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## We Thank Thee, Lord

Dear Lord, for skies so bright and blue,  
For sun and rain and flowers and dew,  
For trees that raise their arms in prayer,  
For grass and all the flowers so fair,  
We thank Thee.

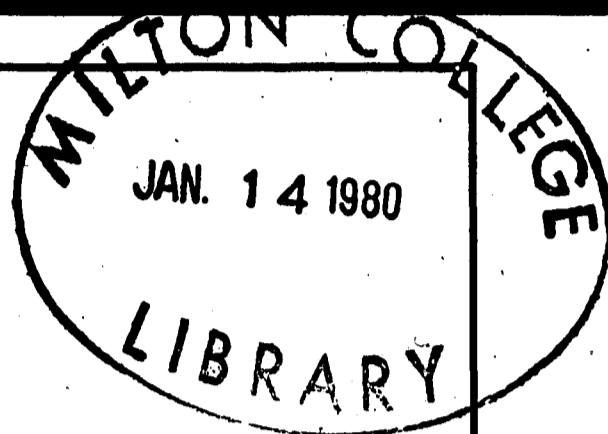
Dear Lord, for mountain, rocks and hills,  
For verdant plains and forest thrills,  
For every wind and shining star,  
For birds that wing their flight afar,  
We thank Thee.

Dear Lord, for lovely lakes and dale,  
For noble rivers, streams, and vale,  
For sunrise colorful and bright,  
For sunsets benedict at night,  
We thank Thee.

Dear Lord, for smiles that mark the way,  
Our weary footsteps tread each day,  
For sorrows that tend to purge our soul,  
For cares that raise us toward our goal,  
We thank Thee.

Dear Lord, for friends who know our stain.  
Yet faithful stay in joy or pain.  
For friends that love and really care,  
And take us oft to Thee in prayer,  
We thank Thee.

Dear Lord, for Him who came from Thee,  
To bear the sins of humanity,  
That we through Him might saved be,  
And share with Thee eternity,  
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-Mae Prest

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# Are Sabbath-Keepers Legalists?

by Calvin Burrell

## Legalism...

It's a word we hear a lot about in religious circles, especially we Sabbath-keepers. Those of us who observe each seventh day of the week as the day of rest and Christian worship are often faced with the implication, if not accusation, that we are legalists.

That charge is a serious one, and it deserves quiet consideration—not quick dismissal. Legalists do not wear white hats—nor white robes. If Sabbatarianism can be equated with legalism, we had better abandon it.

But let's see: just what is "legalism"? The word itself is a combination of the root "legal" and the suffix "ism." "Legal" merely means "pertaining to the law," or "based on law." "Ism" suggests a system of belief or doctrine. "Legalism," then, would be defined as adherence to a system of belief based on law. A legalist would be one who takes his stand on the law.

That doesn't sound so bad at first hearing. All Christians are willing to admit the validity of certain laws for operation in the society, as well as in Christianity. No one who thinks logically will recommend that every existing rule be abrogated.

But legalism, as it is commonly discussed, describes more than an allegiance to certain laws. It involves a misuse of law; it is an over-emphasis on law; it is an effort to make law perform above its capability; it is an unlawful use of the law. It is in this *abuse* of law that the error of legalism lies. The Bible insists that the law itself *must be*

*used legally* (1 Timothy 1:8)!

DEFINITION: Legalism is an unlawful use of the law.

Where does the Bible mention any illegal uses of the law? Several places. Although the term "legalism" does not occur in Scripture, the concept is probably best defined in the book of Galatians. Notice:

*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified* (Galatians 2:16).

Again:

*I do not frustrate the grace of God; for if righteousness comes by the law, then Christ is dead in vain* (Galatians 2:21).

And again:

*Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace* (Galatians 5:4).

Similar passages are found in Romans 3:20, 28; Acts 13:39; and elsewhere.

If one summarizes and correlates these texts, he must conclude that neither justification (forgiveness) nor righteousness come by keeping law; and, further, that whoever attempts to gain these blessings by law has thereby separated himself from Christ and from God's grace!

There we have it! It is illegal to employ the law as a means of obtaining favor (justification or righteousness) with God. And it is also

impossible! To think that lawkeeping is sufficient merit for salvation is tantamount to rejecting Christ as Savior. Paul never allows that anyone can merely "take his stand on the law" at the day of judgment, and receive an acquittal from God. To try is to use the law unlawfully—and that is the thrust of legalism!

DEFINITION: Legalism is the impossible attempt to use law-keeping as a means of gaining or keeping a right standing with God.

Such a favorable standing, according to the Word, comes only through a faith-relationship with Jesus the Savior. Salvation, we must insist with Paul, is only by grace through faith in the only Perfect One. From beginning to end, salvation is in Christ—and in Him alone. He is Savior when we first believe, and He must remain Savior through the day of judgment. We can never save ourselves!

But the question remains, "Are Sabbatarian Christians legalists?"

A Sabbath-keeper is one who obeys literally the terms of the Fourth Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy... The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Exodus 20:8,10).

The Sabbatarian is convinced that God intended a specific 24-hour period of the weekly cycle to be His Sabbath—not just any day out of seven. Further, the Sabbath-keeper finds no Biblical evidence that God ever repealed or amended that command in favor of another plan. In God's economy of ruling His creation and men it, the seventh-day Sabbath stands.

With these convictions, the Sabbatarian worships and rests each Sabbath day according to the commandment. Is that legalism?

It is important here that we focus on the Scriptural concept of legalism as a misuse of the law in an effort to merit God's salvation. The crucial issue, then, is in the *purpose* of the Sabbath-keeper instead of his *practice*. On the one hand, if he keeps Sabbath, thinking that he is thereby making himself right with God, YES—he has a legalistic approach. If, on the other hand, his Sabbath observance springs from valid motives, and all the while he remembers that His salvation is in Christ alone, NO—that man is no legalist!

Sabbatarian Christians, more than others, ought to understand clearly that their salvation is "not of works." The Sabbath itself is a perpetual

symbol and a weekly reminder that we are called to cease from our labors (to earn salvation) and enter by faith into God's rest. (See Hebrews 4:1-11.) On this divinely-appointed day, we not only terminate our week's work, but we also rest assured that all the work for our eternal welfare has been completed in the doing and dying of Jesus Christ.

The genuine Sabbath-keeping believer knows that he is neither earning nor improving his acceptance with God by his obedience, yet he persists in diligent obedience. Why? If our best law-keeping doesn't obtain salvation, then why should Sabbatarians jealously insist on continued regard for "remembering the Sabbath day," as well as all the other words that proceed from God's mouth?

## It is the wrong spirit and motive of an act that makes it legalistic.

Informed Sabbath-keepers use many texts and expressions to answer this question. Each of them demonstrates that the law can be used lawfully, and that it is good to do so. Here are a few valid motives for obeying God's laws, with supporting texts:

- 1) *Because we love God and are grateful for His salvation, we obey God and keep His Sabbath* (1 John 5:3).
- 2) *We obey God's Ten Commandments because they are taught in the New Testament as well as the Old* (Matthew 19:16-19; James 2:10-12).
- 3) *We obey God and keep His Sabbath because of Jesus' example* (Luke 4:16; John 15:10).
- 4) *Because faith is dead without works, we obey God's laws* (James 2:17-26).
- 5) *We obey God's commandments because (or as evidence that) we have been saved by grace—not, in order to be saved* (Ephesians 2:8-10).
- 6) *Entrance into God's eternal kingdom is promised to the obedient—never the disobedient* (Matthew 7:21-23; Revelation 22:14,15).
- 7) *We practice obedience to God's laws because the Scriptures do not permit one who has been saved by grace to continue sinning—which is breaking God's laws* (Romans 6:1,2; 1 John 3:4).

There should be no doubt that even the New Scriptures insist that genuine believers in God must render devoted obedience to His will and Word. To do so is *not* legalism. The abuse which some have made of the law (legalism) does not take away the Biblical use of it. As a definition of sin, as a restraint for the ungodly, and as a guide for the believer—the law has great and enduring value. When a divine appointment has been abused, do not cancel the appointment, but call it back to its lawful use. Legalism only occurs when one asserts his own obedience as grounds for his salvation.

No, obedience to God's laws is *not* legalism; but obedience with self-righteousness is! Obeying the Ten Commandments is *not* legalism, but obeying them with the thought of meriting salvation is! Observing the seventh-day Sabbath is *not* legalism; observing it with the motive of becoming righteous before God is!

Thus, legalism is not so much *what* one does, as it is *why* he does it. It is the wrong spirit and motive of an act that makes it legalistic, and not the act itself.

If I live in the presumption that my right actions are the basis of my acceptance with God, then *all* the good that I do is legalistic and of no avail with regard to my salvation. My service to the church is legalism; my honor to mother and dad is legalism; my refusal to kill my neighbor is legalism.

But if I live in the confidence that my acceptance with God is full and final only through the doing and dying of Jesus Christ, then I am free to do all the good works that I can, and to be as obedient to God's laws as possible—and no one can rightly hang the "legalist" tag on me.

Is Sabbath-keeping legalism? No more than honoring your parents, respecting your neighbor's property, or telling the truth.

It all depends on a man's faith. One whose saving faith is firmly anchored in Jesus Christ instead of his own imperfect performance has both the responsibility and the privilege of being obedient to every command that proceedeth out of the mouth of God!

One of those commands is "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." Remembering it rightly is love—not legalism! □

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*"But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully"*  
(1 Timothy 1:8)



A devastating famine is threatening the lives of many people in Cambodia, and there is something you can do to help. Our Lord Jesus starves whenever any of His brothers are hungry and thirsty (Matthew 25:35-40), and surely He is starving in Cambodia today.

A recent disaster bulletin from Church World Service calls for "an all-out effort of assistance to meet the desperate needs of the Cambodian people. If response is not made immediately, hundreds of thousands will die of starvation by Christmas." Church World Service is in a position to serve in ways that our Seventh Day Baptist denomination cannot, but we can become a part of their ministry. They are appealing for money, and that is where you can help.

Let me suggest that you make out a check to our "SDB United Relief Fund," and on the memo line write: "Church World Service—Cambodia." This way you can give to Our World Mission and also participate in a larger ministry at the same time.

(If Church World Service is not your cup of tea, write "UNICEF" or "International Red Cross" on your check; each is also helping out in Cambodia.)

Where can we find sources of money for our brothers and sisters, members of the human family, in their time of desperation? For one thing, money is freed for charitable giving when we eat only the amount of food we need in order to live and serve the Lord. Anything beyond that is self-indulgence, in disobedience to the One who said: "If anyone wishes to follow me, he must deny himself" (Luke 9:23). Money not spent on unnecessary groceries is money available for charitable giving.

I was shown another source of money for donation this summer, when a letter came to inform me that my subscription to *Sports Illustrated* magazine was about to run out. The

\$30 it would have cost me to renew it went instead to India (through the United Relief Fund), where our fellow SDB's lost so much in a hurricane last spring. (Incidentally, your response to our appeal for this cause has been gratifying, and the people in India have expressed thanks to you through their executive secretary, B. John V. Rao.) By giving up things that we enjoy, we free money for the doing of God's pleasure.

Paul echoes Jesus' call for self-denial when he writes: "Cease to live for yourself" (2 Corinthians 5:15). Thomas Merton adds this: "It is not only the evil in us that must be given up. We are even asked to give up many good things; but only in order

to get something better." As Jesus said: "Every branch that bears fruit, my Father will cut back—in order that it may produce more fruit" (John 15:2). It becomes a joy to do without good things once thought of as indispensable, to feel ourselves being cut back by the Gardener, in order that we might be more fruitful still.

Through Christian self-denial, money becomes available for serving the Lord. Through donations to the SDB United Relief Fund—designated for ministries such as that of Church World Service in Cambodia—we can take part in our Lord's work on a broader scale without going outside of Our World Mission. □

—Alan Crouch

## "YOU ARE THERE BECAUSE YOU CARE"

### PRESIDENT EXPRESSES APPRECIATION

John 13:34&35 "If ye have love one for another, all men will know that ye are my disciples."

Dear SDB's:

Please accept my apology for the long delay in sending my grateful thanks and appreciation for a task well done at the 1979 General Conference at Adrian, Michigan. I have no excuse for my delay because you and all the rest of the people involved were so faithful and dedicated to the accomplishment of the job(s) and were on time.

During the past weeks since the conference I have been overwhelmed with emotion and joy on many occasions as I receive congratulations and ovals from people commenting on the "high spirituality" they felt from the program that was presented. I can only comment to them that the Lord, in His way, directed me to people that He knew could bring life and reality to a program He wanted expressed. I want to express special appreciation to the Conference choir and to those of you who gave graciously of your time and talents in the beautiful music. I also appreciate those who worked in the "background." It was this total effort that brought glory and honor to our God.



I can assure you that my emotions ran high during the Conference week as I watched you and others bring into focus the visions and dreams I had of the "Love and Discipleship Relationship" into God's glory. The belief that God had a purpose for me then became a reality.

I believe the real test came when I suddenly knew that the persons God led me to were the ones who carried out the program of "Love and Discipleship" in details far beyond my expectations. This factor became real then when I spoke to Him on my "direct telephone line to God" and thanked Him for giving me the insight to ask you; then I knew that He alone had the power and control over all the whats, whys and hows, and that I was only His instrument to fulfill His purpose. Praise the Lord for you and the others who heard and heeded the call. Thank you!

In appreciation,

Wm. R. (Bob) Austin  
Dodge Center, MN. □

Jan Lek shares camping ideas with Ancel Marshall as our Dutch and English SDB's share together in SAJO camp 1979.



Jan Lek leads the children in singing choruses. One aim of the camp is to "use God's Word as divine guidance for all activities and walks of life."



English youth share in Dutch camping program...



Dutch "indians" whoop it up at SAJO camp. The Dutch camping program began in the summer of 1942; these youth also publish a quarterly magazine "Jeugdids" (Youth Guide).

## SAJO CAMP 1979 HOLLAND

by Ancel Marshall  
London, England

On Friday, 3 August 1979, five of us left London for Holland to attend the SAJO (Sabbathkeeping Young People) Camp which was held August 5-10 in the forest of Ziddom and Stockham in the Netherlands.

We were met at the Hook van Holland (port) by three of the camp staff and after resting at a home we then travelled to the camp site, three hours drive away. After a further introduction to the remainder of the staff we had tea and then settled down for the night.

The Sabbath was spent mainly walking around the camping area, and getting to know each other better. On Sunday we all helped to put up the rest of the tents in preparation for the arrival of the children.

By 2:00 p.m. most of the children had arrived and the Young People that had come with us left for their own camp in Stockham. Our first meeting with the children was to explain camp rules, which Jan Lek later explained to us in English. The day was ended with tea and the singing of choruses.

The week was spent with various activities including swimming, hiking, games and discussions. Each morning around 7:00 a.m. before the children were awake, the staff met for prayer and discussion of the day's activities. This I found to be a great blessing even though there was a language barrier. We usually could overcome our language difference during our times of sharing and discussion. The evenings ended with discussions with the staff and prayers.

Our main purpose for attending the SAJO camp was to learn from the 37 years' experience that the Dutch Seventh Day Baptists have in their camping program. We learned practical things such as setting up camp, putting up and taking down tents, activities, rules to protect the welfare of the children, and how our Christian beliefs can be worked out in a practical way during this time. The latter was especially helpful as we seek to teach the children so they can see and experience Christian principles for themselves and in a relaxed atmosphere.

All this we hope will be of benefit to us in the future as we plan to establish a camping program with the youth in England. This also gave us the great opportunity to get to know our Dutch brethren a little better, and this we did with great joy. □



## NEW AUBURN CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

It was on June 9, 1879, that the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Auburn at Cartwright Mills, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, was founded. The charter members were Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. P.C. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. C.H. West, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sweet, Mr. O.B. Hoard and Mrs. Merinda Hull.

That evening, the members met to consider the feasibility of building a house of worship. They voted to erect a building 20 ft. by 30 ft. The land was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Perry Sweet. The lumber, labor and money for materials were donated by the membership and Rev. James Bailey. The work was begun in September and was enclosed for the meeting on the following Sabbath.

In commemoration of its century of service, the New Auburn church held its "Centennial Celebration" on October 3-7. Community services were held on Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday evenings, with open houses in the afternoons.

North Central Association met over the weekend with seven of the church's former pastors taking part in the services. Rev. Albert Rogers led the congregation in the opening prayer on Sabbath Eve, October 5, Rev. Larry Graffius of White Cloud, Michigan, spoke on God as "The Source" and Rev. Gordon Oliver gave the benediction.

Rev. David Clarke gave the Sabbath morning call to worship and Rev. Neal Mills led the congregation of over 200 in prayer. Special music was provided by Mrs. Frances Clarke and Mrs. Janette Rogers, and Rev. Ed Sutton gave the children's message. Rev. S. Kenneth Davis of Battle Creek, using Philippians 3:12-14, spoke on "Pressing Toward the Goal," which was the theme for the week's activities. Communion was also administered with Rev. Earl Cruzan of Milton leading and the former pastors serving. Rev. Leroy Bass dismissed the meeting with the benediction.

The church has been faithfully served by the following pastors:

Rev. James Bailey	1879-1882
Rev. Eugene Socwell	1884-1885
Rev. A.W. Coon	1887
Rev. R. Trewartha	1888-1889*
Rev. Simeon Babcock	1896
Rev. A.J. Crofoot	1901-1904
Rev. Perie R. Burdick	1905-1906
Rev. James Hurley	1908-1914
Rev. John Babcock†	1914-1917
Rev. H.L. Cottrell	1917-1919
Rev. C.B. Loofbourrow	1921-1932
Dr. Wayne R. Rood	1938-1939††
Rev. Albert N. Rogers	1940-1941††
Rev. Neal D. Mills	1943-1948
Rev. Oscar Burdick	1949-1950††
Rev. David Clarke	1951-1955
Rev. Don Sanford**	1955-1959
Rev. Kenneth Van Horn	1959-1965
Rev. Ed Sutton†††	1966-1969***
Rev. Gordon Oliver	1970-1973
Rev. Leroy Bass	1974-1977
Pastor David Taylor	1978-Present

\*The church reported itself extinct to the 1895 General Conference.

\*\*The new church was built under the leadership of Pastor Don.

\*\*\*A new parsonage was built in 1970.

†Pastor Babcock was one of only two pastors to be ordained by the church.

††Summer student pastors.

†††Pastor Ed was the second pastor to be ordained by the church.

The facilities of Arrowhead Bible Camp, near New Auburn, were used for remainder of the Association meals and meetings. After a delicious noon meal, served by the camp staff, Rev. Herbert Saunders and Mr. Tom Merchant presented the "Decade of Discipleship" plan. Following their presentation, former Conference President Bob Austin led a discussion on actions taken at General Conference. That afternoon, we were also inspired by a concert given by the "King's Singers" of Dodge Center, Minnesota.

The evening banquet was held in the camp dining room with 167 present. Following a delicious meal of roast beef, church clerk Genny Pederson shared the many cards and letters received from friends and former members. Rev. Herbert Saunders brought greetings from Headquarters and Pastor Dave presented the church history, which had been prepared by Kittie North and Grace Loofboro, to Historian Tom Merchant. Our former pastors were then asked to share special moments of their ministries here.

Pastor Dave led the Sunday morning service in the camp chapel. Rev. Dale Thorngate of Columbus, Ohio, challenged us to "possess the land," saying "now is the time." It was a fitting closing to a most exciting weekend.

"God has been good to us. He has blessed us with fine groups of young people throughout our history

and dedicated older people who have kept things going with the Lord's help. Our pastors have been divinely led here, each one especially suited to our needs for the time he was here. Now it is time to look forward to the next one hundred years, with a prayer in our hearts that God will guide us." □

The following poem was written in commemoration of New Auburn's 100th Anniversary.

### ONE HUNDRED YEARS FOR HIM

*In 1879 they came to this land of tree and sod,  
They paused each Sabbath Day in worship of their God.  
From dawn to dusk they labored, a home for them to build,  
With countless tasks each day, their lives indeed were filled.  
As we look back today across these hundred years,  
May we renew once more the faith that drives out fears.  
Let's give to God the glory, that to His name is due,  
May we respect the Sabbath—twas made for me and you.  
As we renew our faith of days long since gone by,  
Life will have greater meaning—it's up to you and I.* □

-by Claston Bond  
Dodge Center, Minnesota

## BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR 1980

In 1943 George A. Main, a Seventh Day Baptist layman and member of the Daytona Beach, Florida, church, began extensive correspondence with Sabbathkeepers around the country for the purpose of bringing them together in an organization that would foster unity and Sabbath outreach. In 1945 the Bible Sabbath Association was officially organized and today has a worldwide Sabbatarian outreach.

The object of the nonsectarian, nondenominational association is to bring together into one strong organization all believers in the Biblical seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday) regardless of sect, creed or denomination, for the sole purpose of spreading knowledge of, belief in, and observance of the Creator's Holy Day. The only qualification for membership is belief in the seventh-day Sabbath.

The Association publishes a monthly magazine, *The Sabbath Sentinel*. Eugene Lincoln, a Seventh-day Adventist, serves as Editor. The offices of the organization are located in Fairview, OK, where Mr. and Mrs.

Lawrence Burrell, members of the Church of God, Seventh Day, spend many hours in dedicated service to the work of promotion of God's Holy Day.

The report of the biennial election of officers and directors for 1980-81 is as follows: President, John D. Bevis; Vice-Presidents, Eugene Lincoln, Allen Babcock and Terril D. Littrell. The six directors-at-large include: Calvin Burrell, John Kiesz, J.M. McGuire, Leroy Bass, Jerome Boyd and Gilbert Sanford. *Sabbath Recorder* readers will recognize that John D. Bevis, J.M. McGuire, Leroy Bass and Jerome Boyd are Seventh Day Baptists.

For the past several years Dr. Terril D. Littrell has given able leadership to the Association. Many of our ministers will remember Dr. Littrell from our Minister's Conference in Daytona Beach a few years ago. Dr. Littrell is a member of the Church of God, Jerusalem Acres, where he directs the ministerial training program. He has worked to break down the barriers that seem to separate us and as president of the Association

sought to create an atmosphere of trust and ecumenism among all Sabbathkeepers. In a recent address at Andrews University Dr. Littrell stated: "In essentials we can have unity; in nonessentials, liberty; in all things charity. It is imperative that we move forward together and cooperate with each other, actually complementing each other. Ecumenism is just now coming of age among Sabbatarians."

President-elect Bevis states that he hopes to build on the good foundation established in recent years in this new spirit of cooperation and love among all who are faithful to God's Holy Day. He expressed the desire that more Seventh Day Baptists take an active interest in the work of the Bible Sabbath Association and seek in other ways to work together with other Sabbatarians on a local as well as national level.

Those interested in joining the Bible Sabbath Association or receiving more information may write to: The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737. □

"I will live in them and move among them,  
and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people."

2Cor. 6:16

## Memphis Church Organized

by John D. Bevis

Standing high on the bluffs overlooking the mighty Mississippi stands the proud and historic city of Memphis, Tennessee. Once the riverboats came bringing cotton and merchandise to this city on the bluff. Today the riverboats are gone and "cotton row" on Front Street is comprised of fashionable shops and fine restaurants. The Cotton Exchange is still here and each year the city pays tribute to "King Cotton" with the cotton carnival.

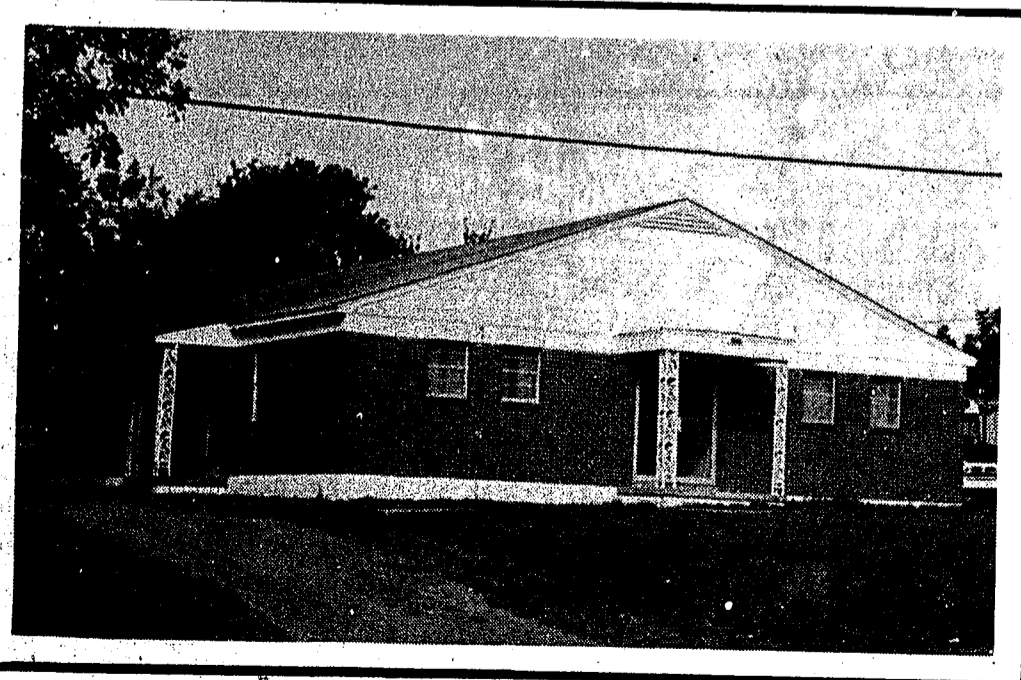
Not far from Front Street and the riverfront one comes across Beal Street where the "Blues" were written by W.C. Handy, and to the edge of the sprawling metropolis is "Graceland" where today thousands are making the pilgrimage to the home of Elvis Presley. Memphis is truly a beautiful city noted for its fine homes, schools and churches. Everywhere there are parks with lovely flowers and shrubs revealing the great interest in beauty and nature of the people.

We came again to Memphis on a beautiful Sabbath Day, made even more beautiful by the event we were to witness, the organization of a new Seventh Day Baptist church. On this day, November 17, 1979, some fifty members and friends had gathered at the Frayser Church of the Nazarene to witness and give blessing to this newest part of the family of God.

It was barely eighteen months ago that William (Bill) Shoffner had written to the Tract Society in Plainfield requesting information about the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. Much has happened in those months; God has been at work.

Seventh Day Baptist Christians are alive in Memphis and actively sharing their faith. Their zeal and enthusiasm give new life and meaning to the entire denomination. The preamble to their constitution reveals their spirit of destiny and calling.

"This congregation must be viewed as an organism not an organization. The New Testament depicts the church as a body and a family. Both these illustrations



## Memphis Church Covenant

**WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, DO SOLEMNLY AND JOYOUSLY COVENANT:**

**TO ACCEPT SALVATION BY FAITH in Jesus Christ through the grace of God, and through no works of our own;**

**TO TAKE THE BIBLE AS THE INSPIRED WORD OF GOD, and accept it as our final authority in what we believe and how we live;**

**TO KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD and to make Christ the Lord of our lives;**

**TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN BRINGING OTHERS both at home and abroad to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ;**

**TO CELEBRATE GOD'S EVERLASTING GIFT OF EACH SABBATH day as our time of worship and renewal;**

**TO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH by active participation; by attendance at the appointed meetings; by giving of tithes and offerings;**

**TO PRAYERFULLY WATCH OVER ONE ANOTHER, sharing joys, bearing burdens, assisting and counseling each other in Christlike love, that we may grow in grace and be built up in Christ. □**

emphasize that the Church is something living and growing. It is our desire that the Constitution reflect this fact. Placing our trust in God's Holy Spirit to guide us, we, therefore, set forth this constitution."

Would that every congregation see itself as such an organism—a living and growing family—a part of the body of Christ.

Pastor William Shoffner led in the organizational service, Mrs. Jennie Munn served as organist and the Young People's class presented special music. After a reading of the history of the church by Sandy Shoffner the members joined in the reading of the church covenant after which the document was signed by each charter member.

Karen Bonar shared letters of encouragement and greeting from several Seventh Day Baptist churches and individuals. The Memphis church is grateful for the loving response and assistance given by Seventh Day Baptists across the country—making them feel a part of the family in every way.

Official greetings on behalf of the General Conference, USA, were shared in a letter from Conference President Rev. Duane L. Davis and from Dr. K.D. Hurley, Executive Secretary, who was present for the service. Dr. Hurley expressed the joy and thanksgiving of the

Seventh Day Baptists across the country with the organization of this new church. Rev. Mynor Soper brought greetings from the Missionary Society and challenged the new church to continue to move forward in the proclamation of God's Word in the great city of Memphis.

Pastor Bill Shoffner gave the response of the congregation to this welcome and expressed appreciation to all who have helped and prayed for this day. He stressed again that this was the beginning of a great work in Memphis and asked for continued prayer support of God's people for himself and the congregation as they face the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Prayers were given by Editor John D. Bevis and Rev. John H. Camenga. Also in attendance were the Rev. James Mitchell, Rev. Ralph Hayes and Rev. Floyd Goodson. Representatives were present from Christ Church, Little Rock, AR; Fouke and Texarkana, AR; Upper East Tennessee; Sunshine Mountain MS; and other areas as well. Following the worship and organizational services a reception was held in the adjacent church fellowship hall.

## Church History

We began meeting here in Memphis on May 27, 1978 as a branch of Christ Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Rock, AR. After a couple of months of meeting in a mobile home we stepped out on faith to rent this facility. With partial ad support from our mother church we began running ads in our community newspapers in different areas of the city and immediately began getting calls.

The Lord has blessed us with three feature articles in the morning newspaper's religion section. From these

we received contacts from as far away as Jackson, Tenn., and East Prairie, Mo.

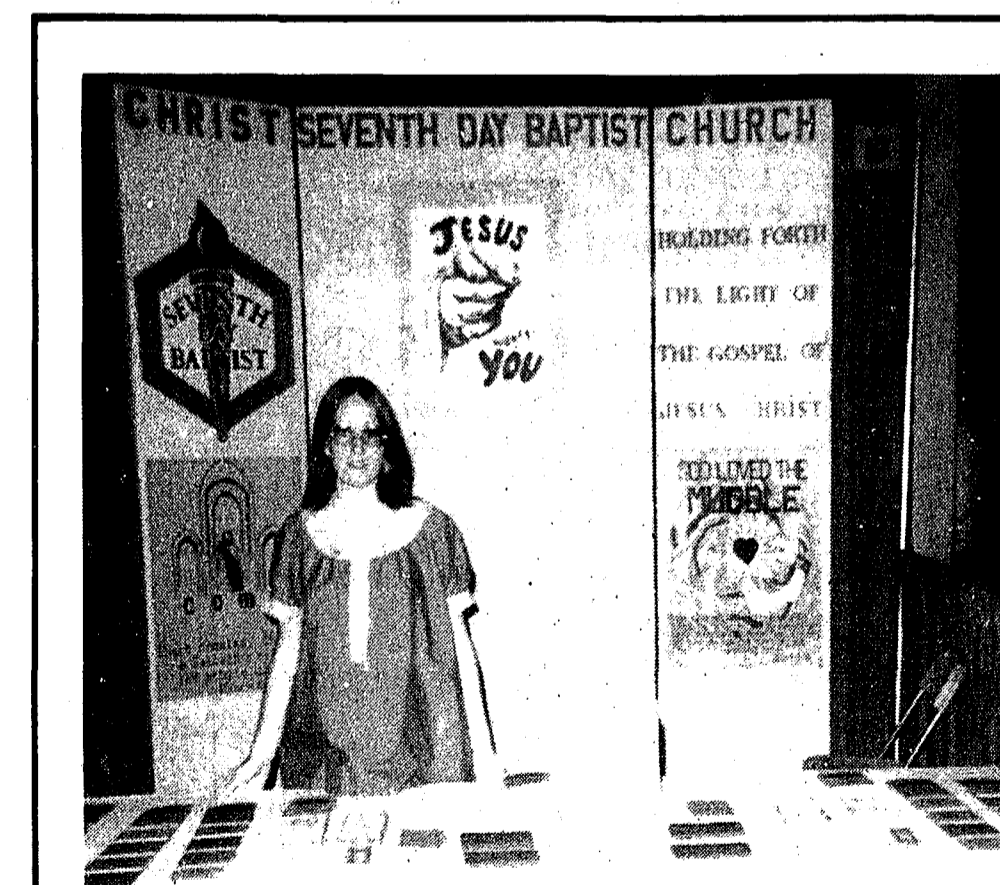
Last Christmas we were blessed with being able to help two families with food baskets. This Christmas season we hope to at least double the number of families that we help.

Funding from the Missionary Society began on January 1, 1979 to allow Pastor Bill Shoffner to spend part time working for the church. A three-day crusade with the Soper family was held in June of 1979, preceded by visitation of about 350 homes in this neighborhood. During the crusade, as with all our special events, we took advantage of the free community announcement spots on the gospel radio stations.

We had a super SCSC team with us for five weeks this summer. They assisted with the Vacation Bible School, Youth Fellowship and visitation. We have received funding assistance for advertizing from the Women's Society and matching funds from the American Sabbath Tract Society for our fair booth and our listing in the telephone yellow pages.

The Milton, WI, church generously assisted our fair booth effort by providing attractive tract holders printed at our publishing house in Plainfield, NJ. The Lord led some 550 individuals to sign up for the Guide Bible course. There were many others who stopped by the booth to talk with us and take tracts. Follow-up has begun which is bringing additional contacts.

We of the Memphis church have truly felt the love and encouragement of our brethren across the country and we have certainly seen the Lord working. We praise Him for leading us to organize and we recognize that the work here is not over, but rather just beginning!  
-Sandy Shoffner



Sandy Shoffner mans the SDB booth at the Mid-South Fair in Memphis; over 550 signed up for the Guide Bible Course.

## Fair Booth Outreach

The church at Memphis had a most successful fair booth ministry at the Mid-South Fair. Although visibility was the chief aim of the project we were able to sign up over 550 individuals to the Guide Bible Course. There were also over 8,800 pieces of literature given out. In addition to this there were many opportunities to share our faith with those curious about Seventh Day Baptists.

In our follow-up letters and visits we have had several favorable responses and have one family attending church now from this type of contact. We were helped by the Milton church who supplied us with attractive tract holders. Also John Bevis, Jim Mitchell and Mynor Soper were able to come to town to help us for part of the fair.

With an attendance of several hundred thousand we see this as a very good outreach and are planning now for next year. This also gave most of the members of the church an opportunity to take an active part in the ministry and was a real blessing to each one as they made contacts with the visitors to the booth.

We truly feel the Lord worked through each of us and blessed us in this project. □

-William Shoffner

by Leon R. Lawton

There are so many voices screaming for many different interests in these days. Over TV, in publications, through direct mail appeal, these present so many good, vital and needed ministries. I'm sure you find yourself, as I do, perplexed about which merit your attention and support.

# MISSIONS IN THE 80'S

Your Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society faces the 1980's with great expectation and hope and prayer! God has called us to a tremendous task—the evangelization of the world—beginning at our own "Jerusalem"! We need to face God's challenge given in His Word. Our focus, our decisions, our ministry together must be based on the priorities which He has set, to the commission which He has given.

We see shattered lives everyday—people without confidence in tomorrow, broken people without hope. We feel an urgency to do something because as Christians we know there is hope (Romans 5:4-6). We have seen the gospel of Jesus Christ renew shattered lives. That's God's promise and our message!

During the last half of the seventies our priority was national missions. Statistics, recently shared by the teams visiting Associations and local churches, bore testimony to what God has given—at least 12 new churches and 25 new pastors! Compared with the 1965-74 decade of 2 new churches and 5 new pastors this indicates real and vital change. While the number of North American workers in International Missions declined in these years, the total number of national workers increased in sister conferences around the world and new doors have opened.

Now we face the eighties. This has been designated as a DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP with the overall goal of "Double in a Decade"! During the first year—1980—we are committed to set our priorities and list initial goals. Our purpose has been set forth:

"As Seventh Day Baptist Christians, we are called to glorify God and please Him in every way. This is done as we fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord. Our immediate objective is to discover and accomplish our mission—a commitment to growth. This means specific growth goals—for us as individuals, for our churches and for the ministry that we have to the world."

Our purpose can be highlighted in these three points:

*First*, "called to glorify God": This should be the highest aim of every Christian (Isaiah 60:21; 61:3; 66:5). This is done as we seek...

*Second*, "to please God in every way": seeking to know and do His will generally and specifically (Col. 1:10) and in...

*Third*, "fulfilling the Great Commission": We want to obey the Lord's command (Matt. 28:19,20) and make disciples.

These will be realized as we, each one, become true disciples. This calls for a spiritual life-style as shown to us by our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through "Decision to Discipleship" cell groups many are already involved in being disciples and becoming disciples. We encourage each local church to foster at least one such cell.

## FOUR MAJOR OBJECTIVES:

Objective 1: We want to win as many people as possible to Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be my disciples" (Jn. 15:8).

Objective 2: We want to bless the churches, seeking under God to awaken, revive, and edify them; and to see the churches grow numerically and spiritually.

Objective 3: We want to see young people go into full-time service for the Lord. The church is in need of more full-time ministers, teachers, evangelists, missionaries.

Objective 4: We want to relate to the whole Body of Christ, sharing the Truth of the Seventh Day Sabbath which has

been so long overlooked or misunderstood, that countless others may "please Him" and know the joy of His Day.

## OUR STRATEGY:

Point 1: We work on a team with others—local churches, associations, Conference agencies, national sister conferences—the servant of all.

Point 2: We seek to supplement and aid the ministries of others, offering leadership, insight, counsel, coordinating a united mission focus. This means initiative in areas of our country or the world where the purpose we have needs to be made known and the work of His Church begun.

Point 3: We aim to minister in new fields—nationally or internationally—where doors open to relate to individuals, local groups of churches that seek fellowship, guidance and aid in a ministry of like faith.

Point 4: We try to keep our staff to a minimum and multiply our ministry by cooperating with other Christian groups of like faith.

Point 5: We offer specific conferences/retreats for pastors and church leaders and encourage their participation in inter-church training that will give insight and renewed vision and strategy for their task;

Point 6: We look to God for the provision of funds in answer to prayer through local Seventh Day Baptist churches and Christian friends. If we are to fulfill these objectives we need regular monthly support.

Point 7: We encourage every Seventh Day Baptist to become a voting member of the Missionary Society, indicating his/her vital support, giving his designated gift of \$10.00, and receiving regular reports of the work in the quarterly *MISSIONARY REPORTER* and special mailings.

Point 8: We share information and facts on SDB missions through Mission Notes in the *SABBATH RECORDER*, special articles, a monthly mailing of "MISSIONS" to local church Keyworkers and Pastors, the annual Society report and visits to associations, local churches and General Conference to share and display facts. Special slide and cassette AV presentations are prepared and shared through the AV center of the Tract Society in Plainfield, N.J.

Will you pray for your Missionary Society's Board of Managers and the workers in the office and those on the fields—nationally and internationally? We look to God for His continued leadership and direction during this new decade! Pray for wisdom as we decide what doors to enter, where our limited resources can be best used, and as we expand on these methods for achieving these goals.

Will you join us in reaching for these objectives in the eighties?

January 1980

## "Living Jesus' Life Style"

# DECISION TO DISCIPLESHIP IN 1980

Decision to Discipleship can be the beginning of a lifelong experience in living for others. It aims to train an army of Christians committed to a life-style of discipleship.

**WHY?** Along the line the Christian community has lost much of the practical experience of believers' sharing their lives with each other, and with those outside the Kingdom of God. We have become pre-occupied with building a more secure life (financially), with a strong emphasis on recreation (more free time for myself). But in such life we have often lost sight of priorities. Jesus must be Lord in all areas of our lives.

The Purpose of Decision to Discipleship is to take the teaching and example of Jesus out of the classroom and, through discipline, apply them to the total person—leading to a lifestyle of redemptive discipleship.

**HOW IT WORKS:** Each of the eight-week phases of Decision to Discipleship focuses on a different facet of discipleship—basic Christian disciplines, life priorities, stewardship of God's resources, personal relationships in family and church, sharing one's faith, and discipling others. It combines small-group study with one-to-one training. It includes Bible study and memorization, supplemental study and practical training.

**INTERESTED?** If you are not able to obtain information from your pastor or church please write for the tri-fold and order blank. We want to help every person to know fully about this resource and to consider prayerfully his involvement in this movement in 1980. Write me:

Leon R. Lawton  
401 Washington Trust Bldg.  
Westerly, RI 02891





SDB Church group at Talisay barrio, Surigao, on the island of Mindanao in the Philippines.



Special services led by Rev. B. John V. Rao at St. Thomas Mount, Madras, India.



These youth are delegates of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship at Tuingo Village, Burma.



Rev. L.S. Thanga is shown baptizing eight persons at the SDB Church in Tuingo, Burma.

# DECISION

"Decision"—an oft used word. It indicates choice. It shows action. It means movement in a specific direction.

While it is used in the phrase "decision for Christ" to indicate a definite commitment of an individual to Christ as Savior, it should also be used daily of the Christian who is called to "decide for Christ" and pattern his life to "Please God in every way."

You made a decision to read this *RECORDER*. This article. You are now deciding to continue or quit. We hope that by reading it through you will also sense the need for specific other decisions!

**IN YOUR LIFE:** How can I better live for Christ? How can I use my own spiritual gifts to the glory of God? How do I know what gifts are mine? Have I decided to "open them"?

Will I seek God's leading to be helpful to at least one other person in his taking the step of commitment of his life to Christ? These are only a few of the many decisions that face us as individual Christians today. Not to decide is to decide!

**IN YOUR CHURCH:** Decisions are corporate too! Together with others we face opportunities and responsibilities. Thus it is important that church members join in the decisions that are theirs.

What goals do we have? How are these being carried out? How can more church members be brought into the ministry God has called them to do? Is my church meeting its responsibility in the community? —in the Conference? —in the ministry of SDB's through the Association, their missionary Board?

Could my church "mother" a new group in our area that it might become a core for a new SDB church? Are we willing to take the first step?

**IN OUR CONFERENCE:** Those attending General Conference at Adrian, MI, last August adopted the plan for a **DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP**. This calls for us as a people to "Double in a Decade." What does this mean?

1. That each local church and individual needs to "buy into" the plan! Without this nothing meaningful will come to pass. It begins with *each* of us.

2. How can "Double in a Decade" become a reality in my church?

- = 10% more in 1980 in Sabbath morning worship!
- = 10% more in 1980 in each Sabbath School Class!
- = 10% more in each Bible Study group! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in summer Bible School/Camping ministries! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in local church membership! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in "The Daily Walk" Bible reading! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in each of the youth fellowships! (in 1980)

- = 10% more in the Women's Society! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in our Men's Fellowship! (in 1980)
- = 10% more in 1980 in.....

3. That we will increase our united giving to Our World Mission by 10 percent in 1980 (above inflation!) in support of our mutual ministries.

4. That Seventh Day Baptists together would seek to begin at least six new congregations in 1980—being organized into local churches. The USA map\* listed 12 places where SDB meetings are being held! One has already organized—Memphis, TN! There are at least 15 other places where open doors are waiting to be entered. Your church, your Association, your Missionary Society needs to respond to these opportunities!

5. That Seventh Day Baptists will encourage and pray for at least five new young people to respond to God's call to the ministry in 1980. We also need bi-vocational pastors to give leadership in many areas! Should we trust God for five such leaders in 1980?

6. That during 1980 a new couple respond to God's call to missions in another land, with others entering training to prepare for missionary service during the decade.

7. That as more missionary pastor churches become self-sufficient, at least one new field pastor enter into church planting ministries before mid-1981.

8. That during 1980 a "Decision to Discipleship" cell group will be started in every SDB church. Some churches began their cell in mid-1979 and some churches have two or more cells developing Disciples and preparing Disciplers.

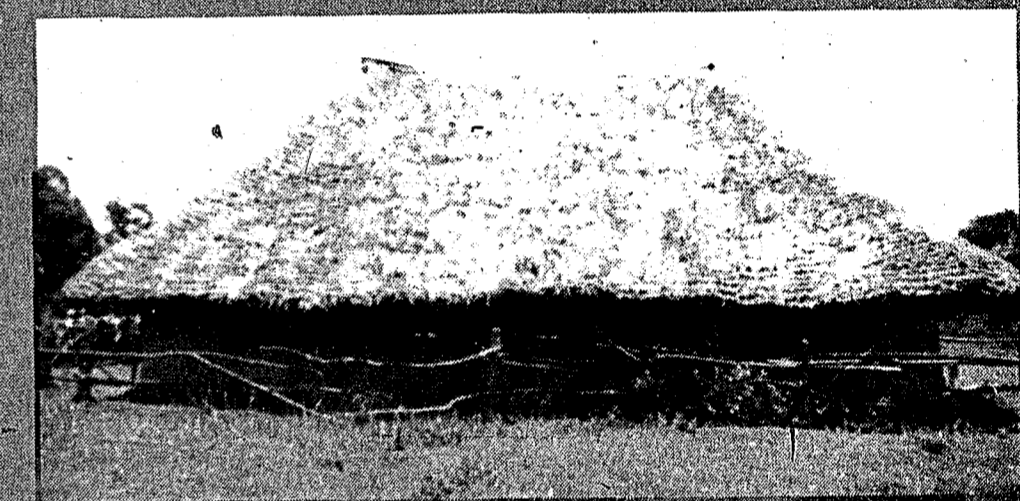
**WE PRAY THAT YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE DECISIVE AND RESOLUTE WITH DETERMINATION AND COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS WHICH OUR SAVIOR HAS GIVEN TO HIS OWN CHURCH! □**

—Leon R. Lawton

\*sent to Missionary Keyworkers and Pastors in November 1979.

## KENYA MISSION VISITED

Enroute to Malawi, Africa, Missionaries David and Bertie Pearson spent fifteen days in Kenya visiting Seventh Day Baptist churches and groups near Kisii. Organized as a mission of the Central Africa Conference, these churches have sought missionary leadership for over five years. A nine month term of service was given by Pastor Watson Mataka of Malawi, some years ago.



One of the larger groups is at Keore, led by Pastor George Babu. They have their own church structure, built like most of the homes in the villages in this part of Africa.



The Secretary of the Kenya SDB Mission is Joel L. O. Omare who has completed Bible School in Nairobi and seeks further education. Currently his employment in Nairobi hinders active regular participation in the churches since they are located over 200 miles west of the Capitol.



During the visit of the Pearsons the Sabbath service at Keore was held under the neighboring trees with a booth prepared for preaching. The youth formed a special choir on this occasion, adding a great deal to the worship experience.

While it seems, because of financial restrictions, the return of the Pearsons for a short-term ministry may not be carried through, it is hoped that encouragement and some visits of SDB leaders passing through Kenya can be arranged. The Kenya Mission was meeting in December to elect their officers for 1980. Pray for our brethren and their witness there. □

# NATIONAL MINISTRIES

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PRAY DAILY FOR YOUR MISSIONARIES

**FIELD PASTOR  
CHURCH PLANTING**



**John H. Camenga**  
NC, SC, TN


I Peter 2:1,2

Member: First SDB Church  
of Upper East Tennessee  
Blountville, TN

Entered Work—Oct. 1979

5129 Memorial Blvd.  
Kingsport, TN 37664

**DIRECTOR OF  
EVANGELISM**



**Mynor G. Soper**  
USA


Rom. 1:16

Member: Texarkana SDB  
Church, AR

Entered Work—Jan. 1975  
Field Evangelist: 1969-1974

Rt. 1, Box 569 A  
Texarkana, AR 75502

**CHURCH  
EXTENSION**



**Bill Shoffner**  
Memphis, TN

Psalms 138:8


Member: Christ SDB Church  
Little Rock, AR

Entered Work—Jan. 1979

785 Par Ave.  
Memphis, TN 38127

# INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

**MALAWI and  
KENYA**



**David and Bettie  
Pearson**

Education and Evangelism

Blantyre, Malawi  
Kisii, Kenya


Ephesians 2:10

Members: Paint Rock SDB  
Church, AL

Entered Work—Sept. 1954  
Now Fifth Term  
Furlough 1983

P.O. Box 337  
Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

**PHILIPPINES**



**Rodney and Camille  
Henry**

Pastoral Training  
Church Extension

Cebu City, Cebu


Isa. 6:8/John 15:8 (NAS)

Members: Los Angeles SDB  
Church, CA

Entered Work—Aug. 1979  
Furlough 1983

c/o Rev. E. O. Ferraren  
Salvador Ext. Labangon  
Cebu City, The Philippines

**MALAWI**



**Menzo and Audrey  
Fuller**

Medical and Construction

Blantyre

Phil. 2:16

Members: North Loup SDB  
Church, NE

Entered Work—Aug. 1973  
Now Second Term  
Furlough 1980

P.O. Box 337  
Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

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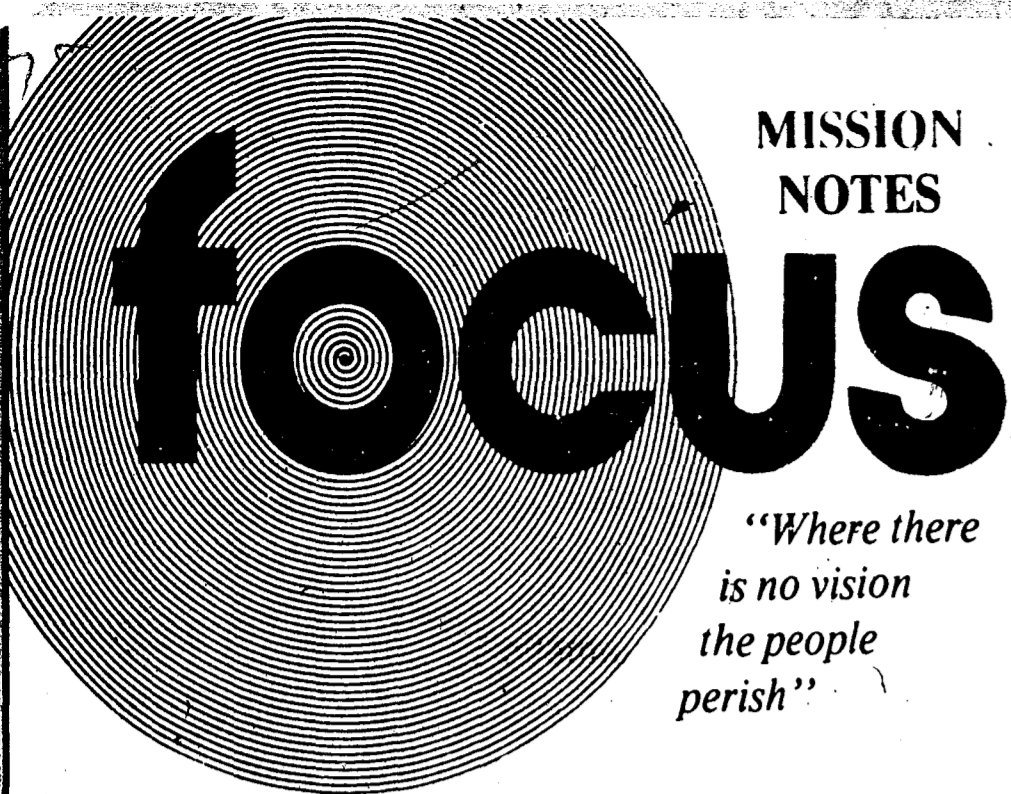
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# MISSION NOTES

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"Where there is no vision the people perish"

● **DECADE OF DISCIPLESHIP:** Presentations were made by Director of Evangelism Mynor G. Soper at Blountville, TN, and Paint Rock, AL, on his Nov./Dec. field trip. In addition to spending two weeks with Field Pastor John Camenga on the NC, SC, VA and Eastern TN fields, he also visited groups in Western TN and AR.

● **SOUTH AFRICA:** James Siwane, the first seminary student from the Seventh Day Baptist churches in South Africa, completed his training at Albert Luthuli College of the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern Africa in November, reported Dr. B. Goba, the principal. Pastor Siwane has been given aid in his training by grants from the Joseph E. Lewis education fund, the SDB World Federation and New Fields/SSMO.

● **MARYLAND, USA:** The Central SDB church treasurer writes: "We have taken on Rodney and Camille Henry as our missionaries to the Philippines at \$30 per quarter. We see them as being our missionaries, not the missionary society's. We view the missionary society as the support clearing house. It is the plan of this program, upon reaching this \$30 goal (in each quarter), to take on other missionary outreach projects both abroad and at home (with additional funds raised). We would suggest the approach to other churches where the personal touch would bring personal responsibility."

● **FULLERS RETURN FROM MALAWI, AFRICA:** Menzo and Audrey Fuller returned on furlough in mid-December cutting short their service in Malawi by at least six months. This was one measure taken to bring expenditures in 1980 into line with anticipated SDB giving. Another is having the David Pearsons

center their ministry in Malawi without further attempt to encourage the new SDB mission work with nationals in Kenya through a short-term field ministry.

● **MISSIONARY PASTORS, USA:** Accepting the challenge to assume 20 percent of the amount of support given their missionary pastor through the Missionary Society, the SEATTLE, WA, SDB Church is assuming full support in 1980. Thus they have met the aid given in their early years by the Pacific Coast Association and now that share through the Missionary Society. Most Missionary Pastor churches are planning to lower their asking for 1980 from the normal 10 percent to 20 percent, and COLUMBUS, OH, is setting its goal at 33 percent! Richburg, NY, completes its participation in this program, being aided for the ten year period.

● **JAMAICA—CRANDALL HIGH SCHOOL:** Principal Ronald Smith has submitted his resignation effective the end of Jan. 1980. The plan for reorganization of the CHS Board is planned for implementation by Jan. 1, 1980 with the Jamaica SDB Conference playing the leading role. In these days of change our brethren there need our faithful prayer support!

● **NEW CONTACTS:** "Where have you SDB's been the last 30 years?" Many new contacts have longed for a fellowship such as we have, but have only recently learned about us. For some it took real persistence. How will we respond to such need? While such contacts are referred to the closest pastor/church, many are in states or areas 100 or more miles from such. Director Soper is continuing to follow through on these, seeking to respond in every way possible on our behalf. Continue to uphold him and this ministry in prayer!

## PRAYER

## CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

FEBRUARY 1980

PRAY FOR:

- 1—Conference President, Duane L. Davis, Seattle, WA
- 2—Those keeping the Sabbath today that have no church home for worship
- 3—Menzo and Audrey Fuller, on furlough, as they seek their ministry
- 4—Praise God for new contacts by many of our local churches
- 5—Sam Peters, Guyana, South America, in his leadership role as Field-Pastor
- 6—Students preparing for full-time Christian service
- 7—Editor John Bevis in his ministry, and his wife and daughter
- 8—New members, that they may find active, happy roles in church work
- 9—For pastors in our churches, for wisdom and enthusiasm
- 10—Joel L.O. Omare, Kisii, Kenya, missior leader
- 11—Director Mynor G. Soper in church extension ministries
- 12—(Lincoln's Birthday) A strengthening of Lincoln's great principles of freedom and equality
- 13—Russell W. Havens, voice of WORD OF TRUTH radio ministry
- 14—Rod and Camille Henry, Cebu City, The Philippines
- 15—The Decision to Discipleship "cells" in our churches
- 16—Your Pastor in decisions that face him just now
- 17—Etta O'Connor, faithful worker in the Tract Society office, Plainfield, NJ
- 18—David and Bettie Pearson in their responsibilities in Malawi, Africa
- 19—All Seventh Day Baptists, that they may determine and use their "spiritual gifts"
- 20—Those of like faith in Ghana, Cameroon, Nigeria, So. Africa, Canada, USA
- 21—The new witness in Jackson, TN, as it seeks to extend its ministry
- 22—(Washington's Birthday) A renewed dedication to standards of faithful government service exemplified by such leaders as George Washington
- 23—Thank God for the joy we have in keeping His Sabbath holy
- 24—Christians throughout the world who face restrictions on their freedom
- 25—Young people planning to join the Summer Christian Service Corps
- 26—For the person who has "hurt" me in some way this month
- 27—A strong start during 1980 toward "doubling in a decade"
- 28—Pastor James Siwane, South Africa, in his leadership role among SDB's
- 29—Thank God for an "extra day" to serve and do His Will

## MOVING—

## "Toward The Mark..."

Dr. Elton Trueblood, in his extremely valuable work, *THE INCENDIARY FELLOWSHIP*, defines a committed Christian as one who has "a faith marked by a burning conviction and the consequent desire to see it spread." He then proceeds to challenge modern Christians to begin a "movement" that will have as its ultimate goal a church alive with the fire of God's love and purpose. This will be discovered, he writes, as Christians become part of that movement: "The renewal of the Church will be in progress when it is seen as a fellowship of consciously inadequate persons who gather because they are weak, and scatter to serve because their unity with one another and with Christ has made them bold."

Seventh Day Baptists have the opportunity—or might it better be said, the obligation—to participate in such a movement. We have our convictions and they are based on a clear understanding of God's Word and purpose. And from that Christian perspective we are being called to enter into a Decade of Discipleship. We are challenged to become disciples—to "please God in every way." We have had put before us a goal—double in a decade—and with God's help and our common strength in the unity of His love we can achieve it.

We are embarking on a movement. The dictionary definition is simple: A movement is "a series of organized activities working toward an objective." Our objective, as it ought always to be, is to bring other people into a unique disciple relationship with Jesus Christ—to assist them in their Christian walk until they, too, can become reproducing Christians. As we "go from one point to another," as we "take action," as we "make progress," we are all called upon to participate. A movement, unlike a program, begins slowly, develops strong leadership, has recognizable and reachable goals, and presses on, in the words of the apostle Paul, "toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Such a movement is being launched today, and Seventh Day Baptist Christians are invited to become a part of it.

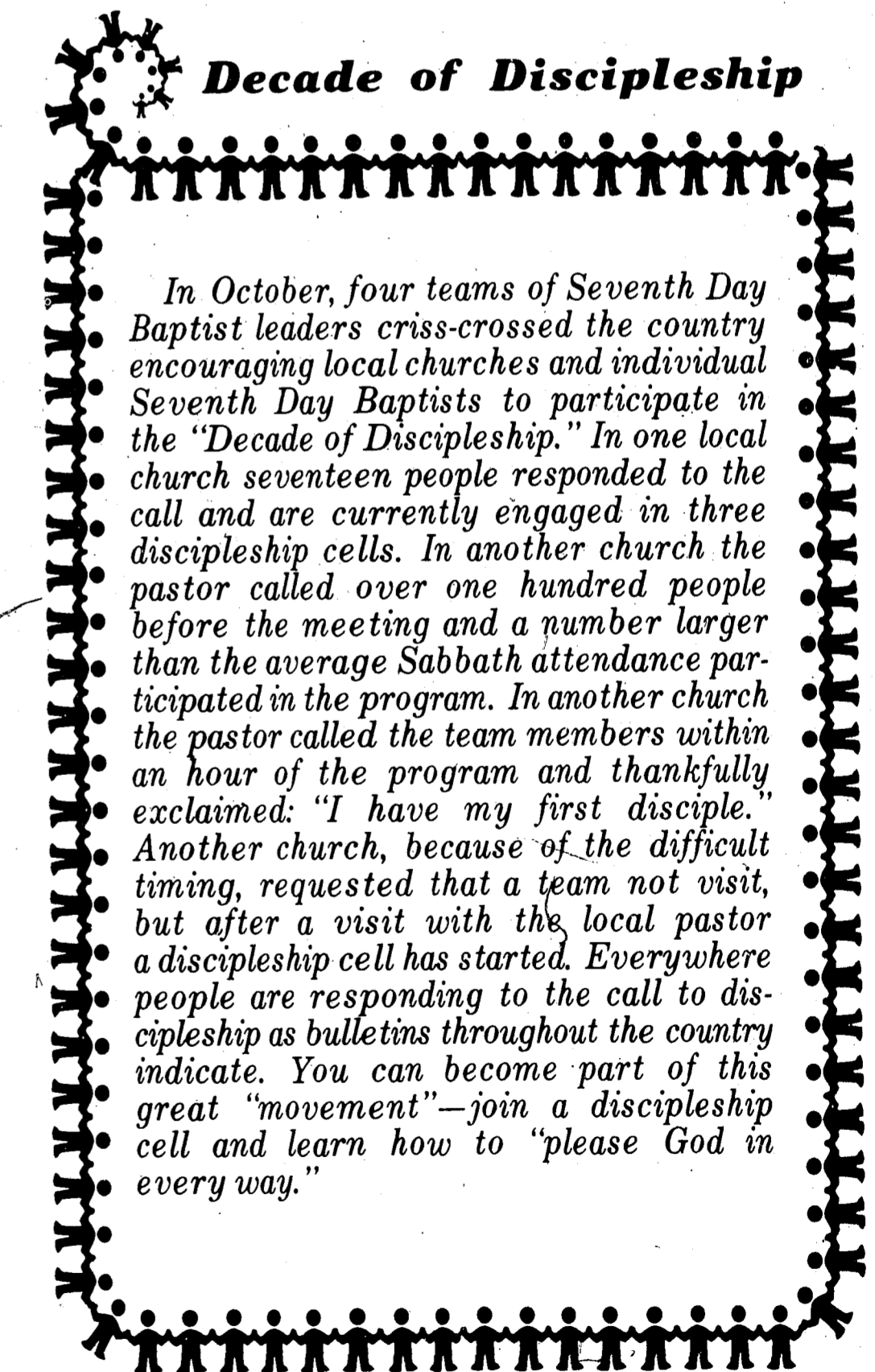
Movements are not uncommon to Seventh Day Baptists. In 1919 we launched what was then known as the Forward Movement—a unified benevolence program that, within the five years it was encouraged, increased giving by 222 percent. It took time, it took effort, but it was successful because the people responded to the strong leadership that carried it through. Between the years 1959 and 1964 Seventh Day Baptists participated, with other Baptists, in the Baptist Jubilee Advance, and our people saw the need to build upon the faith that is ours and seek new avenues of service and participation.

And now we launch the "Decade of Discipleship." It is significant that our Conference president has challenged us with the theme: "Pleasing God in Every Way."

It focuses our attention on the fact that as Christ's disciples we are to be living the life-style of a disciple. We are to live as Christ lived. It is interesting to note that the Greek word that is translated into "pleasing" is the same word that from the Hebrew is translated in the Old Testament as "walking with." We read that Enoch walked with God, that Abraham walked with God, and that David walked with Him. They "pleased God in every way" and their stories are recorded in the long list of those whose faith is encouragement to our own in Hebrews 11. Pleasing God is walking with Him. And walking with Christ in God is a movement—a step forward. Paul was visiting with the thinkers on Mars Hill and informed them that in God "we live, and move, and have our being." When we live for Christ, when we please Him in every way, we move toward that ultimate relationship—eternal life with the Father.

We are fortunate to be given the opportunity to participate, as Seventh Day Baptist Christians, in a new "forward movement" that leads to a new objective—double in a decade. We can do it. Our convictions are such that we can see the future out ahead of us. When we draw near to God we have the promise that He will draw near to us and lead us in each new step forward. The call is for us to move ahead—to follow in Christ's footsteps, to advance into new tomorrows of trust and faith. Join together, Seventh Day Baptists, in a new

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### Decade of Discipleship

In October, four teams of Seventh Day Baptist leaders criss-crossed the country encouraging local churches and individual Seventh Day Baptists to participate in the "Decade of Discipleship." In one local church seventeen people responded to the call and are currently engaged in three discipleship cells. In another church the pastor called over one hundred people before the meeting and a number larger than the average Sabbath attendance participated in the program. In another church the pastor called the team members within an hour of the program and thankfully exclaimed: "I have my first disciple." Another church, because of the difficult timing, requested that a team not visit, but after a visit with the local pastor a discipleship cell has started. Everywhere people are responding to the call to discipleship as bulletins throughout the country indicate. You can become part of this great "movement"—join a discipleship cell and learn how to "please God in every way."

# MISSION TO CHINA

## The Great Years Part 3

Our mission in China continued to grow during the second dozen years of the 20th century. Although the world was involved in its first great war, our mission was affected only indirectly, and although our mission school children did participate in a growing national student protest movement, domestic affairs on the mission field also were relatively calm.

Our congregations doubled in membership, adding an average of ten members per year by baptism. Our boys' and girls' boarding schools kept stretching to accommodate more students, but the constantly overcrowded conditions led to plans for new school buildings. And the new hospital at Lieu-oo steadily gained the confidence and patronage of the community, which was not used to in-patient care.

Our mission was staffed by the D.H. Davises, who had just returned to China from leave in the United States, the Jay Crofoot family, the Doctors Palmborg and Crandall, and the recently arrived Anna West. Susie Burdick was in the United States on furlough.

In 1913 the demand for a Western education had become so great that the boys' school was turning away applicants and a new mission dwelling was constructed next to the chapel so that the girls' school building could be devoted exclusively to instruction.

Mr. Crofoot took the opportunity of the 25th anniversary of the boys' school in 1914 to organize an alumni association and to begin a campaign for a new, larger building. The work in the girls' school was bolstered by the return of Miss Burdick, and some of the older school girls began to receive training and practice in teaching Sabbath school.

Just months after a special celebration of his 70th birthday, D.H. Davis was dead, having served 35 years as a missionary to China. Fortunately, the veteran missionaries, the Eugene Davises, were ready to return to China, so they could step in very shortly after the death of D.H. Davis, and the elder Mrs. Davis remained with the mission entirely at her own expense, assisting in any way that she could.



The 70th birthday celebration for D.H. Davis (center), Seventh Day Baptist missionary to China for 35 years, in the Shanghai S.D.B. Church, Nov. 25, 1914. Jay W. Crofoot, who celebrated his 25th anniversary as a China missionary ten years later, is on Davis' right.

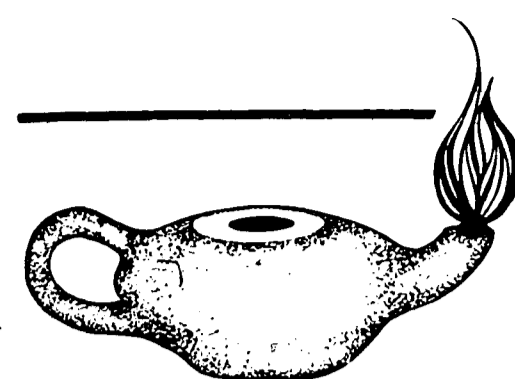
Mr. Davis' influence as pastor-administrator soon began to be felt in the Shanghai church, as he successfully proposed a more formal church organization with officers, deacons and deaconesses, and as he won acceptance for an annual budget and systematic giving.

Like his predecessors, Eugene Davis received many requests for his time and talents outside of the mission, and he was now involved in teaching Bible classes in several Chinese institutions. He also continued to strengthen the life of the Shanghai church, instituting frequent fellowship and business meetings to increase the support and participation of the congregation in mission activities.

In 1919, Mrs. D.H. Davis finally was forced to permanently leave China because of serious illness, but not before the Shanghai congregation gathered to celebrate her 70th birthday. Anna West was in the United States on leave.

Seventh Day Baptist students began to demonstrate political awareness as they joined a general student strike throughout China to protest government corruption and Japanese aggression. Talk about a new boys' school building was replaced by action as Mr. Crofoot appealed to American Seventh Day Baptists for \$10,000 after securing pledges of \$1,700 from the school's alumni.

Conditions remained unsettled in 1920 as the student strike movement grew and as the mission faced more personnel changes. The Crofoots were forced to depart in haste so that Mrs. Crofoot could undergo emergency



Thy Word is a light

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Mary Clare

All members of Seventh Day Baptist churches are automatically members of the S.D.B. BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION, INC., which has headquarters in Alfred, N.Y.

The 39th annual meeting of the corporate body met October 21, 1979 in the Alfred Church Parish House. The annual report was received and accepted with the addition of the name of Amanda Snyder to the list of directors for 1979.

Twenty-nine directors were elected to the Board of Directors for 1980. The president will organize the members into committees which begin working in January. These directors are: Laurie Allen, Marjorie Bond, George Bottoms, Mae Bottoms, Mary Clare, David S. Clarke, Frances Clarke, Wayne Crandall, Rebecca Crouch, Leta DeGross, Rachel Drake, Luan Ellis, Maichle Gould, Maurice McCrea, Sandra McGraw, Craig Mix, Donald Pierce, Jean Pierce, Susie Robinson, Albert N. Rogers, Janette Rogers, Onnalee Saunders, Amanda Snyder, Thomas Sostar, Robert Stohr, Jean Traver, Donald Van Horn, Madge Van Horn, Rex E. Zwiebel.

AT THE DIRECTOR'S MEETING which followed the corporate meeting a look was taken at the previous quarter's activities as well as plans for the next year's work.

Much time was spent in preparing for General Conference activities

which climaxed at Adrian. The associated Conferences went smoothly with efficient directors working with children and youth.

There were many problems with the youth evening activities; poor communication with college personnel and mosquitoes being foremost.

The board's program presented at General Conference emphasized the need for the quality of many of our Sabbath Schools to be improved. We thank Ethel Dickinson who wrote the script and the young people who participated "actively" in the program. It is hoped that those persons who have the responsibility of administering Sabbath Schools will carry out some of the suggestions offered in that program.

The recommendations from General Conference have been received and the various committees are working to develop the changes necessary. The Life Ventures Committee is working on a bibliography of books which will be useful for Family Worship. This list will be published in the April *Sabbath Recorder*.

The Junior High Nurture lessons have been sent to the publishing house and will be ready for use in the near future. These lessons will help the youth be more knowledgeable about the Sabbath and ways to keep it according to God's plan.

The Resource Development committee has accepted the resignation

of Rev. Albert N. Rogers, editor of the *HELPING HAND*, who will complete his series of lessons with the September - November 1980 quarter. The committee is searching for another writer for the *HELPING HAND*. Many letters asking that the *HELPING HAND* continue to be produced have been received since the recommendation of the Conference Communication Interest Committee.

It is anticipated that parents and sponsors will have a greater responsibility than in former years in supervising the youth at Conference when they are not engaged in specific activities.

The 1980 officers for the Board of Directors will be:

President	Rev. Rex Zwiebel
Vice-President	Donald Van Horn
Recording Secretary	Mae Bottoms
Treasurer	Maurice McCrea
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Clare

The Executive Secretary for the term of 1980-1982 will be Mary Clare.

Officers for the National Youth Fellowship for 1980 are:

President	Joel Osborn
Vice-President	Dale Wheeler
Secretary	Kathy Johnson
Treasurer	Tim Osborn
Advisor	Kirk Loper

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surgery at the Mayo Clinic, but their departure was offset somewhat by the return of Anna West, who was accompanied by her mother Nettie. Although Nettie was never actually employed by the Missionary Society, she proved to be a most helpful member of the mission family.

The Shanghai church ventured into a new ministry with a Children's Church, the mission students began an annual involvement in a 300-voice community chorus at Christmastime, and some of our school girls found joy in serving others as they used some of their own time to tutor children who could not afford education.

In 1921 the Crofoots were able to return to China and they brought with them yet another West woman, Anna's sister Mabel, and Susie Burdick took leave in America. Meanwhile, the building campaign grew as the girls' school launched a fund drive and the mission purchased an adjacent tract of land. In spite of annual increases in the Shanghai church's budget, it was continually oversubscribed. The church also established a Junior and Senior Christian Endeavor and offered Daily Vacation Bible School for the first time. The Lieu-oo church now also became more formally organized, but native leadership problems hampered its growth.

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"We love because  
God first loved us."  
1 John 4:19

Madeline Fitz Randolph

The open door is before us...the beginning of a new decade. The same immense question faces all of us...WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD...For us as individuals; for us as a human race? Without Faith in God and His purpose for us, we dare not even consider the future. We weep for those without the guiding light of Jesus Christ in their lives.

Many years ago, during wartime, when our land was "blacked-out" at night for fear of enemy attack, our family was in process of moving several hundred miles to a new location. It was so dark in the towns and villages through which we drove that we were never sure where we were. One such night, in a search for lodging, we got out of our car, and going to the building, we had to feel for the front door, to find the bell which would summon the proprietor. After being admitted, we were not allowed any light except a single candle to prepare for the night, and we were cautioned to extinguish it as soon as possible. We put our children to bed, and we laid down without undressing, sleeping fitfully, without real rest, for the duration of the night. When daylight came in the morning it seemed like a glimpse of heaven to us. We had never before realized how wonderful the sunshine in a small country town could be, and we witnessed the beauty and drama of the world around us with deep joy. All shadows were driven away, as well as a fear of the unknown. What a miracle is light!

The "Light of the World" gives us all we need to prepare us for the 1980's. Not only does this guiding light cast out our fear of darkness of the future, but it brings purpose to our lives. Jesus' love is persuasive. He treats us as if we were what we ought to be, then gives us the power to fulfill our possibilities. Jesus' love is joyful...not based on emotions but is an immeasurable sense of goodness, of realizing our blessings, no matter what our circumstances.

Not only does the light of Christ cast out fear, give us purpose and power, and fill us with joy, but it is a challenge. Just as He said to Simon and the others, He says "Follow me." He does not stand and give us directions; "Go down route 25 until you hit 80, then travel along until you come to the turnpike..." He says, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the close of the age!"

How can we fear the future with such a light to guide us?

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Could you take a Journey of Love that lasts a week, sometime during the beginning of this year? It is a simple exercise and it might just start us on a journey that will last for the whole decade...

The day by day Journey of Love...

**The First Day: THE HAND OF LOVE:** On this first day we will write to someone we haven't written to for a long time, (not a relative) expressing appreciation for his/her friendship.

**The Second Day: THE VOICE OF LOVE:** We might telephone some one or two persons with whom we seldom have a chance to visit, telling them we appreciate them and expressing our Christian love for them.

**The Third Day: THE DEED OF LOVE:** On this day we would take something we have made (perhaps food), or grown (a plant), to someone to whom we rarely express our love. Perhaps our gift might be a book which is a favorite; one we know the person will enjoy.

**The Fourth Day: THE HEART OF LOVE:** On this day we would pray for some one person to whom we need to relate in a more loving way; perhaps there is a barrier to break down. Pray for that person several times that day, and then think of something to do for him/her.

**The Fifth Day: THE MIND OF LOVE:** On this day we read a whole book from the Bible, looking honestly and critically at ourselves. This is a time to think of ways to improve our Christian witness. Here is a time to rid ourselves of those things which come between us and others.

**The Sixth Day: THE LABOR OF LOVE:** On this day we might go into a home where we know we may help someone who needs help. Perhaps it would involve taking care of a child so the mother might have a few free hours. There are many who need loving hands to do things for them that they are unable to do for themselves.

**The Seventh Day: THE WORSHIP OF LOVE:** This is the day we strive to achieve a perfect spiritual worship of God, and in doing so we rededicate our lives to His service. We might bring someone to worship with us whom we have not invited before.

This Journey of Love might last for a week; or for a month. If we wish, it might become a Journey of Love for our whole lives. □

## the CHURCH in ACTION

### FOUKE ADDS THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS IN 1979!

FOUKE, AR.—The Fouke church has been quite active this year. Our average attendance has grown to 45 which is better than last year's average of 33. Five young people have recently joined the church. They are Charis Oliver and William, Jesse, Robert and Nathan Whitehead. This makes a total of thirteen new members during 1979 for our congregation.

On November 3 a special service was held during which time the church

granted letters of encouragement of Charles, Floyd and John D. Whitehead. Special speakers on this occasion were Sister Inez Mitchell of Little Rock and Brother Leo Floyd of Arlington, TX.

A group of six men have been formed to study the Word and seek ways and means to be of service to those in need. The Youth Fellowship with Charis Oliver as president and the Ladies Aid with Lois Goodson as president have been quite active with various projects and social activities. The Men's Fellowship, with Pastor Goodson as president, has met for several breakfasts.

Pastor Floyd L. Goodson is again on KOSY at Texarkana each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. for a fifteen-minute broadcast. The Youth Center, under the direction of the pastor with the assistance of Mark Jacob offers instruction in judo, gymnastics, softball, baseball, track, art, chess, sign language and journalism to any interested persons.

We ask your prayers of support for our endeavors and financial support would be appreciated. □



### NEW CREATIONS CUT RECORD

VERONA, NY—Did you enjoy the music ministry of the New Creations trio at Conference this year in Michigan? If so, you will continue to be blessed by owning their first long play album with many of their best songs.

To receive your record, send \$6.00 plus \$1.00 for postage and handling to: New Creations, c/o Jim Warner, 4124 Sholtz Road, Oneida, New York 13421. Make checks payable to "New Creations."

The group has grown to four-part harmony with the addition of Kevin Warner singing bass. Rev. John Rau joined the group for the production of the album only by playing drums and electric guitar.

Requests for concerts continue to come in and God grants opportunities to enlarge the ministry in a variety of ways. The New Creations covet the prayers of all of God's family, that all they do and sing will be pleasing to the Father and bring glory to His name! □

—Mayola Warner

### UPPER EAST TENNESSEE CHURCH

BLOUNTVILLE, TN—We in the Tri-Cities area are rejoicing with God's many blessings of new growth in Spirit and members. This growth means changing from a *house church* to a larger church center which will allow for even greater ministry for the Lord.

On Oct. 6, Mary McCracken of Kingsport, TN, and Pastor John and Linda Camenga were received into membership and the right hand of fellowship was extended.

Our worship and fellowship needs have been met in various ways. Sabbath morning worship service, Sabbath School, Prayer and Praise twice a month on the night after the Sabbath, adult Bible study each Wednesday and special youth activities all play a part.

Prayer and Praise Night usually consists of a time of singing praises to our Lord and Bible games. A fellowship time often follows. These nights allow for recognition of special events in the lives of the church family.

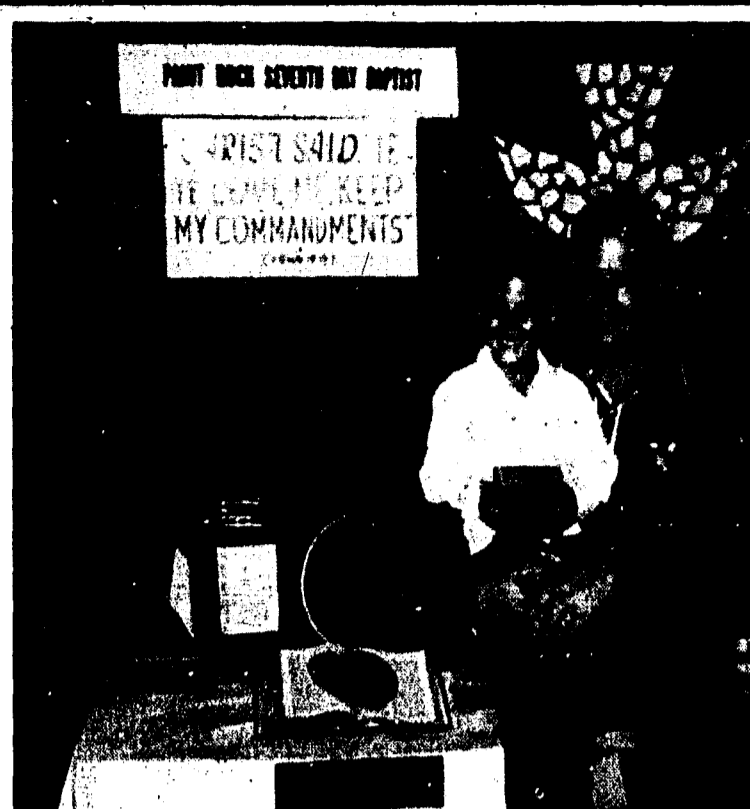
Bible study meets each Wednesday night in one of the homes. The group is using materials by *Neighborhood Bible Studies*, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10552. The group is completing the booklet *Studies in the Psalms and Proverbs* and has chosen to use the booklet *Conversations with Jesus Christ from the Gospel of John* next.

Recent youth activities include hikes, roller skating, bowling, putt-putt, swimming, and special movies. Parents have been allowed to tag along except for the four day retreat held last spring. □

- Special birthday greetings from the *Sabbath Recorder* family to the Rev. Paul Burdick of 4 Shore Road, Waterford, CT 06385. Pastor Burdick was 90 years young on Nov. 28, 1979.

- While attending General Council sessions in Plainfield, Editor John Bevis conducted the Sabbath worship services at the German SDB Church and the annual Harvest Home service of the People's Christian Church in New York City.

- Mrs. B. Mary Suseela, Joint Executive-Secretary of the India SDB Conference announces the publication in Telugu of the tract "Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists." Funds for this project came from the American Sabbath Tract Society.



Joe and "Little John" McGuire at the Seventh Day Baptist Fair booth at the recently held Alabama State Fair in Birmingham. Over 100 requested the Guide Bible Course.

### SDB WITNESS AT THE ALABAMA STATE FAIR

BIRMINGHAM, AL—When one thinks of going to the brightly lit annual Alabama State Fair in Birmingham, he not only thinks of the joys of riding the dashing attractions (even an elephant ride was featured), but also of the pleasure of casually walking along inside the attractive exhibition hall. There were many displays ranging from candy sales to church booths with numerous items of interest in between.

This year's fair attendance in October consisted of 324,914 paid admissions. This means literally thousands of persons passed by our Seventh Day Baptist-Bible Sabbath Association Booth. Many stopped by to pick up tracts or ask questions, 102 signed up for the Guide Bible Course. We praise the Lord for this!

A letter of welcome was mailed to each respondent, under a Bible Sabbath Association letterhead; we also invited them to contact our SDB Church in Paint Rock, AL. The Bible Sabbath Association was very helpful of our effort: they sent tracts, books and three sizes of 1980 Sabbath Calendars for distribution.

I believe our SDB-BSA Fair Booth witness to these thousands of people was threefold: (1) It carries out the Great Commission as given us in Matthew and Luke by Christ; (2) It helps to win lost souls to Christ and helps to edify (build up) the Church unto all Truth; and, (3) It helps bring future members into our own churches so we will grow and serve God with more power as groups of united believers.

If your church wishes to witness for our Lord yearly at a State Fair the following are some suggestions which might be helpful.

Put the payment for the booth (ours was \$200) into the church budget ahead of time and assign those persons (or person) to the various tasks of carrying out this effort. One person should have general responsibility for the booth.

Make sure *early* to notify your state fair authority exactly *which* location you choose for your booth—and choose one near a door or where many people will likely pass by.

Advertise your booth in a local newspaper ahead of time; try to get the religious editor to mention your booth in his column; contact the Bible Sabbath Association for additional helps.

Set up your booth attractively and in the background develop an appropriate Biblical theme. We had tables to display our literature and chairs for the weary to rest while they watched a twelve-minute cassette/slide presentation on "The Sabbath."

You might wish to feature some of the following in your fair booth. Having people register for a free Bible course, give free balloons with your church name and address imprinted, give out comic-type gospel tracts along with hard candy to children, distribute the current Bible Sabbath Association Sabbath Calendars, comfortable chairs and perhaps cool water. I would suggest with the free water a small sign to read, "I am the water of life" and let this be a witness as well.

Those manning the booth will need to know their Bible and be those who "walk with Christ." It is helpful if they also know the history and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists. □

-Joseph McGuire

### CONFERENCE THEME IS USED AT RETREAT

PLAINFIELD, NJ—Our family retreat November 16-18 was again enjoyed at the Baptist Conference Center, Lebanon, NJ, with 37 present. It was headed by Tom and Diane Merchant. This time all expenses were paid by the church and the Baptist women furnished delicious meals. The Maltby family led the Sabbath welcoming service. The Conference theme, "Pleasing God in Every Way," was divided into "Pleasing God through evangelism and service, meditation and prayer, study of His Word, worship, fellowship, remembrance (Communion), and reaching out." Dean Herbert Saunders introduced each phase, using many Scriptural references, which were read by young people and adults. He was assisted by Douglas Wheeler, Barbara Saunders, Tom Merchant, and Jeanne Wilhelm.

The report of the Discipleship Committee was in the form of a hilarious monologue by the chairman, Barbara Snyder. A beautiful anthem, "Go Ye into All the World," was practiced by everyone on Friday night and sung at the Sabbath worship service under the direction of Barbara Saunders. A nature hike was enjoyed by many on Sabbath afternoon.

Other fall activities included four film nights for neighborhood children as well as our own, a Halloween party, the beautiful wedding of Marjorie McAllister and Bill Lewis followed by a bountiful buffet for everyone, and a successful bazaar held in the church by the Women's Society.

Sabbath speakers have been Pastor Kenneth Burdick of the North Jersey church, Jeanne Wilhelm, and Dean Saunders. Advent services at 10:00 before our regular 10:30 services, are planned for the first four Sabbaths in December. □

-Ruth Hunting Parker

● Governor Clifford Finch of the state of Mississippi was scheduled to attend an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on December 3, 1979 to officially open the Clifford A. Beebe Memorial Home for special children at Sunshine Mountain, Chatawa, MS. We hope to have more information in our next issue.

### SABBATH PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEETS

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—The Sabbath Promotion Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society, now located in Daytona Beach, Florida, met November 7 to organize, discuss goals, and to begin work. Iris Maltby is chairman of this committee which includes Rev. Marion and Erma Van Horn, Doris Van Horn, Rev. Leon Maltby, Charles and Bettie North, and Janette Crouch.

The committee approved matching funds for fair booths sponsored by the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church and by the Allegheny Association. Matching funds for newspaper ads in Florence, Alabama, where the John Bevis family now lives, were approved as a new trial venture. The committee wants to encourage new churches and fellowships to consider these methods of making the Sabbath known to others. Matching funds are available through the committee.

Committee members are working on developing ads suitable for publication in Christian magazines. Plans are being made for Sabbath Renewal Day in May. □

-Janette Crouch

### LITTLE ROCK FAIR BOOTH SUCCESSFUL

LITTLE ROCK, AR—The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Rock at 4801 West 11th Street has just completed another successful booth at the Arkansas State Fair. The fair ran ten days, from September 28-October 7. This year Mrs. Winnie Monroe designed an attractive poster of the Ten Commandments for distribution to fair goers.

Many in the church took part in the distribution of over 2,500 posters and 3,500 tracts. All who partici-

pated were blessed with opportunities to witness to the way of salvation and God's Sabbath truth.

This year again there was a registration for a Bible drawing, however there are several recipients, thanks to the special involvement and arrangements of Brother Daniel Johnson.

We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless the results of our ministry. □

-Irving Seager



### LIGHT BEARERS TO FORM NEW TEAM

TEXARKANA, AR.—We are happy to announce that plans have been made to establish a new Light Bearers team. This team is to be a bit different than previous ones in that we are seeking really professional quality in all members. We want to have a team of such quality that it can compare with the very top professional gospel groups in America.

In order to accomplish this we are asking that anyone interested in a somewhat permanent position with a top musical group submit a tape of your performance, whether it be a vocal or instrumental, to Light Bearers Headquarters, Rt. 1 Box 569-A, Texarkana, AR 75502. Include a resume of your personal Christian experience.

The decision to attempt such a team was made after a professional singer, with whom I became acquainted a few years ago, has indicated he is ready to join L.B.C. He will take

over many of the responsibilities that have fallen on me in the past, such as traveling with the team and other management chores. He will also direct and arrange the music. His is well qualified for this responsibility since he has had several years of singing experience with some of the finest choral and gospel groups in America and Canada.

Every effort will be made to make this one of the finest gospel groups in America. This is not for the glory of L.B.C. but for the glory of God and the enhancement of the work of Seventh Day Baptist Christians.

If you feel you qualify in talent and age (college age or older) and would like more information please write to me, Mynor Soper, here at headquarters. It is hoped that the new team can be formed in the early spring of 1980. □

-Rev. Mynor Soper

### To our Seventh Day Baptist Women:

Your Board of Directors of Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society is well into the last year of our service. In retrospect we see ourselves as we made the decision to bring the Board to Colorado. We felt very unsure, but were willing to take the risk of doing a task we knew very little about. During the first few years we learned a great deal, and we will always be grateful for the loving support of our women in all the churches. The continuing response to the projects and goals of our work is no less than miraculous. It will continue to be for the next Board of Directors.

We have pledged ourselves to be supportive of the next Board to the extent that we will let the work overlap in any way that is desirable for the smooth transition of projects and goals. We will be supportive in all ways, and now our prayers are that the work we have done will be carried on and expanded into a glorifying of the Lord we all serve and adore. □

-Madeline Fitz Randolph, for the Women's Board



### THE HONOR OF IT ALL

UPPER MARLBORO, MD.—The eyes of the church members smiled peculiarly at the elder behind the podium and then shifted to fellow members seated near them. The silence was deafening.

"Shall I ask the secretary to read the recommendation again?" queried the perplexed elder.

Still silence, but elbows nudged the sides of some neighbors, fingers poked into the backs of others, and eyes beckoned to still others. "You do it!" each member seemed to be saying to the other.

Then finally a deacon, noted for his perceptiveness and responsiveness, rose to his feet and spoke the mind of the membership: "I guess none of us felt like we ought to assume the honor of making such a motion," or something of the sort he reasoned haltingly. He paused, and then continued, "I move that the recommendation of the ordination council be accepted and the church proceed to make plans for the ordination ceremony."

A second came quickly, enthusiastically. The question was called for, and the ayes had it.

If you were one of the twenty-two delegates to that ordination council or one of the other members or friends in attendance at the Central Seventh Day Baptist Church in Largo, Maryland, on that 29th day of September, you know that the honor to which that deacon referred and the vote that followed immediately thereafter concerned the ordination of Pastor Kenneth David Chroniger. The events of the service went like this...

Dr. K.D. Hurley, elected moderator for the ordination council, called on Pastor Ken to present his statement of beliefs. Beginning with a brief introduction incorporating Scriptural quotes from Matthew 3:1-2, Luke 8:1, John 3:3 and Acts 28:31, the pastor proffered a carefully thought-out, well-organized statement.

"I have chosen to begin this statement of Christian belief with that concern which shaped the theological understanding of my spiritual forefathers, and has become the anvil on which my own position has been

forged, the Kingdom of God."

Thus he continued, building his statement of beliefs on the Kingdom of God—professing belief in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church—universal and local, baptism the Lord's Supper, the Bible, man and his sinfulness, salvation, the Sabbath and evangelism. In closing his statement, Pastor Ken read: "There is yet one subject left to be spoken about, God the Father. I believe in God the Father. I believe God the Father IS..."

Then the questions poured in—thoughtful and thought-provoking questions, earnest and probing ones—truly reflective of the way in which the council viewed its charge. There were questions about sanctification and baptism of the Spirit, questions about baptism by immersion for the elderly and infirm, questions concerning church tradition, the role of women in the church, the charismatic movement, hell and eternal life. Can I John 2:4 be reconciled with the salvation of Sunday-keepers? Do you believe that the word of God changes? How do the Sabbath and other commandments fit into the act of evangelism? And so on, until the moderator closed the examination period. Pastor Ken breathed a sigh of relief, and the council retired to a private place to consider the statement further, make comments, raise further questions and cast secret ballots. Mediated by the Holy Spirit, the recommendation to ordain came forth from the sequestered group.

Having received the recommendation of the council, the members of the Central SDB Church were called into business session. Obviously awed by the significance and gravity of the action requested of them by the presiding elder, the congregation delayed in responding. Such congregational hesitancy came very close to evoking pastoral anxiety. But when the motion was finally made and the vote taken, faces beamed—relieved and grateful. Their message was clear: "Thank you, Lord, for sending us Ken." □

—Barbara H. Lacey

### MINNESOTA NEWS

DODGE CENTER, MN—Our church has been busy. Pastor Wayne Babcock presented his resignation as our pastor in order to go to Washington state where he will be engaged in

outreach ministries. He preached his last sermon for us the last Sabbath in August. We wish Godspeed to Pastor Babcock and his wife Ida.

Pastor David Taylor of New Auburn, Wis., assisted with our Communion service the first Sabbath in October. A large delegation from

our church was in New Auburn to help them celebrate their 100th anniversary as a church. It was an inspiring time for all.

We are in the process of seeking new leadership for our church. As an imperfect Christian I do not expect a perfect pastor. □

—Claston Bond

### MARRIAGES

BLANCHARD-RAMEY.—Billy Wesley Blanchard, son of Jerry and Lois Blanchard of Sumner, Washington, and Tracey Diana Ramey, daughter of Melvin and Kay Ramey, of Tacoma, Washington, were united in marriage on November 2, 1979, by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, at Prairie Ridge, Sumner, Washington.

FOX-PINDER.—Dean Stanley Fox, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fox, Jr., of Shingle Springs, Calif., and Susan Jeanette Pinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Pinder of Salem, W. Va., became one as husband and wife on August 19, 1979 at the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn officiating. They are making their home in Madison, Wis.

HOWARD-STACH.—Kay Spencer Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Howard of Milton, Wis., and Julie Kay Stach of Beloit, Wis., were united in marriage in the chapel of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on Nov. 17, 1979 with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating.

LEWIS-MC ALLISTER.—William Richard Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Lewis, Jr., of North Plainfield, N.J. and Marjorie Eileen McAllister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. McAllister of South Plainfield, N.J., were united in marriage on November 10, 1979 in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ. The bride's uncle, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, performed the ceremony. The newlyweds are living in North Plainfield, N.J.

### ACCESSIONS

ALFRED STATION, NY  
Rex E. Zwiebel, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Lucinda Snyder  
Terry Ellis  
Shawn Allen  
Kelly Palmer

FOUKE, AR  
Floyd Goodson, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Jesse Whitehead  
Nathan Whitehead  
Robert Whitehead  
William Whitehead

By Letter:  
Charis Oliver

MEMPHIS, TN  
William Shoffner, Pastor

Charter Members:  
Mrs. Jerry Bladwin  
Mrs. Karen L. Bonar  
Mrs. Lois Braden  
Richard Munn  
Jennie (Mrs. Richard) Munn  
Mrs. Linda G. Radford  
William Shoffner, Jr.

Sandra (Mrs. Wm.) Shoffner  
William Shoffner, III  
Curt Ullery  
Judy (Mrs. Curt) Ullery  
Russ Ullery  
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SCHENECTADY, NY  
Paul Maxson, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Michael Barber  
Paul M. Barber  
Ronald Bullinger  
Andrew Donohue  
Karyn Kilts

SEATTLE AREA, WA  
Duane L. Davis, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Manuel L. Diaz  
David R. Rice  
Jose Tello

By Testimony:  
Rita Diaz (Mrs. Manuel)  
Alec Jimenez

STONEFORT, IL  
Carlos McSparin, Pastor

By Testimony:  
Rev. George McClusky  
Juanita (Mrs. Geo.) McClusky

UPPER EAST TENNESSEE  
Blountville, TN  
John Camenga, Pastor

By Letter:  
Linda (Mrs. John) Camenga  
Rev. John Camenga

By Testimony:  
Mary McCracken

### BIRTHS

CAMPBELL.—A son, Ronald Lloyd, Jr. to Ronald and Sharon (Baitinger) Campbell of Shiloh, New Jersey, on November 25, 1979.

DE ZALDIVAR.—A daughter, Elvida Elizabeth, born November 1, 1979 to Octavio and Marika de Zaldivar of San Bernardino, Calif.

FICK.—A son, William Jacob to Ewald and Marion (Jacob) Fick of Battle Creek, Mich., on October 26, 1979.

MC VAY.—A son, Jason Robert, to Byron Jay and Lynne (Rymer) McVay of Riverside, Calif., on October 3, 1979.

RICE.—A daughter, Shannon Elois, to Terry and Vicky Rice, of Dupont, Colorado, on October 3, 1979.

STABEL.—A daughter, Tiffany Susanne, to Dr. David and Sheila Stabel, of Aurora, Colorado, on October 19, 1979.

TRUJILLO.—A daughter, Lucita, to John and Evelyn Trujillo of Westminster, Colorado, on January 4, 1979.

WHEELER.—A daughter, Shauna Marie, to Richard and Michele Wheeler, of Denver, Colorado, on September 25, 1979.

## YOUTH CONCERNS

### Self-Control

CONTROLLING ONE'S ACTIONS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF CHRISTIAN LIVING. Being able to control one's temper to avoid controversy or keep from hurting someone's feelings is often difficult.

It is equally difficult to speak out against injustice or the actions of "the crowd" with which one wishes to be involved.

How easy it is to watch an interesting program rather than do the work which should be done. Setting of priorities and using self-control to use time properly is vital to the well-being of a person and the community as a whole.

This is a good time to make that resolution to live a more Christian life, doing those things that make for a healthier, happier disciple for Christ. Everyone can exercise self-control over his actions. Ask God for help and He will give it to you.

### THINGS TO DO:

1. Read *Self-Control* by Jean Jorgensen, p. 14 in *Love in Action*, CHRISTIAN MEDITATIONS, published by the SDB Board of Christian Education and the Women's Board.
2. Study 1 Corinthians 3:16-23—How does it apply to you?
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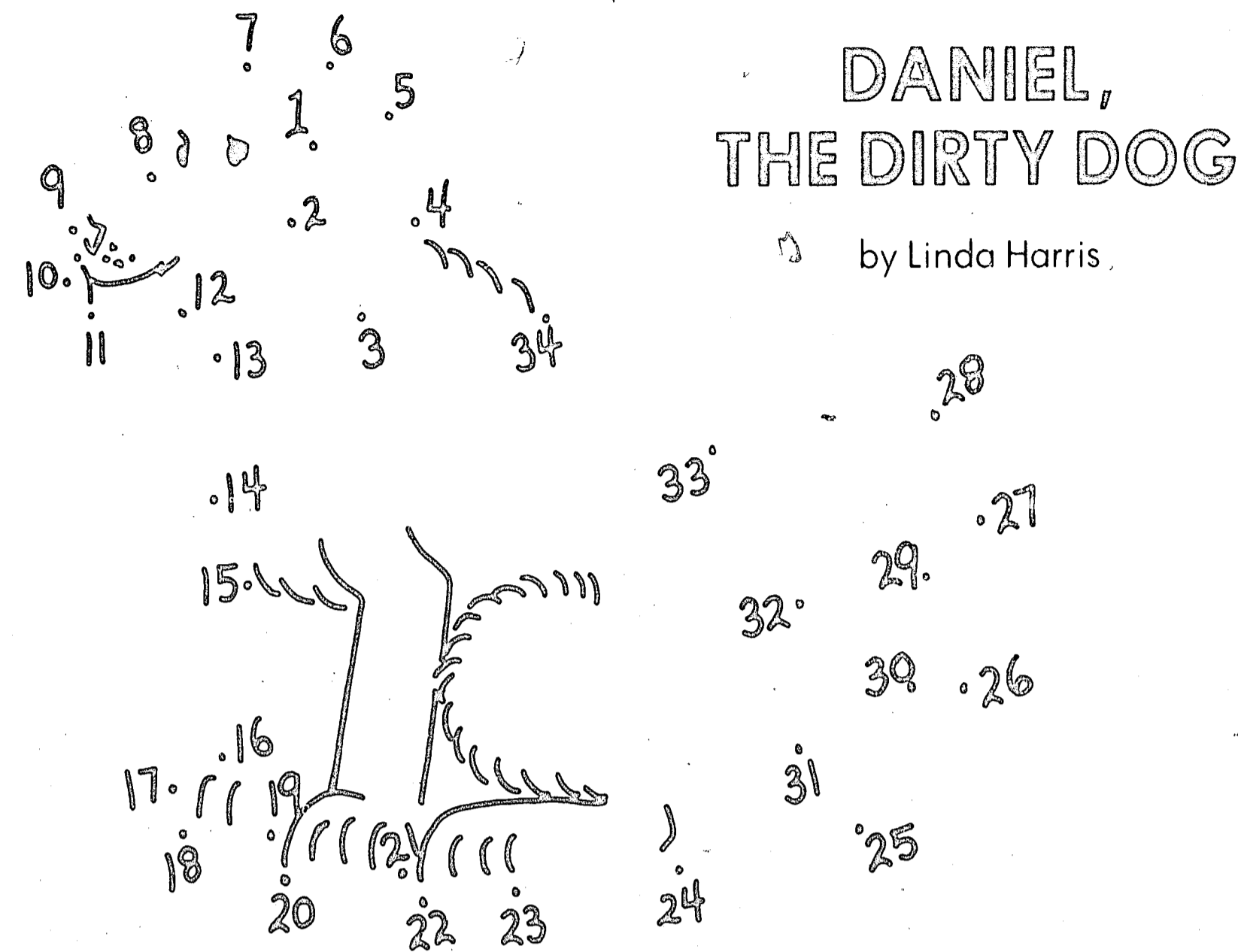
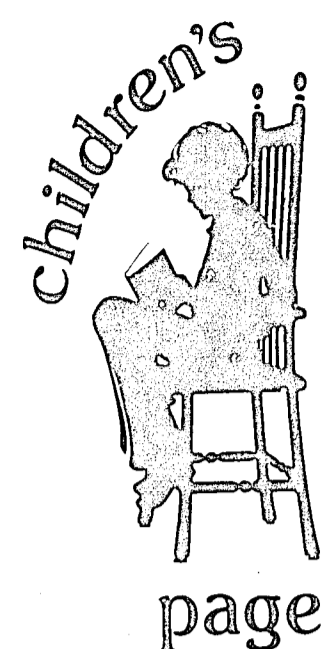
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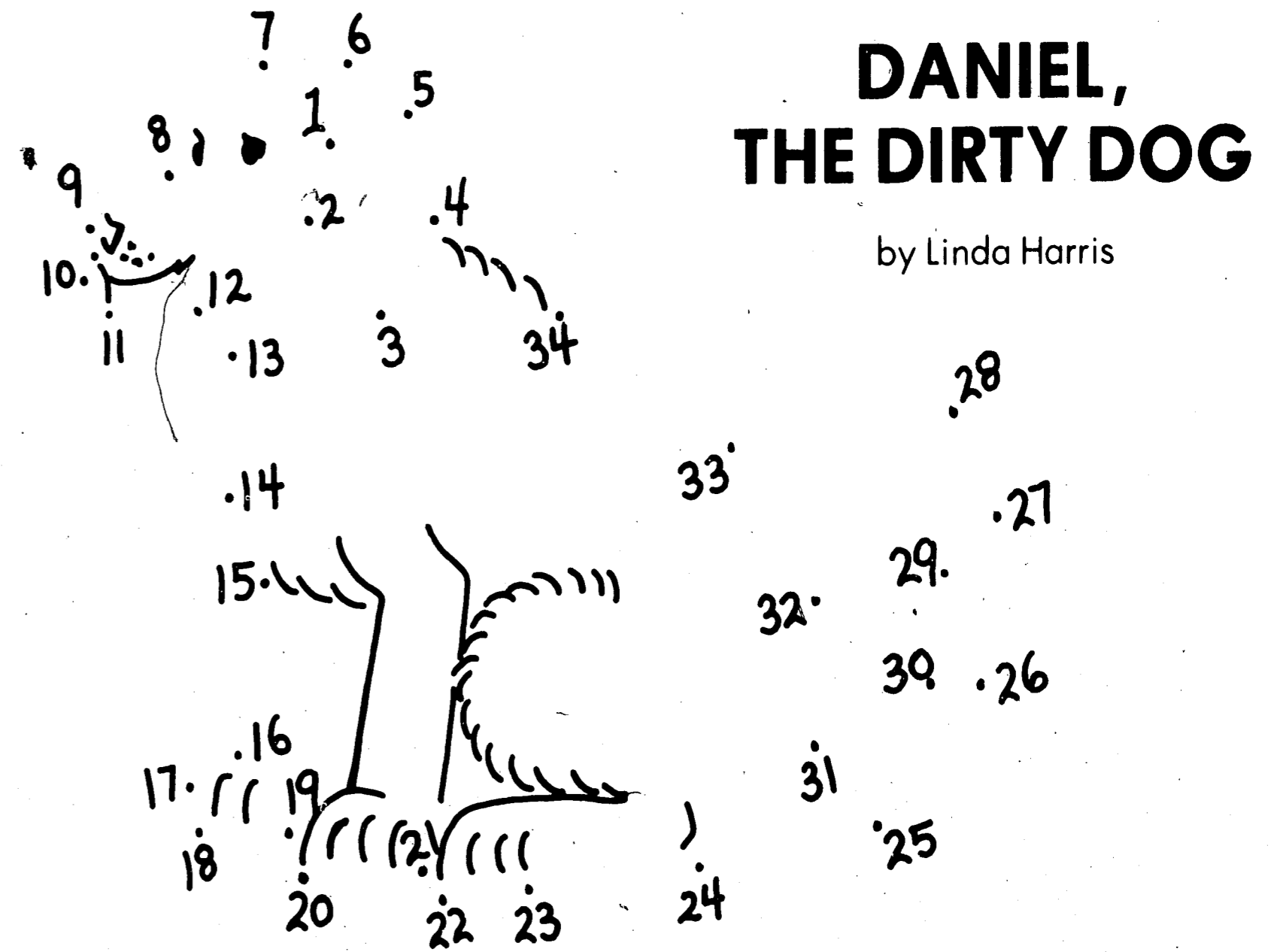
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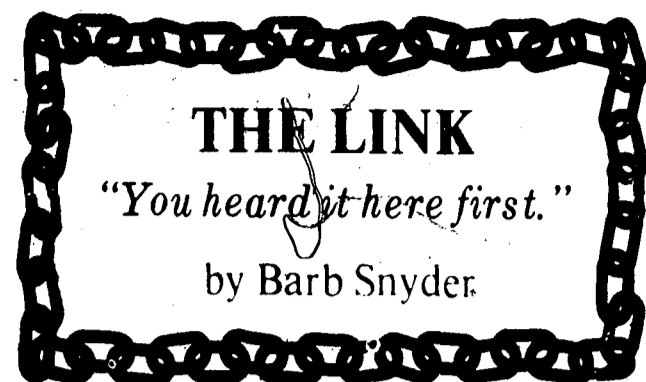
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A change that will be for the best.  
The way we were cannot compare  
To the new way we can live with ZEST!

Memory verse: Romans 8:28—"We know that  
in all things God works for good with those  
who love him, those whom he had called  
according to his purpose." (Younger children  
may memorize "...in all things God works for  
good...") □



**THE LINK**

"You heard it here first."

by Barb Snyder

**ANYONE STUDIED THE SABBATH QUESTION LATELY?**

Our 13-week Word of Truth radio program leads Christians to an acceptance of the Sabbath truth. This initial broadcast to testify to the Sabbath for Seventh Day Baptist visibility is available in a booklet including each of the 13 broadcasts. It simply and effectively reveals the truth of the Sabbath. As a Seventh Day Baptist all my life, I honestly was not a Sabbathkeeper. I recognized that the Sabbath was more likely than not the correct day to worship the Lord, but I never felt strongly one way or another. Upon reading this Word of Truth booklet, the Holy Spirit convicted me of the Sabbath, and it is now written on my heart. This booklet is available without limitation from the SDB Publishing House. There's no charge for these booklets, unless you feel led to designate money for the tract ministry or Project Visibility. I would recommend it as a study for teens and/or adults. Send to the Publishing House at Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061 for your free booklets.

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I find this column fun to write, but rather time-consuming. If I had definite indications that people were benefitting from it, I would continue, but I don't find that to be the case. Therefore, I will discontinue writing the Link. Should you feel there is a greater need that I could possibly provide the answer to, please feel free to share it with me. I'm only interested in serving the needs of my fellow Christians and can only serve those needs when I am aware of them. Thank you for your moral support. □

**OBITUARIES**

**BAHLKE.**—Rev. Johannes. Word has been received indicating that the Rev. Johannes Bahlke, pastor of the Hamburg, Germany, Seventh Day Baptist Church died on October 15, 1979. An extended obituary is anticipated from our German Conference.

-J.B.

**BURDICK.**—Nellie W., daughter of William and Annie Williamson Woodbury and widow of Rev. Leon D. Burdick was born January 28, 1895 in Longworth, Fla., and died Oct. 26, 1979 in the hospital at Kingston, N.Y. She was a member of the DeRuyter, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years until she transferred her membership to Daytona Beach, Fla.

She is survived by two sons: Wendell Burdick of Homer, N.Y., and Robert Burdick of Houston, Tex.; four daughters: Mrs. Marjorie Mallison of Westernville, N.Y.; Mrs. Josephine Ingraham of Raleigh, N.C.; Mrs. Madeline Way of Hezperid, Mich.; and Miss Jean Burdick of Kingston. She had seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in the DeRuyter, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church conducted by Rev. Neal D. Mills and Rev. Helen Green. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery, DeRuyter.

-N.D.M.

**DRESSER.**—Ruby (Lawton) Dresser was born at Hopkins, Minnesota, October 13, 1894, and died at Wheat Ridge, Colorado, November 20, 1979.

She was the wife of Eugene L. Dresser, who preceded her in death, in 1970. They homesteaded near Craig, Colo., and later bought and operated a motel in Craig for forty-one years. In 1973, she moved to Wheat Ridge, Colo., living with her daughter, Helen Smiddy and her husband until her passing.

She is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Helen Smiddy of Wheat Ridge; and Mrs. Jean Hultz of Blackfoot, Idaho; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at Moore Mortuary in Denver, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Edgar Wheeler. Burial was in Golden Cemetery, Golden, Colorado.

-E.F.W.

**GALINDEZ.**—Lucile Dean, was born February 23, 1915 in Dunellen, N.J., and died unexpectedly at her home in South Plainfield, N.J., October 8, 1979.

In 1959 while working as bookkeeper at the Recorder Press she was baptized and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ at Plainfield. She was especially interested in the work of the Women's Society.

Surviving are her husband Dolores Galindez; a son, Edwin of Somerset, N.J.; a daughter, Laura Sabia and her two daughters of Piscataway, N.J.; and a sister Margaret Gardiner of Binghamton, N.Y.

On the absence of a Seventh Day Baptist

minister memorial and committal services were conducted by Rev. Gerard M. Thompson of the South Plainfield Baptist Church at the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield.

-A.C.N.

**HANCOCK.**—Mary Florence, daughter of Albert and Lou Jones Lewis, was born near Stonefort, Ill., April 28, 1900 and died on November 2, 1979. On May 19, 1918 she was married to Earl W. Hancock who preceded her in death, July 19, 1968.

She was a devoted member of the Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church since her early years and, with her husband, had done many kind acts and donated much time in the work of the Lord in personal witness and distributing religious literature. She had taught school and had volunteered her services many times in the local hospital at Harrisburg, Ill.

The Hancocks were parents of four children: Quentin L. of Herod, Ill.; Earl Steve of Hobart, Ind.; Philip Stanley of Kansas City, Mo.; and Rhoda Marian (Hancock) Koch of Beaumont, Tex. Mrs. Hancock was an accomplished musician. Her home was decorated with her paintings, pottery, and ceramic works.

Mrs. Hancock was laid to rest November 5, 1979 at Sunset Lawn Cemetery, Harrisburg, Ill.

-E.L.T.

**KUBE.**—Dr. Alfred Kube was born in Zyrardow, Poland, in 1893 and died at his home in Warrimoo, Australia, on Sabbath, March 31, 1979. He was an Elder in the Seventh Day Christian Church, a movement which he helped to found in Poland in 1933.

In 1979 he graduated from the University of Saratov and served for many years as a general practitioner and obstetrician. He migrated to Australia in 1950 where he carried on a worldwide correspondence and publishing work, editing the *Eternal Gospel Herald* for many years. He maintained close ties with Seventh Day Baptists and opened his home to many of our ministers. He subscribed to the *Sabbath Recorder* and expressed appreciation for our publishing work.

He is survived by his wife, Lina Emilia; one daughter, Sophie of England, one son, Stefan of Australia; several grandchildren and one brother, Paul of Poland. Burial was at Springwood in New South Wales.

-S.K.

**McWILLIAM.**—Myrtle, was born Sept. 9, 1889 in Rock County, Wisconsin and died after a long illness on Nov. 13, 1979 at Caravilla Nursing Home, Janesville, Wis.

On March 14, 1910 she was united in marriage to Erv McWilliam. He preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 1970. To this union were born five children, all of who survive her: Clarence of Milton; Mrs. Jean Burness of Orfordville; Mrs. Elmina Crow of Shopiere; Mrs. Betty Harris of Eules, Texas; and Mrs. Joyce Stillman of Houston, Texas. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She was a lifelong member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton on November 16 with Pastor Earl Cruzan in charge. Special music was provided by a grandson, Dale Harris. Burial was in Milton Lawns Cemetery, Janesville, Wis.

-E.C.

**Editorial**

**RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK**

Soon after becoming editor I had the opportunity of attending the School of Christian Writing in Minneapolis along with Madeline Fitz Randolph, editor of our women's page. I am sure that she would agree that we greatly benefitted from the time spent with Christian editors and writers from around the country. This school and the information gleaned at that time have continued to inspire and assist me, even five years later.

I recall that Sherwood Wirt, then editor of *Decision*, urged us to keep a notebook of quotes and ideas that we came across for future reference and sharing. This I have done and this month I would like to share some these "random thoughts" with you with the prayer that they will be of some source of inspiration to you in your daily Christian walk.

The story is told about some French soldiers who brought the body of a dead comrade to a Catholic cemetery for burial. The priest told them gently that, since they did not know whether or not the dead man had been baptized as a Catholic, he could not grant permission for burial within the cemetery. So the soldiers sadly took their comrade and buried him just outside the fence of the churchyard.

The next day they came back to see if all was well. To their astonishment they could not find the grave. There was no trace of freshly dug soil. As they were about to leave the priest came. He said that he hadn't been able to sleep during the night. So troubled was he that he had risen in the early morning hours and with his own hands had moved the fence to include the body of the soldier. Love had moved the fence.

In a far greater way, this is what God has done. He not only moved the fence to include all of us; He demolished the fence. With His love He tore down the walls of partition, and the barriers all came down. -Marvin Hein

Brevity is the art of saying volumes without writing them.

Unplowed fields make  
Hollow bellies

Unread books make  
Hollow minds.

The best and simplest testimony about reading is perhaps that of a twelve-year-old boy who said: "In a book you can get thin if you're fat, big if you're small, happy if you're sad, and besides this if you don't like something you can talk back."

The atheist's most embarrassing moment is when he feels profoundly thankful for something but can't think of anybody to thank for it. -Mary Ann Vincent

Christ never failed to distinguish between doubt and unbelief. Doubt is can't believe; unbelief is won't believe. Doubt is honesty; unbelief is obstinacy. Doubt is looking for light; unbelief is content with darkness. -Henry Drummond

He who believes in God is not careful for the morrow, but labors joyfully and with a great heart. He must work and watch, yet never be careful or anxious, but commit all to Him and live in serene tranquility, with a quiet heart, as one who sleeps safely and quietly. -Martin Luther

How you are busy is not as important as why you are busy. The bee is praised. The mosquito swatted!

We stand upon the threshold of a new year—of a new decade. For Seventh Day Baptists this can be an exciting time as we enter a "Decade of Discipleship." We have before us a new year of opportunity as working together we seek to share the wonderful "Good News" of Jesus Christ and His power to save.

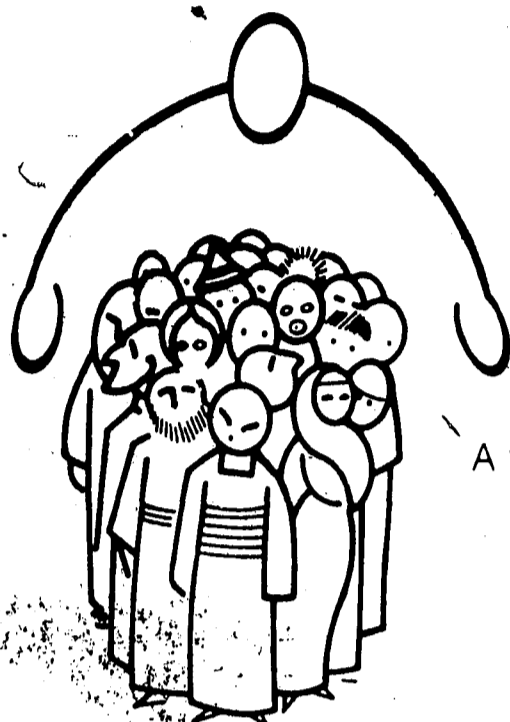
Let us remember that we have been chosen to represent the King of kings—we are His royal ambassadors and we go forth not in our own power. In closing I want to share with you my favorite passage in the Living Bible:

"And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. We are Christ's ambassadors. God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love he offers you—be reconciled to God. For God took the sinless Christ and poured into him our sins. Then, in exchange, he poured God's goodness into us" (2 Corinthians 5:18-21)! □

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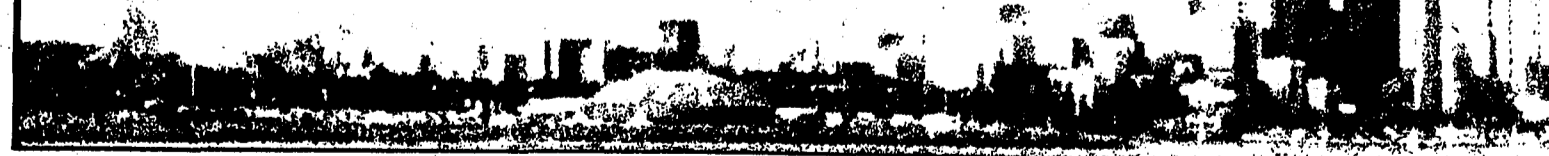
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This is love:  
not that we loved God,  
but that he loved us  
and sent his Son  
as an atoning sacrifice  
for our sins.  
Dear friends,  
since God so loved us,  
we ought also  
to love one  
another.