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Brighter than the sun.

Do these things seem  
Significant to you?  
If so, then you know  
That He's living, too.

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### NOTICE

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will hold its annual Corporate Meeting at 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 1982. □

Selected books weeded from the Historical Society library in preparation for moving to Janesville, Wisconsin, are available at the Society library. Inquiries should be addressed to:

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To be sure, you have read someplace that the family unit is slowly disappearing. As Christians, this should deeply disturb us. We must do our part to see that this prediction does not come true.

There are many outside forces influencing our children and ourselves. We need to build up our strength as a family to overcome these forces. Take time to reflect on how much you do as a family, how much time you spend together, etc.

The Life Ventures Committee of the Board of Christian Education has prepared the following material for your family to use during Family week. There is something for each age level. We would hope that the family would sit down together to discuss the material as it affects each member. The material could also be used with the church family—discussed and used in Sabbath School classes or used in a Sabbath afternoon discussion. The skit for the youth could be used in a Youth

Fellowship meeting or prepared for presentation to the whole church.

We hope the material presented will be food for thought and action. The Bible references may give some guidance for answers. The Bibliography will provide references for family books for study.

Long live the family!

God bless the family! □

# FAMILY WEEK

Help me to walk so close to Thee  
That those who know me best can see  
I live as godly as I pray  
And Christ is real from day to day.  
I see some once a day, or year,  
To them I blameless might appear;  
'Tis easy to be kind and sweet  
To people whom we seldom meet;  
But in my home are those who see  
Too many times the worst of me.  
My hymns of praise were best unsung  
If He does not control my tongue  
When I am vexed and sorely tried  
And my impatience cannot hide.  
May no one stumble over me  
Because Thy love they failed to see;  
But give me, Lord, a life that sings  
And victory over little things.  
Give me Thy calm for every fear,  
Thy peace for every falling tear;  
Make mine, O Lord, through calm and strife  
A gracious and unselfish life;  
Help me with those who know me best  
For Jesus sake, to stand the test.



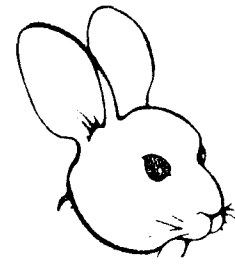
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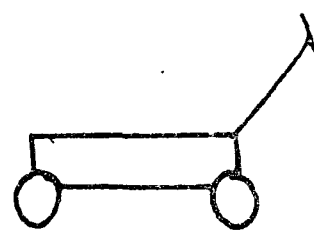
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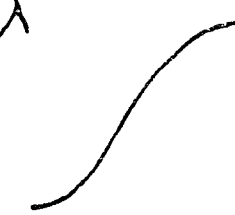
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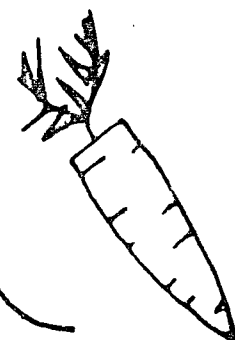
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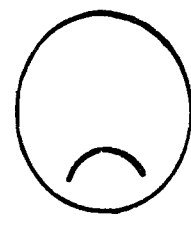
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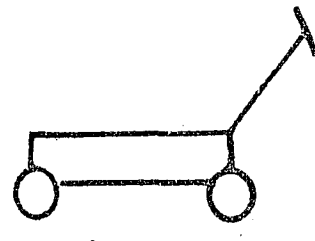
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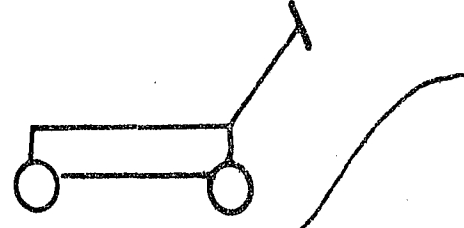
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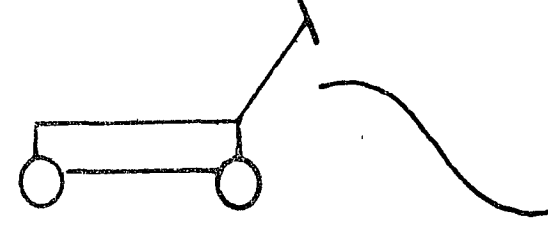
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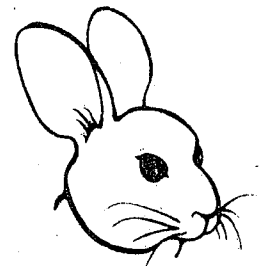
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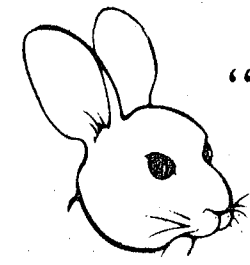
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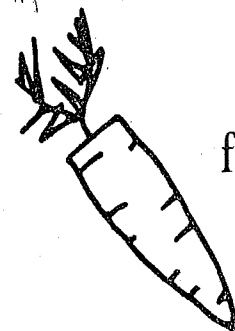
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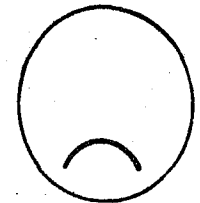
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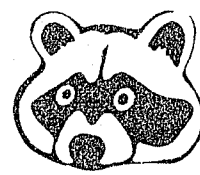
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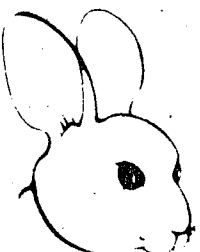
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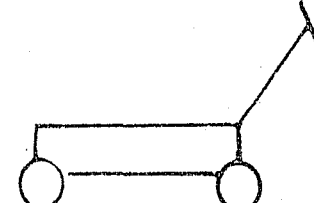
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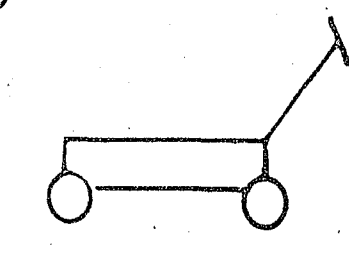
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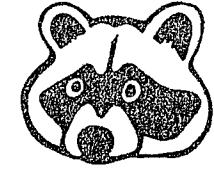
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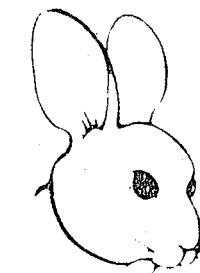
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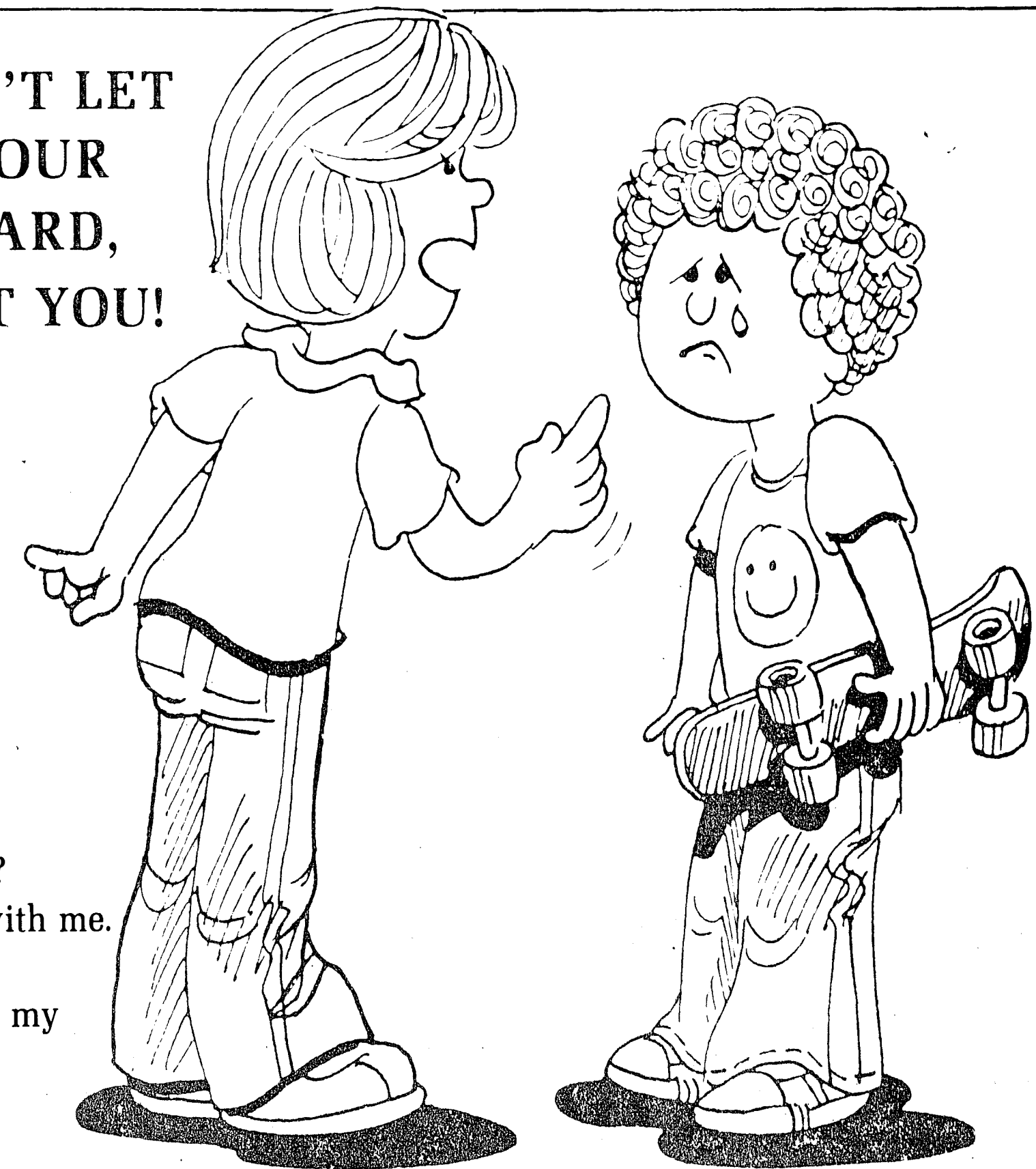
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**Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.—NAS**

PRIMARY

**IF YOU DON'T LET  
ME USE YOUR  
SKATEBOARD,  
I'LL HIT YOU!**



Draw a RED line around  
GOOD words to say.

Draw a line through words

NOT good to say.

1. Please may I have a turn?
2. Thank you, for sharing with me.
3. I will hit you.
4. Would you like a turn on my skateboard?

A FAMILY PROJECT

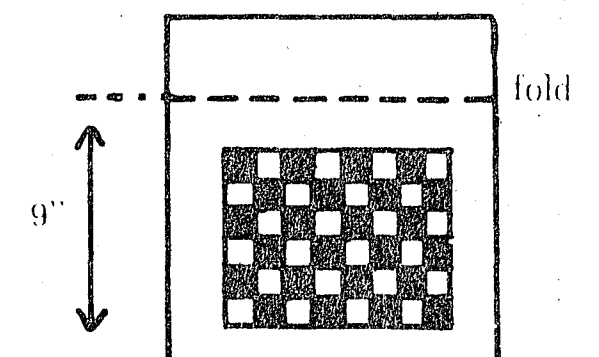
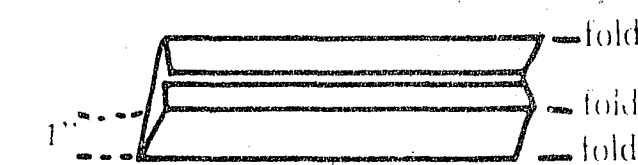
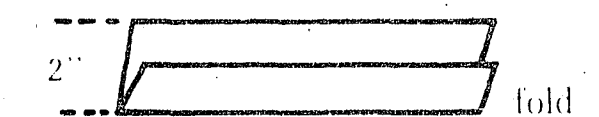
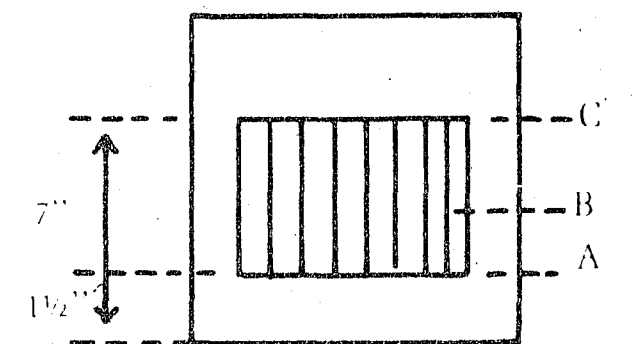
**Paper Bag Baskets**

**MATERIAL NEEDED:** 4 paper bags - large for wastebasket; small for gifts, etc., ruler, pencil, scissors, paste, paint (brush or spray).

**DIRECTIONS** to make wastepaper basket:

On one side of first bag:

1. Measure up 1 1/2" from bottom of one bag - mark several places - connect marks (A)
2. Measure up 7" from bottom of same bag - mark several places - connect marks (B)
3. Starting 1" from edge of bag, draw verticle lines 1 1/2" apart (C), connecting lines A and B - cut on lines, C only (DO NOT cut out strips).
4. From **second bag** remove bottom - start from edge fold, cut six 4" strips. (Variation: use colored construction paper or wall paper for weaver.)
5. Fold strips in half lengthways and again, folding edges to centers.
6. Use these 1" strips as weavers in cut areas.
7. Glue ends of weavers to bag when finished weaving. Repeat on other sides if desired.
8. Put third bag inside first bag for reinforcement.
9. Measure 9" up from bottom completely around bag; fold bags inside to make basket strong.
10. Spray or brush on paint inside and out.
11. Optional for small bags - add handle for gift basket.





L O T P L E H B G O D W W  
 C T H E Y Q L U F F I V E  
 A P E A C E M A K E R S H  
 L L A H S H A R E B Z K T  
 L V E S R O F E N I N I T  
 E N E R D L I H C F E N A  
 D D F O R G I V E O A D M

Find 19 words spelled backwards, forwards or on the diagonal. Some letters are used more than once.

(answer on page 25)

This puzzle has words that do three things:

1. Help you write a verse about being peacemakers and where in the Bible to find it.
2. Four words that help you be a peacemaker:  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
 \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. By putting together four letters not used in making words, you can spell the one word which is most important in peace-making.  
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YOUTH

# Using Gifts

Characters:  
 Marianne Gordon—Mother  
 Frank Gordon—Father  
 Shari Gordon—Daughter, age 15  
 Lonnie Gordon—Son, age 10

It is Sunday morning. The family is having breakfast together, a Sunday morning ritual.

Lonnie: M-m-m these waffles are super-de-licious Mom!

Mother: I am glad we have time to eat breakfast together at least one day a week. Sabbath is very special, but we have to be ready early, and we tend to "grab" our breakfast, don't we?

Father: We didn't "grab" fast enough yesterday, we were nearly late for church.

Shari: Speaking of church, I have been thinking that if I hear one more sermon about gifts, I will scream right out loud. I get turned off the minute the pastor starts reading that scripture. It doesn't apply to everyone, so why does he talk about it?

Mother: Why do you say that...everyone has gifts.

Father: Yes, even Lonnie here has 'em, he can eat more waffles than any of us.

Mother: Be serious, Father, I think Shari is trying to say something important.

Shari: I am! I am!

Mother: Are you trying to say you have no gifts?

Shari: (Impatiently) I **know** I haven't and hearing the pastor preach about your gifts makes me feel useless.

Father: Of course you have gifts. (seriously) Perhaps you need to find out what they are. You **know** you do well in school. What are some of your best subjects?

Lonnie: All she can do is her gymnastics...that's all she thinks about.

Shari: I do love gymnastics, Lonnie, yes, I think about it a lot; it's something I can do very well, but that's not what the preacher is talking about.

Lonnie: Don't try to sound so grown up, you're not that big. Dad and Mom don't gripe about the sermons, do they?

Shari: (getting a little angry) Why don't you just bug

off Lonnie, I **am** serious about this. I have a problem; I would really like to "serve" as the pastor suggests. He surely does make you think about it.

Mother: (soothingly) I can see that you are really growing up, dear, and maybe something will turn up that will be a real opportunity for you to find out just what your gifts are. Meanwhile, help me clear up, and we will drive over to Johnstown and visit Grandma and Grandpa for a while.

Shari: (thoughtfully) I think I will talk to the counselor or the pastor and find out if there is something I can do. I feel that I am ready—but for what?

Lonnie: I think you are ready for the funny farm. Why don't you wait until you are grown up to worry about all that stuff? (Lonnie is given a little push aside, but otherwise ignored as Shari begins to carry dishes to the kitchen.)

Two days later—it is the same scene; the dining room at the Gordon home. Mother is in the kitchen preparing the evening meal. Lonnie reluctantly setting table.

Lonnie: Hey Mom, isn't Shari supposed to do this. . .how come I got drafted?

Mother: (coming to the door) It won't hurt you to do it. Just because she usually helps me doesn't mean you should never help. You take too much for granted. Everyone needs to help in this family...besides, for some reason, Shari is late getting home. She didn't call so I am sure she will be here soon.

Lonnie: Boy, if I were an hour late getting home I would get yelled at plenty. How come you aren't mad?

Mother: Well, I am a little worried, but I'm sure she will be here soon. Isn't that a car stopping out front now?

(Shari bursts into the house.)

Shari: Where is everybody? I've got the most exciting news.

Lonnie: Where have you been? I've been doin' your work!

Mother: Hush, Lonnie. (to Shari) Well, you look very excited!

Shari: Yes, I am excited, Mom. You will never guess where I have been.

Mother: Since I could never guess. . .why don't you just tell me.

Shari: I've been to the JAIL!

Mother: (catching her breath) No!

Lonnie: (shocked) Whatcha do?

Shari: Before you get the wrong idea...you know I wanted to find out what my gifts might be, so I talked to Mrs. Young, my counselor at school. She took out records of my last grades and saw I had an "A" in typing. "That gives me an idea" she said. I go "What kind of idea?" and she says "I have had a request for volunteers to do typing and other simple office work at the Justice Center, and you fit the job...that is, if you would care to do it." So I said-

Mother: Wait a minute, I can't let you work down there; why can't an adult do that kind of volunteering?

Shari: They just won't do it, Mom. Mom, I have to try it; you know I will be in the part that is the offices, not where the prisoners are.

Mother: Oh dear me, I just don't think I can let you...

Shari: Mother, I had a real shock while I was down there, I saw Leslie Martin, and she was being booked for some offense. I felt so bad.

Mother: Isn't she the new girl in your homeroom?

Shari: She's the one...I couldn't believe it, she wouldn't even look at me, kept her head down.

Lonnie: Why should you care...you haven't hung around with her.

Shari: That's just it...I haven't been friendly, or invited her to church...in fact I don't think anyone has even spoken to her.

Mother: Well, I will worry about your working at the jail.

Father: (hears the last comment, as he enters the room) What's this all about?

Lonnie: Dad, you won't believe this...Shari is going to work at the jail!

Mother: Let Shari explain...perhaps it won't sound like such a bad idea.

Questions to think about:

1. How can conflicts between siblings be resolved?
2. How do parents "put down" remarks affect other members of the family?
3. What is our responsibility towards new people in school? in the neighborhood?

# Child Abuse

Society fluctuates regarding what our responsibilities are in protecting the life and welfare of our defenseless children. Our laws are that the state has the right and obligation to remove children from a home where constant physical abuse is apparent.

However, mental and vocal abuse can have a more lasting and detrimental effect on a child than physical abuse.

To meet the challenge of being a reasonable, loving parent, or neighbor, a Christian keeps in his mind, constantly, the second great commandment of Jesus' summarization: "You shall love your neighbor (spouse, CHILD) as you love yourself." All remedies must evolve from this basic principle.

Specialists in family relationships offer different methods of applying this command.

A very general summary may include:

1. Be instant in prayer.
2. Make every effort to get the family into Sabbath School and corporate worship.
3. Through workshops and counseling develop attitudes that will show how family differences can be settled without violence.
4. We should all work toward a more relaxed atmosphere in the home.
5. We must really listen to each other.
6. Be quick to seek forgiveness where wrongs are committed toward a family member, especially where unjustified violence has been committed.
7. Be honest and diplomatic.
8. Believe that conflicts can be resolved without abuse of any nature.
9. Take (make) time to read and study books that offer help on resolving family conflicts. (See Bibliography)
10. Apply the lessons that Jesus offers through his example of person relationships (Children are persons, too.) □



## Case Studies

### Case No. 1

You are a Sabbath School teacher of a primary class. One of your students is the child of the chairman of the Church Trustees; both parents active in church programs. You notice one Sabbath morning that the child has a large bruise on his arm. He said he fell down while playing ball. The next Sabbath you notice a bruise on his other arm.

Several weeks pass without incident; then he comes to Sabbath School with a black eye. His reason is that he ran into something. This continues for several weeks with a noticeable change in his behavior, also. He seems more withdrawn and tense when anyone touches him.

You begin to suspect that this child is being abused.

*What is your responsibility as a Christian, to help this child and his family?*  
Ephesians 6:1-4; Luke 6:28; Matt 19:13-15

### Case No. 2

It's spring vacation for the kids at school. The whole family anticipates a long weekend to visit the grandparents in a nearby city. You pack the car and off you go for a wonderful weekend with the folks.

You arrive home late Monday evening ready to just unpack the car and go to bed. The kids have been sleeping in the car. You wake them up and get them started into the house.

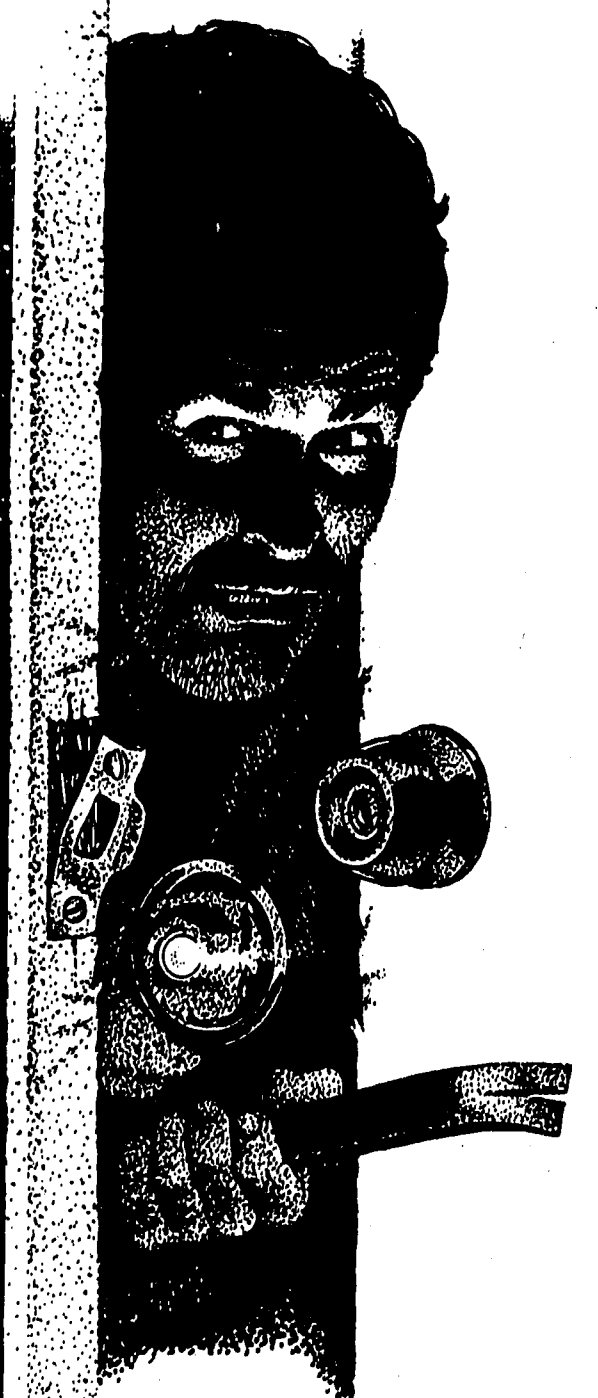
When you turn the lights on in the living room, you find that the room is in complete disorder—furniture is turned over, lamps are broken, the TV is missing along with your record collection and other valuable items. A quick tour of the rest of the house shows the same situation in the other rooms.

The police are called and arrive within minutes. They take a record of all missing items and leave you with the promise to do the best they can to recover your stolen items.

It is very late when you finally get ready to get some sleep. But sleep doesn't come. Your thoughts go over and over what has just happened.

As time goes on, you find that the robbery is affecting you and your family more than you realize. The children are afraid to go to bed; you are afraid to leave your home.

*What can be done to help this family overcome its fear and return family life to normal?*  
John 4:13-15



### Case No. 3

Your elderly mother resides in a city about two hours drive from your home. She lives alone in the family home. You receive a phone call, one afternoon, from the police saying your mother is in the hospital. She was attacked on the street on her way home from the grocery store. Her pocketbook was stolen, and she was beaten up.

*What will you do?*

1. Should you have your mother come live with you where she will have more security?
  2. Should she stay in a Senior Citizen's Home? Maybe neither of these options is to her liking. Are there some other ways of resolving the problem without moving her from her home?
- Proverbs 23:16-25



Case No. 4

"Mrs. B. is so efficient, let's ask her to be chairman of the dining room." "But, Mrs. Jones," replied Mrs. Hickman, "Mrs. B. is chairman of the sewing booth for the Harvest Sale. I know she does so well, however, don't you feel that with her work as Sabbath School superintendent and president of our Women's Society, she is too busy to be in charge of the dining room? Why don't we ask someone who doesn't have a special job?"

After a moment's silence, Mrs. Jones hesitantly answers: "You know that Mrs. B. will be hurt and not work at all if we don't ask her to be chairman. She might resign as president, too. Who could we find to do as much work as she does? Or give as much money, either."

*What should Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Hickman do about the dining room chairman? Do you have a Mrs. B. in your church?*

*Should we continually strive to not offend the Mrs. B.'s and fail to include many others in the activities of the church and related agencies?*

*Matthew 5:3-11; Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:7-14*



Case No. 6

"Dinner is ready, John."

"I am not very hungry, Jean."

"You know that the doctor warned you about missing meals."

"All right, I am coming."

"John, your napkin is by your fork. Please use it."

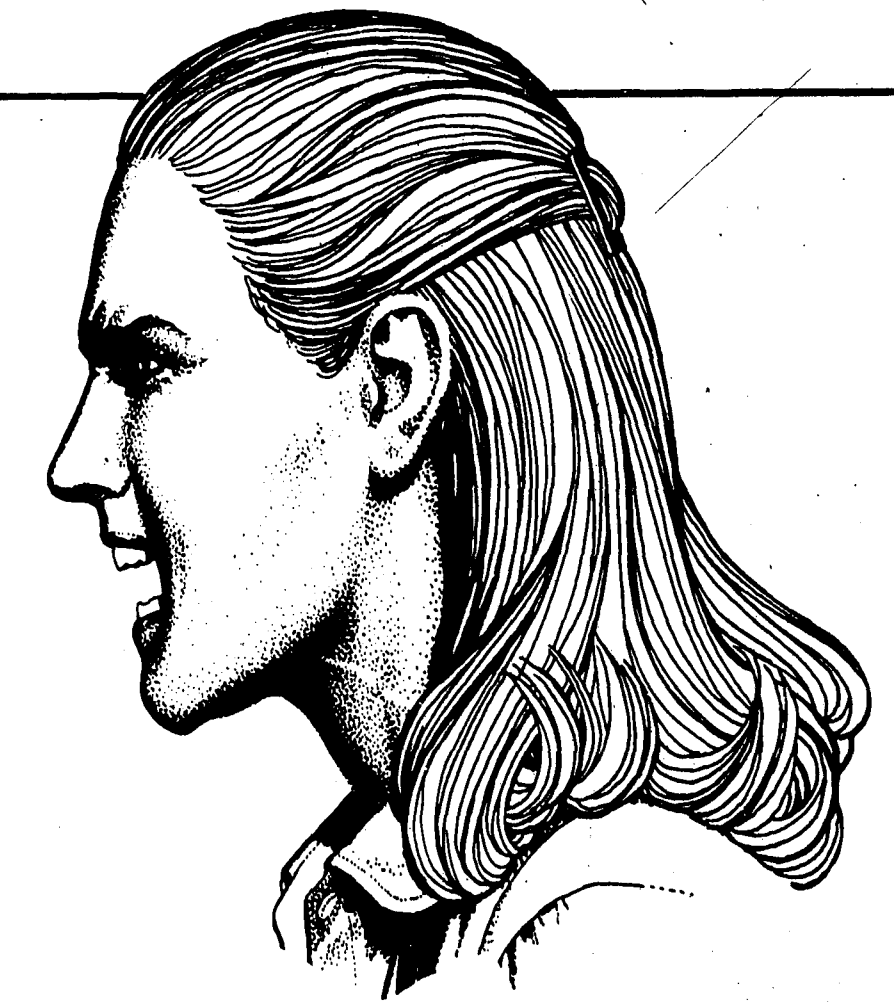
"Yes, dear."

"John, did you hear that Sue Adams has left for college? She and our Amy have always been such good friends. If Amy hadn't married, she could be going, too."

"John, Sam Jackson has just received another promotion. How many does that make for him since you two worked together?"

"John, the garage man said he couldn't do much for those rust spots on the car."

"John, how do you like the new slipcovers? The furniture ought to last for another ten years, now."



"The price of food for your cat has gone up again."

"John, are you leaving the table? Why, you have hardly touched your dinner! The doctor wouldn't be pleased."

*Could this be entitled, "Murder at the Dinner Table"? Do each one of us, whether a wife or husband, see something of ourselves in Jean?*

*Proverbs 27:15, 16; Proverbs 31:10-30* □

Case No. 5

For over a year, the Mentans and Starrs, close friends, have been finishing the interior of the Starrs' new home. What a good time the four have had. Good conversation and laughter have accompanied the wielding of the hammers and paintbrushes.

One night in early June in the Mentans' somewhat shabby, but comfortable, old kitchen, Mr. Mentan casually remarks, "Well, folks, Sue and I have finally saved enough for our trip to California. We have spent most of the day talking about the national parks and studying road maps. We are so excited we can hardly wait for the start of my vacation."

"That's just great. Tell us about your plans," rejoiced Mr. Starr.

Mrs. Starr's headache caused them to leave early. As they drove away, she exclaimed, "Why is it that some people have all the luck? I wish we could afford a nice vacation."

*How can Mr. Starr help his wife? Will Mrs. Starr's jealousy destroy their friendship with the Mentans? Is jealousy causing you unhappiness? Romans 13:12-14; James 3:14-16*



Family Life Bibliographies

CHAFIN, Kenneth, IS THERE A FAMILY IN THE HOUSE? Word, Inc., Waco, Texas 76703, 1978 158 pages, \$3.95.

"For Kenneth Chafin the family is not only society's most important but its most durable unit. It preceded all other institutions of society and is not about to give in to the forces surrounding and opposing it. But it does need help—and that is the role of IS THERE A FAMILY IN THE HOUSE? Its underlying purpose is to clarify what the family is and then to offer positive, practical suggestions to strengthen the family so that it can more adequately do what it was designed to do."

DOBSON, Dr. James, DARE TO DISCIPLINE. Tyn-dale House Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois, 1970, 198 pages, \$1.95.

"His forthright, practical, reassuring guide explains why children crave firm control, how best parent-child relationship is built on respect and how ultimate loyalty to God—and why discipline is the key to real love."

MYERS, T. Cecil, HAPPINESS IS STILL HOME MADE. Key-Word Book, Word Books, Publisher, Waco, Texas, 1976, 128 pages, \$1.75.

"Convinced that a 'good family is the nation's greatest asset,' and that successful marriages do not just happen, Cecil Myers writes to every person interested in making marriage more satisfying and the home Christian and creative."

PETERSON, J. Allen, CONQUERING FAMILY STRESS. Victor Books, division of SP Publications, Inc., P.O. Box 1825, Wheaton, Illinois, 60187, 1978, 144 pages, \$2.95.

"Every family experiences stress, crises, problems. It's what you do with them that counts. J. Allen Peterson tells you how to ..A - Affirm; C - Commit; T - Trust. This biblical formula could transform your marriage and family life to see you safely from the wedding through all the phases of family life. Discover the positive value of problems. Learn how to resolve crises—not shelve or skirt them. Learn how to fact stress with faith—not fear."

WHITEHOUSE, Donald S. and Nancy S., PRAY AND PLAY. Broadman Press, 1979, 189 pages.

"PRAY AND PLAY? Isn't it sacrilegious to mix praying with playing? Not where children are involved. Praying and playing are natural and normal elements of a child's world. There is no reason why the two activities shouldn't be woven together as an expression of praise." □



# The Christian Sabbath

*Dr. Thomas McElwain*

Christians relate to the day of worship in many ways. Some hold that the gospel dispensation of grace frees us from any such considerations. Some claim one day in seven to be necessary. Many consider binding upon Christians the observance of Sunday, appearing in the Bible as the first day of the week despite recent calendar changes here in Finland which make it appear the seventh. Finally there have always been Christians who recognize the implications of biblical Sabbath observance on the seventh day of the week commonly known as Saturday.

Jewish practice of Sabbath observance on the basis of the Old Testament and tradition has continued to the present day. Among established State Churches in Christendom, biblical Sabbath observance is to be noted among the Ethiopian Coptics. One of the larger protestant bodies observing the Sabbath is the Seventh-day Adventist denomination which rose in the last century. Although there are scores of Sabbath-keeping bodies, among the oldest is the Seventh Day Baptist whose oldest continuing congregation dates from the beginning of the seventeenth century. An important group of Sabbath-keepers is to be found among the Churches of God.

In Finland there are at present about 10,000 Sabbath-keeping Christians. Of these about six thousand are Adventists. Although no statistics can be obtained, there are undoubtedly well over 3,000 members of the native Finnish Sabbath-keeping

group known as the Lord's People. There are other Sabbath-keeping Christians among the Churches of God.

## **The Sabbath in the Bible**

The Sabbath appears in the very first pages of the Bible, in the heart of the creation story (Genesis 2:2,3). If one maintains a literal interpretation of the Bible one is forced to consider that the Sabbath is much older than Judaism and its ceremonial laws. The text relates the Sabbath to creation in an intimate way and presupposes a very special concept of time. If one accepts the biblical creation story literally, then it is very difficult to separate it logically from the Sabbath.

The Hebrew concept of the Sabbath focuses on the belief in a creator-god. Therefore the Sabbath commandment is stated in terms of creation (Exodus 20:8-11). The Old Testament concept does not stop with creation however. When the law is repeated in Deuteronomy 5:12-15 it becomes apparent that the Sabbath is observed in relation to God's action as a Deliverer. One of the main lines of thought concerning the Sabbath in the Old Testament is that through the Sabbath contact or covenant is maintained between God and humankind (Ezekiel 20:12).

The Sabbath is mentioned often in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. In the latter it is mentioned in connection with preaching and worship services. But in the Gospels we get a clearer

understanding of the depths of the meaning of Sabbath experience. From Jesus' behavior one gathers that he considered the Sabbath to have been covered over by rabbinical minutiae to the extent that the ordinary person no longer found it a positive religious experience. Jesus can be seen making an active reform in Sabbath observance. Just as he discarded rabbinical exactions in the sermon on the mount, returning to an Old Testament simplicity and then raising it to a high level of individual spirituality, so he did with the Sabbath throughout his ministry.

One of Jesus' first statements on the Sabbath must have been like a fresh breeze to his followers. In Mark 2:27,28 he answers accusations of Sabbath-breaking. He claims that the Sabbath is a gift from God to humankind rather than a means of controlling people. On the basis of this text many Sabbath-keepers today consider the Sabbath to be a special gift of love from God. There is much joy in a gift, especially if it comes from a loved and respected person. Perhaps there are no obligations in a gift, but what one does with a gift reveals, I think, what one thinks of the giver.

According to the Gospel narrative it seems that Jesus spoke very little about the Sabbath, but actually did that much more in its favor. He does mention the Sabbath nonetheless in Matthew 24:20. However one interprets this passage it is clear that Jesus refers to a time after his resurrection. It seems that Jesus presumes that his followers will be keeping the Sabbath at least until the time of the destruction of Jerusalem, long after his resurrection, since he commands them to pray that flight or trouble should not disturb their observance of the Sabbath. Although Jesus gives general principles on prayer in abundance, direct commands on what we should pray for are rare. I find only two commands on specifics: that we should pray for our enemies and for the peace of our Sabbath observance. No doubt Jesus knew even then what prayers would be the hardest for the human heart.

As we follow the pages of the Gospels we are amazed how often Jesus performed his greatest works on the Sabbath day. Through his miracles Jesus give the Sabbath a deeper meaning as the reminder of himself as one who delivers people from sin, suffering, and death. We can imagine what the Sabbath meant to the dying day of a man who was born blind and was made to see by the hand of Jesus on the Sabbath day. It must have been to him a day of joy, a day of remembering his deliverance. Such a day of joy the Sabbath may be to anyone whom the same hand has touched.

Jesus emphasizes deliverance in all of his relations to the Sabbath. The Sabbath in the Gospels

is so closely associated with salvation that it is difficult to consider them separately. The Bible tells us that Jesus gave himself up to die for the sins of humankind and was laid in the grave where he rested on the Sabbath day. As the following day approached and the Sabbath was coming to a close (Matthew 28:1) and the women came to the tomb looking for him, he was no longer there. He had risen. That Sabbath, a day of sorrow, turned to a day of joy. Thus the Sabbath became in their experience a mark and remembrance of the resurrection through which the night and sorrow of the soul ends in eternal life.

## **Sunday in the Bible**

There are a few biblical passages which mention Sunday, or the first day of the week as the Bible puts it. The greater part refer to the finding of the empty tomb after Jesus' resurrection. These passages indicate no more change in the time of the Sabbath than they do in the gospel of Jesus. They merely note that the tomb was empty on the first day of the week (Luke 23:56-24:3; Mark 16:1, 2; John 20:1; and Matthew 28:1).

Some passages note that Jesus appeared to his disciples for the first time after the resurrection on a Sunday. The passages mention also that they were gathered, not for religious services, but for fear of the Jews. (John 20:19; Mark 16:10-14; Luke 22:11,36,37). The conditions are similar in another situation (John 20:26), so that this too may refer to a Sunday event. There is neither statement nor indication in these passages that anything should be moved from the Sabbath to Sunday.

There is however one passage that seems to indicate a religious service on a Sunday (Acts 20:7-12). Closer examination nonetheless shows that this is an evening meeting. According to the means of reckoning days at the place and time, from evening to evening, the evening of the first day would fall on what would be our Saturday night. Apparently the Sabbath meetings overflowed into the first day considering Paul's imminent departure. On Sunday morning Paul left, as though he had never heard of Christian worship on Sunday morning. Indeed he had not.

There is one more passage that with certainty refers to Sunday (1 Corinthians 16:2). Here Paul asks Christians to lay aside at home money for the relief of the destitute so that it will be ready when he will come to take it. Apparently again Paul expects people on Sunday morning to be at home and taking care of their finances.

In Revelation 1:10 there is a reference to the Lord's day. There is no indication what specific

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We all like to throw around the term "gospel." But what does it mean? What does the Bible say about it? Paul said, "Remember, Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel. . . ." (II Timothy 2:8)

The death and resurrection of Christ was of **first importance** to Paul (I Corinthians 15:3). The gospel is the good news of something **finished** (John 19:30). By believing on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we are saved.

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew*

*and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:9-13).*

These verses ought to be the statue of liberty to the Christian soul. The liberating verdict of justified or declared righteous by trusting in the merits of Christ ought to be our rallying cry.

Yet often in many Christian churches, we get **good advice** and not good news. The glad tidings of the Christ event—the holy life, bitter death and glorious resurrection—and what that means to the sinner is given a back seat to overly pious, perfectionist preaching which takes the joy out of the Christian life and puts us back on the carrot stick treadmill of legalism. Salvation and right standing with God is never sure is the message presented.

by Bill Kanengiser

God's mercy to undeserving sinners ought always to be presented to the sin-sick soul. It gives a glow to the heart and a light to the eyes. By taking Christ's merits as our own, God gives us eternal life (John 3:16), and an abundant life (John 10:10 b). We also obtain the Holy Spirit to enable us to endure and grow in grace.

If we get overly pious in our Christian walk, we should heed Paul's words about the real law of God: "Carry each other's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2).

For all practical purposes, the constant harping on the letter of the law and Old Testament theology have more place in a synagogue than in a gospel church of Jesus Christ. I hope we never reach the place where we seek to be justified by the law. In that case we are alienated from Christ and fallen from grace (Galatians 5:4).

The Spirit will lead us into all truth and will put love in our hearts (Romans 5:5). Faith active in love will produce a Christian bearing fruit for God. Any over-emphasis on apocalyptic speculation, severe personal piety or sectarianism is repugnant to the cross of Christ.

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## Privilege and Responsibility II

Study V

by Rev. Victor Skaggs

"When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. All this is done by God, who through Christ changed us from enemies into his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also. Our message is that God was making all mankind his friends through Christ. God did not keep an account of their sins, and he has given us the message which tells how he makes them his friends. Here we are, then, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends!" -II Corinthians 5:17-20  
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"Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved. But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed? And how can the message be proclaimed if the messengers are not sent out? As the scripture says, 'How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!'"  
Romans 10:13-15 TEV

With Paul's affirmation that we are "ambassadors for Christ," and with the questions he asked the Romans both firmly in mind, call to your memory the words of Jesus as He gave the disciples their mission. Read Acts 1:8 and Matthew 28:18-20. Couple these thoughts with the words of a part of Jesus' high priestly prayer, John 17:17-20.

At least twice in the records of Jesus' words we find expressions like this: "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." So, the church has believed that its ministry to the world is to carry

on the work of Christ. Sometimes we say, "Christ came for the salvation of men." Sometimes we take our cue from the Gospel according to John and say, "God loved the world so much that Jesus came to give eternal life to all who believe." Sometimes we take our cue from the apostle Paul and say, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation." The words are more forceful than we ordinarily note. "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." With no distortion we may say: "Because Jesus sends us into the world as He was sent into the world by His Father, God is in His church reconciling the world unto Himself." (Read II Corinthians 5:11-15)

In II Corinthians we are called "ambassadors for Christ." In a number of references we are called "priests." Long before Christ came to earth God had formed a nation of priests, Israel. Read Exodus 19:6. The same theme is carried forward and enlarged in the New Testament, for it speaks of Christians as a "royal priesthood." Read I Peter 2:9,10; I Peter 2:1-5; Revelation 1:4-6. A priest stands before God in behalf of men, and he stands before men in behalf of God. He is a mediator between God and man. He is an ambassador. That is what God has called us. Some of the conditions of our priesthood (ambassadorship) may be seen in the references above.

In each of the following incidents our ambassadorship is illuminated: Matthew 5:13-16 (salt of the earth and light of the world); Philippians 2:12-18 (stars lighting up the sky); John 15:1-11 (the vine and the branches). And the power of our ambassadorship



Our General Conference President, Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, has requested that Bible Studies related to the theme of General Conference 1982, be printed in THE SABBATH RECORDER for five consecutive months. Each Seventh Day Baptist is invited to make these studies a part of his or her preparation to be a "reconciler," an ambassador for Christ, by completing them at home. Please save these pages and bring them to Conference at Redlands. Small groups will discuss them there. Our 1982 Conference theme is "The Ministry of Reconciliation." It is based on II Corinthians 5:17-20.

becomes clear in II Corinthians 1:3-5. Whatever our need is, it is met in God! Whatever need we meet as ambassadors, it is met in God! This is Good News which is changing human life. Yet, so often, we start at the wrong end. We go to a man and say, "God loves you! Don't despair!" when the very tool God gives us is a love within our hearts which goes out to that man and surrounds him in his loneliness and makes us his friends, or out to him in his bitterness and assuages his grief, or goes out to him in his sin and lifts him up to forgiveness and fellowship.

How can he know what we are talking about when we mention God's love unless we demonstrate it by what it has done for us and does for him through us? How can he know what we are talking about when we mention eternal life unless the quality of our lives is such that their very value surrounds him with the idea of permanence? How can he understand what we are talking about

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## THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

by Dorothy Parrott

Some announcer the other day said it had been predicted the price of gas would be down to 90¢ a gallon by July. Whether or not it reaches that level remains to be seen but, at least, the price has been going down in our area. This should be helpful for those who are driving to Conference in Redlands. Also, the airlines have some attractive super-saver fares, especially if they are reserved and paid for sixty days in advance.

I hope many of you are making plans to attend. In considering the many instances of alienation we experience in our society it has become apparent to me that lay people need to be more involved in the Ministry of Reconciliation. I have just reread the article "We Are Chosen To Be Ministers—in All our Ways" by Jean Jorgensen (Sabbath Recorder, July 1980). She says we need to encourage each other in our ministry.

We also need more training to assist in carrying out the various ministries performed by our churches. This is why the Conference program has been planned with six workshops to train us to be better teachers, to help us learn how to be more effective evangelists, to learn to perform the different functions of the diaconate better, to learn about the role of healing in our ministry and to serve in the area of Christian Social Action. There will also be emphasis on the need for young people to become equipped to do the ministry of the church and the conference.

In January I attended the Lay Ministry Training Seminar at the Garden Grove Community Church, Garden Grove, CA. The

principle espoused in this session was that the ministry is the responsibility of the laity—the pastors are for equipping the lay people so that they are able to perform their ministry. Hopefully, every church will have someone in attendance at every training session.

You will also want to have delegates to consider and vote on any concerns that have developed in the move to Janesville. By the time this Recorder reaches you the move will be an accomplished fact. You will also want to be there to vote on and to welcome those churches requesting membership in the Conference.

It is encouraging to learn of the many inquiries being received from people desiring to attend a church with a polity such as we practice and that also observes the Sabbath. We need to be more aggressive about letting the community close to us know that such a church exists. We have been guilty of hiding our light under a bushel.

In the next issue I will try to have complete information on the speakers for the evening and Sabbath morning services. Special plans are being developed for the Sabbath School hour, the hour of worship and the Communion Service. It will be a day of Celebration in Worship.

I pray God's richest blessings on you, individually in your daily walk wherever you serve our Lord. It has been an exciting experience for me as I have visited your churches and learned of the various ministries you are performing to the Glory of God. □



## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE University of Redlands Redlands, California August 8-14, 1982

*The host committee has prepared this booklet of registration forms for your convenience. Please send in these forms as soon as possible. This will aid the committee in making the arrangements for you.*

*Dr. Victor Burdick has been preparing an excellent Pre-Con program. I hope we will have a good youth group at Conference. Besides the Senior High Conference, Jim Skaggs will be conducting a youth workshop.*

*I hope you can visit some of the interesting places in Southern California. We will be having Wednesday afternoon free but please don't plan an extensive trip for that time. You won't want to miss any of the evening programs so arrange to make your trips to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm or other attractions either before or after Conference.*

*We meet in these conferences to conduct the business of the denomination, however, the spiritual refreshment as we share in our worship services and the fellowship we enjoy are also vital parts of this week we spend together.*

*Hopefully, you will return to your churches and share with those who were unable to come some ideas that will help you have better Sabbath Schools, a better ministry of the diaconate and a better understanding of how to minister to those who have been alienated from their fellowman through witnessing and Christian Social Action.*

*In the Ministry of Reconciliation  
and In His Love,  
Dorothy Parrott*



PRE-REGISTRATION: Fill out form and mail to: Jean Lewis  
5060 Sierra Street  
Riverside, CA 92504

DEADLINE: Pre-Registration must arrive on or before July 15, 1982.

ON CAMPUS REGISTRATION: Registration is under the direction of Jean Lewis and DeDe Mackintosh, in ANDERSON LOBBY.

HOURS: Sunday August 8, 12:00 Noon to 10:00 P.M.  
Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

- See Line ( 1 ) REGISTRATION FEE: All persons attending General Conference are required  
( 2 ) to pay a Registration Fee of \$17.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children  
( 4 ) (11 and under). This includes all local people attending General Conference.  
( 5 ) This fee includes Health, Accident, and Liability Insurance for the week  
(10) at the University of Redlands. People arriving after Wednesday will pay a registration fee of \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children.
- See Line ( 1 ) ROOM & BOARD: \$138.69 for six days (includes all meals Monday through  
( 2 ) Sabbath). All persons sleeping on campus, including persons sleeping in  
( 7 ) RV's parked on Campus **MUST BUY A MEAL TICKET**. Room Key deposit will be \$10.00 per key, to be paid to the Dorm Resident Assistant (not to be paid with the Registration Form) and is refundable. ONE child (11 and under) may sleep on the floor in each room at no cost.
- See Line ( 3 ) LINEN: Linen Packet includes two sheets, pillowcase, pillow, towels, and  
( 9 ) washcloths (NO BLANKETS).
- See Line ( 2 ) AIR-CONDITIONING: Some rooms are air-conditioned and there will be an  
( 8 ) additional charge of \$1.00 per day. Most non air-conditioned dorms have suites (2-two bed rooms with bath between). We will try to accommodate all those who wish air-conditioned rooms.
- See Line (11) RECREATIONAL VEHICLES: There will be RV parking on campus in the parking lot behind the Field House. There will be electrical hook-ups, but the \$6.00 fee does not include use of RV air-conditioners (use your generator). The showers and bathrooms in the field house will be available for your use. All persons sleeping on campus must buy a meal ticket.
- See Line (12) People arriving on campus for Sunday, August 8, dinner will need to make reservations if they wish the dinner meal. Also people staying on campus Sunday morning, August 15, will need to make reservations if they wish breakfast.
- See Line (16) ALL CHECKS AND/OR MONEY ORDERS TO BE IN US CURRENCY ONLY.  
(17) Payable to the SDB General Conference Host Committee.
- See Line (20) TRANSPORTATION: You must let the Host Committee know if you need transportation  
(21) from Airports/Trains etc., to the Conference Site. Please try to arrange  
(22) air travel to Ontario Airport as the Los Angeles International Airport is under construction and traffic is difficult. If you travel through the Los Angeles Airport please consider using the Disneyland Bus Service and arrangements will be made to pick you up at the Disneyland Hotel.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Single meals may be purchased  
ADULTS: Dinner \$4.50 Lunch \$3.60 Breakfast \$2.50  
CHILD : Dinner \$1.50 Lunch \$1.00 Breakfast \$ .50  
(Add 6% California Sales Tax)

CHECK CASHING: Weekend request must be in the registration office by Friday Noon.

NURSERY FACILITIES: There will be a nursery staffed by paid attendants during all meetings.

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READ INFORMATION PAGE BEFORE FILLING OUT FORM

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( 1 ) REGISTRATION, ROOM & MEALS (7 nights & 6 days)	\$138.69		\$ 85.33		( 1 )
( 2 ) REGISTRATION, ROOM (AIR-CONDITIONED) & MEALS (7 nights & 6 days)	\$145.69		\$ 92.33		( 2 )
( 3 ) LINEN (Optional)	\$ 4.00		\$ 4.00		( 3 )
( 4 ) REGISTRATION & MEALS (6 days)	\$ 84.44		\$ 31.08		( 4 )
( 5 ) REGISTRATION (Only)	\$ 17.00		\$ 12.00		( 5 )
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( 6 ) MEALS PER DAY	\$ 11.24		\$ 3.18		( 6 )
( 7 ) ROOM & MEALS PER DAY	\$ 18.99		\$ 10.93		( 7 )
( 8 ) ROOM (AIR-CONDITIONED) & MEALS PER DAY	\$ 19.99		\$ 11.93		( 8 )
( 9 ) LINEN (Optional, 1 to 7 nights)	\$ 4.00		\$ 4.00		( 9 )
(10) REGISTRATION (Thursday-Sabbath)	\$ 12.00		\$ 7.00		(10)
(11) RV PARKING ON CAMPUS (per vehicle per night)	\$ 6.00		NIGHTS		(11)
(12) SUNDAY EVENING (August 8) DINNER	\$ 4.77		\$ 1.59		(12)
(13) SUNDAY MORNING (August 15) BREAKFAST	\$ 2.65		\$ .53		(13)
(14) WOMEN'S BANQUET	\$ 7.50				(14)
WOMEN'S BANQUET-Women with Meal Ticket	\$ 2.73				
(15) YOUTH BANQUET	\$ 8.50				(15)
YOUTH BANQUET-Youth with Meal Ticket	\$ 3.73				(15)

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- (22) ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (23) ROOMMATE PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_ SPONSOR (If Under 18) \_\_\_\_\_
- (24) OFF CAMPUS LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
(For those attending but not staying on Campus, home, motel, camp)



**ATTENTION YOUTH!**

We, the undersigned have read the General Conference rules and regulations and agree to comply with them during the 1982 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference:

As the parent of \_\_\_\_\_, I further agree that my child is legally responsible to the undersigned sponsor, and that said sponsor may also make any necessary decisions regarding medical services.

	SIGNATURES	
PARENT _____		DATE _____
YOUTH _____		DATE _____
SPONSOR AT CONFERENCE _____		DATE _____

**Guidelines for Christian Conduct at General Conference**

**SDB General Conference Regulations and Rules:**

Generally, wherever Seventh Day Baptists have held their sessions of General Conference, they have left behind a strong witness for the Christ whom they serve and a spirit of goodwill because of their high level of morality and attitude of cooperation.

In order to maintain our witness for Christ, in order that our people may be spared from social pressures that might otherwise involve them in unapproved activity, and in order to help conscientious parents and sponsors of young people at Conference to give proper supervision, and out of respect for those who need a good night's sleep in order to fulfill their Conference responsibilities, the following regulations have been drawn up by the Youth Ministries Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and approved by General Council.

1. All unmarried young people under 18 years of age in attendance will have their own parents or a sponsor over 25 years of age who are also in attendance at Conference. All young people will be assigned to rooms on the same floor of the same dorm as their sponsors. It is the responsibility of the youth to be certain that if dorm rates are different, the sponsor and youth will cooperatively choose the dorm selected, (i.e. non air-conditioned vs air-conditioned, etc.).

2. Parents or sponsors assume full responsibility at all times for the conduct and discipline of the young people whose sponsorship they accept. Such respon-

sibility does not extend to direct supervision when youth are engaged in a scheduled Conference activity. But the sponsor's responsibility does cover necessary transportation to and from any activity if not provided. This responsibility includes actions **day and night in the dorms.**

3. Local rules of the school and facility are binding on all Conference attenders unless changed by Host Committee or the General Council.

4. Curfew hours will be established for the consideration of others, for health reasons, and will mean that each individual will be in his own assigned room and quiet at that time. Such consideration should be the sign of a maturing Christian.

5. Socializing between boys and girls is to be limited to public areas so that no one may have reason to question even the most innocent of intentions.

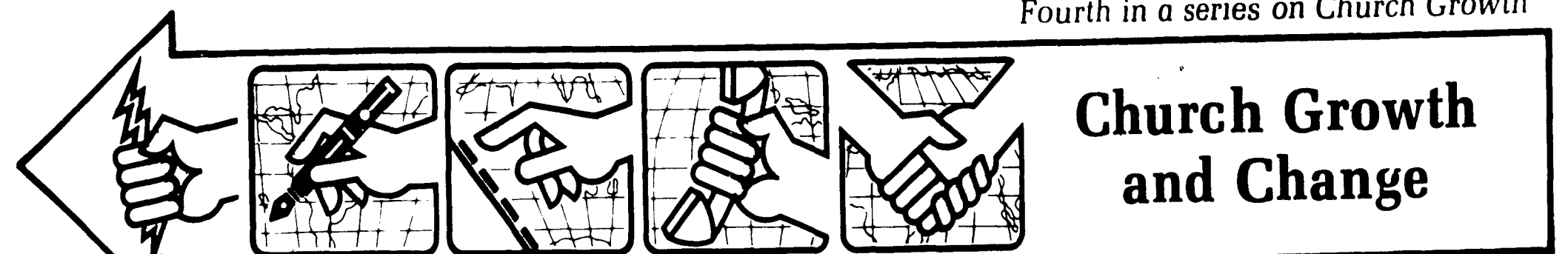
6. A Disciplinary Council composed of two National Youth Ministries Committee members, two Host Committee members and a member of the General Council shall be established before Conference convenes. The General Council member shall be chairman.

7. Any person damaging property or breaking these rules shall be considered by the Disciplinary Council as to the course of action. Any young person who refuses to accept the decision given by the Disciplinary Council or continues to challenge the good image and Christian standards of Seventh Day Baptists shall expect that he will be required to leave Conference facility under the supervision of his sponsors at their cost. □

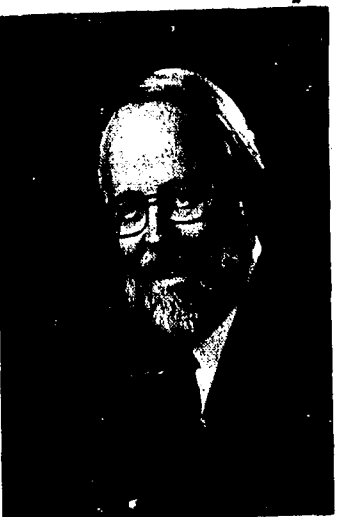
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**Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary**



Church growth does not come about by our dreaming about it or wishing it will happen. C. Peter Wagner in his book *YOUR CHURCH CAN GROW* says, "The indispensable condition for a growing church is that it wants to grow and is willing to pay the price." We have to first want to grow and then be willing to do what we have to do to make it happen. "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:20)

Wagner indicates that for growth to occur the people of the church must have faith. Remember "faith" and "works" go together. This faith, however, must be working at two levels—the pastor and the people.

Level one: the pastor. The pastor must want his church to grow. If he/she doesn't want the church to grow, growth will not happen. If your pastor is resisting the necessary steps to growth there are two solutions. Either convince and convert him or get rid of him.

**How To Keep Your Church from Growing**

Level two: The laity. "The lay leaders in particular must want the church to grow. If they do not, they can effectively and almost effortlessly prevent it." Wagner calls the kind of church that prevents growth the "Christian Closed Shop." He notes three specific ways the church can effectively thwart growth. First of all, "The church becomes almost like an extended family. They have grown to know and love each other so much that they would feel extremely uncomfortable if an outsider were to penetrate the inner circle." (This sounds very familiar to me. How about you?)

Second, "An undue stress on Christian perfection can turn a congregation into spiritual navel-gazers who are so pleased with their own heroic attainments that they have little tolerance for newer Christians who are not polished."

Third, "A congregation full of bickering and backbiting becomes very self-centered. So much energy is spent on trying to hold the internal pieces together and to survive that little attention is given to winning the lost."

**There'll Be Some Changes Made**

Another dynamic within the church affects whether it grows or not. For most of our churches to grow they are going to have to make some changes.

The February 1982 issue of "Leadership Letter" (published by World Vision) deals with that dynamic. The editors note that "There is probably no society in the world which is as accustomed to change as America. We expect change. However, more and more Christians, particularly when they think about their local churches, are resisting change."

The newsletter goes on to share some very good insights regarding people's natural negative reactions to change. The editors indicate that for most people, "Change is perceived as loss." Even for happy occasions such as marriage, moving to a newer, better home, or getting a better job, there is still some perception of loss. There is the feeling that, "We have left something behind, something which we can never recapture."

Christian leaders have been called to be change agents. The very term conversion means to change directions—to turn around and go in the opposite direction. We are called to change and to bring about change in the world as we share the gospel message of "good news." Yet as we call for change we bring about anguish and insecurity and so we are faced with a dilemma. Change is imperative but change is devastating. The role of the change agent must then be not only to bring about change but also to provide a solution to the common needs and fears of those who are resisting. Again, according to the "Leadership Letter," "The task of the Christian leader is to introduce change in a manner that will encourage people on the one hand and not discourage them on the other."

**Change Agents Can Help**

The editors of the newsletter suggest several ways to help prepare people for change. The two most significant are these: (1) Since all change is experienced as loss, look for the gains that will be made from the change and show that the gains far exceed

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## HANDFULS OF CORN

A book of Sabbath poems.

Here is a delightful new book of Sabbath poems. It is perfect as a gift for any lover of the Sabbath or of poetry—and ideal for one's own thoughtful meditation on any Sabbath eve or afternoon.

Thomas McElwain, the author, is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Salem, West Virginia. He lives with his family in Finland and teaches comparative religion at the University of Turku. "The field is vast," he says in the preface, "and one soul can glean but a few handfuls on the way. Some experiences of one isolated Sabbath keeper are expressed on these pages with the prayer that they may lead another to taste of a neglected aspect of Christianity."

Just in time for Sabbath Emphasis Day 1982, *Handfuls of Corn* is published by the Salem church. The hard cover book is printed on heavy paper with appropriate line illustrations.

A thoroughly Christian view of the Sabbath emerges from these poems. Several are based on the Bible passages in which Jesus clarifies its significance. A note in the preface pinpoints the central theme: "In Christ the Sabbath takes on a meaning altogether personal, in the light of which the whole human experience radiates a stark, new importance."

In one poem the Sabbath is a window on heaven. Through it the poet sees in concrete detail the beauty of the changing seasons yet senses that "all things decay"—

Within my narrow range,  
when all is done, some things remain:  
return of Sabbath day.

We never possess the Sabbath. Like all God's gifts we are free to accept or reject it:

...like a deer  
I hesitate between the woods and the kingdom  
of iron and clay

snorting at the pungent wet  
Sabbath morning  
not quite trusting its peace but  
neither believing anything else.

In "Snowstorm One Friday Night" the beauty and serenity of Sabbath is symbolized by a winter landscape. Then in the next poem we confront Jesus himself. "Man With a Crippled Hand" begins like many of the poems with a striking first line, "There are too many eyes in this house," and ends with a changing life: "I too hold out my hand."

Involvement in Jesus' way of keeping Sabbath can draw one into the suffering of others as depicted in "Sabbath Rose," a reflection of life in a county old folks home. The poems take a variety of form. "And Bore Our Grievs" is a dramatic monologue in which a skeptic tells Joe he's lucky because he's seen and talked with God.

I don't say I've suffered like you,  
don't get me wrong, I don't say that.  
But when was your last theophany?

Others like "Berry Time" are almost pure metaphor:

Sabbath  
was once bright  
sun and acrid  
smell of  
azaleas and sweet gums

Now  
I am tramping through  
huckleberry bushes.

These are no monotonous sing-songy rhymes. They are full of surprise—

Secure—  
unless the rats defy my planned precautions—  
in another year's potatoes.  
from "Sabbath Rest"

and full of beauty:

The God I chose  
was not your fine miracle worker.  
He deals in ordinary  
breathless fall days,  
ripening pumpkins,  
shuddering cornstalks  
the crack of maple.  
and bitter scent of fresh-cut oak.  
from "Mere Sabbath Day"

Knowing that McElwain is fluent in five languages and that he is involved in university lecturing, research, and editing a professional journal, one might expect the poems to be heavy and philosophical. Philosophical some may be. Heavy they are not. One called "Resurrection Sabbath" and couched "in the works of Thomas Didymus" begins,

The heart is made of weather  
sometimes cold with sleet  
or then again a warm rain in summer.

One called "The Gods Came Down" is a catalogue of man's gods from pagan idols to a corrupt church to crass materialism. The images are sharp and clear—

The gods came down  
with burnished copper faces  
and polished feet

and the poem ends like so many others with the breakthrough of Christ into human experience:

... and one god  
stepped aside and by the lake,  
dressed in overalls, gave barley  
loaves and bits of fish  
from a work-worn hand, gave what  
no other god could give:  
a day of peace beside the sea.

The point or the "moral" of these poems emerges naturally from the images, never preachy or over direct. Many make effective use of rhyme including the theme poem, "Handfuls of Corn," based on Mark 2:23-28.

To human kind  
the day was given  
for ours and not God's pleasure.  
Today we find  
a piece of heaven  
a double handful treasure.

A few of the poems remind us that the author is in Finland, where in summer there is a long wait until midnight for Sabbath to come, and in winter "December Sabbaths end at one o'clock." Those of us prone to fill our Sabbaths too full with busy church program may well envy the quiet Sabbaths from which these poems obviously grow.

McElwain's own loneliness in keeping Sabbath often comes through. The last poem, a fervent prayer of praise to the Lord of the Sabbath closes with these lines:

Lord of the Sabbath  
look on one who clingeth  
alone this Sabbath  
day on the edge of  
a boreal land.

## CATHEDRAL SABBATH

It seems  
it was your habit  
on the Sabbath day  
to find a well-filled church.

I sit today  
among the empty seats.

The squeak of tourists shoes  
pauses  
for inspection of  
your portrait  
on the cross.

Tom McElwain

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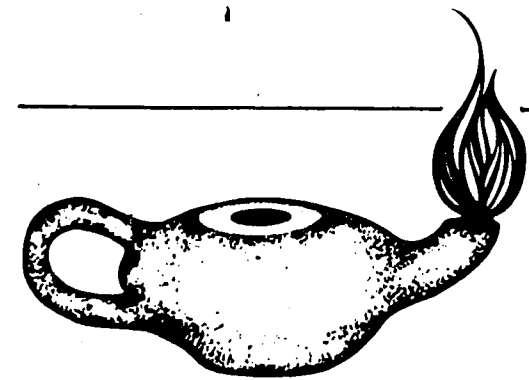
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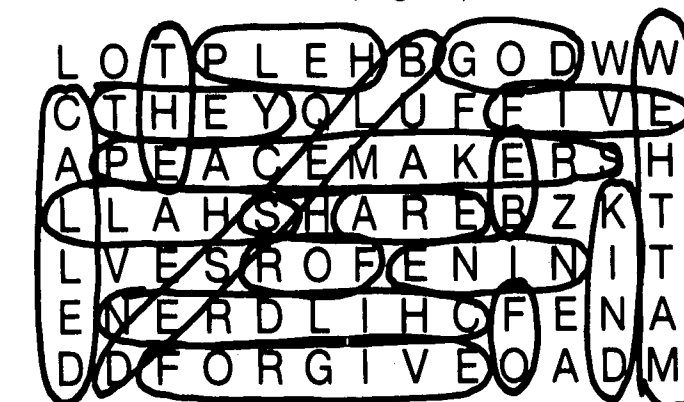
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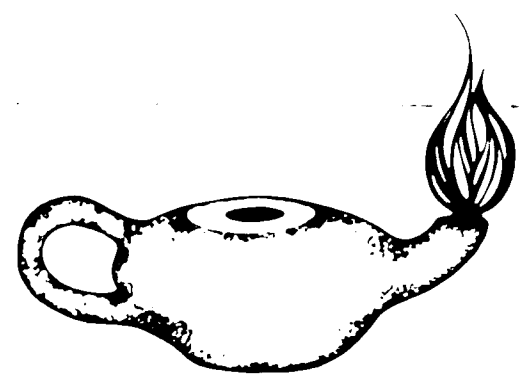
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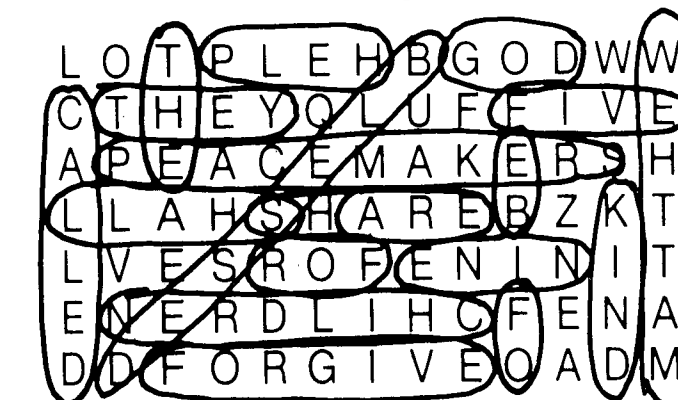
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### MISSIONS TODAY

● "MISSIONS"—the monthly newsheet sharing information on missions—national and international—with our Missionary Keyworkers and Pastors in local churches has been mailed with the new LEAD LINE Monthly publication from the General Conference Executive Secretary for the past three months. Has this been shared in your local church? . . . on your Missions bulletin board?

● GET ACQUAINTED with Blantyre, Malawi, Africa and the Seventh Day Baptist churches and groups meeting there/Learn about the move of Pastor A.K. Harawa from Mzuzu to Blantyr/understand what his new role is with the Central Africa Conference/"ride" with the Pearsons to church one Sabbath and sense something of their daily life—it is all in the April MISSIONS!

● NEW EXTENSIONS PASTOR: Rev. C. Justin Camenga, who has served the new church at Portland, OR for several years in a "lay-pastor" part-time arrangement, began to receive additional support from the Missionary Society as a Church Extension Pastor (part-time, 25 to 30 hours per week) beginning April 1st. He will continue to do some substitute teaching in the local schools too.

● NEW WELLS-INDIA: Kasumur Village, Ankalammapalli hamlet, Devanagar hamlet, Pamulapalli hamlet, Giddalur and Elurupadu all in Andhra Pradesh state of India are

Verse for the Month: "For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on, good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest."

-2 Cor. 10:10 TLB

locations for new irrigation wells sponsored through a special gift from the Baptist World Alliance. The Christian Social Action Committee sent \$1,000 as part of the grant. Rev. B. John V. Rao is administering the project.

● MISSION NIGHTS: Each Friday night in April and the first Friday in May were set for emphasis of Seventh Day Baptist Missions through the showing of one of the slide sets—SDB MISSION IN THE PHILIPPINES; A VISIT TO AFRICA; VISIT MALAWI-1981 in Action; MEXICO CONVENTION-1981; THAT EVERYONE MAY HEAR at the Little Genesee, NY Seventh Day Baptist Church. This was arranged by Missionary Keyworker Mrs. Thomas L. Burdick.

● NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA: Rev. G. Harrison wrote early in March, "Please, we have trouble here (with) our church building at Umuire Town our present headquarters. (The roof) was blown off by a heavy breeze and killed two people passing by. Please give us financial aid to put the top back again. The members have no house to worship in again." Funds for Africa received by the SDB World Federation have helped meet this need.

● THAT EVERYONE MAY HEAR—Reaching The Unreached: This slide set with cassette tape script produced by MARC/World Vision was shared at the Area Spiritual Retreats and is now available for loan to churches after May 10th. Its 139 slides present a gripping picture of today's world and the need for the Gospel.

## PRAYER

### A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

CORNER

JUNE 1982

#### PRAY FOR:

- 1- Meeting of the General Council at Janesville, WI
- 2- SDB World Federation leaders and the 13 member Conf/Conv.
- 3- The branch SDB Church, Springfield, MO, & Pastor Ken Hatcher
- 4- Thank God for the beauty of His creation
- 5- Brethren in South Africa as they meet to worship this Sabbath
- 6- Those planning/leading Daily Vacation Bible Schools in our churches
- 7- Center on Ministry Institute being held at Janesville, WI
- 8- Missionaries Rodney & Camille Henry & family, Cebu City, The Philippines
- 9- Church Extension Pastor C. Justin Camenga, Portland, OR
- 10- Editor/Historian Scott Smith and Jeanie in their new work
- 11- Director of Church Extension, Mynor G. Soper
- 12- Sabbath School Mission Offering—a vital part of Our World Mission
- 13- The summer camp ministry of my church/association
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- 22- The denominational staff as they get settled in their new offices
- 23- Rev. B. John V. Rao and other pastors of the sister churches in India
- 24- My pastor as he ministers to the church and to me
- 25- The Southwestern and Southeastern SDB Association in their spring meetings
- 26- Pastor Bill and Mrs. Shelley Shobe and Joshua, Atlanta Metro Church
- 27- SCSC Project Leaders and the Teams that serve with them
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## the CHURCH in ACTION

### Active Program In North Loup

NORTH LOUP, NE—Greetings from the North Loup, Nebraska, Seventh-Day Baptist Church. We left off our last report with our "Decision to Discipleship" group just starting up, and they have continued with blessings since then. They are now studying the added SDB phase.

The young adults are still going strong as a fellowshiping group, which seems to be good for our unity. They have had many volleyball-basketball nights and even ate a 10' long banana split together.

Our annual "Turkey Supper," which is open to the community, was held in November with proceeds going toward a new dining room floor out at our Camp Riverview. H.I.S. Simple Truth Quartet presented a very professional, Spirit-filled message in song at a concert at our church one night in November. This group is from Columbus, Nebraska. All four men and their pianist have other occupations, but use their special talents for the Lord in their spare time. We were particularly blessed.

November 14th we were honored with a visit by Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate and the Dean of Council on Ministry, Paul Green. They shared with us denominational news, and video programs, and joined in the men's sing. That evening, they helped the young adults devour their huge banana split, played table games, and provided enjoyment by just being themselves.

"Nite Song," a film which depicted reality and provided Christian solutions to problems we face, was shown at the church on November 8th. The community was invited and admission was free.

Some of the guys formed a quartet some time ago and have performed musical service for various groups, including the rest homes in the area which are also attended to periodically by other groups in our church.

Merlyn Van Horn, our Association President this year, challenged the Association, and specifically, our church to read the Bible from cover to cover in one year. A poster with "Name" spaces and check-off boxes for each section of reading was placed in the entrance-way of the church.

The Christmas season brought the Sabbath School Christmas Program, a Christmas Cantata by our choir, caroling and passing out of goodies by the Young Adults, and other worshipful festivities.

January 8th, Mr. Kip Gonzales was our guest speaker at a prayer meeting emphasis-missionary outreach. Representing "Mission Possible," Gonzales shared a slide presentation and discussed his work, smuggling Bibles into Communist countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Practice for Junior Choir started up on February 13th, and we are looking forward to hearing the children sing for us.

In the evening of February 13, we had an all-church social. Numerous brain-challenging cooperation-requiring games were played, and it showed how much we enjoy each other.

In Luke, chapter five, verses 4-8, we find the story of the "Big Catch." Under very unusual circumstances for fishing, a very unusually big catch was made. Because of the unusualness, Simon Peter knew that it could only be the Lord's work. Our pastor used this story to show us that in what seems to be an impossible mission field, we can, because of the Lord, be fishers of men and make a "catch." Larry said, "It is not our estimation of the situation that counts." □

### Farewell Party For Lawtons

Ashaway, RI—About 80 members of our and sister SDB Churches, friends and clergy from area churches met to wish farewell to Pastor Gordon, Linda and Nathanael Lawton in the Parrish House on Jan. 16th.

Esther Burdick, Emma, Theresa and Mary-Jo Johnson, from the Waterford SDB Church, sang and Mary-Jo played a selection on the violin. The Westerly SDB Choir, under the direction of Althea Rood, sang two Praise anthems and Dale and Althea sang. The Choir from Second Baptist Church of North Stonington, which Linda directed, sang an anthem.

Rev. Harold Lambe, from Westerly, voiced the community's wishes and thanks to the Lawtons. Pastor Dale Rood remembered past times with both of them since he and Linda were both from Milton and he and the Pastor had worked closely in camps, retreats, etc. He said that he would miss their able assistance and fellowship.

A few slides of highlights of their pastorate were shown. Refreshments of cookies, squares and punch were served by the Ladies. Everyone had time to express personal remembrances and wishes. The Lawtons began their new ministry in Boulder on Feb. 15th. We thank God for their safe journey and pray that He will bless them greatly. □

—Layman's Call

### HOW YOUR Sabbath Recorder SUBSCRIPTION IS PAID

Your copy of *The Sabbath Recorder* is sent without cost to you and to those who wish to receive it. The cost of publication is met by voluntary contributions by members and friends of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Your tax-exempt contributions are welcomed and make possible the continuation of this publication. □



On January 24, 1982, a reception honoring Madeline and Elmo Fitz Randolph was held at the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church. During the three hour reception, many friends and family of Madeline and Randy stopped by to express appreciation for their 41 plus years in the Christian ministry.

A very unusual money tree (a huge golden-colored Colorado tumbleweed) was decorated with colorful paper hearts. On those hearts were individual thoughts written by each one attending the reception. There were homemade cakes and candies prepared by the ladies of the Boulder Church and a punch that had Randy coming back for seconds and thirds (Mountain Dew being the main ingredient).

It was enjoyable to watch Madeline and Randy during the reception and to witness the wonderful relationships they have with so many different people. We of the Boulder church feel quite fortunate that they are making their home in this area and will continue their service for the Lord with us. □

—Gretchen Zwiebel



On Sunday, January 24, 1982, the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church honored the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph and his wife, Madeline, at a reception marking the conclusion of their fifteen-and-a-half year pastorate

in Boulder and their retirement from a pastoral ministry covering forty-one-and-a-half years. At a previous business meeting the Boulder church officially designated the Randolphs "Pastor and Wife Emeritus."

Pastor Randy accepted his first call to pastoral ministry from the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church in New York, while he was a student in the Alfred University of Theology in 1939. In 1941 he completed the requirements at the seminary and was awarded his Bachelor of Divinity degree. After four-and-a-half years in the Alfred Station church he accepted a position of Boy Scout Field Executive in Pine Tree Council of Maine. There he was director of Camp William Hinds, Panther Pond, Maine, for two summers. Throughout his years in the pastorate he has maintained his love and support of Scouting and has been active in many capacities. While serving in Wisconsin he received the Silver Beaver award from the Indian Trails Boy Scout Council.

The Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church called the Fitz Randolphs in 1944 and they began a twenty-one-and-a-half year pastorate there in October. In their service to the Milton church, Milton College and the greater Milton Community they note the following as highlights: leadership in the development of Camp Wakonda; originating the "Meal of Sharing" program; leadership in acquiring the Babcock Memorial Carillonic Bells and the Whitford Memorial Handbells; serving on the Milton College Board of Trustees for twenty years and teaching courses in religion and philosophy for five years.

As chairman of the selection committee for a new president for the college, Pastor Fitz Randolph experienced deep satisfaction in bringing his friend and former Boy Scout Executive superior, Percy L. Dunn, to the presidency. Throughout his years in Milton Pastor Randy was active in interchurch programs, helping to start the Milton-Milton Junction Ministers Council and initiating the interchurch dial-a-prayer telephone service that is still active.

The Fitz Randolphs entered the pastorate of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colorado, in June of 1966. In fifteen years of service, the longest pastorate in the church's history. Elmo has had a major role in the development and program at Camp Paul Hummel. He and Madeline have always worked in a "team ministry." In 1966 the Boulder church received a set of handbells from Tom and Jane Bottoms honoring her mother, Deaconess Ollie Hodge. Madeline organized a handbell choir that has achieved outstanding success playing in many communities in Colorado.

In the summer of 1967 the handbell choir, directed by Madeline and managed by Elmo, took a three-week concert tour of six states climaxed by performing daily at General Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

During Pastor Randy's ministry in Boulder he has given leadership in several community organizations and programs. This service includes two years each as president of the Boulder Council of Churches, Boulder Meals on Wheels and the Boulder unit of the American Cancer Society. He has also served, and continues to serve, as chaplain of the Boulder Civil Air Patrol, holding the rank of captain.

As a special spiritual service to the Metro-Denver community, he encouraged the Boulder church to initiate a Dial-a-Meditation telephone service that has continued for more than seven years to date.

Pastor Fitz Randolph has been active in the program of our Seventh Day Baptist General Conference during his forty-one years in the ministry. With the Board of Christian Education Executive Secretary, Rev. Harley Sutton, he helped plan, and co-directed the first two Pre-Conference Youth Retreats in Battle Creek, Michigan, and Boulder, Colorado. He directed the Pre-Conference Youth Retreat near Buchannon, West Virginia, and co-directed the Young Adult Pre-Conference Retreat, with Madeline, at Alfred University. In 1952 he was president of the General Conference

in Battle Creek, Michigan and served as chairman of Commission for two terms. Currently he is a member of the Council on Ministry, having chaired that Council for several years.

Always interested in the ecumenical involvement of Seventh Day Baptists, Randy attended the Constituting Convention of the National Council of Churches and signed the constituting document representing Seventh Day Baptists. He was a member of the General Board of the National Council of Churches for its first two years. In 1975 Elmo and Madeline attended the Baptist World Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, as the only Seventh Day Baptist representatives.

Our Boulder Pastor emeritus and Madeline have moved from the parsonage to the "old rusty" lodge at Camp Paul Hummel where they will continue their ministry as camp managers, serving the Boulder and Denver Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Their church membership continues to be in the Boulder church.

The major project for their immediate future is building a home on their "sanctuary" land adjacent to Camp Paul Hummel. □

—Mary Wells

The Light Bearers for Christ invite applications for director and for new members of the singing team. Inquiries and resumes may be sent to Phil Burrows at the new permanent mailing address: Light Bearers for Christ, Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547.

Light Bearers for Christ is an evangelistic musical ministry of Seventh Day Baptists supported by voluntary contributions of Seventh Day Baptists and other friends. The singing teams have traditionally traveled among Seventh Day Baptists presenting evangelistic concerts in our churches and other churches, schools, and prisons in the areas.

"In addition to applications for director and team members, we invite continuing and regular contributions to the Light Bearers'

ministry," says Phil Burrows, chairman of the steering committee which oversees the group's work.

"Seventh Day Baptists have been supporting Light Bearers teams for ten years now," Burrows says. "Their influence has contributed to spiritual renewal in many of our churches, and former Light Bearers provide young and experienced leadership in many of our groups across the country. We have great hope for the future believing our people will continue to support the proclamation of the Christian gospel through this type of musical group."

Other members of the Light Bearers Standing Committee are Steve Thorngate, Daryl White, and Barbara Saunders. The committee is part of the Evangelism/Home Missions arm of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Arthur Rowe, director of the 1980-81 Light Bearers team, resigned March 1 to continue his education. He is majoring in commercial music at the University of North Alabama. He continues to write "Music Notes" for the *Sabbath Recorder* and he and his wife Lavin (married in December 1981) are both active in the Paint Rock, Alabama, church.

Other members of the 1981 team have returned to work and/or college: Jerry Van Horn in North Loup, Nebraska; Neil Murphy in New York City; Jim Warner in Los Angeles, and David Thorngate in Paint Rock, Alabama.

The vehicle purchased by the Missionary Society for use by the Light Bearers will be sent with their equipment from the former headquarters in Paint Rock, Alabama, to the Milton, Wisconsin, area for storage until a new team can be assembled. □



## SDB's Meeting In North Miami

NORTH MIAMI, FL—Seventh Day Baptists in the Miami area have recently organized and have begun regular Sabbath services. Sabbath services are held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12600 N.W. 4th Street, North Miami, Florida, at 10:30 a.m. The group has access to lovely and adequate facilities at this location.

Leaders of the new group are: Alcott Lynch, chairman; Ralph Easley, co-chairman; Velma Edwards, Secretary; Dorothy Easley, Treasurer. The group has agreed to place its membership with the "parent" church, the Daytona Beach SDB Church. It is hopeful that some from Daytona Beach will be able to visit the new group from time to time.

SDB's in the southern part of Florida, and especially the Miami area are invited to join in these services. We ask for prayers from all of God's people for this new witness in the sunny state of Florida. □

## Ridgecrest Fellowship Active

RIDGECREST, CA—Weekly Sabbath services continue to be held in the auditorium of the Old County building in Ridgecrest, CA with Terry Mendiola and Betty Chadwick as lay leaders. Bible studies are conducted also on Wednesday nights.

On the first Sabbath of each month as many as possible of the group come down to worship with the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. On the third Sabbath of each month a group from the Riverside church makes the very enjoyable trek through the desert some 150 miles to worship with the Ridgecrest Fellowship in the afternoon. Christian fellowship is further enriched through joining in a fellowship dinner in the evening.

Pray for this new outreach in California and for those who are giving leadership. □



## Babcock Called to Richburg

RICHBURG, NY—The Rev. Wayne Babcock, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Centralia, Washington since September of 1979, has answered the call to service extended by the church in Richburg, New York. Pastor Wayne and Ida will be relocating to Richburg around the first of June. We pray God's blessing on them as they assume the responsibilities and challenges of this new pastorate. □

## Dutch Conference Held

HAARLEM, HOLLAND—"Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me" (Acts 1:8) was the theme of the Conference of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of the Netherlands as they met September 4-6, 1981, with the Haarlem Church. On Friday evening the speaker was Brother P. van der Mey; following the service two persons were baptized. Three members were reported as added to the Leeuwarden Church.

On Sabbath Elder J.A. Nieuwstraten spoke from Psalm 51:15. "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise." There were activities for the young people during the Conference meetings. Guests were present from Seventh Day Baptist Churches in West Germany and New Zealand. It was a blessed and inspired Conference. □

The Link

## Where Do I Send It?

Beginning May 1 all mail to any of the offices previously located in Plainfield, New Jersey, should be sent to the new address:

SDB Center  
Box 1678  
Janesville  
WI 53547  
(608) 752-5055

This includes mail to the General Conference, American Sabbath Tract Society and Publishing House, Memorial Fund Trustees, Center on Ministry, World Federation, and Historical Society.

Although the Historical Society will maintain an office at 510 Wau-chung Ave., until the building is sold, the only mail addressed there should be that regarding sale or disposal of books, equipment, or other items not being moved to Wisconsin. Regular correspondence to the Historical Society will be received in Janesville. □

## ON THE MOVE?

If you anticipate a move, please send us your new address at least 4 weeks in advance so you won't miss one exciting issue.

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## Need a Summer Pastor?

Several of our seminary students are available for summer pastoral work following Summer Institute which ends on June 27. If your church is interested please contact Dean Paul Green in Janesville for more details. □

## ACCESSIONS

ALBION, WI  
Robert Harris, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Lynn Field  
Robert Katz  
Mary Rinker  
Tammy Wallmow

By Letter:  
Rev. Robert Harris  
Linda (Mrs. Robert) Harris

DENVER, CO

By Letter:  
Rochale Goodson  
Bonnie Williams

MILTON, WI  
Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor

By Letter:  
Eugene Davis  
J. Paul Green, Jr.  
Denise K. Green  
Laurie Green

PAINT ROCK, AL  
John D. Bevis, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Angie (Mrs. Steve) Butler  
Steve Butler

## OBITUARIES

BOTTOMS.—Ary Thomas, Jr., son of Rev. Ary Thomas and Jewel Mason Bottoms, was born March 28, 1918, in Cullman County, Alabama. He died in Boulder, Colorado, February 11, 1982, having suffered several years in ill health. The son of a Seventh Day Baptist minister, Tom grew up in rural communities of Alabama and West Virginia. Following his secondary education, he attended Salem College in West Virginia one year.

During World War II he served for nearly five years. He saw front line duty for a year in the Africa and Italian campaigns as a technical sergeant servicing heavy mechanical equipment.

Thomas married D. Jane Hodge on March 20, 1945 in Boulder, Colorado. Four children were born to them: Kenneth E. Bottoms (who

preceded him in death in 1981); Roger D. Bottoms, Littleton, Colorado; Donna (Mrs. Gary) Browning, Westminster, Colorado; and Ann Marie Bottoms, Loveland, Colorado. Also surviving him are his wife, Jane Bottoms; a brother, James D. Bottoms, Iowa; four sisters: Lillian Bee, Florida; Katherine Duitsman, Illinois; Estelle Jewel Fernandez and Mira Ann Tye of California. There are six grandchildren.

Tom was self-employed in Boulder as a garage owner, automotive salesman and mechanic and later as an insurance salesman in which he experienced outstanding success. Before he retired in 1973 he was involved in real estate development and sales on the Colorado western slope.

Tom was a long-time member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder. In 1966 Tom and Jane gave a set of handbells to the church to honor Jane's mother, Deaconess Ollie Hodge. The handbells were played at the funeral service conducted on February 15, 1982 by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in Mountain View Memorial Park, Boulder, Colorado.

—E.F.R.

MARSDEN.—Evelyn Irene Slagg Marsden was born on August 22, 1906, in Edgerton, WI, the daughter of John Albert and Irma Lulla Slagg, and died February 16, 1982 at her home in Edgerton.

Upon graduation from Edgerton High School in 1924, she entered Madison General School of Nursing and graduated in 1928. She served in the profession of nursing at the Edgerton Hospital, Pinehurst Sanitarium and also as a private duty nurse.

She married Lawrence W. Marsden on August 13, 1947, in the parsonage of the Albion church with the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn officiating. Her husband preceded her in death in 1978.

She was a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. She served her Lord in many ways through her service in the church. Her testimony of faith and example of Christian conduct was recognized by the people she knew and loved. The Albion church called Evelyn to ordination as Deaconess on February 21, 1953. Continuing her service to the Lord in a special way, she served on committees, worked with youth, and did many behind-the-scene things to serve her God.

She served the community in various ways. She was a member of the Albion Civics Club, Royal Neighbors of America, Albion Historical Society and the District Nurses Association.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Laurel E. Tucker; two stepsons, Stanley and Duane Marsden; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Fritz and Barbara Newcomer; 16 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Greta Bjornstad and Emylu Zaborek; two brothers, A. Elba Slagg and Clair Slagg.

Funeral services were held at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Harris officiating. Burial was in Albion Prairie Cemetery.—R.H.

SCHOCK.—Julia Reinhardt Schock was born January 22, 1913, in Oshkosh, WI and died in Edgerton, WI on December 29, 1981.

She was married to Jack Schock on Feb. 9, 1934. An Edgerton resident since 1952, Mrs. Schock was formerly employed as a tack stitcher by Nunn-Bush Shoe factory. She attended the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a member of the Home Benefit Society and the Edgerton Senior Citizens.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Floyd of Edgerton and Jacob of Edenton, NC; three grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Ruth Grawwunder of Ogdensburg and Mrs. Viola Evenson of Bonduel; and two brothers, Edwin and Leon Reinhardt both of California.

Services were held from the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Harris officiating; burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery.—R.H.

WELLS.—George Randolph, youngest child of Oscar Clark and Inez Randolph Wells, was born August 19, 1906 near Farina, IL, and died Jan. 12, 1982 at Joliet, IL. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina.

Mr. Wells began his teaching career in a rural school of Marion Co., IL, where both his father and grandfather, George Clark Wells, had preceded him as teachers. He taught in several IL secondary schools and when he retired in '72, he had completed 26 years at Joliet Township High School. He served as Science Dept. chairman, Central Campus, for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Wiseheart Wells, one son, Richard R. Wells, DeKalb, IL, three grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Gail Alderdyce of Battle Creek, Mich.

Services were held Jan. 15 at the Richards St. United Methodist Church of Joliet with the Rev. James M. Reed, pastor, in charge. Burial was in the Farina cemetery.—C.W.

WHIPPLE.—Elizabeth Vernon was born March 17, 1910, in Chicago, Illinois, and died at the Heartland Nursing Home of Clarksburg, WV, on February 25, 1982.

Miss Whipple, as she was affectionately known, was artist in residence at Salem College where she had served since coming to Salem as a faculty member in 1935. During her long career she taught succeeding generations of art students, was chairperson of the Art Department, Dean of Women for several years, and coordinator of the art therapy program. As need arose she even taught such diverse subjects as psychology. After her "retirement" at age 65, she continued to serve the college often teaching several college classes. She continued to produce artistic works as artist in residence and teach community classes in art at the Clarksburg Art Center as well as teaching private students. Even during her long illness, she found the strength to attempt some painting from her hospital bed.

Miss Whipple was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church having joined the church during her illness and because of her long association with and appreciation of Seventh Day Baptists. She was a supporter of and member of The Friends of Fort New Salem, the Clarksburg Art Center, The Water Color Society of Clarksburg, and the Salem Business and Professional Women's Club.

She is survived by four sisters, Mrs. J.D. Carter, Columbus, OH; Mrs. Vail James, Lebanon, OH; Mrs. G.W. Haney, Lacombe, LA; Mrs. J.J. Timberlake, Middletown, OH, who cared for Elizabeth during her illness; and one brother, Robert L. Whipple, Canton, MA.

A memorial service was held at the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 28, with Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College during most Elizabeth's tenure; Professor John Randolph, colleague in the Art Department; and Mrs. Dorothy Davis, neighbor, presenting the eulogies. Dr. Melvin G. Nida, interim pastor, presided.—M.G.N.





Rev. Robert Harris recently had the honor of baptizing three young people and welcoming them into the membership of the Albion, WI, SDB Church Pastor Harris, Bob Katz, Tammy Wallmow and Lynn Field. □

### CHURCH GROWTH AND CHANGE

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the losses. (2) Always look for the win/win situation. No positive goals can be achieved if the church members experience a win/lose situation. If someone loses when a change is made there will always be hurt feelings and negative attitudes.

What does it take to cause your church to grow? A strong faith that what you are doing is God's will. A willingness to pay the price of having to give your time, money, and energy to see that it happens. And probably as important as all the rest, the sensitivity to help everyone realize the benefits of growth as you respond to the necessary changes that others will perceive only as loss. God wants your church to grow. I pray that you are willing to pay the price. □

### Sabbath Emphasis Day May 15

"Sabbath Keeping—Loving Obedience"  
—Day of Fasting and Prayer—

### THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

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day of the week this might be. In all fairness one should say that there is room for interpretation. Considering the rest of the New Testament however, it seems that to interpret this as Sunday must be anachronistic. There is no other reference to Sunday observance. The only day of the week ever referred to as the Lord's day is that of Mark 2:27,28 which is the seventh day or Sabbath. Jesus himself makes the claim that he is Lord of that day. He makes such a claim of no other.

#### Conclusions

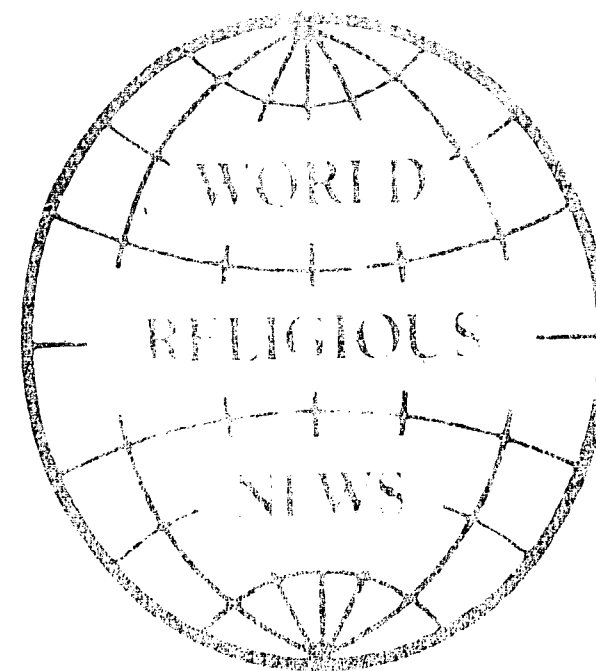
We have briefly noted the biblical passages referring to Saturday and Sunday. The facts are as follows: 1) Saturday Sabbath observance is to be found as far as the apostolic church; 2) although there was argument on how the Sabbath should be kept there is nowhere in the Bible any question of it being changed into another day; 3) Sunday or the first day of the week appears in the Bible in connection with a religious service only once and on an occasion in which Paul clearly showed that Sunday worship was unknown to him. Sunday worship has no direct biblical foundation. Of that

one cannot argue.

From a religious point of view, the situation is different. Christians do many things which are not taken directly from the Bible: the celebration of Christmas, the use of candles, bells, and organs in churches, the use of a specific type of clerical clothing, all of which may be considered beautiful and right without making appeal to biblical authority. We cannot say the Sunday observance is not an ancient Christian tradition. But we can say that it is not biblical.

There are of course in the Bible even direct commands of Jesus which are not observed by most people. Who pays tithe of mint and anise? The decision is up to the individual, whether or not he will respond to Jesus' teaching and practice on the Sabbath question. Salvation and judgment are also up to the individual. When one approaches God through the Bible, no one else can make the decision for him. □

Dr. Thomas McElwain is Associate Professor of Comparative Religion at the University of Turku in Finland. Last year while visiting in America he became a member of the Salem, WV, Seventh Day Baptist Church.



### Study of Dismissal of Pastors

Studies made by the Alban Institute of reasons for 117 dismissals of pastors by congregations in three denominations show that nearly half involved internal conflicts and problems that existed before the pastor came to that church and that nearly one-fourth of the same churches had dismissed previous pastors.

In addition to the preexisting factor working against pastors, the study found that personal conflict between pastor and laity was another major cause of dismissal. The minister's failure to assess the mood of the congregation, dividing rather than uniting leadership qualities, and conflicts over values, goals, and worship practices appear to be causes of tension.

These 117 cases of dismissal were unrelated to others which may have occurred because of personal conduct. □



At a recent chapel service at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, some 1,400 gift Bibles, each individually embossed with the cadet's name, were presented by the American Tract Society to incoming cadets.

Begun back in 1869, this was the 113th consecutive year in which the historic society has provided these leather-bound gift Bibles to the entering class. A special copy also was presented to Lt. General Willard W. Scott, Jr., Superintendent of the Academy.

Pictured above receiving a gift Bible from Dr. Slocum, President of the American Tract Society, are Chaplain Richard Camp and cadet Nicholas A. Sensley in behalf of his classmates. Others representing the Society are Mr. Ib Bolt-Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Miller, and Mrs. Slocum (L to R). □

### Marijuana Update

*Marijuana Update* is a new pamphlet which reveals important recent changes in the marijuana situation. Marijuana, as now sold on the streets, is up to ten times stronger than it was in 1975. The drug is being bred for strength by producers, and its use today carries new potentialities for harm. The way experts are discussing the drug today is also new. A few years ago many were discounting the dangers of marijuana. But use of "pot" is now a whole new ball game, and most experts are much more concerned than they used to be. It is also now recognized that chronic use of marijuana can produce dependency. The psychological dangers of use of the drug are receiving concerned new attention. This pamphlet tells the story...For a copy, readers may send 50 cents and a stamped, addressed envelope to Grafton Publications, Inc., 667 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021. (Three copies for \$1)

Grafton Publications, Inc., also publishes the well-known newsletters, "Addiction and Substance Abuse Report," now in its thirteenth year, and "Success with Youth Report," now in its sixteenth year. The firm's materials are on the approved lists of major school systems. More than a million copies of Grafton pamphlets have been purchased and used by the U.S. armed forces. □

### MARRIAGES

NOVOTNY-LEACH.—Timothy Novotny of West Allis, WI, and JoAnn Leach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Leach of Milton were united in marriage on December 19, 1981 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton, WI. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Earl Cruzan, assisted by Pastor Herbert Saunders.

SANFORD-PIERCE.—Renee Pierce and Douglas Sanford were united in marriage February 14, 1982 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Milton, WI by Rev. Herbert E. Saunders. They make their home in Madison, WI.

### BIRTHS

HARRIS.—A daughter, Joanna Judith, to Rev. and Mrs. Robert Harris on November 22, 1981, in Edgerton, Wisconsin.

LIPPINCOTT.—A son, Devon Vaughn, to Daryl and Marcy Lippincott of Janesville, WI on December 13, 1981.

RADER.—A daughter, Rena Elizabeth, to Randall and Denise (Hedghes) Rader on January 13, 1982, in Frankfurt, West Germany.

THORNGATE.—A daughter, Elizabeth Shaw, to Stephen and Lisa Thorngate of Burlington, WI on November 19, 1981.

### Directory of Sabbath-Observing Groups

This book list alphabetically over one hundred Sabbath-observing groups throughout the world, gives a brief summary of their beliefs, and tells you where to get more information about them. This is a valuable reference book and may be ordered for \$4.50 from the non-denominational:

Bible Sabbath Association  
Fairview, OK 73737 □

# MUSIC



# NOTES

by  
Arthur Rowe

Rev. Paul Burdick writes, suggesting that something be said about the fundamentals of voice production. He mentions a simple exercise which as helped him become familiar with what he terms "diaphragmatic breathing."

In recognizing the importance to the singer of proper breathing, Rev. Burdick concurs with the

great teacher, Joseph Klein, who begins the first chapter of his book, *Singing Technique*, with this statement: "Breathing is as normal for human beings as is running. A runner must, however, learn to move his legs in an extraordinary fashion if he is to become a champion, and the same is true of breathing for the outstanding vocal artist. The great singer is an extraordinarily skilled breather."

We may not expect to become great singers; but most of us, at least secretly, would like to do more than just listen to others make music. It seems to me that the mastery of basic breath control would improve the average voice immensely, even if there was no opportunity for further training. Put in its simplest terms, good breathing depends upon a return to the naturalness of infancy, before we acquired certain bad habits!

When lying on one's back, one observes that the chest remains relatively motionless, while the abdomen rises and falls. Yet observe a standing individual, and, generally, as he breathes, his

chest moves in and out, while his abdomen remains still. If you can develop the conscious habit of breathing the same way while sitting or standing as you do naturally while lying down, you have taken the first step toward becoming a singer. Rev. Burdick finds it helpful to practise this while standing with back and head against a wall, a hand on the stomach to help visualize the movement. "Don't assist with any movement of the rest of the body, such as bending at the hips or head and shoulders," he warns.

Instruction in voice is beyond the scope of a monthly column, but if you do not have access to a voice teacher and are interested in exploring the subject, you may wish to obtain Joseph Klein's challenging, but readable, text, *Singing Technique: How To Avoid Vocal Trouble* (National Music Publishers, Tustin, CA 92680).

"Now the purpose in all this," concludes Rev. Burdick, "is that using the diaphragm only brings no strain, no screeching, no tiring of muscles of throat or neck. You can really sing all day without tiring or ruining your voice." □

## PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY II

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when we speak of God's forgiveness unless he sees forgiveness at work in our relationships with him and with each other? The people of Jesus' day saw a perfect demonstration, and it went over their heads.

Good News means that others shall come to know that someone cares, that God's love surrounds them, that God's people will bear them up and help them with warmth and friendship and food and the assurance that they belong among the people of God. For it is only as we live the Gospel in our relationships with others that the Gospel has meaning in the world. It is then that we may fulfill our ambassadorship.

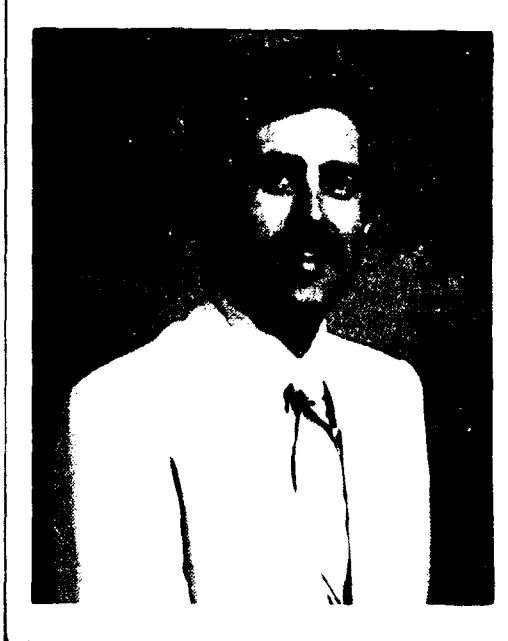
### AN EXERCISE:

Remind yourself of the experience of Jesus and three disciples on the mountain of transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-21). Even in this high moment Jesus' love was centered on the disciples and His thoughts were for their welfare. At the foot of the mountain His thoughts were centered on human need, both that of the boy and his father and that of the disciples. If you are willing to use your moments of high inspiration for ministry to others (as Jesus did), try this: Select an individual or a couple in the community where you live and begin to pray for them something like this: "Lord, what can I do to show your love to this (man) (woman) (couple)?" Keep on praying like that day after day.

The Lord will make suggestions to you; you will feel the urging of the Spirit; you will begin to express God's love to that person or those persons. The variety of expressions of love which will open to you will grow as you continue until you wonder why you did not begin this exercise long ago. You may confidently expect that this simple exercise will broaden your love and make you more conscious of God's love until your love included many, if not all, you know and those you meet. But begin with one, or at most, two, and see what happens. For you are an ambassador for Christ, God making His appeal through you. Make your list of privileges and responsibilities as complete as possible. □

## EDITORIAL

### Sabbath Emphasis Day



In May of each year we observe Sabbath Emphasis Day as a special time of calling attention to one of the distinctives of our faith. The observance of the seventh-day Sabbath is a special blessing for Seventh Day Baptists, a blessing we seek to share with others.

The Sabbath Promotion Committee, chaired by Iris Maltby, has prepared special helps and bulletin covers to assist us in observance of this special day. This material had been sent to our churches and will be used coast-to-coast as we join together in thanking God for the day He has established for special communion with His creation.

We are also challenged this year to set aside a day for fasting and prayer. The Board of Christian Education has prepared an excellent study on fasting and prayer which has also been sent to the churches to aid in the understanding and practice of this Biblical concept.

Many are the concerns that unitedly we would lift up before our Father's throne. For many of these are difficult days as inflation and unemploy-

ment are soaring. Not only are we concerned about economic conditions but also we seem to see spiritual problems on every hand. We realize, as perhaps never before, our reliance upon God for all that we have and are. It can be a beautiful and meaningful experience to know that we are praying together as a people for the Lord's guidance and deliverance.

As we pray for one another, as we remember that we are brothers and sisters in Christ, the words of Paul to the Philippian church speak to us today: "I thank God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:3-6NIV).

May God give a special blessing to His people, partners in the gospel, as we go forth in His name sharing the good news of the saving power of Jesus Christ and the blessings of forgiveness in coming days and months. □

## —Camping 1982—

The camping season is upon us again. All across the country Seventh Day Baptist camp committees have already been at work planning for successful and meaningful camp programs. Many of our laity will take a part of their vacation to staff our camps, giving themselves and their time to a program that can have untold effect on young lives.

Camping is more than getting away from the routine of school or work. Christian camping is a rich time of fellowship; a time of making new friends, of experiencing the beauties of nature, a time of learning, and more importantly, a time to develop a special spiritual relationship with one

another and with our heavenly Father.

We are thankful for the strong and creative camping program of Seventh Day Baptists. We are thankful for those men and women of the past who gave of time and money to make our camps what they are today. We are thankful for those who will staff the 1982 camps; those who will cook the meals, plan and direct the activities, and for those who will provide spiritual leadership. May 1982 be one of the best years yet in Seventh Day Baptist camping. We shall be praying for the staff and campers from Pacific Pines Camp in Southern California to Lewis Camp in New England and all in between. □



