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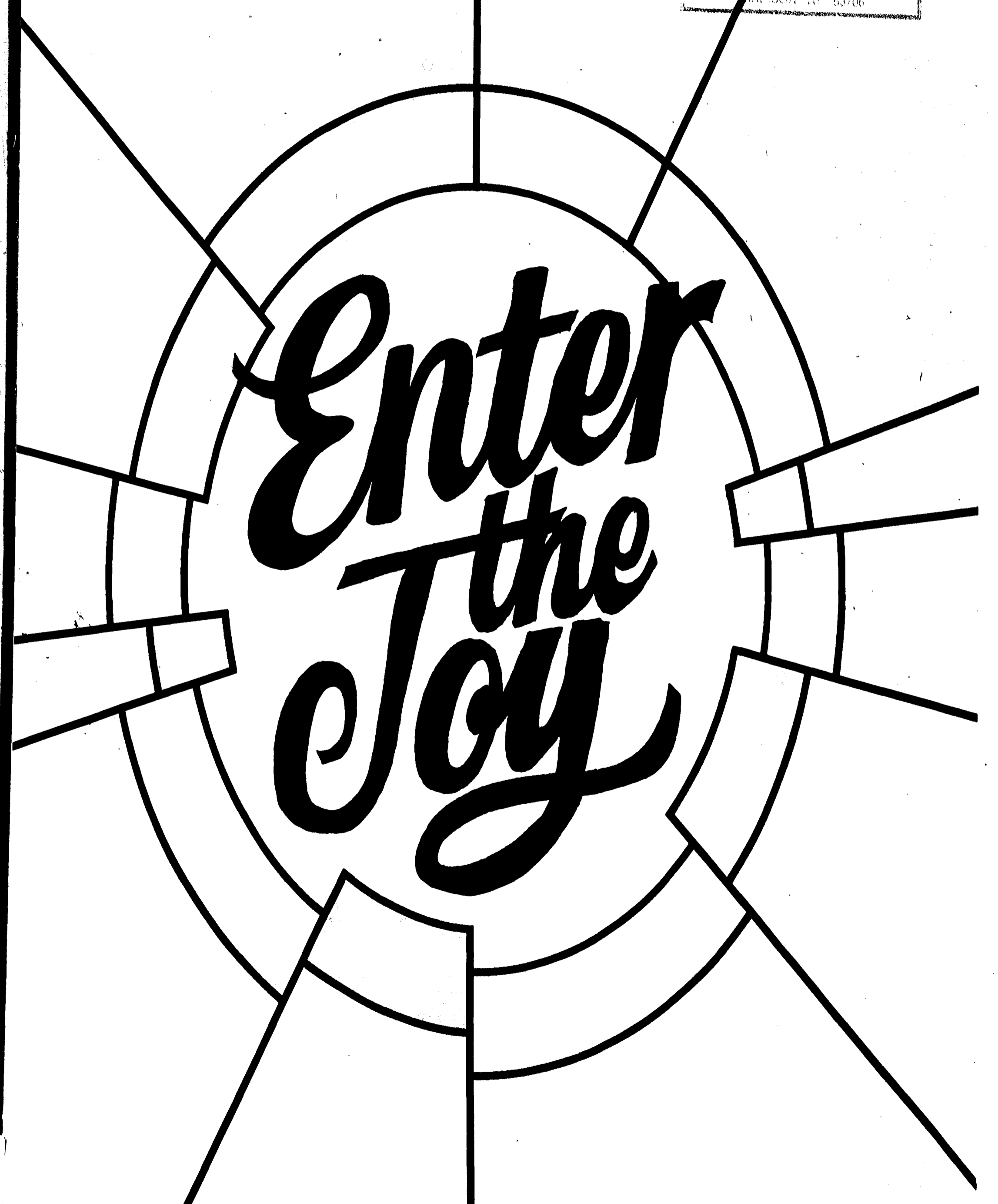
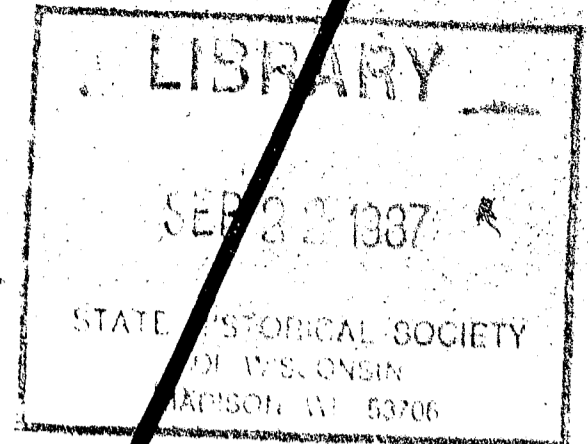


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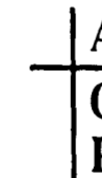
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Purifying our worship

by Donald Chroniger

One day, Billy Graham was speaking on a university campus and after a meeting, he decided he would talk to one of the professors who was not necessarily a Christian. Graham asked him a question, "What do you see is the most important thing that our nation needs?"

The professor thought and said, "Billy, you might expect me to say we need a change in the economic condition or we need a stronger defense. But, as I see it, we need a moral revival."

Revivals through history have come with an overwhelming sense of the presence of God. We need that today, particularly as we come to a time of worship together.

A conversation after a corporate worship service may be, "Did you hear the organist today? She was slightly off!" or "Did you notice that the pastor's collar was not straight?" Another person might say, "You know, God

spoke to me today. It wasn't in the message that was preached, but in that hymn that we sang." All of that was in the same service, but one sensed God speaking.

We all come to worship with different ideas of who God is. Some of us come with the idea that God is a big *aspirin tablet in the sky*. We only go to him when we have a headache. Some of us come with the idea that he is our *heavenly Santa Claus*. We go to God with our lists and ask him to check it—twice. Some of us have the image that God sits in heaven in his rocking chair with a long white beard. In that image, God sits and looks over the edge of heaven. When something goes wrong, he says, "Boys will be boys." We might come to worship with the view of God as the *heavenly policeman* with a uniform and a big club. With that view, God's job is to strike down Christians who might be having too much of a good time.



(Right) A new communion set was used for the Sabbath morning service at the 1987 Conference sessions.
(Bottom) Worshippers filled the seats on Sabbath eve.
(Far Right) During communion services, C. Justin Camenga, pastor of the Portland, Oregon, Seventh Day Baptist Church, spoke of Christ's sacrifice.



We come to the time of worship like the little boy in Sabbath School who was asked to draw a picture of what heaven may be like. As the teacher went around to see what the children were doing, she asked him what he was drawing. "I'm drawing a picture of God," he replied.

"But, son," the teacher said, "Don't you know that no one knows what God looks like?"

The boy responded, "When I finish my picture they'll know what he looks like."

We all come to worship with different concepts of who God is. Hear the psalmist; *Know ye that the Lord, he is God. It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture*. Know he is God.

Many times, we sing that old hymn, *Sweet Hour of Prayer*, but today it has become the "sweet 60 seconds." We do not take the time to know God.

At times we transfer our concepts of God to the Lord Jesus Christ and make him the *big buddy in the sky*. We sometimes over-emphasize that he is our friend and miss the *high and holy, the one who is lifted up*. Where are the Isaiahs today—that see God as high and lifted up with his train filling the temple and his angels crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy?" Where are the men that stand and take three days to prepare themselves to meet God? Where are the men that prepare at all?

A. W. Tozer said, "There are many of us who only know Jesus after the flesh." We know he was tired and weak. We know that at times he was hungry and worn out. But *that Jesus is the same God that was on Mount Sinai*. If it was not for his flesh, we too would be consumed.

The disciples recognized something in Jesus beyond what we sometimes recognize. There was still mystery in their worship. There was still awe at who God was. Matthew 4:18-20 says:

"And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea:

for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

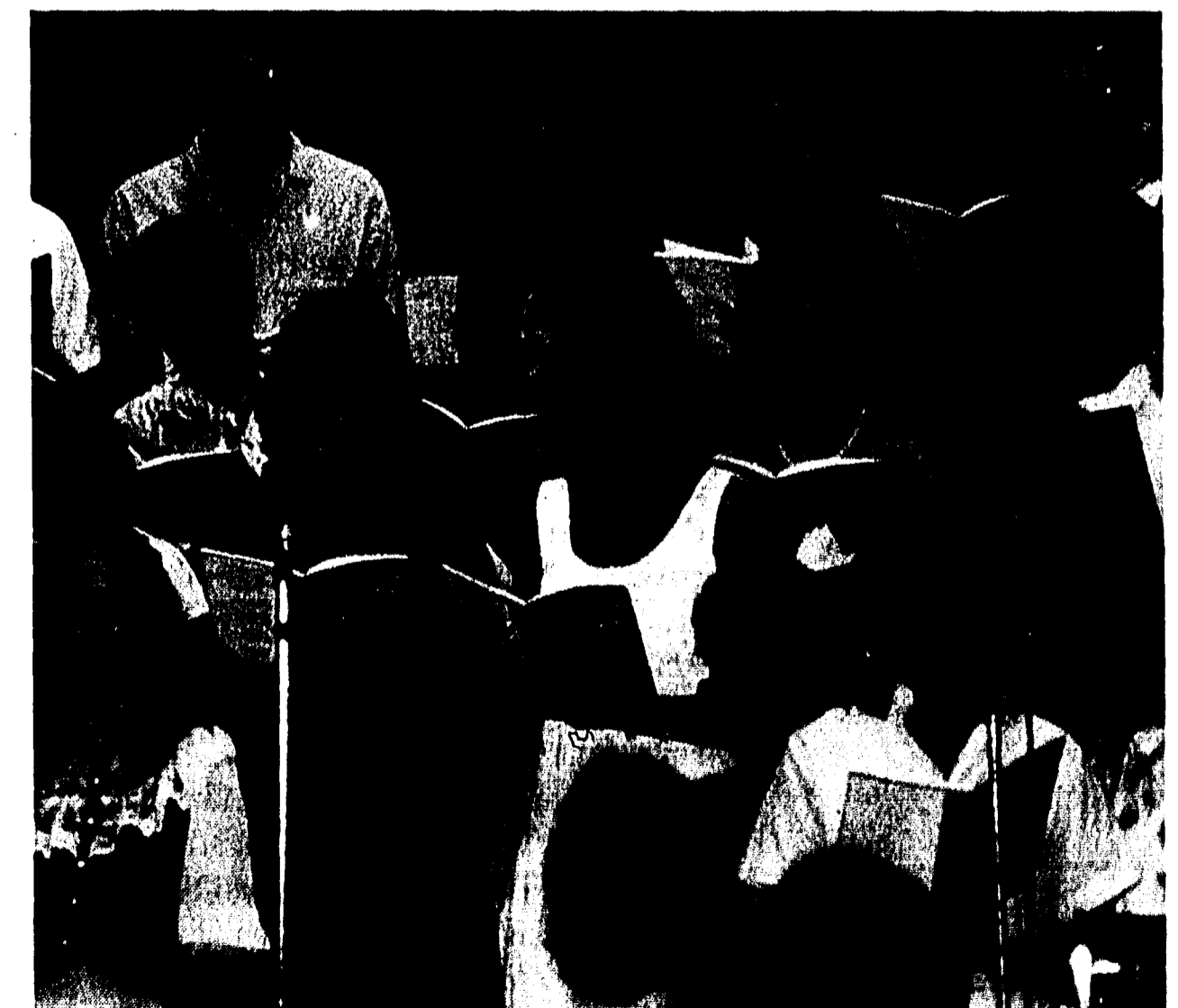
Was it something that Jesus said that caused them to leave their occupation—to drop their nets and follow him? What Jesus was saying was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Did they know something about him? It was not until the 16th chapter of Matthew that Peter states, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." So, what was it that caused them to leave their occupations and families and follow? The person of Jesus himself.

In Matthew 8, we have an insight into the wonder of the disciples.

"And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marveled, saying,

The Youth Pre-Con Choir





Duane Davis, pastor of the Los Angeles, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church spoke on *Pursuing God's Wisdom* on Monday night. Pictured are (left to right) Davis' sons, David and Eric, and Pastor Davis.

What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him."

They stood in awe and wondered.

We so often put Jesus into a box. We have it all figured out.

In Matthew 9:9 we read:

"And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him."

Matthew did not know anything else. All he knew was that Jesus came and said to follow. Immediately, Matthew changes his occupation. He stops and then follows.

Often we hear of the great high priest—as Hebrews says—the great high priest who sympathizes with us. Did you ever wonder what that great high priest looks like?

"...and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And

he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen..." (Revelation.1:13-16).

That is the great high priest. We come to worship him. If it were not for the flesh of Jesus, we too, would be consumed.

Suppose with me for a moment that the president of the United States was going to come to your church—next week. What would you do differently? Some people would not be late. You would be early to be certain that everything was ready. You would be sure that the building was spotless—it would be gorgeous. The sanctuary would be packed to the edges—because the president was to be there. You would sing with more gusto than you ever had before because you would want the president to hear your voice. When you gave, it would be an abundance—because the president was there. We would do all these things if the president of the United States was there, but I will tell you—there is one *greater* than the president that is there. His name is Jesus Christ.

We should come expecting God to speak to us. What is the last thing you do before you come to corporate worship—read the newspaper? How do you prepare for worship? How do you prepare to meet God? As Sabbathkeepers we begin Sabbath at sunset. We are given a preparation time to prepare to meet God. Do we use it?

Jesus comes to us not only in times of corporate worship, but in those times of individual worship.

Our whole life needs to flow with the fact that he is Lord. Chapters four and five of Revelation paint a picture of what worship could be like. What better way to set it forth than to put it in a symphony. John sees in the heavenlies, the future. You and I can begin to worship our Father in this way.

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice

which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow around about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of god. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal.

And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle."

It begins with a trumpet to get our attention. Verse 8 says:

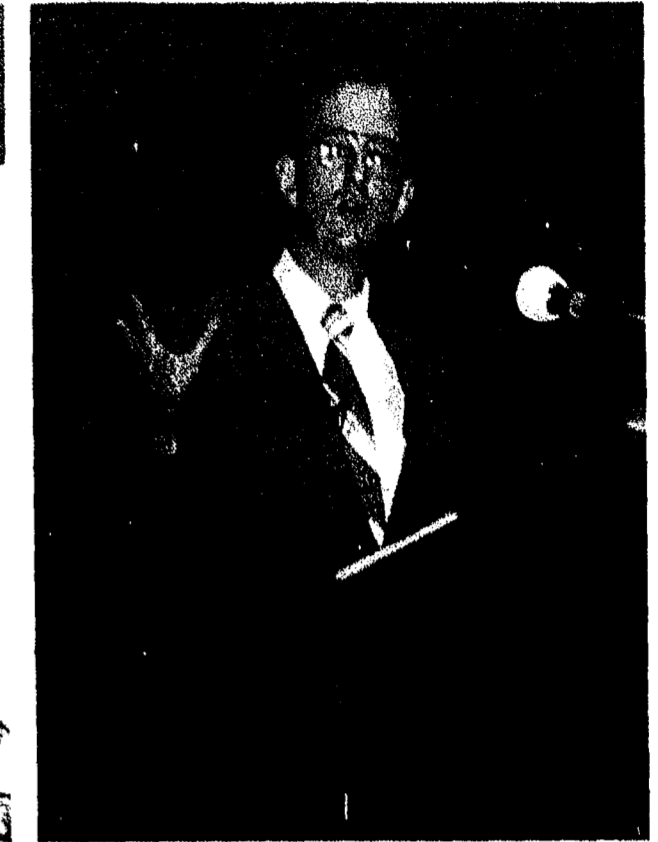
"And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,..."

The first movement speaks of the holiness of God. He is holy and eternal. The crescendo continues... verse 10:

"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

The second movement addresses his sovereignty—his overall rule and his majesty. The crescendo continues... 5:8:

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them



harp, and golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints."

The crescendo continues...

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation,"

The crescendo continues and it speaks of the redemption through Christ Jesus. The worship goes on.

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the beasts, and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing."

Here is addressed, by myriads of angels, the worthiness of the lamb that was slain. You are in the next movement of the symphony.

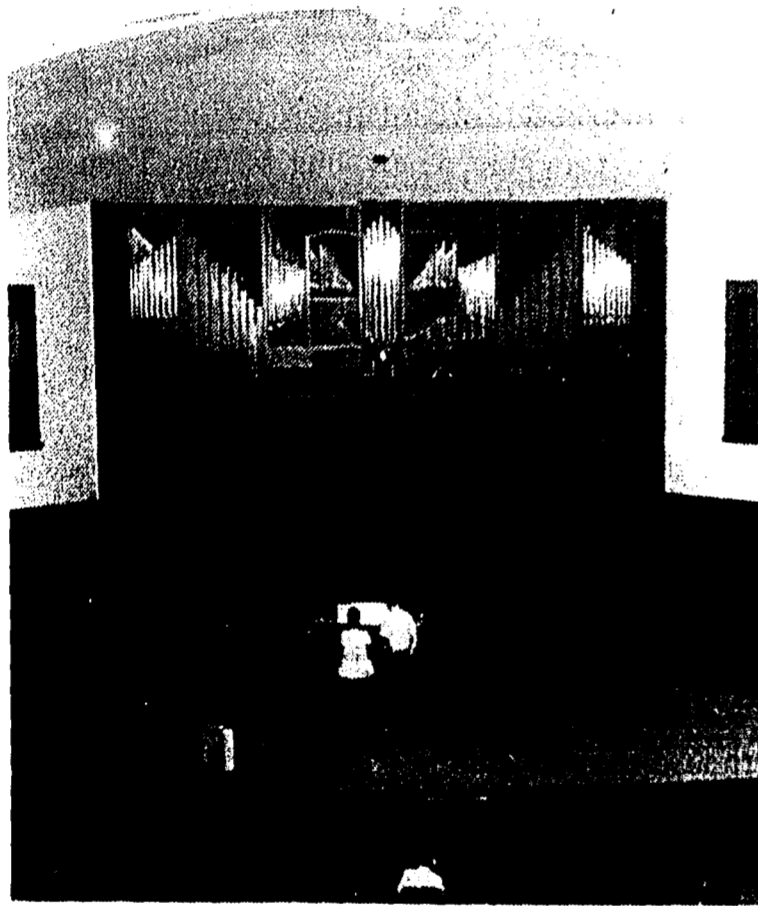
"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever."

You and I are there! Every creature is there. If we do not learn to worship now, we will worship then. The

(Left) Rosalie Tremaine, a visitor from Australia, sang a solo number. (Right) Dale E. Rood, pastor of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, Rhode Island, spoke during Thursday evening worship on *Proclaiming God's Word*.

crescendo is so great, what could remain to be said? Amen—and notice that the elders fell down and worshipped him that lived forever and ever.

God wants to bring us from appreciation to adoration. He wants our worship to grow from, "Thank you, God," to "Lord, I love you. God, I worship you because of who you are." The miracle of salvation is that God changes a heart of rebellion into a heart that worships him. God changes us from one who shakes his fist and says "No," to one who raises open hands to him in surrender. That is the miracle of salvation. Our whole life needs to be a life of worship with a recognition of who



(Right) Barbara Saunders played Bethany College's concert organ for Friday morning's celebration time. (Below) Conference was once again a family time. Pictured is Adriana Lynn McNeme with her parents Steve and Vivian McNeme.



God is.

There is a story that comes out of Korea, that speaks of a people who knew where God was in their lives. When the communists took over in Korea, there was a little church tucked in among the rice patties. They were told that they could not worship any longer. The pastor was told to go home and the people were sent away. The building was boarded up.

After many weeks, officials decided that they would allow the church to meet to worship. They opened the doors and the people went to worship in joy. While they were in the building, the police came and encircled them. Some tried to escape and were shot. The building was doused with kerosene and lit afire. There was nowhere to go and the trapped people raised a song to God—

*Alas and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I.*

In the midst of that rising smoke, everyone in that building died—worshipping their God.

After the war, a Japanese delegation was sent. They heard the story of this little church. The Japanese pastors were so touched that they returned home to try to raise funds to rebuild the church. The building was built and the time came for the dedication. Again, they sang that song. The line came through—

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away,
'Tis all that I can do!*

The Japanese delegation went to the Koreans and they hugged and wept together.

We are called to worship our God—who is awesome and powerful. Yet, he calls us through Jesus Christ, to come. For it is only through Jesus Christ that we can come to a holy God like that. At the end of our life, my prayer would be, that we continue to worship him like those who realized that they needed to come. They realized that there was *nothing* that could hinder them from worshipping their God. SR

A miracle of prayer

by Leigh Stewart

My friend Gene and I are hunters. Nearly every year since 1975 we have hunted elk in the Colorado mountains.

Last October we went again, getting to our old camp site on the continental divide at 10,892 feet on the last day of October... Halloween. This was Friday and it began to snow about noon—all afternoon, all night, all Sabbath day and all Sabbath night. We had three feet of snow—no drifts, just three feet. It was beautiful on Sunday. It was sunny and the temperature climbed, but not to the extent that the snow would melt.

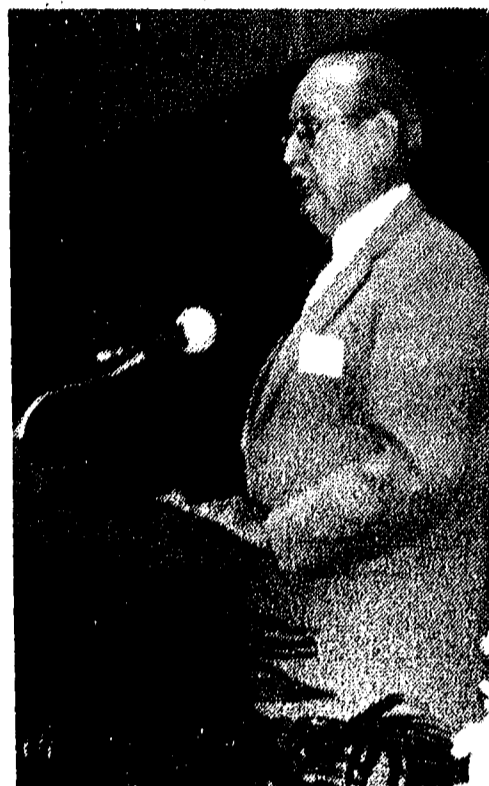
Gene had made his way up to the ridge on Sabbath day in only about a foot of this white stuff. This was the opening day of elk season. I will not hunt on the Sabbath, so most of the day was spent reading Scriptures.

Because the trail was broken on Saturday, it was not impossible to get back to the ridge on Sunday to where Gene could see all the way to the main trail, two miles back down, and hear the drum of the big diesels removing snow that had other hunters stranded. Our little radio gave us all the details, suggesting that now, with the roadway clear, others would be coming up. That kind of news dispelled all fears.

We had a few gallons of water, but not enough to last long, so water was next on the list. We could melt snow, but that would not conserve the stove propane. Starting on Sunday morning, I shoveled a trail three feet wide and three feet deep the quarter mile to the spring, all up hill. It had to be that large to maintain your balance in the ditch. I got to the spring Tuesday at noon. What a great way to hunt! Gene had cut a spruce tree

Stewart and Meyer boarding a helicopter at their camp. (Photo by Sgt. Dan Bender.)





Leigh Stewart

for a signal fire—the smoke would not rise, it just crawled on the ground like a big serpent.

The week went by, Gene cut wood and I shoveled snow. When another Sunday came, the last day of elk season came with it. We had not seen an elk, not even a deer. We did see five or six ravens that were trying to compete with the big jets that went daily from coast to coast. We saw a few birds called *camp robbers*, and a couple of Indigos. Gene said there were pine squirrels on the ridge—but one would have to be *awful* hungry to eat them as they taste like rosin.

It was getting colder, too, going into the single digits at night. Because of our north slope and tall timber we had a lazy sun, and it would not get up till 9:20 in the morning, but quickly warmed our little world from those frigid nights. We slept without heat. Some of the food was freezing. Cola in cans exploded, like someone shooting at us in the night with a .22 rifle.

Have you ever peeled a frozen egg to fry for breakfast? It peels like a boiled one, looking and tasting as nice as a fresh one when fried. But a potato is something else. It is harder to peel and the frost or ice flies from the peeler much like the sparks from a grinding wheel. When boiled, it takes on a dark

look that is anything but palatable to look at.

We fired 3 shots occasionally (the signal for help) when we thought they could be heard. However, if a snowmobiler did venture this far, on hearing shots he or she might think we were poachers and go the other way so they would not get involved. Remember those in the "Good Samaritan" story?

We began to ration food to two meals a day, sometimes only one. My weight dropped from 204 to 178 pounds.

I always pray, but I was doing it more often than I had before. I prayed my wife, Thelma, would call the State Patrol. I prayed she would call someone. I prayed because Jesus says in Matthew 7:7, "Ask and it will be given." In John 14:14 he says, "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it." I prayed that my brothers, who are more worry-warts than Thelma is, would worry her into calling someone. They did, too.

My wife is a very level-headed person. She knows Gene and I are not beginners, that we go well-equipped and have nearly everything: C.B. radio to call for help, if needed. But she did not know that it only had a range of five miles at the very most. She did not know when the season ended but I had told her we would be gone only two Sabbaths.

I have a friend that lives 60 miles west of town; but we were 40 miles north. Some years, Art and his wife drove up the mountain to visit. They are hunters, too. Thelma knew Art's phone number is in our little phone book so I prayed she would call him. It took a lot of prayer, but that is exactly what she did. She asked if he knew the number of the Forest Service at the base of the mountain. He said, "No way, they had a real bad storm up there. I will take care of everything." He called the La Plata County Sheriff's Office.

It was late that night when the Sheriff got the call. A deputy with a volunteer pilot that got his wings over Vietnam came up the next morning. Our camp was right where Art had told them and they hit it right on the button. Our little amphitheater is only a few hundred

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Enter the Joy

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by Conference President
Herbert E. Saunders

The theme for the 1988 conference year is *Enter the Joy*. It is taken from Jesus' words as recorded in Matthew 25:21, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your Lord."

The parable of the talents, from which this saying of Jesus is drawn, is a fascinating parable. Three servants are each given an amount of money which, obviously, the master felt they would be faithful enough to administer while he was away on a journey. They were entrusted with the master's belongings to "keep" until he should return. Two of them were faithful in their stewardship—using what the master had put in their care to assure the master of a return on his investment. The other servant, out of fear, hid the money and gave it back when the master returned. He did not squander the money—he did not lose it—he merely did nothing with it—let it lay there until the accounting.

Jesus informed his disciples that such attitudes about the kingdom of God were unacceptable. We cannot be given talents by our Lord and expect his "well done, good and faithful servant" if we hide our talents away, never taking the risk of caring enough to use what we have had entrusted to us to build the kingdom of the master. To *Enter the Joy* of the Lord means to be faithful—faithful to the very end where we will receive the "crown of life"—joy forevermore.

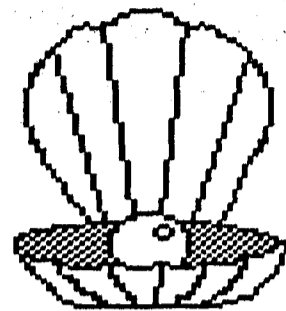
As we share together this year, let us look at what God has given each of us, through the gifts of his Holy Spirit and through the talents and abilities he has given us, to minister to others. God requires faithfulness—it is not a suggestion—it is a command. He has put at our disposal all the resources for the building up of his kingdom on earth. What we chose to do with our stewardship will determine whether or not we will *Enter the Joy* of his presence, here on earth as we live abundant lives, or in heaven where we will be freed to rejoice with him forever. The matter is in our hands and the master will soon return to take an accounting. May we all be found faithful, as individual Christians, as Christian churches, and as a denomination of people sharing a common conviction.

This month let us focus our attention on *Faithfulness in Worship*. The Psalmist writes, "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the House of the Lord.'" We worship God because he has given us life and desires for us to lift up voices and our hearts in praise and adoration. As we begin this year, let us focus on God—on who he is, on what he has done and on where he is leading us. This involves worship—the purposeful exposing of ourselves to his wonder and blessing and grace. We worship to bring our wills into accord with his will. We worship to see things from God's point of view. We worship to reflect on our sins, pray for forgiveness and feel the assurance of his love and mercy. We worship because in this

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Herbert E. Saunders



Pearls of history from the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

Faithful in worship

by Historian Don A. Sanford

"Would it be impossible to have schools and churches in the new land? Assuredly it would be unwise to deny our children the right to learn and grow up in the atmosphere of religion. But would it not be a service that we could render to this new community if we could take these into the new homeland?"

Nearly a century and a half ago, when Joseph and Nancy Goodrich were discussing the advantages and the disadvantages of migration from Alfred, New York, to the new territory of Wisconsin, it is reported that Nancy did not share her husband's enthusiasm.

"But Joseph," she said, "have you considered that this means leaving a pleasant community? That it means leaving the privileges of church and school? Why should we place hundreds of miles between us and the things we hold so dear? That are so profitable for our children?"

To this argument, Joseph is reported to have countered:

Would it be impossible to have schools and churches in the new land? Assuredly it would be unwise to deny our children the right to learn and grow up in the atmosphere of religion. But would it not be a service that we could render to this new community if we could take these into the new homeland?

The move was made and, early in March of 1839, the family was established in a cabin on the prairie—then known as Du Lac Prairie, but later renamed Milton. Some time later, Nancy Goodrich wrote of that first worship in the new environment.

It was a cold, bleak morning, the thermometer about zero. The prairie winds swept around our loved cottage. Not a fence or plowed field in view; neighbors few and far between, located in the oak-openings. In our family were 11 persons, besides a son 13 and a daughter, 11 years. These with Henry B. Crandall, wife and 8 children, four of whom were keeping the Seventh-day Sabbath in the territory at the time. With myself, and I presume with others, it had been a subject of earnest, ardent prayer that God would give us the grace and wisdom to erect an altar for him, and keep holy his Sabbath in this great, western land.

There was a small society of Congregationalists not far distant who invited us to join with them. We resolved to treat them kindly, and meet with them when reasonable, but God had said that the Seventh Day is his Sabbath; and now this Sabbath had dawned upon us. Oh, what a responsibility rested upon our soul! I had hoped that someone would mention the subject but no one did. I realized that if our young men once got into the habit of roaming about on the Sabbath it would be hard to restore them. I waited until breakfast was nearly done. I could wait no longer, women's rights or not. I felt that consequences reaching into eternity rested on the course which we might take that day. I said to them all, "This is the Sabbath, and how shall we spend it?" I could say no more. My heart was full.

There were 12 at the table, and her question apparently made a deep impression for all were visibly affected by her solemnity. There was silence for a moment, then someone said, "It is an important question." Goodrich rose from the table and said he would go to Crandall's house, and get him and his family to come over and see what course they should take. They came and talked the matter over. It was agreed that if they were to keep the Sabbath, they should not engage in hunting or fishing on that day, nor should they roam about the country. They were not to indulge in profane swearing at any time. They should watch over each other with love and fellowship and encourage each other to live in upright ways. They decided to form a Bible class which should meet every Sabbath for study. Also in connection with the Scriptures, there should be singing, religious conversations and the reading of a selected sermon.

This concern for worship can be echoed over and over as our ancestors

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Miracle

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yards in diameter, fringed on the south ridge with spruce and fir trees with a promenade of rock to the northeast that in silhouette looks much like the Rock of Gibraltar, but the plane came in so low down, we had doubts that it would get out. Tall spruce reach for the sky on the north and west along the narrow trail that borders the canyon. The plane came through the only opening, that was to the southwest but was hardly 25 to 30 yards wide. With the plane on its side, the wings in a vertical position and the tips only 10 to 15 feet off the snow, the pilot opened his window shouting, "We are

going for help," and the plane in this position made a u-turn, shot between two spruce trees that were hardly 10 to 12 feet apart and off over the canyon where he banked around and headed for town.

I laid my head in my arms on the front of the truck and with tears in my eyes, I gave thanks to God for answering my prayers. In less than an hour and a half, a helicopter was sitting down behind the camper to take the two of us away from those 19 days spent in a world of snow.

Praise the Lord and remember, "Anything you ask in his name will be given." SR

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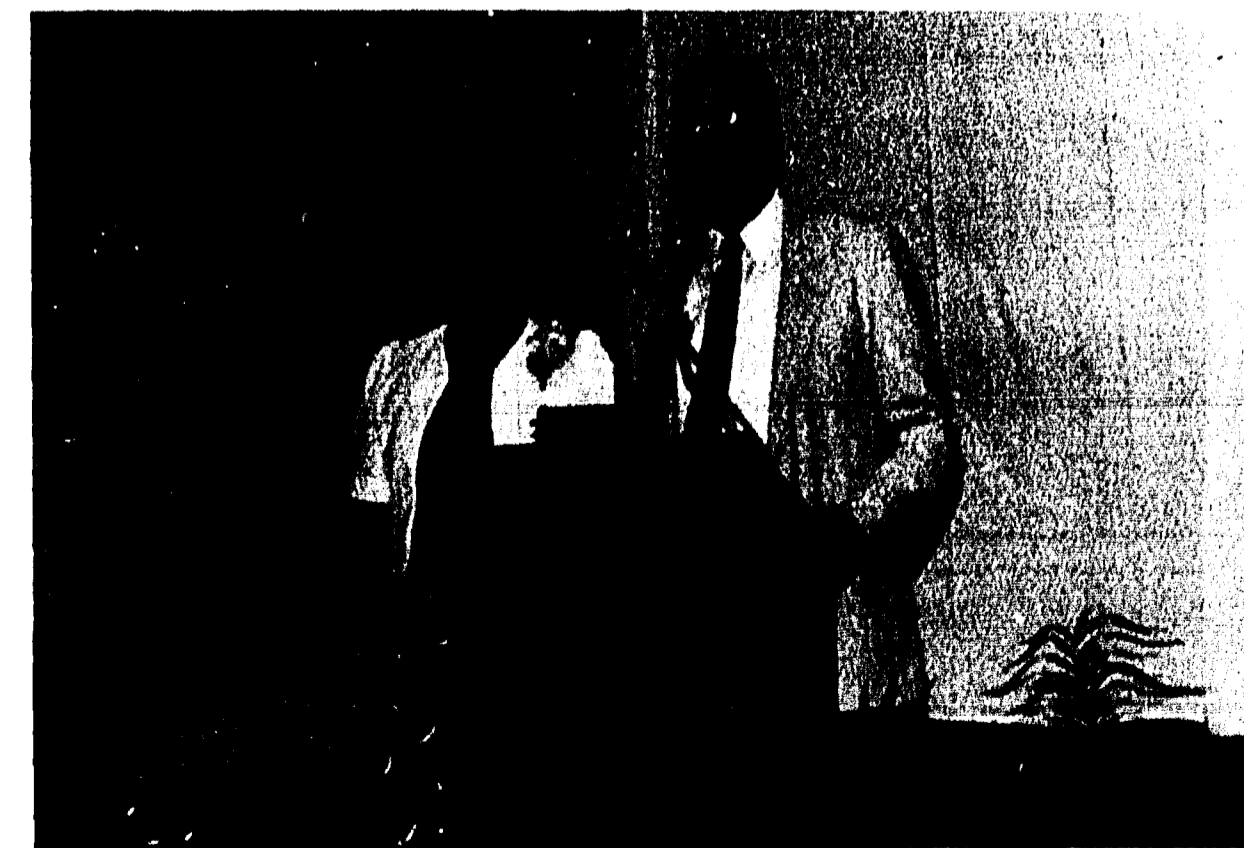
world where everything is falling apart around us, the only place to go for security, hope and abundant life is to God.

Gary Smalley, in his book, *Joy That Lasts*, writes that we make a major mistake when we expect to find fulfillment and joy in "people, places, possessions and position." Joy comes from within, from the God who created us to be alive and knows what it is that will bring joy to our hearts. All he asks in response to his gift of himself is that we be found *faithful*. Worship sets the tone for our faithfulness. The closer we are to God, the closer we are to abundant life. The closer we are to God, the closer we are to people. The closer we are to

God, the closer we are to eternity. God is faithful, and all he asks of us, through the message of the parable of the talents, is that we be faithful to the stewardship he has entrusted to our care.

The study book for 1988 is the book of Philippians—the book of joy. Its pages are filled with the words joy, rejoice, enjoy, be joyous. Its study will bring hope and joy to our hearts, thinking on these things: "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious..." (Phil. 4:8) This focus brings joy to our hearts and the abundant life promised. Seventh Day Baptists *Enter the Joy*. SR

Barbara and Herbert Saunders



Pearls

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settled into new territories. They did not neglect the worship of God, and that worship contributed to the stability, morality and integrity of the communities into which they felt called to go. This was a service they rendered to the new community and which has been carried on with great regularity for generations as we meet to worship, to study the Bible and to sing of our faith. SR

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Linda Van Horn Camenga

for

"Racco"

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The Children's Page

The Sweetest Name I Know

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Listed below are some of the names from the Bible that describe Jesus. However, my friend, Obadiah P. Bunny, has gotten the letters all mixed up. Can you help him straighten out the mess?

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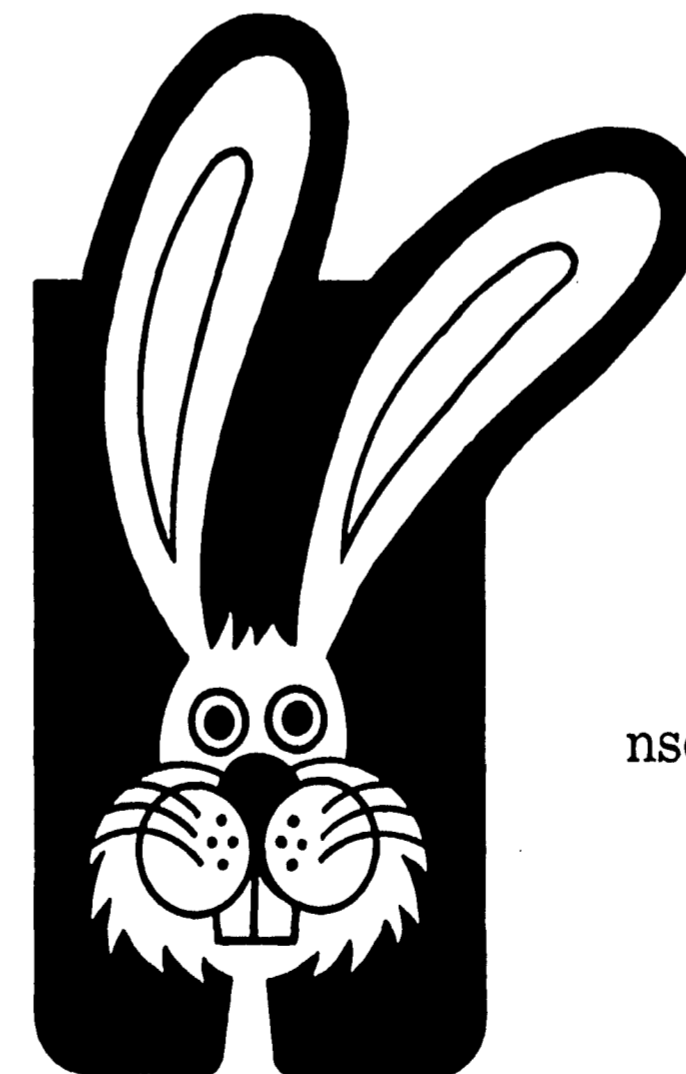
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For and by members of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship

September 1987

Responsibility

by James Camenga

The word *responsibility* often brings to mind many negative things. From brushing our teeth or cleaning our rooms as children, to taking out the trash, working on homework or paying for our own car insurance with money from our own job as teens and young adults, we get the impression that responsibility really means doing all of those things which we really don't want to do. Rarely do we realize the positive side of responsibility.

Responsibility has one major benefit, and this is that responsibility produces maturity. I believe this because authority accompanies responsibility.

As we all know, most teenagers' greatest desire is to have authority over their lives. While this is the basis of most conflict in a teen's life (the conflict between parental-

control and self-control), this is not only perfectly normal but actually necessary if we are to become mature adults.

Maturity often comes from responsibility conflicts. Again, as we all know, the teenage years are *blessed* with an over abundance of responsibility choices. Teens are confronted daily by choices which will form lifelong patterns. Such items as drinking, drugs, driving and dating (the *Four Deadly D's*) play major roles in teenage development.

Problems arise when there is a conflict or overlap of responsibility. The teenager is the perfect example: while the teen needs to become responsible and to have authority, the parent is responsible for the development and nurturing of this soon-to-be adult. As teens, we live under two standards; two sets of ideas of

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"I am the vine," and the 1987 Summer Christian Service Corps teams were the "branches" during their presentation at SDB General Conference.



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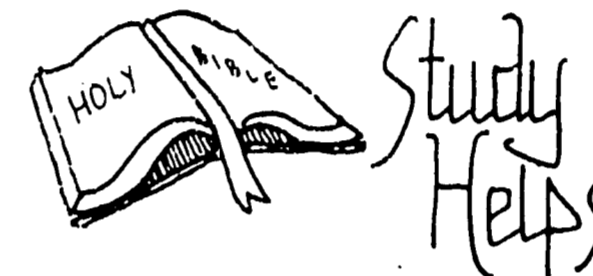
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responsibility—those of the parents, and those of the child. One reason for these conflicts is that teens look at these years as the last chances to legitimately deny responsibility and liability. The other reason is that we are testing our parents' ideals, in order to learn which ideals we agree with and accept. This second reason is essential to

the development of the child as a mature individual.

As teens and later as parents, we need to attempt to discern between the two in order to avoid conflicts. We need to learn to evaluate ourselves in order to compare our actions against our ideals. We also need to learn to compare these ideals against God's

will and his ideals. Only as we begin to accept liability to God can we begin to become responsible, and only by this step can we reach for our goal of self-authority. Only by accepting God as our authority and being responsible to Him, can we become responsible and mature.



Study Helps

Read: John 15:18-25

Memorize: John 15:22-23

To many people, responsibility seems to be a "four-letter" word. Few people, it seems, are willing to accept full responsibility for their actions. All too often, people caught in some wrongdoing blame everyone and everything but themselves for their actions. And since what they have done "is not their fault," they should not be punished.

In this passage, Christ addresses that kind of thinking in a decisive way. He says, of those who have seen his miracles and responded to him in a hateful way, "If I had not come and spoken to them of their sin, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin."

Once somebody has heard the Good News, it is their responsibility to respond. Many people respond with laughter or scorn. That is their decision. But when it is time for them to answer for their lives, no excuse will be adequate, for they have heard the gospel of Christ and rejected it.

Let us be careful that we harbor no such attitudes in our own lives. It is a mark of maturity to accept responsibility for one's own actions and to reap the consequences, whether good or ill. As you grow into adulthood, learn to be the kind of person who can take responsibility for things and make amends as necessary.

Director's Ditty

Conference has come and gone once again, and most of you are probably getting ready to start school (if you have not already done so). In addition, something even more exciting than that is probably starting again—Youth Fellowship meetings.

As you prepare to start another year of fun and frolic, take time to evaluate where your group is at and where you want to go from there. The *Youth Fellowship Handbook* has ideas for all kinds of program activities—from games, to fund-raisers, to service projects. I will also be printing, in the upcoming issues of *The Beacon*, some of the new ideas I come across. Use these and other resources to help your YF have a well-balanced year, one that is marked by both variety in content and progress in personal commitment and growth.



SCSC team "Earthquake" shook the place up.



Focus on missions today

by Leon R. Lawton

Malawi aids Mozambique refugees

Mozambique, Africa: Hundreds of thousands of Mozambicans have been displaced by civil war, and famine is severe in some parts of the country. An estimated 4.5 million of Mozambique's 14 million people face starvation, according to Bishop Dinis Sengulane of the Anglican church. The war has destroyed more than 200 health care centers and rural hospitals, and medicine is in short supply, even in urban areas. Nevertheless, the church is continuing to grow "in numbers, understanding, and stature," says Sengulane. Twenty-one percent of Mozambicans are Christians, most of them Roman Catholic. Protestants comprise 6.4 percent, according to Patrick Johnstone's *Operation World*.

A July Missionary News Service release reported this. A neighbor of Malawi, Mozambique, has one SDB church, Ngome. Its eight branch groups, led by Pastor E. Chilonga, reported over 200 members in 1985.

The SDB clinic at Sandama, Malawi, is across the river from Mozambique and serves the medical needs of many from that country. Malawi has had a crop surplus and has shared food, as well as taking in many thousands of refugees from the fighting.

Van Horn helps in Miami

Miami, Florida, USA: Retired Pastor Kenneth Van Horn spent several weeks in July and August serving this church, which came into being as a branch of the Daytona Beach, Florida, SDB Church while he was pastor there. Pray that the Lord will lead to provide new pastoral leadership for the witness in South Florida.

Bible Institute begins this month

Jamaica, West Indies: The Theological Education by Extension (TEE) training under the SDB Jamaica Bible Institute, modeled after the T.I.M.E. Project in the USA, is to begin their first module in September. Pastor Carlton Ferguson is the principal; Naval Harley, assistant principal; Pastor David S. McLean, dean; and Claudia Ferguson, secretary/bursar. They anticipate at least 20 students initially, with two training centers.

Their goal is: (1) to have a resident, trained pastor (mostly bi-vocational) in every SDB church in Jamaica; and (2) to establish a SDB church in each city of Jamaica, which have grown rapidly and contain the majority of people.

Rescue mission closed

Naylor, Missouri, USA: The new Rescue Mission in Neelyville, Missouri, which opened earlier this year, has now been closed because the local church could not fund it without community and area support, which was not adequate. The Naylor SDB Church, led by Pastor Ron Elston, continues to aid in the distribution of surplus food to meet the need of families in their area.

Outboard arrives

Guyana, South America: Word has been received of the safe arrival in Georgetown of the new 40hp Yamaha outboard motor, made possible by "white gifts" at the end of last year, designated gifts from church groups and individuals, and Guyanese funds. Its use on the Pomeroon River by Pastor English of the Bona Ventura SDB Church greatly aided their camping ministry and the other area meetings held in that part of Guyana. Their currency was devalued several months ago and inflation is high. Three months ago, one dollar, American, was worth up to 20 dollars, Guyanan—more than four times what it was a little over a year ago.

A prayer reminder for each day—

October 1987

Verse for the Month: "His presence within us is God's guarantee that He really will give us all that He promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that He guarantees to bring us to Himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God." -Ephesians 1:14 TLB

Pray for:

- 1- a song of praise at the beginning of each day
- 2- Rev. B. John V. Rao and churches in India, Asia
- 3- Sabbath School teachers as they begin a new year
- 4- future pastors attending seminary
- 5- Historian Don A. Sanford
- 6- a unity of faith and spirit among SDBs
- 7- Missionaries Tom & Ritva McElwain, Finland
- 8- time to use in helping others
- 9- pastors in the SDB Philippine Convention
- 10- funds to meet our denominational budget
- 11- Memorial Board Trustees
- 12- the ministry of music in the local church
- 13- Missionaries David & Bettie Pearson, Malawi
- 14- release from the cares and worries of life
- 15- churches and pastors in Brazil, South America
- 16- homeless people in our cities
- 17- my Pastor and church
- 18- Board of Christian Ed. meeting, Alfred, NY
- 19- refugees fleeing from war and famine
- 20- churches in sister conference in South Africa
- 21- strength to do God's will and willingness to do it
- 22- extension churches in Tucson, AZ & Miami, FL
- 23- those who have had to relinquish responsibilities
- 24- retired pastors and pastors' widows
- 25- meeting of the Missionary Board, Westerly, RI
- 26- ministers' families
- 27- churches in the sister conference in Burma, Asia
- 28- a loving attitude toward fellow workers
- 29- SDBs in Mozambique, Africa
- 30- choices that have to be made today
- 31- students in the T.I.M.E. program

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Conference '87

by Marilyn Merchant

Dear Ones All,

I made it—I am actually back where I started out (almost), and it is great. It has been some time since I attended a Women's Interest Committee so it was a delight to see 46 women crowded into the big comfortable lounge room in Gregory Hall. I would say standing room only, but all were seated, albeit some of the younger women were seated on the floor.

Since Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) is a big part of the work done by the Women's Board, it has been a delight to hear firsthand and fresh from the field, the testimonies of what SCSC has meant in the young lives and how they use their training during the balance of the year. We also heard from additional SCSCers who presented one of their four testimonies during

training. The third day, Jean Jorgensen, our Prayer and Pen Pal chairman, gave her Lone Sabbath Keeper testimony. President Dorothea Shettel reported on the considerable time spent on SCSC support. To date, 368 different individuals have been trained, and there have been 85 repeaters. On our third day, the team from Washington, D.C., told us of their religious survey, Vacation Bible School and the follow-up on these children. In closing they sang Andre Crouch's

Jesus Is The Way.

Chairman Margaret Taylor did an excellent job of keeping the meetings timely and moving right along. It was a delight to see the missionary spirit shining as the suggestions for the Love Gift poured forth. The gift is aptly named, and we would have need for much more to answer all the requests. The committee came up with the following suggestions—10% Scholarships for Malawi, 5% Bibles for Nigeria, 20% Pastor's Training in Jamaica, 10% Pastor's Training in Brazil, 15% for Prison Ministries under Helen Green (about which there will be more later) and 5% a personal Love Gift for Helen Green. The last was 15% toward a fund to buy a copier for Sunshine Mountain. (At present they drive 15 miles and pay 15 cents per copy for all their duplication, much of which is done from used Sabbath School materials which have been donated.) At the close of the Women's Board presentation Friday morning, we had \$3,082 received and are hoping there is more waiting in California.

One rather disturbing point was made when a board member asked about the dissemination of news contained in the three letters written by various board members to the Keyworkers of the societies at the behest of last year's committee. Very few were aware of it at all and some who had heard the reports were unaware of the source of the material. This was most disappointing and since it was not mandated by the committee this year, the effort and cost seem to be unwarranted.

One of the recipients of the board's scholarship fund for Women of the Ministry reported on the worthwhile training she received and how it has helped her corner of the ministry.

I am so excited to find that the women's fellowship of Washington, D.C., is planning to sponsor a bus trip to the National American Baptist

Women's Union meeting in Niagara Falls in October. It is one of the things the board has been encouraging. The president announced there are some funds from NABW which have been promised to help anyone who wishes to attend. Word of this trip came out during a period of sharing prayer concerns in the Women's Interest Committee. By the way, the Bible Book of the Month for September for Baptist ladies to study is the book of Ephesians.

Another shared point of interest was the participation of our Toronto church in a food sharing program. They are running on empty and need prayers for help. This, too, is an interest we have been urging for some time, a concern for those less fortunate. Perhaps your society has a monthly *love recipient* or *missionary interest* and would like to add this to your list, along with the prison ministry of Helen Ruth Green of the Verona, New York, church.

Three excellent and exciting mini-book reports were presented to give an idea of what variety can be added to your programs. Three parts of the country, three types of books and the outline synopsis of another were presented. Iris Maltby led off with Eugenia Price's inspirational book *What Really Is Important* and left some of us, at least, determined to head for the nearest Christian book store. Lorna Austin followed with a synopsis of the Warren Wiersby *Be* series of Bible studies used in her Community Cottage Bible studies. She emphasized the *Be Joyful*, *Be Alert* and *Be Confident* books of the series. She also had a handout listing all the books, a most worthwhile study. Arabeth DeLand closed the series with a unique report on *Priscilla and Aquilla* by Lois Henderson, told from the viewpoint of Priscilla's mother and done in costume. The prayer book outline she also handed out was on *Before You Call I Will Answer* by David Redding.

The interest committee commended Gerry VanDyke, Rev. Bill Shobe, Rev. Charles Graffius and Doreen Sanford

for their dedicated service to SCSC.

The projects set for the board by the committee are: a continuation of the Robe of Achievement, this page in *The Sabbath Recorder*, Love Gift promotion, tuition fund for Women of the Ministry, and financial backing for the Link of Love (a newsletter published by and for ladies connected with the ministry in some manner.)

Pastor Charles Graffius verbally outlined a comfort quilt or security blanket during the first Bible study of conference. The ladies became enthusiastic about making one to be sold at silent auction next year at conference, along with a craft sale participated in by all the societies willing to contribute. Lorna Austin is assisting June Johnson with details of the quilt, and you will be hearing a great deal more about this, and the sale, after Christmas.

On Wednesday evening the ladies gathered, dressed in their prettiest, for their annual banquet. The hostesses had outdone themselves with mini-recipe books for souvenirs and tiny flags marking each place in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The table flowers were red, white and blue; the programs likewise, and several of those seated at the head table wore dresses in like hues.

We were speedily served by our charming waitresses (all Bethany students in black and white), and our

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Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) workers honored President VanDyke for her 13 years as SCSC training director.

program began soon after I gave the invocation. Audra Williams delighted us with a flute solo, and later Beth Dutcher sang *Because of Who You Are*. Our special surprise of the evening was Historian Don Sanford who described—with pictures and anecdotes—the development of the great plains states by Seventh Day Baptists. This is an area that has long been overlooked when our history was discussed. The program was taped.

Those who were facing the windows of the cafeteria watched the trees whip and the clouds threaten. Concerned menfolk, returning from their picnic in the park, anxiously peered in the windows as we prepared to leave for the evening service. God decided to dampen our enthusiasm (and our clothes) with a cloudburst that went on and on and on. Mary Jane McPherson, the conference pianist, struck up the introductory chords of *There Shall be*

The Children's Conference participants took us on a "Walk Through the Bible."



Showers of Blessing and away we went with song after song. Soon some resourceful gentlemen appeared at the back door of the cafeteria with their cars to ferry us across to the auditorium. The college staff and Bill Lewis (the umbrella man) escorted us to the cars and all arrived, cooled off by the rain but spirits undampened.

Several of your society reports were shared and discussed prior to the annual business meeting; and at the luncheon, the rest of the 14 presented. The main business at the meeting was the presentation of the nominations for members of the Women's Board. We thank the societies who provided their highlights for distribution, and you will see snippets from time to time here in these pages. If you did not have a representative here to pick up your copies and you contributed some, please write to me, and we will see that you get them.

Our closing program had to be changed at the last minute due to the absence of the expected speaker. It turned into a celebration of all those in attendance who had been involved in SCSC over the years, participants and parents, who are all a huge part of the support. **The Robe of Achievement**, always a deeply guarded secret, was awarded to a most deserving Xenia Lee Wheeler of West Virginia, along with a plaque she can keep when the robe moves on.

Our last part of the program was Sabbath afternoon when, during the presentations, a lovely engraved silver bowl was presented to outgoing SCSC director, Gerry Van Dyke, for her 13 years of dedicated service to training and loving these young people.

Pray for the board and all those serving in satellite positions, that we may be good and faithful servants.

Exhaustedly yours, in love

Marilyn

Robe of Achievement awarded

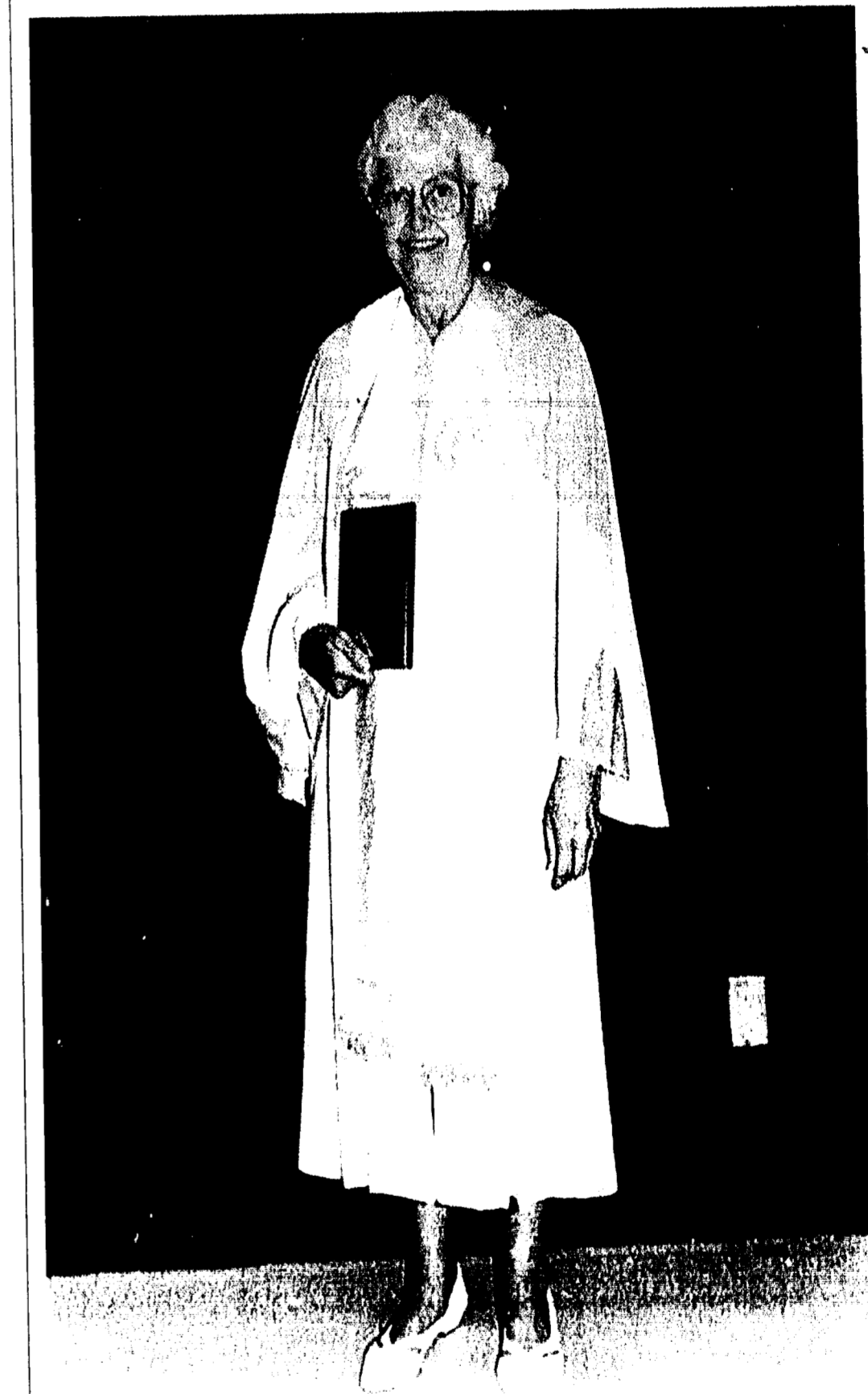
Note: This award is presented each year at General Conference by the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society to a woman who has shown, in her life, exceptional service to God, S.D.B.s and others in the community.

From the Gulf of Mexico, almost to Canada; from the Atlantic Ocean to the Rocky Mountains, this year's recipient of the Robe of Achievement has worked for the Lord and for Seventh Day Baptists in a variety of places. Our candidate began married life by helping her husband, a pastor, with evangelistic meetings. Through the years, in whatever church her husband—as well as she and their children—served, she has helped with vacation Bible School, church camps and Sabbath School, where she helped with teacher training and served as teacher and superintendent. She has been an officer and an active committee member in local women's societies, an active participant in Lord's Acre projects and has fulfilled clerical duties as well.

As her sister-in-law wrote, she is a wonderful cook and homemaker, always welcoming guests and sharing with others. In the communities where she has lived, she has co-sponsored Christian education societies, has been active in PTA, Red Cross and 4-H clubs, has volunteered in school libraries, meal preparation and service for those in need, as well as in local Church Women United groups. She has organized and led Bible studies for town women, as well as classes in homemaking skills.

On the association level, she has served as an association officer, as women's work officer, and as editor of the association newsletter. Her service to the denomination as a whole has been varied. She has served as a women's board officer and as representative to the North American Baptist Women's Union and Church Women United conferences. She has helped to write a history of local women's society work, and has also served on the board of the

Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. She has been a busy lady, always serving the Lord, as well as others around her. Her husband, 11 children and 20 grandchildren shall rise up and call her blessed. I give you Xenia Lee Fitz Randolph Wheeler. SR



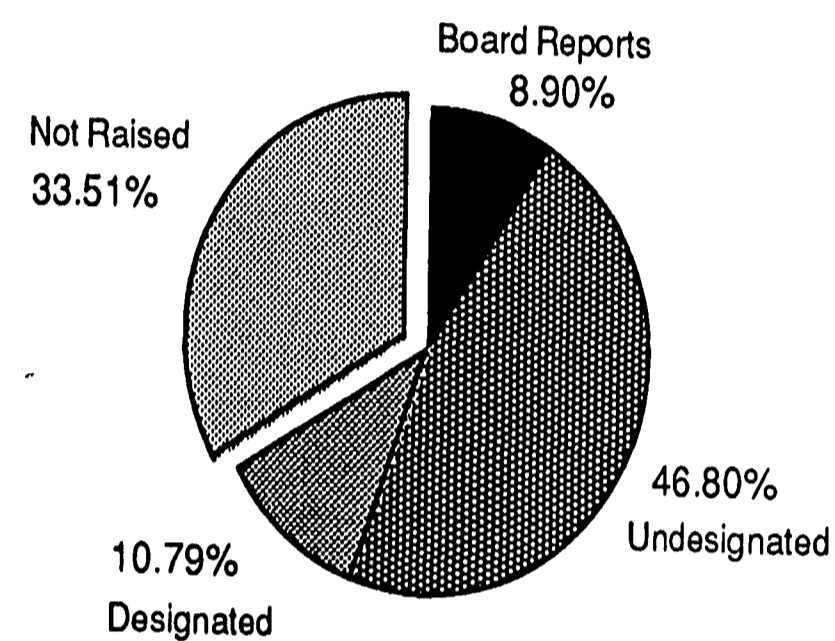
Xenia Lee Wheeler, 1987 Robe of Achievement recipient.

Partnership in Ministry

Denominational budget update

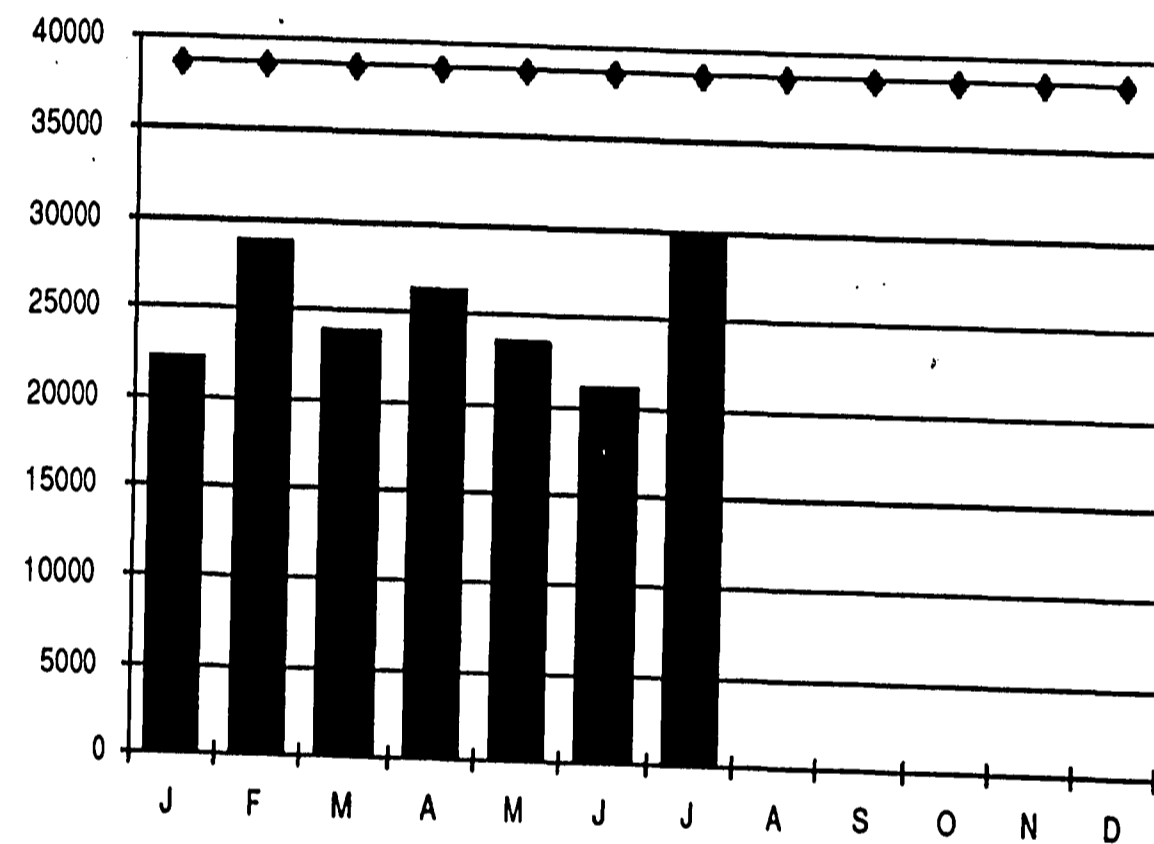
You can be an active part of this partnership through your ongoing relationship to your local church. At the same time, you can help to carry the responsibility of the partnership by supporting our combined denominational budget. Your dollars are needed to do the work that is the denominational agencies' responsibility in the partnership. Your prayers, ideas and reactions are also needed to support the work that Seventh Day Baptists are doing together.

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 - Summer Christian Service Corps
 - SDB World Federation

Partnership in Ministry

The Sabbath Recorder

Boulder church works toward new building

by Linda J. Lawton

July is Yard Sale Month here in Boulder, Colorado. We are holding a contest between the Colorado cities of Loveland, Lafayette and Boulder City to see which group can raise the most money for our building fund. We have had a building fund for a few years now, but recently it has had an added significance.

On June 27, the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church held a special business meeting. At that time, we voted to sell our church and parsonage, either separately or together, to enable us to buy another facility.

It had been apparent for some time that our facility was too small and simply did not meet our needs. We knew that, while a larger facility would not guarantee growth, the problems we were facing could certainly inhibit it. However, it had seemed that there was nothing we could do to remedy that situation. Then, in May, we were informed that a local group was going to dissolve, and that their property would be for sale. This consists of a building with a multi-purpose room, kitchen, baptistry and several classrooms. The building seems to be just the right size for us at this point, and it sits on just over two acres of land, which is the current requirement for a church within the city limits of Boulder. We met at this location one week, and were given a vision of what our worship experiences could be like.

We hope to be able to purchase this facility, but the sale of our property is not dependent on that purchase. We have taken a step of faith. Many things seem to point to the fact that this may be God's timing.

We in Boulder are excited about the possibilities which are opening up before us, and a little frightened by all the implications. We know that God is faithful, and that he can work miracles. It will indeed take God's miracles for us to purchase a new facility. We hope to sell our property for \$250,000. This

would still require \$100,000 to meet a purchase price, and we would be without a parsonage.

In addition to the yard sales to be held this month, we are in the process of canvassing our members to see how much money they can pledge on a one-time basis, and what more they could give per month. We ask your prayers for us at this most exciting time. God is moving in a mighty way in Boulder—in the circumstances and in the hearts of his people. Our prayer is that we, as his church, may continue to move within his will, and that our ministry in Boulder may be enlarged and enriched by the opportunities a larger facility would present.

If God has blessed you with an abundance, and he moves you to contribute to our building fund, be assured we will gladly and with gratitude accept all gifts. Contributions may be sent to the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, 900 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302.

Most of all, we ask you to pray for and with us. Prayer will accomplish great things. SR

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Toronto church expecting great things

by Pastor Herlitz
Condison

What is going on north of the 38th parallel? Let us bring you up to date on some of the happenings.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Toronto has been very active in the last seven months. In April, we put on an East Spectacular to which many other churches were invited. This was a dramatic play written, produced and directed by sister Zeldia Anderson. The title of the production was simply "The Crucifixion," and the cast was made up of members of the church. With the aid of a synthesizer, the sound effects of the closing scene were really *frightening* to many as the thunder *rolled* and the lightning *cracked* and the lights went out as Jesus gave up the ghost.

In early July, a rally of the major prophets was quite successful.

In late July, Rebecca Saunders from the Richburg, New York, church volunteered to come to Toronto to conduct our first daily vacation Bible School. This was a new experience for her but, praise the Lord, she actually survived the week.

Our annual church picnic, planned for August 2 in a very beautiful provincial park on the shores of Lake

Simcoe, was somewhat of a washout. As it were, the heavens opened and the rains came down and kept on coming all day long. Because of the trunks full of goodies we had (there were 16 cars and one large van), we decided to have a new version of a picnic in our church basement. This we did after driving the 60 or so miles from the park. Members and visitors had a good time, although we could not do the all-age races and other competitive events. People always seem to have a good time when there is lots of good food present, regardless of the other circumstances.

Eight of us went to General Conference in Lindsborg, Kansas. We flew from Toronto to Kansas City, Missouri and then rented two cars and drove the 200 or so miles to the conference site.

On October 16-17, our church will host the semi-annual meeting of the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches and, on the following day, Sunday, October 18, the church will be having its fourth annual banquet at a rented church hall where we expect between 300 and 400 people.

Stand by to hear really exciting news from the Toronto church. SR

(Left to Right) Dean J. Paul Green and President Gerry VanDyke present accreditation certificates to Pastors Kevin Butler and George Calhoun.



Shiloh's celebration continues

by Donna S. Bond

The third episode of the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church's 250th anniversary celebration was held on June 5 and 6, 1987. Entitled "The Church on the Move," it covered the events of the 19th century and stressed the role of the Shiloh people in local and worldwide missions. The activities for this weekend were coordinated by two brothers and a sister, along with their spouses: Everett and Billie Dickinson; Oliver and Florence Dickinson; and Chester and Rachel (Dickinson) Bonham.

The Sabbath morning worship service included an interview about Shiloh's impact on the denominational mission field, with Chester Bonham and Everett Dickinson asking questions of Oliver Dickinson. Oliver's answers provided a thorough review of the work of the Solomon Carpenters and D. H. Davises in China, and Rev. William E. Jones in Palestine. In addition, there were numerous families who left the Shiloh area to establish

Seventh Day Baptist fellowships in other places.

Guest speaker for the morning worship was, appropriately, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, former missionary to Jamaica and current executive vice-president of the S.D.B. Missionary Society. His topic, "The Future of Missions," referred to time as "the future moving into the present," rather than the traditional idea of "the present becoming the past." He challenged us with rather startling statistics concerning the number of the world's population who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Episode three of our year-long anniversary celebration ended with a hymn and a prayer. Following a busy summer, we will celebrate the role of church music in the fourth episode of Shiloh's anniversary celebration. Entitled "The Song Goes On," it will be held on October 9 and 10. Plan to join us for a fun-filled time of praising God with music. SR



So you want to be tax-exempt

by Oliver Thomas
general counsel for the
Baptist Joint Committee
on Public Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Are all churches automatically tax-exempt? Must a church file complicated forms with the Internal Revenue Service to qualify for tax exemption? Section 508(c) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that "churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches" are exempt from the law requiring non-profit organizations to apply for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3). The practical effect of this exemption is that churches are presumed to be tax-exempt without their having to file an application (Form 1023) with the Internal Revenue Service.

Unfortunately, some churches are not aware that they are excused from applying for tax-exempt status, and they have filed a 1023 by mistake. These churches are likely to become involved in a complicated and burdensome administrative process that requires them to furnish extensive information concerning their religious history, practices, property use, staff salaries, etc.

Having jumped on this administrative merry-go-round, it may be difficult to get off. The IRS may presume that the applicant which fails to complete the filing process is not organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and is therefore not entitled to the benefits of Section 501(c)(3).

There may be reasons why a church wishes to apply for and obtain a form letter of exemption from the IRS, but in light of the potential problems associated with filing for tax-exempt status, churches and their related organizations should seek the advice of an attorney before applying.

In a recent meeting with the IRS, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs requested that the agency send a form letter to churches that file a Form 1023, advising them that they are under no obligation to apply for a tax-exempt status and allowing them to withdraw their applications if they chose. Hopefully, the IRS will draft such a letter but, in the meantime, churches should be wary of this potential administrative pitfall. SR

Medema to aid in Conference '88

Blind singer, writer has not let handicap hinder his ministry

Ken Medema of San Francisco, California, who has been blind since birth, is a pianist, singer and composer of Christian songs. He has been writing and singing his own songs since 1970, when he began composing original material for his work as a music therapist in a psychiatric hospital. Shortly thereafter, he found himself writing music reflective of his experience as a Christian and of his understanding of the nature of Christian commitment.

Today he is involved in a full-time singing ministry, and his music has taken him across North America, Europe, Africa and Australia.

"I have a natural interest in music, and I knew at a very early age that music would be my livelihood. I had excellent preparation, and I suppose the reason that I'm comfortably employed today is that I fell into doing what is a natural for me."

Medema said although he grew up in the church and adopted many church values, he considered himself a "quasi-Christian."

"When I was 20 years old, I decided to pursue the Christian faith under the guidance of a Southern Baptist preacher who directed me and who made me

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In tribute to Caroline

My first memory of Caroline Gray is as a freshman at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, in 1929. Although crippled by polio at the age of two, she did not use it as an excuse to avoid climbing the long flights of steps up to the chapel or going to the third floor of Goodrich Hall to sing with the Treble Clef. She had learned to live with her physical handicap without mentioning it to her friends and found real joy in living. Certainly she was far from handicapped in mind and spirit, a good student and a delightful, fun-loving friend.

It was not until later that I appreciated Caroline's ability. As president of the Women's Board, she blossomed with ideas in preparing helps for program planning in Seventh Day Baptist women's societies and carefully organized the work to be done. It was Caroline who was instrumental in sending out

the first team for summer service in 1964 and who appointed a committee to make plans for SCSC work in the years following. Her interest in young people and their potential in serving the Lord was tremendous, and her enthusiasm knew no bounds. Ask anyone who served with her on commission or on the Women's Board during the '60s!

Caroline's family was her special joy, and she served them well. She loved to cook and sew. Every summer found her canning an amazing amount of food. The Gray home was a place where the four girls could bring their friends, knowing they would be welcomed. Good music and fine books could be found there.

One of Caroline's interests was the Milton House, where she worked as a receptionist. During those years at the museum, she did research and made a large chart of the Goodrich family, showing the many descendants of Joseph Goodrich who founded Milton and who built the Milton House as an inn back in 1844. This chart is still in use today.

To Caroline, church was an important part of her life. She filled different offices in the Women's Circle, sang in the choir and was always ready to serve as she could. The Women's Board honored her by presenting her with the Robe of Achievement one year. As a non-resident member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church during recent years spent in Delaware, she enjoyed tapes of the Milton church services and perused the bulletins to keep up with church news.

Though seldom without pain, Caroline rose above it with patience and courage. Perhaps her delightful sense of humor helped her through the bad times—I am sure prayer did. She loved the Lord and his creations, especially birds and flowers. She was a practical person but could dream dreams, as well, and often make them work out. Endowed with a sweet, loving spirit, she greatly appreciated her many friends and was quick to forgive a wrong. Yes, Caroline was quite a lady. SR



Caroline FitzRandolph Gray

Medema

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understand that it could be a thinking and growing process."

He entered Michigan State University in 1963 to study music. That is where he met his wife, Jane. "It was because of her Christian life that I was able to bring a lot of things together—my early training, my desire for freedom, my insistence on asking questions—and to realize that all it could be a part of being a Christian. She pointed the way, and I followed."

After college, Medema worked as music therapist at several psychiatric hospitals and with retarded children.

"Working with people who were hurting and suffering was the only job I could get. Afterward, I really enjoyed watching people change, watching people grow, and retarded children learning skills. It became a source of pleasure for me."

Medema will be performing and leading in a choral workshop at Seventh Day Baptist General Conference sessions in Salem, West Virginia, in 1988. SR

Reader Reaction

Letters to *The Sabbath Recorder*

As a former editor, I would like to add my voice to those of your editorial colleagues who helped convince you that *The Sabbath Recorder* needs an editor's voice. We have missed that voice, which helps with continuity, among other things. You observe in your note that editorials and letters to the editor go hand in hand. That may be true, but I believe that one hand is bigger than the

other: the editor can be expected to be more responsible and thoughtful than some of those who may dash off a letter after reading something with which they agree or do not agree. Otherwise, he would not have been chosen to be the editor. As with submitted articles, the editor must be the editor. Best wishes!

Leon M. Maltby
Daytona Beach, Florida

Policy on letters to the editor:

The Sabbath Recorder welcomes letters to the editor. Although not all correspondence can be published, readers' opinions are appreciated. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity. Only signed letters can be printed.

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Obituaries

Gray.—Caroline Estella Gray, formerly of Milton, Wisconsin, died of a massive stroke on January 20, 1987, in her home in rural Clayton, Delaware. She was 75 years old.

Caroline was born on August 22, 1911, in Little Genesee, New York, the only daughter of Rev. John and Emily FitzRandolph. She married Don Vincent Gray on June 16, 1933, in Milton Junction, Wisconsin. Her father, who was pastor of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church at that time, performed the ceremony at the parsonage.

Earlier that same month, Caroline had graduated from Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, with a degree in religious education. In the 1960's, when for ten years the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board was located in Milton, she served as its president. Besides being a lifelong and faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist church, she was—for many of her later years—a certified member of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also a staff member at the Milton House Museum.

Surviving are her husband; four daughters, Donna Monen of Marysville, California, Nola Clavio of Downs Chapel, Delaware, Lucy Harris of Pennsville, New Jersey, and Marietta Fansler of Dover, Delaware; three brothers, Robert William FitzRandolph of Englewood, Colorado, Charles Irwin FitzRandolph of Mesa, Arizona, and Ivan Henry FitzRandolph of Milton; 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The memorial service took place on January 23, 1987, in Caroline's home church—the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church—with her pastor, Rev. Herbert Saunders, giving the meditation. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery, with Albrecht Funeral Home of Milton handling the arrangements.

Note: The committal service was spoken in the sanctuary, since the outdoor windchill factor that day was 60 degrees below zero. HES

A biographical article on Caroline Gray appears on page 29 of this issue

of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Barr.—Oletha M. (Wheeler) Barr of Boulder, Colorado, died on February 26, 1987, at the age of 74. She was born on March 22, 1912, in Boulder, the daughter of Alfred T. and Irene (Van Horn) Wheeler and the granddaughter of the Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler, founding pastor in 1893 of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder.

Marrying Anton Barr on September 18, 1937, in Boulder, she was a homemaker, raising her one child. Later she was a seamstress at Boulder Memorial Hospital for several years in the 1960's. She was an avid naturalist and supporter of the Camp Fire Girls in Boulder for many years. She was a very active member of the church her grandfather pastored, working with the Women's Society, and in the early days of the camping program.

Survivors include her husband, Tony; her sister, Rena Beth Lederer; and her daughter, Francis August, all of Boulder. She also had two grandchildren, one of whom preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Lawton, her pastor, at the Howe Mortuary Chapel on March 2, 1987, with interment in Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder. GL

Layne.—Francis Layne was born on March 21, 1907, in Guyana. She died on April 2, 1987, in the Wisconsin Avenue Nursing Home in Washington, D.C.

Francis did not have any immediate family in the United States. She was an active member in the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church until her illness. A memorial service was held for her in the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 23, 1987.

Aurand.—Charles H. Aurand, formerly of Battle Creek, Michigan, died on June 4, 1987, in Hinsdale, Illinois, where he recently underwent surgery. He was 88 years of age.

He was born in Litchfield, Michigan, on November 12, 1898, and came to Battle Creek as a child. He had worked

for the Kellogg Company, was a township building inspector and had been a foreman for several building contractors. He retired in 1968. In March of this year, he received his 70-year pin from the local carpenter's Union. Charles was baptized and joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1971 and was a faithful member until moving to Tucson, Arizona, 14 years ago.

He was married to the former Elizabeth "Bessie" D. Hoekstra for 53 years and, following her death in 1971, he established a scholarship fund in her memory, which has been administered by the Battle Creek Church to aid many young people. His second marriage, to the former Ethel Babcock Ruggles, ended in divorce.

He is survived by four sons, DeWitt H. of Tucson, Harold L. of Huntington Beach, California, Charles H. of Flagstaff, Arizona, and James D. of Littleton, Colorado; one daughter, Marguerite Tiefenthal of Western Springs, Illinois; one brother, Cecil Aurand of Battle Creek; 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were conducted in Battle Creek by his pastor, Rev. George D. Calhoun, on June 8, 1987.

Drake.—Bertha M. (Austin) Burdick Drake, 94, formerly of Alfred Station, New York, died on June 27, 1987, at the Wellsville Highland Nursing Home, Wellsville, New York.

Born in the town of Alfred, New York, she was the daughter of Charles and Minnie (Moland) Austin. In 1911, she married Earl Burdick of Alfred, who died in 1952. In 1959, she married Hal Drake of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania. He died in 1969.

Bertha lived most of her life in the Alfred Station area, where she was a cook and housekeeper. The oldest living member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church before her death, she had served as a deaconess and as a member of the Ladies Aid Society (U.I.S.). She was also a former Alfred granger and a member of the Stitch and Chatter Club of Shinglehouse.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Burdick of Alfred Station; a daughter,

Doris Krusen of Tampa, Florida; three stepdaughters, Lina Burdick of Wellsville, Alice Bauman of Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Faith Young of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; a stepson, Leon Drake of Shinglehouse; three grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and several great-step-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on June 29, 1987, at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Melvin F. Stephan and Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiating. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. MFS

Penny.—Genevieve C. Penny, 93, died on July 21, 1986, after a long illness.

The former Genevieve Burdick was born on December 10, 1892, to Rev. Leon D. Burdick and Rev. Experience (Perie) Fitz Randolph Burdick. She graduated from high school in DeRuyter, New York, in 1911, and from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, in 1916. She taught school in the DeRuyter area, in Florida and on Long Island, where she met Arthur L. Penny. They were married by Rev. Harold Crandall in DeRuyter on June 13, 1921, and lived together for 63 years in Westhampton, Long Island, New York. Arthur passed away in January, 1985.

Genevieve was a charter member and first president of the Westhampton Chapter of the American Legion Auxillary. She maintained her

membership in the New Auburn, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a lone Sabbath keeper, ever looking forward to the next *Sabbath Recorder* and *Helping Hand*.

Survivors include half-brothers and sisters, Marjorie Mallison, Westernville, New York; Josephine Ingrahm, Raleigh, North Carolina; Jean Burdick, Kingston, New York; Madalin Way, Hesperia, Michigan; Wendall Burdick, Home, New York; Robert Burdick, Houston, Texas; an "adopted" son, Fred Kelling of Laurel, New York; two grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Genevieve was interred with her husband in the Calverton National Cemetery on Long Island.

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Accessions

Atlanta, Ga. William Shobe, Pastor	Lost Creek, West Virginia David L. Taylor, Pastor	North Hills, Pa. Kenroy Cruickshank, Pastor	Michael Goryan Charles Davis Richard Fuller Mark Lyons Ruth Lyons Angie McGowan
Joined after Testimony W. H. Winborne	Joined after Testimony Rita Hickok	Joined after Baptism Julia Harley Geoffrey Bennett	
Battle Creek, Mich. George Calhoun, Pastor	Joined by Letter Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler Kenia Lee Wheeler	Joined after Testimony Dowager I. Sheriff Simone Thompson Silvine Findlater Jasmine Findlater Marie Campbell	Salem, W. Va. S. Kenneth Davis, Pastor
Joined after Baptism David Kidder Anthony Paulin Floella Spells	Milton, Wis. Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor	Joined after Baptism Wanda Bowyer Nancy Pethel	Joined after Baptism Wanda Bowyer Nancy Pethel
Joined after Testimony George English	Joined after Baptism Chris Long Marne Sayre Kim Merchant Dan Ochs Craig Ochs Lisa Call Nicole Cruzan Kenneth Hoffman Winifred Hoffman	Raritan Valley, N.J. Jeanne Yurke, Pastor	San Gabriel, Calif. John Peil, Pastor
Little Rock, Ark.	Joined after Testimony Tom Moder Mary Moder Cindy Marinakees	Joined by Letter Bernard Yurke Jeanne Yurke	Joined after Baptism Natalie Peil Suzannah Peil Warren Eberhardt
Joined by Letter Kenneth Van Horn Doris Van Horn	Joined by Letter Denise L. Crandall Jeffrey S. Crandall	Joined after Baptism Andrew Cruzan	Upper Marlboro, Md. Kenneth D. Chroniger, Pastor
		Joined after Baptism Meredith Billington Heather Chroniger	Joined after Baptism Meredith Billington Heather Chroniger
		Joined after Testimony Todd Royer Tammy Royer Judy Stens Goryan	Joined after Testimony John Laughlin

Marriages

Berg-Lewis.—Kurt James Berg and Jennifer Eileen Lewis were united in marriage on June 28, 1987, in the Riverside, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. John M. Peil.

Olson-Green.—Matthew Olson and Ellen Marie Green were united in marriage on May 24, 1987, at the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiated.

Goryan-Stens.—Michael Goryan and Judy Stens were united in marriage on June 27, 1987, at the Riverside, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Gabriel E. Bejjani officiated.

Saunders-Wangerin.—Brian Eugene Saunders and Heidi Noel Wangerin were united in marriage on July 12, 1987, at the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiated.

Bergman-McClintock.—Andrew L. Bergman and Pamela L. McClintock were united in marriage on August 1, 1987, at the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Russell Johnson and Pastor Harold King officiated.

Births

Butler.—A son, Matthew Jordan Butler, was born to Kevin and Janet Butler of Madison, Wisconsin, on December 20, 1986.

Wheeler-Gamble.—A son, Trevor Bond Wheeler-Gamble, was born to Gentry G. and Dr. Catherine J. Wheeler-Gamble of Salt Lake City, Utah, on February 10, 1987.

Perez.—A daughter, Rachael Elizabeth Perez, was born to Richard and Elizabeth (Maddox) Perez of Riverside, California, on March 4, 1987.

Colvin.—A son, Robert Wayne Colvin, was born to Robert and Jennifer (Pierson) Colvin of Canon City, Colorado, on March 10, 1987.

Jean.—A daughter, Kayleigh Brooks Jean, was born to Robert and Barbara (Carter) Jean of Vacaville, California, on March 12, 1987.

Waskiowiak.—A son, Jeffrey Dean Waskiowiak, was born to Dean and Brenda (Abel) Waskiowiak on April 16, 1987, at Longview, Texas.

Bongle.—A son, Leland Michael Bongle, was born to Lauri Bongle of Milton, Wisconsin, on May 15, 1987.

Smith.—A son, Justin Grant Smith, was born to Grant and Tracey Smith of Clarksburg, West Virginia, on May 19, 1987.

Bennette.—A daughter, Kate Diane Bennette, was born to Bob and Donna (Ferguson) Bennette on May 24, 1987, in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Grace.—A daughter, Vickie Darlene Grace, was born to Thomas and Kathy Grace of Salem, West Virginia, on May 25, 1987.

Burdick.—A daughter, Marjorie Dawn Burdick, was born to Rev. Kenneth and Ruth Burdick of North Loup, Nebraska, on June 14, 1987.

Sheppard.—A son, Christian Thomas Sheppard, was born to Jeff and Pam Sheppard on July 10, 1987, in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Blaeholder.—A son, Ryan Jacob Blaeholder, was born to Darrin and Karen Blaeholder of Reseda, California, on July 14, 1987.

Yurke called to pastor

Bridgewater, New Jersey—Jeanne (Wilhelm) Yurke was called as pastor of the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church in Bridgewater, New Jersey, on Sabbath, August 1, 1987. She is a graduate of Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology, and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she earned the Master of

Divinity degree. She has served denominationally in a variety of ways, from producing "Word of Truth" radio programs and writing *Helping Hand* lessons to representing Seventh Day Baptists in Church Women United and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Jeanne is editor of *Peace-Beat*, the newsletter for the Seventh Day Baptist Peace Fellowship, an outgrowth of peace correspondence started by the late Pastor Paul

Burdick. Pastor Jeanne Yurke and her husband Dr. Bernard Yurke, a research physicist, will continue to live in their own home in Plainfield while serving the Lord at Raritan Valley. SR

Obituaries

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Shearer.—Gladys M. Shearer, aged 80 years, was born on March 12, 1906, in Weeping Water, Nebraska. She was the wife of Malvin H. Shearer and loving mother of Ivolyne Smart and Jack, James and Ted Shearer and a grandmother of six. She is also survived by her sister, Forest Ingwersen. A teacher, who retired after 35 years of service, she spent the last 25 years of teaching in the Jurupa Unified School District. Gladys attended the Riverside (California) Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years. Funeral Services were conducted on November 5, 1986.

Young.—Leo Irene Young, age 78, died on Saturday, July 11, 1987, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wisconsin.

The former Leo Irene Todd was born on June 8, 1909, in Farina, Illinois. She spent most of her life in the Milton, Wisconsin, area. She married Earl Young on April 6, 1927; he died in 1966. She had been a Janesville resident for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Milton and the Janesville Senior Citizens, where she was very active in telephoning for senior rides to appointments.

Surviving are her son, Earl Young Jr. of Milton; two daughters, Barbara Grams of Milton and Wanda Coleman

of Janesville; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on, July 14, 1987, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

Smellie.—Rev. Charles Lardim Smellie, 98, was born at Ginger House, St. Andrew, Jamaica, on May 8, 1889, and died at San Diego, California, on June 29, 1987.

A son of John and Virginia Kirven Smellie, he completed school at Unity and commenced farming, by which he earned his living most of his life. He served for six years in the West Indies Regiment of the army of the British Empire, three of those years were spent in Africa. In 1917, he was married to Blanche Anita Hart.

Although good church members, it was after the birth of their first four children that the Smellies came to know the saving grace of Jesus and the Sabbath truth. It is believed, that about this time, they helped organize the Luna Seventh Day Baptist Church at Luna, Border P.O., St. Mary in 1930. The first time the SDB Yearbook lists Jamaican leadership at Luna was in 1934, and Charles Smellie is listed as leader. Soon after, he is listed as pastor and he was ordained to the gospel ministry around 1938. Following the return of the American missionary, Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, from Jamaica to become a chaplain in World War II, the United States Missionary Board secured Pastor Smellie as the head of the work there and their representative on the island. The Missionary Board's reports tell of his "splendid work" and call him "an unusually efficient worker." However, due to the growing work of the missionary field and his poor health, Pastor Smellie requested to be relieved. The Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph succeeded him on February 18, 1945.

Although officially retired from 1945, Pastor Smellie continued to serve the Lord, both in the Kingston and the Luna churches. When the Jamaican Conference purchased property at Maiden Hall in St. Mary to establish a Vocational School, Pastor and Mrs.

Smellie moved to the property and helped pay for it through their management of the farm and its cash crops. After the Maiden Hall School closed in 1961, Pastor Smellie again returned to the farm and made it self-supporting, where today it is used by the Jamaican Conference as a retreat and camping center. The Smellies contributed to the work of the Kingston Church for many years, where they were friends and counselors to many, including our missionaries from America.

A month after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967, Mrs. Smellie preceded him in death. In 1977, he migrated to the United States, taking up residence with his daughter, Gem. Through his final illness, he was tenderly cared for at home by his daughters, Beryl and Gem.

Surviving are 6 children: Bernard, Pearl Mason and Keith, all of Jamaica; Ivy Hooker of Miami, Florida; and Beryl Mamby and Gem FitzHenley of San Diego. There are 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Edward M. Horsley of the San Diego Seventh Day Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Duane L. Davis, Rev. Vernon O. Burke of Los Angeles, California and Bob Czarny of San Diego. Interment was in El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego. DLD

Answers for Children's Page puzzle

Good Shepherd
Messiah
Door
Vine
King of Kings
Prince of Peace
Savior
Master
Son of God
Lord

The Sabbath School Superintendent

Note: The following information on Sabbath School Superintendents is contained in a brochure which is available to churches and interested persons. It was used during the board's workshop at General Conference.

The Sabbath School Superintendent...

Assists the Christian Education Committee in setting policies and plans for the Sabbath School, administers these policies and reports status and recommendations to the committee/church.

Conducts the opening/closing for the Sabbath School or assigns responsibility.

Directs the administrative responsibilities (or delegates the duty to another Sabbath School officer):

Students

-Maintains Membership Rolls

Attendance—weekly and cumulative
Absentees—"missed you" cards or visit by teacher
Prospective Students—organizes visitation with teacher or pastor
New Students—assign to proper class

-Collects offering

Mission emphasis

Teachers

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Obituaries

Shearer.—Gladys M. Shearer, aged 80 years, was born on March 12, 1906, in Weeping Water, Nebraska. She was the wife of Malvin H. Shearer and loving mother of Ivolynne Smart and Jack, James and Ted Shearer and a grandmother of six. She is also survived by her sister, Forest Ingwersen. A teacher, who retired after 35 years of service, she spent the last 25 years of teaching in the Jurupa Unified School District. Gladys attended the Riverside (California) Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years. Funeral Services were conducted on November 5, 1986.

Young.—Leo Irene Young, age 78, died on Saturday, July 11, 1987, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wisconsin.

The former Leo Irene Todd was born on June 8, 1909, in Farina, Illinois. She spent most of her life in the Milton, Wisconsin, area. She married Earl Young on April 6, 1927; he died in 1966. She had been a Janesville resident for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Milton and the Janesville Senior Citizens, where she was very active in telephoning for senior rides to appointments.

Surviving are her son, Earl Young Jr. of Milton; two daughters, Barbara Grams of Milton and Wanda Coleman

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of Janesville; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on, July 14, 1987, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

Smellie.—Rev. Charles Lardim Smellie, 98, was born at Ginger House, St. Andrew, Jamaica, on May 8, 1889, and died at San Diego, California, on June 29, 1987.

A son of John and Virginia Kirven Smellie, he completed school at Unity and commenced farming, by which he earned his living most of his life. He served for six years in the West Indies Regiment of the army of the British Empire, three of those years were spent in Africa. In 1917, he was married to Blanche Anita Hart.

Although good church members, it was after the birth of their first four children that the Smellies came to know the saving grace of Jesus and the Sabbath truth. It is believed, that about this time, they helped organize the Luna Seventh Day Baptist Church at Luna, Border P.O., St. Mary in 1930. The first time the SDB Yearbook lists Jamaican leadership at Luna was in 1934, and Charles Smellie is listed as leader. Soon after, he is listed as pastor and he was ordained to the gospel ministry around 1938. Following the return of the American missionary, Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, from Jamaica to become a chaplain in World War II, the United States Missionary Board secured Pastor Smellie as the head of the work there and their representative on the island. The Missionary Board's reports tell of his "splendid work" and call him "an unusually efficient worker." However, due to the growing work of the missionary field and his poor health, Pastor Smellie requested to be relieved. The Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph succeeded him on February 18, 1945.

Although officially retired from 1945, Pastor Smellie continued to serve the Lord, both in the Kingston and the Luna churches. When the Jamaican Conference purchased property at Maiden Hall in St. Mary to establish a Vocational School, Pastor and Mrs.

Smellie moved to the property and helped pay for it through their management of the farm and its cash crops. After the Maiden Hall School closed in 1961, Pastor Smellie again returned to the farm and made it self-supporting, where today it is used by the Jamaican Conference as a retreat and camping center. The Smellies contributed to the work of the Kingston Church for many years, where they were friends and counselors to many, including our missionaries from America.

A month after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967, Mrs. Smellie preceded him in death. In 1977, he migrated to the United States, taking up residence with his daughter, Gem. Through his final illness, he was tenderly cared for at home by his daughters, Beryl and Gem.

Surviving are 6 children: Bernard, Pearl Mason and Keith, all of Jamaica; Ivy Hooker of Miami, Florida; and Beryl Mamby and Gem FitzHenley of San Diego. There are 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Edward M. Horsley of the San Diego Seventh Day Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Duane L. Davis, Rev. Vernon O. Burke of Los Angeles, California and Bob Czarny of San Diego. Interment was in El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego. DLD

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The Sabbath School Superintendent

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Assists the Christian Education Committee in setting policies and plans for the Sabbath School, administers these policies and reports status and recommendations to the committee/church.
Conducts the opening/closing for the Sabbath School or assigns responsibility.
Directs the administrative responsibilities (or delegates the duty to another Sabbath School officer):

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- Maintains Membership Rolls
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