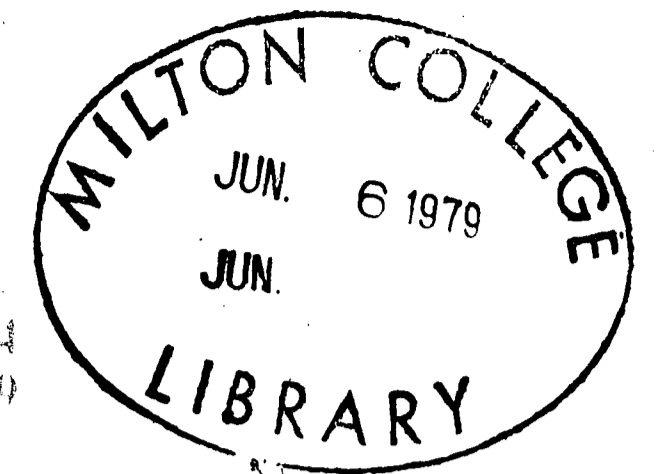


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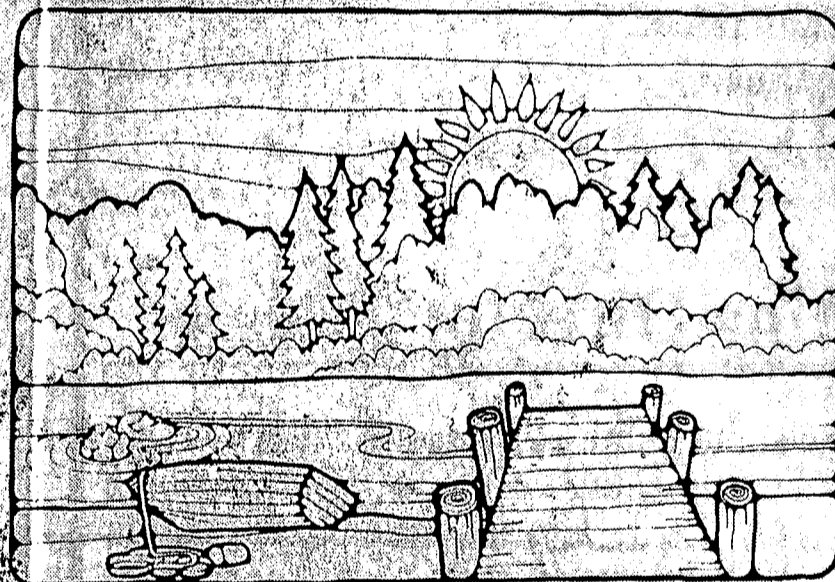
The ancients chiseled on the Rock of Gibraltar the words "ne plus ultra"—"no more beyond." For many years these words warned seafaring men of the apparent danger of going too far out to sea. One day, men sailed beyond the Straits of Gibraltar—and words of warning—to discover a new continent. Later, men climbed Gibraltar and chiseled away "ne," leaving "plus ultra"—"more beyond."

Two thousand years ago, the Lord Jesus Christ sailed through the straits of death, and on third day He came back with the message "plus ultra"—"more beyond." This, then, is the word of hope that the Lord's resurrection proclaims to twentieth century man. □

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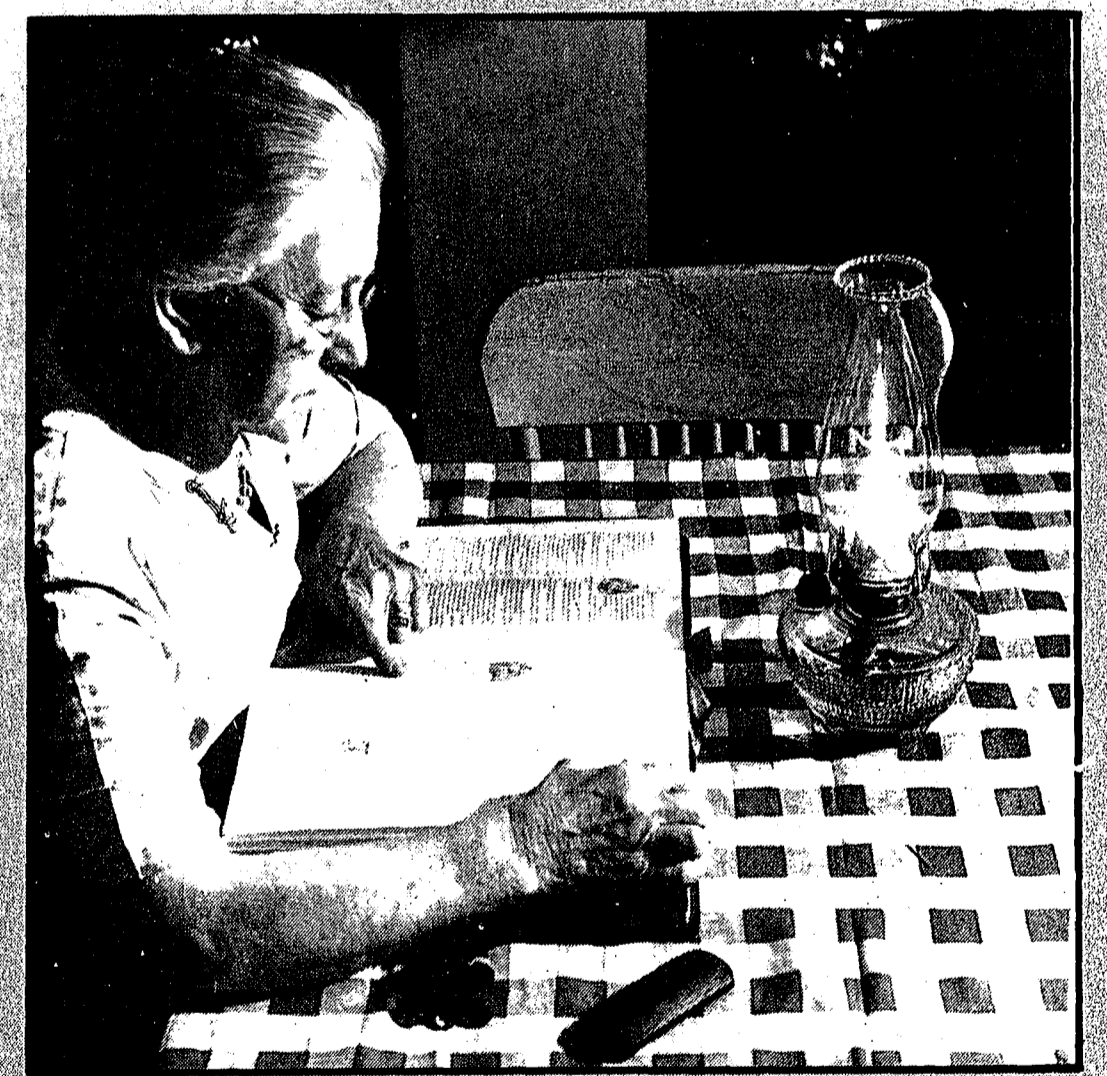
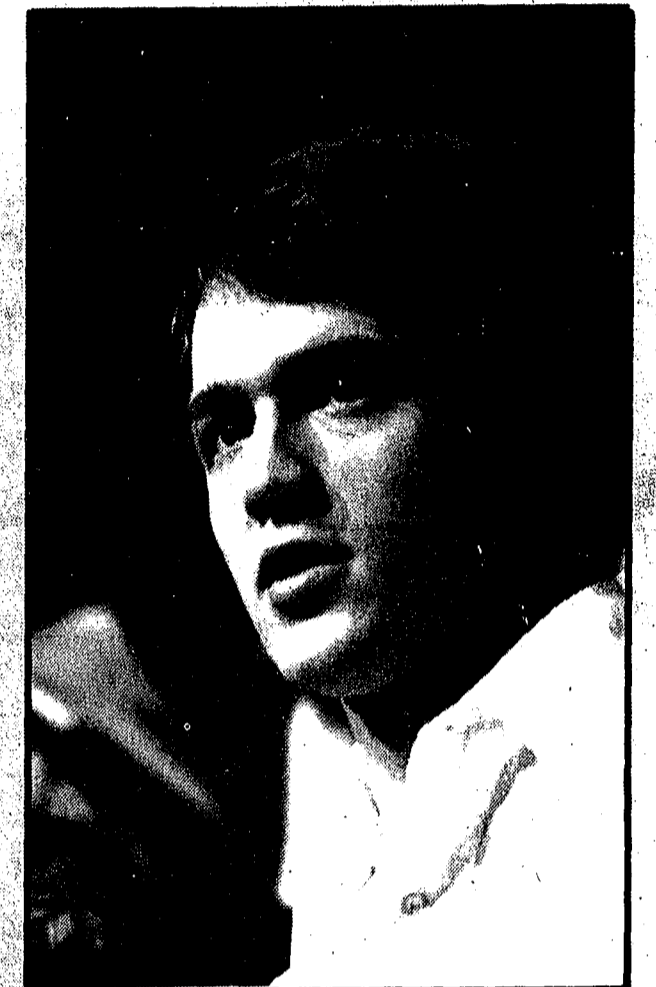
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### THEME SECTION

This issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* features a theme section on the family. Madeline Fitz Randolph, of Boulder, Colorado, is our guest editor for pages 3-10. We appreciate her dedicated service as a contributing editor each month as well as her work on this issue. □



### ATTENTION: SDB MUSICIANS

If interested in auditioning for a place on the program of the 14th Baptist World Congress, Toronto, Canada, July 8-13, 1980, an audition tape can be made either at General Conference, Adrian, MI, 1979, or submitted to Lois Wells, 4310 Elrovia Avenue, El Monte, CA 91732, prior to Conference.

This is another excellent opportunity for Visibility for Seventh Day Baptists. □

## THE CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE AND A "NEW NAME"

*The influence of the marriage ceremony upon millions of couples who have been wedded down through the centuries is immeasurable. Meaningful to all who witness it, it is doubly meaningful to the participants who come into union "so long as you both shall live." A contemporary service puts it so well, beginning with the words, "There are no ties so sweet and sacred as those which you are about to assume. There are no vows so solemn as those which you are about to make. There is no institution on earth so blest of God, and on which His benediction so rests, as that of the home which you are about to form."*

*Marriages are solemnized in a variety of settings. Many young couples take great interest in writing their own service, and many prefer to have the wedding take place in a natural out-of-doors setting. One bride and groom-to-be wrote these vows which were repeated in unison during the ceremony:*

OUR GOALS WE WILL WORK FOR TOGETHER  
OUR HARDSHIPS WE WILL ENDURE TOGETHER  
IN SICKNESS WE WILL COMFORT EACH OTHER  
IN HEALTH WE WILL ENRICH EACH OTHER  
IN SORROW WE WILL WEEP TOGETHER  
IN JOY WE WILL BE HAPPY TOGETHER  
IN LOVE WE WILL CHERISH EACH OTHER

*Most Protestant Christian marriage ceremonies continue to follow the Anglican Book of Common Prayer that had its beginning in the year 1549, and follow the traditional pattern of the betrothal vows, the marriage vows, the exchange of rings and the pronouncement. There are few weddings where the bride and groom do not exchange rings, a tradition from very ancient times. The minister might say, "These rings are symbols of completeness and emblems of eternity. They are of metal that has been tested in the fire and proven true. They are fitting symbols of your love for each other and your faith in each other."*

*We are suggesting a "new" symbol, appropriate to the marriage service. On August 1, 1970, in the marriage ceremony solemnized for Philip and Irene Lederer Rood in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colorado, the minister gave the bridal couple the Biblical WHITE STONE symbol for the first time. (Since that date it has been presented to the bride and groom in more than fifty services in several states.) Scriptural support for the "white stone" symbol is found in Revelation 2:17 "To those who win the victory I will give a white stone on which is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it." (RSV reads "To him (them) who conquers...") When one reads the Bible text for this symbol, meaningful interpretations are immediately evident.*



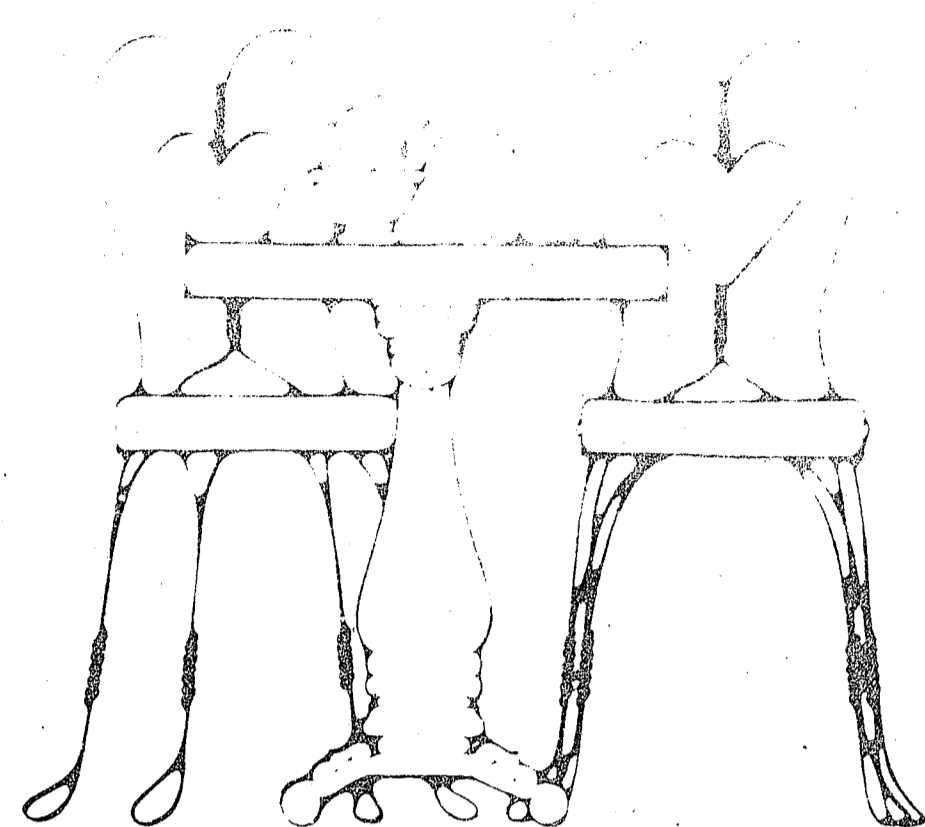
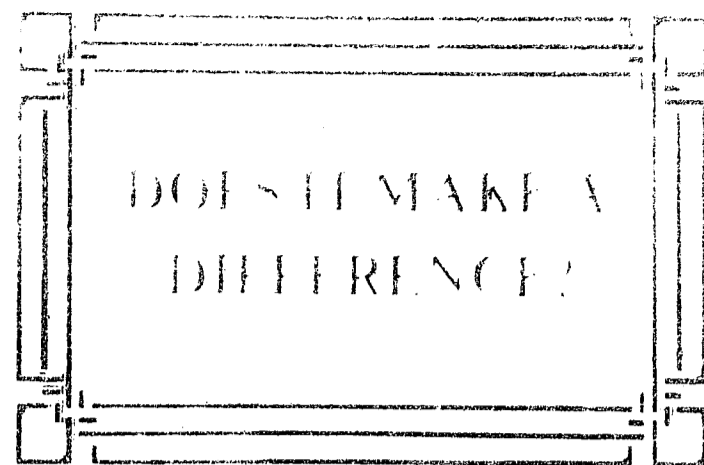
*The white stones used in wedding services are irregular pieces of white quartz found in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, most of them at Camp Paul Hummel. They are selected of a size appropriate for displaying in the home of the bride and groom and very often have contours that remind one of mountain peaks. The pastor has the white stone placed within reach in the worship setting and after the exchange of rings, exhibits the stone to the wedding party and congregation as he interprets the symbolism in a brief meditation before presenting it to the couple.*

*The thoughts about this part of the service are very meaningful to the hearers: "Today you (the bride and groom) are beginning life with a new name—a new family and home is being established here. It is important that you seek to know your true 'name' in God's book of life. The white in your stone symbolizes purity and cleanness. Strive in your marriage for a pure and growing depth of love and sharing between you. There are also imperfections, streaks of dark color in the stone. This symbolizes life, with its times of darkness, when the love you share, and your faith will bring you to the place of winning the victory. Your receiving of a white stone, in accord with the Biblical symbolism, is contingent on 'winning the victory.' Let it be clear in your experience of marriage that the victory is never won once and for all—it is a day-in, day-out adventure of meeting life's challenges and opportunities and in being victorious in dealing with them, as Christ walks with you."*

*A very rewarding result of inclusion of the "white stone" symbolism in a marriage ceremony is the attentive and enthusiastic reaction of those attending the service. On one occasion the father of the bride came to the minister following the service, insisting that he, too, must have a white stone.*

*It is always a moving experience, at the conclusion of a wedding to send the man and wife forth, with the words, "Now may the courage of the early morning's dawning, and the strength of the eternal hills, and the peace of the evening's ending and the love of God be in your hearts now and forevermore. Amen." □*

*-Elmo Fitz Randolph*



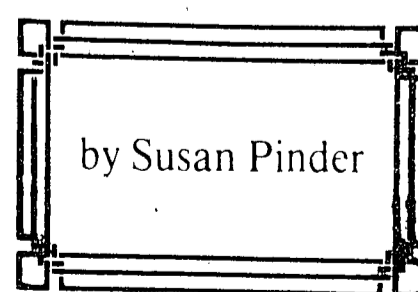
**D**oes it make a difference whether the person you are dating is a Christian or not? If you had asked me that a couple years ago, I would have thought that it didn't matter much. And, beside that, I really didn't want anyone telling me how to run my dating life. But, you know, God is the one who says in the Bible to put Him first in *everything*. I found He means our dating life, too!

At the end of high school and the beginning of college I had a few dating experiences, some more serious than others, with non-Christians. Those relationships just weren't right. I didn't feel God's presence in our dates most of the time, and I didn't feel like I could share all of myself with the other person and have them accept and understand. We couldn't share in prayers or church activities together and our ideas on morals and values often differed in deciding what we would do. Most of all, I found it hard to grow as a Christian because I felt somehow out of tune with God's "best" plan for my life. Don't think our relationship was all bad—we had many good times together, but that just made it easier to rationalize continuing our relationship. I was happy, most of the time. But not *really* happy like I was when I knew everything was right with God.

I finally realized this just wasn't what God wanted for me. So I gave up my dating life to God, letting Him know I would wait for His timing and trust Him to lead me into a Christian relationship. Then a year of no dates followed. It seems God just doesn't always have the same time schedule as we do. Not dating anyone was well worth the peaceful feeling I had as I grew closer to my Lord, because there was one less area separating me from Him. Looking back, I can see all the ways God was working in my life, teaching me to put Him first in every area of my life—the one thing that will be the basis for a really happy and successful marriage.

Last August I met a man who is a Christian. We're in love and are going to be married. I realize now how exciting and blessed it is to wait for the Lord to lead you into a relationship with the person He has made just for you—a relationship that grows naturally without being forced or one-sided. I'd never been in a dating situation where at least one of us wasn't "pushing" to make it happen. Ironically enough, neither of us was looking for a boyfriend or girlfriend at the time. We didn't know how things would work out. But we did know our God of infinite love and wisdom had a plan for us and we could trust Him with our relationship. This feeling of love and peace was so different. To just trust, put God first, and then relax was the very thing God had been teaching me the year before. The disagreements on values and decisions there were when I had dated a non-Christian were gone. In its place is a much deeper and stronger love because our unity in obedience to God's will.

So does it make a difference whether I am seriously dating a Christian or non-Christian? I give a loud and quick "Yes!" I know it's sometimes not easy; but it's worth it in this area, as in all other areas, to wait on God's timing. Then He can carry out His loving plan for you to experience the absolute happiness He made you for. God says to put Him first and yield in faith to His wisdom in deciding when or who you should date. Try it and see. **IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** □



Many people spend their time deploring what they see in families about them or being quietly embarrassed by their own relatives who have had babies out of wedlock, been divorced, or otherwise have experienced failure or disappointment in marriage. Such people, who seem to see only the negative things that are happening, tend to become discouraged or even cynical about families and wonder whether there is any future for them.

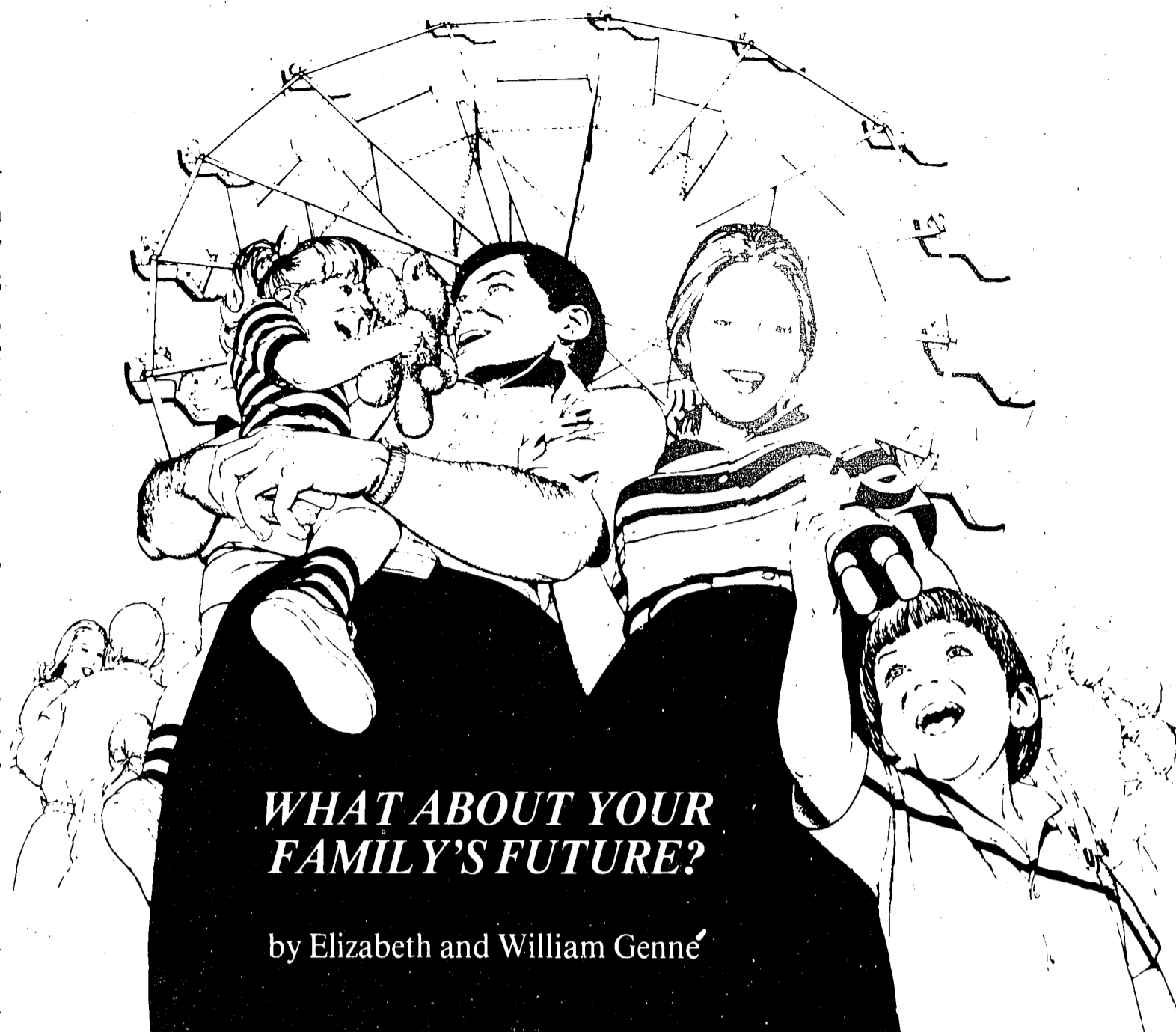
It should surprise no one that families are in trouble if we stop to realize how little we do to prepare young people to understand marriage and family life. We not only do not help them, we often miseducate them for marriage.

When we talk about miseducation for marriage, we are thinking not only about the misinformation disseminated by the media and entertainment industries but also about many of the mistaken efforts of our churches. One glaring instance of this is the way the idea of marriage is for happiness has permeated our churches as well as our culture.

Is it any wonder that many of us, not to mention the younger generation, were ill-equipped for marriage? Told over and over again that marriage was for happiness, we were not prepared for the inevitable conflicts, failures, disappointments and frustrations that are part of every marriage.

How much better it would have been had we been told that marriage is for GROWTH—and that it needed careful, skillful nurturing. Furthermore, wherever there is growth and change, there are "growing pains" such as anxiety, tensions, and various other forms of discomfort as we confront new conditions and circumstances.

In our churches, many of us expect the pastor to counsel couples before he officiates at their wedding. We fail to realize that each one of us has a ministry to surround the couple with loving support. For instance, instead of the usual bridal shower, what would it be like if, in addition to any gift we might want to give, we handed the bride-to-be an envelope in which we had written the idea or thought that had



helped most to strengthen our marriage, especially when the going got rough? How much more valuable this shared wisdom would be than any gift certificate or money!

When each of us begins to understand that our own marriage is of mutual growth of both partners, then we will begin to see new possibilities. We will take the time periodically to have a "health check" for our marriage just as we have our periodic physical and dental exams.

(We have our autos serviced regularly without any sense of disgrace or failure, in fact we have a sense of pride in taking good care of our cars. Why can't we have the same sense of pride in having a marital health checkup once a year?)

This is why thousands of couples have gone to marriage enrichment weekend or similar events during the past ten years. They know they have a good thing going, and they want to keep it growing!

Such an experience gives the couple the chance to tune-up their communications. A famous dramatist once said, "The trouble is, people are always changing, and they forget to tell each other!" Nowhere is this more true than in our families. The "daily-ness" of living together tends to make us take each other for granted, especially as we get caught

up in the pressures of work, parenting and community life. It requires a constant alertness to be responsive to each other's changing feelings and deeper needs.

Fortunately, we have been helped by behavioral scientists to know that the skills of communication are teachable. There are courses and exercises that couples can take which help them become aware of the various methods and levels of communication, problem-solving and decision-making. There are ways of handling honest differences of opinion so the conflict becomes a constructive rather than a destructive experience. As Paul wrote to the Ephesians, we need to learn "to speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4: 15).

Churches, Women's Societies, Youth Fellowships and classes of all ages can begin to include in their programs some of these ideas and exercises to help all of us deal realistically with the growth processes in our relationships as husband and wife, parents and children, or whatever the relationship.

If you are truly interested in strengthening and enriching all marriages and families, including your own, you will ally yourself with those forces that are already at work. One valuable contact would

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## BLISS IS...

Good things happen to good people. I think so. If you don't, you just need to start looking past the bad and seeing goodness.

Happiness is enjoying your work, feeling that you have experienced paradise on earth, and feeling glad, glad, glad, glad to be alive—at least sometimes. Bliss is feeling these ways almost all the time.

Happiness is loving your best friend and letting it show. It is doing things together and accumulating adventures.

Bliss is being *married* to your best friend—your buddy, your pal, and knowing that you will never be away from him the rest of your life. Bliss is the ultimate in happiness.

My husband and I met in a cave on a high school science expedition seven years ago. On our first date, his car got stuck on the back road of a university campus, and no one but a maintenance man blocks away was awake to help us. We have been having adventures ever since.

It feels so good to be able to talk about people you knew, or things you did years ago, and your mate knows exactly what you mean, because he was there and experienced it all too. Time builds memories, and makes friendships and places very special.

Bliss is dreaming together, and seeing those dreams come true. Our big dream when we got out of college and got married was to move to Colorado from Florida. My husband Scott was wonderful. He made a trip out here a month before we were married and found himself a job, checked out his chances for graduate school and financial aid, and found the best apartment (for us) in Boulder to be our new home. It was as if he had gone and prepared a nest for me. All I had to do was follow, and live happily.

One aspect of our marriage I have seen numerous people wonder over is why I never seem to worry about my husband. He may have been gone for hours up in the mountains and it is after dark, or it is in the middle of the day and he should be home from classes, but he is nowhere to be found.

After many experiences of losing track of him temporarily, I have learned that he always comes back. Even if there had been an accident, I know that he has so much to live for—we have so much to live for—that he would never let go of life.

Neither of us has any great reason to worry. Worrying saps your strength, and leaves you with less energy to enjoy life.

Scott and I are never very demanding about each other's time. We prefer to be together whenever possible, but then we have our own free lives to lead also. Many Sabbaths, I will be heading off to church while Scott heads off into the mountains. We experience God in our own individual ways on sunny days.

Since we do different things all day long, we have a lot to tell each other about at the end of the day. This is true for many couples, but it

is important to take the time each day to tell, to share, to discuss. If one is really tired when one comes home, it is great when the other understands. In my case, that means Scott lovingly throws a blanket over me when I collapse on the sofa.

Friends at work are forever in awe at the money we have on hand to do with as we please. The first year of our marriage, we kept careful track of every penny—where it came from and where it went. We gained an excellent sense of command over our finances which many people never experience. We are not so meticulous now, but we do consider carefully whether we need something and whether it is worth the price before we go after it. Our purchases should definitely make one or both of us happy—in a real and lasting way.

Although I presently bring in most of the money, my husband does most of our family's planning. I trust him. He studies ideas very carefully before making an investment—compares prices, reads the consumer's reports, and benefits from the experiences of others.

Scott's imagination forges far ahead of our activities and actual expenses. In the world of dreams, one can swiftly maneuver through

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Written and Experienced  
by Donna Ready

In my years of marriage counseling, I have found that there are two Biblical principles of marital communication that are especially important. Couples who follow these principles avoid much marital conflict. On the other hand, couples who violate these principles frequently seem to be in a state of tension or turmoil.

The first principle is **SAY WHAT YOU FEEL AND SAY WHAT YOU WANT**. The only alternative to doing this is hoping that your spouse somehow will read your mind. Unfortunately, spouses (and other mortals) are notoriously inaccurate at mind reading. Unexpressed needs usually become unmet needs and the result is often feelings of frustration and neglect. Far better to simply tell your spouse what you are feeling and wanting.

The Bible is clear about the importance of speaking up in relationships. "...Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him..." (Eph. 4:15, NASV).

It is especially important to speak up when you are experiencing negative feelings such as anger.

"Stop lying to each other; tell the truth, for we are parts of each other and when we lie to each other we are hurting ourselves. If you are angry, don't sin by nursing your grudge. Don't let the sun go down with you still angry—get over it quickly; for when you are angry you give a mighty foothold to the devil" (Eph. 4:25-27, TLB).

Here are examples of speaking the truth about what one feels and wants.

"I fell lonely. I want you to come home."

"I'm discouraged. I need cheering up."

"I get frustrated when you leave your things lying around. Please pick them up."

As in the last example, saying what you are feeling and wanting is particularly effective when your

spouse is doing something that you don't like. Simply express your feeling response to the negative behavior and state what positive behavior you desire. In this way you can avoid accusing your spouse, which might put him on the defensive and cause him to stumble (Rom 14:13).

Our Lord illustrated this first principle beautifully in the garden of Gethsemane. It was His darkest moment and His disciples, instead of keeping watch with Him, were sleeping a short distance away. Jesus could have accused them: "You lazy, disloyal good-for-nothings!" Instead, Jesus expressed His feeling response to their negative behavior and let them know what positive behavior He desired: "My soul is grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with me" (Mat. 26:38, NASV). In refraining from accusing His disciples, Jesus avoided putting them on the defensive and making His last few hours with them strained and unpleasant.

Similarly, if a wife feels ignored by her husband, she could accuse him saying, "You are ignoring me." But this only would encourage him to defend himself rather than to deal with the problem. Instead she might better say, "I feel ignored. I'd appreciate it if you would put down your newspaper and talk with me." If she uses this second approach, saying what she is feeling and wanting, she'll be much more likely to get a positive response.

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Of course, the part of the principle involving saying what you are feeling is not to be taken as license for unleashing angry outbursts on your spouse. It is never right to scream, "I hate you!" If tempers flare, take a "time out." Give yourselves a half hour apart to cool down. Wait until you are able to talk out your anger in a controlled and constructive manner. Remember, we are to speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15). Also, "A good man thinks before he speaks; the evil man pours out his evil words without a thought" (Prov. 15:28, TLB).

The second principle is a corollary to the first. **FIND OUT WHAT YOUR SPOUSE FEELS AND WANTS**. There are five steps to doing this.

First, **observe** your spouse's non-verbal communication by tuning in to his body language and tone of voice. Stop, look, and listen! Is his head hanging? Are his shoulders drooping? Does his throat sound like it has a lump in it?

Second, **describe** what you are observing. "I see your head hanging and shoulders drooping and I hear what sounds like a lump in your throat."

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## "SAY WHAT YOU FEEL"



## ||| PARENTS—GOD'S FIRST TEACHERS! |||

Every Christian parent who is earnestly seeking to walk with the Lord has an urgent, fervent prayer for his child which overrides all others—"Lord, may my child be drawn to You!" The beauty of His answer is that He calls us to be used to accomplish it.

The Bible is rich with guidance for parents, but one very strong guidepost lies at the roots of our Old Testament heritage. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is one of the most repeated and treasured of the Jewish Scriptures.

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. And you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates."*

It is wonderful how God's Word provides an ideal parallel between the situation of the Hebrew people at that time and ours as Christians today. Once a person accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his/her life, he becomes grafted into the line of Abraham and becomes a partaker of the special relationship with God which that allows. But, we know that is only the beginning. Like the Hebrew people, we have come out of the "Egypt" of bondage of slavery to sin and oppression and death, but we are not yet in the Promised Land. In order to learn to trust God completely, we need to pass through the wilderness of day-to-day growth and change. God has provided some strong guidelines which we should follow if we wish to reach full maturity. For parents, this passage in Deuteronomy provides much food for such growth. I'd like to share some of my personal impressions of it with you.

*"And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart..."*



We parents need to be firmly rooted in God's Word. We should strive to be well versed in the entire Bible, since "all scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16&17). Being a disciplined student of the Bible gives God a chance to write His truth and principles upon our hearts.

*"...and you shall teach them diligently to your children..."*

"Diligently" is a strong word. To teach in this way is to teach *earnestly, steadily, and energetically*. No half-heartedness or laxness will do for teaching our little ones the things of God. Consistency and enthusiasm are needed to hold the interest of young minds and hearts. There are many religious bookstores today which have excellent books, children's Bibles, records, and other aids to help during the early years.

*"...and shall talk of them when you sit in your house..."*

It is important to have a family devotions time each day, but we should not limit our talking of the Bible and our Lord only to that time. We should be careful not to be guilty of putting

by  
Catherine  
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God in a "box"! We should be confessing our love for Him at every opportunity. There is time and necessity enough for common words with little heart as we go out into the world, but what a joy to be in a home where thoughts of the Kingdom of God may be expressed openly! In this way we teach our children to recognize the working of God in the life of the family, and to not be ashamed of their Lord.

*"...and when you walk by the way..."*

Perhaps we are able to speak of our Lord at home, but what about outside it? Are we ashamed of our testimony, fearful of being thought strange or fanatic? If we are afraid to bear witness to our faith, our children will learn to be also.

Then there is the time spent away from our homes in leisure activities. It's sad but true that in this complex age few parents spend much time just relaxing and enjoying time with their children. Too many young people have turned away from Christianity completely because they came to think it is just an antiseptic or "ivory tower" religion which doesn't really work as a lifestyle. Perhaps this is in part because they never got really close to anyone who was making it work on a full-time basis—someone whose life was really alive with joy and peace and fulfillment. *We parents can be this person for our children!* It takes much of our time and energy, but not one second of it is ever wasted, thank God!

*"...And you shall write them on the door posts of your house and on your gates..."*

Like the Hebrew people, we are set aside by God as a "peculiar people." Weirdos or oddballs? NO, but *different*, yes! We are different because we are looking toward the "Promised Land" of the precious Kingdom our Lord will set up and reign over on this earth. We need to instill in the hearts of our children a deep longing and love for this coming Kingdom. We need also to hold out for them the present choice of living the "Kingdom way" now. There is no greater hope we can offer them than this! □

In fond memory of Fred and Doris Palmer of Alfred Station, New York

## THE WORLD OF GRANDPARENTS

by Barb Snyder

When I was a child my grandparents were always more like playmates than adults. They played games with us and were never too busy to listen to us or read a story. It was special visiting "Mema and Bepa" because we could watch Bepa go around on his huge riding lawn mower, and Mema made the most delicious things to eat, just for you as if you were in a restaurant. Bepa did magic tricks and played his ukulélé while you sang. He even made a record of me singing "Jolly Ole St. Nicholas." There was never too much attention for us when we visited Mema and Bepa. Since Bepa had a sweet tooth, there was an added attraction at my grandparent's house. There were all kinds of candy dishes sitting around, and you could be sure to find candy in every one. Of course, we were never allowed to empty a dish, since Bepa didn't take kindly to his candy dishes being emptied on him, or so Mema claimed!

As I grew older, I got to know my grandparents in a new and refreshing way. I learned my grandmother's special feature was empathy, as evidenced when she pulled me from the depths of grief. Living in a city two hours from home, I had a boyfriend of two or three months and was feeling very comfortable in our relationship. Going away for a weekend with my parents, I returned to work and found he had been killed instantly in an automobile accident. Essentially alone to face this trauma, I called my mother to tell her. I cried and sniffled over the phone, and as is always the case with death, there was nothing anyone could do to make it right. Later that evening my grandmother called after talking to my mother. She never really said much, but within moments was crying on the phone with me. It moved me immensely to know she shared my grief so deeply to cry with me. As I hung up, I sensed a closeness and comfort from her call. Her love shed some light in that deep pit of darkness giving hope for better things to come. I then knew my grandmother, and probably most grandmothers, was a special kind of person.

My grandfather was an entertainment center far better than TV! He told stories of how he was an inventor and traveled to patent and sell his invention. On one trip he nearly died in a hotel room, but was miraculously spared. He never forgot the names of places and even remembered such details as the highway routes. I never knew a brain could store so much information! He made sound systems, played the organ, ukulélé, guitar, and some instruments I don't even know the names of. You couldn't begin to measure the pride I felt as the announcer for our home football games came boldly over the loudspeakers, "Well, hello there!" I always made sure those around me knew that that was my grandfather up there! He also had a gift for writing poetry, which I was fortunate enough to inherit. I'd like to share the following poems I wrote in honor of my grandparents:

*Although he retired, A.U. sought him out.  
With him gone their sound system was a loud shout.  
He gave them his hours and worked hard no doubt  
To please them and give them no reason to pout.*

*When at Merrill Field, "Well, hello there," he'd cry,  
And everyone joyfully gave a reply.  
A spirit like this no one dared to deny.  
A sourpuss even would smile and say hi.*

*When God made Fred Palmer, He then broke the mold.  
A man such as this was worth more than raw gold.  
Done working, he started a "Youth Group" I'm told.  
He made all the elders forget they were old.*

*He gave me this talent, so that I could write  
About all he did that was loving and right.  
He shared all his tales for our own sheer delight,  
And offered us help when we had a small plight.*

*I read this long poem for Bepa today  
To tell how he shared all his love everyday.  
He'll always be special to me, I dare say.  
He loved us and shared in his own special way.*

### TO MEMA PALMER



*Roses are red  
Violets are blue  
I send all my love  
And best wishes to you.*

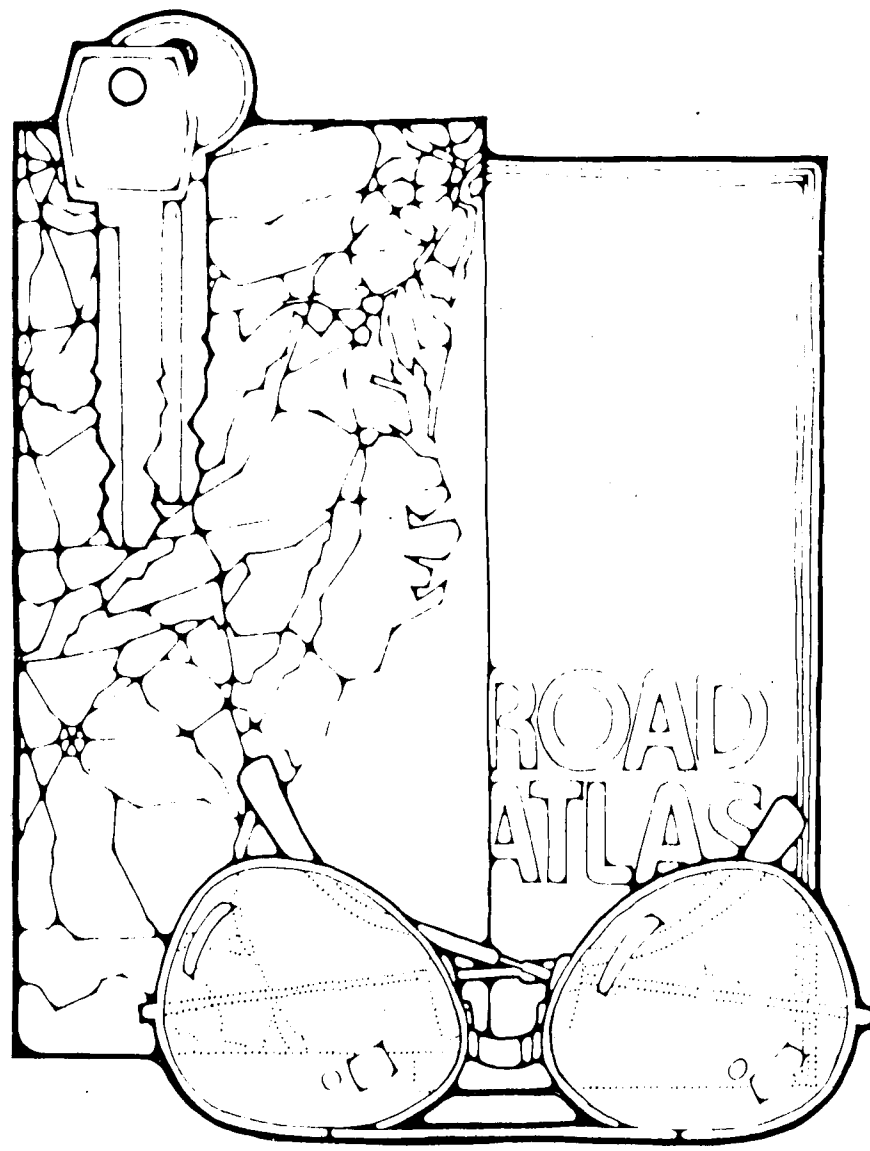
*Your hair's soft and white  
And smile's so sincere  
No wonder your loved ones  
Hold you so dear.*

*We're guilty each day  
Of not pausing to rest  
And share our lives with you  
And wish you our best.*

*So I pause now to say  
You mean lots to me  
A more loving grandmother  
There just couldn't be.*

The above poem was sent to my grandmother when she was in the hospital following a heart attack and stroke. I'll never forget my visit to the hospital at that time. I was so concerned about how I was going to try to lift her spirits and make her happy. Upon arriving in her room, she ended up entertaining me and making me laugh! What a sweet spirit that woman had, always seeing the best in things and giving thanks in everything. Her determination to recover quickly was an inspiration and witness to me. There's sure to be many years before I meet another person with the positive attitude and spunky, spirited personality of my "Mema".

The world shared by grandparents and grandchildren is always filled with wonderful moments and special memories. These are only a few of mine. Can you recall yours? Have you recently hugged your grandparents or given them a call? Let them know they're special to you. They helped make you who you are! □



## THE WAY BACK

The "respectable" people of Jerusalem and the neighboring areas might well have called John the Baptist a "wild man." He was gaunt and unkempt, had no concern for cosmetics, a solitary soul who appeared suddenly with a fearless message of denunciation of prevailing sins of the people. He demanded repentance. Yes, they might have dismissed him as a mental case, or a fanatic with a strange religious quirk. You will remember that Jesus later quoted the remarks of the religious leaders about John: "He hath a demon." And at the same time they were denouncing Jesus as "a winebibber and glutton" because He was not an ascetic.

However, the people who heard the message of John the Baptist could not dismiss him nor his message that easily. He mesmerized the people, drew them by his very exposure of their sins—and by his announcement that the Kingdom of Heaven was near, the Messiah at hand, and that the call to repentance and baptism was to prepare their hearts to receive the Christ. Repentance would remove the obstacles of disobedience and self-will.

*"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough shall be made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

-Luke 3:4-6

And the people came from far and near as the word of John's ministry spread. They came to hear a message that was unpalatable, and which was yet irresistible and hopeful. For the Kingdom was offered them.

We realize that because of associations and attitudes today, this word "repent" has unpleasant connotations. It is a favorite word of wild-eyed fanatics. We tend to associate it with flashing eyes, a shrieking voice, and strange personalities.

A striking sight around Lakewood and Denver is a car bearing these words spray-can-painted full length of the body: "Repent or Perish—Turn or Burn." The general reaction of the public appears to be tolerant humor for "the obsessions of some people."

Perhaps with our mind-conditioning we would have been inclined to categorize John the Baptist as a man with an obsession.

We should realize that where "repentance" is simply made a catchword for some religious groups it tends to create a sense of guilt over "sins" we have not committed, a neurotic "guilt" that overwhelms its victim so that he cannot escape from it—and that indeed prevents him from facing and dealing with the actual sins and attitudes that separate him from God.

So how is "repentance" to be defined?

R. Newton Flew has written: "By re-

a return to the allegiance due to God. Their conviction was that moral and religious evils are in their essence a falling away from the will of God... Repentance means (1) that the sinner recognizes his sin for what it is, a rebellion against God. (2) That he forsakes it, utterly dissociates himself from it, and puts it out of his thought; he fully resolves in his mind that he will not do it again. (3) That so far as possible he makes reparation for his sins."

### Repentance—Being Sorry And Changing

Repentance is a deep moral and ethical process, a change of heart and will, and a turning to God. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:7). The simplest definition is: "Being sorry for your sin, and quitting it."

Repentance is a recurring theme in the Bible and in Christian teaching. And it must be. The doctrine of "acceptance" has often run amuck, emptying the gospel of its moral and ethical demands and denying the holiness of the God of grace. This doctrine simply declares that God is so loving that in His eagerness to accept the sinner He compromises His own holiness and dispenses with all conditions for receiving His grace and being accepted. Now, as in John's time, the heart's preparation to receive salvation is that of repentance which removes the ob-



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*"Turn from your sins...turn to God... for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."  
-Matthew 3:2 (Living Bible)*

stacles of disobedience and resistance to God, and opens the heart for God's work of redemption and renewal.

Many people say that John taught repentance, and Jesus taught faith. But note that Jesus entered His public ministry on this theme: "Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14)

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, answered the inquiries of the people, "What shall we do?" with the words "Repent and believe,...be baptized."

Paul at Ephesus declared: "With Jews and pagans alike I insisted on repentance before God and trust in our Lord Jesus." That honest facing of one's sin and need, and dealing decisively with it is essential to saving faith. Repentance deals, too, with facts, not theory.

John the Baptist insisted on "fruits worthy of repentance," rather than claims to a spiritual heritage from the past ("Children of Abraham," etc.), declaring that "the axe is laid at the root of the trees"—God goes to the root of the matter of what we are in our heart-intent.

### Three Classes of Hearers

John answered three classes of hearers specifically when they inquired as to what they should do: To the citizens at large he replied: "He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise" (Luke 3:11). His words apply as well today: We are called to turn from the grasping, self-centered materialistic attitude, to become generous, caring, giving.

To the publicans, the tax collectors, He replied: "Exact no more than that which is appointed you" (Luke 3:13). That can apply two ways: honesty among government officials, and honesty to our government. Someone has suggested that perhaps the government had its reasons for placing the income tax deadline during Lenten season, when presumably people are taking an honest look at themselves.

To the soldiers He answered: "Do

violence to no man, neither accuse any man falsely; and be content with your wages" (Luke 3:14). Again the words fit today: Do we respect the rights of others? Do we take unjust advantage? Do we use "power plays" and strategies to control others and get what we want?

F. B. Meyers asserts that Christians need to face themselves and take the road of repentance: "Much of what we call Christianity is but christianized heathenism. It glazes over covetousness, luxurious self-indulgence, compliance with fashion and worldliness; it admits into its high places men who thrive on oppression of the poor; it condones the oppression of the native races, the sale of opium and spirits; the shameless traffic in impurity; it rears the ideals of the world in the place of the changeless cross of the slain Christ with its divine sorrow and blood. Ah, we need that John the Baptist should come with his stern words about the axe, the winnowing-fan, and the fire. Nothing less will avail to prepare the way for a new coming of Christ."

However, in order to get the true picture we must always associate repentance with faith. Repentance is not an end or duty by itself. Its object and its hope are the grace of God offering salvation through the forgiving, redeeming work of Jesus Christ. The word as used by John the Baptist, by Christ, and by the apostles carries a bright note of hope: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Repent, that the times of refreshing may come."

We are well aware that to actually bring about a meaningful inner revolution demands some force beyond ourselves. The will for change is ours, but we cannot accomplish that deep-down change without help. And so the demand is accompanied with the call to have faith.

"Believing," according to Jesus Himself, is *TRUST*—a confidence in the Father He reveals, trust in the God of generosity and truth and kindness.

The call of the Lord to repent is in strongest contrast to the multitude of voices that declare that change is desperately needed, but who conclude that there is no hope of its ever coming about. For the Lord has brought us the *GOSPEL*: the Good News that there is still a God to believe in, a goodness to be trusted, a renewing and re-creating Spirit to move us round till we are facing

in the right direction. "The (rule) of the Spirit of life has set me free from the law (rule) of sin and death," Paul exults. And we can, too!

We can believe that we have a God who knows the human conflict from the inside, whose Son has been battered and bruised by the very things that contaminate our lives today, and killed by our stubbornness and indifference. And this is a God who goes on loving and calling, by whose Spirit we can be turned round and set free.

When I was a student in seminary in New Orleans, a student returned from a weekend away, and told of trying to get to Alexandria, Louisiana, by back roads. Being hopelessly lost, he stopped to inquire directions from a farm woman. She made several efforts to give directions, and finally gave up, saying "I don't think you can get there from here."

### Getting There from Here

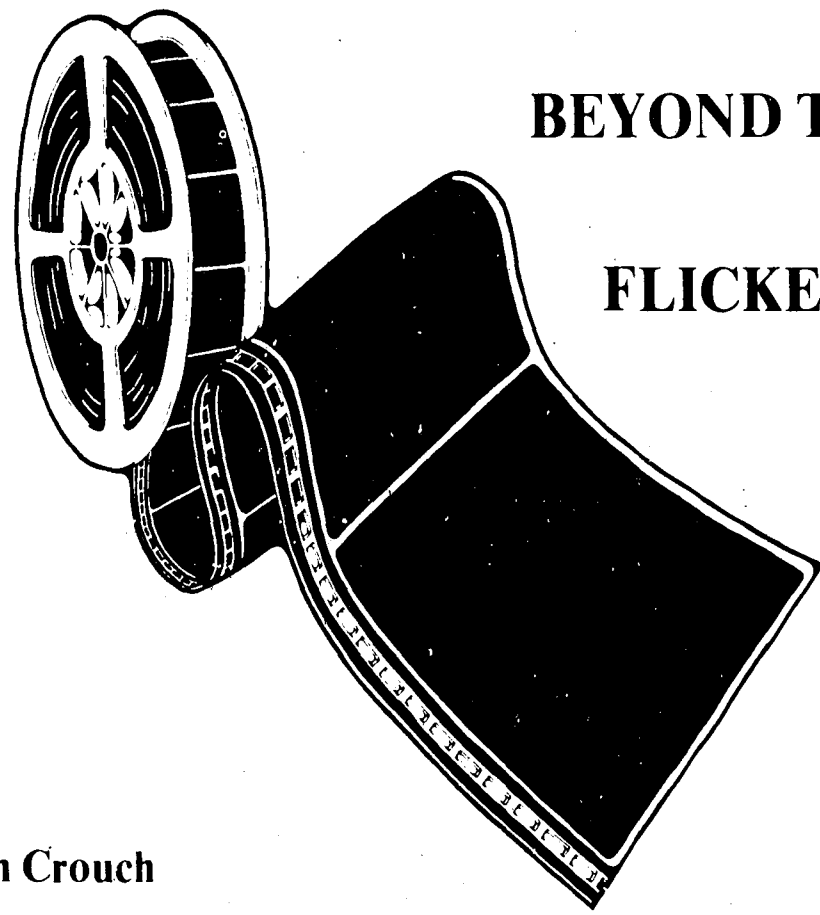
The good news of the gospel is that we *can* "get there from here," when it comes to returning to God! We can repent and turn to God in saving faith, and God in His mercy will receive us, giving us new birth and everlasting life.

And further, it tells us that God enables us to have saving faith. Faith does not well up from inside of us. It is drawn up by that which attracts our faith. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto myself," Jesus declared. It is through the crucified, risen and living Christ that God draws us to Himself in faith and saves us. And in the act of repentance we give Him the room to make His impression on us.

The road of repentance is a continuing way. It is not just a way back from a bad past; it is the road to the future—a glorious future.

While there is that initial act of repentance that occurs with conversion which brings about a profound change in the direction of our lives and our relationship with God, we are still human and fallible. As the apostle Paul confessed of himself, we often find ourselves doing the things that we don't want to, and not doing what we want to do. Our human nature tends to draw us off course, and correction is in order so that we will not continue and become hardened in sin.

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## BEYOND THE FLICKERING SCREEN

by Alan Crouch

I don't believe that crime is God's will, but God can use any circumstance, including one caused by crime, to further His purposes.

Last October 30 our house was burglarized. Among the items stolen (and not recovered) was our color TV set. For over two months we went without a TV altogether. That was long enough to kick the habit and learn to enjoy the many benefits of doing without.

In early January a friend offered us his old black-and-white portable set. We accepted his generous gift with a promise to ourselves that we would keep it in its box in the bedroom, and bring it out only for special telecasts. We've kept that promise.

Yes, my boys and I watched the Super Bowl. We've seen some college basketball games, and part of one baseball game. Recently all of us thoroughly enjoyed C.S. Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe," and discussed the parallels between it and the story of Jesus Christ. We've also watched a Charlie Brown special or two, and the Grammy Awards. During the four months (at this writing) that we've had the set, we've watched it an average of less than one hour per week. Many weeks it has remained entirely in the box.

Instead, we play more games, read more books and magazines, draw more pictures, play the piano, listen to records, talk with each other more, and occasionally do the supper dishes to-

gether. The other evening, the boys and I stood out front and counted the stars as they came out, until they became countless. For several evenings recently the boys and a couple of neighbor kids caught fireflies in the woods next door—during prime time.

Prior to our loss, we had fallen into the pattern of watching many TV shows as a matter of daily routine. My wife and I debated whether "Liar's Club" encouraged dishonesty and gambling, but didn't stop the boys from watching it. We tried to rationalize the brutality portrayed in cartoons by saying that the characters and situations are not real, and therefore not harmful.

Yes, "Sesame Street" and "Electric Company" were good, and "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" was nothing short of excellent. Television is truly a mixed curse.

But now our time is no longer divided into half hours and hours. The tyranny of "having" to get done with supper or "having" to get home in time for whatever show has been removed. Moreover, the insidious advertising jingles have been pretty well flushed from memory.

Our family still has all the problems that any family has, save one. Just as television is not the cause of all of life's difficulties, its removal is not the solution to them all. But when I read of studies that show a relationship between TV viewing and this or that problem,

I offer both a prayer of concern and a prayer of thanks.

I write this to offer encouragement to any of you who may be wishing to cut down on your family's viewing time. I also offer congratulations to those of you who have already done so, or who have eliminated TV altogether. Another friend had told me, before our burglary, that she and her husband do not own a TV. When we lost ours, her example helped persuade me that we should not seek to replace it.

I believe that God has used a theft to open my family's eyes, and enable us to see beyond the flickering screen. □

## STRANGE LIGHT LEADS CAMBODIAN REFUGEES

KHAM PUT, Thailand—Khun Poat, a nineteen-year-old girl, escaped the Khmer Rouge rule in Cambodia after an arduous journey with 100 others through miles of jungle, canals, mountains and rivers.

A midnight-light darkness hampered the struggling group as it crossed a valley between two high mountain ranges. "We could see absolutely nothing," Poat later told missionary Maxine Stewart. "We didn't even know where to step."

Suddenly hundreds of fireflies swarmed into view. Their glow made enough light for the people to see the path. The refugees reached the next mountain by "firefly light."

After delays due to disorientation and weariness—at one point Poat, hallucinating, was sure she saw the ocean—the escapees literally staggered into Thailand. Poat had to be carried to the refugee camp. Two months of medical treatment were necessary before she recovered, said Mrs. Stewart in the April issue of *The Commission* magazine.

After Poat was transferred to Kham Put refugee camp, she was invited to a Christian meeting. Although she had seen enough bamboo to last the rest of her life, she agreed to attend the meeting in the bamboo-thatch enclosure.

"I know that old man," she exclaimed at a picture on the wall of the chapel. "He is the one who led us and showed us the way to Thailand and freedom."

She was pointing to a picture of Jesus. □

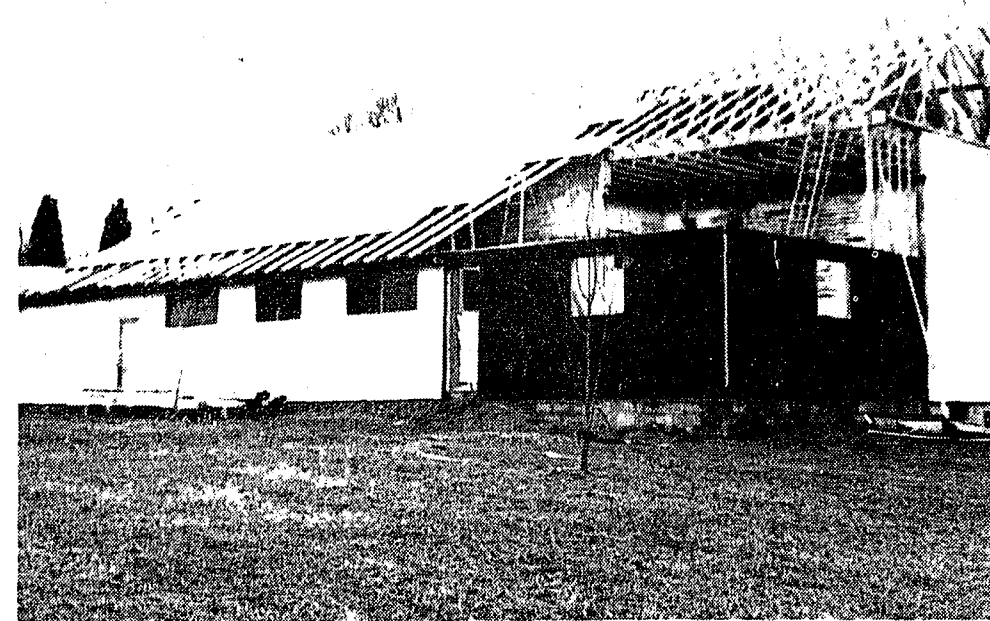
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## CAMP JOY "ON THE MOVE!"



Camp Board in session; Don Graffius, President.

The existing camp lodge/dining hall is receiving a new roof as well as an addition to the rear. Another building is planned before camping season this year.



CAMP JOY! ON THE MOVE!  
JESUS FIRST! OTHERS SECOND!  
YOURSELF LAST!

by Rev. Francis D. Saunders  
Resident Camp Manager

In 1968 Camp Joy began permanent residence at Berea, West Virginia, when the Ritchie Church under the pastoral leadership of Rev. Leslie Welch deeded the camp site, including the school building, to the Camp Committee. The Ritchie Church is to be commended for its generous giving of time and monies to make this Camp Joy site useable for Association camps.

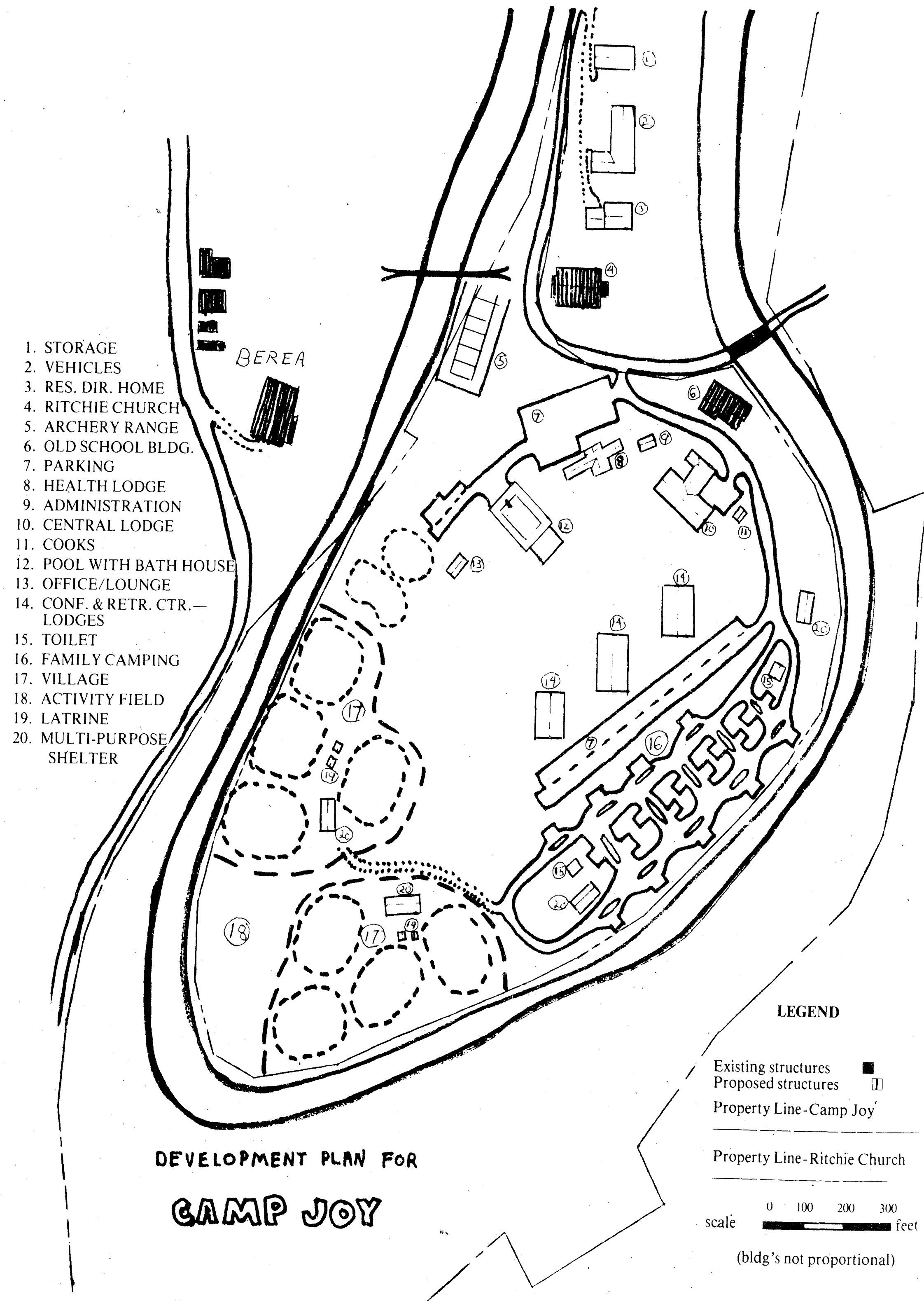
For several years, since the Board of Directors in faith secured the services of Bond Associates to draw up an extended plan for developing Camp Joy facilities, many individuals in the Southeastern Association have been dreaming and praying for God's direction in launching this most imaginative and progressive plan.

Encouraging signs have appeared in 1978 which indicate that God is answering our prayers, and that our dreams are being realized.

The securing of the services of Rev. Francis Saunders as "Resident Camp Manager," assisted by his wife Lila, who also serves as treasurer, is one of the signs. For some thirty years they have been serving in pastorates from "Cali. to Rhodi." as the song goes, and in all of these areas of service they were active in camping programs. They have come to West Virginia on a retirement basis, serving as pastor of the Ritchie Church, as well as manager of the camp, and hope to be used of God in this dual role in the Kingdom's work.

Another sign is the visionary action of the Board of Directors under the leadership of Don Graffius, in securing a grant in funds, and an additional loan from the Trustees of the Memorial Fund, to put the existing building, which is solid in structure and well worth protecting under a new roof, which project will also add an additional room 21 x 24 feet at the rear of the building to be used in the expanding ministries of the camp. Another building will be constructed hopefully before camping season begins in July. This building will be utilized as a badly needed girl's dorm.

Other signs are gifts and expressions of interest and commitment from churches, groups and individuals who are rallying to Camp Joy's call for support. This call has been emphasized by the resident manager and the treasurer, who have been visiting the churches of the Association, sharing with an audiovisual presentation, the hopes and dreams, the plans and projects for the future of this work among the churches and for our youth. The results as shown in renewed interest and financial support have been most satisfying. Camp dates have been set, directors and cooks have been secured, and plans are going forward to hold camps for Senior, Middler and Junior ages. Any who would like further information concerning what is happening at Camp Joy may contact Resident Manager F.D. Saunders, Berea, West Virginia 26327. □



# A SHORT HISTORY OF CAMP JOY

by  
Ashby Randolph



Camp is always...mud! The Junior campers are engaged in a marble hunt...in the mud. "Dear Mom, camp is such fun!"

Volleyball is always an important part of Senior camp.



From a small beginning of about twelve boys and girls at New Milton Church yard under Carol and Lucreta Bond, in tents, the youth camp of our South-eastern Association has grown into three camps, with about 100 young folks.

The camp moved from New Milton to Berea, I think in 1934, probably with A. T. Bottoms as director and Elonda Randolph swimming and recreation director. O. B. Bond and Thurman Brissey were directors also at Berea when there began to be many classes and recreational activities added. These camps had around 35 youth.

Another year, camp was at New Milton with Oris Stutler director, and this was the year that Goldie Brissey was the cook, which she was for many years. Also she helped with all the camp programs as did Emmett Bottoms, A. T. Bottoms, Ashby Randolph, Rev. Trevah Sutton and his wife Mary.

Rev. Marion Van Horn was also director at New Milton one year, with Greta Randolph starting her wonderful nature appreciation classes which she kept up for many years.

This camp has been in many other places, such as Webster County 4H Camp, Upshur County 4H Camp, Marion County 4H Camp, Chestnut Ridge near Morgantown, at a camp near Salemville, Pa., and finally back to Berea as "Camp Joy."

Some of the directors of the camps over the years were Rev. Marion Van Horn, Rev. Kenneth Davis, Rev. Leslie Welch, Rev. Clifford Hansen, Rev. Francis Saunders, Rev. Paul Green, Rev. Duane Davis, Rev. Charles Graffius, Rev. Delmer Van Horn, and Ernest Bond. Since the camp was divided into three age groups, there have been too many directors to mention.

It would not do to close this history of our SDB Camp Joy without saying that Rev. Leslie Welch, Walter Lee Bond, David Curry, Leland Bond, Bob Kargarise, and Neil Marteny have had much to do with planning, building, and maintaining Camp Joy during these difficult years at Berea.



# THE SABBATH RECORDER

JUNE 1844 — JUNE 1979

It is a privilege to respond to your invitation to send a "paragraph statement of greeting" for the June issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, as the publication marks its 135th year. To have survived and thrived is worthy of note, which is cause for thanksgiving to God. To have ministered in Christ's name, and in the power of the Holy Spirit whom He sends, is cause for rejoicing. We would join the celebrants of this significant occasion in congratulations for past performance and prayers for continuing presentation of an effective witness to His saving grace and power. May the stream of Seventh Day Baptist participation in the work of the Kingdom of God through the printed page flow onward "until He comes."

-Rev. Hurley S. Waren  
Wakefield, RI  
Editor—1947-1952

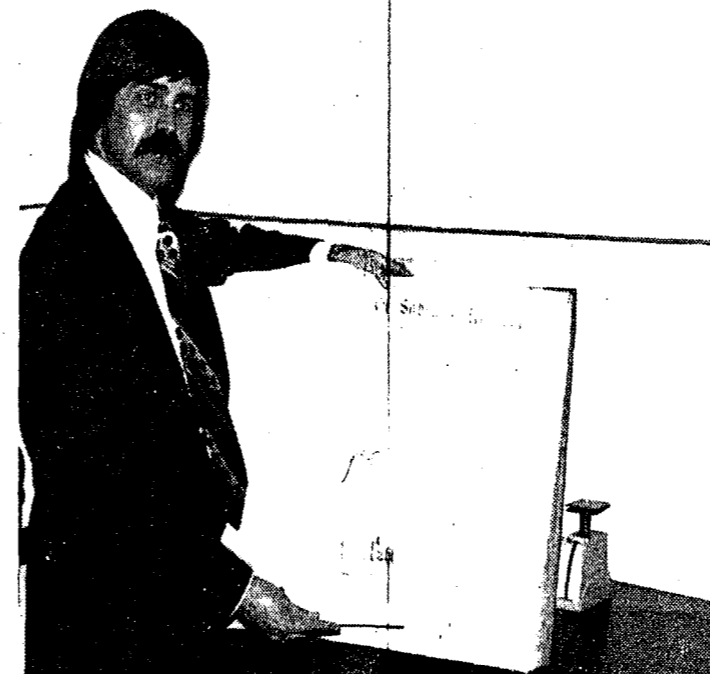
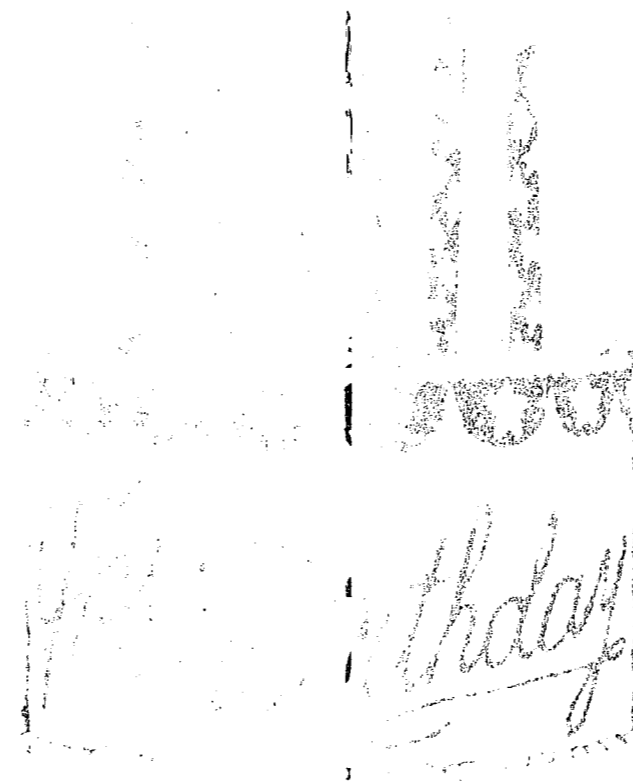
There are many Seventh Day Baptists of over "three score years and ten" who can say with some degree of satisfaction and pride that the *Sabbath Recorder* has come regularly to their home for as long as they can remember. Younger people in growing numbers have a different kind of pride; they are happy to be new in the faith and to have recently found the joy and strength that come from reading this denominational publication. All of us can take some pride in its permanence, for a person would have to be almost twice three score years and ten to remember when the *Sabbath Recorder* started proclaiming Bible truth and serving our people.

On this 135th anniversary those of us who have had the responsibility of editing the *Recorder* may well call attention to its age and virility. It is now one of the oldest of all religious periodicals in the United States. It has survived while some older and younger periodicals of other denominations have succumbed. We can be happy that our people have maintained sufficient interest and support to make this possible.

Through the years the *Recorder* has very evidently been meeting our needs as individuals and as a Conference. It contains welcome news from the grass roots and from the boards and agencies, but it is more than news. It nourishes the whole body with spiritual food on a continuing, regular basis. Tracts and timeless doctrinal materials in printed form have their place, particularly for outreach purposes, but our *Recorder* appeals and satisfies because it is, for the most part, timely.

It was my privilege and keenly felt responsibility to sit in the editor's chair for some twenty years. One doesn't have to be a highly trained doctor to feel the pulse or to record blood pressure and other vital signs. After observing these vital signs for a whole generation I feel that the prognosis for our people is good. It will remain good if we take nourishment and give attention to exercise. May the *Sabbath Recorder* continue to be "just what the doctor ordered." □

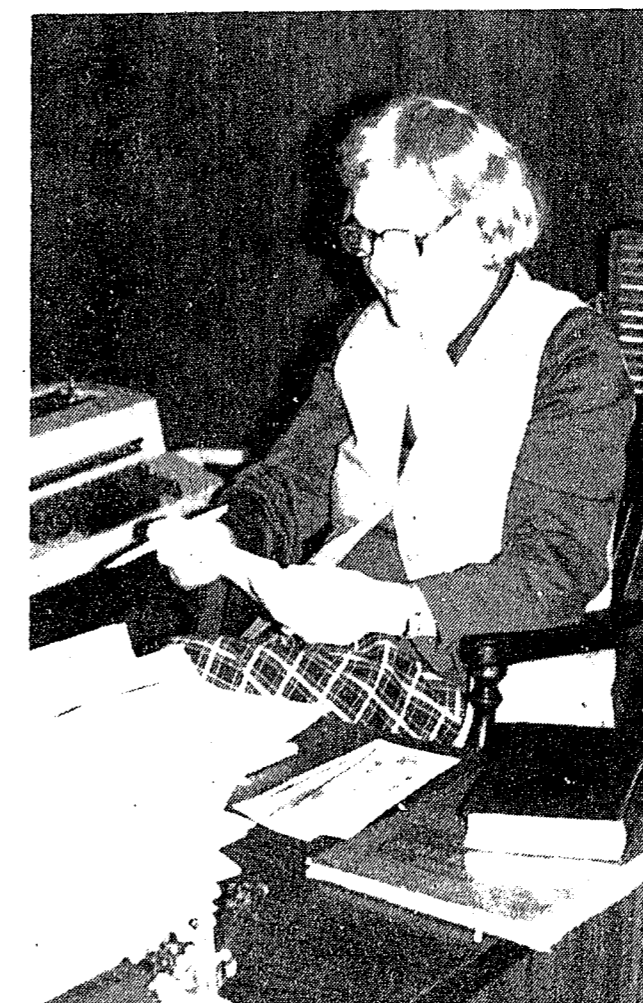
-Rev. Leon M. Maltby  
Daytona Beach, FL  
Editor—1953-1973



Editor John D. Bevis states that "in 135 years of publication the size has changed but the message remains the same."

Etta North O'Connor has served many years as proof-reader for the *Sabbath Recorder*. She handles renewals and is personally acquainted with hundreds of subscribers.

Leon Clare handles the mechanics of getting the *Recorder* actually produced. The entire printing process has greatly changed during the 135-year time period.



Throughout its 135 years and thirteen editors the *Sabbath Recorder* has built up a rich legacy of service to the cause of Christ and Seventh Day Baptists. Quite a transformation has taken place in recent years, however I am confident that the original purpose and unique message of the *Recorder* has not been altered. We live in a time of innovation and change, thus it is indeed remarkable that our magazine has not only endured but continues to be a viable force in the life of the denomination. In the days ahead, may we continue to use the *Sabbath Recorder* as an effective means of communicating the "glad tidings of Jesus, redemption and release."

-John D. Bevis  
Plainfield, NJ  
Editor—1973-1979

For 135 years the *Sabbath Recorder* has exerted "a mighty influence" among and for Seventh Day Baptists. That is an unusual record—appropriate cause for celebration!

The first editorial during my tenure as Editor, in the issue of September 17, 1945, quoted as the supreme consideration

"...to make the *Sabbath Recorder* a medium of communication between the churches of our denomination, an organ for the exposition and defense of our denominational faith and practice, a means for the equal promotion of all branches of our denominational work, and a help to all its readers in their endeavors to conceive the truest aims and reach the noblest ends of life."

Now, from a different but equally interested and concerned vantage point, I commend the *Sabbath Recorder* not only on its longevity but for notable achievements through the years.

To the usual birthday wish, "Many happy returns," I want to add fervent prayer that God will guide and bless as Seventh Day Baptists continue in their efforts to reach the noblest ends for Christ and His Cause!

-K.D. Hurley  
Plainfield, NJ  
Editor—1945-1947

first in a series on our China mission  
by Tom Merchant, historian

# MISSION TO CHINA

## THE PIONEERS

The eyes of the world are on China, and none more so than those of American Seventh Day Baptists, whose first, largest, and longest-lasting foreign mission was on Chinese soil. Established in 1847 and maintained continuously until the forced withdrawal of our missionaries in 1950, the mission came to include a large church, boys' and girls' schools, a medical mission, and vocational training for adult women. Much of the credit must be given to our first missionaries, "the Pioneers."

Solomon and Lucy Carpenter were in their late thirties when they set foot in China; their co-workers, Nathan and Olive Wardner, were in their mid-twenties. The Carpenters had experience in education and in the pastorate; in fact, Mr. Carpenter had preached the introductory sermon at the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Association (later Society) in 1845, one year before he was called to be our first foreign missionary. His text had been Matthew 28:19-20: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." The Wardners were newly graduated from Alfred Academy.

The first goal of our missionaries after they arrived in Shanghai in the summer of 1847 was to learn the language well enough to conduct public worship. They thought this could be accomplished in two years; in 1849 they began holding services in a large room in their residence. Six months later they baptized their first four converts, and in July 1850 they organized the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church with seven constituent members.

At the same time, the two young women began the work that they would continue throughout their years as missionaries, the education of young children, in Christian teachings as well as basic skills. And the men added tract publication and distribution to their missionary activity.

The 1850's began with the construction and dedication of a new chapel, larger and closer to Shanghai's bustling crowds, but a revolution in the first half of the decade, and ill health in the second, severely hampered missionary activity. Both the Wardners in 1857 and the Carpenters in 1859 were forced to return to the United States to recover their health, but not before recording one of their most successful years—1857—in which they baptized six persons including their first woman convert. It was the conclusion of a decade of missionary service for the Wardners, but in 1860 the Carpenters were able to return to China.

With the Civil War in progress in the United States, and a desire to free Missionary Society money for the employment of another missionary couple to China, Mr. Carpenter assumed his own support with some rental income and part-time work as an interpreter for the U. S. Consul in Shanghai.

In 1865 the Carpenters once again were forced to return to the United States for recuperation, and not knowing when they would be able to return, they left behind three newly oriented elders and a deacon to shepherd the little flock of some twenty members.

All three elders distinguished themselves during this period and subsequent times when the Chinese were left without a missionary: Chau Chang Lau was chosen pastor of the Shanghai church; Le Erlow began a long ministry as an evangelist; and Keang Kwang opened the branch mission station at Lieu-oo.

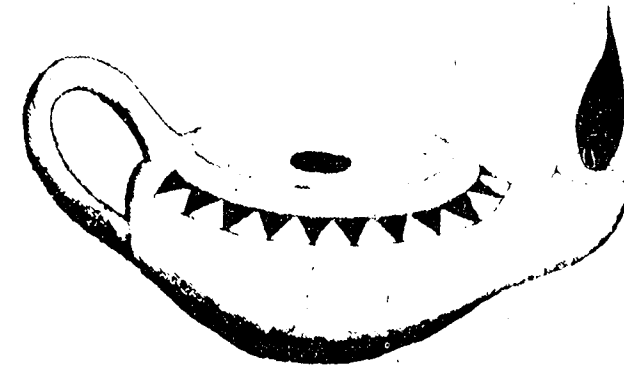
Finally, in 1873, after the Missionary Society had continually called for replacement missionaries to China, the Carpenters agreed again to return to the mission field, though they had no assurance that their health would hold out long. Following the construction and dedication of a new chapel, Lucy Carpenter succumbed to illness September 21, 1874, aged 63; and Solomon Carpenter was forced by ill health to permanently vacate the field in 1876. Their missionary activity in China had spanned three decades, and they had successfully and firmly planted the first Seventh Day Baptist foreign mission.

(NEXT MONTH—"The Schools")



Solomon and  
Lucy  
Carpenter

The Sabbath Recorder



Thy Word is a light...

## FRIENDSHIP

In the first pages of the Bible, the Lord God says, "It is not good for man to be alone." In order to function as persons, we must interact with others, share our experiences, talk, laugh and play together.

"Long-term happy friendships indicate that a person has a strong sense of self-worth and the ability to give himself or herself without the fear of becoming depleted."

Did you ever think about God as your friend? As someone who is totally involved in your life? Someone who wants to give you the best there is, a share in His eternal happiness?

"No longer do I call you servants..." Jesus told His disciples, "but I have called you friends."

God comes to us in the Person of Jesus to tell us He is our Friend. He asks us to enter a close relationship with Him. He wants us to enjoy His presence as we enjoy the company of a special Friend.

He knows how in our humanity we struggle, make mistakes, become discouraged. How we need forgiveness, comfort and strength. How we need His help to grow in spirit. He gives it through many sources. One is human friendship.

Two women talked one day about the crises they had helped each other through in the years they had been friends. "Because you love me with such constancy, such generosity, such selflessness," said one, "I can believe in God's love for me." The love of true friends is an image of God's love for us.

Jesus tells us to love one another. He knows that where there is love,

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there is an atmosphere in which people thrive emotionally and spiritually.

Our friends, like ourselves, are imperfect human beings, but their love brings us strength.

*Friendship is a basket of bread  
from which to eat  
for years to come.  
Good loaves  
fragrant and warm  
miraculously multiplied;  
the basket never empty  
the bread never stale.*

-Catherine de Vinck  
*A Time To Gather* □

### WAYS TO NOURISH FRIENDSHIP

*Permit your friends to be themselves.* Accept them as they are. Be grateful for what is there, not annoyed by what friends can't give. Accept each one's imperfections—and individuality—and don't feel threatened if their opinions and tastes sometimes differ from yours.

*Give each other space.* We are entitled to our private feelings and thoughts. Friends who try to invade the inner space of one another risk destroying the relationship.

*Be ready to give and to receive.* Be eager to help and able to ask for help as well. But don't be over-demanding or let yourself be used.

*Make your advice constructive.* When a friend needs to talk, listen without interruption. If advice is asked for, be positive and supportive.

*Be loyal.* Loyalty is faithfulness. It means "being with" your friend in bad times as well as good. It means honoring confidence. It means neither disparaging a friend in his absence nor allowing others to do so.

*Give praise and encouragement.* Tell your friends what you like about them, how thankful you are for their presence in your life. Delight in their talents, applaud their successes.

*Be honest.* Open communication is of the essence of friendship. Express your feelings, good and bad, instead of bottling up your anger or anxiety. Clearing the air helps a relationship grow. But be aware of what is better left unsaid.

*Treat friends as equals.* In true friendship there is no Number One, no room for showing off how smart and successful you are, for envy, for feeling superior or inferior.

*Trust your friends.* We live in a messy, imperfect world made up of imperfect people. Trust can be betrayed but it is essential to friendship. Make the effort to believe in the intrinsic goodness of your friends.

*Be willing to risk.* One of the obstacles to close relationship is the fear of rejection and hurt. We don't want to reveal our vulnerabilities. *But unless we dare to love others, we condemn ourselves to a sterile life.* □

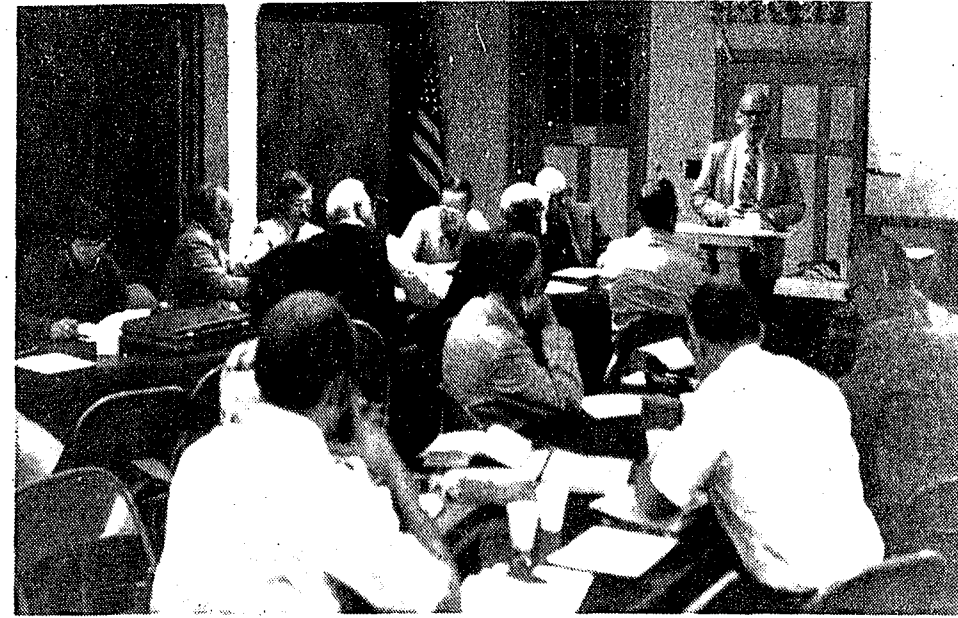
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*"A faithful friend is a sure  
shelter, whoever finds one has  
found a rare treasure."*

Sirach 6:14

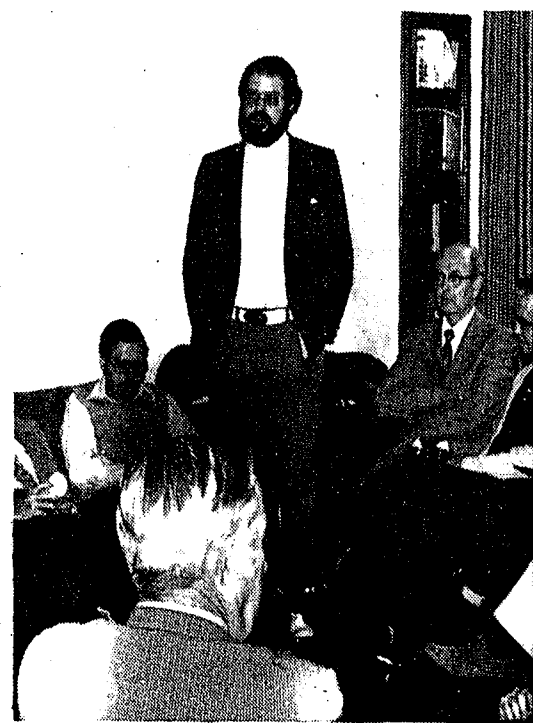


Informal sharing times were an important part of the week-long sessions as pastors shared together their dreams for Seventh Day Baptists.



S. Kenneth Davis of Battle Creek, MI, was one of six pastors who led the conferees in a study of the book of Ephesians. Others were: Francis D. Saunders, Victor W. Skaggs, Kenneth B. Burdick, Delmer E. Van Horn, and Don A. Sanford. Other pastors participated by leading worship and conducting prayer sessions.

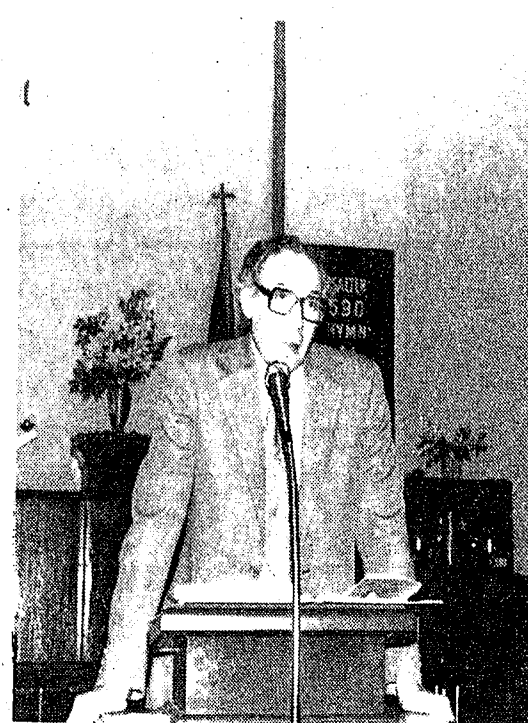
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Dean Herbert E. Saunders directed the sessions and led a two-day workshop on small church ministries. Forty-three persons registered for the seven-day conference.



Dr. James L. Powell, director of the Cooperative Program Promotion of the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission in Nashville, TN, leads a two-day workshop on Biblical stewardship.



E. Wendell Stephan, family and marriage counselor from West Hartford, CT, leads two-day workshop on pastoral counseling.



Gerry Van Dyke of Denver, CO, conducts an informal discussion hour on Summer Christian Service Corps.



Barbara C. Saunders of Plainfield, NJ, conducts a workshop for ministers' wives who were present at the conference. Discussion centered on the book of Philippians and the roles of clergymen's wives.

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE  
ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN, MICHIGAN  
August 5-12, 1979

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- \* Registration will begin Sunday, August 5, at 12:00 Noon in RUSH UNION. 517-263-5970.
- \* Pre-registration EARLY is highly encouraged to reduce time, confusion and gray hairs for the registration committee! Just fill out the registration form, add up total costs, and mail form and check no later than 7/23/79 to:

SDB General Conference Registration  
Donald G. Rudert, Chairman  
P. O. Box 158  
White Cloud, Michigan 49349 Phone 616-689-6703

REGISTRATION FEES:

The fee for registration for adults and children is . . . . . \$ 9.20

ROOM AND BOARD PACKAGE RATES:

This includes room & board, Sunday evening through Sunday breakfast, and the one-time campus use fee. Bed linens, soap, fresh towels every 3rd day are provided.

Adults and children over 12 . . . . . \$90.80  
Children 12 years old and under . . . . . 73.95

HOUSING (ROOM ONLY) PER NIGHT:

Linens, etc., would be provided as above. The rate is the same for children and adults.

Double occupancy per night . . . . . \$ 5.25  
Single occupancy per night . . . . . 6.50  
Sleeping bags on floor per night . . . . . 2.00  
Infants in bed with parent . . . . . no charge

MEALS:

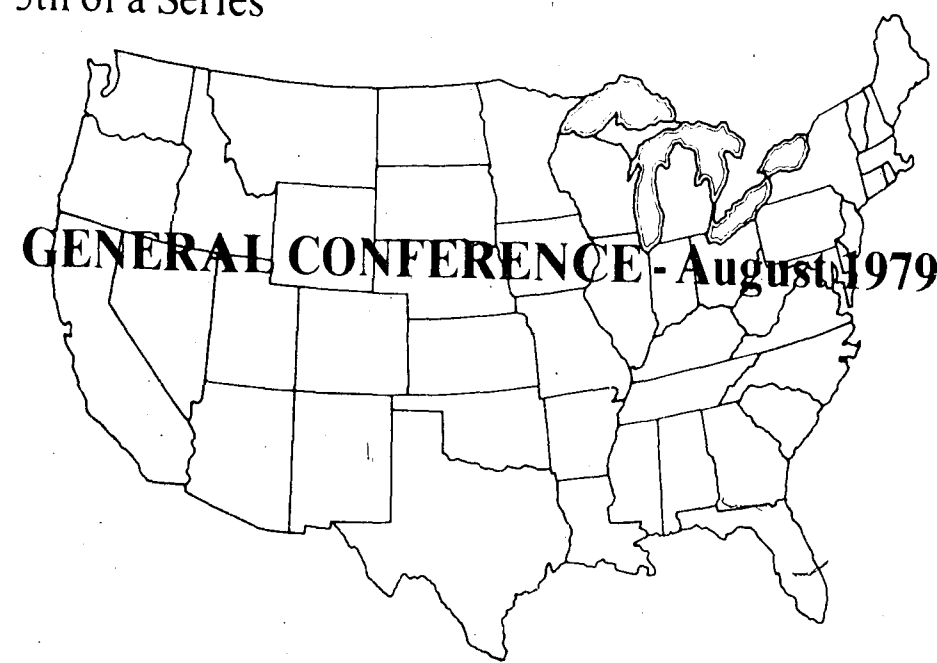
ADULTS: Breakfast . . \$1.70	CHILDREN: Breakfast . . \$ .85
Lunch . . . . . 2.50	(12 & Lunch . . . . . 1.25
Dinner . . . . . 3.60	under) Dinner . . . . . 1.80

MISCELLANEOUS:

Trailers (self-contained ONLY) on Dawson Hall parking lot:  
Double occupancy (2 persons) per night . . . . . \$ 2.75  
For 3 or more persons per night . . . . . 5.50

One-time campus use fee for all registrants except those who buy the package plan . . . . . 1.95

CONFERENCE PUBLICITY  
5th of a Series



Total Conference costs and registration fees have now been established for attendance at the Adrian, Michigan, Conference beginning August 5, Sunday evening, and continuing through Sunday breakfast August 12, 1979.

We are giving the complete breakdown of costs so that you can give advance planning as to how you desire to arrange your eating and lodging requirements.

Room charge is \$5.25 per night - double occupancy	
\$6.50 per night - single occupancy	
\$2.00 per night per child using own sleeping bag on floor	
No charge for infants	
Meals	Breakfast \$1.70
	Lunch \$2.50
	Dinner \$3.60
Campus use fee	\$1.95 for every registrant

All meal prices for children 12 and under will be one half adult price:

Breakfast	\$ .85
Lunch	\$1.25
Dinner	\$1.80

The General Conference registration fee set by the General Council is \$9.20 per registrant, children 12 and under \$5.00.

The total price for an adult, double occupancy, for the full conference is:

Room-7 nights @ \$5.25	\$ 36.75
Meals-23	\$ 52.10
Campus Use Fee	\$ 1.95
Conference registration	\$ 9.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

In planning your trip to Adrian, Michigan, be sure to consider the vacation possibilities, a week before or after Conference, as mentioned in the March *Sabbath Recorder*. Not mentioned in that article is the busiest waterway in the world at Sault Sainte Marie in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The "Soo locks" in the St. Mary's river between Michigan and Canada carry more tonnage of freight than any other waterway on earth—actual fact! This is a comfortable day's drive from Adrian, if you need to do it all at once. Since there is so much of interest between the two points, however, you will be tempted to take more than one day for the trip.

See you in Adrian August 5! □

-Conference Host Committee  
George Parrish

WASHINGTON—Too often our national mental health care systems have no room for the elderly, Rosalynn Carter told participants in a two-day meeting here on mental health and aging.

"The harsh reality about our present system of mental health care is that for too many professionals and in too many programs, the elderly 'do not exist,'" Mrs. Carter said. "I shall never forget what one woman wrote me while I was working with the President's Commission on Mental Health... 'One reaches the age where one is considered not to exist.'"

Mrs. Carter noted the complex roots of mental health problems in old age—financial worries, unhappiness over the loss of social status, grief over the death of loved ones. "All this can lead to depression, even suicide," she said.

Rep. Claude Pepper, D-Fla., chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging, sponsor of the conference, told the audience that 25 percent of all suicides in America are by people over 65. Only 11 percent of the population is over 65, he said.

### AGING, MENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERED BY PANEL

By Carol Franklin

"In the United States, you have one strike against you, if you are old;" Pepper said, "two strikes against you, if you are mentally ill; and three strikes, if you are both old, and mentally ill."

Mrs. Carter, as well as other speakers, urged increased research into the problems of aging and mental health. Robert Butler, director of the National Institute on Aging, said, "Research is not frivolous. It is the ultimate service and the ultimate cost containment."

Herbert Pardes, director of the National Institute of Mental Health, pointed out that less than one percent of the nation's 27,000 psychiatrists are in geriatric practice. "There is a pervasive sense of pessimism in the medical profession about working with older patients. This must be dealt with in the training period for doctors, nurses, social workers, and related fields."

Wilbur Mills, former chairman of the House Committee on Ways

and Means, spoke on the special problems of the elderly and the use of alcohol and other drugs. Looking fit and trim after his bout with alcoholism five years ago, Mills told the crowd, "I'm a very, very grateful alcoholic."

"Sober, I can deal with reality," Mills said. "I used to live for the fantasy world created by the bottle... Two things made me an alcoholic—I drank booze and I mixed drinks with highly addictive drugs I was taking for a back ailment."

Mills acknowledged that he was very lucky because friends cared about him and doctors did not pamper him. "Also, I was employed even though I was 65," Mills said. "Most people at 65 are retired—and retirement is awfully hard. But studies have shown that there is a lower alcoholism rate where there is planned recreation for the elderly. The idle mind rusts."

Participants met several times in task forces to develop specific legislative proposals to improve the present system of care for the elderly with mental illnesses. □

-Baptist Public Affairs

## the CHURCH in ACTION

### CHRISTIAN COFFEE HOUSE HIGHLIGHTS ALFRED OUTREACH

ALFRED, NY—The Alfred Parish House has taken on a new look Saturday nights to accommodate a Christian environment for college students. Tables for four with checked gingham tablecloths, candles and appropriate banners encircle the sounds of Christian music provided by Beverly Austin, formerly of the 1978 Light Bearers team. Free popcorn and soda, coffee, dessert and hot chocolate sold at cost provide a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere. Bev Snyder initiated and developed this idea with support from Dave Snyder, as well as the Alfred SDB Church. "We feel we serve at least two specific purposes," writes Bev Snyder, "an alternative social situation for those who enjoy getting together in an atmosphere free from smoke and alcoholic beverages and that of introducing young people to the Lord in the process of enjoying good music and good company."

Beverly Austin came to Alfred on faith and was able to get a full-time job in a group home for retarded adults. The church is supporting Bev in her work, as well as assisting Ferné Snyder in accommodating Bev in her home. Bev's musical group has grown to include: Craig Mix on bass guitar, Chris DeSain on piano, Dave Snyder singing, and Beverly and David Crocker on electric guitar.

This venture has been blessed with many donations, as well as Christian college students and church members volunteering their services in the kitchen, setting up and contributing food. A sound system was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Palmer's estate, and Ed Crandall and Al Rogers constructed a portable

platform for the musicians. How is it doing? Bev writes, "We feel the response has been good and praise the Lord for it. Our capacity is approximately 75, and we have ranged between 40-70 students during the four weeks we have been in operation." They have hopes of extending this ministry to high school students during the summer, and solicit your prayer support for this worthwhile ministry in a college community. □

### NEBRASKA SDB NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NE—A Christmas musical drama, showing God's love through the year, "365 Days of Christmas Each Year" by Robert Mantzke under the direction of Joni Goodrich was given by preschoolers on up to teen-agers at Christmas time. There was a lesson in this to carry on through the year.

The annual church business meeting was held in January. The results of the election were John Williams, pres.; Collett Soper, sec.; Sheldon Van Horn, treas.; Frances Van Horn, asst. treas.; Alice Maxson, historian; Bertha Clement, *Recorder* reporter; Dawn Richards, organist and pianist; Louise Brennick and Jeneane Abel, asst. organists; Merlyn Van Horn, trustee; and Victor Skaggs to continue as pastor.

Dean Herbert Saunders was with us Tuesday evening, January 23, with an address on Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry and other denominational matters. Also in January the new hymnals, "The New Church Hymnal," were dedicated. Lloyd Needham, a representative of the Gideons, brought the message February 10. Mary Clare, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, conducted a workshop on "The Youth Fellowship in the Local Church" February 24 and 25.

A Planning Retreat was held March 9 and 10 with "A Glorious Church" as the theme, beginning with a Sabbath Eve service, which included Communion with families seated around tables.

Besides the regular Fellowship Dinner held once a month, a Valentine social was held at the church the evening of February 10, a soup supper Sunday, March 18, and Lenten breakfasts alternately at the United Methodist Church and our church with men of both churches and others attending.

One couple, Henry and Helen Ruyle, had a golden wedding celebration March 18. Mr. Kim Sautter accepted a call to be assistant to Pastor Skaggs this summer.

Pastor Victor Skaggs is attending the Ministers Conference at Milton, WI, the last week in April, and James Goodrich is leading the worship service April 28.

The severe weather was a reason for lower attendance during the winter months. Sickness, with some hospitalizations, was also a factor. Only once, March 3, were church services cancelled. Now it is spring-time and Christmas Every Day to show God's love. □

-Bertha Clement

### AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM...

LITTLE GENESEE, NY—The Little Genesee church has the privilege of working with, and for, a group of children from the village. There are only two from the group that have an SDB background.

Mrs. Margaret Burdick invited the children to form a junior choir with her as director. There are up to twelve children in the choir. It has been a learning experience for them, not only to learn how to sing together, but also how to act in church. It is, indeed, exciting to see the progress they have made.

The Sabbath School classes and the Bible Club that our former pastor and his wife conducted (Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn) gave them a Bible background they had not had before. They began to have an understanding of what being a Christian means. In fact, three accepted Christ as their Savior and were baptized.

In the past few months we have seen some in the group leading in various ways. During the farewell tea for "Pastor Ken" and Doris Van Horn, people were invited to reminisce and tell about some interesting or humorous happening, or give a word of appreciation. Suddenly the Junior Choir decided they, too, wanted to speak. The choir came forward, and faced the audience. Two girls spoke in appreciation of all the Van Horns had done for them, then all together the choir said, "Thank you."

In January, one of the choir girls was quite ill, and in the hospital.

One Sabbath morning just before church, the children were thinking about her, and they asked their director if they could pray for her. A prayer for their friend followed.

A week before Valentine's Day a couple of boys came to my door and asked for the church key. They wanted to decorate their Sabbath School room "for their teacher." They were so excited about surprising her. They spent a lot of time putting up streamers and valentines.

The next night the boys came again for the key—to do "more decorating." This time it was for one of the boy's sister's Sabbath School room to surprise her teacher. Yes, the teachers were surprised and very pleased.

More recently three boys from the Sabbath School came to my door, and asked me if they could have a church sports team! I was pleased that they wanted a church-related sports team. I promised them that I would talk to others about it and we would see if this could be arranged.

Easter Sabbath one of the girls sang "Christ our Lord Is Risen in Might, Glory in the Highest," for the Sabbath School. Later, during the church worship service, she discovered that her grandmother had come to church. She knew that her grandmother had wanted to hear her sing the song, so she asked the choir director if she could sing it during the service. Needless to say, she was given the privilege.

It is indeed a thrill to see these youngsters grow in interest and sensitivity to others. It is a challenge and a privilege to serve these children and see them grow in Christian love and behavior. □

-Leta DeGroff

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP HELD

NEW AUBURN, WI—The New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church held its January business meeting following a delicious potluck dinner. Usual business was discussed and new officers were elected. Pastor Dave Taylor was unanimously voted to continue as our pastor.

Pastor Dave led a Spiritual Gifts Workshop this past winter on Friday nights with an average attendance of fifteen. Jet Cadets, a group of young people from our church and community, meet on Sabbath after-

## THE COVENANT of the BERLIN, NEW YORK SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

- I. WE AGREE to keep the commandments of God and walk in the faith of Jesus Christ.
- II. WE AGREE to accept the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice.
- III. WE AGREE to watch over each other for good, to the intent that we may build up together in Christ, grow in grace and a further knowledge of truth, and be instrumental in bringing men to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- IV. WE AGREE to faithfully attend the appointments and bear the burdens and expenses of the church, according as God may give us severally the ability.



noons at the church to fellowship together and learn of God's love.

We are all excited about plans for the celebration of our centennial, which will coincide with the North Central Association during the week of September 30-October 7. The theme for the centennial will be "God's Pioneers for 100 Years."

-Pam North

### FARINA CHURCH CELEBRATES 113TH ANNIVERSARY

FARINA, IL—On Resurrection Sabbath, April 14, the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its one hundred and thirteenth anniversary. The weather was perfect and we were blessed with the attendance of Sabbathkeeping people from Staunton, Alton, and Mount Vernon, Illinois, in addition to a very nice delegation from the Stone Fort Church. Special music from the Mount Vernon and Stone Fort groups was enjoyed by all.

We especially thank God that Pastor Carlos Mc Sparin was able to preach and conduct the Communion service. His many heart attacks certainly have not dampened his zeal and enthusiasm to preach the gospel. We pray that he will have many more years to carry on the work of the Lord.

Following services a bountiful dinner was served in the parish hall and every one enjoyed the fellowship with people of like faith. It was indeed a wonderful Sabbath. □

-Thelma Stewart

### EXCHANGE CAMPER PROGRAM

The Camp Program Committee of the Board of Christian Education has informed each camp of the 1979 Senior High Exchange Camper schedule. We are happy that many of the camps have reported their representative to us; letters have gone to each of these people.

The schedule is as follows:

Allegheny Association—Camp Harley Sutton—Peggy Sutton to Camp Joy

Eastern Association—Camp Lewis—Ronda Jacobson to Camp Harmony

Mid-Continent Association—Camp Riverview—Darcy Lippincott to Camp Pacific Pines

North Central Association—Camp Holston—Lori Loofboro to Camp Harley Sutton

Southeastern Association—Camp Joy—Lisa Pinder to Camp Lewis

Southwestern Association—Camp Miles—Sharon Monroe to Camp Holston □

● William Armstrong, a member of the Plainfield, NJ, church, was honored at the recent meeting of the Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Mr. Armstrong has served for twenty years, much of that time in committee work related to the publishing house. He was given a special plaque as well as a proclamation of appreciation.

### RECENT "HAPPENINGS" IN DENVER

DENVER, CO—Several all-church events added interest and meaning in March and April. On Sabbath night, March 24, the second "annual" talent show was again shared with Boulder Seventh Day Baptists. After a bountiful potluck supper in Fellowship Hall most of the group retired to the sanctuary for a hymning and informal vesper at sunset. When they re entered the hall they found the stage set for an amateur program of music, skits, a disc jockey, plenty of puns and general fun. Many latent abilities were uncovered!

The following day, March 25, again brought some Boulder church members down for an all-day joint seminar on "The Touch of His Hand"—a study on person-to-person Christian witness.

"Triumphal Entry" weekend the combined choirs of Denver SDB Church and First Baptist Church, Boulder, sang "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer, under the direction of Gary Cox, on Sabbath in Denver and Sunday in Boulder First Baptist Church. Mr. Cox is regular director of both choirs.

Easter weekend was especially meaningful with an observance of a lovely Passover Supper—Lord's Supper around candlelit tables, set with Biblical foods. Each item's meaning was explained as the various foods were eaten. All were symbolic—lamb, olives, figs, dates, apricots, unleavened bread dipped in honey, parsley in salted water, and for beverage, grape juice. The meal ended with breaking off pieces of the unleavened bread and sipping of the grape juice "in remembrance" of Christ's sacrifice for us. The entire supper was planned and furnished by Dr. and Mrs. David Stabel. □

-Gladys Randolph

### INVITATION TO ANNIVERSARY BANQUET EXTENDED

BATTLE CREEK, MI—It is a banner year for the Battle Creek church as it celebrates its 75 years of existence. Many Diamond Anniversary events have been planned. Perhaps the one most festive and momentous occasion will be the Anniversary Banquet to be held Sabbath night, August 4.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone who will be in the Battle Creek area at that time to attend. The August 4 date was purposely chosen since Pre-Cons will be held in the area

and General Conference meetings will convene the next day. It is hoped that many of the church's friends, former members, and pastors will thus be able to attend.

Tom Merchant of the Historical Society will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, introducing city and denominational dignitaries. Greetings will be given by Dr. K.D. Hurley, SDB Executive Secretary, and Robert Austin, General Conference President. There will also be messages given by the church's former pastors—the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler and the Rev. Leland E. Davis. And, throughout the program, there will be music, plus films of yesterday and today of the church and its members.

The banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. Swiss steak is featured on the menu, topped off with anniversary cake and ice cream. The cost of the meal will be approximately \$6.00 and RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY. Make reservations to Arabeth DeLand, 196 Irving Park Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49017, by July 15.

Even those unable to attend the banquet can share in this Diamond Jubilee Celebration. A historical booklet depicting the 75 years of the church has just gone to press. Copies of this booklet, which includes over forty pictures, will be available for only \$1.00. Church plates and trivets, picturing the church home, are also on sale. The plates sell for \$6.00 and the trivets for \$3.50. All the mementos can be ordered from Arabeth DeLand, the Anniversary Committee chairman. □

-Karen Thorngate

### THE LINK

"You heard it here first."

by Barb Snyder

WHAT ARE YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFTS? You can discover your gifts with the workbook Bible Study series by Fuller Evangelistic Association. Some churches have utilized this study and find it very effective for discovering and understanding spiritual gifts. It includes a test for each person to discover his/her spiritual gifts. Useful for both small groups and Sabbath School classes. This is available on request from:

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Grand Rapids, MI 49506

WANTED: Recommendations for Vacation Bible School programs and lesson books. Also would like comments on "A Touch of His Hand" workshop from those groups who have utilized this tool. How effective was it, and how did you approach its use? Please respond to Barb Snyder at the Sabbath Recorder address. Thank you.

### Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible texts  
selected by pastors  
and ministerial students.

● "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

● When one of my boys was a little younger he surprised with the statement, "Daddy, I don't think I want to go to heaven." "Why not?" I inquired. "Because I can't take my new bicycle with me," was his reply.

In response to this situation I reminded him of how much he enjoyed his tricycle, but now that he had a new bike, the tricycle had been completely abandoned. He also agreed with me that when he grew older and had a motorcycle or car of his own, the bicycle, too, would be forgotten.

Then I explained that the things God has prepared for us in heaven are so wonderful that when we get there, tricycles, bikes, cars and all our other earthly possessions which we presently treasure will no longer be desired. First Corinthians 2:9 reminds us that heavenly things are so wonderful we cannot even imagine them now, but because we know that God loves us so much, we know and believe this verse is true. □



Rev. John A. Conrod  
Boulder, CO

**THE WAY BACK**

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I knew an interesting elderly sea captain, turned preacher, in New England. He had served as merchant marine captain in two world wars. He told me how navigation was carried on. There was the compass, and readings taken from the stars as a routine matter, and wind and current drift were corrected accordingly. Then as they neared port, final correction was made so that they arrived at the proper destination. Repentance is the means by which we make our spiritual "course corrections."

C. S. Lewis said: "A Christian isn't a man who never goes wrong, but a man who is enabled to repent and pick himself up again after each stumble." That is a clue to the real nature of repentance. Repentance is not something you do now and let it go at that; repentance is in turning from self and sin to God today—and tomorrow—and the next day. Repentance is in changing your life's direction as needed again and again and again."

It is not a brooding over the past. It is by God's grace a cleansing act. It is a turning to the future. When we have truly repented of a sin, we are ready to take the next steps in a closer walk with God that leads on into eternity.

Dear friends, the call to repentance is a wonderful gift of God, based on the assurance that there is mercy with our God, and there is salvation, victory, eternal life, just waiting for us to clear the way for them to become reality in our lives.

To the unbeliever, the call to repentance means that God still seeks you in love. He has good will and good intentions for you. To the believer, it means that God is not through with you yet, but that He is leading you all the way from grace to glory. Remember that "repent" and "believe" go together.

At the end of the first chapter of *Pilgrim's Progress*, Bunyan has Evangelist trying to direct Pilgrim to the way of repentance and belief:

"Whither must I fly?" Then said Evangelist, pointing with his finger over a very wide field, 'Do you see yonder wicket gate?' The man said, 'No.' Then said the other, 'Do you see yonder shining light?' He said, 'I think I do.' Then said Evangelist, 'Keep that light in your eye'..."



**SOSTAR TO SERVE ALFRED CHURCH**

ALFRED, N.Y.—The Rev. Thomas J. Sostar, of Harlingen, Texas, has recently accepted the call to become the pastor of the Alfred, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church. He will assume his duties around the first of June. Mr. Sostar has served Seventh-day Adventist churches in Maryland, West Virginia, and Texas since he entered the Christian ministry in 1970. Born in 1931, Rev. Sostar worked as a civilian employee of the United States Government before entering the ministry. He was ordained in June of 1976. He recently participated in the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference in Milton, Wisconsin. We welcome Rev. Sostar and his wife, Janet, to the ministry of Seventh Day Baptists and pray that the Lord will bless his particular service to the Alfred church. □

**ACCESSIONS**

SEATTLE AREA, WASHINGTON, CHURCH  
Duane L. Davis, Pastor

By Testimony:  
Sharon DeForest (Mrs. Rodger)

By Letter:  
Donald Hedghes

**BIRTHS**

JOHNSON.—A son, Douglas Richard, to Richard and Karen (Van Gemert) Johnson of Westerly, R.I., on April 20, 1979.

MCPHERSON.—A daughter, Karen Elaine to Myron and Mary Jane (Campbell) McPherson of Lebanon, New Jersey, on May 5, 1979.

ROOD.—A son, Jeffrey David, to Pastor Dale and Althea (Greene) Rood, of Waterford, CT., on April 26, 1979.

**OBITUARIES**

BOSCH.—Cornelia Sara Luteijn Bosch was born May 30, 1906 in Breskens, Netherlands, and died after a long illness on April 26, 1979, at Juliana Hospital in Amsterdam.

She was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Amsterdam where her husband, Cornelis, served as pastor for many years until his death in 1977. She is survived by two sons, several grandchildren, two sisters and one brother. Funeral services were conducted on May 2 in Amsterdam.

-John Farenhorst

HALL.—Anna I., daughter of the late Thomas G. and Hannah Finch Crandall, was born February 17, 1889 and died on March 27, 1979 in Mater Dei Home for Adults, on the Knights Creek Road, Scio, N.Y., after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Hall was a graduate of Bolivar High School and after completing her teaching courses had taught school in Rushford, N.Y., and in the Town of Genesee for many years.

She was married to Dudley P. Hall in October of 1917, who died in 1951.

She was the oldest living member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, Little Genesee, where she was a member for eight-one years. She was also a member of the Sunshine Society of the church and a member of the Little Genesee Garden Club.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. James (Arlouine) Krick of Olean, Mrs. George (Prudence) Kuhn of Bolivar, and Mrs. Victor A. (Mary) Burdick of Orchard Park, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral and committal services were held at the Schaffner Funeral Home, Inc., Bolivar, N.Y., Friday, March 30, 1979, with the Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station officiating. Burial was in Wells Cemetery, Little Genesee. -L.D.

POTTER.—Clifford Miller, age 84, was born at West Union, N.Y., October 20, 1894 and died April 7, 1979, at Beechwood Convalescent Hospital, New London, CT., where he had been a patient for five days.

He moved with his parents when very young to Five Corners, near Alfred where he helped in his father's cheese factory, attended the Five Corners country school and was an Alfred resident most of his life. He graduated from the Alfred Academy in 1914 and went on to the University, earning his way by working in the Rogers Machine Shop. Clifford was in the A.U. class of 1918, but in March he was called up for the Army with only four days notice. He missed his graduation, but March 30, he was married to Elsie Grow in a small affair and immediately went into service to be shipped shortly overseas. He served in the Army Medical Corps in France during some of the worst fighting days of America's involvement in World War I.

He had served the Alfred University faculty in various positions for more than forty years and retired in 1959 as registrar. Mr. Potter served on the Alfred Village Board for several terms and was mayor of Alfred during World War II. He was an active member of the American Legion and served as commander of both the local and county posts. The Odd Fellows, Alfred Rod and Gun Club and Volunteer Firemen all counted on him as a member. He was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than fifty years and was a long-time director of the Alfred Savings and Loan Association.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Elsie Grow Potter; a son, George E. of Mystic, CT; a sister, Mrs. Arlos Sage of Clearwater, FL; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Funeral and committal services were held Wednesday (April 11) in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial will be in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

-A.N.R.

**WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE?**

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be The Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment, founded by David and Vera Mace (Box 10596, Winston-Salem, NC 27108).

As we grow as persons and in our relationship, we become strong enough to reach out and help others to grow. We are not content simply to enjoy our own enriched family. We should never make an idol of our family's togetherness. Rather, we strengthen our own marriage and family relationships so that we may make a faithful witness to God's love, justice and peace in all the world.

Someone has written, "The true goal of a Christian family is not to make a house a home, but to make the whole world a fit habitation for all humanity."

This world sorely needs those whose family life is strong, radiant, and contagious that they extend the community of Christ's love in the places where they live and send out their children to be citizens of the world community that is struggling to be born.

The Gennés, parents of four and grandparents of five, now live in Montclair, N.J. Mr. Genné was formerly Chaplain at Alfred University.

**SAY WHAT YOU FEEL**

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Third, **suggest** in a tentative way what you think your spouse might be feeling and wanting. If you phrase your suggestion in a tentative manner, you're not mind reading. "I'm guessing that you might be feeling sad and wanting me to hug you."

Ask if your suggestion is correct. "Am I guessing right?" It is important to ask this because your suggestion is only a guess and might be wrong. That hanging head, those drooping shoulders, and that lump in the throat also could mean that your spouse is feeling angry at you. He might be wanting to leave him alone for a few moments so that he can get his anger under control. In that case, hugging him certainly would be a mistake!

Fourth, **listen** carefully to your spouse's response to your suggestion.

This is most important. "...A wise man will hear, and increase in learning..." (Prov. 1:5, NASV). "...Let everyone be quick to hear (a ready listener)..." (James 1:19, AB).

Fifth, **repeat** back to your spouse what you think you hear him saying and wanting. Keep your wording tentative until your spouse has confirmed the accuracy of what you believe you've heard. "I think I hear you saying that you're feeling angry rather than sad and that you'd like me to leave you alone rather than hug you." Then check to see if you've heard your spouse accurately. "Am I hearing you right?"

Following these five steps can help you to know what your spouse is feeling and wanting. The advantage to having this knowledge is that it allows you to respond to his real needs.

One final note about the two principles discussed above: if you're not used to identifying feelings in yourself and in your spouse, you initially might find it difficult to utilize these principles. In this case, make a list of feeling words such as excited, ashamed, furious, bewildered, etc. Carry the list with you and refer to it from time to time. Remember: in marital communication as in everything else, practice makes perfect!

**BLISS IS**

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far more futures than one can actually experience. We carry out the alternative plans in our minds and then choose to follow the one that brings us "heaven on earth" with the least effort. We might as well practice living in heaven now!

Scott and I mix our talents well. He is very good at writing; I am good at catching the spelling and grammar oversights. I get myself into projects; he refines my methods.

Many people mistake us for brother and sister. To me, that says that even our outer appearances suggest that we belong together.

If you have even a slight case of pessimism, you might think that Scott and I have just been lucky these past two and a half years since our wedding, and hard times eventually fall upon us all. You're right—hard

times do come—but if you're living a blissful life together, you'll rise above all obstacles and live happily ever after. □



Donna and Scott Ready—1st Anniversary.

**DENOMINATIONAL DATELINE**

June 26-July 12  
Baptist World Alliance  
Brighton, England  
Dr. K.D. Hurley also meeting with Dutch and British SDB's

July 8  
Memorial Fund Trustees  
Plainfield, NJ

July 15  
American Sabbath Tract Society  
Marlboro, NJ

Board of Christian Education  
Alfred, NY

July 29  
Missionary Society  
Westerly, RI

July 31-August 3  
General Council Meetings  
Battle Creek, MI

August 4  
75th Anniversary Celebration  
Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Battle Creek, MI

August 5-11  
General Conference Sessions  
Adrian, MI

● About eighty people attended the "Resurrection Banquet" of the Seattle church. Following an elaborate meal, planned by Don and Joan Hedghes, the film, "A Distant Thunder," was shown. Thirteen persons responded to the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at the conclusion of the film. Please pray that their decision may grow and mature.



## AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS WORKS

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—The Angel Awards presented annually by Religion in Media for the purpose of encouraging excellence in the portrayal of religious concepts in the area of radio, television, books, movies, albums and athletic events has become the religious community's most sought after award. RIM's top award for the religious program of the year went to NBC for its production of *Holocaust*. The award was accepted by its director, Marvin Chonsky.

Some of the other featured award winners included B. J. Thomas for his album *Happy Man*, and Joni Eareckson for her book *A Step Further* written with Steve Estes. Winners in the area of television included *Little House on the Prairie* for its excellent presentation of moral and spiritual values; *The 700 Club* for the best in daily programming; *Future Survival*, written and narrated by Chuck Smith, the best documentary; Oral Roberts for the best hour length special. Winners for motion pictures were *Mystery of the Sacred Shroud*, best documentary; and *No Longer Alone* as the best feature-length film.

Chairman for the 1978 RIM awards, Jim Willems, stated that "It is to a great extent through the media that religious values are passed from generation to generation today. The Angel Awards presented by RIM are Religion in Media's way of saying thank you to those who have made a significant contribution to excellence in this area." □

Copies of JONI are available from the Publishing House for \$2.25 postpaid.



Congratulating Joni Eareckson on the receipt of Religion in Media's Angel Award for the best religious book of 1978-79 are executives of several publishing firms as well as Ted Knight, motion picture star.

## GEORGI VINS RELEASED

NEW YORK—What one observer called "tough negotiations" by U. S. President Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman with a personal concern, resulted in the release from a Soviet prison of Georgi Vins, a Baptist pastor jailed for religious activities.

Vins, 51, was among five Soviet dissidents who arrived in New York, April 27, and be joined shortly by their families. Others released in exchange for two Soviet spies are Alexander Ginzburg, Eduard Kuznetsov, Mark Dymshyts, and Valenty Moroz.

On the Sunday after he arrived in New York, Vins, secretary of the dissident Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians - Baptists (CCECB) in the Soviet Union, a group of about 100,000 who broke away from the officially-sanctioned All Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (AUCECB), attended church and Sunday School at Carter's church in Washington.

Also in Washington, Baptist World Alliance Executive Director Robert Denny said, "We rejoice in the release of Georgi Vins and all other prisoners of conscience. Repeatedly since pastor Vins was arrested in 1974, the BWA, the European Baptist Federation and the Alliance's member body in the USSR (AUCECB) have interceded with Soviet officials in Moscow on behalf of Mr. Vins and an uncounted number of other Baptists in Soviet jails...The BWA is ever conscious of the restrictions under which many of our Baptist people work for their faith in many

parts of the world. We daily pray for them and their witness under difficult circumstances."

At a New York news conference after his release, at which Elias Golonka, Southern Baptist missionary to the United Nations, served as his translator, Vins said, "I thank my Lord that I am free. I thank President Carter, the American Congress and all the Christians in the United States—and all the people of good will who have been interceding for the persecuted Christians in the Soviet Union."

Then Vins paused, smiled and added: "I was delighted that the first book I saw in this hotel in New York was the Bible. For five years I was deprived of this book. There is no book that I cherish more."

Vins, whom *Time* magazine has called "courageous and stubborn," has been in and out of jail since 1966. His father, also a Baptist minister, died in prison after three terms for missionary activity, the White House release said. His mother and son, Peter, have also been in Soviet prisons.

He was arrested in 1974 and tried in Kiev in 1975 on charges of defaming the Soviet state and infringing on the rights of citizens under the guise of performing religious ceremonies. Vins, reportedly in poor health, was sentenced to five years of hard labor and five years of exile, plus confiscation of property. □

—Baptist Press



## OFF TO CAMP

by Linda Harris

Ginny checked her suitcase one more time to make sure she had everything she needed. This was the first time for Ginny to go to summer camp, and she didn't want to forget anything. She read through the list in the camp brochure. "Clothes, jacket, pajamas, toothbrush, towels and washcloths, notebook, Bible, flashlight...Oops, I forgot a flashlight!" She ran into the kitchen.

"Mom, I need a flashlight for camp. The brochure said to bring one." Ginny's mother stopped kneading the bread and washed her hands while she said, "I think there's one out in the garage. I'll help you find it."

Together, Ginny and Mom went out in the garage and started looking. It wasn't long before Ginny said, "I found one that's red and silver. Is that the right one?"

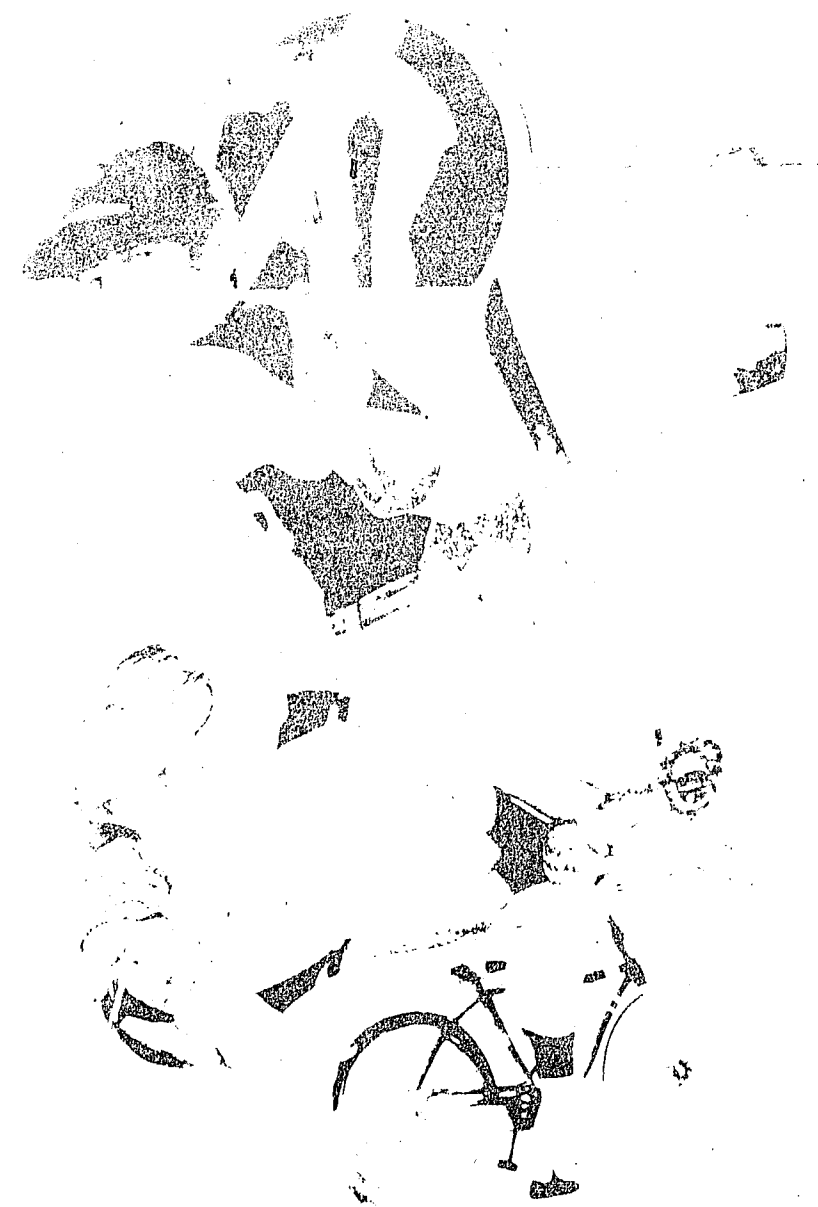
"Yes," said Mother. "Bring it inside and we'll check the batteries. I need to get back to my bread. Maybe it will be done before Pastor Anderson comes to pick you up for camp, and you can have a piece while it's warm."

"Mmm. That sounds good, Mom. I like your bread. You're such a good mom." Ginny gave her mother a big hug. "I'm going to miss you and Dad and everybody while I'm at camp."

"I'm going to miss you, too, Ginny. But you're a big girl, and I know you will be all right. You probably won't even get homesick," said Mom.

"I hope I don't get homesick. What can I do so I don't get homesick?" Ginny asked.

"Well, first of all, you'll be pretty busy most of the time and that will help a lot. The time when you



will most likely to get homesick is when you go to bed. Then it will help to think of all the fun things you've been doing. And the best thing to do to keep from getting homesick is to talk to God. He's with you wherever you go and knows everything you do and think. He'll be with you and help you not to be homesick."

"That's nice to know, Mom." Ginny gave Mom another hug. "We all learned a verse in Sabbath School that says, 'You are all around me on every side; you protect me with your power.' That's what you were thinking about, isn't it?"

"Yes, Ginny, and that would be a good verse for you to say if you start to get homesick because then you'll know that God is taking care of you. Now let's see if that flashlight works." Ginny turned it on and a bright light shone from the flashlight.

"You know, Ginny, the reason you're supposed to take a flashlight is so that you can see where you are going after dark. And just like this flashlight will guide you in the dark, God will be with you to guide you all during camp."

"I'm glad I'm going to camp, Mom. And I know I won't be homesick, because God is going to be with me!"

Read Psalm 139:1-18 and 23-24. Memorize the same verse that Ginny memorized, verse 5. Then make a list of the ways God cares for you in Psalm 139. For instance: 1) He examines me. 2) He knows me.

Does your church have a camp that you can go to? Ask your pastor about it, if you've never been to camp. There are many things to do at camp, and most campers don't want to go home when camp is over. I'm sure you'd like it if you go. □

# Seventh Day Baptist Ministries and Outreach

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Since all our income and property comes from God let us return at least a portion of this to our church and denomination—His organization on earth. How are you now and in the future repaying your debt to your Maker? Are you planning your gifts to your church, denomination and other Christian agencies as you do your household budget? If you plan your giving in a systematic way your church and denomination can establish their budgets so that their plans will materialize.

There are several basic methods (with many variations) by which you can plan your giving—current and future. The most common method is outright gifts of money. The amount should be determined on the basis of weekly or monthly income and paid regularly—the first check to be drawn! As income increases the regular gift should also increase. This regular payment (the tithe) was *expected* in the early church. In *addition* special offerings were also to be made. Today our special offerings would include appeals from our boards and agencies, associations, camp equipment and buildings and for specific missionary activities—national and international.

The secret of planned current giving is *regularity*. In addition to gifts from wages or salary, dividends or interest on securities could be assigned to church or denomination. This type of gift helps *now* to meet regular expenses and makes your contribution a part of the ongoing church.

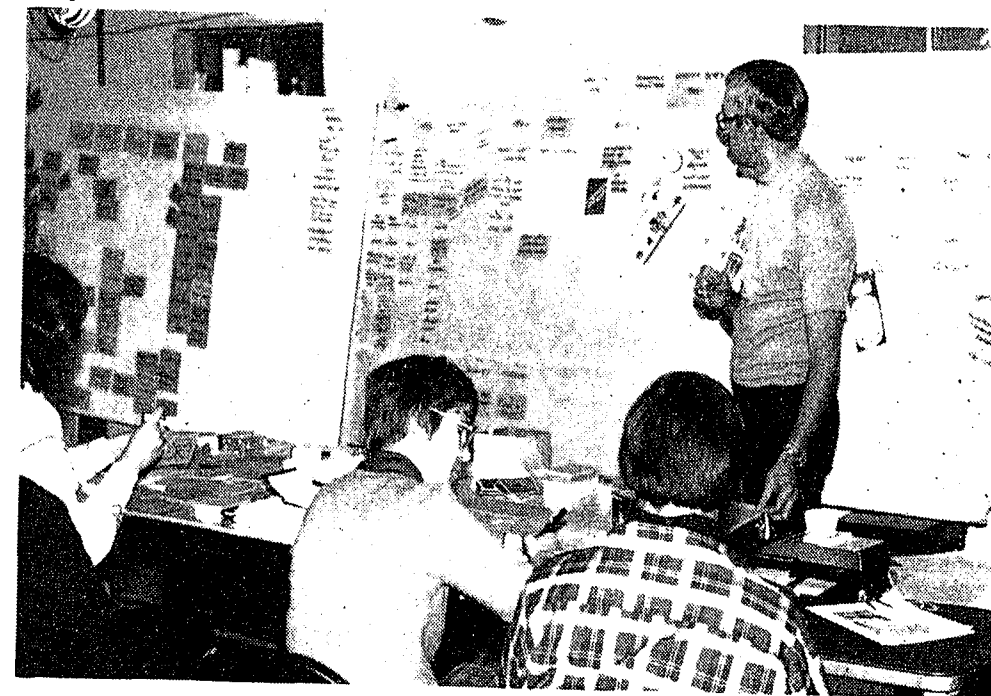
The second type of planned giving would be the gift of securities, funds or property to the Memorial Fund with the income to be paid to the donor during a stated period or until death. At which time the income would revert to the Fund. This secures the principal for the Fund but allows the donor the use of the income without the worries of investment.

The third method of planned giving assures the church or denomination of a future gift but allows the donor the full use of the funds. The donor may include the church and/or the denomination in his will to receive either a specific amount or a proportion of the estate. Thus the donor has the opportunity to make a postponed gift which he was unable to give during his earning period. These gifts might be specific securities, property or life insurance policies.



Stewardship involves time, talents, money and material. Left to right—Don Sanford, Jon Cruzan, Barb Green, K.D. Hurley and Ann Williams.

Your stewardship committee has met twice at Milton to use the process known as "Story Boarding" to determine priorities—led by Richard Shepard.



Write to the Memorial Board, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061 for information on the various methods of planned giving—present and future.

Do you want to be a part of the action? Through planned giving you can be depended on to help forward the many projects of your church and denomination. □

—Burton Crandall

Below are listed some books you or your church may wish to purchase.

*God's Trustees*, Dietz, Charles, Bethany Press, St. Louis, MO, 1976, \$3.95.

*Traveling Light*, McGeachy, Pat, Abingdon Press, Nashville and New York, 1976, \$3.25.

*Mind Your Own Spending*, Cowling, Ellis, Bethany Press, St. Louis, MO, 1963, \$1.50.

*Your Family and Its Money*, Thal, Helen and Halcomb, Melinda, Houghton Mifflin, Revised Edition, Boston, 1973, \$6.95.

## STEWARDSHIP

## Editorial

### EDITOR ATTENDS BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING

It was my privilege to represent Seventh Day Baptists at the 163rd annual meeting of the American Bible Society in New York. The principle speaker was one of Britain's most highly regarded authors, humorists, and critics, Malcolm Muggeridge. Former editor of *Punch* magazine, Mr. Muggeridge is the author of "Jesus: The Man Who Lives," "Something Beautiful for God," and "The Third Testament."

He stated that the Bible "has its gaze fixed on God, not on man, on truth, not on happenings, on the constant force of love, not on the fluctuations of power." He contended "and so it can never become outmolded or irrelevant."

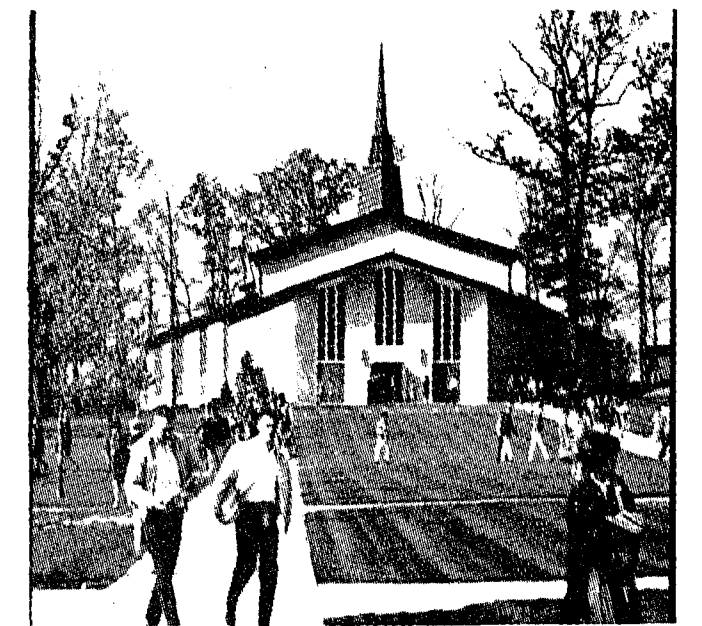
The importance of faith and belief in daily living is an important tenet of Mr. Muggeridge's view of Christianity. "For Christians, the ultimate relevance of the Bible lies in the New Testament—in its account of the incarnation and all its momentous sequels," he said. "What we call Western Civilization thus came into existence."

It was reported that during 1978 the United Bible Societies distributed more than half a billion Scriptures which was a 23 percent increase over 1977. Seventh Day Baptists are happy to have a small part in this vital ministry. As a people who stand firmly on the Word of God we should invest more time and resources in Scripture distribution and certainly one way to do this is to increase our support of the American Bible Society.

Because of the achievements of the Bible Society during 1978, God's Word is reaching into the hearts and lives of millions of people around the world—yet much remains to be done.

The Word of God must penetrate into the hearts of *all* men before the peace of God can reign on earth. In his closing remarks Mr. Muggeridge noted that the universal and everlasting truths of the Bible transcend material and earthly concerns.

"I think of Augustine when, in his 57th year, the news was brought to him that Rome had been sacked by the barbarians. In worldly terms, it was a dire catastrophe; confronted with it Augustine turned his thoughts away from the earthly city which had meant so much to him and toward the City of God. This city, unlike earthly ones, men did not build and cannot destroy." □



worshipper's attention on the open Holy Bible on the altar, and 2,100-pipe organ to enhance musical worship.

The stained glass windows deserve special mention because of their narrative impact as well as their artistic beauty. Sitting in the sanctuary, the worshipper is surrounded by the sweep of Christian history, graphically illustrated in sixteen thematic windows: "God the Father," "God the Son," "God the Holy Spirit," "The Trinity," "Council of Nicea," "Protestant Foundation," "Christian Service," "The Right to Dissent," and on down through the years of Protestant History.

Finally, one is surrounded by a worshipful atmosphere not only when sitting in the chapel, but also when walking on campus, for at the end of the campus mall opposite the chapel stands the Herrick Carillon Tower, sending out to the campus and up to the heavens majestic sounds of praise to God. And it is here that Seventh Day Baptists may gather each evening to bask in the afterglow of the day's activities. Come to Adrian to Conference; the only ingredient needed for soul-filling worship experiences is you! □

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

William R. "Bob" Austin  
Dodge Center, MN

One of the exciting prospects of meeting at Adrian College is the environment it provides for worship. While facilities do not constitute the worship experience, they certainly can contribute to the actual experience; and at Adrian the facilities are so designed as to greatly enhance our spirit of celebration.

In the first place, Adrian, and therefore, our Conference, is blessed with both an auditorium and a chapel, allowing us to physically separate business from worship, and to enter a more harmonious environment for our worship experiences.

Secondly, the chapel itself is an exceptionally fine environment for worship. Capable of seating one thousand persons and an eighty-voice choir, it features a dramatic use of stained glass, an overall design that serves to focus the

Have you always wanted to visit the  
**HOLY LAND**

and the places where Jesus and the apostles shared their life and faith?

A Seventh Day Baptist "Musical Tour" of the Holy Land, with a recommended extension to Jordan and Egypt, is being planned.

Departure Date: March 5, 1980

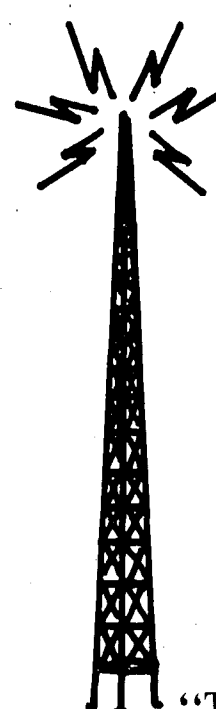
For further information write or call one of the co-hosts of the trip.

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST RADIO



WORD  
of  
TRUTH

IN COLUMBUS

**"TAPE'S ROLLING!"** Bill Weber signaled as Pastor Dale and Janet prepared to read the dialog into the microphone at the WMNI studio downtown. It was a new experience developing and taping a thirty-second spot announcement for radio. The spot was to be broadcast twelve times from Wednesday through Sabbath before the first program of our thirteen-week series.

**WE'RE ON THE AIR!** Beginning Sunday, April 29, and running through July, "The Word of Truth" will be broadcast every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock over WMNI 920-AM in Columbus. WMNI is a Mutual Network station covering a fifteen-county area in central Ohio and reaching over 14,000 adults in any fifteen-minute period.

The series of fifteen-minute programs called "Word of Truth" is produced by the American Sabbath Tract Society with Rev. Russell W. Havens as host. Format includes the opening and closing organ 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 programs are divided into sub-series with the themes: God's Book, God's Law, and God's Day.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM** is to inform people as to the existence of Seventh Day Baptists, generate interest in our Biblical and evangelical stand, and encourage people to feel welcome and to make contact, either by writing for further information (booklets, etc.) or by visiting." Each program closes with an announcement of our church services and an invitation to attend or call.

Broadcast of "Word of Truth" in Columbus (and simultaneously in Fremont, Michigan, near White Cloud) is made possible through the North Central Association and the Tract Society. They are paying for the broadcast time to pilot test the programs. Cost for the broadcasts is \$1040 (\$80 per broadcast) plus \$380 for the spot announcements. Newspaper articles and ads are also being run in the neighborhood and city papers to promote the program.

**WHAT DO WE DO NOW?** Listen to "Word of Truth"—and encourage friends to do so. Pray that God will use the program—and use us in appropriate follow-up. People may be contacting us because of something they heard on the radio! □

-Janet Thorngate

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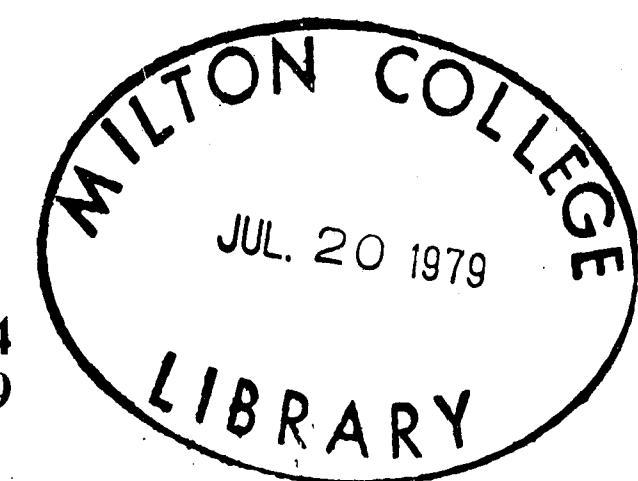
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