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White flashing gulls swift and bright  
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Tugging the reluctant sand into her bosom.  
Green, brown and gold sea grass shines briefly.  
All this to behold from a powerful Lord.

A red ball being drawn from a purple sky.  
Grayish clouds settling quietly down.  
A quiet sea lapping hungrily at brown sands.  
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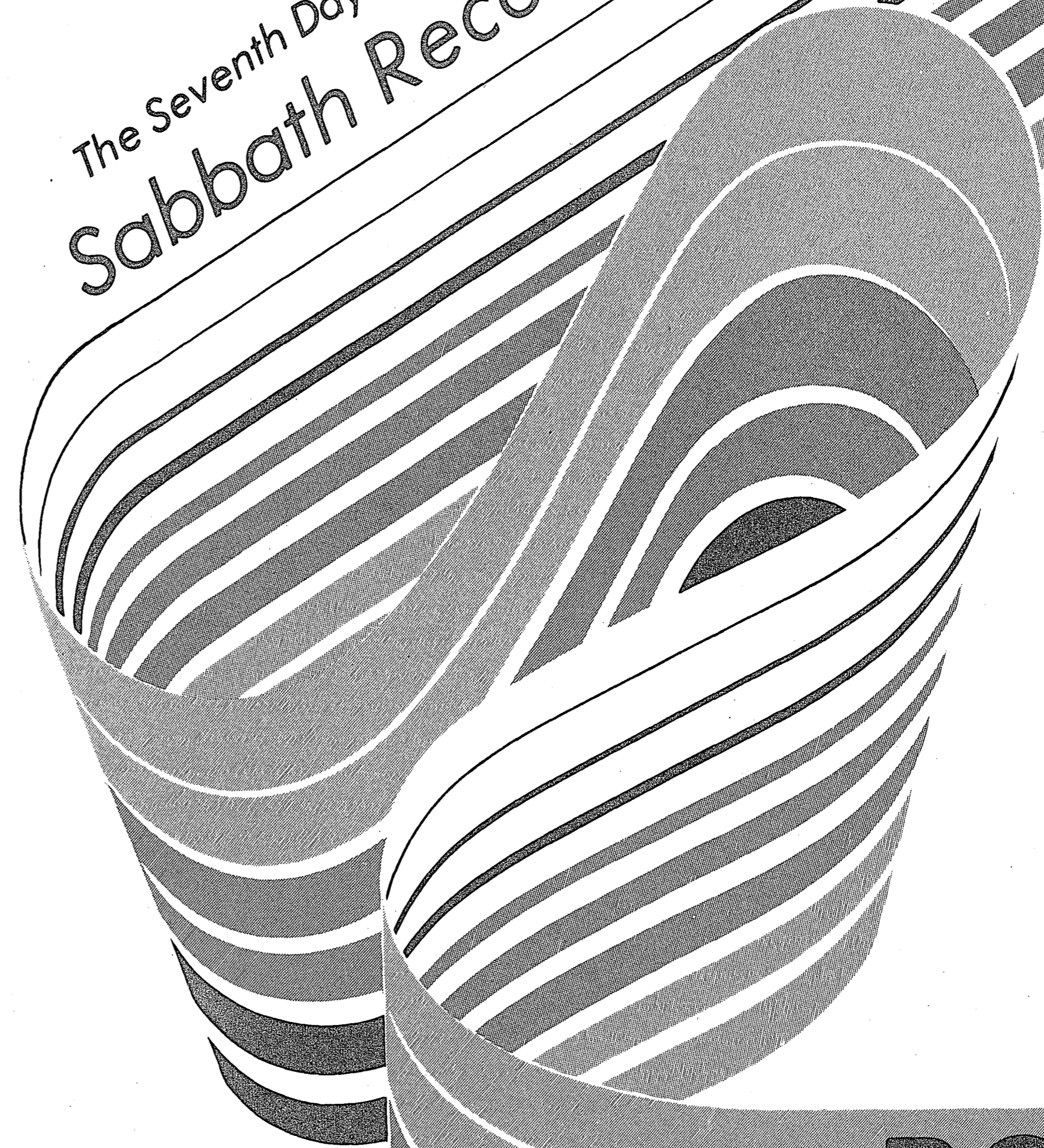
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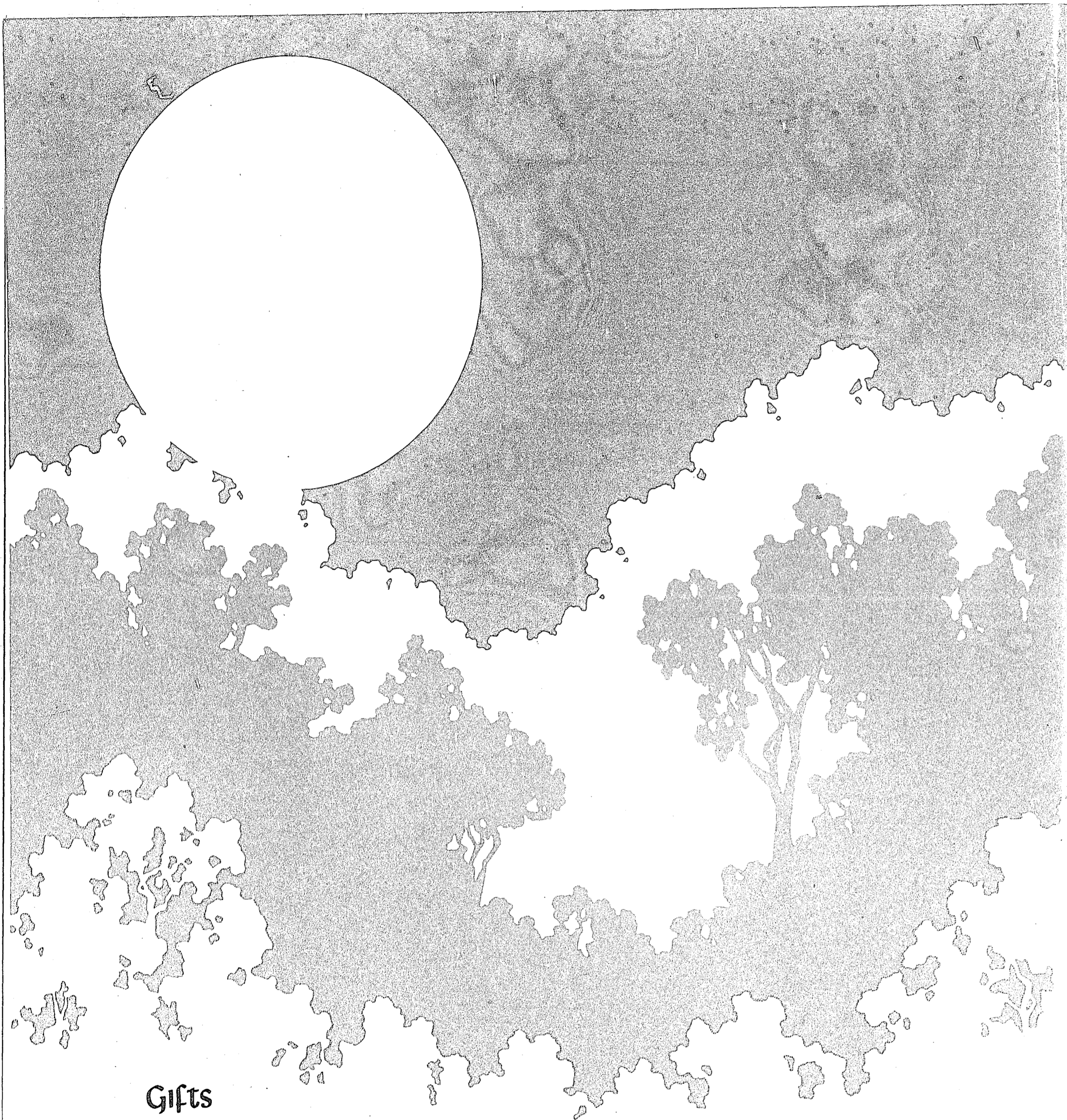
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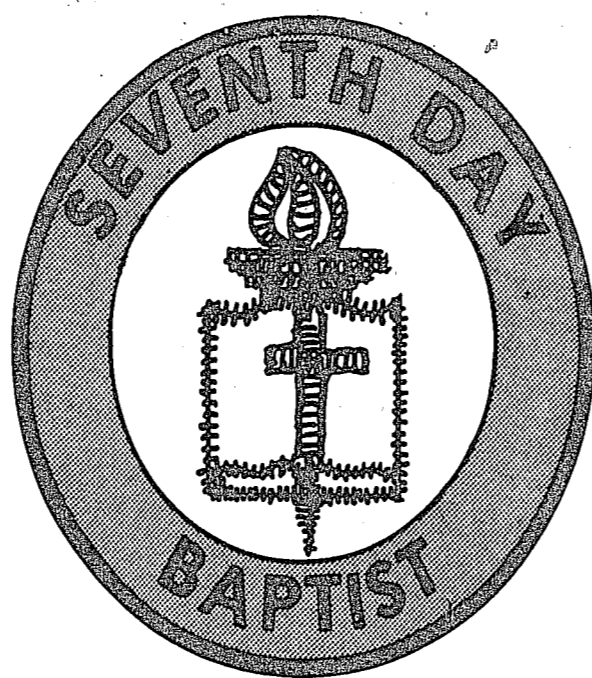
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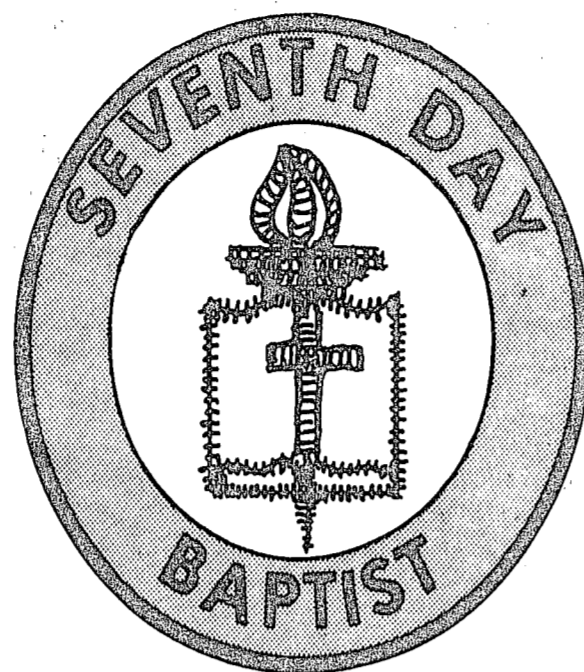
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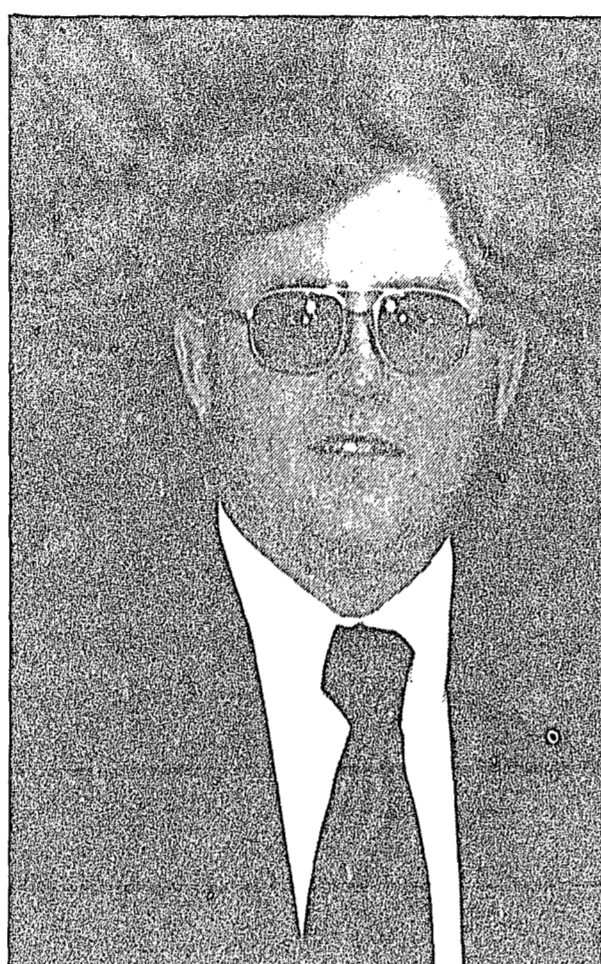
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program orientation to evangelism is doing anything wrong. But I do believe that the typical evangelical model with its program orientation is incomplete. I believe that the missing ingredient to effective evangelism is **power**. Power for witness is the theme of Jesus' last words on earth before He ascended to the right hand of God, the Father.

*You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even unto the remotest part of the earth.*

(Acts 1:8)

This is merely a reiteration of the theme of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. In that text Jesus declares that he has received "all" authority and power and he promises that he will be with us "always" as we "go, therefore, and make disciples."

We should be concerned with power in evangelism because all evangelism involves a power encounter with the "god of this world," Satan. Salvation and evangelism require spiritual warfare more than logic and reasoning.

The Bible tells us that Satan is working in the lives of unbelievers to accomplish his purpose (Ephesians 2:1-3). We are further told that Satan, the "god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:4). The unbeliever lives under the rule and authority of Satan in the "domain of darkness"

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The ministry of Jesus and later the Apostles was characterized by Persuasion Evangelism with a power orientation. Wherever they went they proclaimed the message in power and demonstrated that power by healing the sick and casting out demons. Their demonstration of power had the purpose of bringing men and women into relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Power was not an end in itself, which is often the case today. It was power with an evangelistic purpose.

God has promised us, his church, this same power. He promised us power for witness in Acts 1:8, but we see little of that power in the evangelism of the church. Only God's power will be able to free the unbeliever from the "domain of darkness" and transfer him to "the kingdom of his beloved Son" (Colossians 1:13).

A power orientation for evangelism is not a call to abandon our evangelistic programs. But, it is a call to

trust in the power of God to work in supernatural ways as we carry out these programs.

The evangelical church has been too quick to dismiss the role of miracles as no longer necessary for the church today. I contend that the reason for miracles in the Bible was because the people of God were having to do battle with God's enemy, Satan. God granted supernatural power to the people of God because they had to deal with the supernatural power of Satan. The church today is dealing with that same enemy and is in need of the same power that God gave his people in the Bible.

The Great Commission is a mandate to Presence Evangelism ("go"), Proclamation Evangelism ("preach the gospel"), and Persuasion Evangelism ("making disciples"). We are to fulfill this full (3-P) model of evangelism in the authority and power of the Holy Spirit, expecting God to work in supernatural ways. □

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## The Foundation - Full Commitment to Christ

by Rev. Earl Cruzan

What does being fully committed to Christ mean? This is a hard question and one on which we can pass judgment only on ourselves. We cannot propose to make rules or set up guidelines of conduct to judge such commitment. We are warned against such things by Jesus who said, "Judge not that you be not judged" and by Paul who also wrote "Let no one make rules for you."

A girl was asked: "Don't you believe in God?"

She replied, "Yes, but I'm not nuts about him."

I am afraid that there is a lot of commitment on this level. This is not what we are talking about. Being fully committed is more than belief in God. It is faith and assurance that what the

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Scriptures tell us about God and Christ are true. They are meaningful for our lives. It is the assurance that what the Scripture tells us is the right way to live, is, in fact, the right way.

Jesus said, "No man having put his hand to the plow and looking back is fit for the kingdom of heaven."

He also said, "Let the dead bury their dead." This was when a man wanted to bury his father before he became a disciple of Jesus. Jesus also said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

Paul wrote in Philippians 3:7-9, "What things were gain to me, I have counted loss for Christ." What were the things that Paul was talking about? We can not be specific for Paul does not give us the details. We do know that he had the prospects of being a great leader among the Jews; instead, he became one of the most persecuted men by the Jewish leaders. He might have gained affluence had he continued to serve the Jewish hierarchy. Paul came to depend upon the hospitality of friends and what he could earn in the making of tents.

All things, Paul counts as rubbish. Rubbish is what we throw out; what we do not have any use for. Paul said, "Not having my own right-

eousness which is by the law..." He was writing of a righteousness which comes by faith in Jesus Christ, a righteousness which comes from God.

A young man made a statement, "When I have made my first million, I will serve God." I wonder how many of the ways of the world he had to use to make the first million.

Can a person be so committed to making a fortune and turn from that commitment to serving Christ?

Fully committed means that we have faith and trust. Paul said to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:12), "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him until that day."

I would share this testimony. I do not mean to infer that I have been fully committed to Christ at all times, either. I am sure that there have been many times when I have been more concerned with myself than I have been with God's kingdom. From the time I felt the call of God to the ministry, I had complete confidence that he would provide a way for preparation. I may well have been considered naive when I went to school in the midst of the depression with practically no money and even more so when two years later, Mabel and I were married with five years of education yet before me. But, I can testify that it worked. God always provided a means whereby I could secure the education needed. I can think of but one time during my ministry when I wondered how I was going to

Pastor Earl and Mabel Cruzan



meet a certain financial need, but that too was resolved. There have been many times when we could have used more of this world's goods, but God showed us how to manage on what we had.

Have I been fully committed? I am sure that there have been many times I have looked to myself more than to God. I trust that I have been useful to his kingdom. Fully committed. Fully committed means a faith to trust and believe. It means a desire to know the will of God and the way of righteousness. It means an empowering of the Holy Spirit to be able to resist temptation and to mature in righteousness.

Can we build a faith so that we can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"? (Phil. 4:13).

The challenge is given in Paul's letter to the Romans and I believe that he challenges all Christians in Romans, Chapter 12. Although many references have been made to this chapter, I would like to call your attention to portions of it again.

"To present your bodies as a living sacrifice." God had spoken through the prophets; I hate, I despise your religious festivals. Why? Because they were form with no content, no faith. Love for their fellowman was absent. There was ritual, but no righteousness. That does not build a relationship with God.

"A sacrifice wholly acceptable to God." Holy is God-related. God-possessed is perhaps even better. A holy life is a reasonable service. When I have done all these things, still I am an unprofitable servant. I cannot rest on past accomplishments. I must press on toward the mark of high calling in Christ Jesus.

A living sacrifice is a life offered unto God.

Here I am, use me, fill me. For this to be true, we cannot be conformed to this world. We must live, not with the feeling that life is passing us by, but convinced that we have found life in Christ. The fruit of the Spirit must be seen in us. We must be transformed. To transform is to change. Transformed by the renewing of your mind, Paul says. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount, to paraphrase rather loosely; control your thoughts, for thoughts lead to actions.

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meet a certain financial need, but that too was resolved. There have been many times when we could have used more of this world's goods, but God showed us how to manage on what we had.

Have I been fully committed? I am sure that there have been many times I have looked to myself more than to God. I trust that I have been useful to his kingdom. Fully committed. Fully committed means a faith to trust and believe. It means a desire to know the will of God and the way of righteousness. It means an empowering of the Holy Spirit to be able to resist temptation and to mature in righteousness.

Can we build a faith so that we can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"? (Phil. 4:13).

The challenge is given in Paul's letter to the Romans and I believe that he challenges all Christians in Romans, Chapter 12. Although many references have been made to this chapter, I would like to call your attention to portions of it again.

"To present your bodies as a living sacrifice." God had spoken through the prophets; I hate, I despise your religious festivals. Why? Because they were form with no content, no faith. Love for their fellowman was absent. There was ritual, but no righteousness. That does not build a relationship with God.

"A sacrifice wholly acceptable to God." Holy is God-related. God-possessed is perhaps even better. A holy life is a reasonable service. When I have done all these things, still I am an unprofitable servant. I cannot rest on past accomplishments. I must press on toward the mark of high calling in Christ Jesus.

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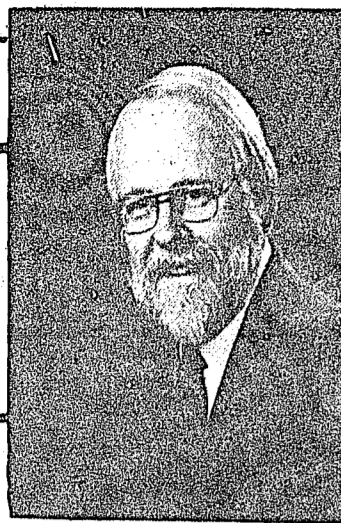
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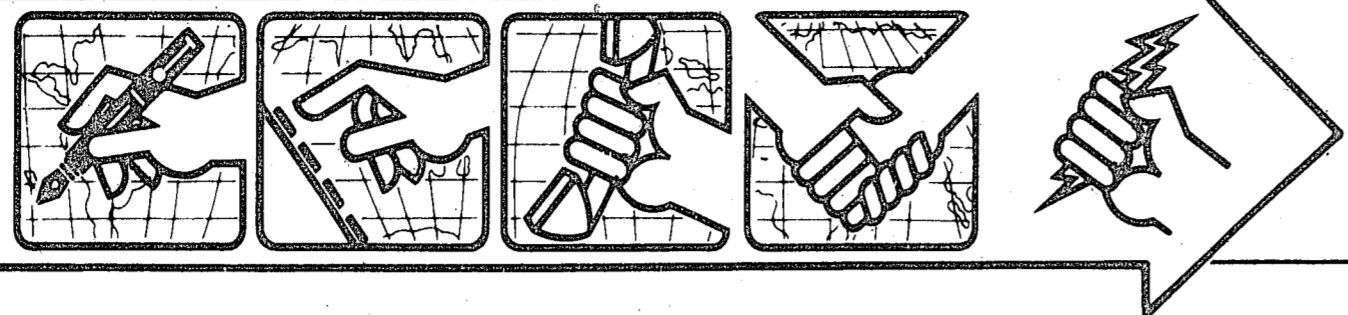
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## Accountability — What the Bible Says

"Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. And for your life blood I will surely demand an accounting...And from each man too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.'" (Gen. 1 and 5 NIV)

I am reading through the Bible this year as encouraged by General Conference President Leland E. Davis. However, I am proceeding a little differently this time than I have before. I have a keen interest in leadership and management procedures and results, so I am looking for the basic principles of leadership that are revealed in Scripture.

I plan to share with you, from time to time, what I am finding as I read the Bible from this perspective.

The first leadership principle that I discovered as I was reading is the topic for this month—*accountability*. I could have used Adam and Eve as my first example of people on earth being held accountable, although I did not find the words *accountable* or *accountability* there. However, I was impressed to discover that immediately after Noah and his sons left the ark after the great flood, God gave Noah and his sons responsibility for the earth and then indicated that they would be held accountable.

Accountability is "being subject to giving an account; answerable; responsible." We as human beings are held accountable to God for our behavior and lifestyles. We are not called to meet the "bottom line" or minimum standards. We are

called to excel and reach for the top in all areas of our lives.

Jesus said in the parable of the sheep and the goats (Matthew 25:10), "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." The apostle Paul in Colossians 3:23 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men."

I find in these passages the standards set and the process of accountability established for us as Christians. These standards are to be adhered to in all aspects of our lives.

### In Our Daily Lives

In our daily work we are held accountable. We are expected to give an "honest day's work" for an "honest day's pay." When we are hired we agree to do a certain amount of work. Our employers set goals and have ways of measuring our accomplishments—whether or not we reach the goals set. By the same token, the employer is accountable to us by providing the

appropriate work environment and paying us our earned wages on the day set.

One of the best examples in our home lives is the way we handle our financial affairs. If you have a checking account, you are required to be accountable. If you write a check for a certain amount, then you have to subtract that amount from the previous balance so that you do not come up at the end of the month with more checks than money. The bank also is held accountable for receiving your money and subtracting necessary checks and withdrawals in a responsible way. In short, you and they are being responsible and accountable.

If you are a student, you find yourself in an accountable kind of situation also. The teacher or professor is paid to present his or her material in a learnable manner. They get paid for doing this. You, as a student, receive information either from the teacher or the text book. At the end of the period, you are tested to see if

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you have learned what was presented. In short, you are held accountable.

### In The Church

In the church, the whole idea of accountability becomes even more crucial, yet it is harder to maintain. It is in the church that the very highest of standards are taught, yet our accountability seems to be lacking. How do we hold each other accountable? Each year, most of our churches have a way of evaluating their pastors. In some, it has been done by a secret ballot which usually is turned over to the pastor without anyone else knowing the vote. Sometimes

a pastoral relations committee or diaconate also know the results of that vote. In some of our churches, I see questions being used which not only evaluate the pastor, but the church program and congregational participation as well.

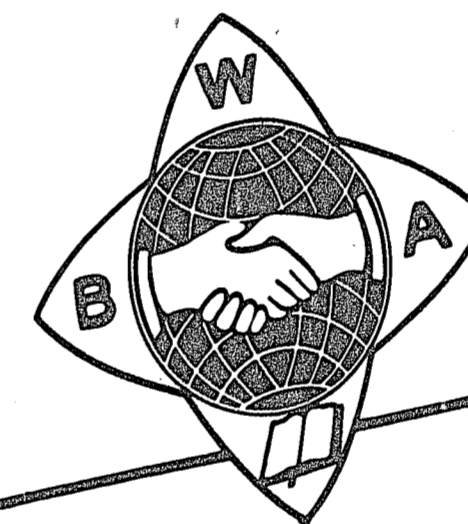
The financial accountability of the church is another area in which there is need for concern. The pastor-church relationship is very much like the employer-employee relationship. The pastor agrees to do a certain amount of work and the church agrees to pay him an

agreed upon amount each month. The pastor is accountable to the church for his time and accomplishments. The church is held responsible for supporting the pastor and the overall work of the church.

In all areas of life, if there is not a valid accounting, we are not being responsible. My prayer with the apostle Paul is that we will do everything "as for the Lord" not for men—that we will be responsible and accountable to each other and to God. □

**SATURDAY  
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## BAPTIST MEN'S WORLDWIDE DAY OF WITNESS AND PRAYER



### Dear Fellow Baptists:

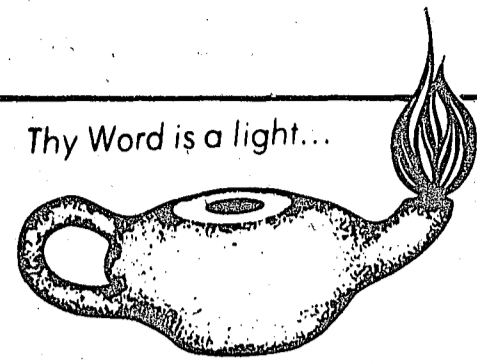
Each year the Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance gives special emphasis to prayer. This is appropriate and is unique in that men's groups throughout the world will be gathering on April 28, 1984, for the annual day of witness and prayer. Each year increasingly larger numbers participate in this event. 1984 will be no exception. It is well for us to remember, however, that prayer is not an annual event. It is a daily event. Paul admonished us that we should "continue instant in prayer." Prayer is a unique resource for Christians and one that they can draw upon any time, any place, any where.

Another unique feature of this day is the Prayer Heard Around the World. Ken Merrick, Chairman of the Committee for the Worldwide Day of Witness and Prayer, begins a telephone call from his home in Florida, USA, usually to a point in New Zealand or Australia, and as the day passes, this call is related on a predetermined basis, touching all continents and many countries. The concluding link is back to the chairman's telephone in Florida. During each call, a prepared prayer is read and it literally becomes a prayer heard around the world. Form a group—maybe a small personal group, a group throughout your church, a group involving many churches—and participate in this significant event. Our main purpose is prayer and our personal involvement in witnessing and supporting others involved in witnessing. If an offering is taken during your meeting, we suggest that 1/2 go to the National Men's Department of the Baptist World Alliance. If an offering is taken, a check should be made payable to the Men's Department, BWA, and mailed to:

Mr. Floyd Harris, Treasurer  
Men's Department, BWA  
P.O. Box 326  
Annandale, VA 22003

Lee Satterfield, Chairman

Thy Word is a light...



## Board of Christian Education

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# Recognize the Whole Person

God, in his great wisdom, sanctified all manner of good work. After he created the earth and the plants and animals on it, caretakers were needed to keep the world productive. Thus, Adam and Eve were placed in the Garden of Eden "to till and keep it." (Gen 2:15) By this action, God affirmed not only the world's need for workers but also human beings' need for work.

Work is the greatest help available for mental and physical ills. People can do nothing, achieve nothing and fulfill no dream without working. God holds mankind accountable for not only the quantity, but also the quality of work performed.

The Apostle Paul recognized the importance of working together in harmony when, in two letters to the Christians in Thessalonica, he said, "... we exhort you, brethren, to do more and more, to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we charged you;" (I Thes 4:11) and "For when we were with you, we gave you this command: If any one will not work, let him not eat." (II Thes 3:10) Again in writing to Timothy, Paul says, "... be ready for any honest work ..." (Titus 3:17)

As a youth, Jesus worked in Joseph's carpenter shop. As an adult, his work included teaching, preaching and healing. When the disciples worked all night and caught no fish, Jesus caused the nets to be filled when his orders were obeyed. Through his own work, and by helping others as they labored, Christ gave his blessing to oc-

cupations which require using both mental and physical skills. His healing included body and spirit, changing lifestyle and attitudes.

For too many years the church has virtually ignored occupations which require manual labor and esteemed those which use intellectual understanding. The person with much education, no matter how poorly the learning was used, was honored more than someone with little education.

The time has come when Christians must follow Jesus' ex-

### Commissioning is the sending out of an ambassador for the church.

ample and recognize the whole person, which includes vocation as well as life-style and service to the church. No longer can there be a division between the secular and sacred areas of life; only when all facets of life are under the control of the Holy Spirit can the power of the body of Christ be realized.

One way the church can affirm a member in a new occupation or strengthen the bonds between the church and youth leaving for college is to recognize the move in a special service as a part of worship. This may be known as a

commissioning, a sending out of the person to be an ambassador for the church wherever they may be. The person is not sent to preach but to live in such a way as to reflect God's love.

Part of the effectiveness of commissioning comes from basing it in the whole congregation. Several people should work together on the wording of the ceremony; several more speak at the service. The entire congregation confirms the challenge and the support. This focus in turn helps that person clarify his or her ministry, its opportunities, its direction.

The words of each service could be broken into three parts. According to the particulars of the situation, the congregation says: (1) Here is the situation you face, (2) Here is what we expect from you, (3) Here is what we will do to support you.

This service would link worshipping lives with working lives. It testifies to the interdependence of the congregation and the individual who has the responsibility of living according to the will of God. And, in that striving, has the ongoing support of a Christian community.

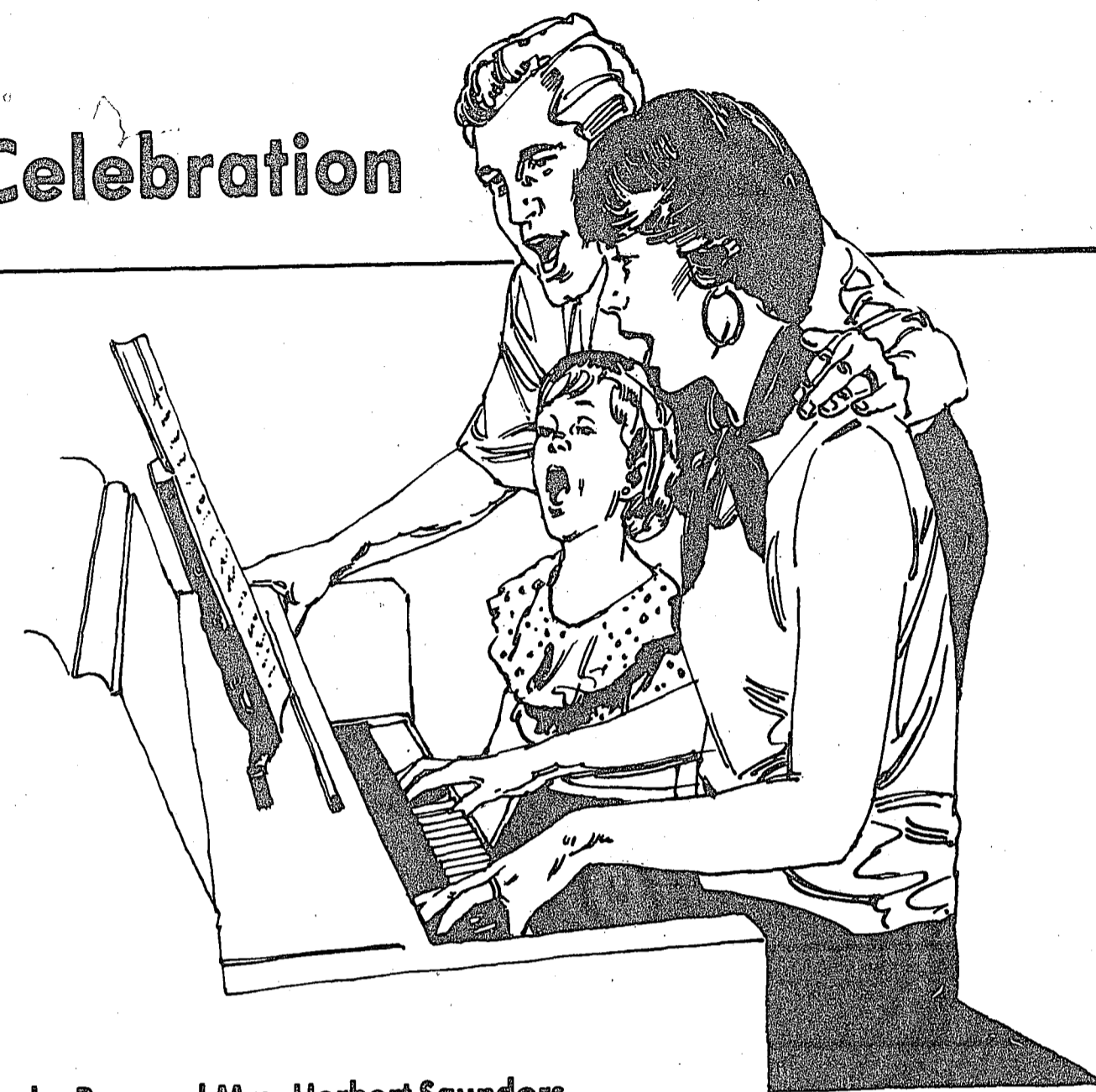
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1. We add a word of caution: before the commissioning ceremony is planned, the individual to be honored should be consulted. It is possible he or she would be uncomfortable in such a situation, and division, rather than unity, created.

2. If you would like sample commissioning services before the project is undertaken, please contact the Board of Christian Education, Inc. office. □

The Sabbath Recorder

# Family Worship Celebration



by Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Saunders

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## Sabbath Welcoming Service

### X. Sabbath

We believe that the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, is sacred time, antedating Moses and having the sanction of Jesus; that it should be faithfully kept by all Christians as a day of rest and worship, a symbol of God's presence in time, a pledge of eternal Sabbath rest.

### Introduction

The Sabbath is God's gift to a tired world. It was given to us because God knew that after a week of hard work, school and play, we needed to stop and think about him. It is a day to be different from all the rest. It is a day for our personal and church families to be together with our Lord Jesus Christ — for us to worship together — for us to share in helping others — for us to enjoy God's wonderful world. Let's take time to worship God and enjoy each other around this Sabbath table.

### Sabbath Welcoming Round

Tune: 'Tallis Canon'

The Sabbath's here, let's celebrate.

Work of the week — just let it wait.

Together we will share, and see

How special we can help it be.

### Lighting of Sabbath Candle (s)

Song Tune: Vesper Hymn "Now on Land and Sea"

March 1984

Now we light our Sabbath Candle (s). Bless Thy children with its (their) light. Thankful we surround this table, Sabbath peace bring us tonight. God be praised — Thy name we honor. Christ, be Thou our beacon bright. Amen

### Sabbath Questions

Child: Why do we keep the Sabbath Day?

Answer: (Read by an adult or other child)

Exodus 20:8-10a, John 14:15

Child: What should we do on the Sabbath?

Answer: Isaiah 58:13, 14; Matthew 12:12

### Responsive or unison reading

We love God, He gave the Sabbath to us.

We love Jesus, He kept the Sabbath for us.

We love the Holy Spirit, He shared the Sabbath with us.

Blessed Trinity, Blessed Sabbath.

### Sing:

This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made,

That the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, let us rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made.

(Psalms 118:24)

### Closing Responses

This is a great day! This is the Sabbath of the Lord our God. This is a day for giving thanks for God's great gift of life. And for being thankful for the lives of people everywhere. Let us not talk about thanks, nor let us simply talk about faith. Let us take the risk of seeking God right now. This is the time. This is the place. We will seek him with all our hearts.

### Closing song

Tune: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

To thee, O God we raise our several hearts as one.

To thee we offer Sabbath praise for Jesus Christ, thy Son.

Through him we seek thy grace,

through him we worship Thee, In him let all our hearts be one

in Christian unity. □

## Young Adult Interests Shared Privacy

Have you ever considered your marriage to be your vocation—a calling out—an occupation more important than the job which provides the funds for your livelihood? Although more time may be spent working outside the home, it is the quality of shared time within the home which is important.

After you have examined your marriage as a couple, as suggested in the following article, the first six areas could be reviewed with each member of the family, individually, or with the group as a whole, to establish better understanding and harmony among the members.

**M**arriage serves many social purposes; but the personal goal of most people today is the achievement of intimacy. When books have been written on this subject; but a simple and quite useful definition is "shared privacy."

David Olson, who is a family specialist and a member of the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment (ACME), has distinguished no less than seven different aspects of marital intimacy.

Why not check out where you

two are as a couple? Here is an exercise which can enable you to do so.

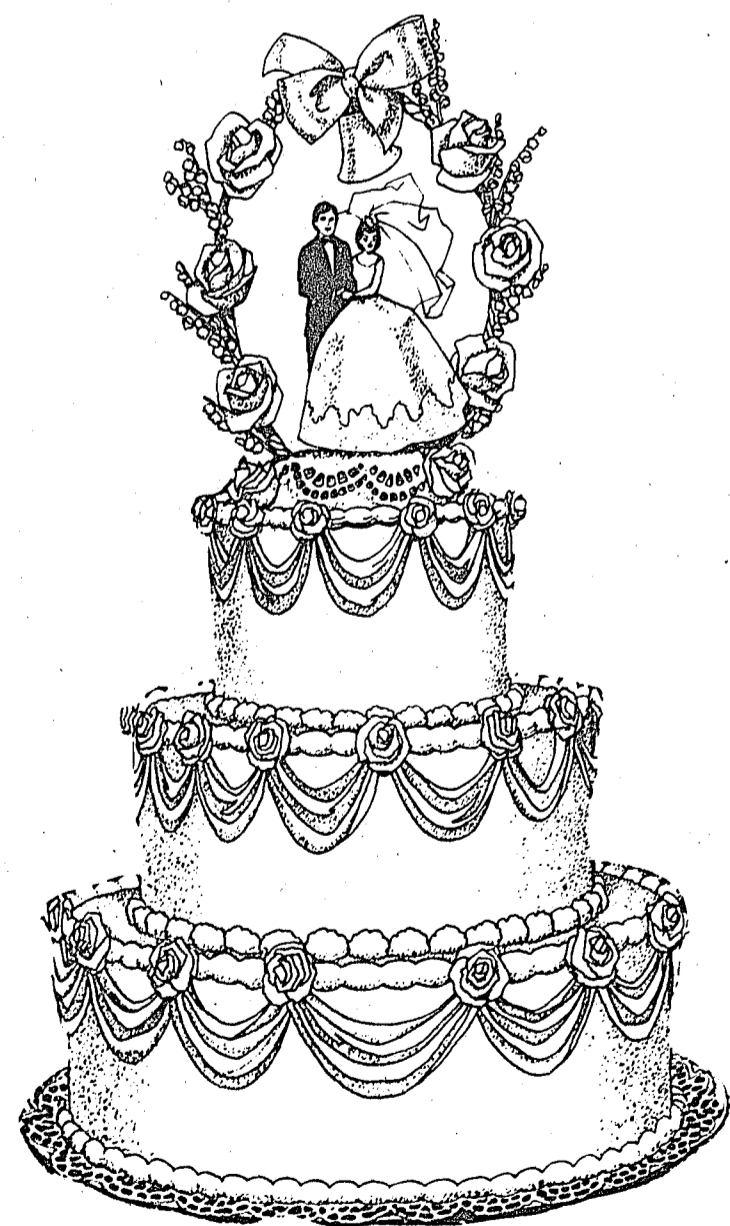
Each of you should list the seven areas, and then, as you examine your own relationship, add a figure from one to five to represent where you think you are right now in each area. Then come together, report your scores to each other, and talk about how you might be able to improve this aspect of your relationship.

Here are the seven areas, with the definitions which David Olson has suggested:

1. Emotional intimacy—a closeness of feelings.
2. Social intimacy—having friends in common.
3. Intellectual intimacy—sharing ideas.
4. Recreational intimacy—enjoying the same hobbies or sports.
5. Spiritual intimacy—having a similar view of religious faith or the meaning of life.
6. Aesthetic intimacy—sharing the same concepts of beauty.
7. Sexual intimacy—enjoying sexual experience together.

—Marriage Enrichment, Vol. 11,  
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SDB Board of Christian Education, Inc.  
**Directors Quarterly Meeting**  
April 15, 1984  
Alfred Parish House  
2:00 p.m.



## Soper Resigns From Evangelism Post

Evangelist Rev. Mynor G. Soper has resigned from his position as director of evangelism and church extension, according to a statement from the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

"Though we deeply regret Mynor's resignation and appreciate the pioneer work he has done across America," the statement said, "the vacancy in this

area allows for a complete re-evaluation and understanding of the needs the Lord is calling us to meet as a people. Thus, at the January Missionary Board meeting, the group voted that the Evangelism and Home Missions Committee review the field work needs of the Society and make recommendation to the April board meeting.

"Seventh Day Baptist individuals and churches are asked and urged to offer their input in this study.

"Your continued prayer support for this project is also asked. We also ask that Mynor Soper be remembered in prayer as he seeks the Lord's leading in his continuing ministry after March 1, 1984." □

## Rogers Wins Historic Home in A.U. Contest

from the Wellsville Daily Reporter

ALFRED—The Rev. Albert Rogers of Alfred won \$10,000 and probably the village's oldest (about 120 years) "mobile" home in an Alfred University contest Wednesday.

Actually, much of the \$10,000 will be put towards making the seven-room Greek Revival house at 100 N. Main St. into a mobile home just long enough to transport it to a 17-acre site on the Palmiter Road in the Town of Alfred.

The house, currently adjacent to AU's McLane Physical Education Center, was the prize in the university contest. The stipulation attached to winning the house was being able to move it to another site in the Alfred area to allow AU to landscape the lot where it now stands.

The money—paid in two installments after the house has been relocated on its new foundation—can be used for any purpose, but is basically designated for relocating and refurbishing the house.

The prime concern of the contest, according to Michael Ranach, the school's vice president for business and finance, was the historical presence of the home and that its external

aesthetics be maintained or improved.

Ranach added the home has an unofficial appraised value of between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

(Rogers) said he had an affinity for the style of the house and he sensed a need to get it off of the university campus. "We do intend to preserve it," he said, adding, "it will be placed on a good site."

A requirement to keep the house in the Alfred area will be more than met, as the site where it will be located overlooks the village.

Rogers, 73, said he and his son Keith, a Coast Guard engineering officer who plans to retire from the service in the sum-

mer, will do the renovation work.

Rogers said he plans to have the house moved sometime in July or August, and his son and son's family will move into it while constructing a new home on another part of the site on Palmiter Road. After his son's new home is constructed, Rogers said the renovated home will be available for rent.

Fortunately, Rogers is no newcomer to making structures mobile, as he recalled another project around 1946 when he helped move an old carpenter shop from the university campus to Camp Harley Sutton on Pleasant Valley Road in the Town of Alfred. □

## Women's Banquet to Celebrate Society's 100th Anniversary

The Women's Banquet on Wednesday night of General Conference Sessions in Beloit, Wisconsin (August 5-12, 1984) will be a celebration of the 100 years of the Women's Society. The society is encouraging all women attending to wear clothing of the 1884 period. If anyone has a dress, bonnet or shawl that someone else could wear for the celebration, please contact Nancy May, 269 West Wistaria Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006. □

## Dallas-Fort Worth Church Seeks Student Pastor

The Dallas-Fort Worth Seventh Day Baptist Church is seeking a ministerial education student who would like to serve their church while attending seminary.

The current pastor, Dennis L. Palmer, is leaving to continue his education at Westminster Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In a letter to *The Sabbath Recorder*, Palmer says; "The church of seven members (two nonresidential) is looking for a student-pastor or someone who feels called to come to this area. The Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex comprises three million people and would be ideal for someone who wants to pastor the church while attending school. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is the largest seminary in the world and has much to offer. However, due to the small membership of the body, the church will be unable to give much financial assistance to the pastor. Also, the church would like a pastor who believes in the infallibility of the Bible and the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists." □



Paul G. Cushman (Right) receives a pewter bowl in recognition of his 25 years of service as organist of the Berlin, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Elmer Stuart (Left), church moderator, makes the presentation.

## Organist Honored in Berlin, N.Y.

Paul G. Cushman, Berlin, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist church organist for 25 years, was honored December 10, 1983, during the Sabbath morning worship service for the many years of service he has given the church and, through the church, to our Lord. An engraved pewter bowl was presented to Paul by Elmer Stuart, moderator of the church, to express the love and affection of

the congregation for him and to remind him that the prayers and best wishes of his church family go with him during his retirement years.

In addition to his musical contributions, Paul has served many years as a trustee, Sabbath School teacher and leader. He has held other offices and worked on many committees in the church, as well as in the Eastern Association, the Yearly Meeting and the Lewis Camp work. He was always on hand when there was a work-bee, as well as being an enthusiastic participant in the fun and games of our fellowship and social events.

When Paul decided to retire from General Electric in Pittsfield, Mass., the decision was made to spend part of each year in Florida. He and his wife, Myrtle, are wintering in their home at Bradenton Beach. We are looking forward to the months they will be back worshipping with us and serving the Lord through the Berlin Church. □

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## Summer Institute Openings

The 1984 Summer Institute, conducted by the Center on Ministry, will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist Center at Janesville, Wisconsin, on June 4-22, 1984. The course of study will be Seventh Day Baptist History and Polity. Anyone wishing to participate in this three-week intensive study should contact Dean Paul Green at: SDB Center on Ministry, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547. □

## Seventh Day Baptist Communications Survey

The purpose of Seventh Day Baptist boards and agencies is to serve the local church. To do that well, we need to know what your "felt" needs are. This short survey seeks to find out what of our denominational material you use and how well you feel you have been communicated with in the recent past. Thank-you for taking the time to fill it out. To return it, simply fold on the marked lines, tape the flap shut, and place a postage stamp in the marked location. Your answers may help us to do a better job of serving you and your church. DSS

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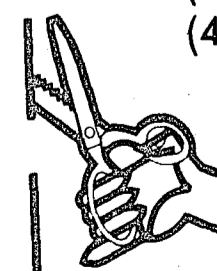
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Comments or Suggestions:

## Religion in the News

### Senate Delays Action on Vatican Ambassadorship

WASHINGTON, D.C.--The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has delayed action on the nomination of William Wilson as ambassador to the Vatican for at least a month, allowing opponents more time

to make their case.

After hearing testimony from various religious and civil liberties groups opposed to formal diplomatic relations between the U.S. and the Holy See, committee members Richard Lugar (R-Indiana) and Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) said the issue has not been fully debated, and Helms promised to put a temporary hold on Wilson's nomination.

During the hearings, Helms announced a change in his position on the Vatican ambassadorship. While he was listed as a co-sponsor of legislation to lift the ban on the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican, he now opposes the appointment, he said. □

### Polish Church Leaders Warned

Jozef Cardinal Glemp has been warned to restrain 69 priests who are regarded as "antisocialist" by the Polish government. Church authorities have been told that the Roman Catholic priests are soon to be arrested unless they are quieted. The new confrontation centers around sympathetic statements toward the Solidarity movement. □

### Mail-Order Minister Jailed

Claiming more than \$200,000.00 in charitable contributions on fraudulent tax returns has resulted in a nine-year prison term for William Richardson, a "minister" of the Universal Life Church in Sacramento. Richardson claimed to be the leader of a 25 member congregation, but the government contended that the group was a fraudulent attempt to avoid income-tax payments. Assistant U.S. Attorney George O'Connell said that Richardson had prepared false tax claims for more than 250 clients. □

### Church Building To Disco

New York City church leaders have objected to the use of an historic church as a disco dance hall. The Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion is a landmark building, dated 1846, and regarded as an architectural classic. Sold to the highest bidder, the landmark status required that the stained glass and other church features be preserved. Now the building is called *Limelight*, and draws crowds of up to 2000 for disco dancing. □

### More Seminarians

The Association of Theological Schools has announced a 5% increase in enrollment over the previous year. This continues a trend of the past several years in which accredited seminaries have exceeded colleges and universities in growth rates. One factor in the enrollment figures is a sharp increase in women students. □

### NFL Athletes Form Christian Groups

Professional Athletes are organizing chapel groups and Bible studies, according to a copywrited story in *Christianity Today*. NFL teams in Pittsburgh, Dallas, Los Angeles, and Chicago are among centers of such activity, and interest appears to be growing. Some forty players and staff regularly attend a weekly Bible group for the Dallas Cowboys. In Pittsburgh, half of the Steelers players attend a chapel program. □

### More Adventists Reported

Washington — The 120th Annual Statistical Report of Seventh-Day Adventists shows 3,897,814 members "baptized by immersion following confession of faith." The number was said to have gone over four million by June 1983, with the total Adventist population estimated at 10 to 12 million.

Third-world churches reported a growth rate of from 6 to 10 per cent. Baptized membership for Europe was 190,571, Bulletin d' Information Adventiste (bia) reported from Paris. □



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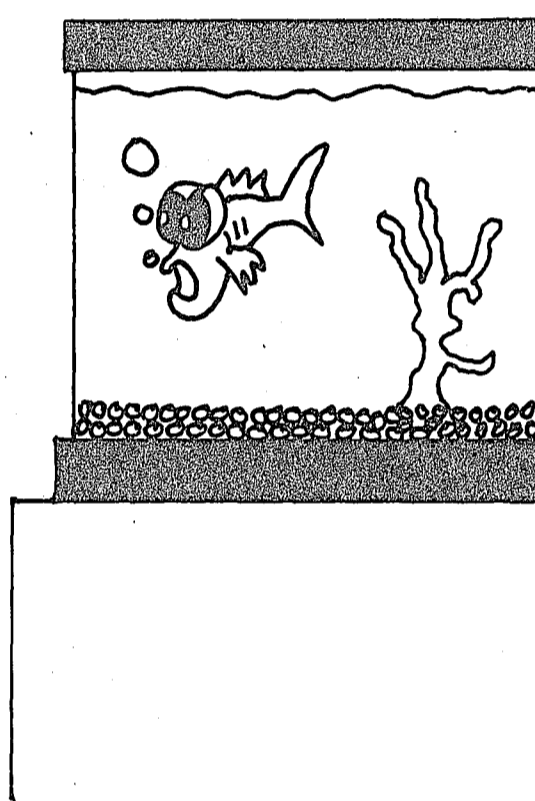
## Are We Active in Memphis? You Bet!

by Russ Ullery

Tuesday nights the youth of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church enjoy activities such as games, Bible studies and exercises, and refreshments, because Tuesday nights are when our youth group meets. Anything can happen at one of these meetings (it often does), from the director, Mrs. Ullery, swallowing goldfish to the whole group going caroling. We also have pizza parties and cookouts with hamburgers and hot dogs. These sorts of activities get other youth to come from the surrounding neighborhood.

Not too long ago, the youth group had a contest where each young person made up a banner on a sheet of paper which were judged by Tommy Milner. Troy Munn won the contest with a very nice banner. He had the privilege of going to the 1983 Conference in Houghton, N.Y.

In the near future, the youth will have a "Church Lock-In" under the supervision of Mrs.



Ullery. All of the youth will be able to keep each other awake any way they want. A lock-in is when all of the youth come to the church to enjoy games and grow spiritually in the Lord. It also gives everyone a chance to get to know one another a little better. There is only one rule: Do Not Go To Sleep! If someone falls

by Debbie New, 1979

### Power

There is a power  
burning here.

The very  
Minute

Second

Moment

Instant

You read these words,

There is a power  
burning

In the hearts of men,  
yearning

to cry out:  
CELEBRATE!

In the love

Of Jesus Christ/Grace

Of God the father/Forgiveness

Of Man/Acceptance

Of all who

Know this power;

And someday

— Together —

We're going to

Take over the whole world

With this

Love/Grace/Forgiveness/Acceptance

And everything will be all right. □

asleep, you are allowed to wake them up any way you think is best.

At Christmas time, the youth put on a Cantata for the church. This project was tackled by Jennie Munn, who did a fantastic job with every one of us. The show really went over well with everyone in the church. We started it off with a song called "Listen". That particular song meant a lot to quite a few people. The Cantata was called "Listen To The Lambs", by Vera Neff. We had a cast of lambs, angels, prophet, shepherds, and Joseph and Mary in the Nativity scene. We are really thankful for Jennie helping us and taking the pressure and frustration to serve the Lord.

We are proud to be a part of this church, to serve and grow in the Lord.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ. □

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## A Sailor's Reflections

by Norman H. Green  
NATTC Memphis

Memphis, the home of Elvis Presley and the only place in the world where a hotel called The Peabody caters to ducks as well as men. This is also the home of the world's largest Navy Land Base. The base contains 12,000 people, the size of a city. Two people on this base are Seventh Day Baptists; one a sailor, another a retired sailor. Fortunately, they both work in

the same place on the base and, of course, they go to church at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Memphis.

This is not a large church, which is good. This is a church where the people are the church, not just a building. Every person is needed; otherwise, no church. Now the sailor has been an SDB since birth. Since the SDB church is not that well established everywhere in the world, the sailor doesn't get a chance to go to church where he is stationed sometimes. This sailor happens to be Norman Green from Milton, Wis.

I happen to feel privileged to be associated with the church here in Memphis. Since this is the "Bible Belt" of the nation, this church is dramatic. Bill Shoffner fits the role of southern Baptist

well. He may be small, but he delivers a powerful sermon. The people of the church watch over each other with great interest, and the youth find excuses to get together. The community benefits due to the fact the church helps the poor, hungry and sick. These people the church helps are so grateful just to have someone love them that they tend to become members themselves.

This church has also played a part in helping me as they encourage me when life on base gets to be intolerable. Even though it's time for me to move on to another base without a SDB church around for 3,000 miles, I won't forget this church and hope it becomes stronger and larger. Someday, I hope to visit again. But until then, God bless them! □

## What the Sabbath Means to Us

by Bill Shoffner III  
and Russ Ullery

"Therefore, since the promise of entering His rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it." Hebrews 4:1 (NIV) Neither of us were born in a Seventh Day Baptist family. This gives us another view of keeping the Sabbath. When our families became SDB's, we naturally followed their example and practice of observing the Sabbath. We had to learn how to turn our time to God's time.

We both feel that the church service is the center or focal point of the day. The Sabbath is also filled with our own individual worship and devotion time. Reflecting on the past week and life as a whole, and maybe making a new start, can be a part of the Sabbath.

Of course, the physical rest and the rest from school work can't be beat. Being Sabbath-keepers gives us a chance to have a whole day to get closer to our wonderful God. □

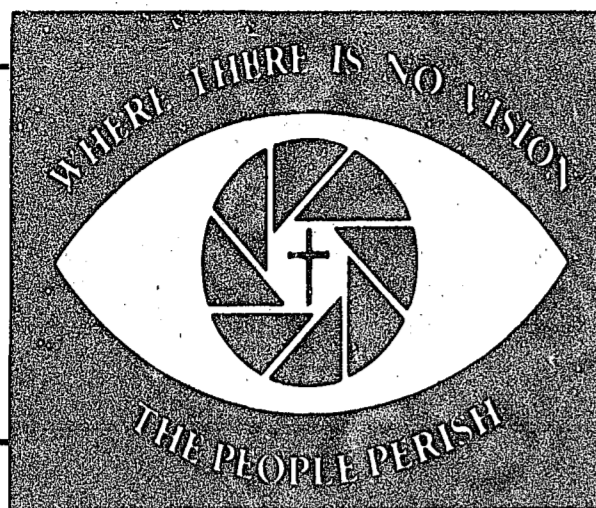
## Memphis Youth Revival Held

by Bill Shoffner III

On Thursday night, October 27, 1983, four of the most exciting and inspiring nights for our youth and church began. That was the first night of our first Youth Revival here in Memphis, Tenn. Our youth evangelist for the four nights was Danny Sartin, the Mid-South Director of Youth For Christ. He inspired our youth with fantastic messages, but he also inspired many of our church's adults, including Mrs. Judy Ullery who has stepped out and taken over our youth group, turning it into an exciting, fun and growing fellowship.

We also had some fine guest speakers, such as Steve Long of the Memphis Americans professional indoor soccer team, giving his testimony; Jack Hill of the local Christian radio station, sharing in song and testimony; Mainstream, the top local contemporary Christian Music band, giving a concert; and Rick Swing of the Spirit Express evangelistic basketball team (formerly Athletes-in-Action), sharing his testimony. We feel that those four exciting nights are just the beginning of many more exciting Christian Youth Ministries. □

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## MISSIONS TODAY

by Leon Lawton

### Work Advances In Malawi

LILONGWE, MALAWI: Pastor A.K. Harawa shares the good news: "I was called by the officials in Lilongwe (the new capital city of Malawi) for discussion on church plot and was allocated with plot number 65 in area 25 and an amount of Kwacha 80.00 (about \$65) has been paid so that the plot is ours. I was told that the plot is big and that we can put up more buildings than a church and pastors house. The board appointed L. Baluwa to go to Lilongwe early April 1984. Let us remember Lilongwe work in prayers so that the Lord will do his will. If we had funds available we could start with the pastor's house to eliminate rental problems, but the Lord knows." (Letter dated January 3, 1984.) □

### Needs In Australia

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA: The congregation holds separate meetings in two languages: Spanish and English. We have just started young people's meetings and other activities. Unfortunately it is difficult to find Spanish literature in Australia, including hymn books. Pray that such needs can soon be met. □

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### New Pastor for Bay Area

BAY AREA, CALIF.: Steven Crouch and family have settled in a rented home near the United Methodist church in El Cerrito, California, which is used by our people on Sabbath. Our church also has a room for SDB church use, exclusively. The office of LITA (Love Is The Answer), a community ministry with an SDB director, is also in this church facility. Remember their ministry to new contacts that visit regularly. □

### Bible Studies in South Africa

BUTTERWORTH, TRANSKEI: "We now have a series of Bible studies during the week. One of these is Leadership, Holy Living and Fellowship. Our aim is to help the brethren so that God, according to his purpose, will manifest his gifts in the fellowship. We are now having our place of worship on the Sabbath day. We are using pre-school classes for our services." --Pastor Colben F. Mngonyama. □

### Opportunities in Houston, Texas

HOUSTON, TEXAS: The Lord has blessed us to overflowing with a wide variety of people lately. Pray that we may have wisdom and grace to meet their needs as they seek to understand and relate to Seventh Day Baptist polity and belief. □

### Growth in San Gabriel Valley

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CA: Our highest attendance has been 51 for a Sabbath morning worship and we as a church recently increased our goal to 60 attending by April 21, 1984. This will allow us to use the sanctuary in the Baptist church which we rent. The counseling emphasis is having a positive effect in our church as several members have this gift and as we use it our church is being blessed by God in increased attendance and a feeling that God is truly using us in this broken and hurt world. --Pastor John Peil □

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## A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!

April 1984

**Verse for the Month:** *The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high: he has filled Zion with justice and righteousness. And he shall be the stability of your times, a wealth of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure. -Isaiah 33:5-6 NAS*

### Pray For...

1. new people that visit our churches, that we can minister
2. David and Bettie Pearson, returning to Africa this month
3. Area Spiritual Retreat, Alfred, NY SDB church (3-5)
4. registration of SDB church of Cameroon with government
5. the poor in my community
6. Area Spiritual Retreat, North Loup, NE SDB church (6-8)
7. local churches without regular pastoral leadership
8. Memorial Board Trustees meeting, Raritan Valley, NJ
9. Philippine pastors and new leaders in training now
10. Missionary Pastor Steve Crouch & Bay Area, CA witness
11. those who will be working in SCSC this summer
12. that the Lord will raise up bi-vocational pastors
13. Pastor Colben F. Mngonyama—SDB Fellowship, So. Africa
14. Christchurch, New Zealand SDBs, rebuilding from fire.
15. the Board of Christian Education leaders and their ministry
16. Pastor Augusto L. Benesse—Nampula, Mozambique, Africa
17. the "unreached" around me
18. Pastor Jin Sung Kim and his family's witness in So. Korea
19. OWM giving for 1984
20. witness in Malawi's capital, Lilongwe; Pastor L. Baluwa
21. A Sabbath of rest
22. PTL for a living Savior
23. Missionary Pastor Justin Camenga, Portland, OR church
24. General Conference Host Committee, 1984
25. Denominational leadership
26. my church's Sabbath School leaders
27. preparation for Summer Institute, Janesville, WI
28. new people to join in worship today
29. quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board, Westerly, RI
30. Baptist Prayer Conference, Columbus, OH

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## Profile of a Christian

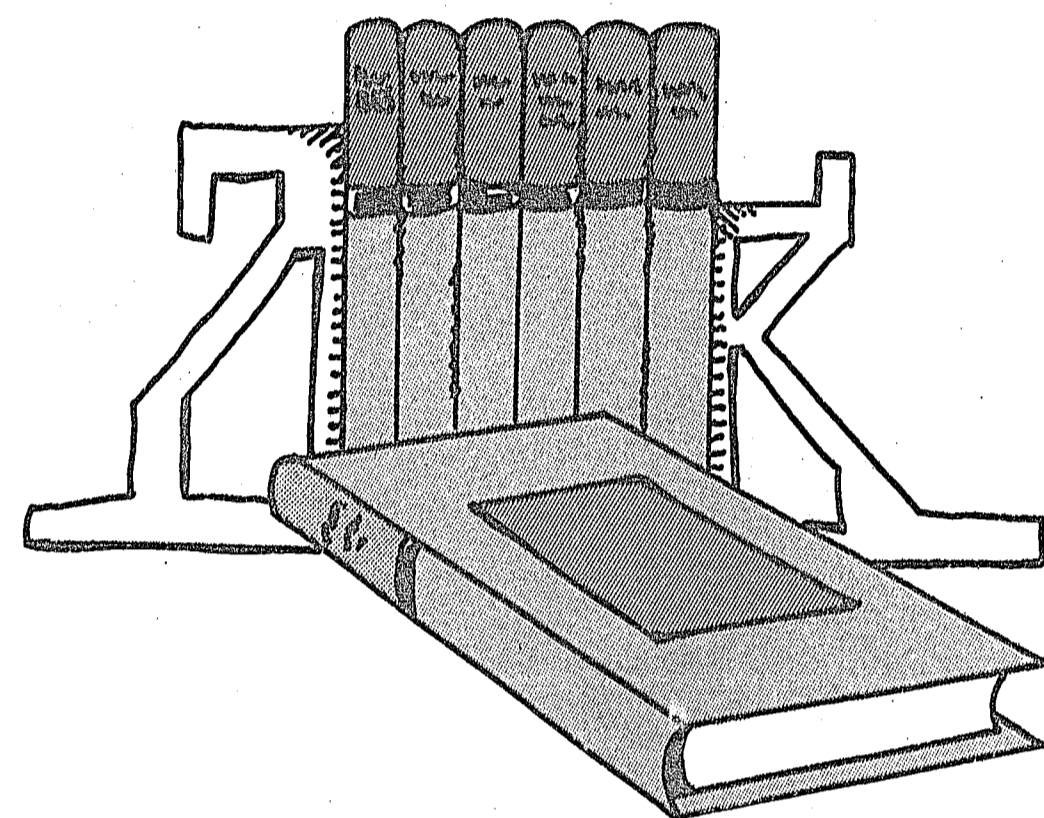
by John Farenhorst

Is there really one profile that will give a good picture of all Christians? Thank God there is not and Heaven will not be a dull place with "one-look" persons.

When I was beginning to learn English, one of my first books was *Open Doors to Peggy*. Yes, it was a book for girls, but it was also an easy book to read and when you need a dictionary to look up every other word in your reading book and maybe two or more listings in the dictionary to see what the words in the explanation mean, you don't care if it is a boy's or a girl's book, as long as it is easy to read!

Later, as my English improved and I read the same book again and again and even got all the other books in the Peggy series, there came a desire in my heart to share them with you. You see, Peggy was a Christian girl, who found life hard and impossible one day, and happy and great the next. Peggy and I could be brother and sister because we are so much alike. When I got saved the world seemed brand new and different. Reading my Bible and prayer were the two things I liked best. Now, to my shame, I have to admit that there are days that I skip both when I am dead tired.

Going out to tell others was a natural thing to do and as an adventurous person, I thought it was better to leave *Jerusalem*--the place where you live. A Gospel team in Belgium seemed so much better than home. I am not going to say that it was God's will, because looking back on it, I



firmly believe there was a little of my own will in it as well. No matter what, God used me to spread his good news and for three months we went all over Belgium. Traveling in old vans that broke down at many occasions, we needed daily prayer to make it. We sold Bibles and other Christian books, handed out thousands of tracts and spoke at open air

### *How often do we smile when people scold us?*

meetings and in churches. It was a time of learning and fellowship with the team members who came from all over the world.

As the years went by I found my life going up and down and there were plenty of days that I would have been plain sorry had Christ returned at that

certain time. However, God did not leave me alone and three years later, I went to Italy with the same Gospel team.

It was a joy to serve the Lord and we did see many impossible things come true. *God Specializes in Things Thought Impossible* was a song that gave us new hope and strength every day when we walked the streets of Venice and climbed the stairs to the often high apartment buildings. It was so easy to be happy in the Lord when you were working with people who loved the Lord the same way as you did. But, back at home, the every day chores and the same work day after day at the office made faith in God more difficult. How often do we smile when people scold us or treat us as dirt? How often are we nice to them when they act very unpleasant towards us? I know for me, it is far more easy to open my big mouth and yell to pay them back with interest.

In one of the books, Peggy had the same problem and was advised by a Christian neigh-

bor to smile and be friendly because that was about the only thing that she could do at the moment. The result of her genuine smile and friendship was that the other girl accepted the Lord.

Seeing how hopeless it was to convince her own mother that Christ could give her life a new dimension and make it happy and rich, she became depressed to the point that she even stopped praying.

Losing hope and looking only at our own strength is sooner or later going to depress us so much and make us feel so miserable that we can do only one thing--go to the Lord and ask him to give us new hope.

God showed her time after time to keep on praying and he used the surrender of her friends' hearts to Christ as an example that **all** things are possible. In God's own perfect time, he will answer our prayers and even then, the answer can be **no**.

The last book in the series ends with Peggy's father being killed in an automobile accident. He was saved and the Lord had his place ready in Heaven.

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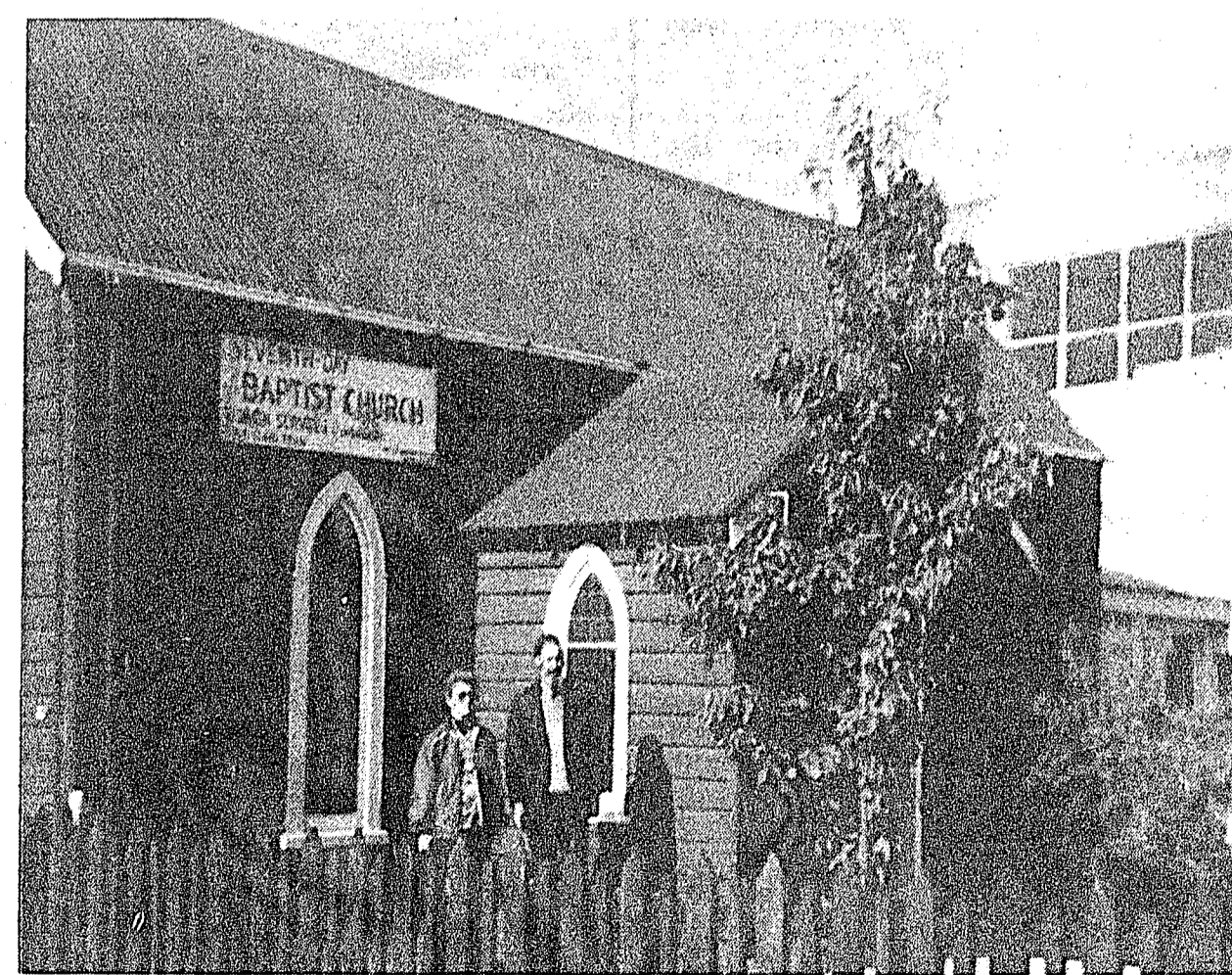
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He is survived by his wife, Marie W. Davis; his mother, Ruth S. Davis; four daughters; Cynthia D. Scherer of Voorheesville, N.Y., Donna D. Wiley of Sherrill, N.Y., Janet D. Butler of Delaware, Ohio, and Nancy D. Tucker of Verona, N.Y.; and by three brothers; Olin C. Davis of Oneida, N.Y., Roger F. Davis of Verona, N.Y., and Rev. Duane L. Davis of Los Angeles, Calif.

Services were held at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 4, 1983, and were led by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and Rev. Russell Johnson. The burial was in the New Union Cemetery.

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Funeral services were held in the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home in Westerly, with Pastor Leon A. Wheeler, officiating.

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Mrs. Crandall was educated at Westerly (Rhode Island) High School and Alfred (New York) University.

She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in 1902 and was active in every phase of church life, singing in the choir, teaching Sabbath School and working in the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Crandall was a member of the Sokvabek Club, the Westerly YMCA, the Y Garden Club, and the Westerly Hospital Aid Association.

Surviving besides her husband are three daughters, Elizabeth Driftmier of Pawcatuck, Esther Pierson of Stamford, Conn., and Carolyn Preston of Hamilton, Mass.; 13 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The committal service was private. A memorial service will be held at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway early in the summer.

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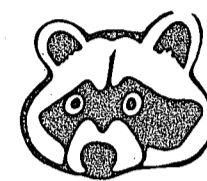
The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to rule that a Connecticut law requiring employers to give workers time off for religious observance is constitutional. The request, made in a petition filed on behalf of a Connecticut chain store manager, asks that the U.S. high court review a decision of the Connecticut Supreme Court which declared the state's Sabbath observance employee protection statute unconstitutional.

The Connecticut court had declared that any law requiring employers to allow employees to take time off for religious purposes violated the principle of separation of church and state. The petitioner argues that it isn't so. He says that the Connecticut court decision conflicts with numerous decisions of federal and state courts which have held that protecting employees in the free exercise of religion is constitutional.

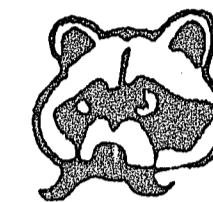
The petition was filed by Mr. Nathan Lewin, vice-president of the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, on behalf of Donald E. Thornton, a Connecticut department store manager with the Caldor chain of retail stores. Thornton asked to be excused from working on Sunday because he observed the day as his Sabbath. The chain offered to transfer him to a store in Massachusetts that was closed Sundays or demote him. Mr. Thornton refused the out of state transfer and sued Caldor under a 1976 revision of the state's Sunday laws, specifying that no employee could be required to work on his or her Sabbath. □

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### Racco and the Mud



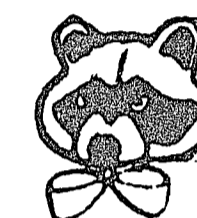
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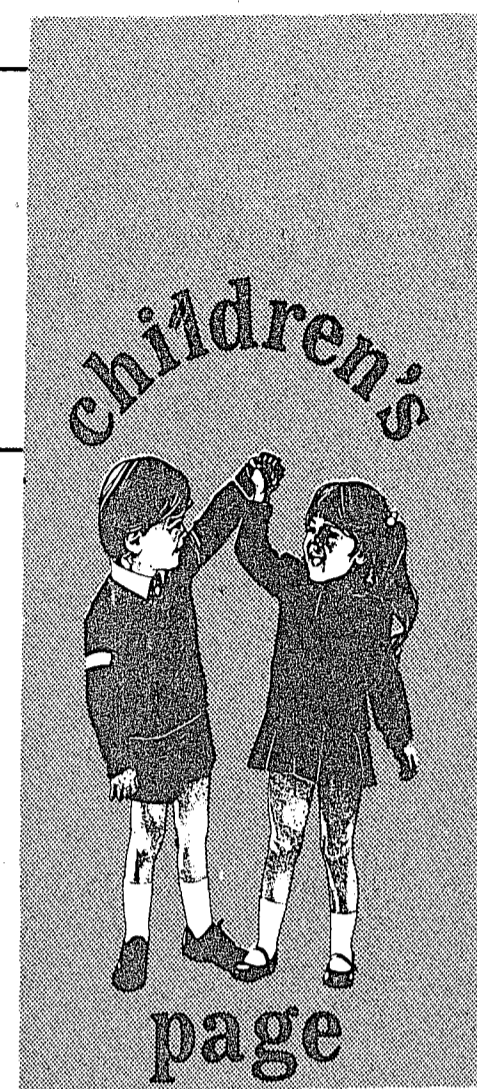
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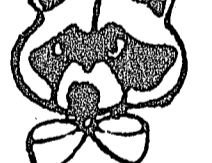
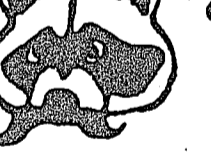



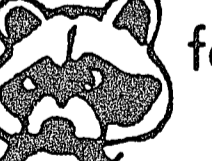



Can of Mud



Mother



 was sad.  was sad.  had disobeyed his  .  was not supposed to go into that room until it had the walls remudded. This would help keep the winds out during the winter.  had gone into the room and played with the  . Now the room was a mess for  to clean up and  would have to get more  .  helped both his parents.  was sorry he had disobeyed. His  forgave 

This is the way to forgive that Jesus is teaching us in Matthew 6:12 when he says, "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." God forgives us when we do wrong things and tell him we are sorry. We should try to be good and loving at all times.

Parents, please note I John 1:9 and Matthew 18:23-35. □

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Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the father  
and of the son  
and of the holy spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything I have  
commanded you.  
and surely I will be with you always,  
to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20  
NIV



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