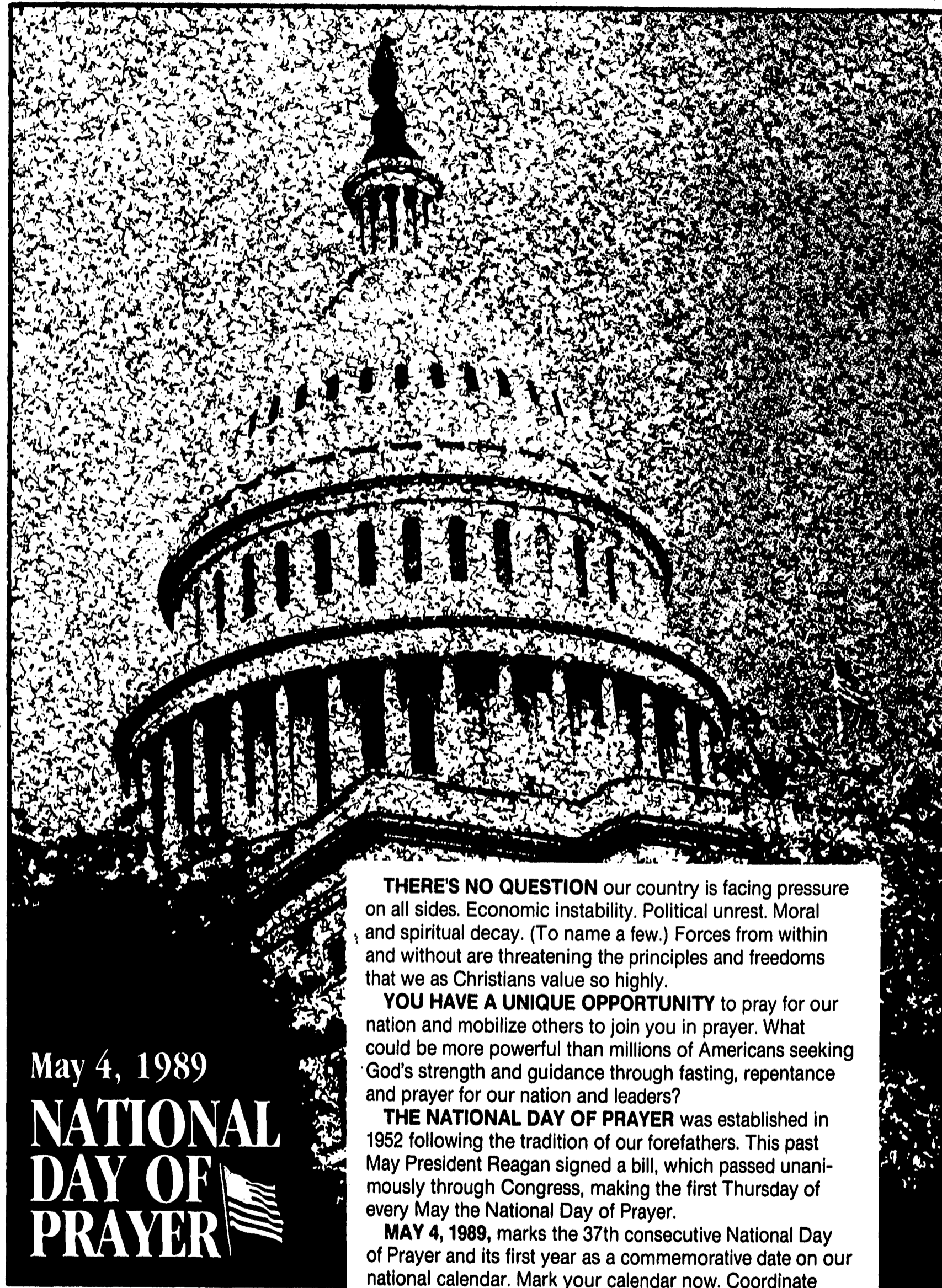


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## Rev. B. John V. Rao

### A memoir

by his son, B. Kishor Kumar

Born in 1932 at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, India, Rev. B. John V. Rao, late executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, had his formal education in the home-town. Hailing from a God-worshipping family, he had, from early in life, shown keen interest in religion and its philosophy, and that interest had led him through the years to probe deep into all the world major religions and their respective philosophies and merits. For years, he studied and absorbed what each religion had to say about God. The more he studied, the more his appetite to know the Truth, grew.

His adolescence and early youth thus passed in spiritual beliefs and also nagging doubts. His "hunger" for the real truth never seemed to be satiated. Those were excruciating times for him. Undaunted and determined, he pursued his goal unrelenting. The search continued until a glimmer of light—at first flickering—gradually flowered itself so enchantingly and adoringly, enveloping him, body and soul. He was transformed and saw the Light in its wholeness and "followed" it. It led him, slowly but steadily, to Christ. Then, only then, he realized His was the only way to reach the Sought-after. He realized he was a Christian. His troubles and travails instantly vanished.

He believed in the Light, in Christ, and was sure the Lord had given him a purpose, a duty; the duty of serving the Redeemer in winning the millions and millions of "abandoned and deserted" souls for Him. This belief, this duty, is so profound and driving, it saw him leave the home and friends, and against many odds go alone unto the world to dedicate himself to the Cause.

By and by, he also realized he had to master the Scriptures and he mastered them. Armed with the Word of God he plunged into the "Movement," preaching, teaching and healing without any care for personal comforts, showing the people the Real Way to the Goal. He never cared the ridicule and he loved his detractors. He never bore any ill will nor malice for anybody as he never believed in personal considerations. Christ was his Father and the world was his brother. He was one of the true Sabbath-keepers.

As the Executive Secretary to the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, he served for almost 30 years the Mission, and with relentless efforts against so many hurdles saw it grow to its present stature. His concern and efforts for the material and spiritual welfare of the brethren are well-known and recognized.

What homage one could pay when one lived the Bible, leaving an undeletable mark as a Christian.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

May his soul rest in Christ.



Rev. B. John V. Rao

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- 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.
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## The Psalms as a model for worship

by Paul Manuel

All worship experiences are not created equal. Could the difference be in the service? It may be lively, well-organized, and easily direct our attention to God; or it may be dull, disjointed, and fail even to hold our attention, much less focus it.

At other times, could the difference be in us, the worshipers? We may be aware of God's involvement in our lives and anxious to express our praise, or we may be so distracted by our activities and responsibilities that we give God little thought. The time we set aside for worship is more mechanical than devotional.

If our worship experience is not what it should be, then we need to ask two basic questions. First, why

psalm types provide some answers to our two questions.

### Hymn psalm

The hymn psalm suggests the first reason we may worship God: **life is good**. Things in general are going well. This type of psalm contains *descriptive praise* for God's general character and works.

Psalm 146 is an example of the hymn type. The writer begins with praise and intends to continue in praise for the rest of his life (vs. 1, 2 NIV).

*Praise the LORD.*

*...I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.*

He describes how God is worthy of such devotion because of the way

worship God: **life is great**. God has done something particularly wonderful. This type of psalm contains *declarative praise* for one of God's specific acts.

Psalm 138 is an example of the thanksgiving type. As in Psalm 146, the writer of this psalm begins by stating his intention to praise (vs. 1, 2).

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart.*

Unlike the writer of Psalm 146, however, this psalmist's praise is for something specific and personal that God has done (v. 3).

*When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stout-hearted.*

The psalmist's life was apparently in some danger from his enemies. But God intervened and saved him, and the poet declares how he received personal, divine favor (v. 7).

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble; you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.*

The writer concludes by expressing the way his experience has strengthened his faith (v. 8).

*The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your love, O LORD, endures forever.*

### Lament psalm

The lament psalm suggests the third reason we may worship God:

He helps His people, no matter what their condition (vs. 7-9). Men, even important men ("princes"), will die and "their plans come to nothing" (vs. 3, 4). But God will never die, and His plans will never fail (vs. 5, 6, 10).

*The LORD...remains faithful forever.*

*...The LORD reigns forever.*

The Psalmist then concludes the way he began (v. 10c): "Praise the Lord."

### Thanksgiving psalm

The thanksgiving psalm suggests the second reason we may

life is tough. We are facing an especially pressing problem. This type of psalm contains *confident praise* for God's certain deliverance.

Psalm 142 is an example of the lament type. Unlike the thanksgiving psalm, which is written after God has acted on behalf of the psalmist, the lament psalm is written in the midst of trouble. The poet has an immediate need, so he gets right to the point (vs. 1, 2).

*I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.*

But the writer does not give in to self-pity. He recognizes that the Lord is aware of his particular situation, that he has nowhere else to turn, and he appeals to God for help (vs. 3-5).

*When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way... I have no refuge;*

*no one cares for my life. I cry to you, O LORD... You are my refuge...*

The writer closes his appeal with the confident assurance that God will hear his plea and will answer (v. 7).

*Set me free... that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.*

The psalms are a model for worship, and these psalm types show that our praise, especially our corporate praise, should have both focus and content. That is, we should have a reason to worship God, and the way we express our devotion should complement that reason. You might not be responsible for planning a group worship service, but you can still direct your own worship by reviewing the week and determining what kind of praise you will offer. Then, choose an appropriate psalm to help focus your devotion:

1. If **life is good** because things in general are going well, then use *descriptive praise* for God's character and works (Psalms 104; 117; 135; 145; 146).
2. If **life is great** because God has done something particularly wonderful, then use *declarative praise* for God's specific act (Psalms 30; 32; 41; 116; 138).
3. If **life is tough** because you are facing an especially pressing problem, then use *confident praise* for God's certain deliverance (Psalms 54; 55; 59; 130; 142). **SR**

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**More than any other biblical book, Psalms offers a model for the devotional life of God's people.**

do we worship? That is, what sets in motion our praise to God? Second, what is worship? More specifically, how does our reason for praising God relate to the way we praise Him? Perhaps the best place to look for answers is in the Book of Psalms.

More than any other biblical book, Psalms offers a model for the devotional life of God's people. It contains specific instructions for worship (private or public), as well as examples of worship. Despite their great diversity, many psalms share certain features that allow us to group them together. Many fall into one of three categories—hymn, thanksgiving, or lament—and these

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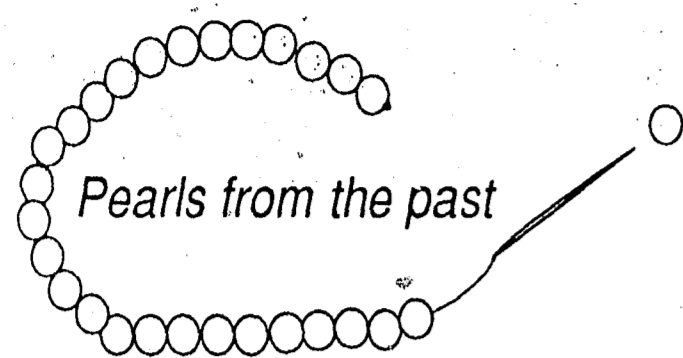


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## Music in worship

by Don Sanford, historian

Seventh Day Baptists have been a singing people. A few months ago, I ran across a doctor whom I had met in doctor-clergy affairs, and he commented, "Oh, you are from the church in Milton which has such good singers." Visitors at various gatherings where the Doxology has been sung as a grace have marvelled at the four-part harmony which seems only natural for us. When Carl George was a denominational consultant on church growth, he commented on music as an asset which we ought to utilize more fully.

One of the first official recognitions of the place of hymns by General Conference was in 1824

standard work which could be "amended and adopted for our needs." More than ten years later, the committee agreed on a hymnal which could be adapted "with few expurgations and additions." This *Praise Book* was republished by George Utter and carried the additional words, "Recommended for use in Seventh Day Baptist Churches by a committee of General Conference."

Although the singing of hymns has been a part of worship for centuries, there was a time when many Baptists rejected the hymn as a part of worship. H. Leon MacBeth, in his book, *The Baptist Heritage*, gives several reasons for

able to early Baptists," writes MacBeth.

There was also a fear of causing undue attention to Baptist meeting places. Separatist worship was illegal, and group singing would alert passersby that an unlawful meeting was in progress. With the coming of the Commonwealth in 1650, such worship was permitted and the hymn became a part of many of the services, particularly important in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Much of the early hymn singing would be foreign to many of our churches today. No musical instruments were allowed, and in some churches any singing had to be done by a man, for women were to remain silent in worship. Singing was often limited to the psalms, for no songs of "human composure" could be allowed.

Benjamin Keach, a close friend of Joseph Stennett, is often credited with bringing congregational singing to Baptist churches. As early as 1640, he had written a children's primer which included songs. By 1696, he had published two hymnals with about four hundred original hymns. Hugh Martin, in the *Baptist Quarterly*, commented that Keach's hymns are best forgotten, "but for his long campaign to establish hymn singing in our churches he deserves our cordial thanks."

So to Keach, and the Stennetts, and a host of others who have given us a heritage of hymns and musical forms of worship, we do give our cordial thanks. We sing our praise to God and make sweet harmony to His glory. *SR*

Footnote: *The Baptist Heritage*, by H. Leon MacBeth, published by Broadman Press, 1987.

### Many Baptists rejected the hymn as a part of worship.

when Conference appointed a committee consisting of William B. Maxson, Eli S. Bailey, and Henry Clarke to make a selection of hymns for church use, and invited each church to suggest choices. This resulted in the publication of the 1826 book, *Psalms and Hymns*. A second, pocket-sized edition with some new selections, was published in 1832.

In 1846, Conference approved work on the compilation of a new selection of hymns. *Christian Psalmody* went through several reprints. These early editions contained only the words with a meter designation. To encourage greater use of singing in the worship services, a committee was appointed in 1867 to see what could be done either in publishing a hymnal with tunes, or find a

the reluctance of early English Baptists to use hymns in their worship.

One was their concept of the complete spontaneity in worship, so that individuals could respond to God as the Spirit might lead. At any moment, a worshiper might be given a doctrine or an inspiration to share. In part, this was a reaction to the liturgical worship of Catholics and the Church of England with their books of prayer. Both Jon Smyth and Thomas Helwys, often considered the founders of the Baptists, insisted that one could not pray out of a book, but that all prayer and praise must come directly from the heart. "Modern worship practices of Baptists, with hymns, printed order of worship, Scripture readings and choral responses all determined in advance, would have been unthink-



# SR Almanac

Where we have been...

### One year ago—May 1988

Missionary Thomas McElwain begins widespread literature distribution in Finland.

Good participation and reports from "Our Near-by Mission" Area Spiritual Workshops.

Tribute paid to Gerhard Claas, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, killed in car accident.

### Five years ago—May 1984

Daytona Beach, Florida, church celebrates 100 years of service to the community.

William Shobe ordination reported.

Anna North presented with the Valiant Woman Award by the Plainfield, New Jersey unit of Church Women United.

Historical Society updates its constitution.

### Ten years ago—May 1979

Faith and Order committee presents theme section on SDB distinctives (later becomes a booklet).

Ronald H.F. Barrar begins full-time ministry in Auckland, New Zealand.

General Council plans Decade of Discipleship.

Ken Burdick called to ordination by North Jersey SDB Church.

Steve Crouch accepts call to Hebron, Pennsylvania/Little Genesee, New York churches.

...where are we headed?

### Pray...

- for your neighborhood mission work
- that your church may truly serve your community
- for a new decade of real discipleship
- for a fruitful Sabbath Emphasis Day
- for your denominational leaders
- that your church facility be used wisely
- for spiritual revival

### 25 years ago—May 1964

Little Genesee, New York, church announces Evangelistic Preaching Mission with speaker Rev. Charles Bond.

Special outreach issue published May 11, edited by Rev. Donald Richards.

Battle Creek, Michigan, church purchases next-door property.

### 50 years ago—May 1939

Loyal Hurley reports blessings from Pacific Coast Association annual meeting.

May 15 issue focuses on Sabbath Rally Day.

Nine missionary pastors report on past quarter's activities.

Special SR, May 29, visualizes work of SDBs "as represented by our United Budget."

### 75 years ago—May 1914

Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch guest lectures at Alfred School of Theology.

Rev. E.A. Witter installed as pastor in Hopkinton, Rhode Island.

Tract Society votes to increase SR editor's salary by \$100 per year.

Nine pages commemorate life of denominational leader David E. Titsworth.

New basement rooms dedicated to Lord's service at Milton, Wisconsin, church.

Revivals held in Alfred, New York and Ashaway, Rhode Island.

### Sharing the Joy of the Sabbath



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## Responding to God in worship

by Russell Johnson

**L**ike learning to express love to a spouse, worship takes meditation, study, and even woefully failed attempts before adequate expression can be found.

The objective of worship is to go beyond making an impression on our mind. Worship should impress the presence of Christ on our soul, and lead to the joyous confession that Jesus is Lord. The result is a loving response which brims with gratitude, a greater desire to be with God, a hungering and thirsting for Christ's righteousness, and a fellowshiping of like hearts. We discover the compelling drive to be better servants, and to be in greater obedience and submission to Christ.

In addition to these inward events, there is also the importance of what happens before the hosts of heaven and earth. When the people of God gather to freely express His praise, a living testimony of His excellence and our commitment to Him is presented openly before earth and heaven. His glory does not rest in an order of worship, but in people accurately bearing witness to the Lordship of Christ. Jesus, ministering to the Sa-

maritan woman, stated that worship would not be a matter of Jerusalem or a mountain (John 4:21-24). He seems to take the emphasis off *external* factors of worship and stresses that the true worshiper's expression will be what arises truthfully from one's spirit. We can see this today when some

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seem unaware or untouched, while others are experiencing genuine worship.

When we focus on the worthiness of God, there should be no lack of willingness to express His praises. It seems easier to voice prayer requests, or to read scripture testifying to *other people's* praise of God, than to come before the Lord and express genuine love. The natural man is not accustomed to offering sincere praise to others. Flattery and self-appreciation are

more familiar tools, but are not satisfying in true worship.

In one sense, the worship leader is but the moderator of an experience that the people offer up before God. The leader sees that those seeking to express adoration to God have the freedom to do so "decently and in order." Such an experience is not a show or performance for believers with God watching, but is an honest expression of our commitment and love presented to Him.

Early in worship, we need to put our current feelings in perspective. In the Psalms, King David often began declaring a complaint or a concern, then he adjusted his attitude by expressing the facts of praise, then the earnestness of praise. Even the wicked can throw complaints to God, but only a believer can express praise. Anyone can feel bad, but only a believer can exult while in the midst of overwhelming odds, knowing that God reigns and there is a victorious end to all this current tragedy.

Although scripture which relates the concept, "be still and know that I am God," is used to open worship, scriptural study indicates little evidence that God used these words to describe worship. The command to stillness is when God pointed to the sin and rebelliousness of His people or the nations, and times when people were not giving heed to His voice. It was a call for repentance, restored faith, and reliance on Him. This may occur in worship, but does not seem to be the main emphasis of expressing God's worthiness for a faithful people under the joy of grace.

The Bible seems to picture worship as an orderly, yet participatory, time. It speaks of God "having a people who will praise

Him." Passages abound with active phrases that picture clapping hands, shouting unto God, bowing, kneeling, singing, lifting holy hands, music with stringed instruments, trumpets, cymbals, and crying aloud to the Lord with a

(1 Cor.14:26), a psalm, spiritual songs, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything (Eph.5:19). Only a people of devo-

other day in grieving God. He readily confesses, and does not hide the failure and sin that God knows is hidden even in thoughts.

**The worshiper is convinced of God's exaltation above everything.**



mixture of joyous delight and reverent awe. Paul speaks of his understanding that each person of the church come prepared to contribute a hymn, a word of instruction, a tongue or an interpretation

tion and faith can give such a "sacrifice of praise" or offer such "fruit of the lips" to God.

The role of the sermon is to encourage, exhort, admonish, strengthen, or broaden what we are to express through our lives. It challenges every believer to open new areas of obedience and service for Christ. But the sermon is not the automatic pinnacle of praise in worship.

The worshiper is one who is attentive to hear God's voice, is eager to respond to the Word of God at worship time, and continues on into daily application of what has been understood. The worshiper is one who cares more about loving obedience than living an-

The worshiper is one who is convinced of God's exaltation above everything in heaven and on earth, and who freely expresses love's virtues and qualities. The worshiper is one who confesses how awesome and overwhelming it is to come before the Father's presence, and lifts up what no one else on earth can nor will: Glory to God.

May we prayerfully consider our response to His love. If the people of God will not praise Him, who will? **SR**

*Russell Johnson pastors the Verona, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church.*



### Church development field worker

The Missionary Society plans to extend its field ministries under the NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT guidelines in 1990. This will replace the Director of Extension ministry but carry over some of this responsibility.

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# Share the joy of Christian fellowship

by Luan Ellis

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*"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13*

The Joy of Christian Fellowship! Do Seventh Day Baptists really need to talk about the joy of Christian fellowship? After having made several trips around the United States and Canada this year, I know that Seventh Day Baptists do share this special joy. For many of us, all of Sabbath day is spent at church in fellowship. It may be the only time some people can get together. What a great way to spend God's day.

I feel the ultimate way for Seventh Day Baptists to experience and share the joy of Christian fellowship is to attend the General Conference meetings. Why do many SDBs give up their vacation time to spend a week at Conference? Why do people keep coming back, year after year?

Conference is the time to renew the feeling of being a part of the family of God, to make new acquaintances, to learn what is happening in other churches around the denomination, to get new ideas for your church. I could go on for a long time, but let's look at the purpose and reasons for Conference.

I suppose the most important part of Conference, or the need to gather at all, is to conduct the business of the denomination. At last year's Conference in Salem,

there were 360 registered delegates. Did you see 360 people at each business meeting? Of course not. Not everyone is interested in the mechanics of the denomination. Those who attend the business meetings are the ones who are truly concerned and are willing to do the work. Thank God for these people.

But, if business is not your cup of tea, there are many other interesting programs. And we thank God for these people who attend and participate. Each of the Boards and Agencies have time to present their programs so you can learn about the work of the denomination. There are workshops to attend: Associational Re-alignment, Women's Work, Recognizing Your

## Why do many SDBs give up their vacation time to spend a week at Conference?

Talents and Sharing Them, Youth, Young Adults, Financial Planning for Christians, and maybe more! Bible study, morning and evening worship, special music selections, the Conference choirs, and this year, the band—so much is offered. You will receive as much from attending Conference as you are willing to give of yourself.

What about the place of our youth at Conference? Can you remember what you did at Conference when you were a teenager? What wonderful memories I have. Those memories are not of business meetings I attended! (I do remember the evening worship services had a special meaning for me.) But what I remember most is the fellowship I had with the other

young people. You can't spend several Pre-Cons and Conferences with people like Barbara Cruzan, Barbara Crandall, and Janet VanHorn without making wonderful lasting friendships. I am reminded—whenever we get a phone bill—of the friendships our children have made all across the United States. We're willing to pay the price to help keep those friendships from waning.

Sometimes we get discouraged because we feel the young people at Conference are not participating enough in the program. I strongly agree that we need to encourage them to participate as much as possible, but we need to remember that if we can keep their interest, they'll come back another year, and the more they keep coming, the more they'll participate. If they don't come at all we won't be able to get them interested in the workings of the denomination. The Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education and the General Council have been discussing ways to involve the youth in the Conference Program. We're going to try something new this year. Hope it will help.

I hope you can all come to Portland this August. I am looking forward to seeing many of my old friends and meeting many new ones. I would like to suggest that you spend meal time with someone you would like to get to know better. That doesn't mean we can't eat an occasional meal with Barb and Dale. We need to spend time with our old friends, too. See if you can get at least one person who has never been to Conference to attend this year. It is such a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual renewal I hate to see anyone miss it. See you there to Share the Joy of Christian Fellowship. *SR*

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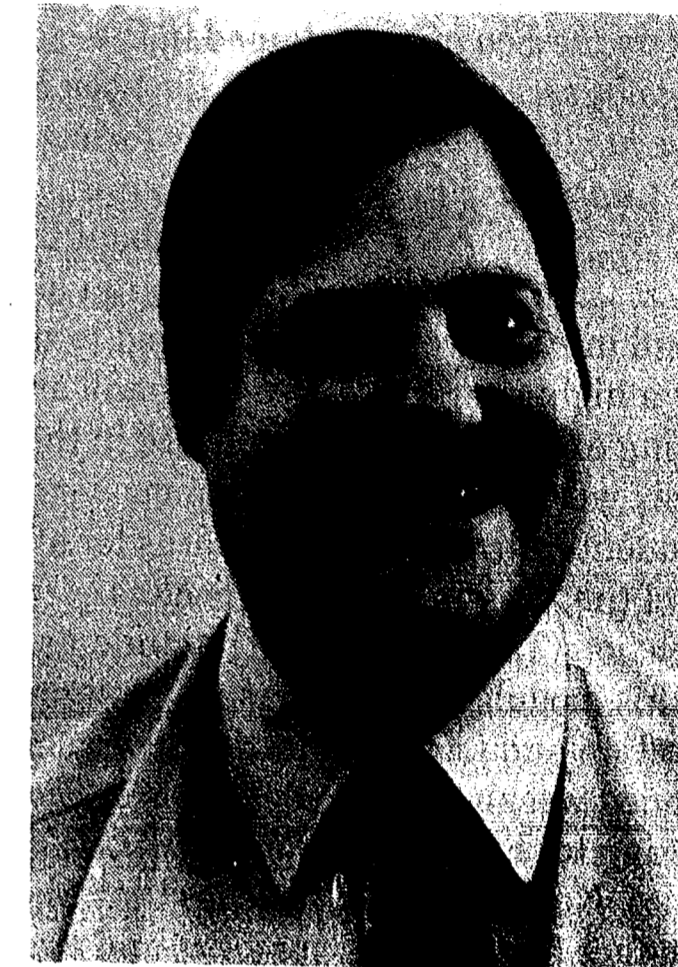
**My first job was:**  
Mowing lawns and running projectors at a drive-in theatre.

**Personal heroes:**  
Fran Saunders, Duane Davis, Alton Wheeler

**Favorite childhood memory:**  
Family get-togethers; growing up in a loving, caring home.

**Favorite Bible passage:**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 16:33; Romans 5:8

**Favorite author:**  
Lloyd Ogilvie



**If given an all-expense paid vacation:**  
I would visit as many Seventh Day Baptist Churches as time would allow.

**A great answer to prayer was:**  
God allowing me to return to the pastoral ministry after having left it for several years, and working it out so I could return to receive some much needed education.

**A church project I'm excited about:**  
Our helping to get a new work started in Junction City, Kansas.

**My vision for SDBs:**  
God has a great work for us in a time when there is so much spiritual need in the world. We need to become a shining light to those seeking the Lord. We have the message and now need to share it with others. There needs to be SDB churches in every state in our nation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could have a growing, active church in every major city in America? With God's leading, it can happen for His glory!!

From the executive secretary's desk

## Energizing servant leaders

*"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20: 26-28)*

The first weekend in April was the culmination of a highly emotional and energizing experience for me. It also ended six weeks of hard work for the 17 students enrolled in the latest module of the Training In Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) program. During this module on Church Administration and Leadership, I corresponded weekly with each of them, reacting to their written assignments. Now we would meet face-to-face for the seminar.

Besides discussing the topics we had been studying together for the past six weeks, this seminar included an extra day. The students became familiar with the services of the General Conference Center offices here in Janesville, met the staff, and gained an overview of our history and polity.

In preparation for the weekend

seminar, the students read five books and provided written responses to daily questions contained in the module workbook. From the book *Pursuit of Excellence*, by former president of World Vision, Ted Engstrom, the students learned about the characteristics of the Christian lifestyle. They were encouraged to stretch themselves, give up small ambitions and pursue excellence in their daily activities. Engstrom suggests these lifestyle standards for all Christians, not just leaders.

The students learned about management principles in the Christian organization from Engstrom's, *The Making of a Christian Leader*. Engstrom teaches that when leaders build on practice and experience, they cultivate qualities and personal traits that make good managers. This book is a good blend of scriptural principles and managerial science.

Robert Dale, in his book *Ministers as Leaders*, teaches leadership styles, follower styles, and different atmospheres within the church that provide for effective organizations. The students were asked to

examine their own leadership style and effectiveness.

One of the textbooks was a how-to guide. Manfred Holck's *Clergy Desk Book* provided practical ideas

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for the day-to-day operation of the church program.

*Getting to Yes*, by Roger Fisher and William Ury, gave some practical guidelines for dealing with conflicts. This study taught that principled negotiation is more effective than attempting to argue from a fixed position.

Role playing, problem solving, and sharing of personal ministry experience made up the weekend seminar. I believe it strengthened us all. The beauty of the educational model used in the T.I.M.E. program is that the teacher doesn't have to do all the teaching. In most cases, the student's hands-on experience is as helpful in the learning process as the principles learned from the reading and my direct teaching. (The Administration and Leadership module is one of 12 in the four-year program for pastors and church planters in a bivocational ministry.)

These church leaders learned some basic principles of servant leadership during the six weeks and will be better leaders and administrators for it. I probably learned more than they did since I received all of their input, plus that from the texts. It was truly an energizing experience. Praise God! SR

by Dale D. Thorngate



**FOCUS**  
on Missions

by Leon R. Lawton

### More worship in China

*Shanghai, China, Asia:* A second regular worship service is now being held in Shanghai each Sabbath morning, reports Bro. James Chang. This is at the old Methodist Church and is nondenominational in character. It was also good to learn that Elizabeth Crandall Riley, a niece of the late Dr. Grace I. Crandall, a China SDB missionary, visited Shanghai in March.

happy to receive boxes of food and clothing from the Canada and Miami (and Plainfield) SDB churches and also from the British Conference. Financial assistance was also received (directly) from the Polish and Australasian Conferences." Other funds were sent by German brethren, as well as from churches and individuals in the USA.

### Crandall cottage may go

*Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica:* It is probable that the old cottage on the front of the property will be demolished as it cannot be repaired and it detracts from the other buildings. The Gleaner Company (which publishes the daily papers) is assisting in refurbishing libraries destroyed or damaged. A \$1,000 voucher for new books from Sangster's Book Store was received by the principal.

### Thanks for help—more needed

*Jamaica, West Indies:* How would you feel arriving at your church building on Sabbath and being able to see



Waterford SDB Church, St. Mary, Jamaica

the sun and sky overhead through broken beams (or no roof beams at all)? Such is the experience of many brethren in our sister churches in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Conference secretary, Prudence Robinson, wrote in February: "Two of the churches which lost their roofs, Font Hill and Wakefield, had them replaced. Luna is still accumulating funds to restore theirs. We understand Bath needs to start building from the foundation. The Conference continues to express profound thanks and sincere gratitude to all for the assistance given after the onslaught of Hurricane Gilbert (in Sept. 1988). I was extremely

### India executive dies

*Nellore, India, Asia:* Rev. B. John V. Rao, founding pastor and the Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, passed away on February 9 while serving on a field journey. Many met him when he was present at the 1986 session of the SDB World Federation and Conference at Worcester, Massachusetts. A memorial service was held in the SDB Chapel in Nellore with representatives from many of the 45 Fields and other Baptist and community leaders. His service extended over 30 years and was characterized by humble witness among the people in the village and forest areas. (see a Memoir inside front cover)

At a special meeting of the SDBCI Executive Committee on February 10, his son, B. Kishor Kumar, who has assisted him for over a year, was appointed as secretary in charge until the next meeting of the General Body.



T.I.M.E. students at the Milton, Wisconsin, SDB Church



Women's Society News & Ideas by Marilyn Merchant

## Worship fills the "potholes"

Dear Ones All,

I recently picked up a magazine from New England and was reminded of "frost bumps" which resulted in big potholes in the road every spring. I thought com-  
placently how that was a thing of the past in my life, only to find a huge one on my next trip to the doctor's office.

As I thought about them, I remembered all the proposed solutions I had seen, such as an "adopt a pothole" program, which

Worship is an essential part of life for a Christian. It is a recon-necting time, a filling time and a renewing time. Since I have been unable to attend services for about six months, the church tape pro-gram that brings me our worship service is a vital link I could not do without. It prevents my potholes from getting any deeper, but there is still left a longing for the essen-tial fellowship of worship. Those who are lone worshipers cannot

clothing bank distributed over 5,600 items to 130 people in a nine town radius last year. So many of their members have become inac-tive for various reasons, but they continue to serve with a BIG presence. Their annual bazaar, plant, and food sale was all sold out by mid-afternoon, with a net total of \$1,654 despite the decrease in size. Five Nortonville churches cooperate in an annual fellowship tea which is growing in attendance and unity. This is an outgrowth of the clothing bank participation.

North Loup, Nebraska—a neat suggestion! Every fall, they have a food booth at the local homecoming celebration, "Pop Corn Days." Their chili, vegetable soup, barbecues, and pies are such a hit that they repeated their successes in March "so folks wouldn't have to wait so long." Nothing like capitalizing on a good thing.

Shiloh, New Jersey—speaking of food, ladies have been busy with their annual cheesecake sale. Each year it sounds more enticing. These are no run-of-the-mill cheesecakes, coming in six exotic flavors. They were rather pricey, but worth every penny and calorie! The women and trustees were hard at work redeco-rating the parsonage while it was empty. Good idea! I urge you to add them to your society's prayer list as they struggle to come up with a nominating list of officers for the new Women's Board when it moves there in 1990.

White Cloud, Michigan—had some interesting ways for each member to raise money for their "God's Little Acre" project; from baking and cooking, to knitting, to serving on the election board. They reported attending an area Passion Play during the Easter season.

avoid this, but as often as possible seek out communion with fellow believers.

### From our society

Perhaps your church is seeking out some new outreach programs. If they do not have a tape ministry, a lay calling ministry, a portable communion service with a pastor or diaconate willing to serve, you might suggest expanding your worship in this way. It will enrich all it touches.

### From your society

We recently received several reports from key workers and are so glad to know what you are working on.

Hebron, Pennsylvania—reported planning for the SCSC craft sale at Conference. (Are you?) At one meeting, Hebron listed ten differ-ent financial and service projects. God surely is using that group.

Nortonville, Kansas—their local

**Worship is a reconnecting time, a filling time and a renewing time.**

resulted in some of the most colorfully filled potholes in front of a local aquarium and garden center. Then my thoughts wan-dered to potholes in our lives. At times, the bottom drops out and leaves a void that has to be filled. With what do we mend these unwanted and unexpected gaps? Do we seek out the center of our universe, God, and look to Him for fulfillment?

When the deepest pothole appeared in my life I once again immersed myself in the work of the church. I doubled my devotional time and accepted every opportu-nity offered me until God so filled my life there was room for little else, let alone a pothole. Unless I could do the task to the glory of God, however, it was of little consequence. I won't pretend there are no days when there is some erosion; but as soon as I feel a bump, I dig in and hunt for another worshipful activity.

Alfred Station, New York—made scrap books for a local hospital and care facility.

Westerly, Rhode Island—re-cently had a breakfast with good attendance.

Daytona Beach, Florida—has sparkling new curtains in the little house on First Avenue thanks to the Church Aid Society. They also served an annual pancake break-fast, renamed the Easter Buffet

Breakfast. A bake sale netted \$135 with a rummage sale "about the same," plus offerings at their monthly meetings running between \$15 and \$20. This is one busy group.

I'm at the end of my space and had several more items to share. I'll tuck in three books I am sure you'll find exciting: *The Bush Is Still Burning*, by L.J. Ogilvie, and *With*

*Open Hands*, by H. Nouwen. This can be used as a study book and was used at a recent retreat. Both men and women may enjoy *God in the White House*, by R.C. Hutche-son Jr.

Agape,

### Attention all SCSC Alumni This announcement concerns you!!!

I am definitely a "scrapbook" type person, and am excited about this opportunity!

I have been given the happy challenge of compiling an organized collection of SCSC memorabilia. I will start with the very first year, the very first team and continue through August of 1989.

Now, here's your part! Gather up any photographs and identify the year, the place, and any names. You may include a short story, an original song—anything that could give us a glimpse into the real life of a dedicated worker.

Other ideas:

- letters that the teams sent to each other while on the field
- sitting down with your tape recorder and relating your favorite (or scariest) experience
- stories about burning cars, burning crosses? Maybe a rap about pigeons?
- How many of you met and married as a result of serving in SCSC?
- Project directors! ..What "tales" do you have to tell??

Please make short stories; something that would fit on one side of a sheet of paper. And, please understand that these items will become a permanent part of the history of SCSC, so get copies of your favorites and hang on to the originals.

By the way! I'm told that there is a scrapbook "out there" somewhere. If anyone knows where it is, and is willing to part with it, I sure would like to include it in this project.

Once you have had your fun, would you pass it on to me? It can be sent to me, or you could take it to Conference in August. Please be sure that your name and address is with the "gathered goodies." I may need to ask you a question about your material.

Happy hunting!! I know that you will come up with good stuff! The project will be on display at Conference each year, so we can watch it develop together.

Hope to hear from each one of you!

In His Name...Who is the reason for it all,

Marietta R. Sutton  
P.O. Box 284, Berlin, NY 12022  
(518) 658-2868





## Countdown to Conference

May Newsletter from your '89 Host Committee

### Greetings from Portland, Oregon!

Let's take a few minutes to discuss some of the opportunities for **recreation** in and around the Portland Metro area.

### Boating—

Portland is divided in two by the Willamette River and is bordered by the Columbia River. Access is easy with marinas and boat ramps located at frequent intervals along the rivers.

### Fishing—

Fishing opportunities are year-round in the Portland area. Salmon, steelhead (large sea-going rainbow trout), sturgeon, trout, shad, crappie, bass, and bluegill frequent the Columbia and Willamette river systems. A free guide, *Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations*, is available at most sporting goods stores and marinas. In Oregon, a fishing license is required for all anglers, age 14 and above.

### Hiking—

This is a popular pastime in the Pacific Northwest. Within an 80-mile radius of the city there are hundreds of miles of trails. Within the city itself, trails wind through the 4,700-acre Forest Park (the largest urban wilderness in the nation) and connect the public parts of Portland in a 40-mile urban loop. Check our local bookstores for excellent hiking guides.

### Sports Events—

For info on August events, call:  
Civic Stadium (503) 248-4345 or  
Memorial Coliseum (503) 239-4422 or  
238-4636

### Washington Park Zoo—

The main gates to the 61-acre zoo open daily at 9:30 a.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for children 3-11. Admission is free for everyone on Tuesdays after 3 p.m. The zoo boasts the largest captive breeding herd of Asian elephants in the world. The zoo's new animal habitats offer a realistic view of each breed's unique environment.

### Visitor's Information

The Portland/Oregon Visitors Association publishes two helpful guides. *The Portland Book* (Spring/Summer edition) contains a wealth of information about things to see and do, as well as a bit about Portland's pioneer past. *The Portland Lodging Guide* includes comprehensive details on member hotels, motels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, and RV parks in Portland and the rest of the state. For your copy, write:

Portland/Oregon Visitors Association  
26 SW Salmon  
Portland, OR 97204-3299  
Phone (503) 222-2223

For more detailed information, including excursions beyond city limits, an excellent resource is *The Portland Guidebook*, a softcover volume by Linda Lampman and Carolyn Wiecks, JASI Publishing, P.O. Box 19786, Seattle, WA 98109, fifth edition, copyright 1989, \$9.95.

### Sharing the Joy in Portland

Your '89 Host Committee is looking forward to having you as our guests at Conference. Watch for another update next month!

—Susan Garrilano  
publicity coordinator

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

# Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

University of Portland  
Portland, Oregon  
August 6-12, 1989

•**Pre-Registration:** Fill out form and mail to—

Keith Mogle  
2500 S. 370th, #154  
Federal Way, WA 98003

•**Deadline for pre-registration: June 30, 1989.**

All those with any special requests (transportation, first-floor rooms, special needs, etc.) must apply by June 30. Pre-registration is recommended for all others in order to provide you with the best possible accommodations, especially if you arrive at an hour when the registration desk is not in operation. Pre-registration lines are much faster because your required name tag and information packet will be awaiting you. Also, there is a \$10 discount for pre-registration.

•**On-campus registration will be in**

**Mehling Hall:** Lines will be marked—"Pre-registered" and "Not pre-registered."

•**Hours:** Sunday, August 6, from noon to late evening—Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and after the evening service. If you are coming just for Sabbath, August 13, please pre-register and pick up your name tag at the registration desk whether anyone is there or not. (See "Line 2" below.)

•**About the registration form:**

Line 1. **Name.** Please list all names as you want them to appear on the official name tags, last name first. Ages must be given for those under 18, as well as last school grade completed as of June, 1989. In order to give special recognition to first-time Conference attendees, please identify yourself. Due to the adopted change regarding credentials, it is especially important to let us know what church you are from, if you are an official delegate, and if you are a pastor.

Line 2. **Registration fee.** Everyone attending General Conference either full or part-time is required to pay the registration fee. It covers the fee for use of the college facilities, for the materials that are produced and circulated, and for insurance on each indi-

vidual at Conference, or at Conference activities. It also gives us an accurate account of the number of people in attendance. Your name tag, obtained at the registration desk, is your admission to all meetings, programs, fellowship times, etc. The fee is \$60.00 per person (age 12 and over) per week. If registered on or before June 30, 1989, the fee is \$50.00 (a \$10.00 discount). Children ages 4-11 are \$10.00 per week, or \$3.00 per day.

Line 3. **Room and board:** Linens (provided in room fee) include sheets, pillow and pillow case, blanket, towel, and washcloth. Every registered attendee staying in dorms will be issued a meal ticket good for: Sunday supper August 6 through Sunday breakfast August 13. Those not staying in the dorm can purchase weekly meal tickets (Adults—\$82.50, children under 12—\$41.70).

Costs per meal without ticket are:

Meal	Adults (12 and older)	Children (under 12)
Breakfast	\$4.00	\$2.00
Lunch	\$5.00	\$2.50
Dinner	\$6.25	\$3.25

Line 4. **Those planning to attend the Sabbath service prior to Conference at the Portland church on August 5, 1989:** Please put the number of attendees in the appropriate box.

Line 5 and 6. **Banquet Tickets.** Please pre-register for the Women's and/or Youth Banquets so we know how many to plan on. (Banquet prices are discounted with weekly meal ticket.)

Line 7. **RV's.** The first 45 to request camper/trailer parking on campus can be accommodated at a charge of \$10.00 per day per unit. Add that figure in space

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provided. (RVs must be fully self-contained units.) There is an RV park about six miles from the University of Portland campus that has 100 sites available with excellent facilities. Call for more information: Jantzen Beach RV Park, (503) 289-7626.

•**Lost Key Charge:** There will be a \$35.00 charge if the dorm room key is lost.

•**Exhibits:** Watch for further information provided in *The Sabbath Recorder*.

•**Nursery Services** will be provided throughout the Conference week. Parents with children in the nursery are requested to help for one-half day at some time during the week.

•**Transportation:** General Conference attendees utilizing the airlines for transportation will be routed to Portland International Airport, about 30 minutes from the University of Portland campus. The transportation committee will be available to pick up and deliver delegates from and to Portland International as requested, on **August 6 and August 13**.

Travelers are asked to notify the committee, in advance, of the arrival and departure times, either by pre-registration (see Line 9) or calling (503) 236-9317 or writing to Rev. Justin Camenga, 4225 S.E. Morrison St., Portland, OR 97215.

Request for transportation must be received on or before **June 30, 1989**.

## Host Committee contact persons

### Host Committee Chairman:

Thomas Mitchell  
511 W. 28th St.  
Vancouver, WA 98660  
(206) 693-4347

### Audio-Visual

Doug Mackintosh  
171 Shelter Cove  
Half Moon Bay, CA 94019  
(415) 728-3873

### Exhibits:

Jerry Vaught  
5121 SE Meldrun Ave.  
Apt. 11  
Milwaukie, OR 97267

### Host Committee Treasurer:

Steve Garritano  
5705 NE 239th St.  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
(206) 687-5941

### Ushers:

Jane Carey  
7769 Dancy Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92126  
(619) 693-0254

### Camping/Hotels:

Steve Garritano  
5705 NE 239th St.  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
(206) 687-5941

### Registration:

Keith Mogle  
2500 S. 370th St., #154  
Federal Way, WA 98003  
(206) 838-4312

### Transportation:

Justin Camenga  
4225 SE Morrison  
Portland, OR 97215  
(503) 236-9317

### Receptions:

Sue Camenga  
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Portland, OR 97215

### Pre-Conference Camps:

Gary Hemminger  
26626 190th Ave. SE  
Kent, WA 98031  
(206) 631-57877

### Publicity:

Susan Garritano  
5705 NE 239th St.  
Battle Ground, WA 98604  
(206) 687-5941

### Nursery:

Jane Carey  
7769 Dancy Rd.  
San Diego, CA 92126  
(619) 693-0254

### To be determined:

Health Services  
Stage Arrangements

If you have questions regarding any of the above areas, contact the person assigned that responsibility. If there is no one assigned, contact the Host Committee Chairman, Tom Mitchell

## Seventh Day Baptist General Conference Registration—1989

1. NAME	LAST	FIRST	INITIAL	Child's School Grade Completed	SEX	AGE	Mark X if 1st Conference	Mark D if Delegate	CHURCH

For additional children, use extra paper.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor (All youth under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Registration Fee:** (No charge for either Sunday)

Adults (age 12 and over) # of people  x # of days  x \$10.00/day (6 days max) (\$60.00/week or \$50.00 if PRE-registered) = \_\_\_\_\_

Children (4-11) # of people  x # of days  x \$3.00/day (6 days max) or \$10.00/week = \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Room and Board** (to be completed by all persons staying in dorm)

a. Single occupancy. # of people 12 and older  x # of days  x \$37.00 (if all week, \$222.00) Linens included = \_\_\_\_\_

b. Double occupancy. # of people 12 and older  x # of days  x \$31.25 (if all week, \$187.50) Linens included = \_\_\_\_\_

c. Triple occupancy. # of people 12 and older  x # of days  x \$27.75 (if all week, \$166.50) Linens included = \_\_\_\_\_

(bring your own cot or sleeping bag)

d. Number of people under 12 years old  x # of days  x \$18.60 (if all week, \$111.60) Linens included = \_\_\_\_\_

4. Number of people planning to attend **Portland Area SDB Church** on Sabbath, August 5, 1989

5. Number of Women's Banquet tickets  x \$8.50 if you are NOT signed up for all week OR \$3.25 if you are

6. Number of Youth Banquet tickets  x \$8.50 if you are NOT signed up for all week OR \$3.25 if you are

7. RV/Trailer/Camper number of days  x \$10.00 (FULLY SELF-CONTAINED ONLY)

8. If you are staying at a residence off-campus, please indicate

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Transportation arrangements:** DATE \_\_\_\_\_ TIME \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival: (when/where, carrier#) \_\_\_\_\_

Departure: (when/where, carrier#) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Registration, Housing, Meals = \_\_\_\_\_

Less amount pre-paid = \_\_\_\_\_

Balance Due = \_\_\_\_\_

BUS

TRAIN

PLANE

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: **SDB General Conference Host Committee**

Send to: **Keith Mogle, 2500 S. 370th, #154, Federal Way, WA 98003**

## YOUTH PRE-CON REGISTRATION

**Who—** Youth, ages 15-18 (or completed grade 9)  
**Where—** Camp McCullough, Kent, Washington  
**When—** August 2-6, 1989  
**Director—** Matthew G. Olson  
**Cost—** \$55.00

Registration Shut-off  
 July 10, 1989  
 Late Registration Fee  
 \$10.00

Make checks payable to SDB PRE-CON (please do not send Pre-Con fee with Conference registration). **Send fee** (or pay on arrival), along with this registration form to:

**Pastor Gary Hemminger, 26626 190th Ave. S.E., Kent, Washington 98042**

Please bring—sleeping bag, personal items, bathing suit, warm jacket, Bible, notebook. *Do not bring*—hair driers or radios.

Name: _____	Address: _____		
Home phone: ( ) _____	Home Church: _____		
Transportation by: <input type="checkbox"/> private car <input type="checkbox"/> bus			time: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 fee enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Will pay at camp			
<input type="checkbox"/> I need transportation: <input type="checkbox"/> to General Conference <input type="checkbox"/> to _____			(not attending Conference)
I will make certain I am in good health before leaving for Pre-Con (and Conference) and will not take unnecessary chances in risking the welfare of others or myself.			
<input type="checkbox"/> I have a medical condition that requires special care. I will bring the appropriate medicines and will inform the staff of possible special needs. Describe if you wish: _____			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	
Parent's Signature: _____		Date: _____	

## YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON REGISTRATION

**Who—** Young Adults, ages 18-35  
**Where—** Double-K Ranch, Snoqualmie, Washington  
**When—** August 2-6, 1989  
**Director—** Pastor Andrew Samuels  
**Cost—** \$55.00

Registration Shut-off  
 July 10, 1989  
 Late Registration Fee  
 \$10.00

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Home phone: ( ) _____	Home Church: _____		
Transportation by: <input type="checkbox"/> private car <input type="checkbox"/> bus			time: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> \$55 fee enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Will pay at camp			
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<input type="checkbox"/> I have a medical condition that requires special care. I will bring the appropriate medicines and will inform the staff of possible special needs. Describe if you wish: _____			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	

### Guidelines for Christian Conduct at General Conference

#### SDB General Conference Regulations and Rules:

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

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

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

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

3. Local rules of the school and facility are binding on all Conference attenders unless changed by the Host Committee or the General Council.
4. Curfew hours will be established for the consideration of others, for health reasons, and will mean that each individual will be in his own assigned room and quiet at that time. Such consideration should be the sign of a maturing Christian.
5. Socializing between boys and girls is to be limited to public areas so that no one may have reason to question even the most innocent of intentions.
6. A Disciplinary Council composed of two National Youth Ministries Committee members, two Host Committee members and a member of the General Council shall be established before Conference convenes. The General Council member shall be chairman.
7. The Disciplinary Council shall meet at the call of the chairman to deal with infractions of the Guidelines for Christian Conduct. Discussion shall be confidential and shall include input from the person(s) involved (and their adult sponsors in the case of youth). Action requiring discipline may result in the person(s) being required to leave the Conference facility (under the supervision of the adult sponsor) at their own expense.

### Attention Youth!

We, the undersigned, have read the General Conference rules and regulations and agree to comply with them during the 1989 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

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

#### Signatures

Parent _____	Date _____
Youth _____	Date _____
Sponsor at Conference _____	Date _____



# the BEACON

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For and by members of the SDB Youth Fellowship

May 1989

## Message To My Friends

by Heather Welch

Why should I take it?  
Why should I try?  
Life isn't worth the trouble,  
And I just want to die.

These are the words  
I heard from a friend.  
I said to her, "don't do it,  
Don't let your life end."

You have much to live for,  
Much more than you know.  
Everyone loves you  
And wants you to grow.

Life is worth living,  
It is wonderfully blessed.  
The years ahead of you  
Will be your very best.

So, if you're down,  
And don't know what to do,  
Talk it over with someone  
Who will listen to you.

Remember, my friend,  
You are special to me....  
I'll always try to help you,  
If your friend you'll let me be.

*Heather Welch is a 7th-grader attending the Brookfield/Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, painting, roller-skating, and making jewelry. This poem was written to a friend contemplating suicide.*

## God Makes a Difference

by Duane Taylor

Why *does* God make a difference? You think, "Well, I know why." Now try putting it on paper. Not easy, is it?

I believe that everyone has some different feelings as to why God makes a difference, just depending on the way He's worked in their lives. For me, He's given me a purpose to life; to strive to be the best Christian I can be. It makes me feel good when I know that I've done something good, and that's the way I feel when I do what I believe is God's will for me.

Now let's take a look at why God should make a difference to *all* of us. John 14:6 says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." If

we long for eternal life in heaven, there is no other way to achieve it except through Jesus. He's the gateway to our salvation. That's why God makes the difference for each one of us; the difference between life and death. And it's never too late to accept Him into your heart, so that He can make that difference in your life. All it takes is for you to pray to God. Ask Him to come into your heart and change your life, to mold you into the person He wants you to be, and for you to truly believe and give Him your life. Once you've done that, and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior, He'll make that difference in your life. He did in mine.

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I'm glad that God makes a difference in my life. When I look back and reflect on all that has happened to me, I can clearly see times when God's presence helped me through a problem or circumstance I couldn't handle on my own. Many times this help was provided by a Christian friend who took the time to reach out, whether they knew they were being guided by God or not.

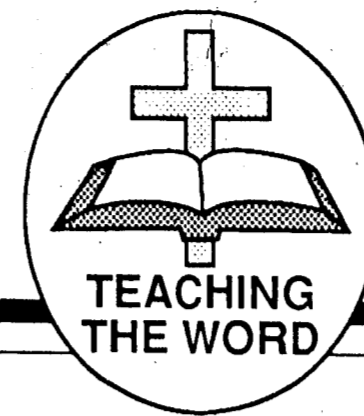
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Welch to a friend who was contemplating suicide. Heather's poem might very well have been one of the ways God reached a young person who had no hope.

Take a minute now and thank God for all of the ways He makes a difference in *your* life. If you can, try to make a difference in somebody else's.

## Coming up!

Look for profiles of next year's National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship officers in the June issue of the *Beacon*.



## Christian Education

## You don't say?!

by David S. Clarke

A dozen seasoned adults at the 1988 Allegheny Association Adult Camp tried their wits and wits reacting to the camp theme, "YOU DON'T SAY?!" The theme was based upon my experience at the Older Adult Ministry Conference at Montreat, North Carolina, in May, 1988. I was sent to North Carolina by the Board of Christian Education as Sabbath School Committee chairperson working with adult ministry. My wife, Fran, travelled with me, courtesy of the Alfred SDB Church.

We thrived on five days relating with leaders in churches, hospitals, and agencies from across the nation. We experienced worship,

vigorous debates, lectures to challenge our programming, and role-playing to enrich our relationships. There were many resources potentially useful to Seventh Day Baptists.

Older adults are frequently in the role of advising the younger generations about how life might be lived *sharing the joy* and success of the life in Christ. Sometimes, we "old fogies" act a bit too proud of our wisdom and achievements. At other times we might come across as downright judgmental and insensitive, blind and narrow. So we may hear a "YOU DON'T SAY?!" reaction to such conversations. But there may be times when

we reach out to younger persons with insight, broad perception, and shared experiences that evoke a "You don't say? Why didn't I think of that?" response.

Many resources for the local church's ministry with older adults surfaced at the Older Adult Ministry Conference. We used the "Whopper" game at our Allegheny Adult Camp. Groups of five to seven persons each took a few minutes to write one-sentence descriptions of experiences they had had at different points in their lives; at ages 1-5, 6-15, 16-35, within the last five years, and within the last five months. Only one of these events was to be a "whopper"—a falsehood. These descriptions were written in large letters on big sheets so they could be put on the floor in the center of the group, one at a time. All other members would then try to guess which event had not happened. You might enjoy such a game in your church group. At our camp we called it, "YOU DON'T SAY?!"

You may write the Board of Christian Education, letting us know your particular needs and perhaps we can link you with help. For instance, nursing home services could benefit from "Bless Bible Studies" from Augsburg Press; needs for at-home-care might send for the highly recommended "How to Hire Helpers: A Guide for Elders and their Families," published by the Church Council of Greater Seattle; and efforts at spiritual wellness could be enriched by "Telling Your Story, Exploring Your Faith," by B.J. Hateley. Let us know your needs. ✠

## Candle in the Dark

I see the light ahead;  
You are that light  
Burning bright  
At all times.  
I walk right  
Toward you.  
You've guided me  
In the right.  
If you were to  
Ever die out,  
How would I  
Ever survive?  
I fear that I'd fall and stumble  
Without you.

—Kelly E. Jones

*Kelly Jones, a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, wrote this poem about God's guidance in her life.*



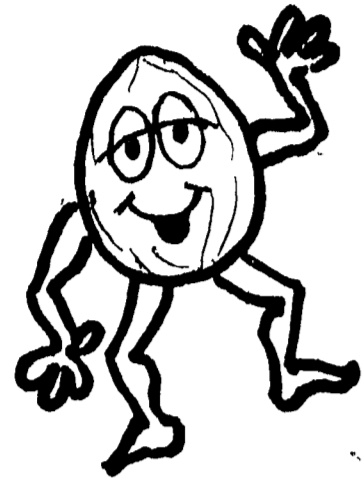
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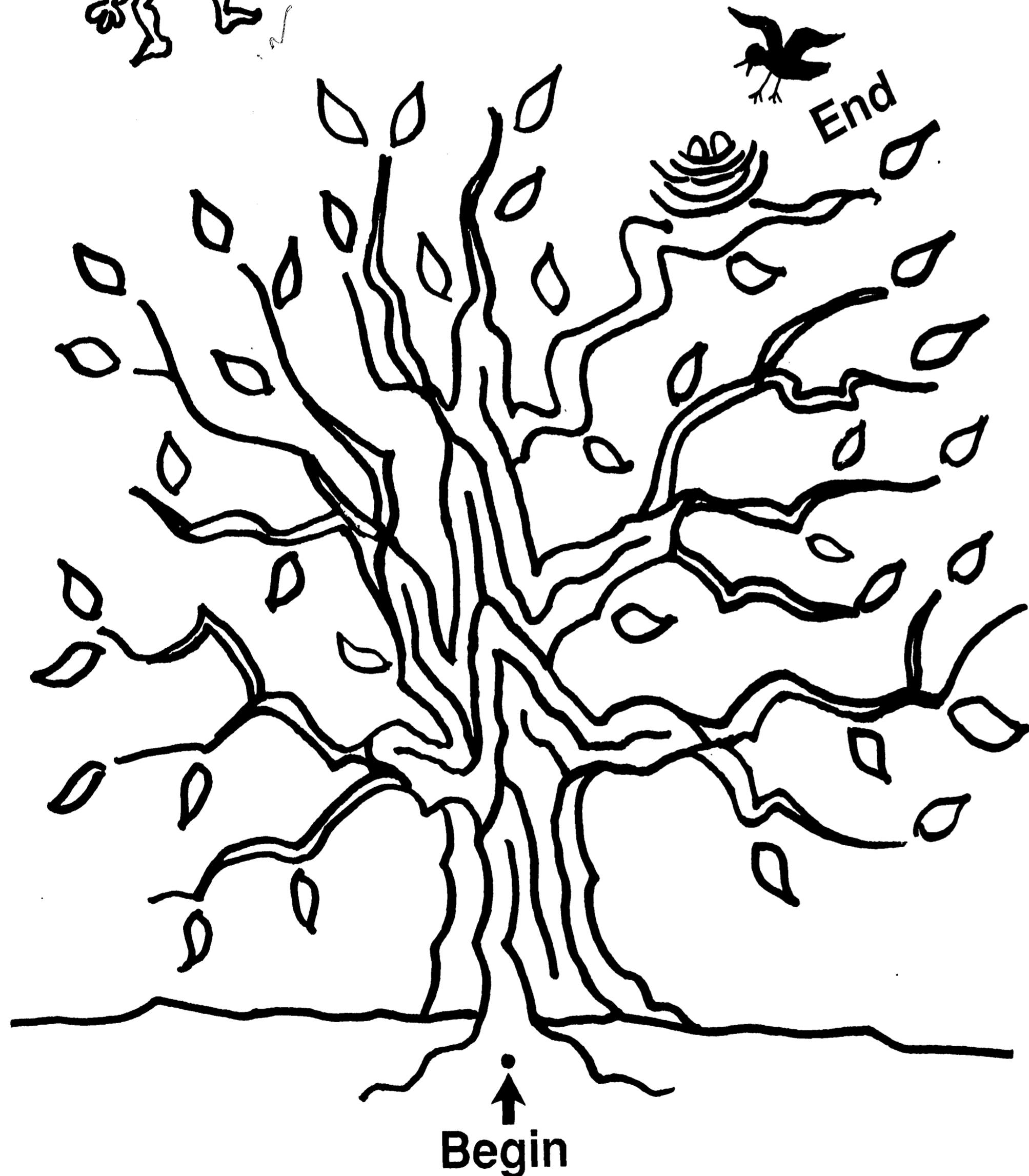
Even though this passage was written for the nation of Israel, it holds a truth for all of God's people. Sometimes it seems like no matter what we do, nothing makes a difference. We seem to be stuck in a difficult situation with no way out.

But God reminds us that He, at least, never forgets us. We are "engraved in the palms of His hands." That can be a great comfort in times of trouble. No matter what happens, God is there, and He makes a difference!

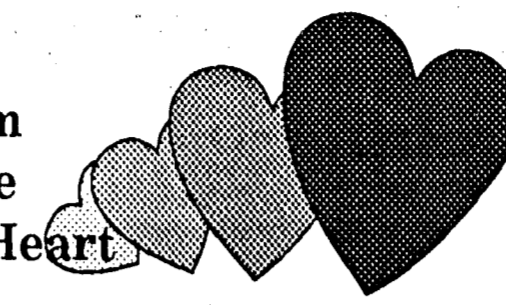
# Children's Page



How big is a Mustard Seed? Tiny! It's just about as big as the period at the end of this sentence. But what happens when you plant it? It grows to be a tree, big enough for the birds to nest in its branches. That's how the Kingdom of God grows. It begins with Jesus and gets bigger every year as more people follow Him. Start at the tiny seed and follow the path to the nest.



From  
the  
Heart



## Worship behind the organ

Interview with Elizabeth Daland

For the past four decades, Betty Daland served as organist for the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Betty is the granddaughter of Dr. William C. Daland; second president of Milton College. Dr. Daland composed "God of the Sabbath" and was an accomplished organist. Her father, John Norton Daland, served Milton College as dean and professor. Betty's mother, Nellie Furrow Daland, was a talented watercolor artist.

Following her recent retirement, we asked Betty to reflect on her worship experiences from behind the organ.

SR: Betty, how did you get started in music?

Betty: With my family's encouragement, I studied piano for many years with Miss Alberta Crandall, then the organ with Gladys Randolph, who is now retired in Colorado, and Ruth Pilger Andrews of Madison. As a music major, I would accompany soloists and small groups, and play for the students at Friday night vespers.

SR: So, you played at church right away.

Betty: Oh, yes. After my organ recital in my own church, I would ride the bus to play at First Baptist in Janesville. I continued there for about 20 years.

SR: You've played for other Sunday churches?

Betty: After First Baptist, I would walk to Faith Methodist in Milton—that lasted about 18 years. I felt so lucky to play twice a week! Seventh Day Baptists in this area have certainly done

alot for Sunday churches over the years with organists, singers, and clergy. I've often wondered what they would ever do without us.

SR: How was it playing for different pastors over the years?

Betty: They have all been wonderful, along with the choir directors. I have been especially thankful to work with Herb and Barb Saunders, because I could really discuss music with them as musicians.

SR: How did it feel to always worship behind the organ console?

Betty: That's so hard to say—it's such a deep thing. I felt worshipping that way was something ingrained in me—something glorious—especially in my own SDB church. It meant a thousand times more than a secular concert or recital. To me, it's an ultimate thing—just there—and so hard to explain. It holds a great deal of depth for me.

SR: It must have been hard to retire.

Betty: I wanted to play till I dropped! But I knew it was time to let go. My eyes were straining, the back aches were getting worse, and I've lost much of my hearing.

The church was so gracious and generous at my retirement. I composed a "swan song" and received a standing ovation—and a new electronic piano!

SR: How does it seem to worship now?

Betty: Oh, I can scarcely get used to it. I enjoyed playing so much



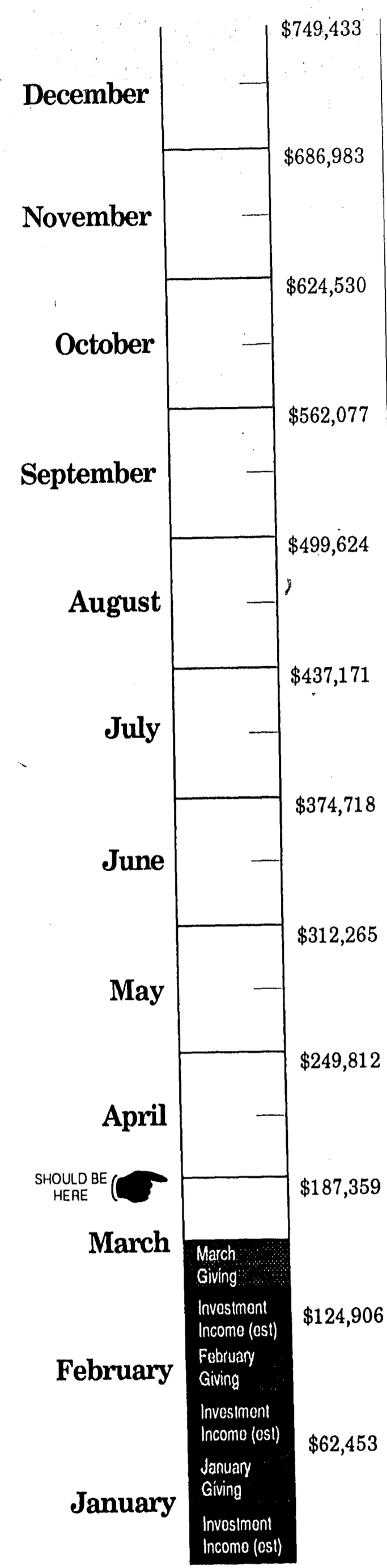
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and felt I was really doing something. But I'm so grateful that we have other organists who can step right in.

SR: Sounds like you would rather give than receive.

Betty: Yes, I think that's true. But now, I want to worship with my people.

From Betty's "swan song": I enjoyed my long years of playing, even with mistakes, much more than cold words could convey. Worshipping God with music has been for me a most thrilling experience, one I would never trade for anything else, especially in our church. I can only wish our present organist, Denise Green, the same happiness I have had. To God be the Glory! For ever and ever, Amen! S<sub>2</sub>



**The Denominational Budget...**

**Our partnership in ministry**

*How is the money being used?*

**Four Students in COM Seminary Education Program**

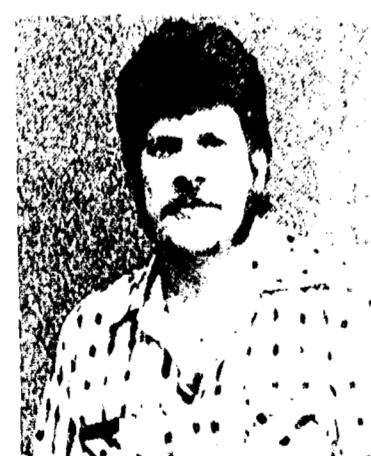
Four students are currently involved in the Center on Ministry's Seminary Education Program. Billy Edwards will receive his Master of Divinity degree this spring from Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. David Thorngate expects to graduate after another year at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Two students are completing their first year: Eric Davis at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and Matthew Olson at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Nearly half of our active ministers are graduates of the COM program. In addition to providing tuition assistance for the three years of a seminary education, it includes two 3-week summer courses in Seventh Day Baptist distinctives (for which they receive seminary credit), and retreat seminars with opportunity to share from their varied backgrounds and experience. For those who do not go into denominational ministry, tuition becomes a repayable loan.

**Consider the call**

"We challenge mid-career people as well as young people to consider the call to ministry—and seminary preparation," says Director of Pastoral Services Rodney Henry. He administers the program, in operation now for 25 years.

While pursuing their education, most students are involved in active ministry as well. Edwards leads a church group in Austin, a branch of the Texarkana, Arkansas, church. Thorngate serves as interim pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, church, assisted by his wife Christina. Olson continues as part-time youth minister for the denominational Board of Christian Education. He and his wife Ellen also are working in the Battle Creek, Michigan, church. Davis functions as music leader for the new Foothills, California, church, a Los Angeles branch.



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**Plaques presented at Salem**

Among the many Sabbath activities at Conference last year, one of the highlights was the presentation of two bronze plaques to Salem College.

The plaque for Brewster Chapel affirmed the college's distinctly religious foundation—"an all-faiths vision of providing a well-rounded education." The other plaque, later mounted in the Administration Building, was dedicated to the school's first board of directors.

College trustee emeritus Crosby U. Rogers and Col.

Sedgeley Thornbury, both of the Daytona Beach, Florida, SDB Church, presented the gifts on behalf of the General Conference. The Daytona Beach church was instrumental in providing the memorials. The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood, chairman of the board of trustees; President Ronald E. Ohl; President Emeritus Dr. K. Duane Hurley; and former Senator Jennings Randolph represented Salem College, while Executive Secretary Dale D. Thorngate and Historian Don A. Sanford represented the General Conference. *SR*

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CULMINATION OF A VISION

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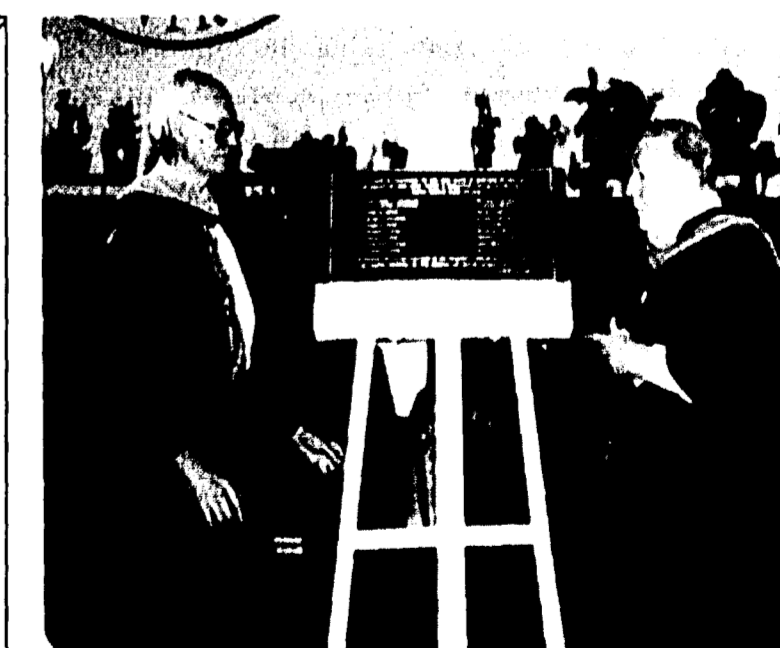
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Sanford L. Maxson  
Salem College President 1889-1893

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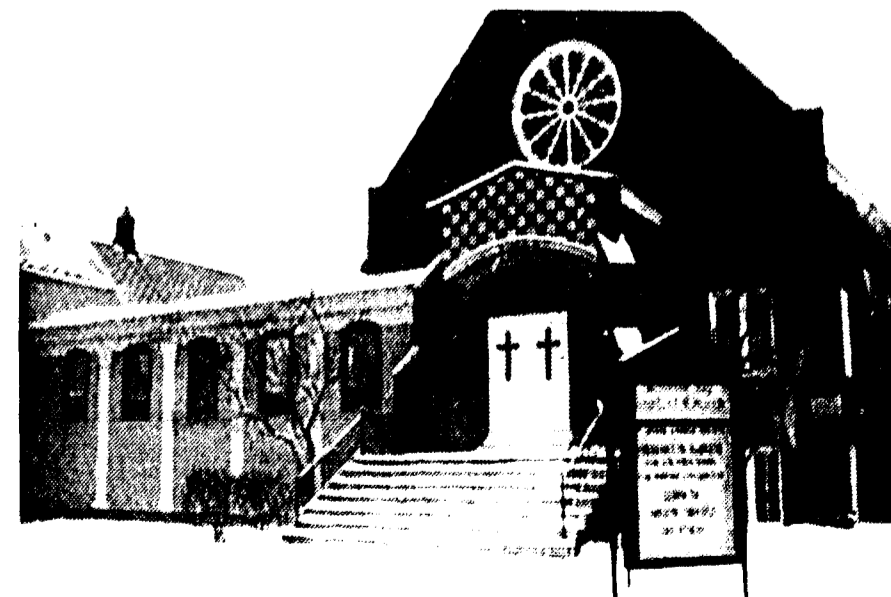
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## Revive your church, O Lord

by Leon R. Lawton

The Evangelical Foreign Mission Association (EFMA) is only one of the affiliated agencies and commissions of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) which held its 47th Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, March 7-9, 1989, with the theme, "Revive Your Church, O Lord."

Since God's basic strategy for the local church has not changed, Paul A. Cedar, senior pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California, said the church needs to examine priorities. The church must once again acknowledge in word and deed Jesus Christ as the only Lord of the church.

"I fear that we in the clergy often tend to become builders of personal ministries rather than builders of the church of Jesus Christ," declared Cedar. He also urged his listeners to equip and deploy laity for the work of the ministry and to mobilize the church.

The daily Bible study was



David Mains, Bible speaker at 47th Annual NAE Convention (Photo by Don Huntsberger, NAE)

### SR Reaction

Dear Sir,

It was most cruel of you to not identify the church and time of the picture on page 3 of the "Seeking and Finding" (March special SR). I see one gentleman that resembles my great-grandfather, John Hill Babcock. If that were so, probably one of the younger men is my grandfather, Rev. Charles William Thorngate. But alas, who would know?

I find the listing on page 14-15 most informative.

Sincerely,  
CWT  
Aiken, SC

Ed.--The photo was taken at Southeastern Association sessions in Salemville, Pennsylvania. We don't know the date, but that Association was held in Salemville in 1897, 1902, 1907 (this photo is not 1907; we have a photo from that year), 1912, 1917, 1922. It would take considerable research to identify the exact year. Sorry for the inconvenience.

given by David Mains, director of "The Chapel of the Air" radio program, Wheaton, Illinois. The basic question he sought to answer was, "How can we better prepare for the Lord to be known?" God's Word answers, "Prepare the way of the Lord... and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed... and all mankind shall see it" (Isaiah 40:3, 5; John 1:23).

The EFMA meetings during these days had the purpose: "To increase awareness of the importance of sustaining and increasing mission vision as part of a revived church, and to provide ideas for strengthening mission education and activity in churches."

Over 115 Christian ministries, publishers, colleges/seminaries, and service agencies had booths in an exhibit area. These, and personal fellowship at the luncheons, meetings, and informal gatherings offered unique opportunities to share ideas, resources, and understanding. *SR*

### General Council plans ahead

The denomination's General Council met in Janesville to draft recommendations and a new budget for this August's General Conference meetings in Portland, Oregon.

The Council will propose a 1990 budget of \$774,000, from which \$430,000 is to be raised by current giving. The budget reflects an overall increase of only 3.3% over 1989, and a 7.6% expansion in the current giving portion.

Chairman Herbert Saunders welcomed new members Ralph Mackintosh, Joe Samuels, and Kevin Butler, as the Council discussed the Center computer system, Conference recognition of member churches, loans to Missionary Society-supported groups, Conference discipline, the Yearbook format, and Conference programs. *SR*



General Council (left to right): Ralph Mackintosh, Kevin Butler, Dorothea Shettel, Joseph Samuels, Luan Ellis, Owen Probasco, Ernest K. Bee Jr., Herbert Saunders, Leon Lawton, Rodney Henry, Althea Rood, Russell Johnson, Dale Thorngate

## Accessions

### Memphis, TN

Joined by Letter  
David Pearson  
Bettie Pearson

### Waterford, CT

Joined after Testimony  
Stephen Carminatti  
Carol Carminatti  
Dee Galanaugh  
James Galanaugh

### Verona, NY

Joined after Testimony  
Gilbert Ross Sr.  
Mary Ross  
Gilbert Ross Jr.  
Michael Ross  
Todd Ross  
Carl Pearson  
Patricia Pearson  
Joined after Baptism  
Michele Ross  
Rebecca Yerdon

## Births

**Billings.**—A daughter, Allison Billings, was born to Jim and Paula (Owen) Billings of Troy, MI, on February 20, 1989.

**Hendrix.**—A daughter, Rachel Victoria Emily Camilla Hendrix, was born to Lonnie and Darlene Hendrix in Huntsville, AL, on March 9, 1989.

**Butler.**—A son, Jackson Davis Butler, was born to Kevin and Janet (Davis) Butler in Madison, WI, on December 16, 1988.

## Marriages

**Davis-Sanford.**—David L. Davis and Doreen M. Sanford were united in marriage on February 18, 1989, at the Denver, CO, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The groom's pastor, Gary Hemminger of the Seattle, WA, SDB Church, officiated, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. Duane L. Davis, and the bride's father, Rev. Don A. Sanford.

**Youssef-Smith.**—Robert Nicolas Youssef and Barbara Janell Smith were united in marriage on March 12, 1989, at Los Angeles, CA.

## Obituaries

**Babcock.**—Richard O. Babcock died on December 3, 1988, in Moore Regional Hospital at Pinehurst, North Carolina, following a lingering illness of several years.

Born on July 29, 1916, near North Loup, Nebraska, to Rolla and Stella (Green) Babcock, he was baptized in his youth and became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup.

In 1940, he graduated from Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, and later joined the Navy, where he served in the Amphibious Forces during World War II. His first action was in North Africa, shortly

after which he returned to the U.S. The balance of his service was in the Pacific Theater while stationed in Australia. From there, he participated in numerous island landings moving toward the Philippines. He was retired as a First Lieutenant at the close of the war.

On December 24, 1945, he was united in marriage to Mary Irene Steele in Highgate Springs, Vermont.

His life vocation was in public schools. He taught English and music in several schools in Nebraska and worked in administration before moving to Muskegon,

Michigan, where he taught in the Orchard View Public School for 20 years before retiring.

Babcock's avocation over the years was singing in church choirs, community musical organizations, and often as soloist on many occasions.

He is survived by his widow, Mary, of Southern Pines, North Carolina; a daughter, Linda Parker; his stepmother, Leona of North Loup; two sisters, Irma Keown of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Ruby Van Horn of Madison, Wisconsin; a brother, Rev. Orville

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## Obituaries, Cont.

Babcock of White Cloud, Michigan; and a granddaughter.

Memorial services were held on December 11, 1988, in the Penick Home in Southern Pines, where he had lived with his wife for over a year. OWB

**Thomas.**—Eloise M. Thomas, 91, died on December 30, 1988, at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wisconsin.

She resided at Rock Haven Convalescent Hospital for the past two years. She was born on July 12, 1897, at Albion, Wisconsin, the daughter of Harry E. and Edna (Whitford) Thomas. The family moved to Milton, Wisconsin, in 1920, the year she received her degree from Milton College. She taught at Leyden Community High School, Franklin Park, Illinois, for 20 years and six years at Hebron, Illinois, before retiring from high school teaching. She was an instructor in the English Department at Milton College from 1949 until 1951 and rejoined the faculty as instructor of English and assistant to the librarian in 1955. She retired in 1963. She was a member of the Albion and Milton Historical Societies, and the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Eloise is survived by her brother-in-law, Franklin E. Walsh of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; 11 cousins, including Beulah B. Kaase of Milton; and many former students and friends. She was preceded in death by her only sister, Eunice Walsh.

**Cooke.**—Iona Irene (Larken) Cooke, 84, of Westerly, Rhode Island, died on January 8, 1989, at The Westerly Hospital.

Born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, on September 10, 1914, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Violet (Worden) Larken.

Iona was a member of the

Rockville, Rhode Island, Seventh Day Baptist Church and had served as a past president of the Loyal Workers of Rockville. Iona had worked as a nurse's aide and had been a nursing volunteer.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha L. Marsh of Bradford, Rhode Island; one sister, Mary Johnson of Hope Valley, Rhode Island; one brother, Kendall J. of North Kingstown, Rhode Island; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale E. Rood at the Avery Funeral Home of Hope Valley. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Hope Valley. DER

Whether in the United States or abroad, Miriam was interested and active in church activities and the welfare of those about her. When in Milton, she enjoyed S.C.A., *The Beacon*, and Christian Endeavor. Her life was solidly grounded in her belief in God, her heavenly Father, and Christ as her personal Savior. She trusted in God's Holy Spirit to direct her life.

Miriam was baptized by Rev. Claude L. Hill in Farina, Illinois, on August 19, 1944, and joined the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church with her parents and her brother, Irving.

In recent years, Miriam had

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***Make Him thy evening epilogue and thy morning prologue...so shall your rest be peaceful, your labor prosperous, your life righteous, and your death glorious.***

**—Francis Quarles**

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**Braswell.**—Miriam (Seager) Braswell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd D. Seager, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 17, 1933, and died in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 12, 1989.

Miriam was always interested in music. Her early training and her recitals were in the Memphis College of Music in Memphis, Tennessee. She sang in the cappella choir in the high school in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, which she attended for three years. She received 15 semester credits from the Chicago Conservatory of Music, Chicago, Illinois, and six from Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Arkansas. Her bachelor's degree in music education and her master of arts in teaching were conferred by Jacksonville University, Jacksonville.

been a member of St. David's Episcopal Church in Jacksonville.

Survivors include three sons, Frank of Mobile, Alabama, Robert of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and William Sr. of Jacksonville; her mother, Oma (Pierce) Seager; a brother, Irving, of Little Rock; a sister, Loretta Durst of Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren; an aunt, and nieces and nephews. OPS

**Greene.**—Mildred Greene died on January 17, 1989, in Gilmore's White-Cliff Nursing Home in Greenville, Pennsylvania. She was 99 years of age.

Mildred was born in Lincklaen, New York, on April 22, 1889, to Fred Everett and Ina Melissa (Wilcox) Saunders.

It is believed she was the oldest member of the Adams Center, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she was a deaconess for more than 30 years.

Her husband, Paul D. Greene—whom she married on October 25, 1911—died on August 24, 1971.

Surviving are three daughters, Doris Heath of Sebring, Florida, I. Emogene Whitney of Tioga, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Janice L. Greene of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; a son, Ronald L. of Greenville; a sister, Katherine Fuller of Lincklaen; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held in the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 17, 1989. Rev. Quintin E. Smith will officiate. Burial was in Union Free Cemetery. QES

**Andrews.**—Harry J. Andrews was born on April 16, 1903, in San Francisco, California, and died on January 26, 1989, at Glendale, California, after a long illness.

Harry was a faithful member of the choir in the Los Angeles, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years.

He is survived by one sister, Mildred Andrews of Los Angeles.

Funeral services and interment were in the Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California. KD

**Pierson.**—Louisa Permelia Pierson died on January 29, 1989, at home in Boulder, Colorado. She was 85.

She was born on December 4, 1903, in Boulder, the daughter of William L. Jenner and the former Nelle E. Sweet. She married John (Jack) S. Pierson in July, 1933, in Boulder. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Louisa was a homemaker. At one time, she had been a member of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church longer than anyone else. She always was an active member of the church and the Ladies Aid

Society. Many remember that she did not have a good week unless she went to church.

She is survived by two sons, Richard A. of Greeley, Colorado, and Ronald J. of Boulder; three brothers, Bill and Eldon of Pendleton, Oregon, and Thorn of Peoria, Illinois; two sisters, Ena Bolton and Bessie Hard, both of Boulder; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 31, 1989, at the Howe Mortuary Chapel in Boulder, with Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiating. Interment was at the Mountain View Cemetery, Boulder. GPL

**Davis.**—Aubrey B. Davis, 81, of North Loup, Nebraska, died on January 31, 1989, at Ord, Nebraska.

Davis was born on October 25, 1907, at Farnam, Nebraska, the son of Reuben and Hanna (Van-Horn) Davis. When he was 12, they moved to North Loup. He graduated from North Loup High School in 1925 and later farmed with his father. In 1932, he moved to a farm west of Ericson, Nebraska.

He married Ella Williams on March 1, 1933, at North Loup. They farmed near Ericson until 1943, when they moved to the North Loup area. In 1974, they retired from farming and moved to town.

Davis was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a church deacon. He also had served on school boards at North Loup.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Rolland of McCool Junction, Nebraska, Arden of North Loup, and Curtis of Tucson, Arizona; a daughter, Eulala Williams of North Loup; three sisters, Marie Brannon of Denver, Colorado, Leona Thorngate of Battle Creek, Michi-

gan, and Lucille Swanson of Ord; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Burdick officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

**Luebke.**—Ann E. Luebke, 40, of Oregon, Wisconsin, died on February 16, 1989, at her home after a long, courageous bout with cancer.

Ann was born on October 2, 1948, in Milton, Wisconsin, the daughter of Herbert and Virginia Crouch. She was married to Gerald R. Luebke on April 26, 1970, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She graduated from Milton High School and Milton College. She was a school teacher for 12 years in Milton and Beloit, Wisconsin. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton. Survivors include her husband, Gerald R.; a son, Daniel C.; a daughter, Diana L.; her parents, Herbert and Virginia Crouch of Milton; and three brothers, David of Milton, Alan of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Steven of Pinole, California.

Funeral services were held on February 20, 1989, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiating. Private burial services were held at Prairie Mounds Cemetery in Oregon.

**Ogden.**—Elston Gordon Ogden, 81, died on February 18, 1989, at his home in Alfred, New York.

A graduate of Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, he earned a master of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and taught in Wheeling, West Virginia,

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## Obituaries, Cont.

before coming to Alfred. He was a professor of biology at Alfred University for 25 years, retiring in 1972. He also was a director of summer institutes for high school teachers at Alfred for a number of years. He led early bird hikes in the Alfred area, which attracted considerable attention. At the time of his death, he had been assembling a collection of photographs of Victorian houses in the village of Alfred.

He is survived by his son, Dr. John Ogden of Ann Arbor, Michigan; his daughter, Alise Irwin of Asheville, North Carolina; a sister, Charline Haude of Akron, Ohio; a brother, Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Denver, Colorado; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he was a member and trustee. Rev. Leon Wheeler, pastor, officiated. Tributes were offered by Carol Burdick, Rev. David S. Clarke, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers. Special mention was made of the service Odgen gave on the major renovation of the church organ more than a year ago. LW

**Van Curen.**—Blanche P. Van Curen, 77, of Portville, New York, died on February 22, 1989, in St. Francis Hospital, Olean, New York, after a brief illness.

Born on December 21, 1911, in Birdsall, New York, she was the daughter of Adelbert and Charlotte (Hull) Coon. On April 17, 1927, she married Vinton E. Wardner, who died on September 3, 1971. On January 4, 1976, she married Howard M. Van Curen. He died in 1977.

Blanche attended Bolivar High School, Bolivar, New York. She was a member of the First Seventh Day

Baptist Church of Little Genesee, New York, and its Sabbath School Society and Sunshine Society. She served for years as treasurer of each organization. She was also a member of the Portville Senior Citizens Club, and Portville ECHO Club.

Surviving are two sons, Adelbert Wardner of Portville and Martin Wardner of Ceres, New York; a daughter, Roxanna Hewitt of Bolivar; two stepsons, Charles Van Curen of Little Genesee, and Melvin Van Curen of Portville; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Stark of Bolivar; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

**Reed.**—Chauncy M. Reed, 70, of Adams Center, New York, died on March 1, 1989, at Englewood (Florida) Hospital.

Reed was born in Adams Center on May 7, 1918, the son of Elwin and Mary (Hull) Reed. He was graduated from Adams Center High School in June, 1936. Following graduation, he worked on his father's farm for six years.

On September 9, 1942, he married Mary Ellen Greene at the Abury United Methodist Church, Watertown, New York, with the Rev. Dr. George H. McClung officiating.

Following their marriage, the couple purchased the farm next to Mr. Reed's father's farm. They operated the farm until the fall of 1978, when they sold it to their sons.

Reed was a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church and an associate member of the Rotunda West Community Church, Englewood, where they lived during the winter months. He was also a member of the Adams Center Grange, the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, and the

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

He was a committeeman for Agway and served on the board of directors of various farm organizations, including Jeff Bulk Milk Co-op, Production Credit, and the Cooperative Extension Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ellen; four sons, Merrick M., Dan D., Alan G., and Mason J., all of Adams Center; a daughter, Connie Snow of West Lafayette, Indiana; two brothers, Olin H. and Raymond, both of Adams Center; and nine grandchildren. A sister, Helen Jones, died in 1979.

Funeral services were held on March 6, 1989, at the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home, Belleville, New York, with his pastor, Rev. Gene Smith, officiating. Spring burial was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center. QES

**Ford.**—Eva L. Ford, 92, Alfred, New York, died on March 3, 1989, at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York, after a brief illness. She was born on January 30, 1897, in West Union, West Virginia, to Samuel and Laura Ann (Davis) Ford.

A graduate of the University of Ohio, she received her master's degree in French from the Sorbonne, Paris, France, in 1926, and did other graduate work in Middlebury College and Drake University. She was a professor in the language department of Alfred University for more than 40 years.

Eva was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and Sigma Chi Mu Sorority at Alfred University. She is survived by ten nieces and nephews, including Aurabeth Van Horn of Alfred and Janice Lockhart of Arlington, Virginia, as well as 15 great-nieces, nine great-nephews and 35 great-great-nieces and nephews. LW

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# KEVIN'S CORNER

"Why is your worship service the way it is?"

One of my seminary professors posed this question, then assumed his usual ready-to-pounce position.

The answers started coming: "It's the way they've always done it." "They've gotten used to the format, and you can't change those people!" (Why was the professor's face getting redder?)

More profound answers sprang from the lips of the student pastors: "I think they've become comfortable with the service." "I believe it's what they want—shouldn't we give them what they want?"

Picture a massive explosion in a tiny classroom.

"GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT??!"  
HOW DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT??!"

Huh?

"They 'want' the usual, the expected—what's comfortable, right?"

Sounded like he was describing me...

"You need to *teach* them what they want, if what they want is to really worship."

Are we willing to be stretched and taught about true worship? Are we willing to spend quality time in preparing an honorable worship experience? Do we spend more time preparing

the bulletin than the service?

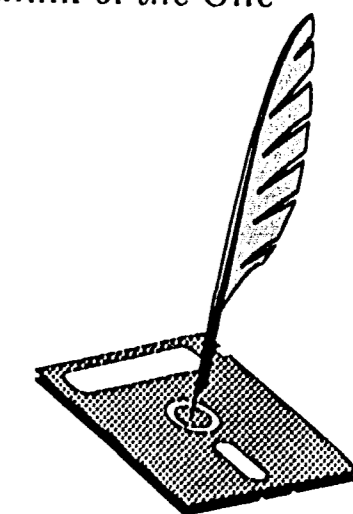
Externals are important, but it's easy to put too much or too little emphasis on them.

We love our comfort zone, yet how concerned are we with the comfort of our visitors? How might a wary newcomer feel with even a cheery "Good Sabbath!" from the pulpit? Much of what we do is so in-house, cozy, and provincial for us, but it's foreign to many visitors.

And beware of swinging too far the other way. People may have to check the sign out front to make sure they haven't intruded on a local Kiwanis gathering.

We meet on the appointed day to worship the One Who created that day—and us—to bring glory to Himself. The teaching is there, as is the fellowship, with (I hope) a healthy missions emphasis in obedience to the Word. But we gather to worship.

Think about the time, and the content, and our visitors. And please, think of the One we've come to adore.



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Four aspects of our theme, "The Vision of Prayer," will be developed in messages given throughout the weekend. Denominational Historian, the Rev. Don A. Sanford, will give the first message, "Prayer for the Family," on Friday evening at 7:30.

Visiting children are welcome to join our Friday evening youth groups (ages 3

through high school), Sabbath School, and Sabbath afternoon activities. The nursery will also be open during these times.

The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday morning. Sabbath lunch, supper, and Sunday lunch will be provided.

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