently covenants include some doctrinal statements as well. Most Seventh Day Baptist church covenants are brief and simply written.

Recently the Conference committee on Faith and Order sent a questionnaire to the churches regarding the function of their covenants. Some of the questions asked were: When was the covenant adopted? Are new members introduced to the covenant prior to joining the church? Are new members expected to sign (or agree to) the covenant? Is there a renewal of the covenant for the members? and, Is the covenant used on any periodic basis in worship and/or study life of the church? These questions no doubt will prove helpful to all as we seek to make our covenant relationship with the church and each other more meaningful.

The Mill Yard Church (1617) in England evidently originally used the Ten Commandments as its covenant. "The church records show that 'on the first day of the month (September, 1698), the Ten Commandments were set up in the meeting-house.' In 1704, the Ten Commandments, together with Matt. 5:19; Rev. 12:17; 14:12, are mentioned in such a way as to leave the impression that these were the Church's Articles of Faith; and indeed it seems never to have had any other."¹

We have not been able to locate a covenant, as such, for the Newport, R.I. (1671) church. However, the Piscataway, N.J., church, founded in 1705, no doubt gives a clear view of covenants in colonial times among Seventh Day Baptists. This covenant is entitled *Articles of Faith*.

We believe that unto us there is but one God, the Father, and one Lord Jesus Christ, who is the mediator between God and mankind, and that the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of God. 1 Cor. 3:6, 1 Tim. 2:5, 2 Tim. 3:6, 2 Peter 1:21.

II. We believe that all Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, given by inspiration, are the word of God—2 Pet. 1:19, 20, 21, 2 Tim. 3:16, Mark 7:13, 1 Thess. 2:13, Acts 4:29, 31—and are the rule of faith and practice.

III. We believe that the Ten Commandments, which were written on two tables stone by the finger of God, continue to be the rule of righteousness unto all men. Matt. 5:17, 18, 19, Malachi 4:4, James 1:21, Rom. 7:25, Rom. 3:31, Rom. 13:8, 9, 10, Eph. 6:2.

IV. We believe the six principles recorded in Hebrews 6:1, 2, to be the rule of faith and practice.

V. We believe that the Lord's Supper ought to be administered and received in all Christian churches. Luke 2:19, 1 Cor. 11:23, 26.

VI. We believe that all Christian churches ought to have church officers in them, as elders, and deacons. Titus 1:5, Acts 6:3.

VII. We believe that all persons thus believing ought to be baptized in water, by dipping or plunging, after confession is made by them of their faith in the above said things. Mark 1:4, 5, Acts 2:38, Acts 8:37, Rom. 6:3, 4, Col. 2:12.²

One of our newest congregations, Central S.D.B. in Upper Marlboro, MD (1978) has the following covenant:

We, the members of the Central Seventh Day Baptist Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, do solemnly covenant:

To accept the salvation of God through the grace of Jesus Christ,

and through no works of our own;

To accept, as members of the family of God, His forgiveness and love in our relationships;

To care for one another as Christian brothers and sisters, through joys and griefs in the experiences of life;

To accept the Bible as the inspired revelation of God, providing guidance for our living;

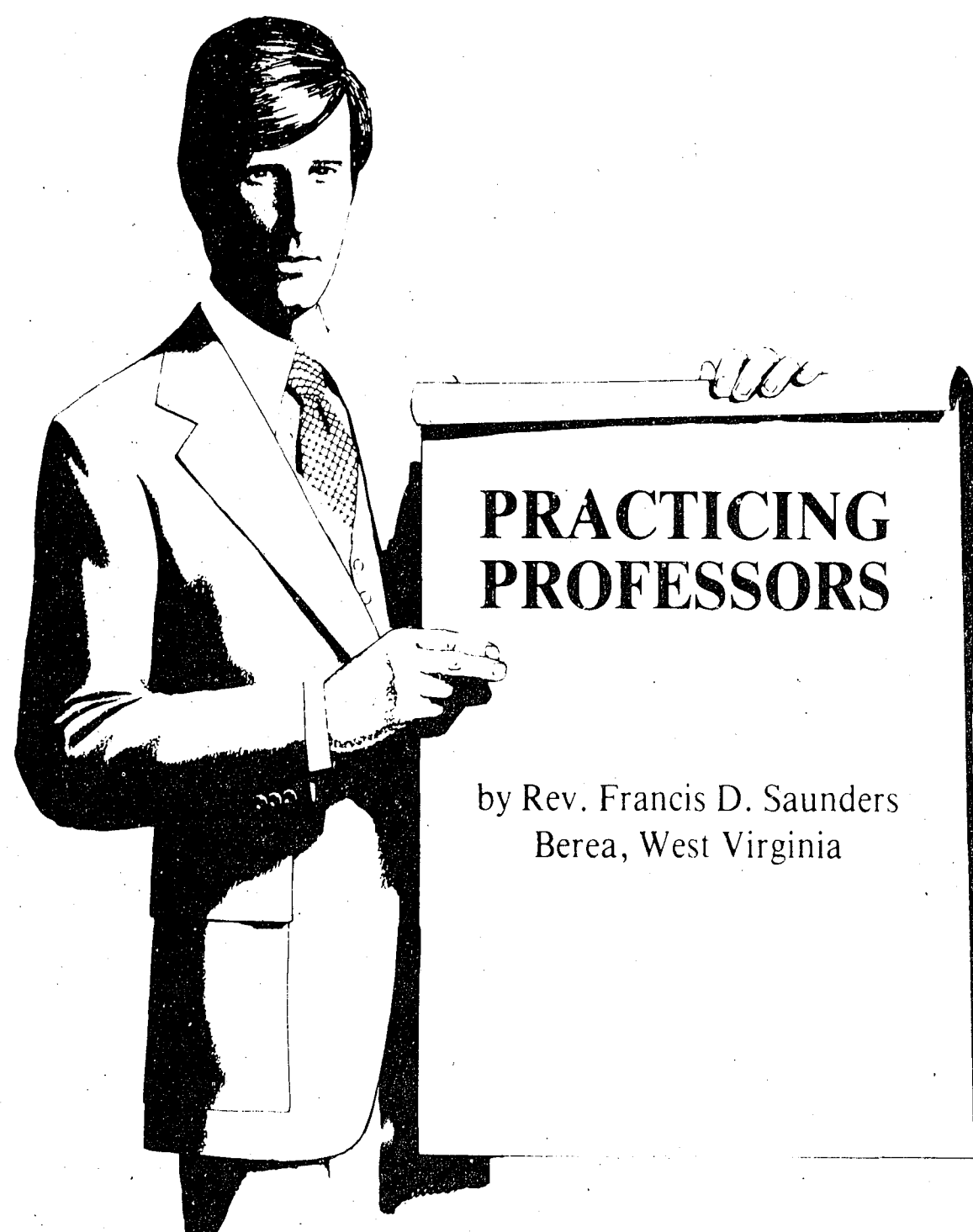
To partake of the Holy Sacraments, participating in Christ's resurrection through Baptism by immersion, and experiencing the assurance of God's forgiveness through the Lord's Supper "till He come";

To celebrate God's everlasting gift of each Sabbath Day as our time of refreshing, for He, the Lord Most High, is here;

To delight in sharing the gifts that God has given each of us for the good of the Church, that the kingdoms of this world might become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ. Amen.

No doubt as churches reexamine their covenants some will need revision in view of the current feelings and attitudes of the congregation. In churches where the covenant is seldom used we would suggest at least a yearly reading perhaps in the form of a renewal service. The church in Salem, W. Va., has done this for some years and discovered that it is very meaningful to verbally renew the covenant with fellow believers.

May God bless us as we not only review our church covenants but also our personal commitment to God and the building up of His kingdom during 1979. □



The sermon topic appearing at head of this writing notwithstanding, our intent is neither to cast aspersions nor to toss bouquets in the direction of those of the teaching profession. We take aim rather at the consistency, or lack of it, in the moral behaviour of all who have confessed Jesus Christ as Lord, and who consequently consider themselves "Christian." With the emergence of innumerable groups, both inside and outside the organized church, the "institution," if you please, the number of so-called "professors" of the Christian faith is "legion." From the Scripturally immoral sectors which practice such things as homosexuality, free love and common-law marriage, through the gamut of all the other so designated human freedoms, many of which indulge in personal and material exploitation, the "confessors" who cry out to Jesus, "Lord, Lord," are beyond counting.

Klaus Bockmuhl, writing for *Christianity Today's* "Current Religious Thought" has an article entitled **CHRISTIANITY HAS A MORAL BACKBONE.**¹ In this article he lists three major issues which "evangelicalism today faces." First, "the question of socialism

and its appeal to the younger generation of evangelicals." Second, "the question of the authority of the Scripture," and third, to which his article is addressed, "moral license, spreading secretly, a kind of evangelical lawlessness that produces a Christianity without a change of life." He goes on to assert, "We need to face the fact that the landslide of immorality has reached the Church." Later in the same writing, he says, "Many people never seem to be taught just what conversion means. They register a decision for Christ, but there is no content to it. Conversion is a change of mood, of friends, of opinions, but not of daily life. It does not reach the level of behaviour. It does not include moral change."

While it may be that the men in the pulpit, including this writer, have in days past done a disservice to the "body of Christ," the Church, through neglecting to adequately proclaim the Person and power of the Holy Spirit, it may be that today we are doing an even greater disservice in failing to relate that Person and that power to moral behaviour in keeping with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

THE MORAL BACKBONE OF OUR FAITH

There are any number of Scripture texts which might be adopted as a basis for our thinking today. I have chosen one which to me is most pertinent, because it comes as an admonition from the One who is the very center of our profession. Jesus said, "Not everyone who saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."² We might have gone, however, to the writings of Paul and used his "Now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light."³ On the other hand, we might have chosen the words of James, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."⁴ Whatever text might be chosen, however, the admonition is basically the same, namely: The one who professes Christ as Lord and Savior should back up his profession by practicing the clear teaching of Jesus and the word of truth contained in the Scriptures. In the Bockmuhl article from which we have already quoted, we find these words: "We need to reaffirm that Christianity has a moral backbone. The Christian faith is inseparably joined with God's absolute moral standards and with a change of our relationship to society. In the New Testament, truth is allied with justice and opposed to lawlessness. According to Christ the very truth of His message can only be discovered in its obedient application." He here refers to John 7:17 and the words of Christ, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." Mr. Bockmuhl continues: "Paul taught, 'Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity' (2 Tim. 2:19). There can be no Christian faith without distinct moral consequences."

In the framework of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures, it is evident that a simple profession of faith on the part of the individual is not necessarily accompanied by consistent practice. So it is that Jesus affirms, "Not everyone who saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." So it is, also that He sets a condition upon those who profess to sincerely love Him, "If ye love me, keep my commandments."⁵ Paul also put a condition on spirituality by saying, "If we

live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." In the Ephesian passage already quoted, he declares, "Now are ye light in the Lord," but adds, "walk as children of light," indicating, it seems to me, that there may be some who claim to be the children who are not entering into the walk. Likewise the James quotation, "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only," seems to suggest that there are hearers who have little or no part in doing.

While it may be Scripturally evident that simple faith is set as the firm criterion for entering the Kingdom, it is also equally evident that the profession of such faith is meant to issue in a changed life with God-pleasing behaviour. John's "Who-soever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life,"⁶ taken in the context of all of the teachings of the beloved disciple, means much more than a simple, uncommitted profession of belief. It includes also a diligent walking in the way and example of the Master whose name is confessed. Again the same disciple says, "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become sons of God."⁷ I assume that becoming sons means "obedient" sons. We can see from the writings of Paul that salvation comes to the individual as a gift from God, not dependent upon works. His declaration, "By grace are ye saved through faith,"⁸ sets the scene for the salvation of the sinner, and his further confession and concept, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God,"⁹ indicates the universal need; however, the very inclusion of the element of sin assumes the fact that there is a better way, and that a higher moral standard should be the norm for behaviour on the part of the one who confesses Christ. Now it is true that with the influx of so many differing and often contrary "Christian" ideologies, it is possible for the "professor" to practice what I choose to label "cheap grace," meaning that the profession of faith is not accompanied by a practice of the precepts of the same.

OBEDIENCE THROUGH LOVE

In the framework of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures, profession and practicing Christianity involve obedience to the revealed will of God. Again, in our text,



STORMPROOF

The storm has spent itself at last.
For three long hours, it raged,
Splitting the sky with its "east to west" lightning
And shaking the earth with its mighty power.

Now it is calm—
Like the holy calm that came to my soul
When Jesus whispered "Peace,"
And all the tumult and unrest within was stilled.

Ah, but there is difference.
The storms of earth will come again and again,
Battering this old world
And wreaking their havoc.
But the peace that Jesus gave me
Shall remain unruffled from now through eternity.

Praise the Lord for peace—
Such wonderful peace!

-Mabel P. Adamson
Kansas City, Mo.

Jesus emphatically affirms that the one who will enter into the Kingdom is "he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." It logically follows that doing the will of God is contingent upon knowing what is the will of God. Both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible provide ample evidence that the precepts embraced in the Ten Commandments form the basis for the written revelation of God's will. Somehow the words of the Psalmist ring persistently in our ears, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."¹⁰ Giving diligent attention to the answer Jesus gave to one who asked, "Which is the greatest commandment of the law?"¹¹ we find that the "love principle" which He emphasized covers the complete set of principles included in the two tablets of Old Testament law.

"To love God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, was not only the avowed teaching of the Son of Man; it was also the applied principle and purpose of His very being. Thus the first responsibility of the practicing professor is toward God, his Maker. Having no other gods before Him; not making any images or holding any objects to worship; not taking His name vainly; giving spiritual attention in keeping the Sabbath as holy time; all this is evidence that we have heard Christ imploring, "If ye love me, keep my commandments,"¹² and have responded. Likewise, Jesus' second love principle, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," was not only His avowed teaching but was most richly exemplified in His dealings with His fellow men. He said, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost,"¹³ and the day by day performing of His tasks is a testimony to His never-lagging love. Concerning the importance of the law, Jesus, in that most impressive of Christian documents, the Sermon on the Mount, said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, until all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."¹⁴

There is no place for doubt as to what law He has reference to as He picks out specifics from the ten and gives them true spiritual interpretation. "Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, 'Thou shalt not kill; thou shalt not commit adultery,'" and while it is true that He lists other specifics not literally quoted from the ten, all are closely connected with the high standard of moral behaviour He expects from those who profess His name, this same standard having its conception in the law which He came not to destroy but fill full of meaning. Concerning this obedience principle, both Paul and James lend their support. Paul's "walk as children of light," speaks of consistent moral behaviour, and he strongly emphasized this in writing to the Romans, "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."¹⁵

One of the lessons I, personally, have had to learn with my health condition, is to walk daily. Probably the first question the doctor asks me when I go for appointment is, "Are you walking every day?" I have found that when I fail to walk daily, I feel the results of my neglect. How true this is also in the matter of the spiritual walk of the Christian. Daily, consistent, moral behaviour brings spiritual health and satisfaction. Likewise James' "Be ye doers of the word" is an admonition to obedience to the will of God.

In the framework of the teachings of Christ and the Holy Scriptures, the Christian who practices his profession enters into the Kingdom. This is vitally important, for the phrase "enter into the Kingdom" has both present and future connotations. When John writes, "He that hath the Son hath life,"¹⁶ he affirms that the very acceptance of Christ with its connotation of the "new birth," has to do with a new quality in contemporary living. The same is the essence of his declaration, "Now are we the sons of God!"¹⁷ There is something noble and beautiful in the change which has taken place in the believer's experience. He has, in a very real sense, "entered into the Kingdom of God." Spiritually, although he is still present among the same people, viewing the same scenery, and expending the same time, he is in another world. That

is, his purposes are new, his desires are different, the quality of his life is superior. This is precisely what Paul was referring to when he spoke of the Christian as being "transformed by the renewing of your minds."

The professor's allegiance has been redirected toward Jesus Christ, now enthroned as King of his life. A present entering into the Kingdom, if you will. It is sure, however, that there is a future Kingdom which will be even more glorious than that which here and now we enjoy as the result of our profession and our practice. As Paul asserts to the Corinthians, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."¹⁸ The Easter proclamation of the universal Church attests to the historical faith position it holds in regard to the Kingdom yet to come." Thus Jesus promises, "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."¹⁹ This we believe, and we all affirm with John, "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as He is."²⁰

It may be that there are those who are so heavenly minded as to be of no earthly good, but it cannot be so said of the Christian who is a practicing professor of his faith. This then, is the purpose of this message: that all of us who really love Jesus Christ and have accepted Him as Savior and Lord of our lives, might become most actively involved in fulfilling the will of God in our daily lives; that the quality of our living might be patterned after the teachings of God's revealed will, and the perfect example of Jesus Christ, our Lord. May this be our constant prayer, that as professors of the Christian faith we might be practicing the Christian life. □

1 CHRISTIANITY TODAY October 6, 1978 p. 54
 2 Matthew 7:21 12 John 14:15
 3 Ephesians 5:8 13 Luke 19:10
 4 James 1:22 14 Matthew 5:17-19
 5 John 14:15 15 Romans 12:2
 6 John 3:16 16 1 John 5:12
 7 John 1:12 17 1 John 3:2a
 8 Ephesians 2:8 18 1 Corinthians 15:19
 9 Romans 3:23 19 John 14:2,3
 10 Psalm 19:7 20 1 John 3:2

"FROM THE TIME we were greeted at the door I had a different type of feeling than any that I'd ever had," George says, "a warmth that pulled us like a magnet."

"The first person we met was Mr. Bond," Shirley remembers. "I looked in his face and it had that certain glow. 'It's here,' I thought. 'It's happening here.' We came back and started growing in the love of the people here and in the Lord."

GEORGE AND SHIRLEY CHAMBERLIN had both been baptized early in life, George in a Seventh-day Adventist church and Shirley in a Baptist church, but neither had been involved with a church for some time. After a period of serious family problems they went their separate ways. "When we went back together, I felt the Lord wanted us to worship together as a family," Shirley says.

"In trying to make another go of it," George recalls, "we went to the church Shirley had been attending. I just didn't feel comfortable there and I felt in my heart that I should worship on Sabbath. I had heard of a Seventh Day Baptist church so we checked the yellow pages—and there it was!"

The Chamberlins first visited in August and joined the church in December, but George says that by the second Sabbath he had decided what he needed in his life. "Life had been one blow after another," he says. "So much in my life couldn't be explained. Why did things happen? I was going about the world in the wrong way. I can't do it without Christ. The Seventh Day Baptist Church has helped show me the way."



The Chamberlins receive the right-hand-of-fellowship from the pastor after being accepted as members and signing the church covenant.

"THE CHURCH IS WORKING together," Shirley maintains. "Families need to participate together. The church itself is a family. We can learn from others and grow and become a part of each other. It's really given us a different way of looking at a lot of things."

GEORGE AND SHIRLEY have a daughter Karen. One of their first requests was for a dedication of Karen to God. Karen is four and has the abundant energy of most four-year-olds with perhaps an extra measure of "wild imagination." George is employed as a fireman for the Mifflin Township Fire Department. Shirley is a nurse technician, but she has not worked as such since Karen was born.

The family's favorite pastime is to take long walks together, especially in the snow. George plays the guitar and sings (mostly country music), and Shirley likes to cook and experiment in the kitchen ("Poor George," she laughs). She also enjoys her loyal Boston terrier. "But so many things that were so important before just aren't important now," she notes. She has developed a special interest in working with older people and is excited about the idea of a senior citizens daycare center. "I feel the people in the church really care for each other," she says. "That's what it's about—caring."

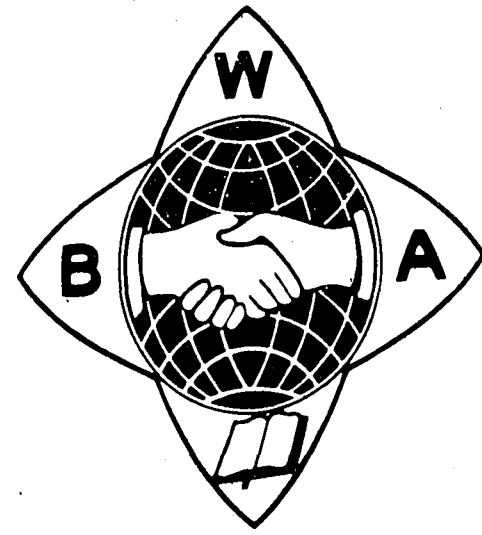
THINGS HAVE LOOKED UP, George agrees. "I didn't gain riches or money. I've gained some self-respect. I'm just thankful to this church for their warmth. We had a lot of trouble. But the Lord is with us now and that makes all the difference." □

"...and that makes all the difference."

by Janet Thorngate
 Columbus, Ohio

Saturday, April 21, 1979

BAPTIST MEN'S WORLDWIDE DAY OF WITNESS AND PRAYER



"Striving Together in Prayer"

In a world that is torn by its many divisions, where disunity, prejudice, envy, greed and hatred are evident in all societies and among all people, the People of God strive for unity in service and witness to the glory of the Name of Jesus Christ.

Baptist men united together in the Baptist Men's movement have long realized the seriousness and urgency of Christ's call and have dedicated themselves to His glorious service.

Dispersed as we are in countries across the wide world, divided as we are by distance and by language, we nevertheless proclaim the unity there is in Christ the Saviour. Further, Baptist men believe and proclaim that we are never more united than when we join in common cause in prayer.

The Baptist Men's Worldwide Day of Witness and Prayer provides just the very opportunity to demonstrate "togetherness" and a unity of concern and purpose.

The Apostle Paul speaks to the Romans in Chapter 15:30 of the epistle urging them to "strive together with me in your prayers."

In the same strong words the call goes out today to the men of our churches and congregations to enter into the call of the Kingdom in the ongoing every moment, every day, every place battle against the evils of the "Kingdom of this World."

April 21, 1979, is the day! Your home and your church is the place! You will know the areas of prayer concern which surround you. They must have a place in our prayer program. However, on this particular day and at this particular time we are called to remember each other and to share in the concern and needs, the aspirations and hopes of each other worldwide.

MEN'S DEPARTMENT OBJECTIVES JULY 1975 - 1980

1. Encourage men to realize the importance of getting involved in their local church.
2. Encourage men in every association, union, convention, or country to be involved in aggressive evangelistic lay witness penetration.
3. Encourage men in all areas around the world to set aside one day each year for a Baptist Men's Worldwide Day of Witness and Prayer, to develop a real concern for each other.
4. Encourage close involvement of laymen with their pastors, to work together as a team—that all may feel a part of the work of the Men's Department.
5. Encourage our Baptist men to have local, regional, and continental rallies and to organize and promote the World Conference of Baptist Men every five years.

KEEP THESE IN MIND AS YOU PRAY!

The Chairman's Message

Dear Fellow Baptists:

We urge you, as a body of Christians, to get together a group of concerned Baptist men for a prayer time on April 21, 1979, or as close to that date as possible. This group could be members within one church, several churches or even an association.

At this meeting, use the attached material as guidance for your program, but remember this is primarily a time of prayer, and girding ourselves for witnessing.

At these meetings an offering is taken, with one-half of it being sent to the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, and one-half to the National union, convention, or association.

The address of the Men's Department is as follows:
Baptist World Alliance
1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

May God bless you as we utilize this day to bring Glory to His Name.

Stephen S. Steeves

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR CONVENTION LEADERS AND MEN'S GROUP ORGANIZERS

1. The day is suggested as a "target" time for our getting together. It certainly would be good to know that at the same time on the same day Baptist men were gathered "striving together in prayer." As good as it might appear, it is impossible. The movement of the sun with its ensuing time factor spoils this possibility.

Therefore, if we cannot do that then arrange your coming together as is most convenient to your local situation. An early morning watch, a breakfast, an evening meeting, or even, as some do, share an all-night prayer vigil.

2. Prepare well ahead and prepare carefully. Previous preparation must see that the day, the place and the purpose are widely advertised. For program material, write to the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20009.

3. When people ask, "Only a day of prayer? What happens after that?", they are asking a good question.

The Day of Prayer provides an excellent opportunity for the launching of a witness and outreach program or the commencement of a service project. In considering this, the leader might want to consult with the pastor as to the way the whole church could become involved. It could be not only a "Day of Prayer," but a "Day of Beginnings."

My wife, Arbutus, gave the cloth one last flourish and then stepped back to admire her highly polished dining room table.

"Perfect," she said aloud. "That polish makes it look just like new. Now for the chairs."

She began rubbing the back of one chair as though she had a grudge against it. Suddenly she stopped.

A voice seemed to be saying, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy . . ." All morning she had been trying to push that phrase out of her mind. She just didn't want to think about it. If her husband and her sister were going to work, she had reasoned, how could she keep the Sabbath? She might as well work, too. Besides, she was going to be hostess for the neighborhood party that evening, and the house had to look just right. She had thought the work would keep her from thinking, thinking that today was Saturday. "The sabbath of the Lord thy God," the voice was saying again. "In it thou shalt not do any work." Arbutus was learning that work doesn't keep one from thinking.

When she finished the chairs she went into the living room, sat down wearily, and looked at her watch. It was a few minutes before twelve. Church would soon be getting out. Why hadn't she been there? Why had she broken the Sabbath by cleaning house? As the tears filled her eyes and spilled down over her cheeks, Arbutus wondered how it had all begun.



THE LONGEST DAY

by Warren Bigford
as told to Evelyn Bigford Lutz

February 1979

She and her sister, Esther, had attended church regularly as children. They never missed Sabbath services at the little church in a small Wisconsin town. Growing up, they had been baptized, and gradually had taken on various

responsibilities in the church. One Sabbath a new face appeared at church — mine. I had been in the church only a short time and had come from Illinois to work for a family in the community. Arbutus and I were at-

Reprinted with permission of the author from *Bible Advocate*, a publication of the Church of God (Seventh Day), Denver, CO.

tracted to each other from the start, and in due time our friendship ripened into courtship and marriage.

Eventually I had decided to return to Michigan, my home state. I had hopes of obtaining a better paying job. Shortly after our arrival there, my wife's parents and sister came also. Esther, too, was hoping to get a good job, since she longed for the clothes and the little luxuries so dear to the hearts of young women.

Things had been disappointing, however. I was a carpenter, but the local builders hired only men whose work they knew. They seemed unwilling to take the chance of letting me prove what I could do. I tried several other kinds of work. None were steady or lucrative.

Esther had found things no smoother. Doing housework for an irritable old woman was the only work she had been able to obtain, though she had filled out innumerable applications.

Looking after the little rented house and caring for our baby had kept my wife busy enough, but living in the city certainly wasn't the adventure she had thought it would be.

The one bright spot had been the neighborhood parties. Not long after we moved in, the neighbors had invited us to the get-togethers held in a different home each Saturday night. We decided to go, although we knew they would probably not be the sort of thing we should attend. At least the neighbors had been more friendly than the church members, we told ourselves.

There was no drinking at the parties. I had feared there might be, so we overlooked the other features that were not according to our standards. In the beginning the smoke bothered Arbutus, but she soon got used to that. We looked forward to these gatherings, which were the only social life we had.

One day I applied for work at an automobile factory. I much preferred working outdoors to working within the confines of a factory, but I had heard they were hiring,

and I was desperate. Naturally, I was jubilant when the clerk in the employment office told me, "You can start work tomorrow morning."

His next sentence chilled my exuberance, however.

"You'll be glad to know," he said cheerily, "that you'll get in plenty of overtime, for we're working seven days a week."

"But I-I can't work on Saturday," I stammered.

The clerk's friendly expression suddenly changed as he stated flatly, "You'll have to work every day, Saturday included, or you don't get the job. There are plenty of other men who'll be glad to get the work. Make up your mind — take it or leave it!"

My heart said, "No, you can't work on Sabbath," but my head said, "You have to support your family." The struggle with my conscience was brief as the clerk waited impatiently for my answer.

"I'll take it," I said.

Strangely enough, my sister-in-law's "luck" had changed that same week. Esther had been notified that her application for

It was so gradual. First we neglected family worship and studying the Bible.

work at a new variety store had been accepted and she was to begin work on their opening day — Saturday. She had hoped to begin during the week and prove herself so diligent that the manager would be willing to grant her Sabbaths off. But now it would be impossible to do this.

What could she do? She certainly didn't want to work on Sabbath and yet here was an opportunity for steady employment and "a chance for advancement for those willing to accept responsibility," according to the newspaper ad she had answered. With this glowing opportunity at hand she felt she couldn't bear to face the scrubbing and dusting for that crotchety old woman any more. Perhaps later on, when she had become established at the store,

the manager would be more willing to let her have Sabbaths off. She must be there on opening day, she reasoned.

As my wife sat pondering the situation we were all in, she tried to remember just when our spiritual experience had begun to deteriorate. It was so gradual. First we neglected family worship and studying the Bible. Finally we were staying away from church much more often than we attended. Now we were even breaking the Sabbath.

"If we had been living as we should, this would never have happened," Arbutus sobbed aloud. "We mustn't go on like this or we'll be lost." Dropping to her knees, she began to pray. She poured out her heart to her heavenly Father, begging Him to forgive her for drifting away from Christian principles and asking for strength to bring her life into harmony with His will.

At the factory that morning my day had begun like any other — by punching the time clock. But somehow as I saw the abbreviation for Saturday — SAT — over the date, the letters seemed to leap out at me. As I stood staring at them, a voice seemed to say to me, "Remember the sabbath day . . . In it Thou shalt not do any work."

"But I *must* work," my mind was answering, or I'll lose my job." I shoved the time card back into the rack and stalked over to my place on the assembly line.

Some of the men I worked with were quite religiously inclined. They were members of churches. One was a Sunday school teacher, but he had been excused recently because his pastor understood that he had to work on Sunday now. That was reasonable. A man had to support his family. I vaguely wished I could somehow be as conscience free to work that day as they would be to work the next.

One of the men began to whistle. Why did it seem to annoy me? I often whistled at work myself. I just didn't feel like whistling today. Oh, why didn't he stop that?

Suddenly I realized why his

whistling bothered me — he was whistling a hymn.

The work we were doing was oil sanding. After the automobile bodies were spray painted they were dried in a large bake oven. The next operation was the oil sanding. Naturally the paint fumes were strong in the whole department. "Strictly No Smoking" signs were clearly visible in many places. Still some of the men would go behind the bake oven and have a smoke when the foreman wasn't around. It hadn't bothered me too much, however, until that Saturday morning I overheard one of the older workmen swearing at them for sneaking back there to smoke.

"You light a match at just the right time in these paint fumes and you'll blow this place to pieces," he said.

That made me do some serious thinking. Probably nothing like that would happen. But if a disaster should occur, I certainly wasn't ready to die. Why had I broken the fourth commandment? Hadn't I proved in the past that if I kept God's commands He would take care of me? Why had I doubted Him? Filled with remorse, I silently prayed that if God would protect me that day and give me another chance, I would never work on another Sabbath, come what may.

Across town in the new store Esther was surrounded by the holiday atmosphere of an opening day. The store was crowded with customers, and she was kept busy waiting on those who made purchases at her counter. In the excitement she could almost forget that it was the Sabbath — almost, but not quite. She seemed to be hearing the fourth commandment repeatedly, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy . . ." but she wouldn't listen.

Trying to drown out that inner voice, she began to hum along with the tune coming from the nearby music counter, at first not noticing what it was. With a start she realized that it was "Nearer My God to Thee." Tears came to her eyes. How could she be nearer to

God clerking in a store on Sabbath? Instead she was drawing farther away from Him. Oh, why wasn't she in church singing that hymn instead of listening to it blaring over a crowded store?

There must have been other songs played that day. To Esther it seemed that "Nearer My God to Thee" was the only tune coming from the music counter. The words beat upon her brain. It was the longest day she had ever spent and the shortest job she ever had. When at last it came time to close the store, she knew what she must do.

"I cannot come to work on another Saturday," she told the manager.

His answer was just as final. "Then you will have to be replaced."

She left the store with mixed emotions. Discouraged and disappointed about losing the job that had seemed so promising a few hours before, she was happy that she had decided never to work on Sabbath again.

When I reached home that day I at once told my wife of my decision not to work on another Sabbath, regardless of consequences.

Points To Ponder

WILL IT WORK?

The Golden Rule says, "Whatsoever you would that men should do to you, do you even so to them..."
Matt. 7:12

Some years ago in Cincinnati there was a man who came to be known as "Golden Rule" Nash. When he bought a clothing business, it was operating at a loss. This man called in his employees and told them that in the future the business was to be operated according to the "Golden Rule." He immediately raised the wages of all the employees; some of them received pay two and three times as much as before. Immediately they took a new interest in the work and the business prospered. At the end of the first year they had taken in three times as much profit as before. Then the company began a plan of "Profit Sharing," and the ones who were making the largest salaries even asked that their wages be reduced. Salesmen urged the owner to put up the prices of suits because they were becoming so popular, but he wanted to share also with those who bought them. Mr. Nash proved that the "Golden Rule" was one which would work in the business world if it were given a chance. **IT WILL ALSO WORK FOR YOU.**



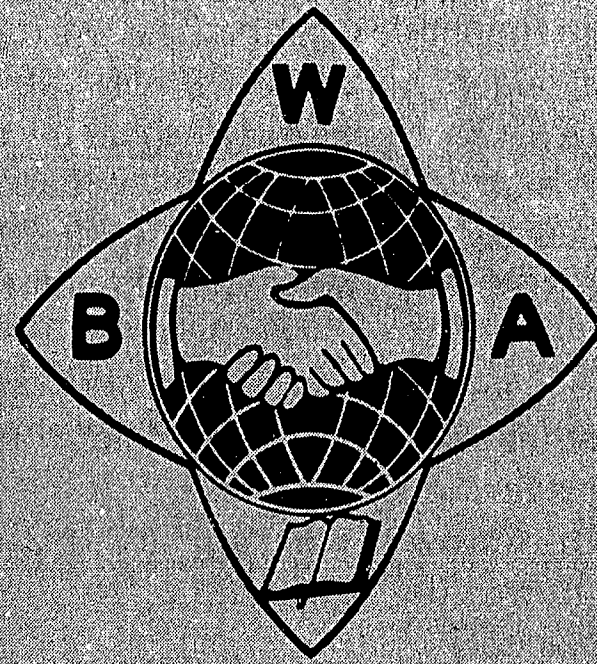
-Rev. Charles Bond
Shiloh, NJ

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Our denomination is helping the Christian Church accomplish this goal through our home and foreign missions. We also share in spreading the gospel when we cooperate with the Baptist World Alliance.

February 4 (February 3 for SDB's) was the date for observing the efforts of Baptists in telling the Good News around the world. In his "President's Message," David Y. K. Wong, President, BWA, concludes, "The Baptist World Alliance has much to say to us as we seek to share Christ's message with the world. If we are ever to bring God's light to all corners of the world, we must not be divided. We cannot work alone, we must work together."

According to reports in the December issue of *The Baptist World* there are 33,730,874 baptized believers in 140,118 churches in 140 countries allied in this international organization. It is thrilling to read the account of Robert Denny (General Secretary, BWA), of his visit to Europe including Austria, East Germany, Poland and the USSR. We, in the U.S.A., take our religious freedom so for granted we fail to realize how difficult it is for Christians in many parts of the world. We know little of the persecution they suffer because they continue to worship our Lord in spite of the difficulties. By means of our prayers and financial contributions we can support such efforts of the BWA, the Billy Graham Crusades and others in making it possible for more people to come to Christ. Secretary Denny says, "Although we are separated by language, culture and political systems, we are together in the Spirit of Christ."

Several revival teams went out to witness following a youth encounter in Ecuador where Baptist youth



What Does the BWA Mean to Us as Seventh Day Baptists?

by Dorothy Parrott

from several South American countries met in an encounter described as a "time of spiritual renewal and dedication."

We have participated in the Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund through our contributions to SDB United Relief Fund. We do not have the resources or the expertise to be on the scene when disasters occur but BWA does. All Baptists working together are a powerful force in helping relieve suffering in the world.

At Conference we were made aware of the BWA immunization program to eradicate childhood diseases from the world. A portion of our Love Gift went to support this project.

BWARF is calling for contributions to raise a fund of \$150,000 to buy Bibles for Russia. "Baptists in the U.S.S.R. have been granted permission to import 25,000 Bibles and 5,000 concordances in the Russian language" (*Baptist World*, p. 1, December 1978).

Samson E. Khama from Cameroon in an article in the *Baptist World* says, "Baptist World Alliance...is calling on Baptists...to rise up and walk. —To walk in love. —To walk in unity. —To walk in harmony. —To walk in purity. —To walk in the light. —To walk in victory."

Let's be knowledgeable about this fellowship of Christians we belong to and lend our support in whatever way we can whether it's in the Men's Fellowship, Women's Union, Youth activities or relief efforts.

The meeting of the Fourteenth Baptist World Conference in Toronto July 8-13, 1980 will surely be an inspirational time. It's important for SDB's to be there and share in the fellowship and the commitment to spread the gospel to all parts of the world. □

If only all the hands that reach could touch...

S
U
M
M
E
R

C
H
R
I
S
T
I
A
N

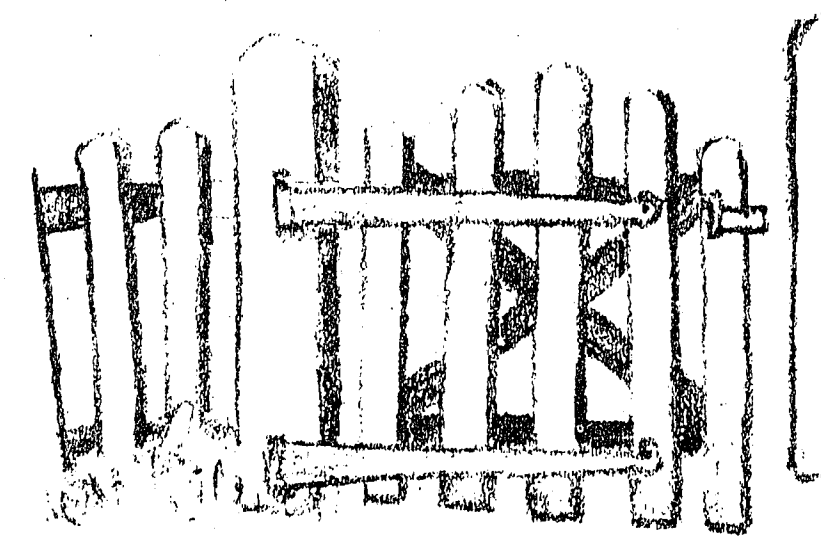
S
E
R
V
I
C
E

C
O
R
P
S



NEEDED:

Workers
Projects
Love Gifts



MAIL GIFTS TO:

Mrs. Jane Bottoms
1118 Ravenwood Rd.
Boulder, CO 80308

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

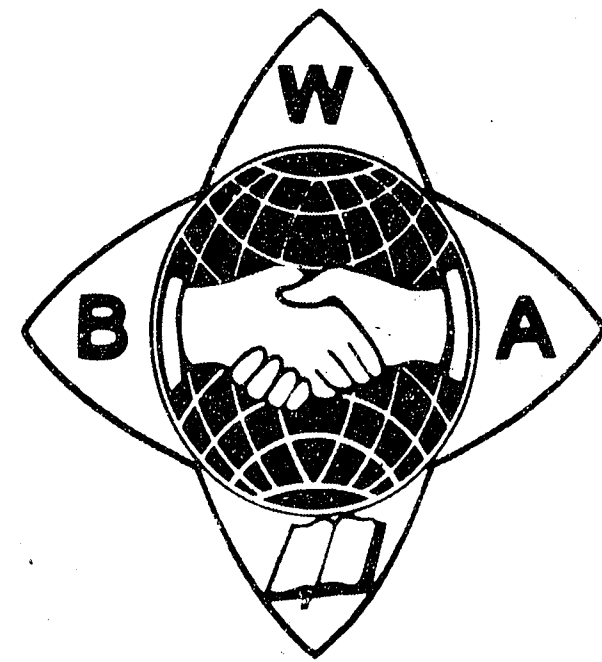
K. Duane Hurley
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Our denomination is helping the Christian Church accomplish this goal through our home and foreign missions. We also share in spreading the gospel when we cooperate with the Baptist World Alliance.

February 4 (February 3 for SDB's) was the date for observing the efforts of Baptists in telling the Good News around the world. In his "President's Message," David Y. K. Wong, President, BWA, concludes, "The Baptist World Alliance has much to say to us as we seek to share Christ's message with the world. If we are ever to bring God's light to all corners of the world, we must not be divided. We cannot work alone, we must work together."

According to reports in the December issue of *The Baptist World* there are 33,730,874 baptized believers in 140,118 churches in 140 countries allied in this international organization. It is thrilling to read the account of Robert Denny (General Secretary, BWA), of his visit to Europe including Austria, East Germany, Poland and the USSR. We, in the U.S.A., take our religious freedom so for granted we fail to realize how difficult it is for Christians in many parts of the world. We know little of the persecution they suffer because they continue to worship our Lord in spite of the difficulties. By means of our prayers and financial contributions we can support such efforts of the BWA, the Billy Graham Crusades and others in making it possible for more people to come to Christ. Secretary Denny says, "Although we are separated by language, culture and political systems, we are together in the Spirit of Christ."

Several revival teams went out to witness following a youth encounter in Ecuador where Baptist youth



What Does the BWA Mean to Us as Seventh Day Baptists?

by Dorothy Parrott

from several South American countries met in an encounter described as a "time of spiritual renewal and dedication."

We have participated in the Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund through our contributions to SDB United Relief Fund. We do not have the resources or the expertise to be on the scene when disasters occur but BWA does. All Baptists working together are a powerful force in helping relieve suffering in the world.

At Conference we were made aware of the BWA immunization program to eradicate childhood diseases from the world. A portion of our Love Gift went to support this project.

BWARF is calling for contributions to raise a fund of \$150,000 to buy Bibles for Russia. "Baptists in the U.S.S.R. have been granted permission to import 25,000 Bibles and 5,000 concordances in the Russian language" (*Baptist World*, p. 1, December 1978).

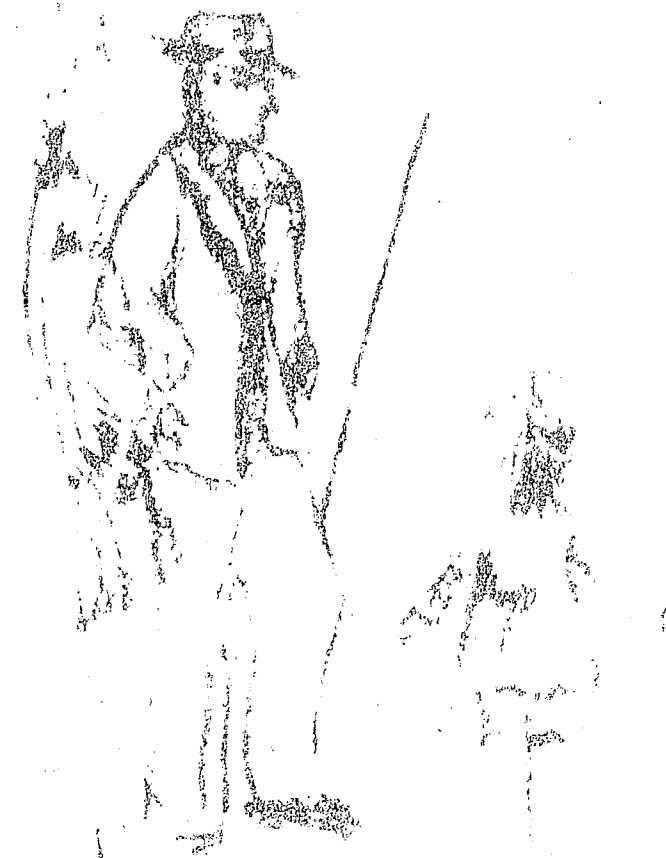
Samson E. Khama from Cameroon in an article in the *Baptist World* says, "Baptist World Alliance...is calling on Baptists...to rise up and walk. —To walk in love. —To walk in unity. —To walk in harmony. —To walk in purity. —To walk in the light. —To walk in victory."

Let's be knowledgeable about this fellowship of Christians we belong to and lend our support in whatever way we can whether it's in the Men's Fellowship, Women's Union, Youth activities or relief efforts.

The meeting of the Fourteenth Baptist World Conference in Toronto July 8-13, 1980 will surely be an inspirational time. It's important for SDB's to be there and share in the fellowship and the commitment to spread the gospel to all parts of the world. □

If only all the hands that reach could touch...

S
C
S
C
U
C
S
M
H
E
R
I
V
E
R
I
T
I
A
N



NEEDED:

Workers

Projects

Love Gifts

MAIL OR IS TO:

M. J. C. W. S. P.
1118 F. A. S. S. B. B.
Boulder, CO 80503

MAIL APPLICATIONS TO:

K. Duane Hurley
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061



Thy Word is a light...

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. Mary Clare



A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

Christian Ministry in National Parks extends the mission and ministry of the church with people in leisure, in national parks, forests, resort areas, places of unique and spectacular beauty, where millions of people live, work, and vacation.

This ministry serves: Government personnel and their families, who live in these areas to protect and interpret them; students and professional resort workers, who are employed to operate the resort facilities during the vacation season, summer and winter; millions of visitors who come to enjoy the great natural wonders.

It is with all these people, often isolated from immediate contact with local churches, that this ministry cooperates to bring Christian worship and ministry.

This ministry is a unique opportunity:

- to innovate, to meet unusual needs, to help solve unexpected problems.
- to spend an eight-hour working day side by side with those you serve as worker-priests.
- to lead interdenominational services of worship in unusual and scenic settings.
- to serve among park visitors, both to those who come to commune with nature and those who seek to escape from the working routine.
- to work with college students, many of whom are experiencing strange, new situations and styles of life.
- to minister among seasonal resort workers and permanent residents.
- to provide a counseling ear in an exhilarated leisure society.

- to direct plays, to lead choirs, to organize recreation, to provide Christian Education, to staff coffee houses, to publicize activities.
- to have an extra-institutional and ecumenical experience with students and visitors from all churches and from all parts of the country.
- to discover and interpret the nation's natural and cultural heritage.

The qualifications are: a faith in Jesus Christ which is imaginative, dedicated and open to creative expression. The ministry demands maturity of thought and conduct, a keen intellect and above all, an ability to understand and live with other people and other faiths.

Opportunities are available for both men and women from denominations or churches proclaiming the Christian faith. There are positions for both single students and married couples—twenty years of age or older. There is a need for 175 seminary students who have preaching experience and organizational ability! They will be called upon to lead in worship and coordinate planning of ministry activities. Some will serve as staff directors and group leaders.

Several positions are open which require special skills, e.g., skiing, water safety instructors, theater, coffee house administration, and typing.

There are opportunities for fifty college students who have special ability in one or more of the following areas: Bible Study, Christian Education, Drama, Bull Sessions, Music,

Recreation, Coffee Houses, and Publicity. In some locations students are assigned to specialize in one or more of the above mentioned fields. In other locations they will need some know-how in two or more fields.

Thirty music students are needed to organize and direct employee choruses and choirs, and to provide music for services of worship. Often the Director of Music will organize a special event, i.e., Handel's Messiah, a Broadway musical, Hootenanny, Folk Song Festivals, Talent Shows, etc.

Worship and Work is the theme that pervades the whole meaning of the ministry, providing opportunities as a worker-priest. Each member of the staff has a full-time job with either a park company or with the National Park Service. Students work as desk clerks, cabin boys, maids, store clerks, trail crewmen, rangers, waitresses, etc. To many, the most important aspect of the movement has been the witness on the job. The ministry does not stand aloof but works at common tasks with the "secular" world. Here, on the job, significant communication takes place. After working hours, the students may organize and conduct different phases of the ministry with park and company policy.

Finances are paid for by the park companies. Most earn between \$400 and \$1500 in three months. In 1976 no student earned less than \$350 for three months (after paying room and board). When married students are involved, both students work. Students must pay for their own transportation to and from the parks. The movement attempts to arrange car pools to keep the cost down.

For arrival and departure dates, with few exceptions, students must be in the parks by June 1-15. Some parks open May 1. All students are required to stay until their contract terminates: between Labor Day and September 20. Some seasonal parks will remain open until October 1. Do not apply unless you will stay until Labor Day.

There are nine two-day orientation conferences from mid-April to early-May. All students and spouses on the staff are required to attend one regional spring conference. Expenses of room and board are provided. Students must pay transportation to and from the conference.

Applications should be sent to Warren W. Ost, Director, A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, 222 1/2 East 49th Street, New York, New York 10017. Deadline for applications to reach the office is March 15, 1979. □

WITH GOD'S HELP, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

"With God's help," but who is this God? Theologians can describe the facts that surround God's mystery, but they can never reveal the mystery itself. Much depends on faith.

God is love. Christians also believe that God is unchanging in His very nature. These two concepts make a wonderful love story. God is unchanging love. His love for you is totally loyal and ever constant because He is love itself. His love is infinite; He loves you the same on good days and bad, and this love is given to you to be shared.

Every Christian has the responsibility to pass on God's love.

It is up to the individual to take the initiative; the mother in her home and neighborhood; the assembly-line worker in his factory; the student in his classroom; the nurse at her station; the salesperson in his territory; the executive in the boardroom.

You can do something, not necessarily by group action—though this may be called for at times, but by quiet perseverance in carrying out your responsibility, and by speaking up when it counts. □

THE FATHER'S GRACE

By Paul Swalgin
Leonardsville, NY

His sun shines and the birds sing
the Song of Life from above.

His grace alone keeps me this day.
I'll live forever because He lives—
I KNOW.

It came to me one beautiful day
and still abides in me. Even though
I may fall today, His Grace is with
me.

Satan tries, but fails again and
again to steal my happiness; because
JESUS lives within my being and I'll
live forever in His Grace.

His wonderful love shines on my face
and my new being beams with His love.
O, that Wonderful Day of Grace.

Thank you, Father.
Amen.

By Grace you shall be saved.
By Grace you shall be made whole.
By Grace you shall live forever.

JESUS IS THE GRACE THAT GOD THE FATHER
SENT FOR US TO ACCEPT OR REJECT.

from—
To Whom It May Concern
Published in Mohawk, N.Y.

FOR YOUTH STUDY



Investigate the background of the book of First John.

Who wrote it, to whom, why?
Read 1 John 4:7-21.

What does it say?

Select a verse or verses and tell why it's special to you.

What kinds of love are there?

How can you show each kind of love?

Make posters using love as a theme.

Select a person outside your immediate friends to whom you show love.

Paraphrase the selection.

Make choral reading of portions of the Scripture. □



God has given us a priceless treasure which, strange as it may sound, increases in value as it is shared with others. It is the treasure of the Scriptures, the Word of truth (John 17:17). God has ordained that we, as Christ's heralds, make His message known in whatever ways possible and consistent with His direction for its dissemination. Our forefathers were mighty with the printed word, which continues to be blessed of God. Now a new opportunity is before us—radio.

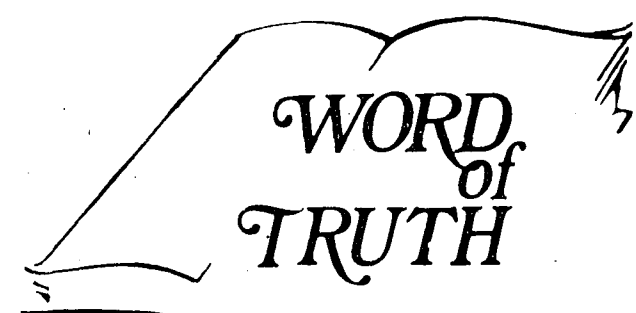
Many in our day, under the providence of God, are once again turning to the Bible, searching for the truth concerning God. Radio has become a tool for widely scattering information, and God is now offering Seventh Day Baptists the challenge and the opportunity for declaring His truth in this manner to thousands who are diligently searching the Word and to others who need to be stimulated to do so.

With the encouragement of the Audiovisual Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society, Pastor Russell W. Havens has begun to prepare a series of programs to be known as the *Word of Truth*. These programs, which will be available on tape for local use from the Tract Society, are being designed with the idea of informing people as to the existence of Seventh Day Baptists, generating interest in our Biblical and evangelical stand, and encouraging people to feel welcome and to make contact, either by writing for further information, booklets, etc., or by visiting one of our local groups. Time will be allowed at the conclusion of each program for a 30-second announcement of local interest. The hope is that the *Word of Truth* will be used by existing Seventh Day Baptist churches, new, small groups of Seventh Day Baptists, and by churches or individuals interested in extension into areas where presently there is no SDB witness.

- Warwick, RI
- Fremont, MI
- Columbus, OH



Rev. Russell Havens



Rev. Russell W. Havens

The format of the 15-minute program opens and closes with the theme, "God of the Sabbath," a hymn widely identified with our churches. Following initial words of welcome and a musical selection, Pastor Havens presents comments designed to provoke serious thought concerning various subjects. The first thirteen programs are divided into sub-series with the themes: "God's Book," "God's Law," and "God's Day."

Currently negotiations are being carried on with at least three radio stations with respect to airing the *Word of Truth*. They are located in Fremont, MI; Columbus, OH; Warwick, RI. Churches and individuals interested in sponsoring the *Word of Truth* in their vicinity are invited to write to the American Sabbath Tract Society, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061.

All of those involved in the *Word of Truth* recognize that a radio broadcast will not be the total answer to our need for greater visibility, nor will it fulfill Christ's commission by itself. Nevertheless, it is at least one step in a positive direction which may have continuing and, God willing, eternal consequences. Let us all pray to that end! □

SPOTLIGHT ON NEW ZEALAND AUSTRALIA

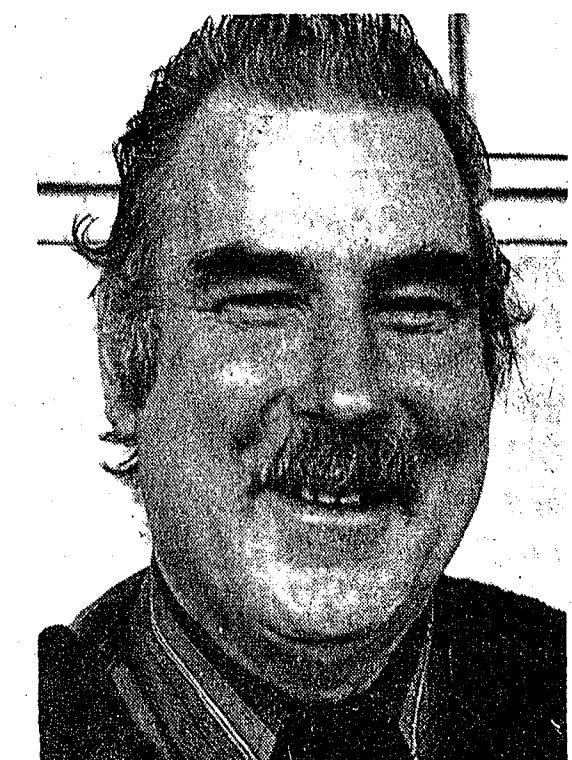
Rev. Leon Lawton visited the Seventh Day Baptist work in New Zealand and Australia prior to Conference this year. Our work in New Zealand consists of two churches, Auckland and Christchurch. The churches sponsor a youth camp each year and are aiding in the development of the work in Australia. The work in Australia is growing and is located in several areas. Pray for God to continue to bless and guide our brothers and sisters "down-under."



Pastor Jose Alegre, points to the city of Melbourne, where he and his wife are establishing a new Spanish SDB ministry. Regular Sabbath services are held and he reports continued growth in this ministry.



The Auckland, New Zealand, SDB Church Building. Reconstruction to enlarge the chapel area was planned for late 1978 or early 1979.



Rev. Ronald Barrar is pastor of the Auckland, New Zealand, church and a former SDB missionary to Malawi. He maintains contact with the brethren in Australia and visits them from time to time.

The SDB Church in Christchurch, New Zealand, is pastored by the Rev. Edward Barrar. Pastor Barrar will be remembered by many who met him at Conference this past year.

These SDB families welcomed Rev. Lawton as he arrived in Budaberg, Australia. They make up the core of the Fellowship there—the Beatties, Rudds, and Mackenzies.



MISSION NOTES

focus

"Where there is no vision the people perish"

Verse for the month: "It is good to say, 'Thank you' to the Lord, to sing praises to the God who is above all gods. Every morning tell him, 'Thank you for your kindness,' and every evening rejoice in all his faithfulness. Sing his praises, accompanied by music from the harp, lute and lyre. You have done so much for me, O Lord. No wonder I am glad! I sing for joy."

-Psalm 92:1-4 (LB)

● **FIELD TRIP:** Director of Evangelism Mynor G. Soper spent most of January in the Southeastern states, visiting new contacts and encouraging new churches and groups. It is thrilling to have Seventh Day Baptists who move to new communities write and ask, "How does one start a new SDB church?" We are anxious to answer that question! Pray that this might become a new pattern during 1979!

● **U.S.A.:** More than fifteen churches have made application for aid in support of Missionary Pastor in 1979—A NEW ALL TIME HIGH. Seven of these are new work! Most have received partial support during 1978. Continuing churches are paying more of the total salary and thus freeing more for new work. New extension ministries also call for evaluation and possible support. Will Seventh Day Baptists meet the growing opportunities these present? Their month-by-month support of Our World Mission and designated gifts for missions will give their reply.

● **GUYANA: FIRST WOMAN PRESIDENT ELECTED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** Pastor Sam Peters reports, "History was created in the Conference when a woman was elected president of Conference. Sis. Elnora Andries is now the president." Let us remember this lady in our prayers as she plans with the churches in the Guyana SDB Conference.

● **MALAWI:** Medical work continues to grow with more facilities needed at Thomas and Thembe. It is also hoped that the long-planned remodeling at Makapwa Hospital and Clinic can be completed early in the new year.

● **THE PHILIPPINES: HENRYS BOARD'S CALL TO MISSIONARY WORK IN THE PHILIPPINES...** "We...are happy and excited to accept the call to The Philippines." Let us remember this young missionary couple in our prayers as Rod finishes seminary and as they, as a family, prepare to go to the work which God has called them to do. **PRAISE GOD FOR ANSWERED PRAYER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

● **BURMA:** Progress is being made on the church building projects, as reported by Rev. L. Sawi Thanga: "It is almost certain that the church building at Tahan (Sanmyo), for the headquarters, will be completed before the end of February 1979 and we intend to open and use it for 1979 annual Conference sessions." Let us remember to pray for the physical strength of these brethren as they continue to work on the church building projects. Also remember to pray for the Conference sessions which will be held during this month.

● **ENGLAND:** Brother Owen Lynch writes, "The course in Theology sponsored by the Birmingham University...is now a reality. The first class will be held on December 8, 1978. As many as five SDB's may be participating in this course. I sincerely hope that this will greatly enhance our ministry." The task which lies before our brethren in England is a difficult one. Remember them with your prayers as they try to reach out to others with the saving love of Jesus.

PRAYER

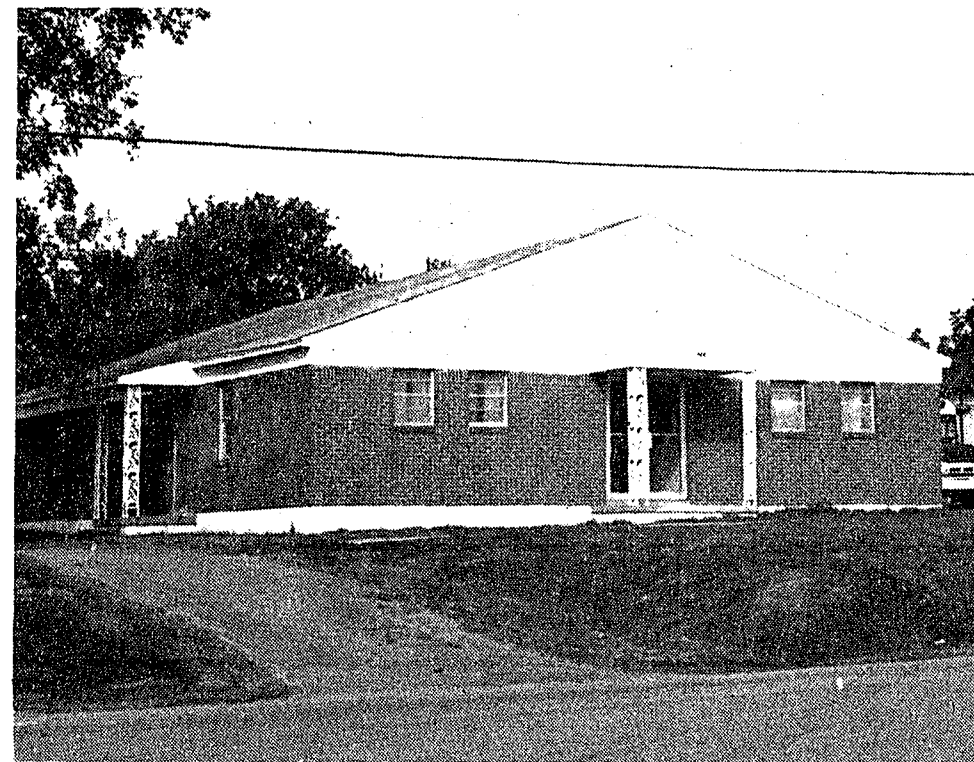
CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

MARCH 1979

PRAY FOR:

- 1—Those who are doing work in your church without being seen—the janitor, secretary, etc.
- 2—East Carolina SDB Fellowship in Fayetteville, NC
- 3—A new face in my congregation. Let God's love shine through you today!
- 4—Those enrolled in the Guide to Bible Understanding that they may grow in the Lord
- 5—Youth clubs in Kenya and their Bible studies
- 6—The elderly who need a purpose to live
- 7—Directors who will be involved in Summer Camp and VBS in a few short months
- 8—Those teaching our Sabbath Schools
- 9—The new RON project in Memphis, TN
- 10—A lonely person. Make your home one of their Sabbath blessings today!
- 11—The choir in your church and its ministry of music
- 12—Those who are sick and need strength and faith
- 13—Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Africa Conference, MALAWI
- 14—Dean Herbert Saunders as he prepares the program of study for ministerial students
- 15—The shut-ins who hunger for someone who cares
- 16—Vision enough to be EXCITED (really EXCITED) about God's plans for your life
- 17—A Sabbath CELEBRATION! Worship expecting to receive something!
- 18—Annual meeting of the SDB Missionary Society, Westerly, Rhode Island
- 19—Christian Social Action Committee as it seeks the needs in our denomination
- 20—Radio Ministry of the Tract Society
- 21—BURMA SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CONFERENCE meeting in Tahan
- 22—Sunshine Mountain and its "SPECIAL" ministry
- 23—The Mill Yard SDB Church as it continues construction in the church
- 24—A safe journey for our brethren in Burma after Conference ends today.
- 25—Opportunities to speak out for the Lord this week
- 26—Coordinating Leadership Team (CLT) meeting in Plainfield, NJ
- 27—Those involved with the evangelism project in Brazil
- 28—Women's Board as it reviews SCSC applications
- 29—Christian radio program sponsored by the Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, RI
- 30—Rod and Camille Henry as they prepare for missionary service in The Philippines
- 31—Sabbathkeepers in China—may God open the spiritual doors there!



Bill and Sandy Shoffner with William (13) and Joshua (4).

The Memphis branch church meets at the Frayser Church of the Nazarene, 2723 Steele at Delano Street.

MEMPHIS MINISTRY

YES, Seventh Day Baptists are extending into new areas and new groups are being born! SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE EXPERIENCING GROWTH! Webster defines growth as "progressive development." SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE MAKING PROGRESS!

Less than one year ago (April 29, 1978) a new church body was organized in Little Rock, AR—Christ SDB Church. Near the time of their organization as a church this group of believers began making contacts in Memphis, TN. RESULT—SDB's have been meeting regularly in the Memphis area since the end of May. Weekly Sabbath worship services are held at the Frayser Church of the Nazarene (2723 Steele at Delano, Memphis, TN). The Christ SDB Church is the "mother church" for this new group. GROWTH IS EVIDENT!

Mr. William Shoffner has been serving as leader in this new group since they began meeting (early meetings of the group were held in the home of Bill and his wife, Sandy) and at a meeting of the Missionary Board Executive Committee held on December 10, 1978 the following action was taken: "that we support Bill Shoffner as a part-time extension pastor (three days a week) in Memphis, TN beginning January 1, 1979."

This information has been shared with the group in Memphis and Extension Pastor Shoffner writes: "We must give all glory to God for the decision to support the work in Memphis and pray that He will bless us with opportunities to serve new contacts and new families in the church. We have had a few additional contacts in the past couple of weeks. Of course at this time it is hard to

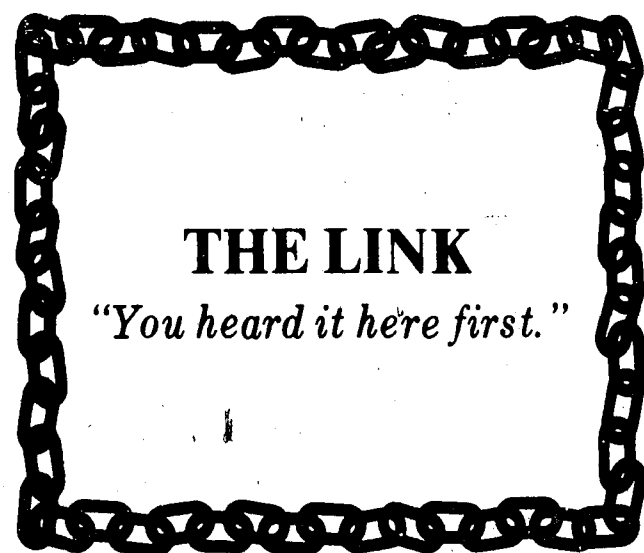
say how favorable they will turn out to be."

Let us remember this new extension pastor in our prayers as well as the whole group in Memphis that God will work through them to reach the unsaved in that area of our country. Pray also for the new contacts that are being made that their response to the Lord may be favorable and pleasing to Him.

Bill writes further: "I know that whatever happens here now must be with God's help and His guidance. We will be praying for other groups to begin also."

GROWTH is evident and God is to be PRAISED! For it is through Him and Him alone that Growth is possible. It is He who is the giver and sustainer of ALL life, both physical and spiritual, and without life there would be no growth! How about it, Seventh Day Baptists, are you alive with the Spirit of God? Do you thrive on His love and gain nourishment from His Word daily? God has blessed us with life through Jesus Christ and He will bless us with growth IF we really are alive in Him!

To Him be all glory and honor for the birth of a new group in Memphis, TN, and may His name be glorified with the birth of many, many more new groups of SDB's both in this country and around the world!! □



THE LINK

"You heard it here first."

by Barb Snyder

I am quickly learning the ropes here at the circus, I mean headquarters office. I am continually amazed at the unending piles of materials that can be put to good use. Actually, they tend to be a distraction. I see so many good things I want to stop and read, but I must make a mental note and continue working. I've beaten down several piles already, but there are plenty more waiting.

I have come to realize some of the major problems of our denomination already and hope I can play a small role in this column at trying to solve these problems. Our size is our first handicap. Our headquarters has the amount of materials normally utilized by a very large church. Yet these materials need to be shared with over sixty churches all over the country. This requires major communication and a considerable stock. I've also discovered that communication is not our forte, but then you probably knew that already, right? Now that I've identified these problems, half the battle is over, I wish.

What I propose to do is serve as a link between the supply and the demand. My first interest is that of offering sources for discussion, education and growth to leaders of youth and adult groups and Bible studies. I will do this by reviewing books, study guides, audiovisual and filmstrip programs and movies for youth, adults, and ministers. I also hope to be a link between services offered and services needed. Maybe you can call me your church want ads.

TIRED OF THE SAME OLD TOOLS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES? SEE ME NEXT MONTH FOR SOME FRESH IDEAS IN

"THE LINK,"

BUT REMEMBER, "YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST." □

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

William R. "Bob" Austin
Dodge Center, MN

I would like to share my conviction with our readers that the concepts of the management function and the principles, techniques, and methods thereof, that are applied to all types of business enterprises, hospital and school systems, and non-profit organizations, can also be applied to organize and structure a body of Believers into an effective church, association or conference of churches as part of a denominational structure formed to fulfill the purpose of serving God and His people.

In today's society of organizations, management is a basic means for personal growth and enrichment of an individual to assume responsibilities and perform successfully to attain personal goals and objectives, as well as the organization they serve, regardless of its purpose or mission in the world. I believe that management functions per se can be applied and adapted to a denominational organization and its basic units, so as to meet the needs of its people and others, and to proclaim and propagate through them plans, programs, and activities that will fulfill the purpose and objectives of the denomination.

I see the purpose and objectives of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination to be the following:

- bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and to lead persons to Christ
- seek the will of God on all moral, spiritual, social, economic, political, denominational and ecumenical matters, and to express ourselves on these matters to society
- guide, unify and assist Seventh Day Baptists in their individual witness to the world and to prepare the members for their part in the evangelistic and missionary ministry within the continental U.S.A. and the world
- honor and obey God's command that the Sabbath Day should be kept by all Christians as a day of rest and worship. □



CONFESSION

O Lord, again I come to Thee—
There is no other I can tell.
Thou alone dost know and love me—
Dost know me well and love me still!

All human hearts can't understand;
All other ears are hard like stone.
The one I count my dearest friend—
He too, has left me all alone.

Lord, Thou hast promised strength
to bear
Temptations here that I must face.
Thou has assured me of Thy care,
In time of need, sufficient grace.

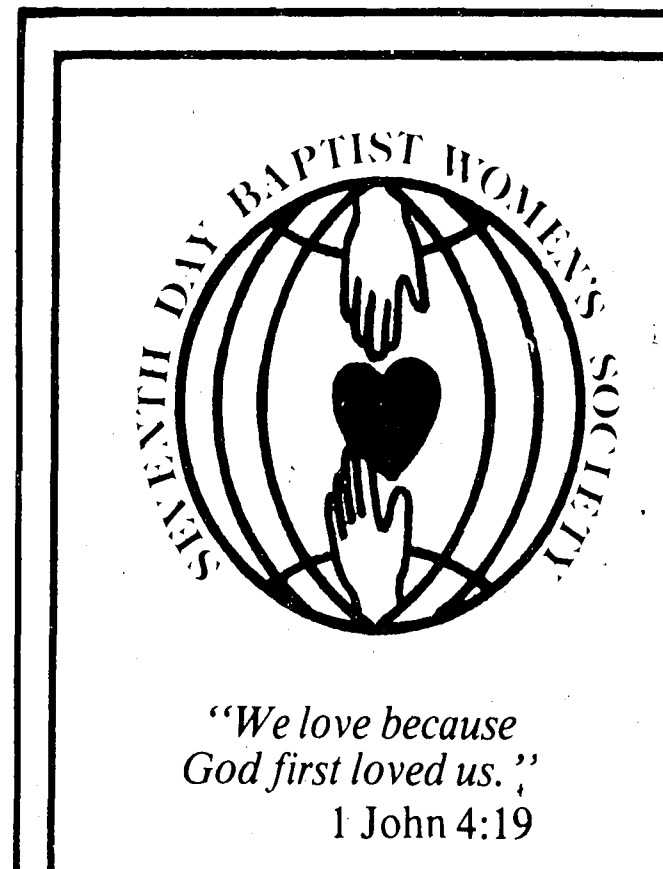
But Lord, I've failed, I've fallen short;
I've missed the mark in spite of grace.
I've sinned against Thee. Take my
heart:
Cleanse me once more. Restore
my place

Within Thy fold, Again I plead
Thy precious blood, O Dying Lamb.
O Jesus, Thou canst fill my need;
To Thee I come just as I am.

Restore to me Thy joy, I pray;
The peace of Thy salvation give.
O let me never from Thee stray—
But ever let me for Thee live.

O Thou Who lovest me so well—
Keep that which I commit to Thee
Against that day when I shall tell
Thy praises forth eternally. □

Marjorie Ann Darrow



Madeline Fitz Randolph

THE YEAR OF THE CHILD



As we consider the needs of children in our neighborhood, we must feel responsible for at least investigating what is being done, if anything, and see what we might do. Some communities have charge in sponsored tutorial services for children who are behind in school work, whose mothers are supporting the family and have not time to help them. Some children whose own grandparents do not live near need special attention and perhaps supervision. Grandmothers—be thinking of some child near you—neglected children are all around us. Offer your time for loving care, if only an hour or two a day.

Most schools are seeking volunteers to come in and help individual students with the basic curriculum subjects that are difficult for them. This can be a rewarding activity. Retired persons are doing much to help children who really need it. Personal contact with children is truly "letting your light shine."

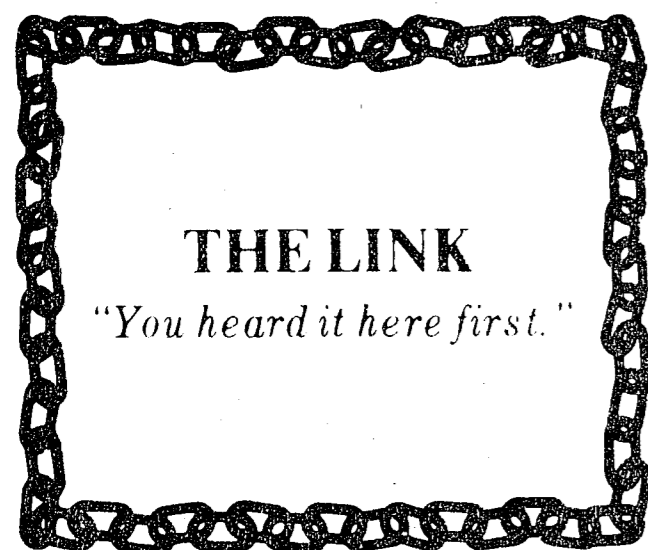
There are so many appeals to help in a material way with clothing, food, etc., that we become confused and decide to do nothing. This is actually an attitude which your editor has encountered more than once. One of the most satisfying kinds of "helping" activity is doing something tangible with one's hands, knowing that this is a real help to some child somewhere who is in need. Through Church World Service, many are finding it fulfilling to sew clothing, knit or crochet articles or outerwear or make baby layettes, blankets, new or used, quilts which use up scraps, as well as sending S & H green stamps which are worthwhile gifts to that child who is cold, whom we do not see, but pray for. We may find out about all the Church World Service projects by writing to Church World Service, Division of Overseas Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. A project which made me want to knit and might start someone on the way to making baby blankets is the Remsen Baby Blanket. It uses up "rainbow-colored" scrap yarn and is unique. Just to get you interested, I included the pattern:

Cast on 2 stitches
 Row 1: knit off 1st stitch, increase 2nd stitch
 Row 2: k 1, increase 1, k 1
 Row 3: k 1, increase 1, k 1, k 1
 Row 4: k 1, increase 1, k 1, k 1, k 1
 Subsequent rows: continue as above, always knitting off the first stitch and increasing on the second stitch, then continuing with the plain (garter) stitch to the end of each row. When the finished edge of the blanket measures about 32 or 33" (this will be half of the blanket) start to decrease.
 TO DECREASE: k 1, k 2 together, continue to k 1 to end of row. Continue above with each row until you are down to the end. You will have a blanket 32-33" square, with a finished edge that is good looking.
 You may use fine yarn or heavy with small needles or coarse, depending on the weight of the yarn used. An excellent way to use leftover yarn. Send finished clothing or blankets to: Church World Service Clothing Center, 201 S. Main Street, Nappanee, IN 46550. □

Every day we read of activities planned and preparations for celebrating this year. We ask the question, "Why have we waited so long?" Long ago, our Lord gave to His disciples the answer to the care of children—"of such is the kingdom of heaven." The actual word on the care of children was "let them come to me, and forbid them not." The spiritual care of children is a true celebration of God's spirit in our lives. Over and over again, this fact is presented to us, and as we think of the nurturing of any living thing that God has given us, we must know that the CHILD is the most precious. We are outraged over the slaughter of baby whales, and we are saddened to see our national emblem, the bald eagle, placed on the endangered species list, but much worse things happen to children in this world. One needs only to read the newspapers and magazines to know that man's atrocities are most heinous against his own kind. My purpose is not to stress the negative facts that are known, but to suggest positive action we may take to DO SOMETHING about it.

In any situation, we are more effective in our mission as stewards of His bounty, if we begin right where we are. Many of us have a sphere which does not encompass a foreign country, but instead, radiates from us to our immediate neighborhood. In fact, we often see much more clearly the needs of those next door or down the street. The Year of the Child means any child—not only Hindi children, or Vietnamese, but all those children of the world. By all means, let us not overlook the one next door.

The American Bible Society is urging that we bring the Bible to as many children as possible this year. It is recorded that in many instances children accept danger, handicaps, disasters, and long for the Word that brings hope for the spirit. We must do what we can to bring the message of hope in Christ to the children of the world. Five hundred dollars will place Scripture portions in the hands of 8,366 children, and \$100 will place a Bible in the hands of thirty-three children. Pray for the spirituality of the children we know, and for the children we know exist, and do your best to see that they have the Scriptures.



THE LINK

"You heard it here first."

by Barb Snyder

I am quickly learning the ropes here at the circus, I mean headquarters office. I am continually amazed at the unending piles of materials that can be put to good use. Actually, they tend to be a distraction. I see so many good things I want to stop and read, but I must make a mental note and continue working. I've beaten down several piles already, but there are plenty more waiting.

I have come to realize some of the major problems of our denomination already and hope I can play a small role in this column at trying to solve these problems. Our size is our first handicap. Our headquarters has the amount of materials normally utilized by a very large church. Yet these materials need to be shared with over sixty churches all over the country. This requires major communication and a considerable stock. I've also discovered that communication is not our forte, but then you probably knew that already, right? Now that I've identified these problems, half the battle is over, I wish.

What I propose to do is serve as a link between the supply and the demand. My first interest is that of offering sources for discussion, education and growth to leaders of youth and adult groups and Bible studies. I will do this by reviewing books, study guides, audiovisual and filmstrip programs and movies for youth, adults, and ministers. I also hope to be a link between services offered and services needed. Maybe you can call me your church want ads.

TIRED OF THE SAME OLD TOOLS FOR GROUP ACTIVITIES? SEE ME NEXT MONTH FOR SOME FRESH IDEAS IN

"THE LINK,"

BUT REMEMBER, "YOU HEARD IT HERE FIRST." □

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

William R. "Bob" Austin
Dodge Center, MN

I would like to share my conviction with our readers that the concepts of the management function and the principles, techniques, and methods thereof, that are applied to all types of business enterprises, hospital and school systems, and non-profit organizations, can also be applied to organize and structure a body of Believers into an effective church, association or conference of churches as part of a denominational structure formed to fulfill the purpose of serving God and His people.

In today's society of organizations, management is a basic means for personal growth and enrichment of an individual to assume responsibilities and perform successfully to attain personal goals and objectives, as well as the organization they serve, regardless of its purpose or mission in the world. I believe that management functions per se can be applied and adapted to a denominational organization and its basic units, so as to meet the needs of its people and others, and to proclaim and propagate through them plans, programs, and activities that will fulfill the purpose and objectives of the denomination.

I see the purpose and objectives of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination to be the following:

- bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the world and to lead persons to Christ
- seek the will of God on all moral, spiritual, social, economic, political, denominational and ecumenical matters, and to express ourselves on these matters to society
- guide, unify and assist Seventh Day Baptists in their individual witness to the world and to prepare the members for their part in the evangelistic and missionary ministry within the continental U.S.A. and the world
- honor and obey God's command that the Sabbath Day should be kept by all Christians as a day of rest and worship. □



CONFESSION

**O Lord, again I come to Thee—
There is no other I can tell.
Thou alone dost know and love me—
Dost know me well and love me still!**

**All human hearts can't understand;
All other ears are hard like stone.
The one I count my dearest friend—
He too, has left me all alone.**

**Lord, Thou hast promised strength
to bear
Temptations here that I must face.
Thou has assured me of Thy care,
In time of need, sufficient grace.**

**But Lord, I've failed, I've fallen short;
I've missed the mark in spite of grace.
I've sinned against Thee. Take my
heart;**

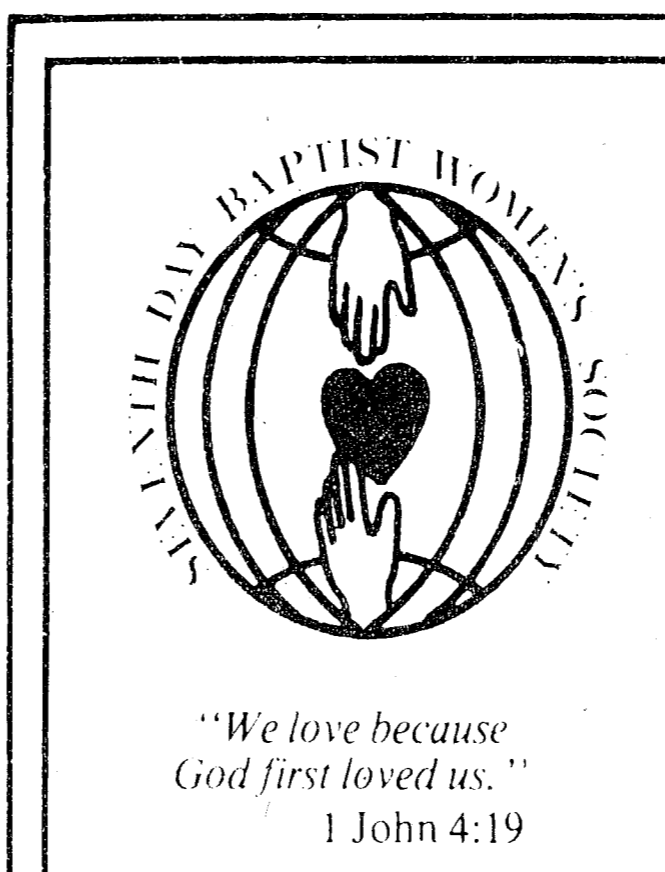
**Cleanse me once more. Restore
my place**

**Within Thy fold. Again I plead
Thy precious blood, O Dying Lamb.
O Jesus, Thou canst fill my need;
To Thee I come just as I am.**

**Restore to me Thy joy, I pray;
The peace of Thy salvation give.
O let me never from Thee stray—
But ever let me for Thee live.**

**O Thou Who lovest me so well—
Keep that which I commit to Thee
Against that day when I shall tell
Thy praises forth eternally. □**

Marjorie Ann Darrow



Madeline Fitz Randolph

THE YEAR OF THE CHILD



As we consider the needs of children in our neighborhood, we must feel responsible for at least investigating what is being done, if anything, and see what we might do. Some communities have charge in sponsored tutorial services for children who are behind in school work, whose mothers are supporting the family and have not time to help them. Some children whose own grandparents do not live near need special attention and perhaps supervision. Grandmothers—be thinking of some child near you—neglected children are all around us. Offer your time for loving care, if only an hour or two a day.

Most schools are seeking volunteers to come in and help individual students with the basic curriculum subjects that are difficult for them. This can be a rewarding activity. Retired persons are doing much to help children who really need it. Personal contact with children is truly "letting your light shine."

There are so many appeals to help in a material way with clothing, food, etc., that we become confused and decide to do nothing. This is actually an attitude which your editor has encountered more than once. One of the most satisfying kinds of "helping" activity is doing something tangible with one's hands, knowing that this is a real help to some child somewhere who is in need. Through Church World Service, many are finding it fulfilling to sew clothing, knit or crochet articles or outerwear or make baby layettes, blankets, new or used, quilts which use up scraps, as well as sending S & H green stamps which are worthwhile gifts to that child who is cold, whom we do not see, but pray for. We may find out about all the Church World Service projects by writing to Church World Service, Division of Overseas Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. A project which made me want to knit and might start someone on the way to making baby blankets is the Remsen Baby Blanket. It uses up "rainbow-colored" scrap yarn and is unique. Just to get you interested, I included the pattern:

Cast on 2 stitches

Row 1: knit off 1st stitch, increase 2nd stitch

Row 2: k 1, increase 1, k 1

Row 3: k 1, increase 1, k 1, k 1

Row 4: k 1, increase 1, k 1, k 1, k 1

Subsequent rows: continue as above, always knitting off the first stitch and increasing on the second stitch, then continuing with the plain (garter) stitch to the end of each row. When the finished edge of the blanket measures about 32 or 33" (this will be half of the blanket) start to decrease.

TO DECREASE: k 1, k 2 together, continue to k 1 to end of row. Continue above with each row until you are down to the end. You will have a blanket 32-33" square, with a finished edge that is good looking.

You may use fine yarn or heavy with small needles or coarse, depending on the weight of the yarn used. An excellent way to use leftover yarn. Send finished clothing or blankets to: Church World Service Clothing Center, 201 S. Main Street, Nappanee, IN 46550.

Every day we read of activities planned and preparations for celebrating this year. We ask the question, "Why have we waited so long?" Long ago, our Lord gave to His disciples the answer to the care of children—"of such is the kingdom of heaven." The actual word on the care of children was "let them come to me, and forbid them not." The spiritual care of children is a true celebration of God's spirit in our lives. Over and over again, this fact is presented to us, and as we think of the nurturing of any living thing that God has given us, we must know that the CHILD is the most precious. We are outraged over the slaughter of baby whales, and we are saddened to see our national emblem, the bald eagle, placed on the endangered species list, but much worse things happen to children in this world. One needs only to read the newspapers and magazines to know that man's atrocities are most heinous against his own kind. My purpose is not to stress the negative facts that are known, but to suggest positive action we may take to DO SOMETHING about it.

In any situation, we are more effective in our mission as stewards of His bounty, if we begin right where we are. Many of us have a sphere which does not encompass a foreign country, but instead, radiates from us to our immediate neighborhood. In fact, we often see much more clearly the needs of those next door or down the street. The Year of the Child means any child—not only Hindi children, or Vietnamese, but all those children of the world. By all means, let us not overlook the one next door.

The American Bible Society is urging that we bring the Bible to as many children as possible this year. It is recorded that in many instances children accept danger, handicaps, disasters, and long for the Word that brings hope for the spirit. We must do what we can to bring the message of hope in Christ to the children of the world. Five hundred dollars will place Scripture portions in the hands of 8,366 children, and \$100 will place a Bible in the hands of thirty-three children. Pray for the spirituality of the children we know, and for the children we know exist, and do your best to see that they have the Scriptures.

the CHURCH in ACTION

LIGHTBEARERS FORM NEW TEAM

A new Light Bearers for Christ team will start training in January. Due to the fact that all the previous team members needed to move on to other pursuits, mostly college, following General Conference, a new team was not formed in the fall. This allowed for our family to have a very short sabbatical rest from the responsibilities of training and providing for teams. This seemed appropriate since it has been seven years since we first started the Light Bearers program. During that seven years our home has been the part-time home of nearly forty team members. It has been a great experience with many blessings and a lot of hard work. Now after a short rest from those responsibilities we are ready to start fresh.

The new team at present consists of only three members....Marita Pederson and Ann Anderson, both of New Auburn, Wis; and Mynor Soper II. We are asking the Lord to raise up at least one or two more qualified members. Qualifications are:

1. Committed to Christ through the new birth experience and willing to dedicate at least one year to serving the Lord in evangelistic endeavor.
2. At least one year out of high school. Preferably older with some college or work experience.
3. Musically capable! Either with good singing ability or appropriate instrumental talent.

We ask for your prayers on behalf of the new team members and the entire ministry of Light Bearers for Christ. If you feel that the Light Bearers for Christ program is a valid ministry we covet your support. Write to us at Rt. 1, Box 569-A, Texarkana, Arkansas 75502. □

-Mynor Soper



Pastor and Mrs. Robert Harris of the Paint Rock church in Alabama recently visited Sabbathkeepers in eastern North Carolina. This was their third visit to the area. Sabbath services were conducted with eleven in attendance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Brown. A portion of those present are pictured. The group plans to meet monthly.

NEW YORK CITY CHURCH FINDS TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, NY—In a time when essentially religious experiences are becoming more and more commercialized and secularized, members and friends of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church came together Nov. 25, seeking the true spirit of Thanksgiving. They were not disappointed, as praises to God poured forth throughout the church's first Harvest and Thanksgiving celebration.

The day's schedule included Sabbath school and worship in the morning, a prayer service and special Thanksgiving program in the afternoon, and a Harvest Supper and Sale in the evening.

The morning worship service, led by Deacon Leonard Stewart, featured a special Thanksgiving sermon by Pastor Socrates Thompson. The afternoon program, chaired by Joan Miles of Victory Tabernacle, an independent Sabbathkeeping church in New York City, featured musical and literary presentations by members and friends of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, a Thanksgiving litany by Associate Pastor Henry A. Grant, and a special address by Historian Tom Merchant of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

Reminding the congregation of the Biblical references to the relationship between reaping and sowing, Mr. Merchant called upon the congregation to take stock of the spiritual

harvest of the denomination, the church, and themselves as individuals, and to begin now to sow for next year's harvest.

Special thanks were offered for the church's new house of worship, which was filled for the afternoon's special event.

But perhaps the highlight of the day was the presence of Alcott Lynch of West Palm Beach, Florida, who personally delivered oranges for the evening's Harvest Sale. □

Tom Merchant

FARINA, IL, CHURCH SEEKS NEW PASTOR

Must be ambitious, willing to meet the public.

Sales background preferable but not a requirement.

Very small flock, but well disciplined to church duties.

Long legs would be an asset, but built-in overdrive would save gas for Sabbath morning services.

Our shelter is old, better than a century, but will house more than 200 head.

All pews are straight backed without cushions, so there is little danger of napping until you make your point.

A special bonus might be considered for each new face counted if they were in attendance more than twice a month.

All resumes to be submitted to the Church Clerk....Mrs. Thelma E. Stewart, 2010 Lily Ave., St. Louis, MO 63122.

Phone (314) 966-8575 □

SECOND ANNUAL MID-CONTINENT YOUTH CONFERENCE

NORTONVILLE, KS—The second annual Mid-America SDB Youth Conference was held at the Nortonville church December 26-31, 1978. Eighteen youths were enrolled from Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Kansas; there was a staff of ten. The theme of the conference was "Let Jesus Shine in '79."

Besides meals and chores, this happened: morning began with a class, then alone time, group discussion and planning time. In the afternoons there was recreation, then class. Tuesday evening was a time of orientation followed by games. On Wednesday evening the film "Step Over the Edge" was shown, a hay ride had to be cancelled because of the cold. On Thursday evening the program was entitled: "Gospel Express-Praise Time." There was a formal banquet on Sabbath Eve and a film "A Thief in the Night" on Saturday evening. The group led the Sabbath morning worship service at the Nortonville church.

The sermon involved several participants: "To Be a Witness You Must..." 1. Be a Christian—Phil Conrod; 2. Have a Desire—Sharon Aiken; 3. Know the Bible Plan—Gordon Green; 4. Have Spirit Power—Norman Green; 5. Do Your Part—Roger Payne. Roger used candles to illustrate how long it takes for one person to light everyone's candles, while everyone lighting the ones around speeds things up! Norman officiated at the Lord's Table assisted by Lori Loofboro. Joel Osborn and Dale Wheeler served the elements. After a hymn four adults responded to the invitation to share what Communion meant to them.

The staff included: Kirk Looper, Pastor Paul Osborn, Dave Neff, Kent and Billie Wheeler, Randy Langworthy, Charles and Reba Wheeler, Vivian Looper and Muriel Osborn. □

● The Los Angeles, CA, S.D.B. Church has begun regular Sabbath services in the afternoon for the Christians in their Spanish-oriented neighborhood, in addition to the regular Sabbath morning worship services. Pastor Peter Morris, assistant to the Rev. Charles Graffius, is in charge of this ministry.



LOS ANGELES CHURCH CREATES SPECIAL PRAYER ROOM

LOS ANGELES, CA—The Los Angeles church completed a new "prayer room" in time for use during the annual S.D.B. Week of Prayer. The room, located above the nursery, is designed to provide a very special chamber for prayer to the entire church membership, young and old.

An altar, around which people may kneel and pray, was purchased. Soft music has been made available in the room. Peter Morris has completed an appropriate wall mural. Physical changes in the room also include soft carpet, drapes and new lights to create an atmosphere and attitude of prayer.

During the Week of Prayer, Pastor Charles Graffius was available, day and night, to pray and counsel with those who requested it. The pastor visualizes continued use of the prayer room and states: "I visualize some of you kneeling in the prayer room on a Sabbath morning during the worship service, interceding for the pastor as he stands between God and His people to minister."

Certainly the Lord will bless the Los Angeles congregation as they continue to steadfastly seek the Lord in prayer. Pastor Graffius asks: "Can you imagine what God will do when we pray?" □

PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Robert E. Harris, who has served the church in Paint Rock, Ala., since June 1976, has accepted a call to serve the Pine Street Chapel (SDB) in Middletown, CT. Rev. David C. Pearson, who has served the Plainfield, N.J., church since January 1977, has resigned effective April 1. The Pearsons will be relocating to Alabama.

As previously reported, the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn has relocated from Hebron, Pa., and has begun his pastorate with the Daytona Beach, Fla., church in January. □

ACTIVE MINISTRY AT ADAMS CENTER

ADAMS CENTER, NY—This quarter has been one of the most fruitful for the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Many things have been happening which seem to be according to the Lord's leading. There are new ideas coming forward, and continued desires on the part of our people to be responsive to the leading of the Spirit.

Regular Sabbath worship services have been conducted during the quarter with your pastor completing a series on the Fruit of the Spirit, and beginning a series based on the First Epistle of John. This series was sidestepped for a few weeks for messages on the Christmas season.

On election day we served pancakes in our church as a special money making project for the church. Few people came, but we did more than break even which essentially made the day a success. We celebrated Thanksgiving with the community at the Adams Center Baptist Church.

The Community Christmas Service was held in the Honeyville church with individuals from each church participating. The guest speaker was Rev. Peter Bolster of the Adams Village Baptist Church.

The released time education program has continued with the pastor teaching the fourth grade level. Most of our time has been spent in singing, along with a story to be told. Nellie Barbur has faithfully taken care of the first, second, and third grades.

The pastor has enjoyed teaching the young people's Sabbath School class, and attendance has been good. The Youth Fellowship again decorated the church for Christmas this year and had a good time of fellowship along with it. There were seven who took part in that activity with one guest.

Appreciation is expressed to Sue Avery who has faithfully chosen hymns, responsive readings, and found worship leaders for the Sabbath morning services. Thanks also to the many who have taken part as worship leaders and in the special music.

May we be open to the Holy Spirit to minister to each of us as we strive to carry out the calling God has given us in this community and in the surrounding area. □

-Delberta Greene

**THE LORD'S WORK
KNOWS NO END!**

RIVERSIDE, CA—A church worshipping, studying, praying and playing together is a healthy group. So we look over our past activities and assess their values in terms of our spiritual growth.

We are greatly blessed to have Pastor Alton Wheeler and Assistant Pastor Gabriel Bejjani as our spiritual leaders. They share in the preaching, Bible studies and calling, and they are always ready to counsel us and share their love with us in any circumstance.

Two special prayer groups are held each week: the Men's Prayer Breakfast is held Monday morning at 6:30 and a Praise and Prayer Group for the ladies meets Wednesday morning. Once a month the two groups meet together.

For some time the Friday evening service has been a study of the Holy Spirit and His gifts to us as individuals. On Monday evenings the Young Adults have a Bible study and the Young People on Wednesday evenings.

Beginning January 1, 1979 we are using a devotional booklet, *The Daily Walk*, which is a reading plan and study which enables the reading of the Bible through in a year. An explanation in our bulletin says, "While a monthly reading guide will be made available, the reading goal will be up to each individual. There will be no meetings to attend, nor reports to be made! While small groups may decide to utilize the reading plan, or an adult Sabbath School class, the plan is primarily designed for individual and/or family use." At present thirty-five are enrolled.

On December 16 our annual Christmas party was held in the Fellowship Hall when everyone sang Christmas carols and a play was given by the Youth Fellowship. The YF was also active in soliciting food and money for baskets and aid to needy families both at the Nativity Season and at Thanksgiving. As a group they went Christmas carolling.

Perhaps the climax of the year was the Sabbath of December 23 at the worship service. The front of the church was banked with red poinsettias and a lovely Christmas tree at one side. The Christmas tree always reminds us of God's creation and the growth He desires in us. The tree was lighted with all white lights making us think of Christ,

the Light of the world, and was topped with a beautiful white dove and small doves on many branches, bringing to our minds Christ, the Prince of Peace. The choir came down the aisle in blue robes and gold stoles singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful." On this Sabbath our choir of thirty voices presented Handel's "Messiah." Jean Lewis was at the organ, Cheryl Driver at the piano and all were ably directed by Jennifer Lewis. It was a thrilling presentation, beautifully sung and most uplifting. Seldom has a group of this size presented the "Messiah" with such a magnificent performance. The "Messiah" is old, yet always new, and we look forward to the time in heaven when we gather around the throne and sing, "Hallelujah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah! And He shall reign forever and ever. Hallelujah!" □ *-Maleta O. Curtis*



Rev.
Rex
Zwiebel

**ALFRED STATION CHURCH
GAINS VISIBILITY**

ALFRED STATION, NY—The church recently gained high visibility with a large announcement on the church page of the *Hornell Tribune*. The announcement, which was placed as a public service at no charge to the church, featured a photo of the church and Pastor Rex. E. Zwiebel. Pastor Zwiebel was able to share the following message with the readers:

We are interested in what "shows" in our lives and in our churches. While some of us apparently want to be seen, others are more interested in programs to be accomplished without any publicity for themselves. There must be a middle ground. Perhaps the text for visibility is Matthew 5:16—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven."

Whatever a church does, or whatever a person does, is not done to say, "Look at us," but to say,

"if what we do attracts persons to the church of God, then His will is being done."

The visibility that the Tribune and the good people who make this church page possible is good, and the churches are thankful. Since each church is listed equally, and without bias, one might imagine that he could enter any church and feel right "at home." While it ought to be that way, it simply is not so, and for many reasons. Our churches reflect our heritage, our experiences, our attitudes, our devotedness, our intelligence, our common sense, our outside relationships, our state of mind, our use and understanding of the Bible, and so on and on.

It is my belief that God can, use all of the above in the building of His church, and His world, but the true test of any church, and of any person, is the extent that we obey the Great Commandment TO LOVE—TO LOVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR. Each church has its own peculiarities that are attractive, or unattractive, to an individual, but its true visibility is the way they love God and each other, and you.

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

P.S.—As the above was being written, the morning news told of President Carter appealing to Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat to call upon God for direction in finding a solution to their differences. That's the right way to begin and the right visibility. □

RECONCILIATION

God, who has made all men in thy likeness
And lovest all whom thou hast made,
Reconcile us with one another and with thee;
And as thy Son and our Savior was born of a Hebrew mother,
But rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman,
And of a Roman soldier,
Welcomed the Greeks who sought him,
And allowed a man from Africa to carry his cross,
So teach us to look upon the members of all races
As fellow heirs of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sophia Shane

**ORDINATION
SERVICE HELD**

MARLBORO, NJ—The annual Harvest Home Festival was held Oct. 6-7 with "Faith for the Future" as the theme. The program included special music, letters read from members unable to attend, testimonies and sharing. The Ordination Service at 2 p.m. followed a dinner. Deacon Fred Ayars presented a Charge to the Candidates, James Davis and Ruth Cruzan. Deacon Frank Cruzan made a Charge to the Church. Rev. Charles Bond offered a dedicatory prayer with the laying on of hands. Deacon Jonathan B. Davis and Deaconess Lucy R. Davis welcomed the candidates to the Diaconate. A girls' quartette sang "Whispering Hope" to close a very touching and impressive service.

Stewardship Sabbath was observed with Mrs. Ruth Cruzan and her sister Mrs. Marion Peterson leading. "What Stewardship Means to Me" was presented by Doneta Richards, Randy Dickinson and Janet Peterson. There were excellent messages. Everyone enjoyed a covered dish supper sponsored by the Ladies' Aid. Marietta Fansler and family led a joint Thanksgiving Service on November 22, with an art and music presentation. Fasting and prayer were observed for 24 hours December 10 and 11 from sundown to sundown to determine what He requires of each one of us. The Community Bible Club meets on Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

Twenty-two Christmas boxes were prepared by the Ladies' Aid and sent to shut-ins and those living alone. The Christian Education Committee presented a live nativity program December 21. Although it was very cold and windy, many attended after which hot chocolate and cookies were served. A total of \$315 was received from the Sabbath School classes to go to other parts of the world for their White Christmas needs. Many enjoyed the sound of carolers on Christmas Eve. ☆

Ella T. Davis

● The second full year as a church for the Columbus, Ohio, S.D.B. Church was one of steady growth. The membership increased by 13%, the average attendance by 4.3% and contributions by 7.2%. Would that every church could experience such yearly growth!



Seventh Day Baptists have long been involved in Christian Social Action projects. This photo taken in the 1940's, following the war, shows Mrs. Anna Pfeiffer of the Irvington church, with a shipment of food and clothing for the brethren in Germany. The Irvington church sent thousands of pounds of food and clothing, much contributed by our churches across the U.S., to assist those in need in Germany following the war. Then as now, "You Are There—Because You Care."

ACCESSIONS

BATTLE CREEK, MI
S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor

By Testimony:
Paul E. Heavilin
Tammie L. (Mrs. Paul) Heavilin

MILTON, WI
Earl Cruzan, Pastor

By Baptism:
Dean S. Fox

PAINT ROCK, AL
Robert Harris, Pastor

By Testimony:
Charlotte (Mrs. Samuel) Bennett

SEATTLE AREA, WA
Duane L. Davis, Pastor

By Baptism:
Alan Posey

By Testimony:
Kenneth E. Meeks
Carole Meeks (Mrs. Kenneth)
Lavonne Singleton (Mrs. Justus)

WESTERLY, RI
Russell W. Havens, Pastor

By Testimony:
Mrs. Ruth Utter

● E. Mae Lewis, who chairs the Executive Secretarial Science Department at Alfred State College, has been elected president of the State University of New York Secretarial Educators organization. She is a member of the Alfred Station, N.Y., SDB Church.

**DENOMINATIONAL
DATELINE**

January 6
S.D.B. Church
Amsterdam, Holland
Rev. Leon R. Lawton

S.D.B. Church
Hamburg, Germany
Dr. K. D. Hurley

January 7-12
Asia Baptist Congress
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Dr. K. D. Hurley

January 14-25
S.D.B. Churches in India
Rev. Leon R. Lawton
Dr. K. D. Hurley

January 12 - February 3
Visit to Churches and Groups
Southern U.S.A.
Evangelist Mynor Soper

February 17
SABBATH RECORDER DAY

February 17
S.D.B. Church
Marlboro, N.J.
Editor John D. Bevis

March 18
Annual Meeting
S.D.B. Missionary Society
Westerly, R.I.

April 8-11
General Council Sessions
Plainfield, N.J.

OBITUARIES

BURDICK.—Dighton G., son of the late Lester and Grace Gro. Burdick, was born June 29, 1907, in Hartsville, N.Y., and died Nov. 2, 1978, at Coudersport, Pa., after a long illness. A long-time resident of Alfred, N.Y., and a graduate of Alfred University, he had belonged to the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church since boyhood, and loyally supported its mission. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge at Alfred.

He married Nellie Warren Armstrong, some time after the death of her first husband. Besides his widow, he is survived by a son, Rev. Alan Burdick of Youngstown, Ohio; a stepson, Donald Armstrong of Stowe, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Eleanor Armstrong and Roberta Armstrong, both of Port Allegany, Pa.; three grandchildren and three step-children; and a sister, Mrs. Clair (Beula) Gowdy of Wellsville, N.Y.

Funeral services were held Nov. 4, 1978, at the Alfred S.D.B. Church conducted by Rev. David Minor of Coudersport and Rev. David Clarke of Alfred. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

-D.S.C.

CRANDALL.—Cecile Irma, was born April 17, 1886 at North Loup, Nebr., and died at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., on Dec. 22, 1978. She was the daughter of Calvin and Esther Rood Crandall.

She was an English teacher in high school and college before returning to the home farm in the 1930's. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton and was also active in the Women's Village Improvement Club and the Milton Historical Society.

Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Dec. 24 with her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. She is survived by a brother, George of Madison, and a sister, Esther Bingham of Milton.

-E.C.

LEE.—Mary Adeline, daughter of Aruntus and Florence Baker Lee, was born May 1, 1897, in Whitesville, New York, and died in the Burn Center of the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York, December 30, 1978.

Mary was an associate member of the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served for a while as cook for our camps at Camp Harley Sutton. Several cousins survive.

Farewell services were held in the Wildman Funeral Home in Whitesville, January 2, 1979 with the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel officiating. Burial will be in the Whitesville Rural Cemetery.

-R.E.Z.

PAYNE.—Arthur David Payne passed away January 4, 1979 in the Dodge County Fairview Nursing Home, where he had been a resident for some years. He was born January 24, 1893 in Beadle County, S.D. He married Eva L. Churchward March 31, 1915 in Dodge Center, MN. She preceded him in death.

Arthur was a faithful member of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years, serving in a number of official capacities and always doing his part to keep his church running smoothly.

He is survived by a son, Donald, three daughters, Mrs. Roy (Dorothy) Shettel, Mrs. Wallace (Millicent) Greene, and Mrs. Robert (Lorna) Austin, also 17 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, 4 sisters and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held January 8, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Dodge Center, MN.

-L.W.B.

PLACE.—Ethelyn Slade, the daughter of Marcus and Ida Tanner Slade was born September 3, 1888 in Little Genesee, N.Y., and died August 18, 1978 in Salamanca, N.Y. following a prolonged illness.

She was baptized in the Little Genesee church and was a member of that congregation until her marriage in 1912 to George Place, a member of the Alfred church. Her husband was superintendent of schools in Salamanca from 1922-1941. He died in 1973.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Place was a member of the Alfred, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Charles (Jeanne) Green, Mrs. Walter (Audrey) Betka, both of Schenectady; three grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Flora Whitford, Stamford, CT; several nieces and nephews.

A prayer service was held in the O'Rourke and O'Rourke Funeral Home in Salamanca with the Rev. David C. Stanley, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, officiating. Funeral services were held in the Alfred S.D.B. Church with the Rev. David S. Clarke officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

-A.B.

RAINEAR.—LeRoy F., 75, son of James E. and Mertie Raisinger Rinear, was born April 8, 1903 in Hopewell Township, N.J., and died in the Bridgeton, N.J., Hospital on Friday, January 5, 1979 where he had been a patient for two months. However, he had been in failing health for the past two years. He resided in Shiloh all his life.

Jake, as he was known by his friends, was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shiloh, N.J. He served as an usher for several years, and as president of the Tri-C Sabbath School Class.

He was retired from the Shoemaker's Dairy, where he was employed for many years. He was a member of the Cumberland County Fire Police, Shiloh Fire Company, Hopewell-Stow Creek Fire Company and the Shiloh Ambulance Corps.

He served as crossing guard for the Hopewell Township School until ill-health forced his retirement about three years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Bessie; and three daughters, Mrs. Lewis (Verle) Brown of Vineland, Mrs. Charles (Lorraine) Stites of Bridgeton, and Mrs. Charles (Julia) Kilpatrick of Pennsville; a son LeRoy F. Jr. of Millville; three brothers, Edward of Oreland, Pa., Lester of Penns Grove, and Herbert of Millville; a sister, Mrs. Jonathan (Lucy) Davis of Shiloh; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on Jan. 9,

1979, with his pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in Fernwood Memorial Park.

-C.H.B.

MARRIAGES

LAWTON-BURDICK.—Gordon P. Lawton, son the Rev. and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton of Pawcatuck, Connecticut, and Linda J. Burdick, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Dec. 29, 1978 with the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, father of the groom, and Pastor Earl Cruzan, pastor of the bride, officiating. Their home will be at the parsonage at Ashaway, R.I., where Gordon is pastor of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

PALMER-MOSEN.—Thomas Palmer and Brenda Mosen were united in marriage November 11, 1978 at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, R.I. The Rev. Russell W. Havens officiated.

VAN HORN-SUTTON.—E. Donald Van Horn, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar D. Van Horn, and Madge Sutton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wilson, were united in marriage December 30, 1978 in the Alfred Station, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church with Madge's son-in-law, the Rev. William Webster, officiating, assisted by the couple's pastor, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn will reside in Alfred Station.

BIRTHS

ANDREWS.—Richard Lee, III, son of Richard, Jr., and Michele Andrews, was born in Plainfield, N.J., on January 2, 1979.

APPLEGATE.—A daughter, Melissa Lynn to Kenneth and Mary Applegate of Milton on December 13, 1978.

COOK.—A son, Troy Wayne, to Samuel and M. Jean (Cartwright) Cook, Takoma Park, Maryland, on October 17, 1978.

HANSON.—Travis Lee, son of Rick and Kaylynn (Shultz) Hansen, was born at Renton, WA, December 29, 1978.

MEEKS.—Joshua Earl, son of Kenneth E. and Carole Meeks, Renton, WA, was born in Seattle, WA, on October 3, 1978.

ROBERTSON.—A daughter, Sonja Elizabeth, to Ralph and Sharon (Jones) Robertson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 23, 1978.

SAYRE.—A daughter, Jane Maureen, to John and Maureen Sayre of Milton on Oct. 31, 1978.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Thorngate. He helped to construct the North Loup, NE, church which granted him a license to preach. He served the following churches: Exeland, WI; Stonefort, IL; Albion, WI; and Dodge Center, MN, where he died Nov. 6, 1952.

"A MAN SENT FROM GOD." —John 1:6

by Claston Bond

I would like to share with you my association with Pastor Charles W. Thorngate and his faithful wife Ethel.

Pastor Thorngate came to our little church at a very critical time. At that time, as now, there was great interest in the gifts of the Spirit. There had been misunderstandings, feelings hurt, and things carelessly said. He came to us knowing of the problems but firmly believing that the Bible held the answers.

I vividly recall one of Pastor Thorngate's first sermons; it was based on First Kings 19. In that chapter Elijah felt an earthquake, a windstorm and a fire, but God came as still, small voice.

As we listened to Pastor Thorngate, we were moved by his sincerity and strength of conviction—his still, small voice speaking the truth in love. I am convinced the "little ministers" in this world move more mountains than the world famous evangelists.

When Pastor Thorngate first came to our church, we were helped by the Missionary Society. We soon felt we should pay the salary ourselves. Pastor Thorngate said he would take a reduction in pay to make this possible. I never knew Pastor Thorngate to do a selfish act.

Pastor Thorngate was a carpenter, as was our Savior. His wife Ethel was a fine pianist and loved music. Pastor did not sing but when he

Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts selected by pastors and ministerial students.



Jay Zaremba
Bay Area, CA

● "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures." (1 Corinthians 15:3, 4)

● In these days of rising stormy seas of Christian and non-Christian religious subjectivism, wherein the believer's own experiences of peace, joy, happiness, sanctification, etc., are paramount, these verses are a shining beacon pointing to the *objective* gospel which is the power of God. The gospel is the good news about the Person and work of Jesus Christ.

The gospel is about a historic event, about a unique history, about an unrepeatable history. The center is never our experience, but it is Jesus' experience—His life, death, and resurrection *for* us. Let us as evangelicals cease promoting the gospel of a changed life and proclaim and live true to the gospel that changes lives.

Let us cry aloud with Luther: "Mine are Christ's living, doing, and speaking, His suffering and dying; mine as much as if I had lived, done, spoken, and suffered, and died as He did." □

THE "TATE" FAMILY

heard a favorite hymn, he would soundly tap his foot in time with the music.

I wonder, when the angels sing their heavenly music for us, will Pastor Thorngate be tapping his foot? I believe so, and surely his wife Ethel will sooner or later be playing the heavenly organ.

I truly believe for our Seventh day Baptist Church in Dodge Center, MN, Pastor Thorngate was "a man sent from God" to help us in our time of great spiritual uncertainty. □

1978 YEARBOOKS are ready!!!

\$4.00 each

Order from:
SDB Publishing House
Box 868
Plainfield, NJ 07061

"Do you know how many members of the **TATE FAMILY** belong to our church? There is old man **DIC TATE** who wants to run everything, while Uncle **RO TATE** tries to change everything. Their sister **AGI TATE** stirs up plenty of trouble, with help from her husband **IRRI TATE**.

Whenever new projects are suggested, **HESI TATE** and his wife, **VEGE TATE**, want to wait until next year. Then, there is Aunt **IMI TATE**, who wants our church to be like all the rest of the churches. **DEVAS TATE** provides the voice of doom, while **POTEN TATE** wants to be a big shot.

But not all members of the family are bad. Brother **FACILI TATE** is quite helpful in church matters. And a delightful, happy member of the family is Miss **FELICI TATE**. Cousins **COGI TATE** and **MEDI TATE** always think things over, and lend a helpful, steady hand.

And, of course, there is the black sheep of the family, **AMPU TATE**, who has completely cut himself off from the church." □

-Selected

WE ARE ABLE TO POSSESS THE LAND

by Rev. A. L. Peat
Mill Yard Church, England

"But Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, 'Let us go up at once, and occupy it; for we are well able to overcome it'" (Numbers 13:30). After their long and tiresome journey of forty years the children of Israel had arrived at the border of Canaan. But before entering the Promised Land they wanted to make certain all was well. So it was that Joshua, a great military leader, selected twelve men as spies, one from each tribe. They spent forty days in looking over the land.

They found it to be a beautiful land and very fruitful. When they returned to their camp they took proof of its bounty with the great bunches of grapes, the pomegranates and figs. They presented the products of the land to Moses and the congregation. However, the spies gave an evil account which shattered the hope of the people by saying, "We are not able to possess the land."

The other two men, Caleb and Joshua, stilled the people and urged that the land be taken. It is always said that the majority rules, so it was that the people hearkened to the report of the timid and fearful ten who also reported that "we cannot fight against them for they are all giants." These men were spiritually blind, they saw only the arms of flesh; while Caleb and Joshua looked through the eyes of faith and relied on the power of Almighty God.

These two brothers, who were filled with the power of God, saw strong fortifications as no obstacle in the way of possessing the land. We can imagine Caleb and Joshua repeating the matter again, "Brethren we are well able to possess the land." They exercised faith in God, while the evil spies were filled with fear. Satan's weapon is *fear* — God's weapon is *faith*.

By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they were compassed about for seven days. Jesus said that if we have faith, even as small as a grain of mustard seed, we can command a mountain to remove and be

cast into the sea and it will be done. It is impossible to please God without faith. These people had seen what God had done for them when He delivered them from bondage in Egypt. They had witnessed the great miracles that God did for them at the hands of Moses and Aaron, they had seen the parting of the Red Sea. God had provided water in a barren land. He fed them with the very bread of heaven; He led them as a shepherd leads his sheep. His presence was continually with them in the form of a pillar of fire by night and a cloud by day.

Caleb and Joshua remembered these wonders and it gave them firm confidence. At this time Satan was hard at work among the people with his weapons of fear and mistrust. The enemy never tires of using these weapons; he had used them in every age against the children of God and is still using them today against spiritual Israel. Spiritual Israel is explained in Gal. 3:29 "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." God promised Abraham that He would bless and multiply his seed and that through his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed.

We who are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, from the workhouse of sin under the hard taskmaster the devil, are travelling on a similar pilgrimage. Our going forth is not to possess a kingdom in the land of Israel. In the book of Daniel we find how extensive will be the inheritance of the saints. "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all shall serve and obey him" (Dan. 7:27).

The way to the kingdom is a very dangerous pathway, it is beset on every hand by wicked spirits. We have to fight against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. In our daily fight against the evil one, we come in contact with these satanic agencies such as the agnostic, the infidel, the atheist, the communist and the worldly-wise. But brethren, for all of this be of good courage; we are well able to possess the land. This will be the kingdom that each and every one of us has been praying for. We are thankful that God has

delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. Because it is through His Son that we have redemption through His own blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Today the earth is corrupt before God and violence fills the world, as it was before the flood (see Gen. 6:11). We can see on every hand that this world is fading away giving way for the establishment of the Kingdom of God. He has promised to fill this earth with His glory even as the water covers the sea. "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever'" (Rev. 11:15).

Now brethren we are standing with Christ on the mountaintop of holiness, looking over into the Promised Land where love, peace, joy and happiness reign. So brethren with all the evil we have to fight against, we are well able to possess the land which will be the saints' inheritance. "And I saw new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God....He that sat on the throne said, Behold I make all things new" (Rev. 21:2,3,5).

This will be the condition of the home of the saints when they possess the kingdom. So you can see the comparison between this earthly land of Canaan and the one that is to come; the inheritance of the saints. This was the city that Abraham sought. This is the city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Brethren, with all the satanic hindrances, let us go up at once and possess the land for we are well able to overcome it (see Rev. 3:12).

So as pilgrims traveling toward our future homeland, there will be great obstructions from the invisible forces of the spirit world. They were working against the children of Israel and they are working today against us. But greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world (see 1 John 4:4). Brethren let us go up at once and possess the land for we are well able to possess it. □



PUT SOME ACTION INTO YOUR LOVE

"What does the word 'love' mean?" asked Mrs. Patrick. The boys and girls of the Sabbath School class were quiet for a moment while they thought about what love means. "It means caring about people" said Sharon.

"Love is doing nice things" offered Billy. "Love is a warm puppy" giggled Mary, and the rest of the class giggled too.

Mrs. Patrick, who had been writing the answers on the chalkboard, laughed with the rest of the class and said, "That can be a kind of love too. But these other answers are about the way we act toward other people. What are some ways we can show our love?"

This time the boys and girls thought even harder. "We can obey our parents" said John. Sue said, "We can share our toys with our friends when we play."

"Good Sue and John," said Mrs. Patrick. "Can you think of some other things?" Mary was very serious now and she said, "We could do something nice for somebody who is lonely."

"I'm glad you said that, Mary." Mrs. Patrick wrote Mary's answer on the board with Sue's and John's. "Can we do something as a class to show our love to someone who is lonely?"

Sue brightened and said, "When we go to see my grandmother in the nursing home, I see a lot of people there who seem lonely. Grandmother says that some of those people never have anybody visit them. We could do something special for them!"

"That's a very good idea, Sue. What do the rest of you boys and girls think about that?" said Mrs. Patrick.



All the children nodded their heads and said things like "I like that idea!" and "We could make something for them."

Sharon had an idea. "Since it's so close to Valentine's Day we could make valentine cards for all the people and maybe even make decorations to put on the tables where they eat."

"You children are full of good ideas today!" said Mrs. Patrick. "All those who think Sharon's idea is something we should do raise your hands." Every child raised a hand and Mrs. Patrick said, "We need to make plans about what we are going to do. Let's get started right now! I think this is going to be fun!" And all the children agreed.

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

Maybe you would like to do something special for someone in a nursing home. Maybe your Sabbath class could do this as a project. Or if you do it by yourself, you can pick two or three people to visit.

MEMORY VERSE: 1 John 3:18 (TEV)

"My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love which shows itself in action."

Younger children may memorize "True love..shows itself in action."

Doing something nice for somebody who is lonely is one way of showing our love in action, or putting action into our love. □

-Linda Harris

Seventh Day Baptist Ministries and Outreach

OUR WORLD MISSION

Budgetary Receipts for December 1978

	Suggested Goals	December OWM	12 mos. total OWM and Reported Boards
Adams Center NY	\$ 1,698		\$ 1,825.65
Albion WI	2,038	189.95	2,247.01
Alfred NY	10,754	1,323.95	8,937.95
Alfred Station NY	6,792	769.36	5,094.08
Ashaway RI	8,603	1,004.20	8,917.54
Associations & Groups	9,056	509.25	10,968.67
Battle Creek MI	13,584	1,336.07	10,865.89
Bay Area CA	736	78.00	761.40
Berea WV	849	135.00	788.28
Berlin NY	4,528	506.69	4,919.00
Boulder CO	5,660	1,272.05	6,973.30
Brookfield NY	849		425.50
Central MD	2,547		432.00
Christ AR	679	52.63	844.65
Columbus OH	5,094	152.37	3,647.30
Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	276		238.01
Daytona Beach FL	4,754	632.12	5,086.76
Denver CO	19,244	1,261.57	18,114.95
De Ruyter NY	2,604	124.00	2,212.35
Dodge Center MN	7,358	925.58	6,715.01
Farina IL	1,358	513.91	1,031.28
Fouke AR	2,038	95.09	750.82
Hebron PA	2,830	202.39	2,785.16
Hopkinton RI	396		75.00
Houston TX	1,132	328.69	3,934.09
Individuals	3,396	234.90	2,845.15
Irvington NJ	2,830		2,875.00
Kansas City MO	2,264	231.00	1,578.88
Leonardsville NY	340		153.15
Little Genesee NY	3,622	518.48	4,538.46
Little Rock AR	679	5.00	697.17
Los Angeles CA	10,528	2,154.00	13,387.42
Lost Creek WV	5,660	530.00	6,617.59
Marlboro NJ	7,358	758.03	8,265.94
Middle Island WV	962	110.00	845.00
Milton WI	26,036	3,292.38	26,058.90
Milton Junction WI		22.00	674.00
New Auburn WI	2,830	420.19	1,989.19
New York NY			1,698
North Jersey NJ			2,830
North Loup NE			9,056
Nortonville KS			5,094
Paint Rock AL			1,924
Phoenix AZ			379
Plainfield NJ			8,490
Putnam County FL			849
Richburg NY			3,679
Riverside CA			14,942
Rockville RI			792
Salem WV			8,490
Salemville PA			2,264
Schenectady NY			679
Seattle WA			3,736
Shiloh NJ			16,414
Stonefort IL			1,132
Sunshine Mountain MS			57
Texarkana AR			566
Upper East Tenn. TN			375
Verona NY			3,962
Walworth WI			2,490
Washington DC			2,547
Waterford CT			4,528
Westerly RI			9,056
White Cloud MI			2,038
Budget			\$34,970.71
Non-Budget			1,535.15
Total To Disburse			\$36,505.86

SUMMARY:

Budget	\$298,504.00
Receipts for 12 months:	
OWM Treasurer	\$251,773.53
Boards Reported	21,608.10
Arrears for 1978	\$25,122.37
Percentages: year elapsed, 100%; budget raised, 91.58%	

Gordon Sanford
OWM Treasurer

Congratulations

TO THOSE CHURCHES WHO REACHED THE "SUGGESTED" OWM GOAL FOR 1978

ADAMS CENTER, NY	HOUSTON, TX	NORTONVILLE, KS
ALBION, WI	IRVINGTON, NJ	PLAINFIELD, NJ
ASHAWAY, RI	LITTLE GENESEE, NY	RICHBURG, NY
BAY AREA, CA	LITTLE ROCK, AR	TEXARKANA, AR
BERLIN, NY	LOS ANGELES, CA	UPPER EAST TENN
BOULDER, CO	LOST CREEK, WV	VERONA, NY
CHRIST, AR	MARLBORO, NJ	WASHINGTON, DC
DAYTONA BEACH, FL	MILTON, WI	WHITE CLOUD, MI

Book Reviews

by John D. Bevis

How To Make Your Church Hum.
Paul W. Powell.
Nashville: Broadman Press, 1977
\$2.50.

Paul Powell, pastor of the Green Acres Baptist Church (Southern Baptist) in Tyler, Texas, has written a short but comprehensive guide to effective leadership. "It isn't just a book of easy techniques," rather Powell seeks to point church leaders to God as "the only source of true power." He presents in a readable and thought-provoking manner how to develop fresh and workable methods and plans for growth—to make the church "hum."

Some of the chapter titles are: "Wake Up the Worship; Give Dynamic Leadership; Involve the People; Advertise Well; and Cut Excess Meetings."

In regard to leadership Powell states: "Groups do not lead. Individuals do. A dream, an idea, a vision begins with one person, and he then inspires, motivates, and leads the group to accomplish it. If the church is to hum today, it must have dynamic leadership. We must lead, follow, or get out of the way."

Perhaps many Seventh Day Baptists could profit from the chapter "Cut Excess Meetings." Powell gives useful advice on how to accomplish more with fewer committee meetings, etc. He is radical enough to suggest "there is no value in continuation of a meeting or activity simply because you have always done it. Tradition is no justification for continuation" he concludes.

The SDB Missionary Society has sent copies of this book to all pastors as well as members of the General Council. However, this book can profitably be read by all laity who share the concern for seeing the church move forward. □

Allegany's Uncommon Folk.
Helene C. Phelan. Alfred, N.Y., 1978.
\$5.75 postpaid.

Whether or not your roots are in the hills of Allegany County, New York, as a Seventh Day Baptist you will find this recently published book by Helene C. Phelan of great interest as did I. The book is a history of the early settlement of the

area with emphasis on many of the notable "uncommon folk" over the years.

We found the chapter on Hiram P. Burdick especially interesting, indeed worth the price of the book alone. Dr. Burdick, a leading Seventh Day Baptist of his day, was a unique man who is described as a physician, dentist, preacher, evangelist, temperance leader, scholar and inventor.

Perhaps our Alfred readers already know how the bell was placed in the church steeple—if you don't, you simply must read Phelan's account...

The Burdick family had definite ideas about health and "were living 100 years ahead" of their time. The doctor established the "Alfred Highland Water Cure" sanitarium which flourished for some years. In an advertisement which appeared in the June 18, 1857, edition of the *Sabbath Recorder*, Burdick stated that the facilities "for successful treatment of various (stated) diseases are not excelled in any establishment." Well, if it appeared in the *Recorder* it must have been so!

Hiram P. Burdick would no doubt be happy with the current SDB commitment to evangelism and church growth; no doubt if he were living he would be a leader in the cause. In the 1850's the author points out that the term "born again" was a "term heard often and with particular pride." Burdick was a "missionary" for some time laboring in New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Illinois. In fact he organized the Hartsville, N.Y., SDB Church in 1847 from a group that he had been studying since boyhood.

The book also contains many anecdotes of the local "characters" common to every small town and rural community. This area of New York State saw the birth and development of many religious movements: Mormonism, Spiritualism, Shakers, Millerites, Campbellites and Phelan provides interesting insights into the lives of many individuals prominent in these movements.

The book is \$5.75 postpaid (New York residents please add sales tax) and may be ordered from the author Mrs. Helene C. Phelan, 114 S. Main Street, Almond, NY 14804 or at the Alfred College Bookstore. you will enjoy it. □

The Holy Spirit.
Billy Graham.
Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1978,
\$7.95 cloth.

In recent years new attention has been focused upon the study of the Holy Spirit by the Christian Church. Billy Graham, noted evangelist, has recently published his study on this often-controversial subject. He says, in the preface, that "this book began as a part of my spiritual pilgrimage." He undertook a systematic study of this subject not with the purpose of writing a book in mind, rather to learn more for himself what the Bible teaches regarding the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

In the book Dr. Graham seeks to answer such questions as: Who is the Holy Spirit? What does He do? Where does He come from? What is He doing in the world today? What is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit? How does He communicate with His creations? Why did he enter the world? and What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?

No doubt one of the most widely misinterpreted teachings of the Bible is that of the differing views of Christians regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In recent years practically every denomination has experienced divisions over the study of this question. Some of these divisions have occurred in a "spirit" that was not of God.

Graham states that he received the baptism of the Holy Spirit "the moment I received Jesus Christ as my Savior." From his extensive study he concludes there is only one baptism with the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer and states further "nor do I see that speaking in tongues is a necessary accompaniment of being filled with the Spirit." To those who teach one must agonize, labor, struggle and pray "to get the Spirit," Graham says "...no Christian need strive, wait, or pray through to get the Spirit. He has received it already...as an unmerited and unearned gift of grace." To this we agree.

This book will help those who are confused about the Biblical teaching of the work of the Holy Spirit. More importantly, we believe it will help lead the readers to a direct confrontation with the One who can indwell and empower them. □

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OUR 135TH YEAR

FEBRUARY IS SABBATH RECORDER EMPHASIS MONTH

- Church and Association News
- Inspirational Articles
- Special Theme Issues
- Children's and Youth Pages
- Denominational Plans
- Book Reviews

Our goal in 1979 is to have the Sabbath Recorder in every Seventh Day Baptist home. Be informed—subscribe to YOUR denominational journal and encourage others to do so. The price is only \$6.00 per year. Why not share the Recorder with a friend? We will be happy to send a gift subscription in your name.

My Name: _____
My Address: _____

AND SEND A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO:

Name: _____
Address: _____

The Sabbath Recorder, P.O. Box 868, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07061

The Sabbath Recorder
510 Watchung Ave., Box 868
Plainfield, N.J. 07061
(ISSN 0036-214X)
Second class postage paid at Plainfield, N.J. 07061

1279
MILTON COLLEGE LIBRARY
MILTON WI 53563

THE SABBATH

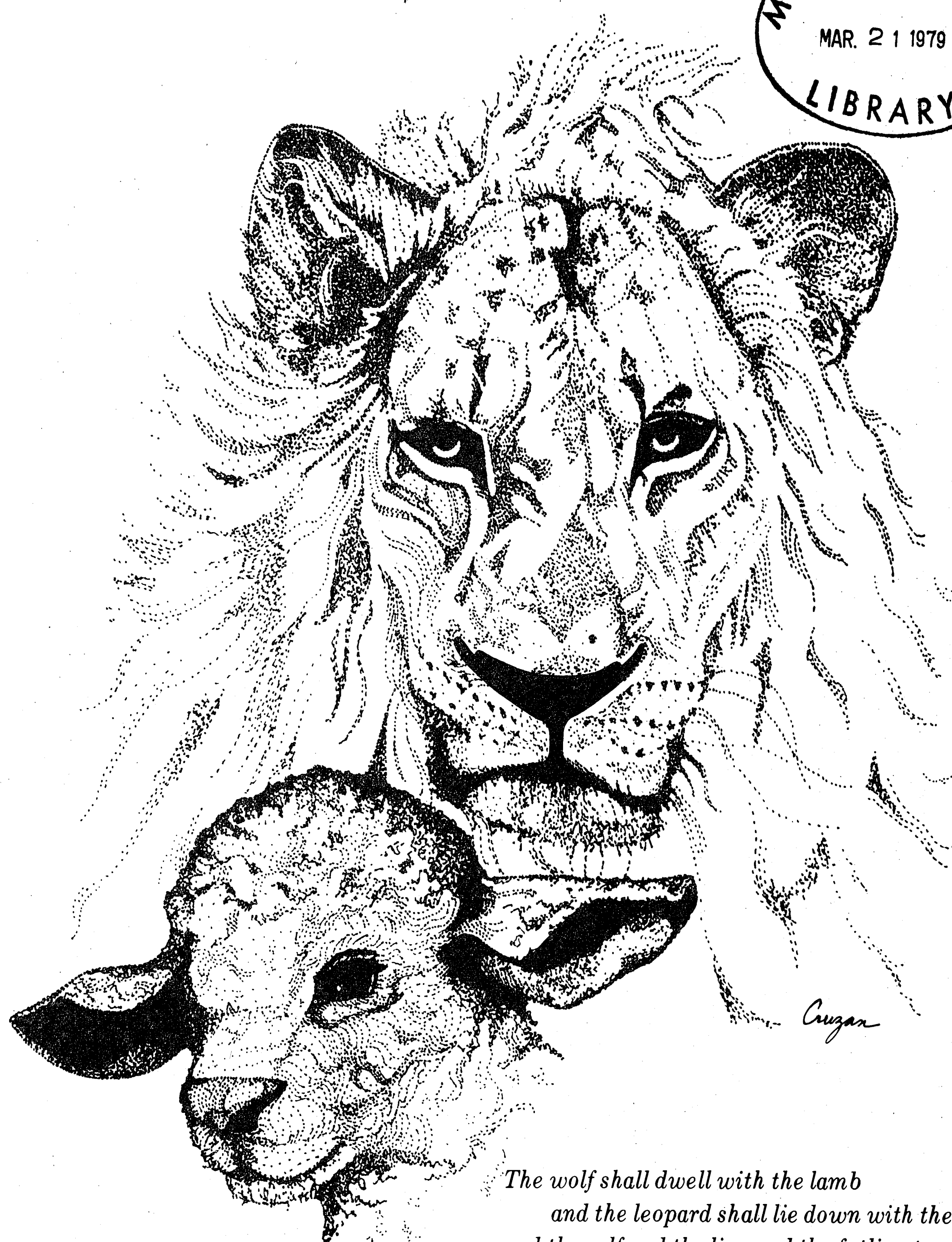
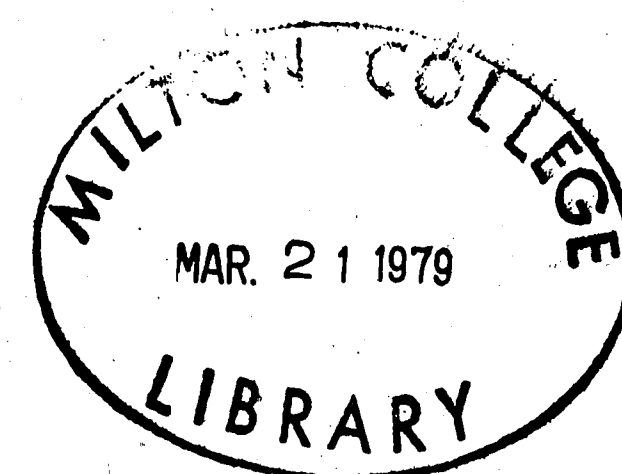
OUR 135TH YEAR

RECORDER

1844
1979

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST

MARCH 1979



Cruzan

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb
and the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
and the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
They shall not hurt or destroy
in all my holy mountain.

Isaiah 11:6, 9

TAKE A LESSON FROM US!

We welcome you to take a lesson from us—in fact, we would invite you to enjoy a complete set of six lessons to study the Bible in your home, perhaps with your entire family. We have prepared our GUIDE TO BIBLE UNDERSTANDING course to have appeal to youth as well as adults. This past year over 600 have studied with us—from all across the United States and around the world.

We receive letters of appreciation from those whose lives have been blessed by this systematic study of God's Word.

"I really enjoyed and learned a lot from the two courses I took with you, GUIDE and CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND GROWTH. They are fantastic courses and have provided much spiritual nourishment to me. I would like to take an additional course if you have one."

-Schenectady, N.Y.

"The correspondence studies and the teaching of the young people's class in the churches are moving on fine. Twenty students have finished GUIDE TO BIBLE UNDERSTANDING and I have given them their diplomas which were sent to me through Rev. Mataka. However, we need additional copies of the lessons and diplomas as well. I shall have many students."

-Pastor Joel Omare
Kenya, East Africa



We rejoice to know that our Bible courses have been helpful to our Seventh Day Baptist people as well as valuable as an evangelistic tool. We recently received 115 enrollments as a result of a booth sponsored by Seventh Day Baptists at the Little Rock, AR, State Fair. It is indeed a special joy to learn of those who have studied with us and have now affiliated with our churches—we welcomed three such just last month.

The Bible remains a best-seller today in the United States—it is relevant to our generation. As Seventh Day Baptist Christians we have no more "sure Word" than that of Holy Scripture. Our Bible lessons are based solely upon God's Word—a GUIDE to daily living.

If you haven't already, we would invite you to enroll in one or both of our courses. We have prepared enrollment cards to share with your friends—now is a good time to share God's Word with others. There is no charge for the lessons. To enroll write to GUIDE, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061. We would be happy to send you enrollment cards free for the asking.

-John D. Bevis