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# The Sabbath

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## Biographical.

It has long been wished, that those facts illustrative of the lives and spirit of early Sabbath-keepers, which are now scattered over the pages of history, might be collected together, and presented in such a form as to interest and profit the general reader. In order to gratify this wish, it is proposed to publish a series of biographical articles, in which shall be found sketches of many of those whose memorials ought to be held in everlasting remembrance among us. These sketches will commence with such persons as appear in England soon after the Reformation, and will be extended from that country to other parts of the world. It is hoped, that good will in several ways result from such a course. By becoming familiar with their trials and labors, our sympathy with them, and interest in them, may be deepened. By comparing their doctrines and practices with our own, a way may be opened to more comprehensive views and thorough instruction. By having our eyes fixed upon them as a common object of interest, we may come to see things differently, perhaps alike, among ourselves. And by meditating upon the example of those who loved not their lives unto the death, our regard for the truth which distinguished them, and our consistency in maintaining it, may be increased. Should either of these advantages which we have promised to ourselves be realized, we shall be amply repaid for all the labor which the preparation of such articles may require. But should neither of them be realized, we shall at least have the consoling reflection, that we have done what we could to embalm the memories of those faithful ones who had their claim upon us.

The first name which deserves notice—not so much for his actual sufferings in defence of the truth, as for his clear exposition of it—is that of

### THEOPHILUS BRABOURNE.

In order that we may fully appreciate the words and spirit of Theophilus Brabourne, it is necessary to premise, that soon after the commencement of the Reformation, among other practical questions which were discussed anew, we find the claims of the Sabbath introduced and thoroughly examined. There was one class of the Reformers, who, dwelling alone on the sufficiency of

indicated by a book which Brabourne published less than four years afterwards, in 1632, with the following title:

#### A DEFENCE

OF

*That most ancient and sacred ordinance of God's, the Sabbath Day.*

In this last book, as we are told by a Bishop of the English Church, (Dr. Francis White, Lord Bishop of Ely,) "proceeding after the rule of Presbyterian principles, among which this was ancient. That all religious observations and actions, and among the rest the ordaining and keeping of holy-days, must have a special warrant and command in holy Scripture, otherwise the same is superstitious; he concluded from thence, by necessary inference, that the seventh day of every week, to wit, Saturday, having an express command in the Decalogue, by a precept simply and perpetually moral, and the Sunday, or Lord's Day, being not commanded in the Law or in the Gospel; the Saturday must be the Christian weekly Sabbath, and the Sunday ought to be a working day."

We here subjoin the three positions which it was the main design of the book to establish. From them it is easy to judge of the character of the work. It ought to be further said, however, that in the illustration and proof of his positions, Brabourne was singularly happy. These are his positions: "1. The fourth commandment of the Decalogue is a Divine precept, simply and entirely moral, containing nothing legally ceremonial, in whole or in part, and therefore the weekly observation thereof ought to be perpetual, and to continue in full force and virtue to the world's end. 2. The Saturday, or seventh day of the week, ought to be an everlasting holy-day in the Christian Church, and the religious observation of this day obligeth Christians under the Gospel, as it did the Jews before the coming of Christ. 3. The Sunday, or Lord's day, is an ordinary work-

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It's time to celebrate 20 years of service to our churches by the Summer Christian Service Corps. On Tuesday evening, August 7, at Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Beloit, Wisconsin, a banquet will be held in the cafeteria at Beloit College from 5 to 7 p.m. SCSC, dedicated service workers, training staff members and Women's Board members who have helped with SCSC planning are invited, but we must have reservations by **July 30**. Cost for the dinner will be \$6.65 without a conference meal ticket and \$2.40 with a meal ticket.

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will hold a special corporate meeting on  
**Thursday, August 9, 1984**  
**12:00 Noon (luncheon)**  
Lower Koehler Room  
Dining Commons  
Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin

*The purpose of this meeting is to consider the new constitution for the Historical Society's incorporation in the State of Wisconsin. All members of the society are invited to attend.*

### Conference hymnals

We will be using *Hymns For The Family of God* published by Paragon Associates, Inc. as the 1984 conference hymnal. Those who own copies are asked to bring them for their own use during the week. **SR**

#### Note from Riverside

Since the pastor of the Riverside, California, SDB Church has announced his retirement, the church is actively searching for a new pastor. **SR**



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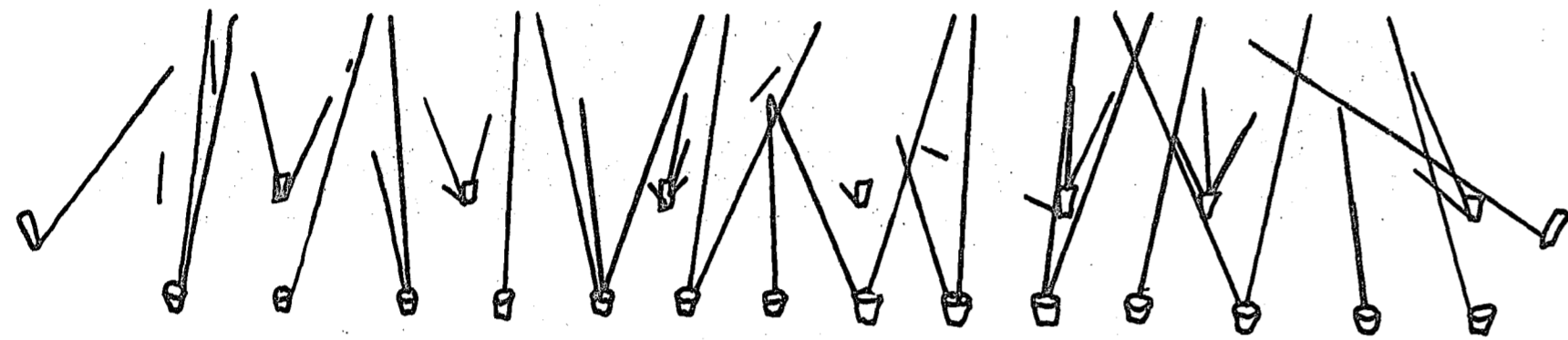
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# Observe the Sabbath Day



by Rev. Melvin F. Stephan  
Pastor, Alfred Station (New York)  
Seventh Day Baptist Church

## Is legalism "tying down" your Sabbath?

Deut. 5:12-15; II Cor. 4:1-12; Mark 2:23-3:6

The children's book *Gulliver's Travels*, tells the story about a man who is shipwrecked at sea. Somehow he washes up on the shore of an unknown land, and lies on the beach unconscious. When he wakes up, he finds that he is tied to the ground by thousands of tiny threads.

Around him stand the Liliputians, a tiny race of people. To them Gulliver is a fearsome giant. While he was unconscious, they had tied threads around his arms and legs and staked them into the ground. Each of his fingers were tied securely. There were even strings tied around the strands of his hair. They were ropes from the Liliputians point of view, but only tiny, flimsy filaments of thread from Gulliver's point of view. However, there were so many of them that Gulliver was firmly tied down—he was immobile—he couldn't move.

This same kind of thing had happened with the observance of the Sabbath day in the time of Jesus. The Sabbath, with the help of the Jewish leaders, had tied the people down with thousands of rules and regulations. God has commanded, "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy...You have

six days in which to do your work, but the seventh is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work..."

The unique thing about the Sabbath day commandment was that it was a remembrance day...and a very *democratic* day. Not only was it to be observed by adult men and property owners, but also the women and children, servants, visitors and even animals. No one was permitted to sit around with his feet up on a table, and have everyone else wait on him. Everyone was to rest on the Sabbath; creatively, with active rest. Even the animals were given the day off and all were to remember what God had done and deliberate on what God had done for them. Rest was to be a change of pace...a break from the ordinary everyday work.

That is the commandment simply stated. The problem came in later years, when learned men tried to figure out *exactly* what constituted work and just *exactly* what constituted rest. As a result, the Sabbath observance became very complicated and involved. It was decreed, for instance, that work consisted of carrying anything heavier than a fig. Some people wondered whether it was legal for a man with a wooden leg to walk on the Sabbath because in lifting his leg he was dealing with a burden heavier than a fig. In any case a child couldn't drag a stick in the dust on the Sabbath, because the stick moved the soil and that was classified as plowing. A woman was forbidden to look in a mirror on the Sabbath, because she might see a grey hair and be tempted to pluck it out and that would be classified as reaping. Definitely no one was allowed to casually walk along a wheat field and grab some grain to relieve their hunger, because that constituted harvesting. That's just exactly how far the nitpicking in terms of the Sabbath went. And it does sound like nitpicking to us.

Jesus' disciples broke the Sabbath one Saturday, just by picking some grain in a field. Apparently there was a group of critics snooping around Jesus and his friends. Some of them perhaps remembered that Jesus had once

healed a man on the Sabbath; and now this! Jesus' friends had broken the Sabbath with his apparent consent.

The stage was set for Jesus to make a very important pronouncement in terms of laws and regulations and the things that constrict life: man-made laws that make God's laws a burden rather than a delight. Also, he was to say something very important in terms of himself. First he said: "The Sabbath was made for the good of man; man was not made for the Sabbath." In other words, human needs override man-made Sabbath rules. To meet a human need, King David, the greatest national hero of Israel, broke those rules and even ate temple bread. So what was Jesus saying? Was he saying that we may do anything that we want to? No. We meet human needs. Jesus went on to say, "So the Son of Man is

Lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus Christ put the true meaning back into the Sabbath—a time for re-creation of our bodies and souls. Christ gave us the freedom to break some of the rules to meet human needs. But, he did not give us authority to go out and break all rules just for the fun of it. There must be some rules and regulations to keep some sense in our lives. That is why he said, "I am Lord even of the Sabbath."

But Christ has freed us from feeling constricted by rules and regulations. Of course the nitpicking still goes on. I've heard of churches that have gotten themselves into great hassles over issues such as, "Where do we put the flowers on the communion table?" or "What color shall our new carpet be?" or "Shall we make an addition to the church?" Some have even split over

these issues.

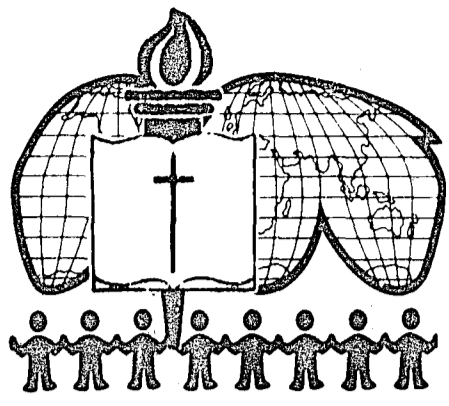
There are other aspects of church life and home life in our everyday experience that we can nitpick about. There are a lot of details that can be squabbled over. This comes out most often in marriages. She has her views of how it should be done and he has his views. Often this goes back to what we learned as children and accepted as law. We bring a whole set of rules and expectations with us when we enter a marriage. The first several years we spend time working out a new set of rules. I read the other day that all young couples should hang a sign out after they get married... "Caution — God at work making a marriage."

Christ sets us free from nitpicking and legalism. He frees us by helping us to focus again on the true meaning. The reason that the Israelites overdid the Sabbath commandment is because they lost the focus of its true meaning. The Sabbath was to be a blessing for humanity—a time when humanity could be refreshed in body and soul.

That is what Paul is talking about in Col. 2:16-19, "So let no one make rules about what you eat or drink or about holy days or the New Moon Festival or the Sabbath..." Therefore, we may receive our rest and re-creation, as a symbol of creation.

God does not want the Sabbath to be a burden, but a delight. Jesus told his friends that the "Sabbath was made for the good of man and man was not made for the Sabbath." He went on to say: "...so the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath." The really important thing is to focus on God as we have known him in the person of, or manifestation of, Jesus. Then we have a true guide through life—even for Sabbath observance. People took the laws of God, distorted them and most highlighted the Sabbath commandment. So God sent his Son, and the Son has shown us in his life what God was trying to say in the Ten Commandments.

Jesus leads the way and gives us the focus...and that way is not in constricting legalism, but in true joy in Sabbath keeping and celebration. 5



## Conference is coming President's page

by Leland E. Davis, President

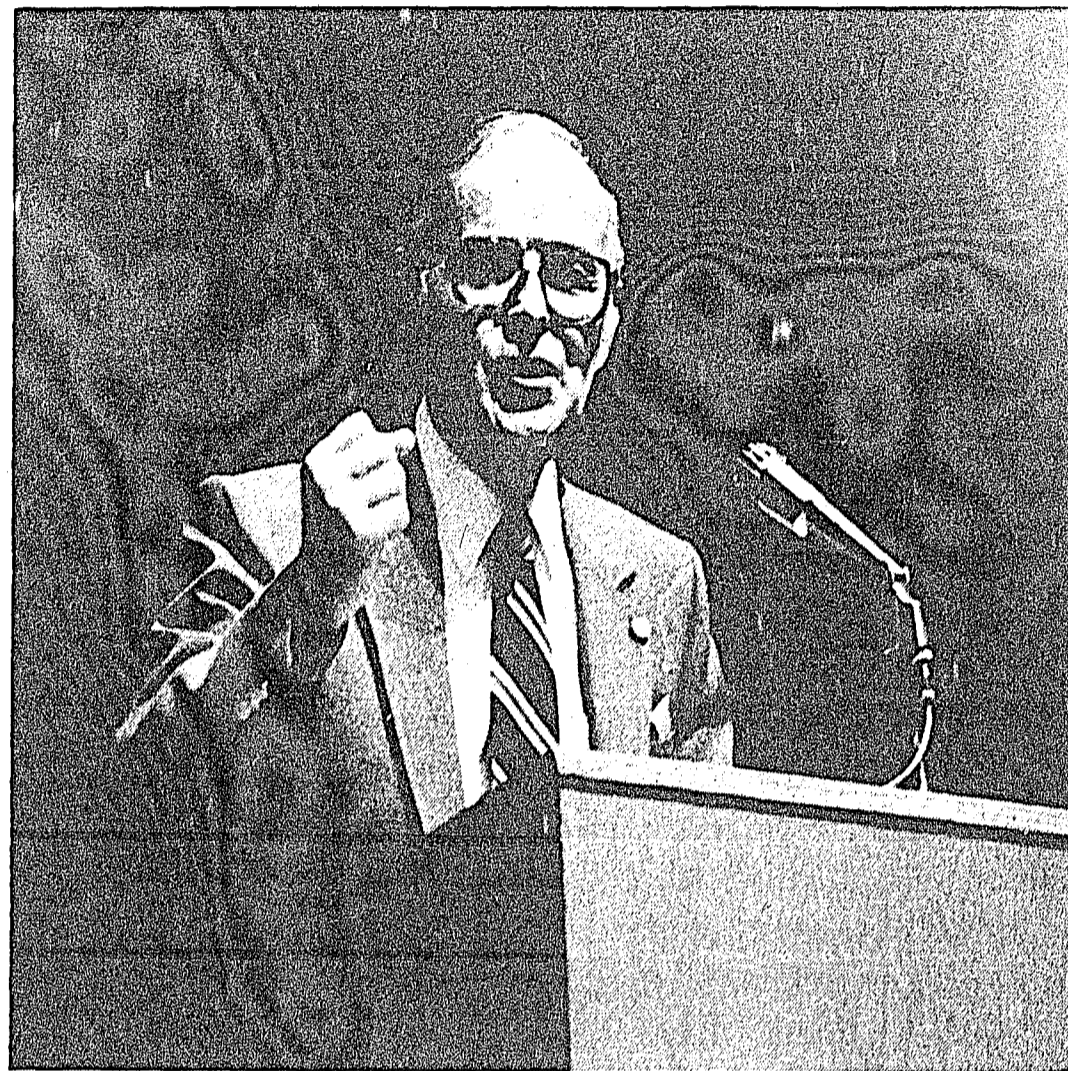
The 172nd Annual Session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will convene at Beloit College, Beloit, Wisconsin, August 5-12, 1984. A colorful Parade of Banners carried by delegates from our churches will open the Sunday evening session following Harvest Time singers. The banners will depict how we are Building the Body of Christ and ways in which we have sought to carry out growth in this year of nurture.

Building Families That Last will feature six exciting films by Dr. Richard D. Dobbins, showing the steps you can take to build or rebuild your family into one that will withstand life's storms. The blueprints for building a strong and healthy family are in the Bible. After each film, resource leaders from among our own families will lead youth and adults in a 45 minute workshop on Equipping the Family. We will begin the Family Film Festival on Sunday evening with Love and Affection and conclude on Sabbath morning during Sabbath School with Forgiveness.

Streams of Caring, a Candlelight Chorale, will be presented on Friday evening by the Conference Choir under the capable direction of Ann Williams with Barbara Saunders, organist. As a singer, your voice is needed to ring out the message that "streams of caring produce pools of love". The choir will sing each evening and on Sabbath morning.

Evening Vespers will highlight Youth Pre-Con, the Milton Jubilee Ringers, Men's Sing, Young Adult Pre-Con, and Harvest Time singers. Special musical numbers during the day sessions will feature other gifted individuals and groups including Krystal Priority and Worship in Motion (based on Ephesians 4) with Mary Clare, director.

Husbands and wives will lead Praise and Prayer each morning in Eaton Chapel where we assemble as the household of faith for nurture on the word of God. The pastors as gifted



Pres. Leland Davis

teachers will instruct us in Body Building through prayer and the Word as we exercise faith and minister to our own family for the purpose of preparing us all for service. We will then begin our conference business each day as a service to God and take a vital interest in his work through the various committees. To give ample time for the work of the Interest Committees, the business on the conference floor will extend through Thursday morning.

As our God-given leaders, pastors will lead us each evening in our worship and share further insights from the Scriptures on Body Building. They will joyfully proclaim the truth concerning:

*Quality Leadership*  
*How Love Builds the Body*  
*Body Building Toward Maturity*  
*Equipping For Evangelism*  
*Sabbath Rest for Body-Building*  
*Partners-In-Counseling (PIC)* will be available in the love of Christ to nurture spiritual and emotional healing that will lead to wholeness of the person and victory in life. May each of us have a listening ear, a loving heart, and a spirit of sensitivity. Leroy Bass will serve as our PIC Coordinator.

In the comfortable lounges of the dormitories, Prayer Groups will gather with their Leaders to share their

personal, family, church and conference concerns. Through our corporate prayer life we anticipate that God will accomplish great and mighty things far beyond our expectations. Our faithful involvement in the early morning and evening prayer meetings means a wise investment of seven productive hours in rich fellowship with the Lord and one another. Thirty-nine Group Leaders have been chosen for Body-Building through directed prayers.

Banquet celebrations will mark the centennial anniversary of our National Women's Society on Wednesday and the twentieth anniversary of our Summer Christian Service Corps on Tuesday. The annual Youth Banquet is set for Thursday. Due recognition will be given by Conference to these organizations for their invaluable years of dedicated service.

The Executive Secretary, Dale Thorngate, will give us a fresh report with a slide presentation of his six week World Federation Good Will Trip to Europe where he visited sister conferences, attended the annual meetings of the Seventh Day Christian Church in Poland to welcome them into the Federation, and represented us at the Baptist World Alliance sessions in Berlin, West Germany.

Friday afternoon will be set apart for guided tours to the new Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville where delegates hopefully will share in a mortgage burning and dedication ceremony. As the Relocation Fund grows with the Memorial Fund matching one dollar for every four dollars we give, we hope to pay off our debt by Conference time. Will you help make this event happen by sending in a sacrificial love gift today?

We will begin our Sabbath Celebration on Friday evening by sharing personal testimonies of how we have been built-up in our faith, hope, and love through the nurture of body-members. It is expected that many conferees will make a renewed commitment of their lives to Christ and his Church. As we center our thoughts during Sabbath School on Forgiveness we will humbly ask for God's forgiveness and freely forgive people who need our forgiveness. Then during the Worship Service we will be Measuring the Maturity of the Body, and showing the depth of it by Our World Mission dollars in stewardship giving.

On Sabbath afternoon we will gather around the Lord's Table as His royal guests in remembrance of his life-giving bread and life-giving blood for us. As we recall how Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, we will submit ourselves anew to Him and to one another.

It will be our privilege to view the program of our Associated Conferences under the leadership of their directors whose dedication made Body-Building a reality for our children and youth.

On the closing night of Conference, recognition will be given to newly accredited pastors and retired pastors who have given 35-40 years of service. We will also recognize new churches, the growingest church, and churches participating in the Evangelism Explosion Discipleship Training Ministry. Certificates of Achievement will be awarded individuals who have read through the Bible. Recognition will be given to the churches for increase in the number of persons who are committed to the regular reading of the Word of God. The new President, Calvin Babcock, will be introduced, and he will present his conference theme for the year ahead.

I will see you at Beloit!

SR

# Building Families That Last

Six exciting films



with  
**Dr. Richard D. Dobbins**  
Location: SDB General Conference  
Beloit, Wisconsin

Date(s):  
August 5-12, 1984

Titles:  
Love & Affection, Part I  
Love & Affection, Part II  
Cooperation  
Communication  
Discipline  
Forgiveness



Dr. Dobbins is an ordained minister, psychologist, author, lecturer, and popular television talk show guest.

Building Families That Last is a presentation of EMERGE Ministries, Inc., a Christian mental health center in Akron, Ohio.

# Fouke church celebrates 100th

by Ivan FitzRandolph  
Our World Mission Treasurer

The Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church had been organized for some 15 years before my grandfather, Rev. Gideon Henry FitzRandolph, came to Fouke. They were eventful years for this church. Its organization in Texarkana was by a convert to the Sabbath—James Franklin Shaw. He brought a dozen or so of his parishioners with him from the College Hill Baptist Church of Texarkana, one of whom was a Deacon, C.G. Beard.

They built a house of worship and doubled the membership the first year. Keeping the Sabbath in a bustling frontier town like Texarkana was becoming increasingly difficult. It was a town where sawmills worked seven days a week to supply lumber for the new construction which was continually going up. Stores were open seven days a week and jobs which did not require working on the Sabbath were very scarce.

These conditions led to the founding of a new town (Fouke), where individuals could keep the Sabbath; where they could "educate their children mentally, morally and manually, as

well as in the all-important work of religious training."

Publicizing the concept of "The Necessity of Colonization" in a periodical which he published (*The Outpost*), Rev. Shaw was successful in attracting many adventurous souls (including most of the original Texarkana church) to Fouke, where it became The Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church. I have been amazed with how often churches in Arkansas, during this period, moved and changed their names, sometimes being called by two or three different names.

Under the dynamic leadership of Rev. J. F. Shaw, the group built a new church, established a school (Bamfield Academy) and built a school house. All of this was accomplished in those 14 or 15 years. What an amazing person he must have been.

Unfortunately, with the challenges and enthusiasm of the colonialization period behind them and the good soil already losing its fertility under the unbroken cultivation of cotton, Rev. Shaw became discouraged. The lumbering industry dwindled as the

need for new construction passed. When the public school opened, Rev. Shaw closed his school and his publishing business and resigned his pastorate in 1898.

It was shortly after this that Rev. Gideon H. FitzRandolph accepted the call of the Missionary Society to become General Missionary in the Southwestern field. He and his family had just recently returned from the China mission because of ill health. However after resting and regaining his health he was ready to take up his work in the Southwest in the spring of 1899. He was joined by his wife and four sons in the fall of that year and assumed the pastorate of the Fouke church.

They soon perceived that an injection of new spirit was needed in Fouke; something that would draw the people together.

So they set about establishing the Fouke SDB Mission School. Not only was a quality education needed for the children but agricultural reform was also necessary. The dream developed into a kind of Industrial School. The old school building was falling into decay because of disuse so a new one was built. Two large tracts of land were acquired upon which a large house was built where the out of town students lived, and the remainder was used for a farm operation.

Wayne Rood in his book *Lesson For Tomorrow* says, "The daily work of the farm and the home was divided and each student had his duties. Girls cooked and washed, the boys milked and fed the stock and chickens. On Sunday they all worked all day on the farm... The sale of the farm produce met the expense of the swelling... household."

Rev. FitzRandolph taught better farming to his parishioners by example. He introduced peanuts as a cash crop. When told that potatoes would not grow in that soil, he developed a new strain which would. He introduced crops other than cotton

that would sell and taught the principle of crop rotation. "School and Farm worked hand in hand, each supporting the other and each an educational experience."

Grandfather served the church, the community and the Southwestern field for 16 years at which time his health failed and he returned to West Virginia.

For the first 30 years of the life of this church, then, it was led and ministered to by two outstanding men. Men not only of vision, but of leadership ability as well. Neither one was afraid to work hard himself. It seems extremely unfortunate to me, that as is so often the case with strong individuals, a difference of philosophy brought a rift between these two men which apparently was never mended.

It is the similarities of these first two

pastors of this church however that strike me as unusual:

1. They each served the church for about the same length of time. About 15 years.
2. They each established a school to meet the needs of their respective times, and each built a school house to accommodate it.
3. One came to serve this church from a successful pastorate in another denomination; the other came from a foreign mission field.
4. One built a town; the other carried out an extensive and profitable agricultural reform program.

What a heritage for a church to look back on.

Is it any wonder that this church has produced such Seventh Day Baptist

leaders as Hurley S. Warren, Marion C. Van Horn, Paul V. Beebe; and two of Gideon's sons (both became SDB ministers)—John, who was my father, and Wardner, whose family for three, perhaps four generations has been associated with this church and the church at Texarkana.

This in no way is intended to minimize the significant service of 16 other pastors of this church since 1916 whose names you have heard or read, or will hear or read during this centennial celebration. You have a wonderful tradition of which each of you can be proud. More importantly, your recent history shows this to be a church that continues to step out in faith for our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless us as we jointly experience the joys and struggles that lie ahead. SR

The Fouke, Arkansas Seventh Day Baptist Church



The Sabbath Recorder

Review by Herbert E. Saunders

Kenneth A. Strand, editor. *The Sabbath in Scripture and History* (Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Assoc., 1982). \$19.95.

It was Ralph Waldo Emerson who said, in an address on May 5, 1879, that "the essential ground of a new book or a new sermon is a new spirit." Kenneth Strand, editor, and those authors whose diligence in research and scholarship combined to produce this volume, the purpose of which is outlined in the preface as "to produce a new book dealing comprehensively with the two main days of Christian worship," have lived up to the sentiments expressed by Mr. Emerson. Certainly this book captures a new spirit in the literature of Sabbath and Sunday theological dialogue making a significant impact on the future of this important study.

Combining a discussion of history and theology, the authors address the important elements in the ongoing

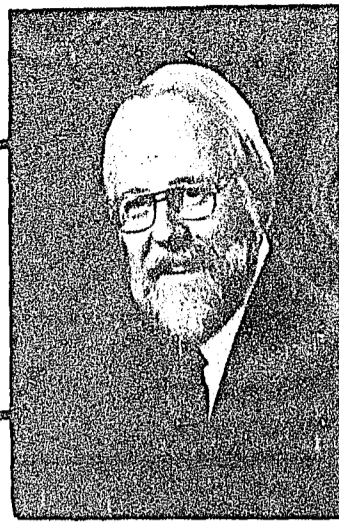
debate that has enlivened the halls of the church since its early centuries, and most notably in the last few years as the world has cried out for a new vision of *sabbath* as a means of personal fulfillment and renewal. The book is significant in providing the most up-to-date information available concerning the history of the Sabbath-Sunday controversy from Biblical times to the present. It is concise and measures up to its purpose for the benefit of all who will conscientiously read its arguments. An admittedly "exceptionally large" volume, it focuses attention exceptionally well on the Sabbath as a liberating element in man's seeking to

meet God. Without ignoring the fact that religious faith is not man's search for God, but God's search for man in offering him redemption, the authors carefully, and I believe, successfully, make their point—the Sabbath is relevant for those who are seeking new meaning for their troubled lives. Raymond F. Cottrell writes: "observance of the seventh-day Sabbath today demands a radical, conscious, deliberate decision to follow Christ."

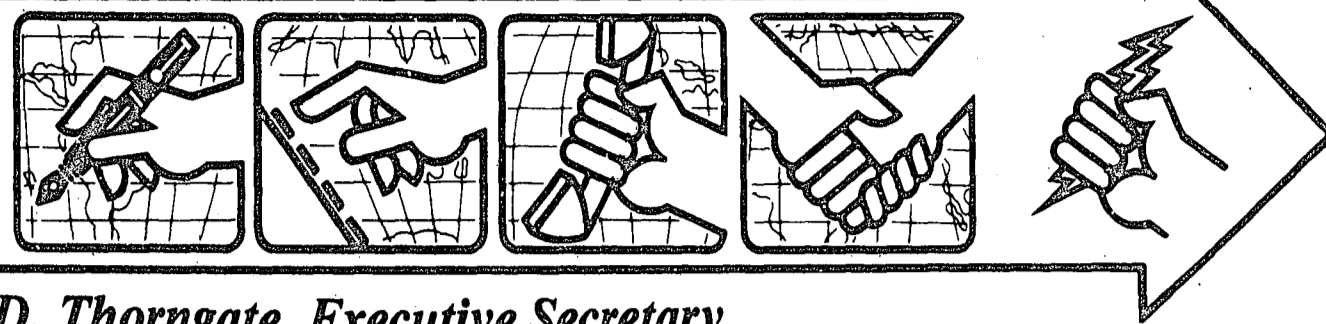
If the book has any distractions it is in the fact that it is primarily historical in nature, with little new Sabbath theology. It has been designed that way, to be sure, and presents the picture of the Sabbath and its relevance throughout history with honesty and openness. It is a significant contribution to Sabbath literature for that focus alone.

Beginning with a discussion of the Sabbath in the Old Testament records, various authors trace its development and impact in the life of Israel, the early Church, and throughout more recent recorded history. They focus

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Dale D. Thorngate, Executive Secretary



## Good news from home and abroad

So the churches were made stronger in the faith and grew in numbers every day. Acts 16:5

Our brothers, we want you to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches... II Cor. 8:1

### New churches and new leaders in USA

We rejoice in the birth of a new church in Madison, Wisconsin, on Sabbath, May 26. With it comes the potential for three new churches to request membership in the Conference this August. We give thanks for the recent ordination of four men to the pastoral ministry: William Shobe in Atlanta, Georgia; Rodney Henry and Shinsei Hokama in Los Angeles, California; and David Taylor in Lost Creek, West Virginia.

At a time when pastoral leadership is a crucial need for our churches and new groups, it was encouraging to welcome 15 people to the Summer Institute offered by the Center on Ministry this summer. At the same time we see the future potential of 34 young people attending college with scholarship assistance based on their dedicated service to the denomination. Several of them are already committed to go on to seminary.

Several congregations have received answers to prayer for needed facilities: dedication of a new building in Centralia, Washington; ground-breaking for a new addition in Milton, Wisconsin; additional property for parking and classrooms in Daytona Beach, Florida; a public facility to rent in Shawnee, Oklahoma.

### Anniversaries to celebrate

Much we have to celebrate, including 100 years of Christian witness through the churches of Fouke, Arkansas, and Daytona Beach, Florida. Other anniversaries planned for the fall are the 125th in Dodge Center, Minnesota,

and the 200th in Waterford, Connecticut.

Speaking of anniversaries, we take time at Conference this year to commemorate the centennial of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society and the 20th anniversary of the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC), so representative of their contribution to our common mission. This year's SCSC of 18 young people is right now finishing their 10 days of training and disbursing to six project sites across the country.

### Growth in Europe—and a good will trip

And there is yet another 20th anniversary. In August 1964, delegates from seven SDB Conferences met in Salem, West Virginia, to make plans to establish the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. We will celebrate the anniversary of its birth in 1985, but this month we welcome into its membership the Sabbath Day Christian Church of Poland, 15th national conference to join the Federation.

At this writing, my wife Janet and I have just been granted our visas to travel in Poland to attend their annual conference in Bydgoszcz, July 13-15. It will be a joy to bring greetings from Seventh Day Baptists around the world and to give the official welcome into our fellowship.

In this same trip (June 18-July 30) we will visit for the World Federation our sister churches and conferences in Holland, England, Finland, Germany, and Czechoslovakia. The new church in Turku, Finland, where Tom McElwain is the leader, will be conducting special evangelistic services during their "1st annual meetings" while we are with them. Then while we go on to the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Berlin, West Germany, July 24-28, the British Conference will be meeting in Tottenham, London, with the Mill Yard Church, "the grandmother of us all."

### Meanwhile on other continents

Meanwhile, in the Southern Hemisphere, our Australasian Conference will be meeting also in July. It will surely be an exciting week for them as they have several new churches and groups in Australia who have just begun meeting in the last year. We rejoice with them and with the Philippine Convention where three more young men have recently completed the Theological Training by Extension program and where missionaries Rodney and Camille Henry have returned with their family for another term of service.

From the Central African Conference, where the Pearsons have also returned from furlough, comes the good news of a major outreach effort with new facility and new pastor in the new capitol city of Lilongue, Malawi. We continue to hear too from the Nigeria Conference, which joined the Federation last year, and from South Africa where there are several interested contacts and groups.

From Asia comes news that groups are meeting for worship in Lieu-oo and Shanghai, China, including some members who had earlier been connected with our mission work there. From Rev. John V. Rao in India and Rev. L. Sawi Thange in Burma we have reports on their annual conferences held in March and April—good reports of continuing efforts to train young leaders and to explore new ways of sharing the gospel message in their countries.

And so it goes—in Brazil, in Jamaica, in Mexico, and in Guyana as well. In Wichita Falls, Texas, and in Toronto, Canada. As our prayers reach out to support the work in all these areas we are strengthened in our hope and in our vision for the work in our own place of action. We rejoice "to know what God's grace has accomplished in the churches..." SR

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## Religion in the news

### Report on religious television

A new study indicates that the audience for religious television is smaller than previously believed. In a two-volume, 160 page study, findings revealed that only 6.2 percent of television households watch even a quarter-hour of religious broadcasting. Most viewers of the so-called electronic church have one or two favorite shows, and are already church-goers.

The study was sponsored by 39 denominations and agencies, and the results have raised questions for some groups as to the effectiveness of their investment. SR

### Bible literacy campaign

A campaign will be launched in September to place Bibles for sale in supermarkets and public areas, along with magazines and newspapers. Tyndale House and the Christian Broadcasting Network will sponsor sale of The Living Bible (paraphrase) as a commercial venture, and nearly ten million dollars will be spent on national advertising. The Living Bible will be titled *The Book*, and will sell for \$9.95.

The Biblical literacy campaign is planned to make the Bible available to millions who never read it. According to the Gallop organization nearly 50 million Americans never read the Bible. SR

### Olympic hopeful to keep Sabbath

Michelle Bush, a Seventh Day Adventist, with a chance at the 1,500 meter medals in the Olympic Games, has announced that she will not run on the Sabbath. The finals for her event have been scheduled for Saturday, and her decision has been compared to that of Eric Liddell in *Chariots of Fire*. SR

### Supreme Court to consider Connecticut Sabbath labor law

Washington D.C.—Americans United for Separation of Church and State has urged the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold a Connecticut law exempting employees from work on their Sabbath.

State courts struck down the statute in 1983 charging that it had no secular purpose and violated the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

In a June friend-of-the-court brief, however, Americans United called the law a constitutionally permissible accommodation, a "Protection for the Sabbath-keeping needs of an employee at the labor marketplace." The brief cited the difficulties that Sabbath observers face when holding jobs which conflict with their religious practices.

"In this industrialized nation of ours where the majority dictates more and more the affairs of life, it is vital to protect the interests of those who march to the beat of a different drummer," the brief asserted. "It is to the benefit of this great nation that we provide a home and haven for all religious thought. The Connecticut statute, guaranteeing protection at the labor marketplace, cannot and should not be struck down, for to do so makes a mockery of one of the primary purposes of the religion clause of the First Amendment (the free exercise of religion)."

The *Thornton V. Caldor, Inc.* case is expected to set major precedents in church-state law regarding Sabbath observance. SR

### Dutch reformed protest missiles

The Netherlands Reformed Church has formally protested the deployment of U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles on Dutch soil, and has directed its action to the parliament. The Reformed Church is the largest in Holland, with 2.7 million members. SR

### Beer-drinking less popular

The Wall Street Journal has reported that a decline in the popularity of beer has brewers concerned. According to sales figures the trend has been sharply downward since 1980, and alcoholic consumption has been hit by a new health-oriented life-style. Another factor cited is the campaign against drunk drivers, which gives a new social stigma to heavy consumption. SR

### Church growth predictions

The publishers of *Church Growth: America* have listed predictions of growth for the nation's major denominations during the next decade. Those denominations expected to grow by 20% or more include: Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Evangelical Free Church, the Church of the Nazarene, and The Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee.

The forecast projects that American Baptist Churches will decline by as much as 10% during the period, and the United Church of Christ will decline by more than 10%. SR 11

# FOCUS

## MISSIONS TODAY

### Progress in El Cerrito

BAY AREA SDB, EL CERRITO, CA—"Follow-up on new contacts continues to be a high priority. So far, this has been somewhat fruitful: During the first quarter (of 1984) four of these people became members of the church and two more have indicated they will soon. Praise the Lord for this! Our highest worship attendance so far is 50, which severely crowds us in the chapel. There is more and more talk of moving into the sanctuary permanently..." (They meet in the United Methodist Church facilities) — Missionary Pastor Steven Crouch SR

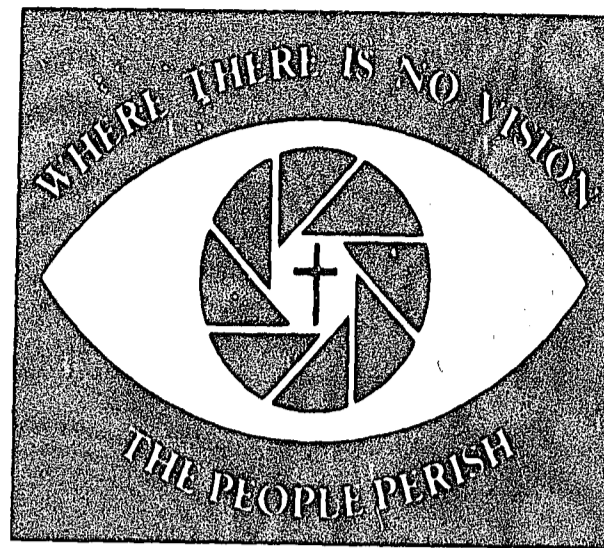
### News from S. Africa

SOUTH AFRICA—Pastor N.J. Siwane of Port Elizabeth writes, 'I have pleasure to let you know that the Spirit of God steadily works amongst us. Our Secretary, Mrs. E.N. Mazomba, is recovering after the tragic and mystery death of her husband, Joseph. He runs a taxi and left his home for his business and did not return home. His body was found by soldiers in a thick bush in the outskirts of Port Elizabeth. Up to this date there is no knowledge about the cause of his death....Give my greetings to all Christians.' SR

### New members in Tennessee

UPPER EAST TN, BLOUNTVILLE, TN—"We praise the Lord for bringing four new members into the family of God through expressing their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord in their lives in baptism. Three members of this family — father, mother and son — joined this church, while the daughter returned to VT with plans for relocating in this area. Church planning sessions resulted in many ideas which are being put into 'goal' form. I ask for your prayers for our financial condition. It seems to dictate so often in what we can and can't do, especially in our outreach plans." — Missionary Pastor Bobby Wright SR

by Leon R. Lawton



### Bible study started

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, CA—"We have just started a new Bible study in the Chino Hills area which is 30 miles from our other Bible study. The new study consists of young adult and is being led by Pastor John Peil with the express purpose of training one of the young adults to take over in a very short time. Then I would be free to start another group for study." — Extension Pastor John Peil SR

### Destruction in India

GODAVARI AREA, INDIA—In April, Rev. B. John V. Rao visited cyclone hit areas to witness and minister in the villages destroyed by the earlier storm in February and a second one a few weeks later. He writes, "No sooner (had) the people recovered a little from the havoc of the first than the second struck them with such a fury that was never surpassed. Accompanied and guided by the local SDB members, I visited Gorsa, Panduru and Thimmavaram villages reaching Denumarthi towards the night after walking many miles looking at the damage and loss the cyclone had left in its wake. Hamlets had been wiped out and houses leveled to the ground. The immediate relief in food, clothing and shelter, though attended to by the authorities, was not sufficient and much has to be done to rehabilitate with the least necessities provided to help them stand by themselves. The next day going through Thorangi, Nada, Kothapalli, Pavvada, Venkatarapuram and Komaragiri (there were) no distinguishing features as to places where once happy families dwelt and crops stood. Tears, frightened looks resigned to helpless complacency are now visible and heart-rending."

Note: Baptist Word Aid provided \$3,000 and the SDB United Relief Fund \$500 for relief needs at the beginning of 1984. SR

### Thanga translates Graham book

BURMA, ASIA—*Thlarau Thianghlim* is the title of the latest book translated by Rev. L.S. Thanga into the Lushai language and published in 1984 in Rangoon. In English the title reads *The Holy Spirit*. This is the second book by Dr. Billy Graham that has been published in Lushai, the first in 1982 — *Pathian Nena Inremna (Peace With God)*. Praise the Lord for the continuing ministry of Brother Thanga in getting Christian literature into the language of his people. SR

### Ministry in Columbus

COLUMBUS, OH—We quote the following from Missionary Pastor Perry Cain's report for the first quarter 1984 — "Ministry provides a variety of challenges and opportunities in life. As the months and years unfold I often marvel at the way God, in his infinite love and wisdom, seems to always have our best interests in mind. At times I find myself being impatient and frustrated with the way things are going. At other times I am overjoyed with spontaneous bursts of energy and enthusiasm....I have made many pastoral calls during the quarter. ...I have also received a tremendous blessing in having had the opportunities to present the Gospel, one on one, with no less than seven different persons this quarter resulting in five new professions and assurances of faith. Increasingly so, I find that this is the most rewarding part of my ministry; to see new life in Christ. My counseling load has also increased as several have come to me seeking help in dealing with life's decisions and trials. All of these opportunities for ministry give me a great deal of affirmation in knowing that God has placed me right where he needs me at this point in my life." SR

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## A Prayer Reminder for Each Day

### July / August 1984

Verse for the Month: "For Thou, O Lord, hast made me glad by what Thou hast done, I will sing for joy at the works of Thy hands." Psalm 92:4

### Pray For:

#### July

1. Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) workers at six projects.
2. Ministry of Exec. Secy. Dale Thorngate and Janet in Europe.
3. The new Madison, WI SDB Church in their outreach/ministry.
4. Australasian SDB Conference meeting at Bundaberg, Queensland.
5. SCSC project at Riverside, CA, Harriet Maddox, director.
6. Milton, WI SCSC project; Pastor Don and Deirdra Sanford, directors.
7. New people visiting our church during these summer weeks.
8. Meeting of the Memorial Board Trustees at Raritan Valley, NJ.
9. Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson in Malawi, Africa.
10. Those registering for Pre-Con Retreats; today is the deadline!
11. Pastor John Mpacko, Camerouns, as they seek legal registration.
12. Conf. President Leland E. Davis and his plans for Conference sessions.
13. Seattle, WA SCSC project and Rexanne Inabnit, director.
14. Polish SDB Conference meeting in Bydgoszcz this weekend.
15. Board of Christian Education quarterly meeting, Alfred, NY.
16. Jan Lek, the Netherlands and his ministry in Europe and family needs.
17. New York City SDB Church as they repair their building and reach out.
18. Missionaries Rod and Camille Henry and family, Cebu City.
19. SCSC Media Project ministry, Linda Graffius, director, Salemville.
20. Pastors and church leaders in South Africa and Transkei.
21. Pastor Duane Davis as he accepts new challenges.
22. Missionary Board quarterly meeting, Westerly, RI.
23. Baptist World Alliance meeting at Berlin, West Germany.
24. SCSC ministry at Fouke, AK; Rochale Goodson, project director.
25. Successful completion of goal in raising funds for SDB Center building.
26. Brookfield, NY SCSC team; Frances Palmer, project director.
27. Conference Host Committee chairmen Dale and Barbara Green.
28. British SDB Conference meeting in Mill Yard Church, London.
29. Those traveling to General Conference/Pre Con meetings.
30. SCSC teams, directors, and staff as they meet for evaluation.
31. General Council of General Conference meeting, SDB Center.
5. General Conference Sessions this week, Beloit College, Beloit, WI.
6. Interest Committee chairmen and committees in their responsibilities.
7. Praise God for 20 years of SCSC Ministry!!
8. Associated Conference leaders working with the children.
9. Seventh Day Baptist churches and pastors in Mozambique, Africa.
10. New Vision and spiritual empowerment for all Seventh Day Baptists.
11. A special Sabbath blessing as Conference week ends.
12. General Council meeting to follow through on Conference actions.
13. New SDB witness in Finland and pastoral leader Thomas McElwain.
14. Retired pastors and widows of pastors—for their faithful ministries.
15. Follow-through on summer camping and Bible school ministries.
16. Arthur Rowe beginning seminary in Denver, Colorado.
17. Adams Center, NY SDB Church as they seek renewal and leadership.
18. Lay Ministers Training Program plans.
19. George Calhoun beginning his pastorate in San Diego, California.
20. New branch churches in their witness and outreach and growth.
21. Kevin Butler beginning third year of seminary in Columbus, OH.
22. David Taylor, newly ordained pastor at Lost Creek, W. Va.
23. L.S. Thanga and Burma pastors in their growing ministries.
24. Harold King in third year of seminary in Kansas City.
25. An appreciation of those who have lived and worked for the Kingdom.
26. Everett Dickinson in third year of seminary in Philadelphia.
27. Continuing work on India wells projects and Pastor B. John V. Rao.
28. All 15 people who studied together at Summer Institute.
29. Important work of Sabbath School superintendents.
30. Public and private school teachers as they guide young lives.
31. Ministry of the printed word.

#### August

1. Pre Conference Youth Retreat at Camp Wakonda, Wisconsin.
2. Pre Con Young Adult Retreat at Camp Holston, Michigan.
3. Delegates traveling to Conference in Beloit, Wisconsin.
4. Conference Our World Mission offering—that it will exceed our need.

### Meeting Notice:

Annual Meeting of the  
American Sabbath Tract Society  
Sunday, September 16, 1984 at 9:00 a.m.  
Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Milton, Wisconsin

# Burma Conference holds twentieth annual session

## Trained pastor and new evangelist begin ministries

by L. S. Thanga

The 20th annual session of the Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference was held at the Tahan SDB church, April 4-8, 1984. The delegates from villages were taken by a bus belonging to Rev. Paluaia (see picture). More than 100 people, including children, attended the meetings. The last day, Sunday, was the best. Feeding of all the local SDBs and guests was made in the compound of the Tahan SDB church (see picture). Everybody enjoyed!

Officers elected for a term of three years are: President, Rev. Paluaia, Tahan; Vice-President, Rev. Lalvuana, Khampat; Secretary, Rev. L. Sawi Thanga, Rangoon; Asst. Secy, Probationary Pastor Neihchana, Zonuam; Treasurer, Elder Hrathnuna, Tahan; Financial Secretary, Mr. Lalvuana, Tahan. In addition Mr's Thawng Liana and Pa Vana of Zonuam; Rodailova and Khawrothuama of Tuingo; Bawisanga of Kanaan and Rev. Rokunga of Tahan were elected members of the Executive Committee.

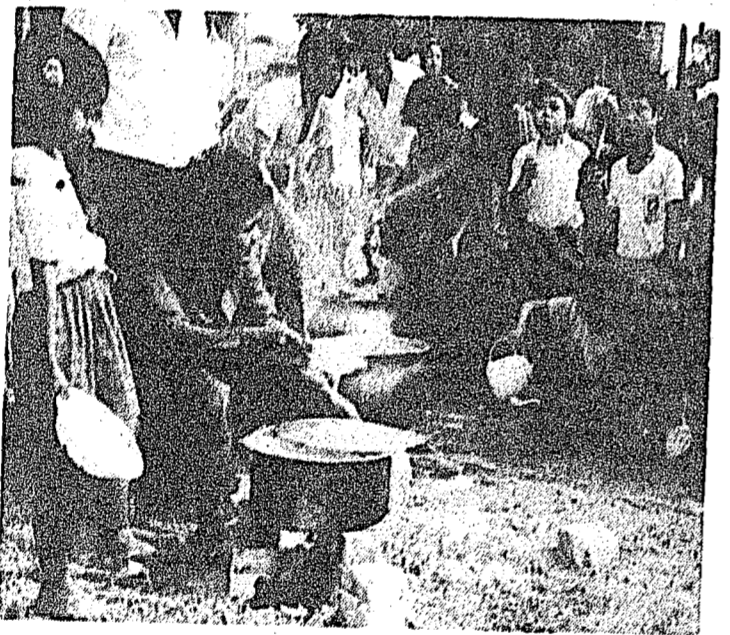
Mr. Neihchana, who completed a four year theological course last March aided with scholarship funds given by Daisy Summers Jett of Salem, WV, became resident probationary pastor at Zonuam. He will look after Tuingo and Letpanchaung SDB churches and is expected to try to establish new churches in surrounding villages. He will occupy the pastor quarters we are erecting.

Mr. Zalian Zawna, President of SDB Youth Fellowship was appointed full time Evangelist and will reside in Kanaan village with his wife. He is expected to be very active and try to establish new churches in nearby villages and prepare himself for theological training later.

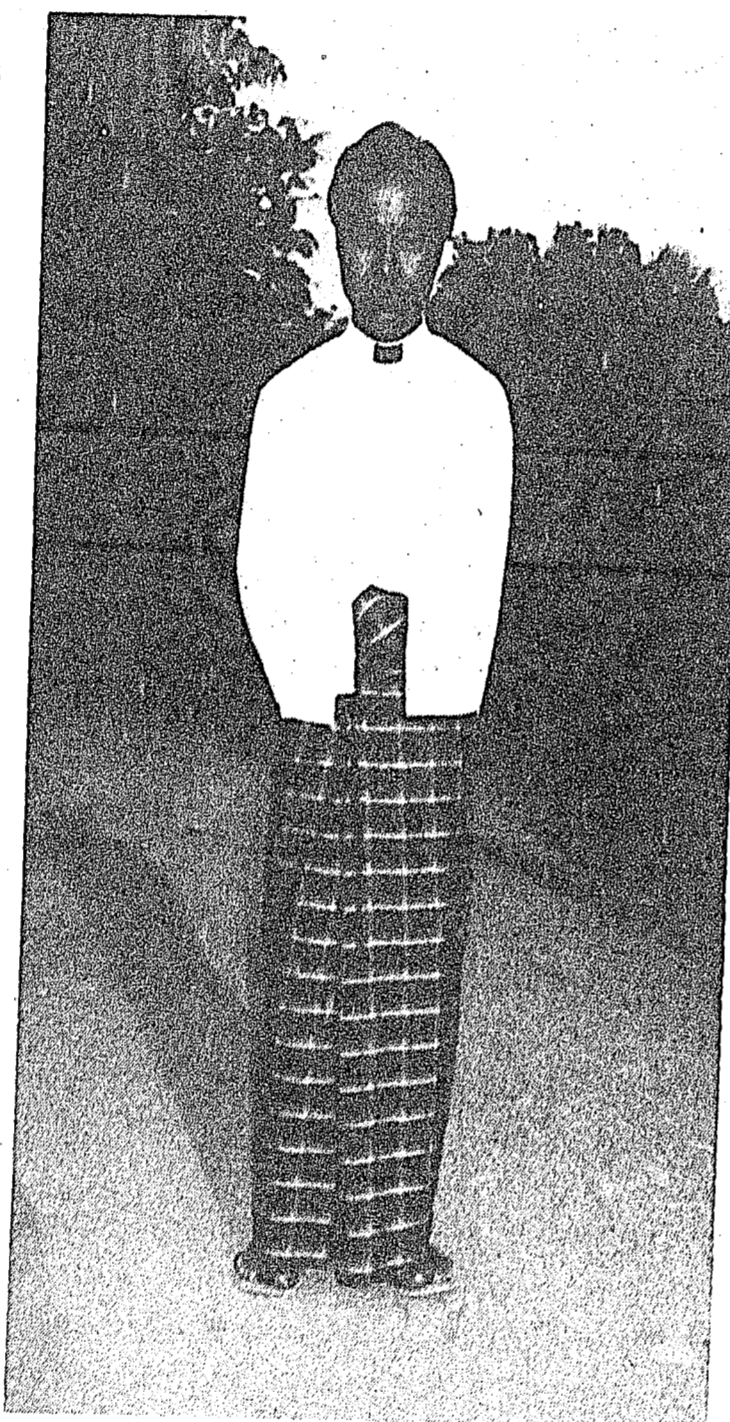
The Rev. Rokunga, aged 74, was given honorable pension from the Conference but is expected to take



Bus (above) belonging to Rev. Paluaia carries delegates. Feeding (below) is part of public gathering. SDB children wait hungrily for the cooks.



Mr. Neihchana (below) is pastor at Zonuam village. Photos by L.S. Thanga.



active part within the Church as he is able. Rev. Lalvuana will continue pastoral leadership in Khampat supporting himself with his farm.

It was decided that the Burma SDB Conference apply for membership in the Baptist World Alliance as well as Associate Membership in the Burma Council of Churches (BCC).

The construction of Pastor quarters in Zonuam is undertaken by the members and may be ready soon for dwelling. Under present plan the house will be all wood and timber. We will use the best material available but will use bamboo wall temporarily. We will not build a kitchen now. We hope more funds will be forthcoming from the Riverside SDB church to complete the project. (Their 1983 White Gift of \$1,000 provided about one third the

cost.) When more funds are available we will replace the bamboo wall with timber and construct the kitchen.

It may be helpful to know that housing costs raised by 300% during the last ten years and will continue to raise unhindered. The cost of consumer and non-consumer goods are also raising at the same pace.

Giving from local churches and individuals increased by about 80%—far beyond expectation. The Seventh Day Baptists in Burma are alive and growing. The new team is a combination of dedicated young people, very active and energetic. We are on the move. Praise the Lord! But the task ahead is not easy. This is the best time to work more closely with our brethren in USA. We need encouragement spiritually and financially. **SR**

## Rowe receives scholarship

from Paint Rock Postings

From Missionary Reporter- May 1984

### Resolution of Appreciation

April 29, 1984

WHEREAS Mynor G. Soper after 15 years of service to the Lord with the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society in various capacities and most recently as Director of Evangelism and Church Extension tendered his resignation effective February 29, 1984 and

WHEREAS his ministries were effective in the development of many worthwhile contacts with individuals resulting in the establishment of Fellowships and new churches in Tennessee, Missouri, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and elsewhere as well as strengthening existing churches and

WHEREAS these results were accomplished with personal sacrifice of time away from home and family for extended periods of time and the discomforts attendant upon constant travel to ever-changing locations. Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society express its sincere appreciation for his dedication and his successful completion of tasks assigned to him and the hope that good health and happiness will be a vital part of his life in the days ahead. **SR**

Pastor Arthur Rowe was recently named as a Skaggs Scholar in Christian Ministry at the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado. This merit scholarship award is for \$8,500 and will be applied to tuition and living expenses for the first year of seminary. It is renewable for the second and third years.

Receiving this scholarship was a clear answer to prayer for Art and his wife Lavin, since for the last several months they had been seeking God's leading in the choice of a seminary. Another prayer was answered this past week when Lavin was offered a teaching position in the University of Colorado School of Nursing, also in Denver.

Despite their excitement over these developments, it was with reluctance that Art announced his resignation as pastor of the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church. This is to take effect July 31, 1984. **SR**

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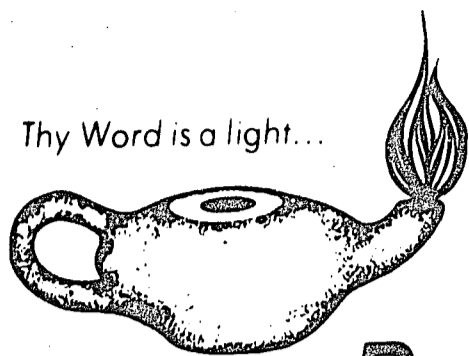
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Mrs. Mary Clare

## Board of Christian Education

### Turn to me and live!

The Baptist Prayer Conference which was held in Columbus, Ohio, April 30 through May 3 gave several Seventh Day Baptists an opportunity to witness and gain a greater insight to their prayer life.

Ernest and Helen Bond were registrars and with Rev. Perry Cain, members of the Host Committee. Rev. Paul Green, Rev. Herbert Saunders, Mrs. Dorothy Parrott, and Mrs. Mayola Warner were leaders for small prayer groups. Rev. Leland and Gertrude Davis, Harriet Saunders, Marjorie Bond, and Mary Clare were members of small prayer groups.

Each person had an opportunity to have an experience different from the others: small prayer groups convened each morning and the several seminars which were held afternoons allowed the participants to learn more about the aspect of prayer in which they were most interested.

Joanne Hill, who often writes for *The Guidepost*, shared practical steps to answered prayer in one seminar.

1. Move your prayer life from an exercise to an encounter—talk with God as a special friend, share your joys and frustrations.
2. Learn to receive gratefully and gracefully, joy comes through receiving as well as giving. How you receive gifts from other people gives an indication of your relationship with God.
3. Give your problem to God. Stop limiting God. It is easy to tell him when, how, or where we want our prayers answered. Be ready to accept an answer in any way he wishes to give one. God is creative; let him surprise you. He gives grace freely; accept and thank him for it.
4. Listen when God speaks. He speaks in a loud and clear voice, either directly to the one praying or through someone else. God speaks differently to each person because he has a different purpose in life for each person.

When we pray, something should happen because it does make a change in attitudes, breaking through our fears and frustrations. God is always near, ready to hear and act whenever we wish to talk to him.

Each participant in the conference was given a packet of papers. Among them were several meditations. The one written by Frank C. Laubach was shared by the group led by Rev. Landry.

"We do not 'persuade God to try harder' when we pray; it is our world leaders, our statesmen and church men whom we persuade to try harder. We help God when we pray. When great numbers of us pray for leaders, a mighty invisible spiritual force lifts our minds and eyes toward God. His Spirit

*Prayer is the mightiest power on earth.*

flows through our prayers to them, and he can speak to them directly.

"We can do more for the world with prayer than if we were to walk into Whitehall, London, or the Kremlin in Moscow, and tell those men what to do—far more! If they listen to our suggestions, we would probably be more or less wrong. But what God tells them, when they listen to him must be right. It is infinitely better for world leaders to listen to God than for them to listen to us.

"Most of us will never enter the White House and offer advice to the President. Probably he will never have time to read our letters. But we can give him what is far more important than advice. We can give him a lift into the presence of God, make him hungry for divine wisdom, which is the grandest thing one man ever does for another. We can visit the White House

with prayer as many times a day as we think of it, and every such visit makes us a channel between God and the president.

"This idea struck one minister like a thunderbolt: 'Man,' he exclaimed, 'if this is true at all, it is the mightiest fruth in the universe! It means that enough of us praying often enough could make everybody in the whole world look up and listen to God. We could transform the world.'

"He was right. Prayer is the mightiest power on earth. Prayer's power has been proven many millions of times. Enough of us, if we prayed enough, could save the world—if we prayed enough!"

Rev. Roy Landry's morning prayer group discussed the need to listen, as well as the need to talk to God. A portion of one session was spent just waiting, with hands upturned, and minds cleared of all thoughts, listening for God's voice.

God does not always answer every day but it would be well for each person to maintain an active listening posture for as long as possible as a part of daily worship.

Books which will help in study to develop a more satisfying prayer life may be borrowed from the Board of Christian Education's library:

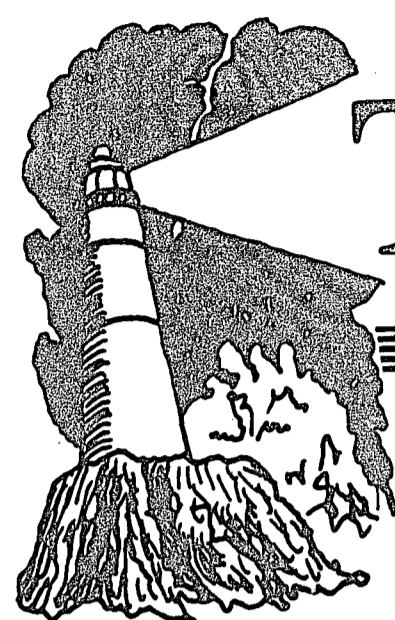
Casteel, John L., *The Promise of Prayer* Association Press, New York, 1957, 125 pages.

Parker, Dr. William and Elaine St. Johns, *Prayer Can Change Your Life*, Guideposts, Carmel, New York, 10512, 1975.

Self, Carolyn Shealy and William L. Self, *Learning To Pray*, Word Books, Publisher, Waco, Texas, 1979, 59 pages.

Also you may wish to purchase from a Christian bookstore:

Hill, Joanne, *Secret Prayer Joy*, Judson Press, Valley Forge, PA, 1981



# THE BEACON

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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

July 1984

## Search the Word game: the Holy Spirit

What the Holy Spirit does  
Answers are based on the New International Version.

1. John 16:13 \_\_\_\_\_ you into all truth.
2. John 16:7-8 \_\_\_\_\_ the world of guilt in regard to sin.
3. John 15:26 \_\_\_\_\_ about me (Jesus).
4. John 6:63 gives \_\_\_\_\_.

5. John 14:26 will \_\_\_\_\_ you all things.
6. John 14:26 \_\_\_\_\_ you of everything I (Jesus) have said to you.
7. Acts 1:8 you will receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit comes on you.
8. Romans 8:16 \_\_\_\_\_ with our spirit that we are God's children.
9. Romans 8:9 \_\_\_\_\_ in you.
10. Romans 8:26-27 \_\_\_\_\_ (prays) for us. in accordance with God's will.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Matthew \_\_\_\_\_ 10:19-20 \_\_\_\_\_ through you (when you don't know what to say)
12. I Cor. 12:11 \_\_\_\_\_ them

- (gifts) to each one
13. Galatians 5:22-23 the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.
14. II Cor. 5:5 \_\_\_\_\_, guaranteeing what is to come.
15. II Timothy 1:7-8 a spirit of power, of \_\_\_\_\_, and of self-discipline.
16. John 14:17, 16:13 the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Romans 8:9 the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_ lives in you.
18. Romans 8:9 the Spirit of \_\_\_\_\_.
19. II Cor 3:17 Spirit of the \_\_\_\_\_.
20. John 15:26 when the \_\_\_\_\_ Comes (a title for the Holy Spirit). SR

### NEWS FOR PRE-CONers

Some exciting news has just come from the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the ASTS...T-shirts (a conference favorite) with the SDB logo on front and back in THREE colors will be for sale for only \$3.99 at Pre-Con and Conference. Get-em while its hot!

### JESUS

Jesus walking along  
the meadow with  
angels leading  
the way,  
spirits rising,  
flowing, Jesus all  
the way.

by Amy Yung-Ross  
age 11

### A Single Rose

by DeLynne Jorgensen

One cool June day  
I was walking  
Through a forest  
Suddenly I came to a cross  
And beside it stood a lone rose  
Why did God bring me here?  
This rose seemed to hold a special magic  
I showed others  
But no one saw  
No one felt  
This must be God's secret  
Just him and me  
But what did it mean  
I was so confused  
Suddenly  
The sun became just a little lighter  
Was it my imagination  
Was God sending me a message  
No, God doesn't send messages to bizzare teenagers  
But then I realized  
God does send messages  
If we only listen  
Even to ones so unworthy as I  
The rose grew amid brambles  
Weeds and tall grass nearly covered it  
But the single rose grew strong  
The blinding white was brilliant  
Next to a tall rugged weather beaten cross  
Then I saw it  
The cross

The rose

They showed the deep love  
Of my savior Jesus Christ  
He came as a perfect rose and grew  
He flourished even amid  
The brambles the deep rooted evil of people  
And then the deep evil  
Of those people nailed him  
To a tree  
Hard and cold  
Unworthy of anyone's crucifixion  
Especially my Lord  
Why did they have to do it?  
Kill my savior  
In cold blood  
Tears fill my eyes  
And suddenly I remember  
The cross  
The rose  
I remember Jesus nailed to the tree  
But instead of tears of sadness  
They are tears of pure joy  
My savior died for me  
My sins  
All I have to do is ask  
One day my beloved savior will come again  
Amid the brambles the deep rooted evil of  
people  
And once again  
He shall be a brilliantly  
Single, white lonely rose  
My savior!

# Family Worship Celebration

## The Holy Spirit

### The Holy Spirit

*"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the indwelling God, the Inspirer of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of men, who reproves of sin, instructs in righteousness, and empowers for witnessing and service."*  
-Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists

Let's begin our worship celebration with a song. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity—God, the three-in-one. Let us sing a song of praise about that.

#### Father, I Adore You

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P.O. Box 1396, Costa Mesa, CA 92626  
This can be done as a three part round.

#### A Good Time for this Celebration:

Anytime the family can be gathered and have enough time for a relaxed discussion would be good. But we would suggest that Sabbath eve as part of a Sabbath welcoming would be especially appropriate. If used as a Sabbath welcoming, include some Sabbath songs such as *The Sabbath's Here, Let's Celebrate* by Barbara Saunders or *Sabbath Celebration* by Elmo Randolph and Larry Graffius, and include the lighting of the Sabbath candle.

What does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit? In the story which follows, the Jones family got into a Bible study of the Holy Spirit around the supper table one time. Maybe we can join them in their study

Mom and Dad and Jennifer and Jacob were around the table just after supper for their evening devotions. The Scripture lesson was John 16:5-15 about the Holy Spirit. Jennifer and Jacob listened closely because they knew that when Dad finished the Scripture that he would ask questions. They wanted to be sure not to miss any of his questions.

But tonight it was different. As Dad read the Scripture, a funny look came

over Jacob's face. When Dad finished reading, it was Jacob that had the questions, not Dad. "Dad, what is the Comforter, is that like the big blanket which Mom sits under when she's in the family room reading?"

Dad laughed and said, "Well, not exactly. The Comforter is another word for the Holy Ghost. More recent translations read 'The Counselor.' Down in verse 13, he's called the Spirit of Truth. They all refer to the same person—the Spirit of God."

Jennifer piped up. "That makes me think of a cartoon we watched on television. It was about Casper, the friendly Ghost. He keeps wanting to be friends with people, but he only scares them."

Dad said, "That's not quite the same thing as what we're talking about here. I like some of the newer translations which call him the Holy Spirit instead of the Holy Ghost. He doesn't scare people. He only helps people to know

and love God deep in their hearts."

"Well, if he's not like the ghosts I see on TV, what is he like?" asked Jennifer. "Does he have a body which goes through closed doors or things like that?"

This time it was Mom's turn. "The Bible does say what he's like so why don't we look there. Look at John 3:8." Jennifer and Jacob both looked it up. (You look it up, too, and read it.) After they read it, Mom asked, "What does that say the Holy Spirit is like?"

Jennifer said kind of questioningly, "Is he like the wind? It says everyone born of the Spirit is like the wind."

"You are right, Jennifer," said Mom, "That means the Spirit is like the wind. Now, let me ask you, can you see the wind?"

"Well, we can see it blow in the trees and grass" said Jacob. "It kind of makes things wave back and forth."

"Yes," said Dad, "That's what the Spirit does, and you can see what it does. It blows the trees and plants and makes them move. But Mom asked if you could actually see the wind itself. Do you see the distinction?"

"Well... I guess I can't really see the wind itself," said Jacob thoughtfully. "I can only see what it does."

"That's the way it is with the Holy Spirit, Jacob," said Mom. "You can't see him, but you can see what he does.

As a Christian, you are the tree through which the Holy Spirit blows, and other people will recognize him by what he does in your life."

"Really?" said Jennifer. "What sort of things will he do that others will see?"

"Let's take a look at Galatians 5:22-23," said Dad. (You look it up, too, and read it.) "This lists the fruit of the Spirit. When the Holy Spirit 'blows' in your life, this is what will begin showing up in your life. There are nine varieties of fruit. Do you want to list them for us, Jennifer?"

(Why don't you list the nine varieties of fruit of the Spirit for Jennifer.)

Dad continued, "Now, Jennifer and Jacob, when these characteristics show up in our lives, other people will notice something different about us. Look at John 13:35 for an example of how people will notice one of these fruit varieties, namely the fruit of love." (You look it up and read it.) "Now," said Dad, "what will other people notice when they see the real kind of Holy Spirit love in our lives?"

"I know!" said Jacob, "They'll know we are Christians by our love!" (Let's all sing a song by that title.)

"Let's look up some more things that the Holy Spirit does," Dad continued. "Let's go back in the Scripture to tonight's devotion, John 16:5-15. Let's look at verses 8-11." (You look it up and read.) "That means simply that the Holy Spirit lets us know deep in our hearts that we are all sinners and that Jesus Christ is the only way we can get saved."

"What do you mean by sinners and getting saved?" asked Jacob. "I never have really understood that."

Dad laughed. "That's a good question. What I mean is that the Holy Spirit lets us know that we are without God, how empty we are inside without God, and that Jesus Christ is the only way we can come to God. Does that make more sense?"

"Yeah!" said Jacob.

"Good. Now let's look down at verse 13 for another thing the Holy Spirit does." (Look up John 16:13 yourself.) "Here it says he guides and

leads us in the directions God wants us to go. He will guide us toward truth."

"Yes, and since Jesus is the truth, that means the Holy Spirit leads to Jesus," said Mom. "It says right in John 14:6 that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life."

"That's important, too," said Dad. "The Holy Spirit will always honor Jesus Christ. It says that in John 16:14."

"Then there's another thing the Holy Spirit does," said Dad. "We find this in John 14:26." (You look it up and read it.) "The Holy Spirit reminds us of what Jesus taught. That means we have to have something in our minds for him to remind us of. Tell me, Jacob, where do we look to find what Jesus taught?"

"I know that. We look in the Bible," responded Jacob.

"Right," said Dad. "That is why it is so important for us to study the Bible. We need to have something of which the Holy Spirit can remind us."

Jacob was kind of thoughtful. "You know, I never thought of recognizing the Holy Spirit by what he does. That makes sense to me."

"Good," said Dad. "That must be the Holy Spirit at work already teaching and guiding you. I think we need to give thanks for the Holy Spirit."

*Following is a litany of thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit. It can be used for your own family worship celebration to give thanks for the Holy Spirit, or you may want to write your own litany of thanksgiving or have your own time of prayer in the way you choose to give thanks for the Holy Spirit.*

#### Litany of thanksgiving for the Holy Spirit

Leader: For your Holy Spirit who fills us full of Yourself,

Family: *Dear God, we are thankful.*

Who gives us the gifts of the Spirit as tools to do Your work,

*Dear God, we are thankful.*

For the fruit of the Spirit that grows in

our lives as we work in the power of the Spirit,

*Dear God, we are thankful*

For the Word of God, the Bible, which is inspired by Your Holy Spirit,

*Dear God, we are thankful*

For the teaching and guidance Your Holy Spirit gives us day by day,

*Dear God, we are thankful.*

For the truth the Holy Spirit brings, For the conviction of sin Your Spirit causes,

*Dear God, we are thankful*

For the comfort and counsel Your Holy Spirit gives.

*Dear God, we are thankful*

For the help Your Holy Spirit gives us when we pray,

*Dear God, we are thankful.*

Let's spend some time in prayer right now, trusting the Holy Spirit to help us pray. (See Romans 8:26-27) Even though we may have trouble finding the right words for our prayer, God through the Holy Spirit understands what we're praying for. Let's spend 3 minutes right now in prayer thanking God for at least one thing he's given us, and asking God to help someone with a problem. Let's trust the Holy Spirit to help us find the right things to talk with him about. **SR**



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## Racco's thank you prayer and chart



- Thank you for the food we eat.
- Thank you for the clothes so neat.
- Thank you for the toys that squeak.
- Thank you for the books to read.
- Thank you for the mended knees.
- Thank you for the covered sneeze.
- Thank you for the flowers and trees.
- Thank you for the birds and bees.
- Thank you for the Moms and Dads.
- Thank you for the many friends.
- Thank you God for making me.
- Thank you, God, for Jesus.

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20 Did you say thank you, today? If yes, draw a smiling face in the proper place.

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## Seventh Day Baptists have work in Adelaide, Australia

*"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Psalm 126 v. 3.*

Hallelujah! What a Savior. We here in South Australia rejoice in the wonderful way God has answered our prayers for a minister and church hall, so that we now have regular services at a convenient location.

The road has been long and lonely for my husband and myself, but we knew that one day God would open the door for a Seventh Day Baptist church in Adelaide. For two years we had nowhere to fellowship, but continued to believe that God was going to use our witness to shine a light for him in South Australia. For 18 months we held Bible studies at our home, attended by Terry Williams. Terry brought a number of folk, but 90% of the time, there were just three of us worshipping the Lord together, bound by strong love and faith in God. Many times when we felt we were getting nowhere, we were comforted by the verse, "Where 2 or 3 are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst thereof." (Matthew 18 v. 20).

After deciding to affiliate with Seventh Day Baptists, our first step was to obtain a post box and rubber stamp. We stamped hundreds of tracts which were given to new contacts and left all over Adelaide.

Then, 6 months later, in October '83, we took another bold step and started advertising in Adelaide's leading daily, *The Advertiser*. This advertisement has appeared without fail every week since then, and has been the greatest single catalyst in initiating the church.

Within a month we had our first reply. Thrilled that God had started to move, we continued praying that our numbers would grow and God would provide a minister. For three months we received a steady stream of letters from interested folk as far afield as Port Lincoln and Murray Bridge.

Then, just before Christmas, we had contact with several folk who indicated a desire to meet with us in the new year. As 1983 came to a close and we entered 1984, we knew that this was to be the turning point for Seventh Day Baptists in South Australia. Our first meeting was January 21st. We were only expecting one new family, but to our amazement, a van pulled up and another family of four got out and knocked on the door.

Of course, the rest is history. That was our new pastor, *Chris James*, his wife Maxine, and children. Chris was looking for a church to pastor, and actually thought of starting a church to be called *Baptist 7th Day*. Then he read our advertisement. Since then, things have snowballed, Praise God! Chris has commenced a three year ministerial course at the Adelaide Baptist College. His credentials for pastor are impeccable. Well experienced in youth work, lay preaching and organization, Chris

was a God-send to us here in South Australia.

Now after two months of prayer and faith, we have obtained use of the Glenelg Salvation Army hall in a wonderful position with every facility. In April, we commenced Sabbath school for children, and adult Bible study (2 p.m.) followed by our service (3 p.m.) In addition, Chris hopes to start a youth club as soon as possible.

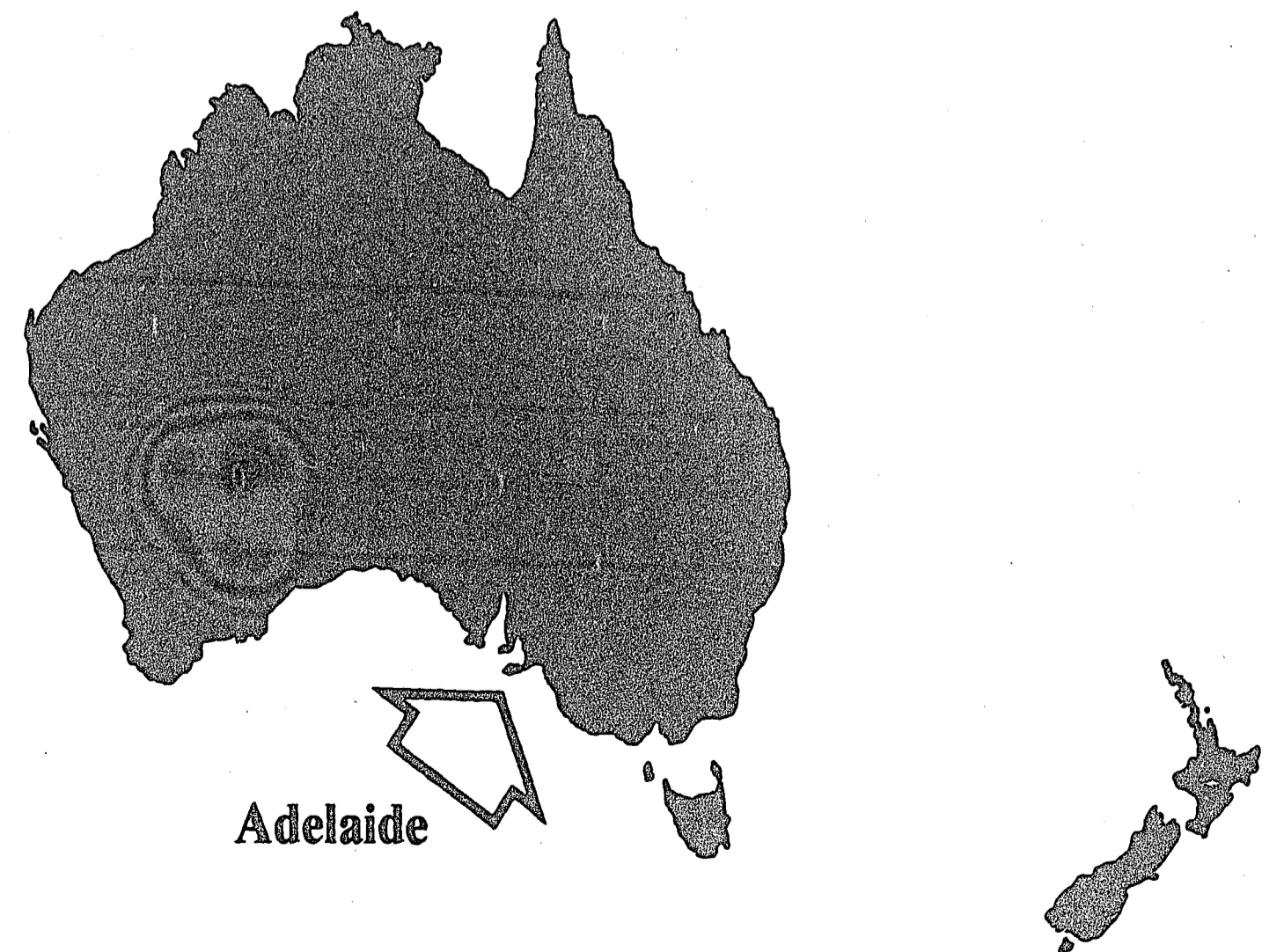
"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126 v. 6

For what has happened in South Australia in 1984, we give *God* all the honor and glory. Amen.

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## Women's Society News & Ideas

### Medical work in the Philippines

The February issue of *The Sabbath Recorder* carried the first in a series of articles explaining the work of the designated recipients of the Love Gift for 1984. The following is an account by Camille Henry of the medical work which they have carried out in the Philippines with an overview of the continuing need for this ministry to the poor and diseased. (V.W.)

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you invited me in; naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you, or thirsty, and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and invite you in, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.'" — Matthew 25:34-40.

When a missionary goes to a field the first time, one is confronted with many new and different sights, sounds and smells. All of these contribute to making adjustments to a new culture a very difficult task. However, for me, the greatest adjustment came when I had to come face to face with disease and poverty. Actually, there is no adjustment one could make to this, but rather a decision. The decision must be this: Do I ignore this situation since I can do so little about it or do I pitch in and do what I can when the need arises? The task of caring for the poor and destitute is a monumental one which requires a monumental trust in the power and resources of our Lord.

As I became more and more exposed to the crippled, malnourished, dying population of Cebu, I realized what my decision had to be. I knew that I could not live amidst these people and not at least try to help. So I made the decision to do what I could. The next question which came to mind was *who* was I going to help? Certainly I couldn't take on the entire city of Cebu. And yet, I felt I couldn't just start picking out people from the crowds. I knew that the only way in which I would be sure of what God wanted me to do was to place the responsibility of choosing who was to be helped in his hands. So I waited until he brought those to me who needed help most. As I waited, I was reminded of the many Jesus fed and healed while he walked the earth, and of how much joy it brought him. He never cared where they came from or why. He just knew that they were depending on him to help, and he did.

It wasn't long before they began to come. As I expected, God brought just the right ones to our door. I want to share with you some of these opportunities we had in ministering to the physical as well as spiritual needs of the Filipinos in Cebu City.

22 Our first opportunity was with a three year old girl (Mary

Claire) who was born with a double cleft pallet and malformed lip. She had a tooth and gum protrusion which added to the already ugly and demeaning appearance of the little girl. To add to the problem, she of course could not talk and could only eat those things which required little or no chewing. The problem involved with this child was one of rejection. As she grew older, we knew that she would experience a great deal of ridicule because of her appearance. Something had to be done. We began searching for a way we could help. In our search, God led us to a plastic surgeon who donated his time to do the surgeries, and the hospital which gave reduced rates to the indigent. We were on our way to a new and exciting ministry! Through God's abundance, this little girl was helped beyond her wildest imagination.

Our following opportunities were somewhat less involved for a while. These were children who were dying of malnutrition just because their parents were too poor to feed them, families in need due to lack of employment for the father, and our pastors in different ways. There were many

### *Through God's abundance, this little girl was helped beyond her wildest imagination.*

of these people who came and went, but then came another major opportunity.

A child (Cesar) who was 12 years old was brought to us. He had polio and had been crippled since he was five. He walked on the ground just like a monkey would. He was a very likeable child from the minute we met him. And, once again, God provided care for him. The orthopedic surgeon in Cebu offered his services free of charge, and we got him into a hospital which gave free services for the first four surgeries. However, for the final surgery which was on his back, we had to transfer him to a private hospital where we could only get reduced rates. However, now Cesar walks upright in a manner which means he can live his life without being looked upon as nothing better than the animals.

Just as we were preparing to leave the country for furlough, one of our pastors came to us. He had a large lump on his neck and was very concerned. After talking to the doctor, we found that it was a tumor which had attached

### *Philippines continued*

itself to the thyroid. There was risk of malignancy and surgery was done right away. Praise God, the tumor was benign, but the surgery was a very difficult one due to the way the tumor had involved the nerve of the vocal chords. After several days in the hospital and a week with us, Pastor Santianez recovered nicely and was able to go on preaching and ministering to the people in Caridad. Without this surgery, the tumor would have grown and strangled off the nerve to the vocal chords, and he would have had to end his work in the ministry. In this case, the services were not done *for free* and neither was the hospital. However, God provided.

We thank God that he gave us the opportunity during our last term to serve the Filipino people in a way which expressed to them our love for them. And, through this love, we were able to present Christ to all those who became involved—the doctors, nurses and hospitals, as well as the families. As we look forward to returning, we expect that once again, God will bring this ministry to us. And, once again, we will rely on him to bring those to us who need his loving care.

I have to say that this was one of the most exciting parts of our ministry and I am looking forward to getting back to it. One last thought—you will notice I haven't mentioned anything about where the funds came from for this ministry. Unfortunately, in our position, we cannot solicit support. However, we estimate that about \$5,000.00 was spent in this ministry over the past four years.

### Thanks from Sunshine Mountain

Excerpts from a letter by Linda Hays of April 19, 1984

The ladies of Sunshine Mountain would like to express our thanks for the Love Gift last year which made possible a second clothes drier here for our use. It was truly a blessing through the cold rainy days of winter to have the use of two driers, especially for those who have youngsters going to school every day.

We would like to call to your attention the need for a housemother

## Media Project continues

The following is another report from projects sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society during the past year.

by Pastor Chuck Graffius  
Greetings to the Media Project  
Network of Saints:

Media Project's purpose for existence is to "equip the saints." In Ephesians 4:11-12 Paul says "and He Himself gave some to apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." NKJ

The Holy Spirit has given to the Media Project the gifts and the ministry of "equipping the saints." Everything we do: all of our productions, every video cassette tape, every visit, every camp and seminar is geared to "equipping the saints."

Media Project is . . . partners everywhere; working together providing Christian TV programs in churches, homes, camps, YF programs, VBS, fair booths and TV stations.

Many spiritual leaders throughout the country are beginning to reflect on the impact television is having on families and individuals in their congregations. They have been looking for ways to use television (video) for God's purposes in the church program and the homes of the congregation.

People today tend to by-pass the written forms of communication in

or houseparents here at Sunshine Mountain, for the care of the handicapped children. We need a mature woman, or married couple, who can restore the "family" feeling to those living in the Beebe Memorial Home. The work is currently being shared by all of us, but the children definitely need one loving person in the authority and security position of "mama."

It has also been brought to my attention that there is a severe shortage of dish towels in the Beebe Home. Help, ladies!

favor of electronic forms, such as television, radio and film. The results have often tended to retard spiritual development.

The Media Project is an independent non-profit corporation and now has a 501-C-3 rating with the federal government. This allows the Media Project to have a non-profit mailing permit. This also insures our Media Project Partners that their gifts are tax deductible.

The Media Project library of rental video cassette tapes is constantly increasing. Brochures and lists of Christian video from the Media Project are available upon request.

The Media Project is continuing to schedule camps and spiritual retreats for all age groups. The Media Project provides all programming and staff for a life changing spiritual experience using Bible based materials and allowing the Holy Spirit to control lives and counseling sessions. SR

### Pawcatuck Women's Society shows achievements

(Annual Report 1983-1984) submitted by the secretary

The 1976 report of the Women's Board of the Denomination quoted from I Cor. 12:14, 25, "For the body is not one member but many (and) that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another."

As you consider the work of our own local Women's Society, you can see how we have contributed in many ways to fulfilling the above.

Specifically, the local Society has supported: the SDB United Relief Fund, the Debt Retirement Fund for the SDB Center in Janesville, Wisconsin; Eastern Association, SCSC, Local Church Women United, R.I. Resource Center, Wilcox Park, individual and collective missionaries and their programs and many other projects. Rummage sales and the Annual Christmas Lunch and Tea are ways of financing some of these causes. SR 23



## Special thanks from Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church and Pastor and Mrs. Duane L. Davis wish to thank everyone who has helped with gifts and prayers during Pastor Davis' recent illness and recuperation.

A wheelchair van lift has been installed in a 1979 Ford van, on loan to the church from the Ralph Mackintosh family, for Pastor Davis' use. The van lift was given as special designated offerings by members of the church and friends. Other gifts have been given to help with medical expenses.

Pastor Davis was hospitalized the month of January, following back surgery and cancer. He continues to recuperate and is able to have physical therapy treatments now that the transportation is easier with the van lift. He has been serving as Sabbath worship leader, with various members of the church supplying the pulpit. "We are most grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers of so many," Pastor Davis has stated. SR

## Memorial Fund scholarships awarded

Thirty-four Seventh Day Baptist young people were recipients of SDB Memorial Fund scholarships during the 1983-84 academic year. Based on recognized units of dedicated service to the denomination or a local church, the scholarships are awarded toward tuition at the college of each student's choice. They are encouraged to select a school where they can continue to be actively involved in a Seventh Day Baptist church.

The following are this year's scholarship recipients: Kim Aiken, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Paul Andries, Washington Bible College; Scott August, De Vry Institute of Technology; Eric Camenga, University of Portland; Philip Conrod, Red Rocks Community College; Eric Davis, Seattle Pacific University; Yvonne Fields, East Tennessee State University; Rochale Goodson, East Texas State University; Ellen Green, Mount Mary College; Jeffrey Inabnit, Rockmont College; Ronda Jacobson, New England Institute of Technology; Mary Jo Johnson, Connecticut College; Roderick Noel, Adrian College; Matthew Olson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Timothy Osborn, Rockmont College; Brian Owen, Westmont College; David Palmer, Tri-Cities State Technical Institute; Marty Pederson, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Art Rowe, North Alabama University; Brian Saunders, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Debra Sanford, Rockmont College; Deirdre Sanford, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire; Fred Spencer III, Salem College; Letitia Sholtz, Houghton College; Melissa Snyder, Alfred University; Peggy Sutton, Salem College; Pete Tarin, Latin American Bible College; Denise Thomas, East Tennessee State University; David Thorngate, Franklin University; Jim Warner, Pasadena College; Sean Wells, Montgomery College; Marith Williams, Glenville State Teachers College; Kent Zwiebel, Salem College; Veronica Zwiebel, Salem College. SR

Special grant for Missiology studies: Rodney Henry, Fuller Seminary. SR

## Good will trip underway

As Executive Secretary for the SDB World Federation, Dale Thorngate will visit sister conferences in Europe this summer and attend the annual meetings of the Seventh Day Christian Church in Poland to welcome them into the World Federation. He will also represent Seventh Day Baptists at the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) meetings in Berlin, West Germany.

In addition to the Polish conference, Thorngate will visit SDB churches in Holland and England and will speak at a special evangelistic weekend sponsored by the newly formed church in Turku, Finland under the leadership of Tom McElwain.

Funding for Mr. Thorngate's travel will come from the World Federation, the Council on Ecumenical Affairs, and the Missionary Society. (He will represent the Missionary Board at meetings of Baptist World Aid and International Missions Secretaries during the BWA sessions.) Mrs. Thorngate will be traveling with him. They leave Chicago June 18 and return July 30.

"We look forward to visiting church leaders and meeting with as many churches as possible in each country," Secretary Thorngate says. "We will show pictures (slides) of Seventh Day Baptists around the world. We will exchange greetings from Sabbath keepers in many places. It will be a joy to share in Christian worship and fellowship with our oldest church (Mill Yard) in London and our newest church in Finland and to welcome the Polish conference into the World Federation during their annual meetings in Bydgoszcz, July 13-15."

Jan Lek, European Field Representative for the World Federation, will be traveling with the Thorngates in Germany, Holland, and Poland. They also hope to visit individual Seventh Day Baptists in Czechoslovakia who are still unable to meet publicly. SR

## Seventh Day Baptists in Europe



\*BWA Meetings  
in Berlin

## Trip itinerary

June 18 — Leave Chicago USA for Frankfurt, West Germany  
 June 20-24 — In Germany and Holland; Sabbath in The Hague  
 June 26-July 1 — In England; Sabbath in London  
 July 3-8 — In Finland; Sabbath in Turku  
 July 9-12 — In Holland and Germany  
 July 13-20 — In Poland and Czechoslovakia  
                   13-15, Polish Conference in Bydgoszcz  
 July 21 — Sabbath in Haarlem, Holland  
 July 24-29 — In West Berlin, Germany, for Baptist World Alliance (BWA)  
 July 30 — Return to USA for General Conference, August 5-12

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## Denver welcomes new members

by Donna Hastings, Correspondent

The beginning of the new year has been very exciting in the Denver church. The Evangelism Committee has established a Coffee House, called *The Room At The Back*. This program is held every other Friday night in the Fellowship Hall. Paul Robles is the master-of-ceremonies, or the man-in-charge. Paul is one of our enthusiastic new members. The Coffee House is a time of sharing, caring, and fellowship with others of our church and neighbors, and friends. A tremendous opportunity for out-reach. It provides music, the sharing of Christian experiences, family movies, and brotherly love. Popcorn and candy, and punch are served at a small cost. It's great fun!

February 24th we held an Open House for Pastor John and Hope after they were moved into their new home.

## Albion SDBs welcome visitors to Wisconsin

Welcome to Southern Wisconsin and to the General Conference in Beloit, from the SDB Church of Albion.

Southern Wisconsin holds many areas which may be of interest to you. The members of the SDB Church of Albion wish you to include it among these. Only 25 miles from Beloit, it is over 140 years old, situated across from the Albion Academy Campus. (This former SDB school now serves as a museum and park.)

You can arrive at Albion by Interstate 90 to the 160 exit, or by taking Hwy 51 through Janesville and Edgerton, one of the more scenic routes. Why not plan to worship with us while you are here? Services begin with Sabbath School at 9:45 a.m. followed by worship at 11:00 a.m. Our congregation is small but true to our new sign, which reads: The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion Welcomes

26 You.

The house is lovely, and with their love and concern for all it makes a very welcome home. We are so happy for them.

Our church body voted to proceed with enlarging our facility. Praise be to God that we have such a need!

March third was a beautiful Sabbath Day. Even the snow on the ground could not dampen the spirits of those attending. It was Baptism Sabbath at our church. There were eight new souls baptized into the family of God. The services started with Pastor Elmo FitzRandolph from Boulder baptizing his two grandchildren, Kris and Matt Planer. Pastor John then baptized the remaining six. This writer and her husband were just a little more than happy as their two eldest grandchildren were baptized that day. What a day! What a blessing for us! It was a most happy day for the grandparents and a day of celebration for all the families of the ones who were baptized.

The Diaconate hosted a dinner on Friday evening, March 30th for over 50 people. This was in honor of the prospective new members and their

## Burdick to lecture

Rev. Oscar Burdick of El Cerrito, California, will present an SDB history paper at the American Theological Library Association meetings at Western Theological Seminary in Holland, Michigan, on June 21. Entitled "Sleuthing the Origins of English Seventh Day Baptists in the 1650's; A Bibliography," it will include the drama of the search for books related to SDB origins.

Burdick has been working for several years on his project to identify the earliest Sabbatarian Baptists and to accurately pinpoint the earliest meetings of sustained groups in the decade of the 1650's. He has discovered many more congregations than our earlier historians knew of.

A member of the Bay Area SDB Church, Burdick is Associate Librarian for Collection Development at the Graduate Theological Union Library in Berkeley, California. SR

families. A time of rejoicing, sharing of their feelings about becoming church members, closeness, and of course good food. The Diaconate have held this time of sharing for some time now and it is a very meaningful experience for all.

Youth Day Sabbath services were April 7. The services were conducted by our College-career group. They provided a beautiful service of special music, scriptures, poetry, a skit, and the service closed with musical selections sung by and played on her guitar by Alice Parker, while her husband Michael read selections from the writings of Paul in the New Testament.

Everyone left the sanctuary that morning with the feeling the future of our church is in very capable hands after joining in the worship with these young people. SR

## New efforts in Ohio

*Taken from a letter from Perry Cain, to the Seventh Day Baptist Center received March 30, 1984:*

*Some exciting news from Central Ohio! We are moving step by step to the establishment of another SDB Church in Ohio. Although, in the very beginning stages, we are excited about the possibilities. On Sabbath, March 24, 1984, our group in Canton, Ohio met for the first time officially at Pastor Don Bartow's church, Westminster Presbyterian Church of Canton. The group officially organized as a Fellowship and a branch ministry of the Columbus church. Though the group is small, 8-10 people, it is a beginning.*

*I am excited about the potential for this new outreach and sincerely covet the prayers of our denominational leaders in this regard. May the Lord richly bless Seventh Day Baptists as they reach out for our Lord, Jesus Christ.* SR

## Texarkana church marks 25 years

by Lura Crow, Clerk

The Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its 25th anniversary of the building and dedication of the church on March 17, 1984. There were more than 60 people in attendance at the services. Church started at 10:00 a.m. with a fellowship dinner at noon followed by an afternoon service at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Mynor G. Soper was in charge of the morning service and Wardner FitzRandolph led the af-

ternoon service.

Visitors came from Metairie, Louisiana; Arlington, Texas; Little Rock and Fouke, Arkansas; and North Loup, Nebraska. Letters were received from Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, the founding pastor of the Texarkana SDB Church, Janet Thorngate, Ken Hatcher, and Robert and Gladys Randolph of Denver, Colo. Oral greetings were given by others attending.

After a communion service, Rev. Mynor G. Soper gave the sermon in the morning service entitled "A Covenant God-A Covenant People." Special music was presented by a junior choir of six members. Dan Richards sang a solo accompanied by his wife, Dawn. After the sermon, members of the church re-signed the church Covenant. Mynor G. Soper II was accepted as a member of the Texarkana SDB Church by letter from the North Loup SDB Church of North Loup, NE.

The afternoon services were led by Wardner FitzRandolph. A short history of the church was given and a short eulogy of six deceased members

## Pastor sentenced; state adopts new school law

from REPORT from the CAPITAL

PLATTSMOUTH, NEB.—The Rev. Everett Sileven, director of the Faith Christian School, has been found in contempt of court and sentenced to a new term of eight months in jail.

The fundamentalist pastor served four months in jail more than a year ago for refusing to hire state-certified teachers for his Faith Christian School in Louisville, Nebraska.

Faith Christian and other Christian schools were in violation of a law that required all schools in Nebraska to hire only state-certified teachers. In an effort to end the dispute, the Nebraska legislature recently passed a law under which teacher-competency information can be used as only one factor in evaluating private schools.

When the law goes into effect July 9, 1984, teachers will be permitted either to take a competency test designed by the state education department, or to be evaluated by the department. People who fail the test will still be permitted to teach at the discretion of the department.

A Cass County District Judge said Mr. Sileven could be released if and when he gave assurances that all former pupils at his Faith Christian School had enrolled in state-certified schools. SR

## Pre-Con info corrections

Youth Pre-Con Retreat Director is Larry Graffius. Young Adult Directors are John and Linda Camenga. Both retreats will be held August 1-5. Age for Youth is 15-18 or finished 9th grade. Young Adult, ages 18-35. (Both *Lead-Line* and *Recorder* listed incorrect information.)

of the charter member group and two pastors. Former pastors honored were the Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Daytona Beach, Florida (under whose guidance the church was organized) and the late Rev. Ralph Soper (under whose pastorate the church had its greatest growth).

Special music was provided by members of the Soper family and Gerald and Austa Coalwell, who sang "Tread Softly".

After the service, a series of slides sent by Marion Van Horn, of Daytona Beach, Florida, was shown. An album including photos and clippings and activities of the church when Pastor Van Horn was serving the church was displayed. This album was presented to the Texarkana SDB Church by Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn. SR

## Plainfield holds annual meeting

Plainfield, NJ—At our annual meeting April 15 we licensed Jeanne (Wilhelm) Yurke again to preach the gospel and administer Communion and Baptism. She has conducted five inspiring Communion services since Pastor Victor Skaggs retired, and conducted a Baptismal service in May. She led our Easter service and also the one at McCutchen Nursing Home. We have enjoyed two fellowship dinners this year, and an Easter breakfast.

We reelected Douglas Wheeler as moderator and Etta O'Connor as treasurer. Glen Maltby is our new trustee, Margret Armstrong and Jeannette Duryea are co-chairmen of the Nurture Committee, and Bernard Yurke is chairman of the Outreach Committee. We hosted the Historical Society on May 27. Retired Pastor Skaggs was here for that meeting and led our worship service the day before.

Kay Maltby, chairman of the Board of Deacons and Elders, has secured worship leaders, arranged their services, and prepared the bulletins for typing and printing. Colleen Maltby has helped with the typing and Brad Maltby with the printing.

We have benefited by having a variety of speakers. We especially enjoyed Dr. Bruce Evans, stated clerk of the Elizabeth Presbytery, Rev. Dorcas Diaz Shaner, who officiated at the Yurke wedding, and U.S. Navy Chaplain Donald Shaner. We were also happy to have our former member, Rev. Dale Thorngate, conduct our service on March 7. Ten of our services have been led by black preachers, one of whom brought his own organist and choir.

It has been an interesting experience to get acquainted with our local pastors, but we are hoping and praying for one of our own. SR 27

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attention on the scriptural background of Sabbath observance, the rabbinic devotion to Sabbath, and the value and sanctity that Jesus and the apostles declared was evident in God's plan for Sabbath observance.

In order not to be one-sided, they also review, at great length, the development of Sunday and the theology that followed its introduction into Christian life and witness. Reviewing Scripture passages often cited to give apostolic credence to the change of the church's day of worship, celebration, and rest from Sabbath to Sunday, the authors, particularly Walter F. Specht, conclude that there is no evidence that in the minds and hearts of the early Christian converts that Sunday had assumed a sanctity and holiness that God had given to the seventh day Sabbath. Samuele Bacchiocchi continues to focus on the matter concluding that "the origin of Sunday was the result of an interplay of Jewish, pagan, and Christian factors" and much of its development in the early centuries of the Christian church "was solicited by external circumstances." Whatever the causes, the early Church gradually shifted its allegiance from God's Sabbath to their own understanding of the importance and significance of Sunday.

Other authors then take up the cause

as they review the continuing thread of the Sabbath throughout history and the development of the idea of *sabbath* as transferred to the new Christian doctrine of "the Lord's Day." Throughout history there has been a remnant of those who have regarded God's commandment to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" as a significant response to their love for God. From Asia, Africa, through Europe in the Middle Ages and into the Reformation Era, the authors trace the continuing thread of allegiance to God's Sabbath as it was kept alive, ultimately reaching the shores of the New World.

The authors review the development of the Sabbath from the early life of Seventh Day Baptists in the New World, to the rise of the Seventh-day Adventist faith and other Sabbath observing groups. Since the book is Seventh-day Adventist in origin, it reflects most prominently on the significant role the Sabbath played in the development of Adventist theology and life. The "phenomenal growth of the Seventh-day Adventist" movement is attributed to the combination of the theology of the second advent of Christ and the Sabbath.

The final chapters focus attention on contemporary Sabbath theologies as presented by a wide range of authors—

Jewish and Christian. Hans K. LaRondelle adds to the value of this book in a complete and thorough discussion of the contemporary authors who have attempted, albeit unsuccessfully, to refute modern seventh day sabbathism in favor of Sunday. In truth, writes LaRondelle, "all Sunday theologies are found wanting, in that they create an un-Biblical dichotomy between the work of the Creator and the work of the Redeemer, the Re-Creator."

Raoul Dederen concludes the volume with a chapter reflecting on a "Theology of the Sabbath". In a very positive way he addresses the relevance of the Sabbath as a "basic affirmation about God." God desires to enter into partnership with us and provides the way through a twenty-four hour period of time devoted solely and completely to worship and reflection of God's goodness, mercy, and redeeming love. It's weekly return symbolizes the power of God to create and re-create, i.e., redeem. We are reminded that "God has given us his love."

Of additional value to Sabbath theological literature are eight appendices which are attached to the main body of this significant work. Particularly helpful are the reviews of Scriptural passages that carry on the debate because of the wide range of their interpretation.

*The Sabbath in Scripture and History* lives up to its name and provides the contemporary searcher for truth with scholarly, well-thought-out arguments for a review of the Sabbath in our day. It will contribute greatly to the on-going search for sabbatic qualities in the lives of evangelical Christians.

Herbert E. Saunders is pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton, Wisconsin. He is the former dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Center on Ministry, and taught Sabbath philosophy to students training for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. He is the author of the book *The Sabbath: Symbol of Creation and Re-Creation*, published by the American Sabbath Tract Society in 1971. SR

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## Come visit the SDB Center!

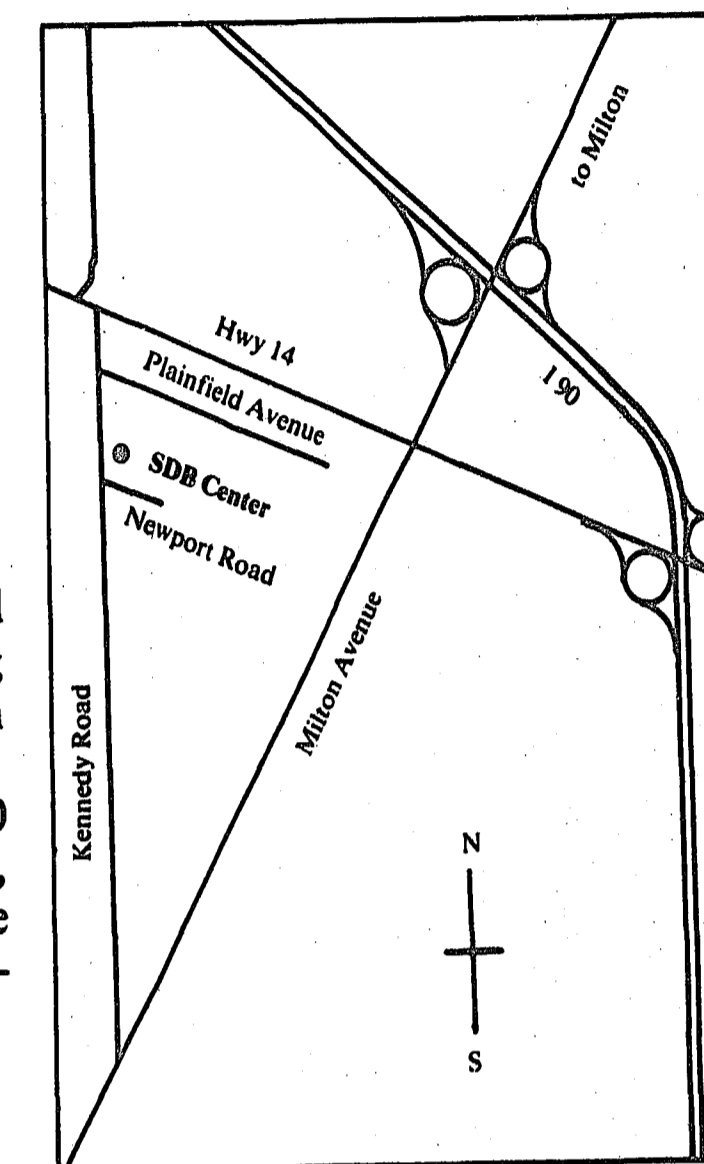
Guests attending General Conference in Beloit, Wisconsin, are invited to come visit the SDB Center in Janesville on August 5, the Sunday before Conference, or on August 10, Friday afternoon, when formal dedication services for the new building will be held. Tours will be conducted at these times. (It will be closed otherwise during Conference sessions.)

On display at the Center is the large 1/12-scale replica of the SDB Building in Plainfield, New Jersey, built and donated by Don Sanford of Milton, Wisconsin. With it is the large copper box of historical articles recently obtained by the Historical Society Trustees from the cornerstone of the Plainfield building, 55 years old this year. Other displays in the museum

commemorate the 140 years of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Offices of the General Conference, Memorial Fund, Center on Ministry, Tract Society, World Federation, and Historical Society moved to the new Center when it was purchased two years ago. A campaign to pay off the debt this year has generated contributions of over \$60,000 from Seventh Day Baptists around the country. Fifteen hundred \$50.00 gifts are still needed to realize the goal of burning the mortgage during the dedication services in August.

The SDB Center is located at 3120 Kennedy Road in Janesville, Wisconsin, 10 miles north of Beloit. It can be reached by the Rt. 26 exit off Interstate 90 (see map).



## Madison church organized

by Janet Thorngate

On Sabbath morning, May 26, the Madison Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship held its last worship service. About 50 people from neighboring congregations came to worship with the group which had been meeting in the Wisconsin State Capitol since sometime in 1976. After a fellowship dinner together, still others joined them for the organizational meeting of the Madison Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Members of the new church made a formal presentation to an organizational council chaired by Rev. Earl Cruzan and made up of representatives from the Milton and Albion, Wisconsin, and Battle Creek, Michigan, churches. James A. Skaggs presented the history of the fellowship which for some time met on Friday evenings, later on Sabbath day, and was recognized by the General Conference in 1980. Rev. Leroy Bass presented the "Mission in Madison," saying, "We desire to be a voice in the Madison

and surrounding area—a witness to the Sabbath inviting others to follow Jesus along with us."

After review of the church's proposed covenant and constitution and some questions, the council recommended proceeding with the organization. Officers elected are Moderator David Meyer, Secretary Laura Streich, Treasurer Clifford Bass, Trustees James Skaggs, Morris Streich and David Meyer, and Deacons James Skaggs and Morris Streich. Letters of greeting and congratulations were read from other churches in the North Central Association.

Following the signing of the covenant by 13 members, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Executive Vice-President of the Missionary Society, brought a charge to the new church. Rev. Earl Cruzan led in a prayer of dedication, and the congregation of about 75 joined in singing "The Church's One Foundation is Jesus Christ Her Lord."

During the morning worship, Rev. Dale Thorngate, General Conference Executive Secretary, brought the mes-

sage. Worship leaders were David Meyer, Marjorie Bass, Leroy Bass, and James Skaggs. A quartet from the Milton church provided special music.

Several members of the new church are from the Albion and Milton congregations. Others have become Seventh Day Baptists through the witness of the Fellowship in Madison. Since early in their history the group has met in the First Baptist Church at 514 Franklin Ave. on the edge of the University of Wisconsin campus. In sketching their history, James Skaggs noted several individuals who participated in the fellowship and added much to its life but have since moved to other places. Among them were George Crandall, Norman and Faith Burdick, Dean and Susie Fox, Marjorie Crandall, and Linda Burdick.

Rev. Earl Cruzan, extension pastor of the Milton church, has met with the congregation on a monthly basis for some time. Other leadership has come from the members of the group. Their activities include Sabbath School and a midweek home Bible study.

## Easter at Shiloh, New Jersey

Shiloh, NJ—Spring 1984 has been an active season for members and friends of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Youth week was celebrated February 5-11 with the children and youth leading the worship service and providing messages. (Summaries of the youth messages and detailed accounts of other youth week activities were reported in the May issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*. The Junior choir (grades K-3) and youth choir (grades 4-8) provided special music under the direction of Miss Cheryl Mackey and Mrs. Linda Camenga.

On April 6 a baptismal service was held with Miss Joy Davis and Miss Grace Camenga making their statements of faith and taking the right hand of fellowship.

On the following day, the children of Percy and Beulah (Allen) Davis hosted a buffet in honor of their parents' 50th wedding anniversary at the fellowship hall. The event, originally scheduled for the actual anniversary date—March 10—had been postponed

because of a sudden serious illness. Everyone was especially thankful of God's healing hand and for giving 'Perc' and Beulah 50 full and happy years together. The marriage has been blessed with four children—Arah Mae Sheppard, W. Allen Davis, Philip C. Davis and Stephen Davis—and 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren (so far!).

The Easter Sabbath service was made special with many musical attractions. The prelude consisted of an organ-piano duet "Easter Chimes" performed by Mrs. Ruth Ann Davis and Miss Cheryl Davis. The bell choir, led by Mrs. Lora Harris, processed in with a special rendition of "Were you There?" with the handbells, vocal music, and readings.

Later in the service the junior choir provided the anthem "Easter Song." Miss Suzanne Vanderslice played "Behold the Man" on the piano for an offertory.

The highlight of the service was Harold DeCou's cantata, "Easter Celebration" directed by Mrs. Jane Jernoske and accompanied by Ruth

Ann Davis. In addition to several choral numbers, there were solos performed by baritone Allen Davis and soprano Martie Hitchner and a tenor-soprano duet by Owen Probasco and Donna Bond. Between selections Phil Bond narrated the Easter celebration story from Scripture.

The service was concluded with a piano postlude "He's Still the King of Kings" played by Ruth Ann Davis.

Mother's Day was celebrated twice in Shiloh. The first event was a covered dish mother-daughter banquet served by the Ladies Benevolent Society. (See the Women's Board newsletter for details.)

The second Mother's day celebration was the Sabbath morning service on May 12. The junior choir sang, "Yes, I Love Jesus," with original poems recited by two of their members, Julie Moncrief and Grace Camenga. This was followed by "Mother's Day Song" and two more original poems by Dottie Moncrief and Danielle Dixon. Then the children wished their mothers a happy Mother's Day and, pointing to each one's own mother, declared, "I love you".

Pastor John Camenga's sermon, "The Motherhood of God," was based on Isaiah 66:10-13 and emphasized that while God is not female or neuter, He does possess certain mothering characteristics—nurturing, comforting, providing security, etc.

Later, at our monthly emphasis dinner, mothers were honored in a more tangible manner: The great-grandmothers headed up four chow lines followed by grandmothers and then regular mothers (and small children). Meanwhile, the older children, aunts, uncles and fathers were making their selections from the dessert table...

The Shiloh church is now looking forward to a busy summer with the annual Memorial Day chicken pot pie dinner, a Children's Day service, Friday night youth group and Sabbath School promotions, community Bible School, camping at Jersey Oaks Camp, and Pre-Con and Conference.

Correspondent SR

## Meeting urgent relief needs

by Leon Maltby

### Christian Social Action update

What a joy it is to be able to respond as a people to some of the urgent relief needs that confront us. Our response has been significant in some cases and substantial because we have a united relief fund and because we are in cooperation with organizations of like faith. Both are important.

Seventh Day Baptists are compassionate people. This is quite apparent when we observe the month by month growth of the United Relief Fund from designated contributions sent in by church treasurers and individuals. Only one letter of appeal per year normally goes out from the Christian Social Action Committee, but the response is not limited to November and December. Real compassion expresses itself not once a year but week by week or whenever God blesses us with income beyond our basic necessities. By pooling hundreds of small gifts we are able to meet a few large needs with larger relief gifts. The committee would like to help the givers to experience the joys that come with letters of appreciation. Even so, we must remind ourselves that we do not gauge our giving by the thanks we may receive. According to our Lord we do not need praise for doing what Christian duty demands. The joy is in the doing, not in the recognition for having done it.

There is a sense of accomplishment in knowing that our giving has met needs that total in a few months several thousand dollars. At the April meeting of the Christian Social Action Committee three \$500 allocations of relief funds and one \$200 were made. Two of these were for desperate famine and refugee relief in Uganda and Ethiopia through African Enterprise and Food for the Hungry. The other two were for individual or SDB church needs in New York, and California. Previously two \$500 gifts had been authorized for cyclone and flood relief to the Seventh Day

Baptist Conference of India. An equal amount had been sent to one of our churches in New Zealand. Also \$500 was sent to Malawi as famine relief for our churches there. We entrusted \$350 to World Relief, the relief arm of the National Association of Evangelicals. This is not all, but nearly all, that has been forwarded to worthy causes from your fund (SDBURF) in recent months.

The committee is primarily concerned with maintaining a fund sufficient to meet the urgent relief needs of Seventh Day Baptists around the world and in our own country. It is secondarily concerned with helping to meet global needs in cooperation with some of the interdenominational agencies, particularly those that are cost effective and meet the standards of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA). We believe also that individuals who are deluged with appeals should look for that ECFA emblem to insure that only a small percent is used for administrative expense.

In the first paragraph of this story we mentioned the value of cooperation with relief organizations of like faith. We have a representative, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, on the relief committee of the various Baptist Conventions and Conferences. Through our denominational representatives, the \$500 sent to the India Conference for hurricane relief was augmented by \$3,000 from BWAID. A recent appeal for \$2,750 for three more pumps for the conference-dug irrigation wells could not reasonably be met from SDBURF. It is understood that the need could be met by one of the Baptist conventions—again through the good office of our representative. When we give unselfishly, we receive in like manner. Christ and his disciples drank from Jacob's well as residents still do. Wells may be dug in India by Seventh Day Baptists, but the water meets the needs of all. SR

## New Covenant Ministries serves SDB's

Report by Joyce L. Conrod

The New Covenant Ministries has completed another year in service to the Lord and our Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Our year began with the request to prepare a lesson for the Helping Hand Adult Sabbath School lesson manual. The lesson has subsequently been printed and used on March 3, 1984. A request from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for an additional five lessons was received. These additional lessons were accepted and are to be used for the five Sabbaths of June, 1984.

A request was received from the

Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church to take part in a Missionary Conference in November at which special presentations were made on the subject of world missions. A demonstration of the use of computers in Christian Education was given in one of the Milton Sabbath School classes as well as for the Denver area Youth for Christ.

Considerable time was spent in adapting the 18 different Bible computer games that are now available for publication into two 192 page books. These two books are being published by Accent Publications. The first book is now available and contains

Bible computer games and study lessons for 3 computers: the Radio Shack TRS-80 color computer, the Texas Instruments TI-99a computer and the Timex/Sinclair TS-1000 computer. The second book will be available in June 1984, and will contain computer Bible games and study lessons for Commodore 64, Vic 20, Apple IIe and CPM based computers such as Kaypro. These books will be made available to anyone who makes a donation to New Covenant Ministries of \$10.00 or more. The Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society again used our services to audit their financial records for another year. SR 31

**Remember ...**  
**Our World Mission (Unified Budget)**  
**special offering**  
**August 4th in the churches**  
**August 11th at Conference**



## Denver church to sponsor Arizona

The Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church plans to sponsor a Seventh Day Baptist *daughter* group in Tucson, Arizona, beginning in the fall of 1984.

Denver pastor Rev. John Bevis says, "We are interested in obtaining names of members and interested people who live or winter in the Tucson area. Your prayer support is also requested."

Send names to: Pastor John Bevis, 2301 Wadsworth Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80215. SR

## COM to host Retreat

A post-conference retreat for theological students and their wives will be held at Camp Wakonda in Milton, Wisconsin, from 4:00 p.m. August 12 to 1:00 p.m. August 16. Pastors and their spouses are also invited to attend for a time of study, fellowship, and relaxation. Dean J. Paul Green will direct the program. A small fee will be charged to cover cost of meals. Pastors will soon receive pre-registration information. SR

## House narrowly defeats equal access

Washington (BPA)—The U.S. House of Representatives narrowly rejected a proposal to give student-initiated religious groups the same access for meetings in secondary schools provided for other voluntary, student-initiated meetings during noninstructional periods.

Referred to as an "Equal Access" bill, H.R. 5345, sponsored by Reps. Carl D. Perkins, D-Ky., and Don Bonker, D-Wash., drew a strong majority in the 270-151 House vote, but fell 11 votes short of the two-thirds necessary for passage.

The two-thirds margin became necessary when the bill's backers brought it to the floor under a "suspension of the rules" procedure which allows for only 40 minutes of debate and generally permits no

Adams Center, New York

Chauncey Reed

Bay Area, California  
Steven Crouch, Pastor

By Testimony:  
Herbert Haynes  
Frankie Haynes

Blountville, Tennessee  
Bobby D. Wright, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Fredrick Gilbert  
Betty Gilbert  
Richard Gilbert

Columbus, Ohio  
Perry L. Cain, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Paul Prior  
Wendy Prior

Denver, Colorado  
John D. Bevis, Pastor

By Baptism:  
Kay Hervig  
Roger Hervig  
Coleen Laxson

Rocky Laxson  
Rocky Laxson, Jr.  
Kris Planer  
Matthew Planer  
Jim Richardson  
Damian Robles  
Rachel Willhoit

By Testimony:  
Roksanne Laxson  
Doris Nordloh  
John Nordloh  
Garrett Patrow  
Jay Patrow  
Kathy Teague

By Letter:  
Debbie Planer  
Robin Planer

Memphis, Tennessee  
Bill Shoffner, Pastor

By Testimony:  
Sarina Smithers  
Lois Ellis  
Schunda Ellis

Plainfield, New Jersey

By Baptism:  
Carol Priedemann

## Marriage

Fox.—A son, Peter Michael Fox, was born to Dean and Susan (Pinder) Fox of Manassas, VA, on July 8, 1983.

Wendell.—A son, Ryan Samuel Wendell, was born to Ralph and Carol (Dickinson) Wendell of Shiloh, New Jersey, on July 14, 1983.

Kirsch.—A daughter, Mary Catherine Kirsch, was born to David and Vicky (Berg) Kirsch of Tecumseh, Michigan on April 25, 1984.

## Births

Gamble-Wheeler.—Gentry Grant Gamble of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Catherine Jeanne Wheeler of New Orleans, Louisiana, were joined in marriage on April 28, 1984. Rev. T. D. Lide, pastor of the Southern Baptist Church, performed the ceremony at Gulf Breeze, Florida. They will make their home at 433 Cornell, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. SR

## Obituaries

**Batson.**—Claren Haver Batson of Fishersville, Virginia, died suddenly January 17, 1984, at the age of 78. He was born in Ritchie County, West Virginia, on June 30, 1905, a son of the late Charlie H. and Martha Wade Batson.

He graduated from Salem College, attended West Virginia University, and taught in public schools in Harrison County, West Virginia, and in Virginia for 43 years before retiring. He also served as an instructor and coach in Civilian Conservation Corps camps during the depression years. Some of his former students have played in professional sports. He was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Onita Morrison Batson, on August 28, 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Schuetz Batson; a son, Gordon D. Batson of Dinwiddie Co., Virginia; two daughters, Mrs. Robert G. (Sue) Warner of Richmond, Virginia, and Mrs. Harry N. (Ann) Burns of Harrisonburg, Virginia; two brothers, Eldred H. Batson of Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Seager O. Batson of Charleston, West Virginia; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The funeral and the burial were in Fishersville, Virginia.

MGN

**Gardiner.**—Bessie (Perry) Gardiner of Oak Street, Ashaway, Rhode Island, wife of the late Harold S. Gardiner, died Tuesday, March 20, 1984, at the Coventry Health Center.

Born in Shannock, Rhode Island, June 23, 1899, she was a daughter of the late Alpheus J. and Abbie (Wilcox) Perry. Mrs. Gardiner had been employed for many years as a housekeeper for private families in the area. She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway.

Surviving are a son, Harold E. Slaughter of Iowa; two sisters, Ita P. LaCorbiniere of Providence, Rhode Island and Velcena P. Thomas of Peace Dale, Rhode Island; one granddaughter; and a number of nieces and nephews. Committal Services were held March 23, 1984 by Pastor Leon Wheeler.

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**Phillips.**—Leola E. Phillips of Clinton, NY, died March 30, 1984 at her home in Clinton at the age of 89. She was born on December 3, 1894 in DeRuyter, NY, the daughter of Henry W. and Mary Amanda Phillips.

She was a member of the DeRuyter Seventh Day Baptist Church and taught children's Sabbath School classes for several years.

She took the teacher training course in DeRuyter and later studied at Cortland Normal, Cortland, NY, and at Columbia University in New York City. She began teaching in rural schools near DeRuyter, taught in Endicott, and spent most of her 45 years of teaching in the Johnson City School as a first grade teacher, retiring in 1959. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a national honorary sorority for dedicated educators.

Surviving are two sisters, Mildred Parker, Clinton, and Bessie Hinshaw, Akron; two nieces, Selma Mickel, Clinton, and Joan Bennett, Brockport; two nephews, Richard P. Blowers, Huntington Station, and Jack Hinshaw, Akron, Ohio; and grandnieces and nephews.

HRG

**Hatfield.**—Lena C. Hatfield of Pennfield Twp., Battle Creek, Mich. died March 31, 1984 at her residence. She was 95 years old. Her sister who preceded her in death was Mrs. Minnie Harsh, a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist church, as was Mrs. Hatfield.

She taught school in this area for several years. She was employed 25 years by the Post Cereals operation of General Foods Corp. and for about 20 years she and a daughter managed Crippen Resort on Oliverda Lake which a grandson owned.

She was also preceded in death by her husband Orville Hatfield, and a daughter Sally Crippen.

Surviving are one grandchild; three great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Ray Hallock of Battle Creek.

Services were held April 3, 1984 at the Spencer Funeral Home in Athens with interment in Sherwood Twp. Mich.

PRK

**Davis.**—Anna M. Davis of Salem, West Virginia, died following a long confinement at the Salem Health Care Center on April 1, 1984, at the age of 84. She was born on Big Battle, Doddridge County, West Virginia, on November 24, 1899, a daughter of the late Lloyd M. and Mary Downs Hutson.

She lived for many years at Randolph Terrace Apartments, active in the care of the facilities and helping to care for the needs of her neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orlen Cleveland Davis, who served as treasurer of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years; by two brothers; four sisters and one grandson.

She is survived by one son, Orlen Cleveland Davis, Jr.; one stepson, H. Murray Davis, West Union, West Virginia; one step-daughter, Mrs. Fernon (Lucille) Gregorie, Clarksburg, West Virginia; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was conducted on April 3, 1984, by her pastor, the Rev. Dr. Melvin G. Nida. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Memorial Park, Salem.

MGN

**Bond.**—Burl Randolph Bond of Lost Creek, West Virginia, died April 5, 1984, in Clarksburg, West Virginia, at the age of 83. He was born April 15, 1900, in Peel Tree, West Virginia, and married the former Zella Law in August 1924.

He was a 70 year member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, a member of the Lost Creek Lions Club for 44 years, and was a 44 year member of the West Virginia Farm Bureau.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother. Survivors include his wife, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by pastors Edward Sutton and David Taylor at the Davis-Weaver Funeral Home in Clarksburg, West Virginia, on April 7. Interment was in the Brick Church cemetery in Lost Creek.

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**Karstens.**—Harry Ole Karstens of Riverside, California, died April 6, 1984, at the age of 81. He was born January 14, 1903, in Mankato, Minn., the son of August and Emma Dunn Karstens.

He moved to Riverside, California, in 1918, where he was to spend the remaining years of his life.

He was married to Ethel Babcock on November 28, 1931. He was employed in the citrus business until retirement some 10 years ago, first in trucking from orchards to the packing houses and later working in the box making factory.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Karstens; one son, James E. Karstens of Cheshire, Oregon; one brother, Glen Karstens of Riverside, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

Services were conducted on April 11, 1984, in Riverside, with interment at the Olivewood Cemetery, with Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiating.

ALW

**Whitehead.**—Lillian (Snell) Whitehead of 24 Newton Ave., Westerly, RI, died Monday, April 9, 1984. Born in England July 4, 1898, she was a daughter of the late John and Elizabeth (Snell) Whitehead.

Mrs. Whitehead was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, in Ashaway, Rhode Island. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Whitehead. Surviving are a daughter, Hope Elizabeth Benn of Ashaway; a son, Everett Snell Whitehead of Rochester, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held in River Bend Cemetery, April 11, 1984, conducted by Pastor Leon Wheeler.

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**August.**—Lloyd Everett August was born February 24, 1904, at Bancroft, Nebraska, and passed from this life April 25, 1984, at Atchison, Kansas.

Lloyd spent his earlier years on the farm, after which he was employed in railroad work, serving over the years as telegraph operator, train dispatcher, ticket clerk and tower operator. Upon retirement from the railroad, he spent the remainder of his life on his farm near Atchison.

In 1927 he married Genevieve Stone, who died in 1942. He married Ruby Babcock of Nortonville in 1943. Besides his wife Ruby, he is survived by four children: Bill August of New Liberty, Iowa; James August of Boulder, Colorado; Judy August Cranfill of Athens, Texas; and David August of Dallas, Texas.

Lloyd and Ruby have been parents to 21 foster children, two of whom remain in their home: Pamela McClintock and James Trower.

Lloyd was a devoted husband and father. His love for the Lord was reflected throughout his living. He was a pillar in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Nortonville, Kansas. The work of the Gideons was a special love for him. His life was a blessing to many of us.

Funeral services were held in the Nortonville S.D.B. Church, with his pastor, Rev. Edgar Wheeler, and Dr. Kenneth Smith officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Atchison.

EW

**Kennedy.**—Glenna Kennedy of Palm Bay, Florida, died May 8 at Holmes Medical Center, Melbourne, Florida at the age of 91. She was born in Johnstown, West Virginia on April 3, 1893.

She was a life-long resident of Lost Creek, West Virginia, until she moved to Palm Bay in 1977. She had also been a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for over 60 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russel M. Kennedy, and one son, Harry G. Kennedy.

She is survived by two sons, Manning H. Kennedy of Palm Bay, and Jesse W. Kennedy of Lost Creek; two daughters, Mrs. Cornelis (Emma) Vos, Falls Church, Virginia, and Mrs. William (Joan) Burgy, Palm Bay; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted by Pastor David Taylor at the Brick Church Cemetery in Lost Creek on May 13.

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**Brayman.**—F. Arthur Brayman of 36 High St., Ashaway, Rhode Island, died May 9, 1984 at the age of 60.

He was the husband of Helen (Palmer) Brayman. A son of Marion (Arnold) Brayman of Westerly, Rhode Island and the late Fred A. Brayman, he was born in Westerly on April 30, 1924. A member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, he had served as treasurer, a deacon, and as chairman of the stewardship board. He was also a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by two sons, David A. Brayman of Chicago, Illinois and Richard A. Brayman of Ledyard; a daughter, Barbara Grove of Ashaway; two brothers, Daniel Brayman of Bradford, Rhode Island and Kenneth Brayman of West Warwick, Rhode Island; four sisters, Lois Britland, Geneva Farrar, Virginia Higgins of Westerly and Hazel Hall of Wakefield; and three grandchildren.

A graveside service was held in Pendleton Hill Cemetery, North Stonington, Conn., May 11, 1984. Service conducted by Pastor Leon Wheeler. A memorial service was held May 26, 1984 in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton.

LW

**Bond.**—Alpha Viola Bond of Lost Creek, West Virginia, died May 13 in Clarksburg, West Virginia, at the age of 76. She was born on December 6, 1907 in Cincinnati, Ohio, the daughter of the late Henry and Alice Henessey Alderson.

Surviving is her husband, Khale A. Bond, whom she married on July 4, 1931. She was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for

50 years and was a member of the church's Ladies Aid.

Funeral services were conducted on May 16 by Pastor David Taylor. Interment was in the Brick Church cemetery.

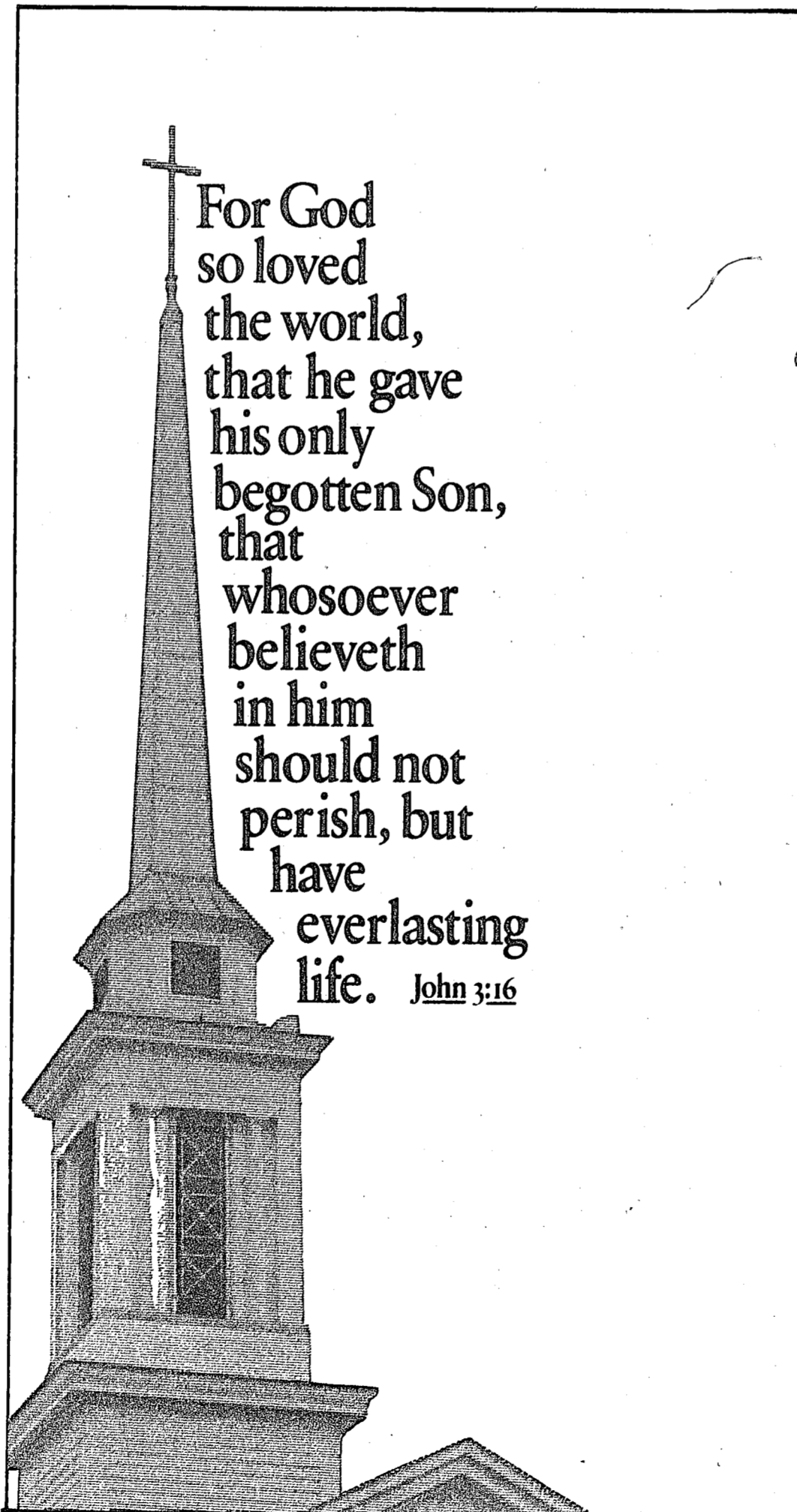
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**Bond.**—Orson H. Bond, 94, was born the son of Florein Lee and Lenora Bond in Roanoke, W. Va. on March 7, 1890 and died on May 15, 1984, in Rochester, NY. He was a veteran of World War I.

He married Muriel Bailey in 1917. They lived in Alfred, N.Y., for several years and later in More Haven, Belle Glade, and Holly Hill, Fla. His wife died in 1967, and in 1975 he came to Rochester, N.Y., to be near his daughter and her family.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lenore Harvey of Rochester; four granddaughters; three grandsons; three great granddaughters; two great grandsons; one sister, Mrs. Ruth Randolph of Bristol, W. Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held in Daytona Beach, Fla., at a time to be announced later by the family.



For God  
so loved  
the world,  
that he gave  
his only  
begotten Son,  
that  
whosoever  
believeth  
in him  
should not  
perish, but  
have  
everlasting  
life. John 3:16



Blessed are the peacemakers  
for they will be called  
sons of God.

**Burdick.**—The Rev. Paul Stanley Burdick of Waterford, Conn., died June 1, 1984, at the Nutmeg Pavilion Healthcare Center in New London, Conn., at the age of 94. He was born Nov. 28, 1889, in Little Genesee, N.Y., the son of Dr. Walter and Mary Coon Burdick.

He married the former Hancy Brooks June 12, 1922, in Waterford.

He attended Alfred University before being graduated from the former Rochester Theological Seminary in 1912.

Ordained a Seventh Day Baptist minister in 1917, his first pastorate was in Welton, Iowa. He served as missionary pastor and principal of the Seventh Day Baptist School in Fouke, Ark. Other pastorates included Rockville and Second Hopkinton churches in Rhode Island, Leonardsville and Adams Center, N.Y., and Salemville, Pa. His last pastorate was at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. After his retirement in 1965, he spent nine months with his son, Victor Burdick, a missionary doctor in Malawi, Africa, where he helped train a group of native pastors.

A past president of the former New London Area Minister's League, he was active for many

years in the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an international peace organization.

His many years of service to the denomination, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society and the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, were recognized in 1976. During the presentation of a gold-headed cane the Rev. Mr. Burdick was described as one who "proclaimed heroically and untiringly the historic cause of Christian pacifism and nonviolence."

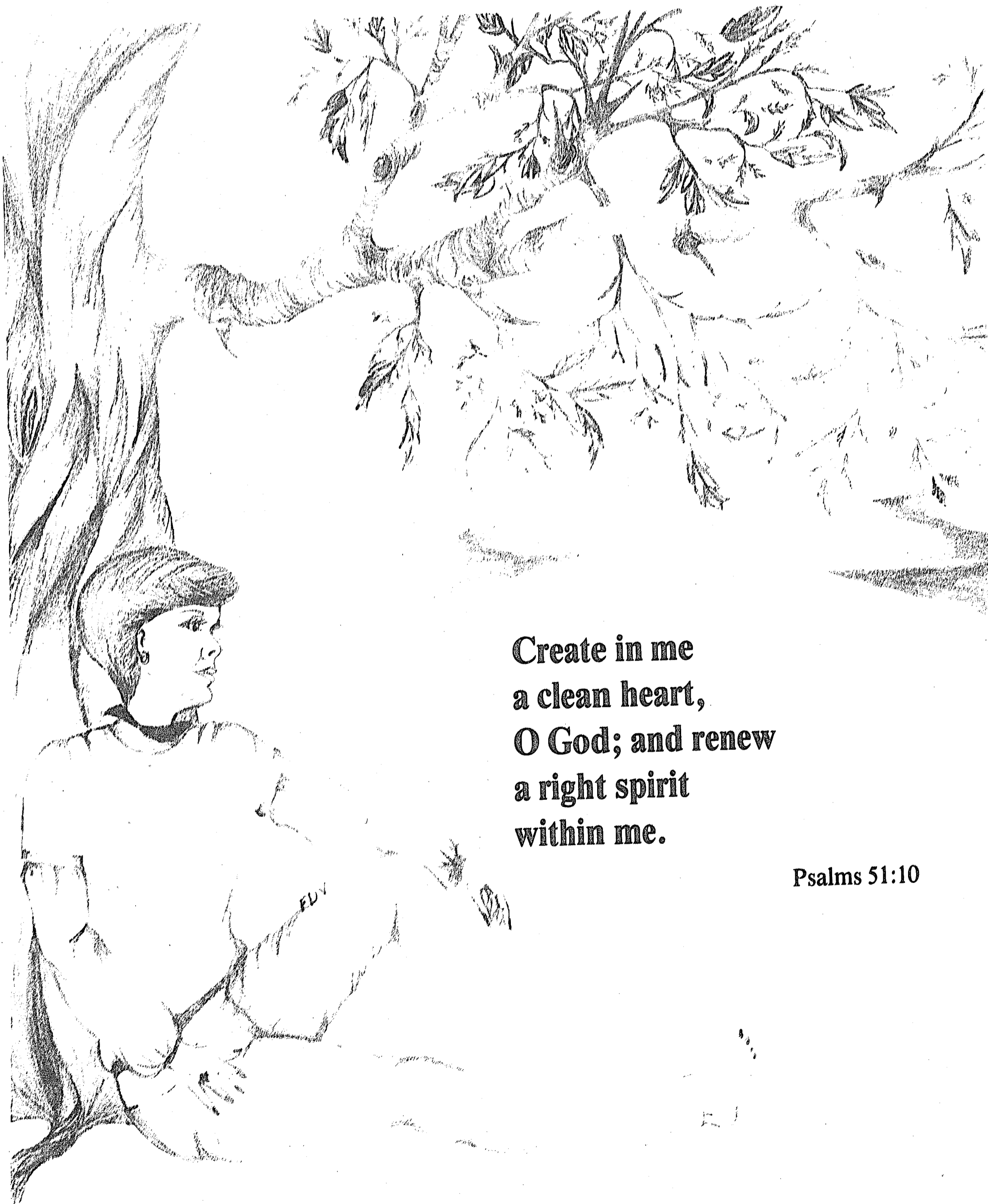
Besides his wife, survivors include four sons, Victor of South Pasadena, Calif., Robert of Syracuse, N.Y., Stanley of Huron, Ohio, and Leroy of Desert Center, Calif.; three daughters, Esther Burdick and Emma (Mrs. Paul) Johnson, both of Waterford, and Marion (Mrs. Richard) Maxson of Butler, Pa.; 18 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was conducted June 6th in West Neck Cemetery by Pastors Donald E. Richards and James Johnson. A memorial service was conducted June 9th at the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church with family, several area pastors and friends participating.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church, 206 Great Neck Road, Waterford, or to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. DER

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Create in me  
a clean heart,  
O God; and renew  
a right spirit  
within me.

Psalms 51:10

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