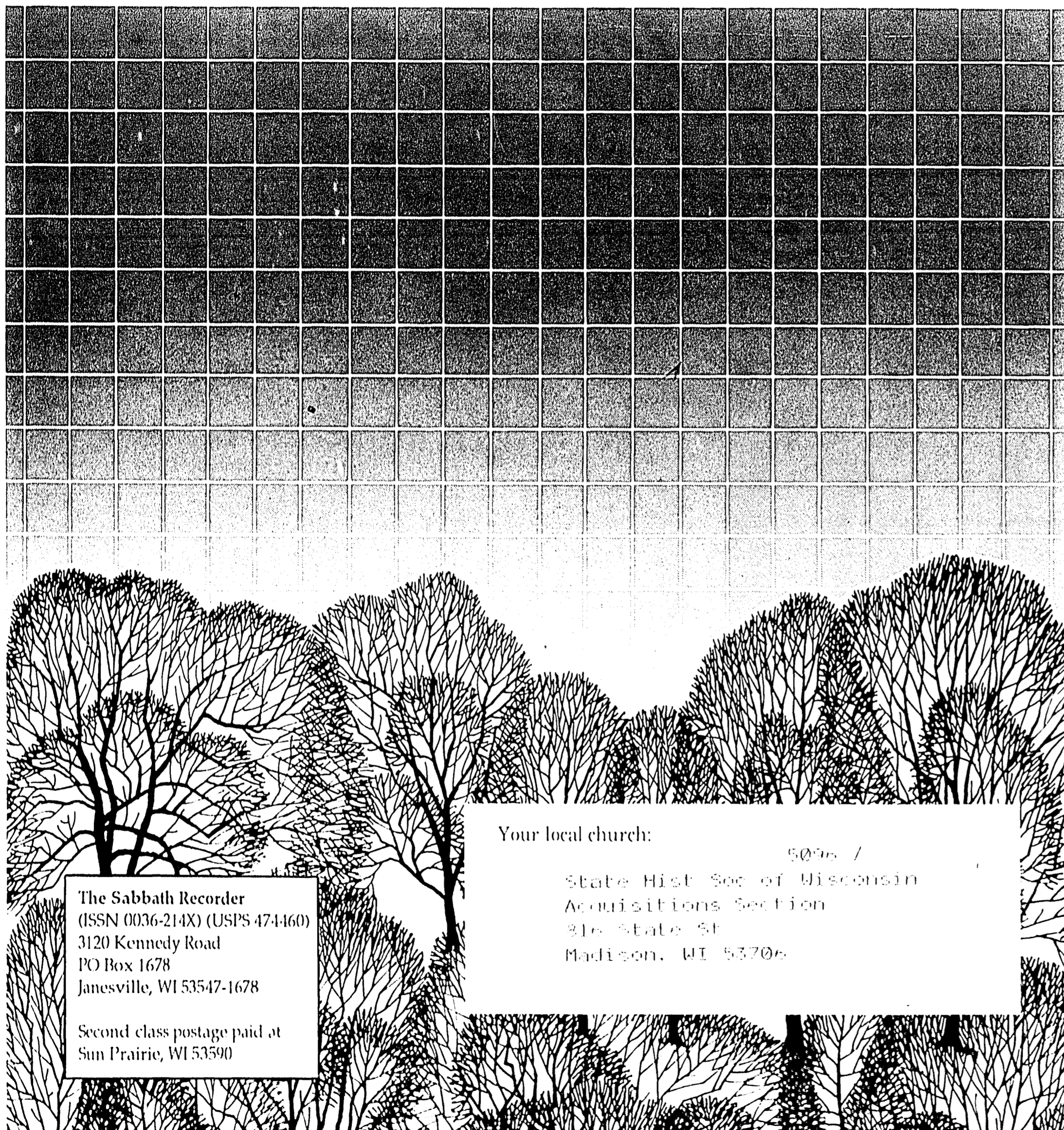


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### Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

If you've never read *The Sabbath Recorder* before, you might be wondering who Seventh Day Baptists are. Like other Baptists, we believe in:

- the saving love of Jesus Christ.
- the Bible as the inspired word of God and a record of God's will for man. The Bible is our authority both for our faith and our daily conduct.
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- the congregational form of church government. Every member of the church has the right to participate in the decision making process of the church.

### The seventh day

God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ.

It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes Seventh Day Baptists just a little bit different. If you would like more information, write: Seventh Day Baptist Center, 3120 Kennedy Road, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547-1678

## Changes in the old SR

by Kevin Butler

**A**fter 144 years and 14 editors, you would think that one publication had seen enough changes.

From a newspaper-size weekly to a pamphlet bi-weekly to the current monthly; from subscriptions to donations; from a hot air engine cylinder press to linotype to desk-top publishing; from a staff of dozens to three, *The Sabbath Recorder* has weathered more reformation than Martin Luther.

There is some order amidst all this change. The Sabbath Recorder Committee—a subcommittee of the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council—has drafted a purpose statement for this magazine.

*The Sabbath Recorder* is:  
—an instrument for communication among Seventh Day Baptists as individuals and families, churches, and organizations.

—a vehicle through which denominational leadership can communicate the mission, goals, and accomplishments of Seventh Day Baptists.

—an outreach tool intended to share the Christian gospel and to acquaint others with the denomination.

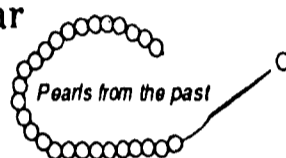
As an expression of Seventh Day Baptist thinking and activities, *The Sabbath Recorder* provides inspiration, information about Seventh Day Baptists, an historical perspective, and a realistic, positive image of the denomination.

So, how are we doing after all these years?

The committee also formulates and enforces an editorial policy (next page). Please refer to this before picking up your pen or sitting at your word processor.

### New look

The *Recorder* will become more thematic, with shorter articles to match your cramped reading time. We gave the popular history column a new look—

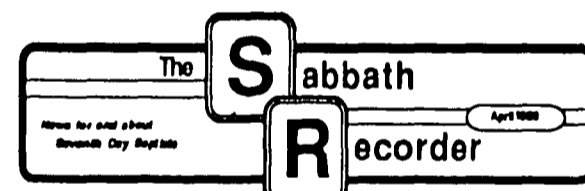


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As well as the editorial page—



Reader reaction (below), and the cover—

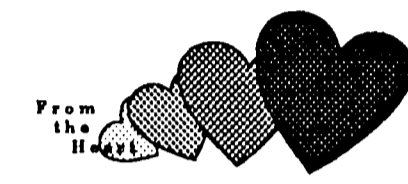


### New features



—SR Almanac takes you back in time to see what was reported to earlier readers, then prompts you to pray for our future.

**Pastor Profile** —gives you a chance to get to know one of our leaders, and gives the pastor an opportunity to voice some vision.



—solicits one of you to speak out on an issue of concern—from the heart. This month, Ernest Bond draws from his experience of forming a new church in Columbus, Ohio.



—focuses on what's in store for you in Portland, for Conference '89.

As we move toward year number 145, and get acclimated to editor number 15, let's be receptive to change—as long as that change glorifies the Lord we serve. *SR*

*Thank You*

**Cheri Appel**

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You may contact the committee at the SDB Center in Janesville, Wisconsin

## Change at the Center

The Seventh Day Baptist Center staff increased by two last January. We welcomed Paula Davis and Katrina Saunders as they began their seven months of dedicated service.

Paula, a member of the Verona, New York, SDB Church, graduated from Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School in 1986. She keeps busy with receptionist and secretarial work for the General Conference, various accounting tasks for the Memorial Board, and is the new voice for the audio *Sabbath Recorder*.

"I've learned so much about the denomination, and have enjoyed talking with our people from around the country." Paula adds, "I may even consider going into accounting."



Paula Davis

Katrina is a 1987 graduate of Houghton Academy (New York) and a member of the Richburg, New York, SDB Church. She divides her time between cataloging church records for the Historical Society Library and assisting the secretary of the Milton, Wisconsin, SDB Church.

"I now see history as a valuable learning resource," reports Katrina. "I'm also improving my secretarial skills."

The dedicated service worker program provides housing and meals by a contributing area family, medical insurance, and a small monthly stipend. Workers are eligible for Memorial Fund scholarships toward their college work. *SR*

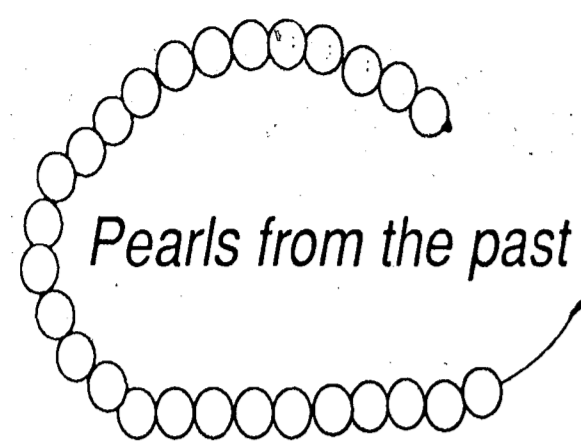


Katrina Saunders

## SR Reaction

Nothing this month, but I know that will "change."

Please don't expect to see your entire letter in print. I will edit for style, and condense due to space limitations. So please, make your point briefly—so I don't have to.



## Periodical changes

by Don Sanford, Historian

### *The Protestant Sentinel*

At the 1829 session of General Conference, John Maxson presented a proposition for publishing a weekly denominational periodical to include subjects of general interest, along with the discussion of denominational topics. The first issue of *The Protestant Sentinel* appeared in April of 1830. This weekly publication was sold by subscription for \$1.75 per year, payable in advance; \$2.00 if paid at the end of six months, and \$2.25 at the end of the year. Like its predecessor, the *Sentinel* received only

### ***There has been a nearly continuous periodical publication from Seventh Day Baptists since 1821.***

moral backing from the General Conference. In 1833, when the editor asked Conference for advice relative to the location of the printing operation and the "embarrassment on account of the limited patronage given the paper," they resolved that they were not prepared to give advice and recommended that he seek measures within the circulation of the paper to answer his problems.

During the nine years of its existence, the paper faced a number of problems which led to its discontinuance. A number of its problems were those faced by several other publishing interests:

1. It never had adequate support from any sponsoring body.
2. It was largely the responsibility of one person.
3. Its location was too far removed from the center of news, so that by the time it

appeared, people in urban areas of the East had already heard the news, making it uninteresting to them.

4. Its name did not adequately reveal the content of the magazine. (In 1838, when the editorship was changed, the words "and Seventh Day Baptist Journal" were added to its title.)
5. There was simply not enough financial base available. The sale of advertising brought in some money, but with a circulation of less than 800, the advertising market was too small to attract lucrative ads. It ceased operation in May, 1839.

### *The Seventh Day Baptist Register*

Within four months of the last issue of the *Sentinel*, Conference took steps to replace it with another periodical. In September, 1839, it asked the people of DeRuyter, New York, to take steps to publish a paper in that town. If they could not do it, they would ask a group in the New Jersey and New York City area. On March 10, 1840, the first edition of the *Seventh Day Baptist Register* appeared with Joel Greene and Alexander Campbell as editors. At the end of the first year, James Bailey became both editor and proprietor, continuing the publication for three years. The final issue, dated March 13, 1844, carried a "valedictory" in which he stated the two main reasons for discontinuing. One was the physical demands upon the editor. "The sole care of publishing and editing has been ours. The Editor's task must be performed, whether sick or well, in company or alone, under every possible circumstance and condition, and the

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The missionary spirit, in the second decade of the 19th century, gave rise to the desire for better communications among the scattered churches and people of the denomination. With the exception of about four years (from 1825 through 1829), there has been a nearly continuous periodical publication from Seventh Day Baptists since 1821. Sometimes it has come from individuals or groups of individuals, sometimes from societies, but always with the interest of the denomination and its distinctive witness.

### *Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Magazine*

The first of these periodicals was a quarterly entitled *The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Magazine*, published by the Board of Trustees and Directors of Missions from 1821-1825 with Henry Clarke, Eli Bailey, and William Maxson as editors. The magazine contained articles on the Sabbath, baptism, and history of the denomination. It reported news from the Missionary Board and local societies, along with the journals of the various traveling missionaries sent out by the board or by local societies. Several issues also contained news from Baptist foreign missions, including letters from the Adoniram Judsons in Burma.

The final issue in September of 1825 stated the two major reasons for its discontinuance: the rising cost of postage, and delinquency of the subscribers in settling their accounts.



# SR Almanac

Where we  
have been...

### One year ago—April 1988

Matt and Ellen Olson go to Philippines as short-term missionaries.

New outreach begins in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Leon Lawton and Gabriel Bejjani report on Australian trip.

### Five years ago—April 1984

Rodney Henry ordained prior to returning to Philippines.

Salemville, Pennsylvania, youth fellowship holds special missions weekend.

BCE officers honored for many years of service.

S. Kenneth Davis honored for 13-year pastorate in Battle Creek, Michigan.

### Ten years ago—April 1979

Clifford A. Beebe Memorial Home dedicated at Sunshine Mountain, Mississippi.

President Bob Austin shares vision and plans for Conference in Adrian, Michigan.

Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, Rhode Island, begins interpreting their worship service for the deaf.

Memorial Board expresses appreciation to Elston Van Horn for 12 years of service.

### 25 years ago—April 1964

Linda Bingham completes service as Youth Field Worker.

Revival services held in Ritchie, West Virginia.

...where are we headed?

## Pray...

- for a new missionary spirit
- with thanksgiving for our dedicated servant leaders
- for Sunshine Mountain
- for Conference in Portland, Oregon
- that your pastor could baptize a dozen or more this year
- for denominational finances
- for a "good fruit year spiritually" in your life and church

General Conference Planning Committee meets in Plainfield, New Jersey.

"Disagreements and Differences" paper published to be discussed by Baptists and SDBs in Atlantic City.

The Second Alfred Church changes its name to the Alfred Station SDB Church.

### 50 years ago—April 1939

Dr. George Thorngate, at request of Tract Society, visits a Sabbath-keeping family in Wales during a trip to Europe.

Riverside, California church holds day of prayer, and challenges others to do the same.

Tract Society sponsors pulpit exchange Sabbath.

Rev. Everett Harris baptizes 12 candidates in Ashaway, Rhode Island.

### 75 years ago—April 1914

Ad for *The Sabbath Visitor*: "For only 60 cents a year you receive eight or more pages of interesting reading matter, WEEKLY...To new subscribers six months for 25 cents. Try it."

A "good fruit year spiritually" reported in Lost Creek, West Virginia. There was "a response of about forty making their beginning of redemption."

In Sabbath School section: "Graded Bible School Lessons have come to stay in a large number of the Bible schools of our land."

Sound familiar?—"If each one gives \$10, our denominational financial needs would be met."

## Seeking and Finding

(The March special SR)

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## Coping with change in Colorado

by Gordon Lawton

**C**hange is no stranger to young congregations, but even those approaching their centennial face changes, often dramatic ones.

In the early 1980s, it became apparent that the facility of the Boulder church was not meeting the classroom or parking needs of the congregation, and stairs were everywhere. Stairs are fun for kids, but for retired members, they become an obstacle. There had been talk for years about doing something. Then, the facility of a church that was closing its doors came to our attention.

to go ahead with the sale of the Boulder church facility and the parsonage so that we would be ready for a similar opportunity in the future. It took almost a year for both of the sales to be completed. The meetinghouse sold in July of 1988, and the parsonage closed in September.

Since July 16, we have been using the facility of the Mesa Memorial Baptist Church located in the southern section of Boulder. Mesa is an American Baptist congregation whose attendance has been in the low 20s. Their facility is a converted split-level house with a

looking for what God has for us in a meetinghouse facility. We do not own a parsonage, which is popular with some and odious to others. Where we will be meeting in a year is in question.

In the face of all this upheaval, we are discovering what some have suspected for a long time: the church is the church regardless of where it meets. Whether we are at Mesa or somewhere else, when the local body gathers, we are the church. It is nice to worship in familiar surroundings, but they seldom make or break the attitude of worship. Yes, surroundings can enhance or detract, but worship and fellowship are things that people do.

Kennon L. Callahan, in his book *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church*, says that poor facilities cause dissatisfaction, but great facilities do not cause people to attend or become covenant members.

Change is inevitable. Stasis is death. Some changes are more dramatic than others. No matter how dramatic a change of facility is, whether by our choice or not—fire has made that choice for more than one SDB church in this century—the congregation really is the Church, the body of Christ. In Boulder, the changes associated with selling our facility have been affirming our dependence on God and on each other, and that *we*, not the building, are the Church. *SR*

*Gordon Lawton pastors the Boulder, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church.*

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We got excited about their facility. It had room, and room to expand. When the time was right, we made an offer, contingent upon the sale of our property. At Conference 1987, we were hopeful, and so had pictures of this possibility on display. But another offer, made by a school which had cash in hand, was accepted. Even so, we were able to use the facility to host the Mid-Continent Association that October.

Following the rejection of our offer, we discussed our facility needs and our recent experiences at a business meeting. It was decided

25 foot square, two-level addition. It looks small, but it is about 700 square feet larger than what we had in downtown Boulder. We had 15 parking spaces; they have over 30. We had no expansion room; they have over two acres. Yes, they do have stairs, but there are fewer of them. Yes, we are still a little cramped for classrooms, but there are two more than we had, and the sanctuary seats almost 50% more people.

There have been changes, and there are many more changes to come. We are working on our Mission Statement. We are still

## Pastor Profile

**Name:** Rev. Ken Burdick

**Birthdate and place:**

November 10, 1949, Milton, Wisconsin

**Current pastorate:**

North Loup, Nebraska

**Family:**

Wife, Ruth; daughters, Ginny (5 years) and Margie (22 months)

**Education:**

BA English Literature—Knox College, 1971  
MA English Literature—Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison, 1973  
MDiv Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1978

**Former Pastorates/employment:**

Raritan Valley, New Jersey SDB Church 1975-78  
Dedicated service worker, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Jamaica, West Indies, 1973-75

**My first job was:**

Pulling garden weeds for Marjorie Burdick in Milton as a boy (where, like Scott Smith and others, I was first employed—also witnessed to!)

**Personal hero:**

John Stott, J. Vernon McGee

**Favorite childhood memory:**

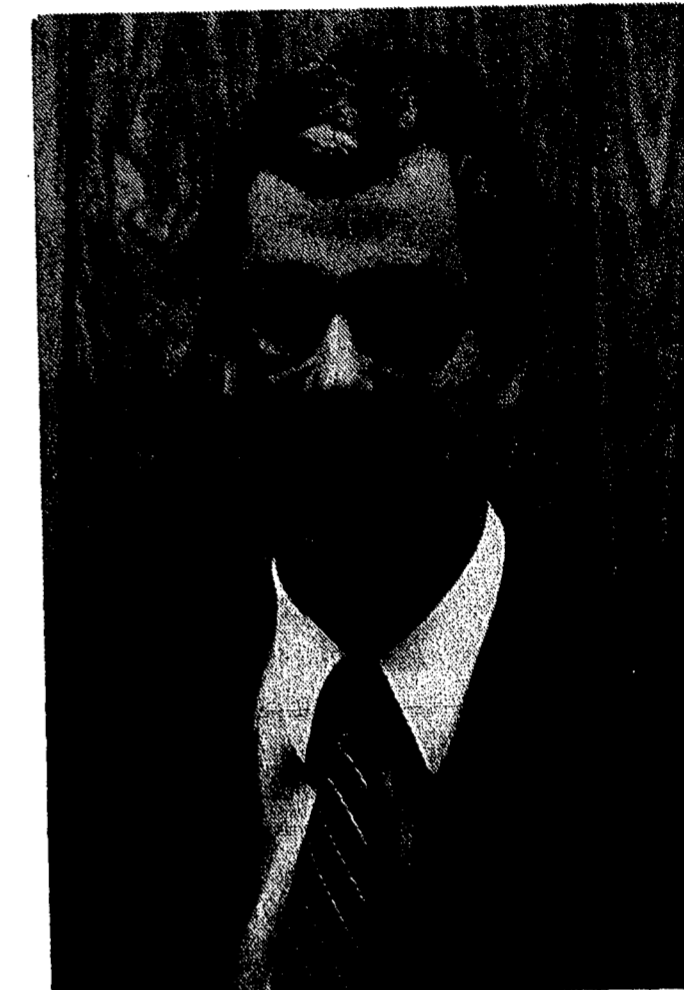
Having lunch on Sabbath days with my grandma (the late Beulah Burdick of Milton)

**Favorite Bible passage:**

John 5:24

**Favorite author:**

Jerry Bridges, Tom Clancy



**If given an all-expense paid vacation:**

I would take a train ride across Canada.

**A great answer to prayer was:**

My wife (Psalm 37:4)!

**A church project I'm excited about:**

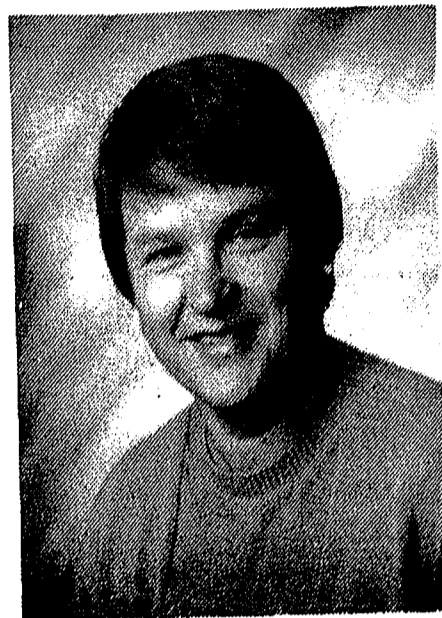
Starting small discipleship groups, using the introductory course in The Navigators' "2:7 series" to establish a simple format for the basic sharing and prayer part of the group meeting.

**My vision for SDBs:**

That individual SDBs might become known for taking delight in the Sabbath Day (Isaiah 58:13), in the Word of God (Psalm 119:16), in one another (Psalm 16:3) and in prayer (Colossians 4:2); finding their joy in the Lord (Isaiah 58:14). When we can truly say it is our "distinctive" to be such people, then our experience in worship, public relations, and evangelism will be like that of the church in Acts 2:47.

## Share the Joy of Caring

by Luan Ellis



General Conference President  
Luan Ellis

*"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"—1 John 3:17.*

Recently, the Helping Hand Sabbath lesson was based on the Parable of the Rich Fool found in Luke 12:13-21. Our teacher encouraged us to consider what we would do if suddenly we received \$250,000 a year more than we are getting. How would we spend that money? The responses of the class were interesting: give \$150,000 to SDB ministerial retirement for our pastors that are presently retired; build homes for the homeless; research for incurable diseases, etc. Of course, we did spend some of the money on ourselves. But the majority of us were ready to give most of the money away. Was it because we were in Sabbath School class and knew what we *should* do with the money? Or, do we *really* care for others?

I have heard someone say that they are not going to give as much to the church because the church doesn't do what it used to do. In the time of Christ, the practice was to tithe, or give 10% of one's income to the church. This person's argument is... "At the time of Christ, the church took care of the widows,

orphans, homeless, and needy. But now social services takes care of those people. So what does the church need all that money for? Has the church become an organization of people who care only for themselves?" What type of outreach does your church have to take care of the needs of those outside of the church?

What a joy it is to *share*. To see the light dawn in the face of someone you have helped. Your caring does not have to be shown in material ways. The scripture verse for this month does not say we have to give away our world's goods. It says we must open our hearts to our brother in need. We must let others know we care.

We just went through a very emotional time at the high school where I teach. Our business teacher, who was 31, was killed in a skiing accident while he was a chaperone for the ski club. He had been at the school for only a year, but it seemed like he had been

church was so full, I don't think there was even any standing room. His wife greeted us all and told us how glad she was that we had come. She told us how Andy had loved life and loved the students at Alfred-Almond. It was very emotional, but it was encouraging to the students. They needed to know that he cared as much for them as they cared for him. It was a new experience for many students. I hope they learned to appreciate those around them and show them that they care.

I hope we Share the Joy of Caring. Let those around us know that we care by the little things we do for them.

Show your Joy of Caring by being open to change. I have the feeling that there will be many changes in the future in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. The most recent change is that of editor of *The Sabbath Recorder*. We welcome Kevin Butler and his new ideas for the *Recorder*.

### Let those around us know that we care by the little things we do for them.

around forever. He was an alumnus of the school, so many of us older teachers knew him as a student. He was the senior class advisor. He became a well-respected, well-liked friend of both students and teachers.

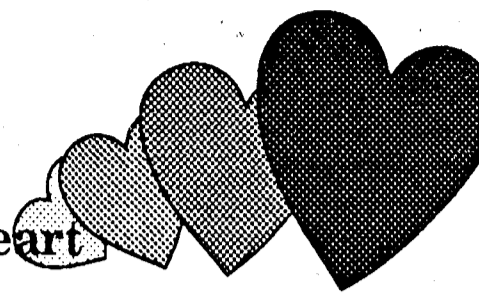
The first school day after the accident was very emotional for everyone. School was let out early on the day of the funeral, and many faculty and students attended. It was held in the Alfred (New York) Seventh Day Baptist Church. The

I would like for us all to consider the challenges given to us in the last editorial by Scott Smith. We need to change the way we Share the Joy.

I see changes coming in the way the denominational leaders will be working with the churches. "MORE 2000" shows that we care about all the churches, regardless of size. If your church has a problem, we care. The future looks exciting! Come to Portland, Oregon, and help us plan for the new future. ✠

Share  
The  
Joy

From  
the  
Heart



## Change—the price of commitment

by Ernest Bond

**F**ear of the unknown often forces us to think that it is much easier to remain within the walls of the past—or even the present—than to step out in faith, asking God to show us His will for our lives, the mission for our churches, and our direction as a denomination.

I remember my first trip into the beautiful Amish countryside of Millersburg, Ohio. The houses and farms were well kept. The stockyard was packed with people who had come to market. Buggies were parked at the elevator, the grocery store, and the combination blacksmith and wagon shop. I was even aware of the parking meters around the court house for the horses and buggies.

It appeared that life in Holmes County hadn't changed dramatically in a hundred years. How often do we find our rural churches clinging to the things of the past, but where are the people? Too few are left farming the land.

I also remember my first trips into Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. Very traumatic—the interstates, tall buildings, shopping centers, hotels and motels, row houses, and store fronts. Why had we moved to Columbus? No friends, no family, and no church. Like the many thousands across our country, we had come to the city seeking work, a home, and a good place in which to educate our children. Things not available to us in the country.

Our forefathers moved into a new and fertile land that would support their farm operation, and provide food and work for the family. They first built homes, then churches, then schools. Their aim was similar to ours. Today, Seventh Day Baptists are moving into

urban communities all across the nation, establishing homes, *but they find no church* that meets their need to worship on the Sabbath Day and practice their Baptist polity as they seek to commune with the Savior, Jesus Christ.

### Why had we moved to Columbus? No friends, no family, and no church.

Today, Seventh Day Baptists are stepping out in faith, not choosing to join a church of another faith; not choosing the easier route of losing themselves in society and not being a part of a Christian body. They are choosing to build a fellowship group or join a fellowship of their own faith with the goal of establishing a church.

Both the new and the growing, established churches are always changing. Needs of the church body dictate the changes that are instigated. Many older churches have begun building programs, class rooms, offices, baptistries, and rest rooms. This creates excitement and dedication. This church has a goal to grow.

In a new church or fellowship, finding a place for worship is a major challenge. Some churches have purchased a building vacated by another church, while other groups choose to rent a facility until the membership and the finances of the group are stabilized. In today's economy, maintenance and utility costs are a major

concern for small groups who have purchased a building.

What changes are evident when a new church or fellowship is established? Some of these changes are crucial:

1. Many Seventh Day Baptists resist moving their membership from the home church. This change is often traumatic for the individual. In our mobile society, we should be willing to move our membership from church to church as we move from town to town. Be committed to the work of the Lord at hand.
2. Many people seeking a church home have come from a different Christian background. This means a change of attitude toward others. It will take time to disciple the new member. How this change is handled will influence the growth of the church.
3. Many new groups easily become a multi-racial community of believers. They realize that all God's children have similar needs, and that they serve the same Savior. These changes will continue. Hallelujah.

As we move into the 21st century, we should note that change is good. Change will be evident as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we set goals for ourselves, and as we write mission statements for our churches. The world will change when we move out as God's people, seeking to fulfill His great commission. ✠

*Ernest Bond has seen many changes as a businessman, past Conference president, church deacon, and dedicated layleader.*

From the executive secretary's desk

## Communication and change

by Dale D. Thorngate

"If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for the battle? So it is with you. Unless you speak with intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying?" (I Corinthians 14:8-9)

In the fall of 1981, this same passage of scripture appeared in an article I wrote on communication, part of a series on elements of success. I was emphasizing that communication is not simple. Yet, as Paul says, it is crucial if people are to understand what is going on.

In reflecting on my last eight years as executive secretary, I am aware of the crucial nature of effective communication in the life and work of Seventh Day Baptists. The technology of communication may change—a trumpet, a tongue, a pen, a computer. The basic principles—"a clear call" and "intelligible words"—do not change.

### Recorder technology changes

The last eight years have seen a great deal of change in the technology of transmitting information. When Scott Smith became the editor/historian for the American Sabbath Tract Society, we were changing from printing *The Sabbath Recorder* on the old Heidelberg Kord offset press to new Webb presses operated by a printing contractor. Soon after the move to Wisconsin in 1982, we changed from the old one-line Compugraphic Compuwriter IV typesetter to the new computerized Varityper typesetter operated by the editor and his part-time assistant, Leanne Lippincott. Page layout and paste-up were still done by hand. In 1985, the American Sabbath Tract Society became the American

Sabbath Tract and Communication Council, an agency of the General Conference. Scott Smith became the executive director of the council as well as the editor of *The Sabbath Recorder*.

In 1987, the council decided to change to the new technology of desktop publishing by purchasing a Macintosh computer system with PageMaker program and laser printer. Keystroking, editing, and page layout are done at computer

energy and vision. With the title change comes a greater role within the denomination to help the churches, boards, and agencies more effectively communicate who they are and what they can do well.

### Principles don't change

Despite exciting changes in technology, and even changes in editorial vision and role, the basic principles of communication don't change.

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terminals operated by the editor and the two part-time staff members.

### Editorial changes

Last month we said farewell to Scott Smith after seven years of change. We thank him for bringing us into the computer age. The effects are evident in the *Recorder* and our other publications. He leaves a well-trained and experienced staff to support his successor. The full-color 140th anniversary special outreach issues of November 1986, June 1987, and March 1989 are highlights in his legacy.

This month we welcome Kevin Butler as our new editor and director of communications. He comes well qualified with degrees in communications and theology, and experience in communications and pastoral service. He brings

Effective communication takes at least two people—one talking, the other listening.

That is not as simple as it sounds. There must be:

- a common language
- a mutual understanding of the words used
- a similar frame of reference
- a willingness to listen; not just waiting to speak.

These same principles apply whether it is husband and wife, or whether it is editor, writers, and readers of the *Recorder*. Communication is clearly transmitting information for understanding and action. I encourage our new director of communications to use every opportunity and every means available to help us better communicate who we are, what we do well, and how Seventh Day Baptists understand what it means to serve a risen savior with joy. **SR**



## Christian Education

### Rex Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture

The Board of Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education invites you to attend the first "Rex Edward Zwiebel Lecture on Christian Education," with speaker Dr. Wayne Rood, at 3 p.m. on Sabbath day, April 22, 1989, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred Station, New York.

The "Rex Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture" has been established to honor the former executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education (1956-70) and dean of the Center on Ministry (1970-74). Secretary Zwiebel made a significant contribution to denominational and ecumenical Christian education. He served the board as director from 1944-48, 1956-70, and 1976-81.

Dr. Albert N. Rogers has written of Secretary Zwiebel, "Christian education as Rex did it was an expression of the caring and believing he had known. He practiced it in his pastoral work and in his direction of the training of young

men and women preparing for our ministry. Because he had known creative Christian love, he was able to translate it for parishioners and students."

Pastor Zwiebel has served the First Hebron and Hebron Center, Pennsylvania, churches (1943-49); the Lost Creek and Roanoke, West Virginia, churches (1949-56); the Buffalo, New York, church (1956-70); and the Alfred Station church (1974-81).

Professor Rex was a graduate of Salem College (West Virginia); Alfred University School of Theology (New York); and Syracuse University (New York). He served as instructor in Christian Education at Salem College (1951-56) and Alfred University School of Theology (1957-63).

Rex lives in Rochester, New York, with his wife of 50 years, the former Jaunita Stutler of Salem.

The distinguished lecturer will be the Reverend Doctor Wayne R. Rood, professor of Religious Education, 1952-81, and currently adjunct professor, Christianity and



Wayne Rood

the Arts, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. Dr. Rood is the author of *Call to Adventure* (1967), *The Art of Teaching Christianity* (1968), *Understanding Christian Education* (1970), and *On Nurturing Christians* (1972), all published by Abingdon Press. Rood taught Christian History and Theology at the Alfred University School of Theology from 1946-52. He will be speaking on the topic, "Christian Education: Why? How?"



Rex Zwiebel

### Sabbath School Teacher of the Year nominations

The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Education invites each Seventh Day Baptist church to nominate one Sabbath School teacher for the 1989 "Crystal Apple" award.

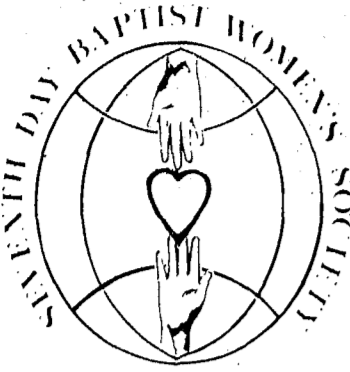
Pastors and superintendents have received nomination forms. The local church may substitute a letter of nomination signed by the pastor and Sabbath School superintendent. Include the nominee's name and address, church member-

ship, current Sabbath School teaching position (or teaching experience within the church), other service to the church, and biographical information.

The 1988 Sabbath School Teacher of the Year award went to Margaret (Bond) Allen of Lost Creek, West Virginia. The 1987 recipient was Deaconess Shirley (Severance) Cargill of North Loup, Nebraska. Deacon George E. Parrish of the Battle Creek, Michi-

gan, church was awarded the initial "Crystal Apple" in 1986.

Deadline is June 1, 1989. Send your form or letter to the Sabbath School Committee, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., P.O. Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803.



Women's Society *News & Ideas* by Marilyn Merchant

## Changes stretch our faith

Dear Ones All,

Changes. So many of them are in our lives every day. Everything seems in a state of flux.

As I make up my monthly grocery list, how much it has changed from the one that I used to make. The family favored certain foods, and they appeared on each week's list. (I always tried to add something different to it for variety.) What we watch on television has changed since the set was a newcomer to the home and we thought it necessary to watch everything that was presented. Thank goodness that lasted only a few weeks and there were no children to be contaminated.

I find that my Bible study habits have changed from when I had a small family to care for and was a "working mother." My prayer habits have also changed, and lately I have been experimenting with different types of prayer.

The world is so changed from the gentler time when I was young. At Bible Study last evening, as we made up our prayer list for the

week, one member suggested we need to pray for the soon return of our Lord—"and everyone said Amen."

### From the national scene

Speaking of change, a communique from Church Women United was explaining some of the changes to be expressed in the *New Revised Standard Version* of the Bible. It contains "...the elimination of masculine-oriented language so far as this can be done *without* [emphasis mine] altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture and of a masculine-oriented society." It will use "inclusive language when referring to people." The NRSV has been prepared by "an ecumenical committee of men and women who, besides representing Eastern Orthodox and Jewish scholars, also had a variety of Protestant denominations."

Preparations are going forward for Church Women United's Jubilee anniversary in 1991. This is a national ecumenical movement that brings Protestant, Roman

Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women together into one community of prayer, advocacy, and service. It represents a broad spectrum of religious tradition, race, age, economic status, and ethnic background, and functions through a national unit (52 state units and 1,750 local units) unified by a common faith in Christ. As independent Baptists, we do not all agree with all of their programs, but some find the ecumenical fellowship very stimulating. We look forward to hearing more about their Jubilee year, which has a Biblical and theological foundation based on the Old Testament.

From the North American Baptist Women's Union comes an article asking, "What is your ministry?" Have you ever stopped to verbalize what you see as your personal ministry, or that of your society? It might be wise to meet and brainstorm along those lines. The author of the article stated she had frequently succumbed to the notion that ministry was something she *did*, rather than realizing *who she was* was of greater importance in serving God. She spoke of knocking herself out trying to be ecclesiastically holy to impress fellow Christians. Abiding in Him is of the essence. She ended with a prayer to the Lord to protect her from empty activity and impure motives, asking to be used as a servant in ministry.

### From our society

Are you working on your crafts for the SCSC craft sale for Conference? We have some suggestions from last year's chairman:

- Have everything priced.

- Have well-made signs telling what the sale is for, and that the money is given on the honor system.
- Keep things simple but popular. (Anything "country" goes well now.) Keep in mind people are traveling long distances, especially this year.
- Announce the times which the sale will be open during the announcement period of the meetings, and tell how much money has been collected.

### From your society

The Nortonville (Kansas) Ladies Society sent me their program booklet for the coming year, along with a most interesting report. The Key Worker spoke of two exciting meetings during the past year. One had a speaker from Stonecroft Ministries explaining about their Bible Study groups which meet in area towns; the other was a trip to Old Jefferson Town in Oskaloosa,

the county seat, where they viewed the facilities and learned how to make use of the historical records. You'll hear more later.

In recent church bulletins, I have noticed several groups already

it is very difficult for the older members to cut that tie. Some, of course, are tired and can make that break, but there is a heap of memories tied up with those camps.

## The world is so changed from the gentler time when I was young.

busily planning to refurbish their church camps. Seems like those curtains and mattress covers are forever wearing out! Cleaning bees are also in the planning stages. One perpetual problem that seems to crop up with the camps is the fact that people grow older and can no longer take on those arduous tasks; and young families (many of whose children use the facilities) find themselves so "busy" that they have no time for it. I do wish I knew the answer. One thing that is not often dealt with is the fact that

In the interest of keeping your faith and life ever new and exciting, why not add a new dimension to your personal life—seek out a good spiritual book to read and share it with others. We'd like to hear about them so we can share the joy of your find.

Agape,

*Marilyn*



In the spirit of Christian joy,  
we  
Mary Esther Jones  
and  
Roger Bruce Slaton  
and our parents invite you to share in  
celebrating our wedding on  
Friday, the sixteenth of June  
Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine  
at seven o'clock in the evening

Seventh Day Baptist Church  
Fouke, Arkansas

Reception immediately following ceremony  
in the Fellowship Hall

Seventh Day Baptist

Historical Society  
Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 14,  
1989, 2:00 p.m.

Seventh Day Baptist Center  
Janesville, Wisconsin





## Countdown to Conference

April Newsletter from your '89 Host Committee

### Greetings from Portland, Oregon!

This is the first of monthly newsletters to be published in the *Recorder* to introduce you to our lovely city and keep you informed of Conference '89 developments.

**First of all**, let's answer some of your questions about the **University of Portland**:

### Where is the campus located?

The University of Portland is situated in the northwest region of the city, in a quiet residential neighborhood, at 5000 N. Wilamette Blvd. The campus is situated on a bluff overlooking the Willamette River and offers a magnificent view of the Portland skyline, Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens.

### What is campus housing like?

Four dormitory-style residence facilities offer more than 400 single or double rooms. All residence halls have recreation lounges and kitchen facilities.

### What is provided with the rooms?

Sheets, pillow and case, blanket, towel, and washcloth. Bedding and etc. are exchanged once a week. All beds are twin size.

### Are there RV facilities on campus?

There are 45 spaces available for fully self-contained vehicles (no water or electrical hook-ups). Check the registration form next month for other RV information.

### Now, a little bit about our city:

#### How do we get there?:

*By plane:* Portland International Airport is less than 30 minutes from the University of Portland campus.

*By train:* Union Station (Amtrak) is about 15 minutes away.

*By car:* From the Interstate 5 freeway—take the Portland Blvd. exit, going west.

#### What's the weather like in August?

The average daily maximum temperature in August is 78.1 degrees. The average monthly precipitation is 0.82 inches, and average relative humidity is 47%.

#### What is there to do in Portland?

Future host newsletters will discuss: outdoor activities, sports events, cultural activities, shopping, world-class restaurants, boating, and the Washington Park Zoo—not to mention possible side-trips...

West to the Oregon Coast

East to the scenic Columbia Gorge

North to Seattle

South to Ashland Shakespeare Festival

#### Sharing the Joy in Portland...

Your '89 Host Committee is looking forward to having you as our guests at the University of Portland. Stay tuned for another update next month!

— Susan Garritano  
Publicity coordinator



**FOCUS**  
on Missions

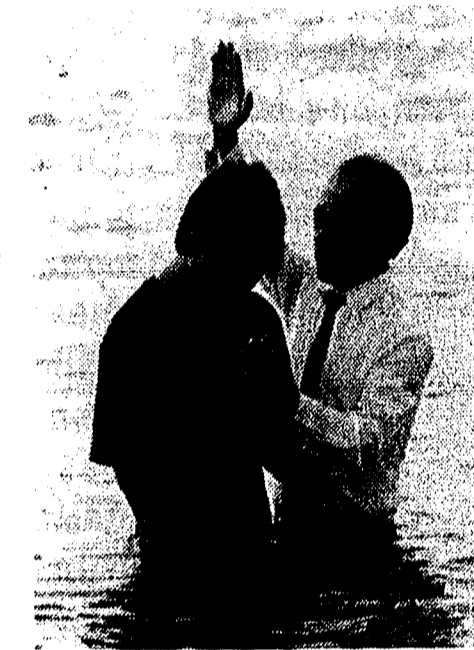
by Leon R. Lawton

### Evangelism bearing fruit in Philippines

*Cebu City, The Philippines, Asia:* Since April 1988, we baptized 15 souls. Eighteen people joined the SDB Philippine Convention churches through confession of their faith. Statistics received show 38 led to the Lord at the Naga church, 24 souls coming to Christ at the Surrallah church, and 26 led to Christ at the T. Padilla Fellowship.

We have a successful Jail Ministry at Bagong Buhay Rehabilitation Center (Cebu City Jail). In our Bible studies, 34 people are in regular attendance. At present, we are working for the regular Sabbath worship at the City Jail. We need your prayers in this matter.

The youth president reported seven souls accepted the Lord in his ministry.



Eleazar Paypa baptizes youth at Argao Beach, Cebu

### Extension groups increasing

*Extension Ministries, USA:* At the January Missionary Board meeting, action supported Extension ministries at Black Hills, South Dakota (Pastor Larry Graffius); Miami, Florida (Pastor Andrew Samuels); New York City—Brooklyn, New York (Pastor Richard Evans); Santa Barbara, California (Pastor Robert Babcock); and Doniphan, Missouri (Pastor Ronald Elston). Pastor Elston will also continue his field ministry across the state of Missouri with new groups and contacts. Pastor Oscar Godoy in Carson, California, is now fully supported by the Los Angeles, California, SDB Church, which is meeting in four locations in that area.

### McElwain interviewed on radio

*Turku, Finland, Europe:* Missionary Thomas McElwain reports continued outreach through a press interview, literature, and most recently a radio interview. "On Sabbath morning, December 10, I was a

guest on a local radio program. I was invited to tell about Indians, but the interviewer was kind enough to ask about Seventh Day Baptists as well. So about half the interview went in those channels. There were a number of calls and contacts resulting. One result was that I was invited to sing psalms and read poems at a Christmas party where about 80 people were present. I sold poem books and gave several pieces of literature to everyone. The radio coverage was especially good considering that national television and radio were on strike, so everyone who wanted to listen to something, had to listen to us.

I have been in touch with people in both Leningrad and Estonia. There is now a group meeting in Tallinn, the capital, under the leadership of (Deacon) Herman Leo. They are doing well."

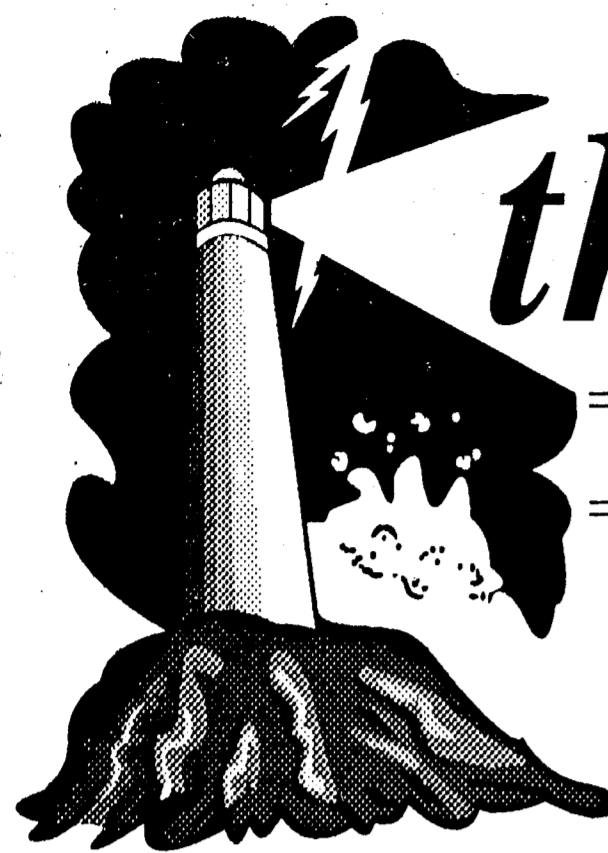
### New church in Connecticut

*Greater Hartford, Connecticut, USA:* Under the New Church Development guidelines, the Waterford, Connecticut, SDB Church is the sponsor of the New Life SDB Branch Church led by Extension Pastor James Galanaugh. A core group of seven members is reaching out in a youth ministry at a Middlefield school. Others are being reached in East Hartford, as well as several Jamaican SDBs in the metro-Hartford area.

### Need for aid continues in Jamaica

*Jamaica, West Indies:* "Since the visitation of Hurricane Gilbert, the Jamaica Conference has received aid from overseas in the form of a limited quantity of food, used clothing and some financial contribution. The Jamaica Conference executive put together a team of leaders who went on a fact-finding mission around the island. The team also compiled a list of our brethren who were hardest hit by the hurricane. They were also charged with the responsibility of disbursing the aid to those seriously affected brethren. The Conference obtained some help also through Project Accord and the Red Cross. Whatever help was obtained was channelled to those in need." (JA) Corresp. Secy. Circular

Some help has also come from German brethren, and there is a continuing need for funds to rebuild damaged churches!



# the BEACON

Produced by the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education  
For and by members of the SDB Youth Fellowship

April 1989

## Director's Ditty

Hello again! It's springtime, *finally*—which means that it won't be long before school is out and summer is upon us. Some of you have taken the challenge and are looking forward to Summer Christian Service Corps this year. If you didn't volunteer for this year, don't despair! There's always next year....

Even though you may not have decided to "step out in faith" and join SCSC for 1989, you can serve God this summer right where you are. Perhaps you can volunteer to serve as an aide for Vacation Bible School, or give a few children's sermons, or maybe offer a little free labor to help get the church or parsonage in shape over the summer months. Whatever you do, don't let the summer pass without getting involved in your church. We should all be ministering to those around us—regardless of our age.

For those of you who *did* sign up for SCSC, see you in June!

## Trusting God

by Mark Morey

It's never been easy for me to express myself on paper. So when I was asked to write this article on faith, I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to do it.

When I took a long look at what it means to have faith, I discovered that faith is belief, trust, or confidence in God. When I read this, it occurred to me that since I did not believe that I could write this article myself, I should let God write it through me.

This isn't the first time I've had to put my trust in God and allow Him to work through me! I've had to do it many times in the past. My faith in God has helped me through the bad times I had when I was a teenager. My trust in God caused

me to step out in faith and join Summer Christian Service Corps after I graduated from high school. Through SCSC, I had to face many challenges that only faith could overcome.

Now I find myself trusting in God as I attend college. Every day this brings a new set of challenges to me. College will help me to apply my faith to every aspect of my life. That is the "key"—to face life's challenges without worrying about them, having faith that God will see you through. This relates to Matthew 6:25-34. The passage tells us to trust in God for all we need, because He loves us and will provide for us. That is faith.

## Milton fast tests faith

by Tanya Henry

One of our youth fellowship's main fund raisers was the Planned Fast. This was when we went without food for 30 hours. It began at 12 noon on Friday (December 2, 1988) and ended at 6 p.m. on Sabbath (December 3).

On Friday evening, the youth fellowship got together and spent the rest of the time at the church. The theme this year was "Bondage." Our sponsors, Rod and Camille Henry, arranged for us to take a tour of the Rock County Jail on Friday night. After our tour, we had a Bible study on political bondage. Rod then told stories about his experiences in a simulated concentration camp when he was in the Air Force.

At about one o'clock Sabbath morning, the sponsors began yelling and screaming for us to get out of bed. They led us rudely into the sanctuary and began asking us questions about why we were worshipping on Saturday when other Christians worship on Sunday. They continued to interrogate us regarding our once-a-week use of the building and how we seem to be secretive about what goes on. We began to see what others might have to endure in order to hold on to their faith in Christ. They told us that they were going to shut down the building and that we would have to worship on Sunday like everyone else.

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## Meet the Daytona Beach Youth Fellowship

The Daytona Beach (Florida) Youth Fellowship has been pretty busy lately. With the arrival of our new pastor, we gained three new members—Andrew, Faith, and Grace Camenga.

Recent activities outside the church have included two movie nights and hearing a presentation by Mike Warnke, Christian evangelist and former satanist.

The youth usually take charge of the church service once a year, in addition to helping in other capacities within the church. Rick Crouch is responsible for the Sound/Tape Ministry of the Sabbath morning



Seated (left to right): Ryan Grasso, Rick Crouch, Pastor John Camenga. Standing (left to right): Laura Price, Rachel Grasso, Amy Hambleton, Faith Camenga, Grace Camenga. Others not pictured: Nat Crouch, Andrew Camenga, Sidney Hill, Aaron Sudbury, and Sergio Camacho

services. Faith and Grace Camenga lead Kids' Time for the younger children while the adults attend Sabbath eve vespers. Plans for the future include fund raisers and a

retreat in the spring.

YF officers are Amy Hambleton, president; Nat Crouch, secretary; and Rick Crouch, treasurer.

## Milton

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Needless to say, this caused us to think about what we have. However, since it was 1 a.m., none of us were quite conscious, so the questions were not answered very clearly.

The next day, we went to church, and during Sabbath School, talked about the experience of bondage and our reactions to what had taken place during the night.

In the afternoon, we discussed how we can be prisoners in our own bodies, and we visited a local convalescent hospital where there were people who were mentally retarded and unable to live in society on their own. They were in bondage in their own bodies. We were able to sing for them and visit with them for a short while. Later, we discussed economical bondage and watched two movies on Ethiopian people and their struggle to survive.

The purpose of the fast was to raise money for the SDB United Relief Fund. Church members sponsored each YFer, and we raised \$1,200.

It also tested our faith and gave us the opportunity to learn more about how most of the world lives.



## Ideas for Christian social action

by Anthony Campolo

Is your group looking for a challenge?

Anthony Campolo has done a great job in collecting some of the best ideas around for getting young people involved in service.



Read: Matthew 9:18-29

Memorize: Mark 11:23

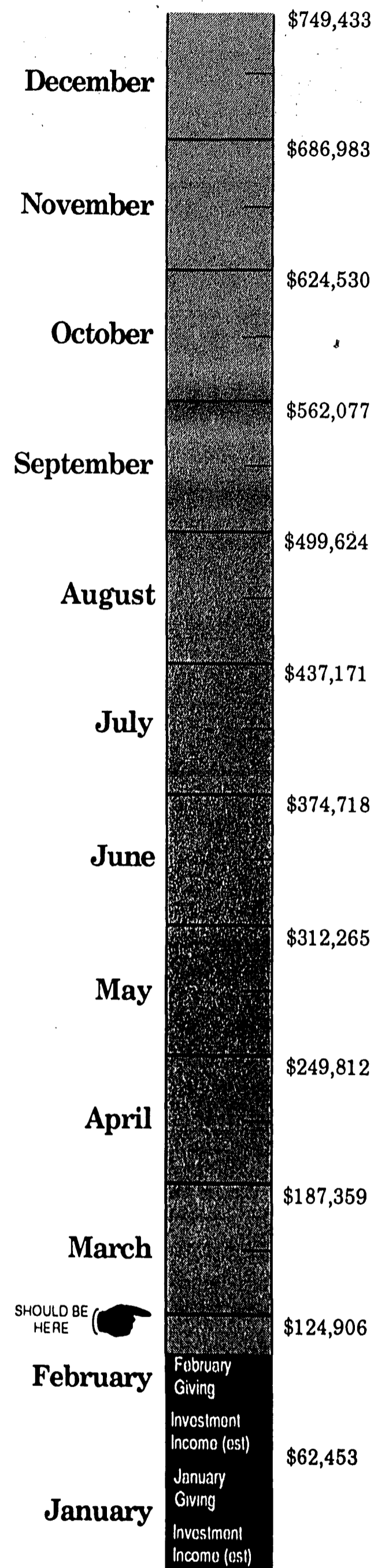
This passage relates three instances of Jesus healing those around him. In every case, the healing was the result of the faith of the people who sought Jesus. If they didn't believe Christ could

The book doesn't just have neat ideas, though. There are also sections dedicated to exploring the *why* behind social action, and some practical ideas for preparing your group for service. There's even a list of agencies and suggestions for further reading in the back of the book.

If your group wants to "reach out and touch someone," here's some help to do it right! You may borrow the book from the Board of Christian Education Youth Library for up to one month. For more information on this—or any other book—contact the Director of Youth Ministry.

help them, they would never have asked for His help.

The lesson in this is about as direct as it gets. God wants to supply our needs whether they are as simple as our daily bread or as "difficult" as healing our bodies. In order for this to happen, we must have faith. Are you trusting in God? Do you believe that God can do what He promises? Take joy in the knowledge that God is willing and able to give us what we need. All we need to do is have faith and ask Him for it.



1989 income needed—\$749,433.  
Per month gift income needed—\$33,300.  
Total needed each month—\$62,453.

## The Denominational Budget... Our partnership in ministry

*How is the money being used?*

### SDBs reach 1988 budget goal 1989 offers new opportunities

Did you notice in the February *SR* that the SDB Budget thermometer went over the top?

Seventh Day Baptists oversubscribed the Denominational Budget in 1988, raising more than the \$379,240 goal from current giving receipts. It is the first time since 1979 that the budget goal has been reached, and only the third time in the past 15 years. The \$383,043 received (101% of the goal) is the highest number of dollars ever contributed toward the budget.

#### Focus on growth, discipleship

"When the budget was last raised (\$305,762 toward the \$302,915 goal in 1979—101%), we had just combined the agency executives and at-large representatives into a new General Council, and we were embarking on a Decade of Discipleship," Executive Secretary Thorngate observes. "That was a culmination of the earlier Commitment to Growth in 1976 and 1977, the other two years when we oversubscribed the budget: 109% and 103%. It was then that we actually began planting new churches and reaching out in new ways.

"The experience of the 1980s, reflected in several years of budget shortfall, demonstrates that we still had much to learn about how to reach out and grow, how to agree on the priorities, and how to best allocate the resources. I believe we have learned from the experience. We have also accomplished much. (When budget and non-budget giving is combined, 1982-1984 stand as the years of highest giving—the years we moved and paid for our new denominational offices; no small accomplishment in our preparing to reach out.)

"Giving, of course, tells only a portion of the story. Yet I interpret this

giving as evidence of 'a new wind blowing.' I believe it represents a renewed assurance and a revised vision of who we are and where we are committed to go as Seventh Day Baptists."

#### 1989 goal: 5% increase

Last August, General Conference adopted a budget of \$749,433 for 1989. Of that, \$399,601 is to come from current giving (a 5% increase over the 1988 budget, a 4.3% increase over 1988 actual giving). The remainder of the budget income comes from investments, sales, and services.

Dynamic budget increases are in the executive secretary's travel for church contacts, the design and writing of a preschool Nurture Packet to complete the Sabbath Nurture Series, new church development, support of four additional seminary students, and increased cost of the Summer Christian Service Corps program.

*Your dollar given to the SDB Budget supports many kinds of ministry: publications, education, training of pastors, youth programs, The Sabbath Recorder, support of new churches, annual conferences, overseas missions, and more.*

## Busy times in Westerly

The fall and early winter have proven to be a busy and rewarding time for the members and friends of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Sabbath School Promotion Day was held in September. The main feature of promotion day was a presentation by Joy-O-Loons. Children present were given balloons depicting Jonah and the whale. At the end of the program, 60 balloons were released with the address of our church attached.

Our church is now completely accessible to the handicapped. Due to a generous gift to the church, we built an access ramp to the fellowship hall, installed an elevator to the sanctuary, and added a bathroom for the handicapped. Room dividers have been added in the fellowship hall that allow for four additional Sabbath School rooms.

The musical, *Colby IV: God Uses Kids!*, was presented in November by our young people. We were fortunate to have Mary Jane McPherson from the Raritan Valley, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church be our guest director for this performance.

Also in November, our church hosted the Community Thanksgiving Service. This service is sponsored by the Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Clergy Association. The Westerly Community Chorus provided the special music. Barbara Barber delivered the children's message with one of her special chalk talks. The sanctuary was nearly full for this service, and there was a real spirit of fellowship.

As part of our church participation in WARM, Westerly Area Rest and Meals, our church is opened on every Sunday night to the homeless of the area. Six other local churches each take a different night of the

week. A meal is provided in the evening as well as overnight lodging at the church. Breakfast is also provided on Monday morning. Marcia Hays is the captain that supervises our shelter night and is our representative to WARM. There have been 11-20 people for the supper meal and an average of four to ten people overnight each week since the cold weather has started. The church was also open on Christmas Day as part of this ministry.

Elizabeth Crane continues to sign all of our worship services for the hearing impaired.

Christmas was made especially meaningful by advent presentations by Barbara Barber, which included the lighting of the advent candles.

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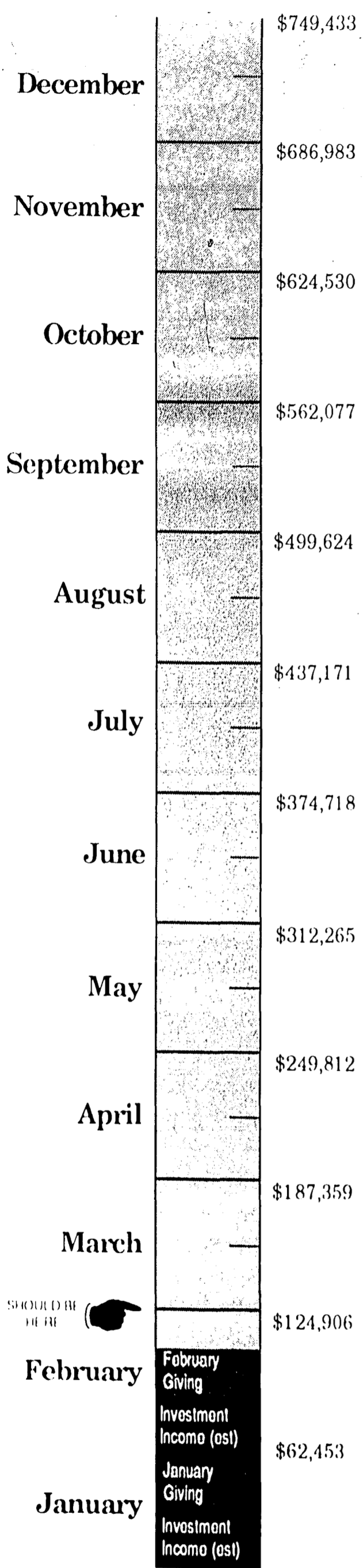
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1989 income needed - \$749,433.  
Per month gift income needed - \$33,300.  
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## The Denominational Budget... Our partnership in ministry

*How is the money being used?*

### SDBs reach 1988 budget goal 1989 offers new opportunities

Did you notice in the February SR that the SDB Budget thermometer went over the top?  
Seventh Day Baptists oversubscribed the Denominational Budget in 1988, raising more than the \$379,240 goal from current giving receipts. It is the first time since 1979 that the budget goal has been reached, and only the third time in the past 15 years. The \$383,043 received (101% of the goal) is the highest number of dollars ever contributed toward the budget.

**Focus on growth, discipleship**  
"When the budget was last raised (\$305,762 toward the \$302,915 goal in 1979—101%), we had just combined the agency executives and at-large representatives into a new General Council, and we were embarking on a Decade of Discipleship," Executive Secretary Thorngate observes. "That was a culmination of the earlier Commitment to Growth in 1976 and 1977, the other two years when we oversubscribed the budget: 109% and 103%. It was then that we actually began planting new churches and reaching out in new ways.

"The experience of the 1980s, reflected in several years of budget shortfall, demonstrates that we still had much to learn about how to reach out and grow, how to agree on the priorities, and how to best allocate the resources. I believe we have learned from the experience. We have also accomplished much. (When budget and non-budget giving is combined, 1982-1984 stand as the years of highest giving—the years we moved and paid for our new denominational offices; no small accomplishment in our preparing to reach out.)

"Giving, of course, tells only a portion of the story. Yet I interpret this

giving as evidence of 'a new wind blowing.' I believe it represents a renewed assurance and a revised vision of who we are and where we are committed to go as Seventh Day Baptists."

**1989 goal: 5% increase**  
Last August, General Conference adopted a budget of \$749,433 for 1989. Of that, \$399,601 is to come from current giving (a 5% increase over the 1988 budget, a 4.3% increase over 1988 actual giving). The remainder of the budget income comes from investments, sales, and services.

Dynamic budget increases are in the executive secretary's travel for church contacts, the design and writing of a preschool Nurture Packet to complete the Sabbath Nurture Series, new church development, support of four additional seminary students, and increased cost of the Summer Christian Service Corps program.

*Your dollar given to the SDB Budget supports many kinds of ministry: publications, education, training of pastors, youth programs, The Sabbath Recorder, support of new churches, annual conferences, overseas missions, and more.*

## Busy times in Westerly

The fall and early winter have proven to be a busy and rewarding time for the members and friends of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Sabbath School Promotion Day was held in September. The main feature of promotion day was a presentation by Joy-O-Loons. Children present were given balloons depicting Jonah and the whale. At the end of the program, 60 balloons were released with the address of our church attached.

Our church is now completely accessible to the handicapped. Due to a generous gift to the church, we built an access ramp to the fellowship hall, installed an elevator to the sanctuary, and added a bathroom for the handicapped. Room dividers have been added in the fellowship hall that allow for four additional Sabbath School rooms.

The musical, *Colby IV: God Uses Kids!*, was presented in November by our young people. We were fortunate to have Mary Jane McPherson from the Raritan Valley, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church be our guest director for this performance.

Also in November, our church hosted the Community Thanksgiving Service. This service is sponsored by the Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Clergy Association. The Westerly Community Chorus provided the special music. Barbara Barber delivered the children's message with one of her special chalk talks. The sanctuary was nearly full for this service, and there was a real spirit of fellowship.

As part of our church participation in WARM, Westerly Area Rest and Meals, our church is opened on every Sunday night to the homeless of the area. Six other local churches each take a different night of the

week. A meal is provided in the evening as well as overnight lodging at the church. Breakfast is also provided on Monday morning. Marcia Hays is the captain that supervises our shelter night and is our representative to WARM.

There have been 11-20 people for the supper meal and an average of four to ten people overnight each week since the cold weather has started. The church was also open on Christmas Day as part of this ministry.

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## Alfred SDB Church reports on changes

The Alfred (New York) Seventh Day Baptist Church has gone on record as strongly opposed to the use of land in Allegany County for a nuclear waste dump. A similar resolution has been adopted by the Union University Church, which shares the use of the church building for its services.

Rev. Leon Wheeler and family are now living at their new home on Hemlock Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14803. Church mail can be directed to P.O. Box 821, Alfred, NY 14802.

The Wheeler home was erected this fall using pre-cut logs by the pastor and his family, with the help

of members of the church and community. The former parsonage, located on a busy street in "downtown" Alfred, has been sold to a

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Douglas Clarke, chairman of the trustees, reported at the quarterly church business meeting that work on the church roof has been com-

pleted. Final work on the new siding for the front of the church has been delayed by cold weather and the illness of the contractor. Sidewalks on the church lot will be repaired when weather permits, he added.

Plans have been made to join with the Alfred Station, New York, church in hosting the denomination's Ministers' Conference in April.

Stanley and Lydia Butts, faithful members of the Alfred church, are doing volunteer service to victims of leprosy on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. *SR*

## Nieuwstraten ordained in Haarlem

Frits A. Nieuwstraten, a member and a delegate of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Haarlem, the Netherlands, was ordained during the morning service on October 8, 1988.

Most of all Seventh Day Baptist members of the church in Haarlem, Amsterdam and the Hague, and all pastors from other neighbor churches in Haarlem, were in attendance. The morning message theme, "The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7-11), and the ordination service, which was entitled, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," were given by Pastor J.A. Nieuwstraten. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all of the congregation and guests in the church.

Pastor F.A. Nieuwstraten is the son of Pastor J.A. Nieuwstraten. He and his wife, Manola, have two children—Natascha and Jaap, ages 11 and five.

We at Haarlem are very thankful to have our two pastors.

*Hans Sizmann  
International secretary  
Conference of SDBs in  
the Netherlands*

## Shiloh church maintains its ministry

The Shiloh (New Jersey) church continues to be without a shepherd for its flock, but each one continues to do their part to keep the regular activities running smoothly.

We have been richly blessed by visiting ministers from our local area. During December, Rev. A.D. McKeinzie supplied the pulpit for us. Each Sabbath he lit an Advent candle and presented a Christmas message. On Christmas eve, the chancel choir presented a cantata, "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" by Joe E. Parks, followed by a candlelight service.

On February 11, the Marlboro and Shiloh young people conducted the morning worship service as the congregations met together. Following Sabbath School, everyone enjoyed a fellowship dinner.

Work-bees are being held at the parsonage on Sundays in preparation for our new minister. *SR*

## Births

**Anderson.**—A daughter, Beth Laurie Anderson, was born to Dean and Laurie Anderson of Denver, CO, on September 18, 1988.

**Malone.**—A son, Joshua William Malone, was born to Tony and Angie Malone of Blountville, TN, on October 2, 1988.

**Cox.**—A daughter, Brittaney Michele Cox, was born to Michael and Teresa Cox of Denver, CO, on October 22, 1988.

**Bejjani.**—A son, Matthew Elie Bejjani, was born to Renod and Denise Bejjani of Riverside, CA, on December 15, 1988.

**Williams.**—A son, Billy Wayne Williams, was born to Edward and Jeanette (Reach) Williams of Magnolia, MS, on January 2, 1989.

**Lee.**—A daughter, Kristen Marie Lee, was born to L.B. and Angie Lee of Mira Loma, CA, on January 11, 1989.

**Shorter.**—A daughter, Sharifa Akayla Shorter was born to Alfred and Carol Shorter on January 12, 1989.

**Bennette.**—A son, Daniel Jay Bennette was born to Bob and Donna (Ferguson) Bennette on January 16, 1989, in Bridgeton, NJ.

**Owen.**—A daughter, Nicole Marie, was born to Paul III and Jan Owen of Tujunga, CA, on January 18, 1989.

**Carpenter.**—A son, Richard O. Carpenter Jr., was born to Rick and Angi (Smith) Carpenter of Philadelphia, NY, on January 27, 1989.

**Dubois.**—A daughter, Ariel Marie Dubois, was born to Ron and Cindy (Probasco) Dubois on January 30, 1989.

**Goodrich.**—A daughter, Katrina Hope Goodrich, was born to James and Helen (Hyde) Goodrich of North Loup, NE, on January 31, 1989, in Grand Island, NE.

## Marriages

**Clarke-McElveen.**—George Douglas Clarke and Jeanette Lee McElveen were married on May 22, 1988, in the yard of her parents' home at Pamplico, South Carolina. His father, Rev. David S. Clarke, performed the ceremony.

**Rasmussen-White.**—John E. Rasmussen and Eleanor A. White were united in marriage on May 28, 1988, at Mesa Memorial Baptist Church (where the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church now meets), Boulder, CO. Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiated.

**Kenyon-Lewis.**—Kent L. Kenyon and Katherine J. Lewis were united in marriage on June 25, 1988, at the Myrtle Gospel

Tabernacle in Shinglehouse, PA. Pastor James Higgins of the Myrtle Gospel Tabernacle and Pastor Charles L. Thomas of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron, PA, officiated.

**Coe-Shore.**—Robert P. Coe and Lillian L. Shore were united in marriage on July 9, 1988, in the outdoor chapel at Camp Paul Hummel, Boulder, CO. Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiated.

**Wells-Pruden.**—Willard E. Wells and Linda T. Pruden were united in marriage on October 1, 1988, at the second meeting house of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, Boulder, CO. Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiated.

**Kidder-Schuh.**—Annemarie Schuh and David Kidder were united in marriage on December 17, 1988, at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek, MI, with Pastor George D. Calhoun officiating.

**Mesaros-Carmichael.**—Larry Mesaros and Suzanne Jones Carmichael were united in marriage on September 22, 1988, in Lexington, KY. Suzanne is a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, MI.

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## Accessions

**Alfred Station, NY**  
Joined by Letter  
Rebecca I. Schweigart

**Battle Creek, MI**  
Joined after Testimony  
Leotis McNutt  
Pearl McNutt  
Patricia Spells

**Bay Area, CA**  
Joined after Testimony  
Michael Peters  
Nicole Peters

**Blountville, TN**  
Joined after Baptism  
Kathy Tyson Dillon

Joined after Testimony  
Cheryl Creasey  
Eddy Creasey  
Joseph Dillon

**Boulder, CO**  
Joined after Testimony  
Bob Coe

Joined by Letter  
Elmer Anderson  
Theona Anderson  
Richard Steele  
Virginia Steele  
Lloyd Coon  
Marguerite Coon  
Terry Fisher

**Chatawa, MS**  
Joined after Testimony  
Russell Austin  
Lori Austin

**Denver, CO**  
Joined after Baptism  
Jan Rossorelli  
Irvin Fischer  
Jill Fischer

Joined after Testimony  
Marge Jolly  
Opal Price  
Larry E. Graffius  
Jan Graffius

**Doniphan, MO**  
Joined after Testimony  
Aaron Case  
Alma Case

**Hebron, PA**  
Joined after Testimony  
Edna Gaines

**Lakeside City, TX  
(Dallas/Fort Worth  
Branch Church)**  
Joined after Testimony  
W. L. "Lou" Acker  
Robert Zeigler  
Deborah (Dee) Zeigler

**Little Genesee, NY**  
Joined after Baptism  
Tiffany Heymack  
Barbara McDonald  
JoEllen McDonald  
Darlene Pierce

**Los Angeles, CA  
Southwest Los Angeles  
branch church**  
Joined after Testimony  
Clara Salyers  
Mareta Clarke  
Rose Grandison

**Los Angeles, CA  
(Primera Iglesia  
Hispana Del Septimo  
Dia)**  
Joined after Baptism  
Carmen Martinez  
Miguel A. Martinez

Joined after Testimony  
Marily Lemus

**New Auburn, WI**  
Joined after Testimony  
Inez Boggess

**North Loup, NE**  
Joined after Testimony  
Kyle Dutcher  
Audra Williams  
Heather Van Horn  
Timithea Williams

Jennifer Ryschon  
Rebecca Davis  
Jennifer Davis

**Richburg, NY**  
Joined by Letter  
Andrew J. Camenga

**San Gabriel, CA**  
Joined after Baptism  
Ben Yelin  
Kennie Jean Yelin

Joined after Testimony  
Merle Ashcraft  
Blanche Ashcraft  
Dennis Gordon  
Diane Gordon  
Dennis Gordon (son)  
Dolly Gordon  
Darla Gordon

Joined by Letter  
Steven Welch

**Texarkana, AR**  
Joined after Testimony  
Sharon Hammond

Joined by Letter  
Merline Murray

**Wichita Falls, TX**  
Joined after Testimony  
Ronald Rex Searcy  
Malinda Ralls

### Notice of Eastern Association meeting

The Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will meet May 19-21, 1989, in Shiloh, New Jersey, with Jeffrey Sheppard presiding. The theme will be "The Vision of Prayer," with worship services on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, Sabbath afternoon, and Sabbath evening emphasizing prayer for the church, the family, missions, and the nation.

If you would like to attend, please notify Shiloh Church Clerk, Arah Mae Sheppard, Route 3, Box 311, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 so that arrangements can be made for housing and meals.

## Obituaries

**North.**—Anna Crofoot North died on June 4, 1988, at the Robert Wood Johnson Nursing Home, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Anna was born in Shanghai, China, on July 5, 1901, where she lived with her parents until they returned to the United States. She graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, New York, and returned to Shanghai where she taught at the Seventh Day Baptist Mission High School. She was forced to leave the country and return to the United States when the Communists took over China.

Anna was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Plainfield for many years, and served in many offices of the church and its auxiliaries. She was also very active in Church Women United, an interdenominational organization in Plainfield. She married Harrison North, who preceded her in death. Anna is survived by one son, Charles H.; one daughter, Mrs. John V.

O'Connor; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, Plainfield, with Rev. Joe A. Samuels officiating. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield. JS

**Simons.**—Rev. Reuben E. Simons, 84, died on June 8, 1988, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Simons was born in Bermuda and lived in Huntsville, Alabama, before moving to New Jersey 40 years ago. He graduated from Oakwood Junior College in Huntsville, and was ordained as a minister in 1935. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Plainfield and worked at John Franks, a men's store in Westfield, New Jersey, for more than 40 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Sarah Ruth Casey of Plainfield; a brother, Percy, of Bermuda; two sisters, Elaine Means of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Maude Bascomb of New York City; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Arrangements were by Plinton Funeral Home in Westfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in Plainfield, and the committal was conducted by Rev. Joe A. Samuels. JS

**Clare.**—Don Waldo Clare died on October 17, 1988, at the Veterans Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, where he had been a patient for about two weeks.

A memorial service was held at the Alfred, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church on October 29, 1988. Mary Clare, his widow, lives in Merrillville, Indiana.

Don was employed for many years by the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association, and was a veteran of the Second World War, European Theatre.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by two daughters, Beth Casteldi of Merrillville, and Louise of Rochester, New York; two sons, George of Chicago, and Leon of Bridgewater, New Jersey; and seven grandchildren.

**Hummel.**—Terry D. Hummel, the husband of Wanda (Lederer) Hummel, died on September 6, 1988, at their home in Longmont, Colorado, at the age of 43.

Terry was born on August 2, 1945, to Merdith Huntizenger and Evlen (Westgate) Huntizenger in Marion, Indiana. He moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1961, where he and Wanda were married in 1970.

Terry is survived by his wife, Wanda; a son, Larry; and a stepdaughter, Leanne. He is also survived by his mother, three

brothers, two sisters, and three grandchildren, all of Longmont. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held on September 9, 1988, at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, with Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiating. Interment was at the Foothills Gardens of Memory.

**Drake.**—Leon F. Drake, 75, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, died on November 16, 1988, in Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, after a short illness.

Born on April 23, 1913, in the town of Bolivar, New York, he was a son of Hal L. and Nettie L. (Cowles) Drake. On April 21, 1935, in Friendship, New York, he married the former Elizabeth Burrows, who survives.

Drake was a 1930 graduate of Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania, High School and attended Salem College, Salem, West Virginia. He was a self-employed dairy farmer and was employed by Portville Agway.

Drake was a member and trustee of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Richburg, New York, had been a committeeman for the former GLF and Agway, and was a school board director for the former Sharon Township School District.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Denver D. of Shinglehouse; four daughters, Nettie Sue Nichols and Carman J. Drake of Shinglehouse, Fawzia D. DeLong of Bristol, West Virginia, and Rachel E. Bollinger of York, Pennsylvania; three sisters, Lina Burdick of Wellsville, New York, Alice C. Bauman of Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Faith M. Young of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He

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## Pearls...

number of those who know how to excuse his lack is exceedingly small." The second reason was the continued pressure to publish in the urban area of New York City where news was fresher, there was more stimulation from contacts with other religious leaders and men of influence, and they were closer to needed supplies, equipment, and transportation.

### *The Sabbath Recorder*

A change of location to New York City gave rise to the birth of *The Sabbath Recorder*, which for nearly a century and a half has been recognized as the communicative voice of the denomination. With the implementation of a unified budget in the early 20th century, Conference assumed part of the financial responsibility, but for most of its years, ownership and management has rested either with

individuals or with a society.

In 1844, 11 individuals in the metropolitan New York area contributed \$50 apiece to begin a new publication. The first issue of *The Sabbath Recorder* was dated June 14, 1844, with George B. Utter as the editor and financial agent. In 1848, some felt that the publication needed broader representation, and so the following year the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing Society was organized with the responsibility for the publication transferred to this body. Major responsibility, however, continued to rest with Utter until he retired in 1857. A committee appointed by the society published the paper until financial difficulties brought on by delinquency of subscribers and Civil War economic problems led to the decision in 1862 to ask the former editor, George B. Utter, to again assume the editing. From

his publishing house in Westerly, Rhode Island, he continued as editor, publisher and proprietor until June of 1872, making 25 years of service as editor. When a new publishing house was established in 1872 at Alfred, New York, by the American Sabbath Tract Society, *The Sabbath Recorder* was published under its auspices. In 1895, the publishing house was moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, in order to place it nearer to the location of the Tract Society offices in New York City. For over 80 years, the *Recorder* was published in Plainfield by the Tract Society. With the moving of the Seventh Day Baptist Center to Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1982, publication was again moved, but the editing and management remained with a relocated Tract Society until that body was merged in 1986 with General Conference. *SR*

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## Obituaries

was predeceased by a sister.

Funeral services were held at East Sharon Cemetery, with Rev. Stephan F. Saunders officiating.

**Bridgens.**—Howard J. Bridgens was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, on August 10, 1902, and died in Orange City, Florida, on January 10, 1989.

He spent most of his working years in the area of Plainfield, New Jersey, where he was employed as a printer in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House. Retiring from that position, he and his wife, Zelpha, moved to the DaLand area of Florida in 1963. On July 31, 1965, he was received into membership by baptism in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Florida, where he remained a faithful member until confined to his home by illness the past two

years.

He is survived by his wife, Zelpha; a sister, Virginia Brown; and five grandchildren. His only son preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at the Chapel of the Lankford Funeral Home in Orange City, with burial in the local Hollywood Cemetery on January 13, 1989. Rev. Leon M. Maltby, a good friend since 1953, was in charge of the service. Zelpha continues to live at their home in Orange City. LM

**Swinney.**—Selena (Beckwith) Swinney, 83, of Niantic, Connecticut, died on January 19, 1989, at Greentree Manor Convalescent Home in Waterford, Connecticut.

A native of Niantic, she was born on June 25, 1905, the daughter of Herman B. and Josephine

(Congdon) Beckwith. A resident most of her life, she was a member of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. She joined the church on January 9, 1926, after her marriage to Morton R. Swinney on October 8, 1925. She served as Deaconess and member of the Women's Society for many years. Her gentle and loving spirit made her an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. We are sure her soft voice will be heard among the angels.

Besides her husband, survivors include a daughter, Ellen Burnett of Niantic; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the East Lyme Funeral Home of Alderson-Prentis. Private burial services were conducted in the First Hopkinton (Rhode Island) Cemetery. PAJ

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# KEVIN'S CORNER

My life has seen more changes in the last few months than you've just seen in *The Sabbath Recorder*.

A new baby just before the new year, a new ministry, new home, and many, many new challenges and decisions have pushed my stress chart to the limit. I thank the Lord that His mercies are new every morning!

Notice I didn't say, "new job."

Before I even set foot in my new office, I had heard the moans: "There goes another pastor!" I realize the shortage of "a few, good men"; and if your church has no leader, I can easily call it a crisis situation.

But allow me to set the record straight.

I left one church, but am now able to be in them all. I am now on call to help each of you with your communication needs. Our staff prays constantly to be used to His glory, to serve His people with openness and excellence.

This is a ministry. I am a minister. Let's work together to advance His Kingdom.

### Recent reflections

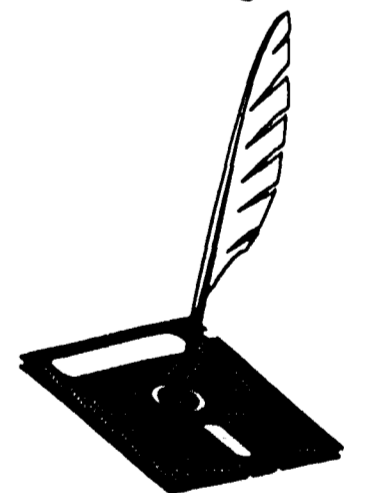
As an upstart college student, I remember picking up *The Sabbath Recorder* from the

Davis' coffee table, looking at John Bevis' editorials, and stating boldly, "I could do that!" Well, here's my chance to find out.

I am so grateful to my predecessors—all 14 of them—but especially Scott Smith. His modernizing the publishing efforts at the Center has made my work much smoother. I'm also thankful for his foresight in training an excellent pair of workers. These two ladies have been so pliable and harmonious amidst all this change, that you could call the staff a regular "camilleanne."

Scott was there to help as we unloaded our truck in Madison. He helped produce our church's outreach tract. He could envision a printed piece before others even gave it a second thought. I pray that some of his creativity and skill will transmit from this keyboard to me. And do you believe that God has a good sense of irony? At Conference last year, a month after his resignation and no replacement in sight, Scott announced his keen anticipation to see what the new editor might do with the *Recorder*—right after I handed him the award plaque.

So, Scott, here's *SR* whole number 6,729 and my number one. My thanks to you and all those who helped lay a firm foundation.



*The Sabbath Recorder, April, 1989*

Dedicated to

*Dr. Howard E. Butler*

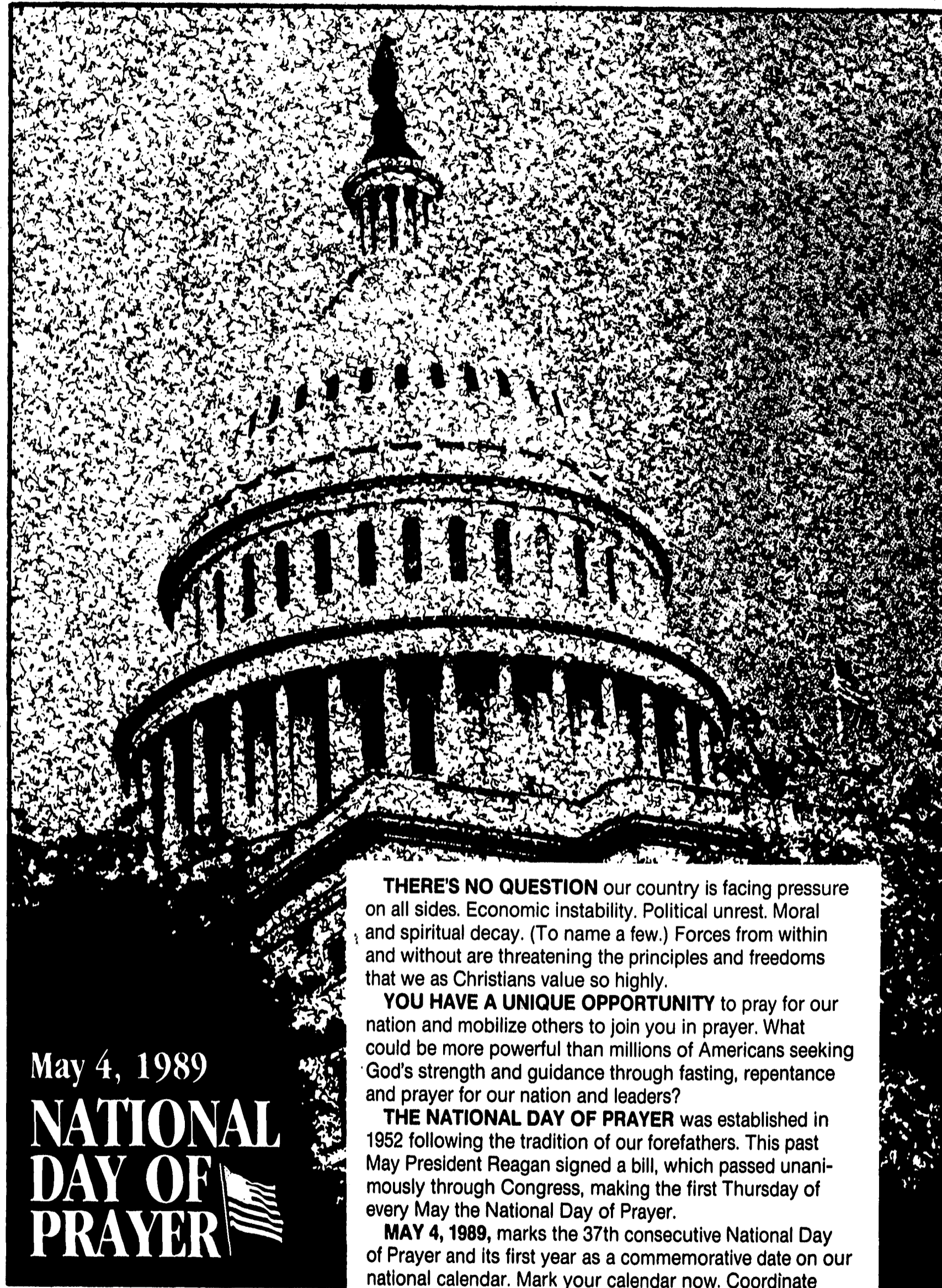
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**THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER** was established in 1952 following the tradition of our forefathers. This past May President Reagan signed a bill, which passed unanimously through Congress, making the first Thursday of every May the National Day of Prayer.

**MAY 4, 1989**, marks the 37th consecutive National Day of Prayer and its first year as a commemorative date on our national calendar. Mark your calendar now. Coordinate with others to plan the opening of church doors for prayer, a prayer breakfast with government officials or a rally on your state capitol's steps.

Use your influence to help call all Americans to embrace one of our greatest freedoms—**TO PRAY.**

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