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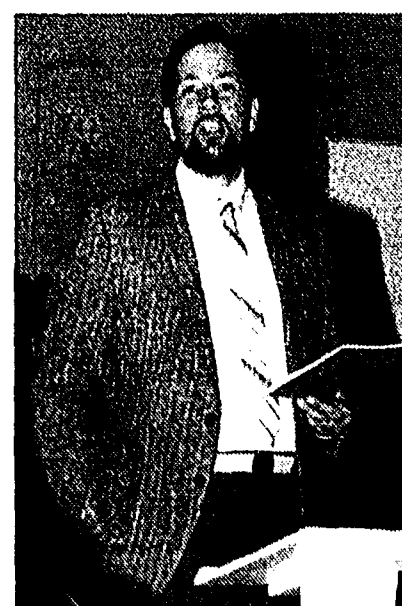
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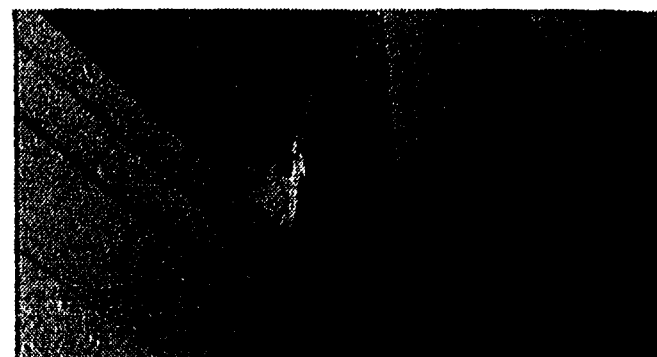
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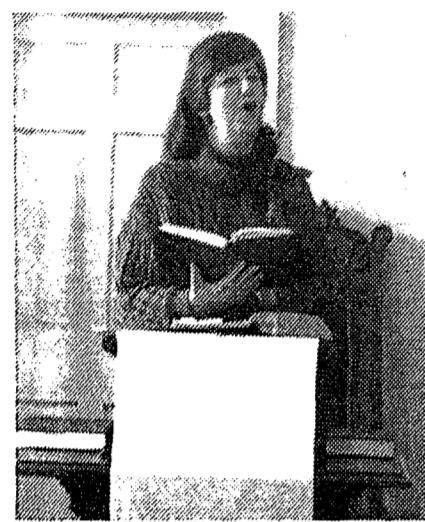
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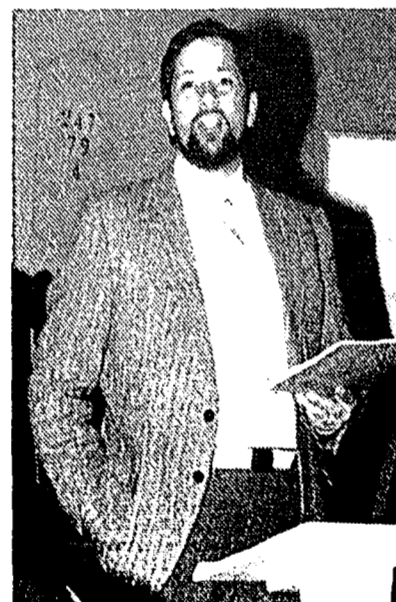
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## Comfort for the family

by Don A. Sanford

*Editor's note: Don Sanford gave comfort to his family and friends as he eulogized the life and passing of his mother-in-law, Cretora Miars.*

When I was in high school, I had an old-fashioned teacher. She made us read a lot of old poetry which, at the time, was not as interesting as such classics as "Casey at the Bat." Somehow she preferred authors like Shakespeare and Tennyson. But I did manage to wade through that long epic poem, "The Idyls of the King"—though I cannot guarantee I read every word, or even every stanza. Yet there was one stanza which sticks in my mind. It had to, because she required us to memorize it and even be tested on it. Little did she know how important that would become to me—or perhaps she somehow did know.



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In the section named "The Passing of Arthur," I can still picture in my mind the aged king embarking on a ship and telling his subjects:

*The old order changeth yielding place to new,  
And God fulfill himself in many ways.*

*Comfort thyself, what comfort is in me?*

*I have lived my life and that which I have done  
May He within Himself make pure.*

*But thou, if thou shouldst never see my face again  
Pray for my soul.*

*More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of;*

*Wherefore let thy voice rise like a fountain for me night and day;  
For what are men better than sheep or goats*

*That nourish a blind life within the brain;*

*If knowing God they lift not hands of prayer*

*Both for themselves and those who call them friends,*

*For so the whole round earth is every way*

*Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.*

Yes, the old order does change, yielding place to new. But in these changes God reveals Himself to those who will listen.

Death is one of those changes. Did you ever consider what existence would be like if there was no such thing as physical death? If you think this old planet is overcrowded and overpopulated now, consider what it would be like if the billions who preceded us were still alive. Even on a personal basis, it is because our days are limited that

they become more precious to us.

God, in His infinite wisdom, has provided for changes which must take place. There is renewal of life as generations come and go. Some remain longer than others, but for each there must come a time when one is summoned to give up their place to others. And it is my hope that for each one of us it can be said that the world has profited by our having lived in it, and that our lives in some way can be seen as a way in which God has revealed Himself.

So as we reflect for a moment on the life which has now passed from mortality to immortality, consider what there is of God that has been revealed in this change.

I often marvelled at the way Cretora could take scraps of cloth—old clothing that had served its usefulness—and carefully cut out pieces, sew them together piece by piece, block by block, square by square, and come up with a beautiful quilt to add beauty to a home, comfort to a tired body, or enjoyment to a child who lovingly wraps a blanket around a doll. If she could do that with the scraps at her disposal, is it any wonder that God—who is infinitely more skilled than any of us—can take the pieces of humanity and knit them together into the fabric of the church and bring beauty and comfort to others?

The Tennyson poem speaks of comfort—"Comfort thyself." In King Arthur's passing, he does not ask that they comfort him; he was asking that they comfort themselves. We are not here to give comfort to Cretora. She has lived her life, and that which she has done, only God can make pure. Some of her last thoughts which she was able to express while in the hospital were for others.

In her passing, she sought not

comfort for herself at that moment, but comfort for us, and we can find that comfort in a service such as this. But this comfort is not found in forgetting her, for the poet goes on to say:

*But thou, if thou shouldst never see my face again  
Pray for my soul...*

I sometimes think that we as Christians have not always grasped the significance of praying for the souls of our friends and relatives. Over the past two and a half

months I watched the gradual process of death of the physical body of my mother-in-law. As her eyesight failed, Ilou and I read to her many of the cards and letters which her friends sent to her. She appreciated each one of them as a reminder of the number of people who knew and loved her.

lived a long and active life, knows even better than we may know, the truth of the words spoken by the poet:

*I have lived my life and that which I have done may He within Himself make pure.*

At that moment a person longs for the thought:

*Pray for my soul...*

I shall never forget an experience of some 20 years ago when my brother, Gordon, called and re-

ported that my stepmother, Grace, was dying in the hospital. If I wanted to see her, I should not wait for Easter vacation. Doug and I packed up and drove out to Little Genesee, New York, that week. As I stood by her bed, I prayed for an easing of the pain and comfort for the body, but concentrated on the assurance of the life eternal. Her final words to me were to the effect:

***We are not here to give comfort to Cretora.  
She has lived her life,  
and that which she has done,  
only God can make pure.***

"What a meaningful prayer. I needed that assurance. Thank you!" Surrounded by stacks of cards denying her mortality, she needed an acceptance of her mortality and assurance of immortality.

Last Sunday as we left the hospital, I repeated some of that same prayer for Cretora. Two hours later, after members of her immediate family had come, Pastor Herb responded to a call indicating that the end might be imminent. There

by the bedside while he was offering that assurance, she was translated into eternal life. A prayer for the soul does "work more wonders than this world dreams of."


Notice how our Master, when He was facing the end of His earthly ministry, gave the comfort which we seek at this time. He did not base His prayer on a false hope of "get well soon." Instead, He focused on belief and trust in God and His promise:

*"Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And where I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that there you may be also."*

Sometimes we, too, stand with questions as did Thomas, asking how we can know the way, but Christ's words come again to us saying:

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."*

This is the hope and the assurance of the Christian, and it is to this confident expectation that we give testimony.

Yes, the old order does change, and in that change God continues to reveal Himself. Comfort thyself, and pray for the soul of this our departed mother, grandmother, and friend. For in our prayers we also find that "the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God." 



## Growing a "safe" family

by Diane Ferguson Cruzan

**W**hen Ben was baptized I felt that this was what I had been working for since my first child, Ryan, was born. Now all three had made this confession after having received Jesus as their Savior. No matter what might happen for the rest of our lives, we had Jesus and joy and—finally someday—life in heaven. Whatever influence and direction I may have given my children was oh, so worth it. Now I could relax.

Then along came Jessica, who very soon became best friend of my daughter, Anna. I don't find it easy to love people, but with Jessica love came easily. She was sweet and spontaneous and made it so obvious that she liked all of us. How could I resist?

Jessica spent many hours at our house and soon got interested in

church. She began going every Saturday with us and to youth group every Friday night. It was exciting to see all the Bible stories come alive again for me through Jessica's eyes. She had a true hunger for learning more, and the

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church encouraged her by giving her a study Bible. Jessica and Ryan studied together, and Anna was often amazed at the words God gave her to answer Jessica's questions. Jessica learned from the

sermons, youth group meetings, and Sabbath School class. Soon she was attending the pastor's class for baptism. What a glorious night when her new faith was made public in this way. Never have I seen a more joyous face, her thrill and excitement causing her to jump and skip as friends greeted her after the service.

"Now," I thought, "with Jessica safe, I can truly relax." Then I realized what I was thinking. How can I relax when there are so very many Ryans, Annas, Bens, and Jessicas who need to be saved? How selfish I had been. I was only thinking of the ones I love. How about the ones other people love, or even the ones no one loves? How can I relax until each one is safe? There is so much to do. Lord, use me. *SR*

### Little Feet

by Claston Bond



*Our bedrooms seem so quiet  
As I sit here deep in thought,  
I miss our little children  
And the joy their presence brought.*

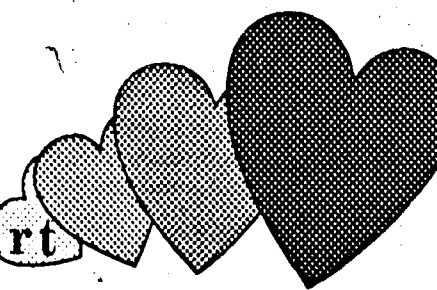
*I know God's way is best,  
That they grow and soon leave home,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with them  
As far and wide they roam.*

*Each child must choose the path  
As he travels down life's road,  
We trust that we may see —  
New life from seeds we've sowed.*

*So, too, our heavenly Father  
Wants us His way to go,  
Will we choose His Son to follow  
And in His love to grow?*

*Yes, our home is often silent  
Little shoes don't track the floor,  
God, too, is waiting, caring —  
Won't you open your heart's door?*

From  
the  
Heart



## A "typical" family?

by Leanne Lippincott

How would you describe a typical American family?

Several years ago, I would have given an answer typical of my post-World War II, baby boomer generation: "Your average American family consists of a husband who works at the office, a wife who works at home, and two adorable children—one boy and one girl—who never do anything more mischievous than soap windows on Halloween." We never heard of latchkey kids, super-moms, or teenage drug pushers.

But many of us who grew up watching such ideal TV families as "Father Knows Best" now find ourselves with no fathers around. We're either unwed mothers, divor-



Leanne Lippincott and her children, Jenny and Jay

"if only..." mental games. "If only Denny were here, the kids would mind better."

But in conversations with Christians who head two-parent households, I've been reminded that children have conflicts with

It isn't easy being a single parent. I miss having a helpmate to share the responsibilities of teaching, advising, and disciplining my children. On the mundane side, I miss having someone to help with errands and to ease the pressure when I have to be at two places at once—always on the opposite sides of town! And I miss my husband's financial support and, more importantly, his emotional support. Like the psalmist, there are many nights when "my pillow is wet with tears" (Psalm 6:6).

But whenever I'm about to drown in an ocean of self-pity, a very succinct thought comes to mind: Although it isn't easy being a single parent, it isn't easy being a parent—PERIOD. Single, double, or whatever. And it certainly isn't easy being a child.

I've been very blessed. In addition to two terrific children, I have the support of my parents and siblings, and I'm still a member of a large, loving family known as the Lippincotts. I'm also part of a much larger, equally loving extended family known as the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church. And lastly, I'm a member of the greatest Single Parent Family of all—God's family. *SR*

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ces, or widows, and we're in charge of what has become known as Single Parent Households.

Personally, I prefer the term Single Parent Families. In spite of the absence of a husband and father in our household, I still consider us a family. In fact, in some ways that absence has made us even *more* of a family. (Increased interdependence, for example.)

My daughter, Jennifer, turned 11 just 20 days before her father's death, and Jay was seven and a half. They're both teenagers now, but I still find myself playing those

their fathers as well as their mothers. There are no ideal relationships, easy answers or magic shields to protect us from the wounds of everyday family life.

Members of a Christian family pray together, but they also argue. Sometimes they cut down as well as build up, hit instead of hug, and yell when they should be talking. But ultimately, Christians hang together as a family because of the love of Christ. Only a divine love could cement and bind together all those broken, jagged, and imperfect pieces of our diverse—and often conflicting—personalities.

## A call to ministry—Is anyone listening???

by Rodney L. Henry

**W**e are ready, as a people, to move out and experience growth in our existing churches and to plant new churches. However, we will be able to grow only to the extent that adequate and effective leadership is provided for these ministries. Right now, there is a shortage of leadership for pastoral ministry, missions, and church planting. Seventh Day Baptists need more ministry leadership.

The Council on Ministry is responsible to seek, encourage, and counsel those whom God is calling. We have a job to do, and we have a Council that is ready for the challenge.

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## What happened to Christian service?

by Jeff Trautman

The real crisis in Christian ministries today is not highly publicized. You won't read about it in a syndicated column or see it on prime time television.

This crisis is a declining interest and commitment to Christian service in this country. Intercristo, a ministry to help individuals find job opportunities in Christian service, has seen this emerging trend at a grass roots level. During the past 18 months, there has been a sharp decline in the number of Christians expressing interest in ministry work.

The obvious question is why? From our perspective, several factors loom large.

### Loss of Confidence

Highly publicized indiscretions among a few visible Christian leaders seems to have planted many seeds of doubt about the integrity and value of ministries in the United States. In a media-driven culture, it's easy to equate significance with coverage. We assume that the most important events in the world are those reported. Unfortunately, Christian service is rarely newsworthy until it can be sensationalized.

What we don't hear about is over 3,000 ministries in this country



which quietly and faithfully carry out their mission with integrity and compassion. Their actions are not publicized but simply displayed in service to those in need. Their story may never be told in a visible way. They are the Kingdom at work. High visibility, popularity, and size

American business today is profitable service. The trademark of the Kingdom is sacrificial service. We cannot serve God and Mammon.

### Limiting Stereotypes

I often hear, "I could never work in a Christian ministry; I don't

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have never been the measurement of effective ministry; so why evaluate the many by the problems of the few?

### Lure of Culture

The values of the '80s are displayed on every magazine rack across the country. Visit one and you'll see titles like *Success*, *Fortune*, *Self*, and *Leisure*. We begin to believe work is only a means to personal fulfillment. Getting yours, having the best, and making it happen now are the measuring sticks of career success.

In the midst of this race for happiness, we forget that the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10 cannot be measured in stock options, vacations, or personal assets. The biblical standard of investing your time and talents wisely and finding your place to serve is easily lost in a success-driven culture. The "buzzword" of

have a Theology degree," or "I could never raise my own support," or "I'm not a missionary type; I like a nice office and a dependable salary."

We all have our stereotypes and fears about what it's really like to work in a ministry. Christian ministries, like companies, are extremely diverse. Working conditions, compensation, and work relationships vary from ministry to ministry. Intercristo lists over 20,000 job openings for over 900 of these ministries. At least 40% of the openings are salaried positions here in the United States. Positions like computer programmers, camp directors, social workers, teachers, and mechanics are available.

Kingdom work comes in all backgrounds and skills. Why not challenge your stereotype of who works in ministry and what is available. Learn about real opportunities for making a difference with your worklife. You could be on the verge of an exciting career adventure.

### Low Unemployment

It's sad but true, many Christians consider working in a ministry only when "secular jobs" seem scarce. In times of relatively high employment, ministries have a more difficult time recruiting qualified and committed personnel. We're experiencing one of those times. Labor statistics show that unemployment is the lowest it has been in 14 years. Granted, these statistics don't tell the whole story. There are still many unemployed who are no longer counted as such and many who are underemployed. The fact remains that many job

seekers have more options and are less willing to take risks or try new avenues of work. The result is that ministries suffer.

The real question is, "How do I decide if ministry-related work is right for me?" There is no simple answer to this question, but let me suggest these considerations:

- Do you have an interest or desire to work for an organization with a purpose you could really support?
- Are you effective in your job but feel there should be more meaning to your work?

• Do you sense that God has something more for you to do but struggle to leave your "comfort zone" and stretch your faith?

If you've answered yes to these questions, then congratulations. You're an excellent candidate for ministry work! The next step is to begin praying and then start exploring and learning about opportunities that could be right for you. **SR**

*Jeff Trautman is executive director at Intercristo. Their toll-free number is 800-426-1342.*

Dear Seventh Day Baptist Family,

A new scholarship fund has been activated in our denomination. "The Caroline R. Gray Scholarship Fund" is in memory of our mother, Caroline Gray.

The Scholarship is designated for anyone who has felt a call into the ministry or mission field for our Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

In addition to informing you of this new source of funds to help train leadership for the denomination, this letter is sent to encourage our SDB family, and "friends of the family," to contribute to this newly developing scholarship fund.

It is an opportunity to invest in the future—to be part of posterity—supporting someone who is willing to serve God in the ministry or mission field.

Consider these options for increasing this fund:

1. A church, as a whole body, might consider sending a contribution on a "one time basis," or design some procedure by which an annual or other type of giving might be done.
2. Perhaps a specific group (Ladies Aid, Youth Fellowship, Sabbath School, etc.) could "adopt" the fund as a special project. Caroline Gray made major contributions to all of the above, in her local church and the denomination, so such special "adopting" would help to perpetuate her memory among us.
3. Private gifts, bequests, endowments, money "willed"—whatever way individuals might desire to help the fund to grow—would be deeply appreciated.

Caroline Gray had a tremendous capacity for giving love. Her entire life was an ongoing example of Christlike love. She was a supporter, an encourager, and was devoted to serving others in Christ's name.

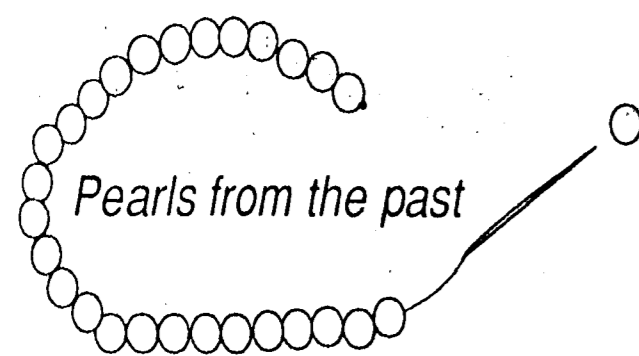
We believe that this scholarship fund will enable her to extend Christ's love—and hers (even now)—in supporting and encouraging those who seek to honor God, through Christ, in these special ministries of service.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and active participation in this effort to be of broad service to our Lord.

Our sincere love and thanks,  
Rev. Ed and Marietta Sutton

**Make checks to:** Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547. Make a notation that the gift is for the Caroline R. Gray Scholarship Fund. For your information: Individual contributions are tax deductible.





## Reforms begin at home

by Don A. Sanford, historian

The turn of this century was a period of great social reform in America. Men such as Washington Gladden (who wrote the words for the hymn, *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*, and in 1887, followed with the book, *Applied Christianity*) were later joined by people like Walter Rauschenbusch, who wrote *Christianizing the Social Order*. Much of their concern was over the impoverished working class who were either exploited or replaced by rapid industrialization. A number of seminaries began to include courses in social services and train students to deal with the problems of society.

While some of these reformers attacked the symptoms, a contemporary reformer tried with equal passion and vigor to get at a basic cause: the lack of the divine harmony between work and rest. Dr. A.H. Lewis believed with conviction

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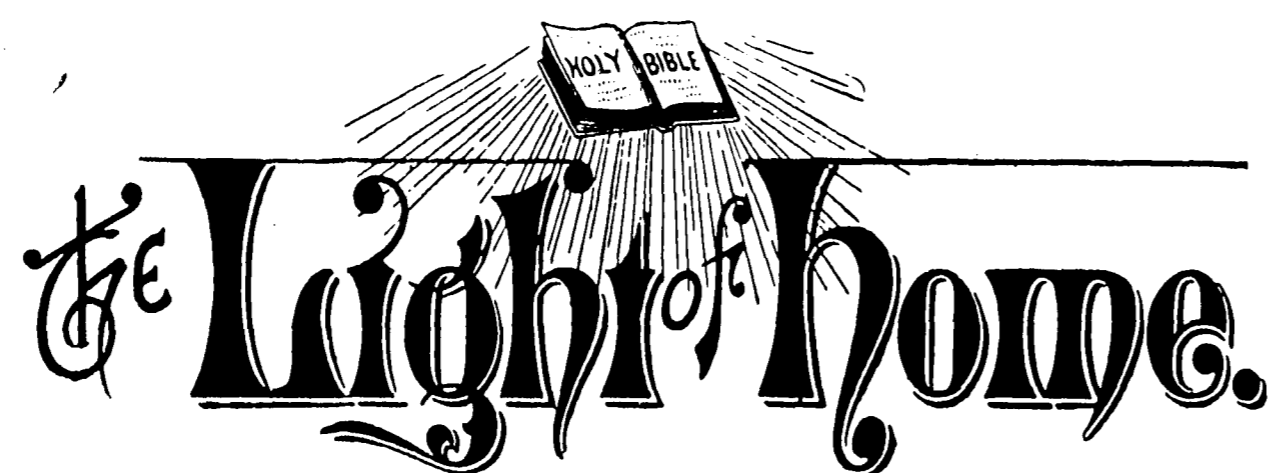
that a return to the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, would ease much of the tension in the work place.

In 1882, A.H. Lewis began publishing *The Outlook*, a magazine which was sent primarily to colleges and seminaries. Lewis thought that if he could reach the leaders of the churches, others would follow. It did have its effect in bringing a number of key people to belief in the Sabbath.

Yet, he also recognized that any lasting reform must begin with the basic unit of society—the family. Thus in August 1885, he began editing a monthly magazine entitled *The Light of Home*, which ran until the November 1889, issue. This little eight-page magazine had a peak circulation of

intelligent faith, to holier purposes, and more lofty endeavors....

*The Light of Home* will not only aim to develop a high moral and spiritual life in each home but our Household Department will be a treasury of good things relative to the ever-recurring problems which beset the housekeeper. It will



115,000 during the first year. (Editor's note: !!!) The following year, the number dropped back to about 5,000, with half going into Seventh Day Baptist homes. In 1886, some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) provided the names of over 40,000 Christian women to whom the magazine was sent.

A basic premise of this magazine was stated in the first issue:

"Our aims are reformatory. Our creed is the Bible.... We do not think that the world is hopelessly bad, although there is much of evil and much reformation is needed. We do think that too many, even among Christians, are too careless and ignorant, concerning truth and duty. Our mission is to aid in overcoming ignorance, indifference and evil. We desire to join hands with you in this work.

Righteousness in the home is the source of righteousness in the Church and in the State. As are the homes of the land, so will all else become. We hope to help each of our readers to greater familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures, to more

abound in suggestions which tend to make the home beautiful and cheerful."

Almost every issue repeated the theme of the home and the family as underlying any area of reform. For example, a paragraph entitled "How To Spoil," lists the following prescriptions:

- Tea—Let it boil.
- Warm bread or cake—Cut it with a warm knife.
- A breakfast—Grumble all the while you are eating it.
- A child—Let him have his own way; give him nothing to do; and lead him to expect a life of ease.
- A home—Forget to say "please" and "thank you"; grumble and find fault with all that is done; abolish rational amusements; neglect to furnish wholesome reading of a pleasant character; and promise but forget to perform.

Above all other areas of reform, two topics received the most print: The Sabbath and temperance. In each of these, attitudes and actions are clearly established within the home. One century later there has been little change!



# SR Almanac

Where we have been...

### One year ago—June 1988

Special evangelistic issue, "Jesus is in the business of—*Changing Lives*," features testimonies from members of the Battle Creek, Michigan, church.

### Five years ago—June 1984

Editor D. Scott Smith produces special 140th anniversary issue, featuring full-color pictures throughout. The popular outreach piece continues to impress others with "a peculiar people."

### Ten years ago—June 1979

Theme section on the family features guest editor Madeline Fitz Randolph.

History and vision of Camp Joy shared from Berea, West Virginia.

Former editors send congratulatory notes to mark 135th anniversary of the SR.

Alfred, New York, church reports on coffee house outreach.

### 25 years ago—June 1964

Coverage of the "thrilling experience" of the Baptist Jubilee held in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Church in Hammond, Louisiana, celebrates 75 years of history.

Conference President C. Rex Burdick outlines the main speakers for the programs in Salem, West Virginia.

Shiloh, New Jersey, church hosts Spanish services for area migrant workers.

...where are we headed?

### Pray...

- that God will use our outreach publications
- for a strong, fruitful camping season
- for inspiration on new ways to reach the lost
- for all of our Conference participants
- that your pastor gained practical insights from Pastors' Conference
- for your group's prayer life
- that we learn from the past and forge ahead for His sake

### 50 years ago—June 1939

The second annual SDB Pastors' Conference is held in Alfred, New York.

All-day (24 hour) prayer meeting in Riverside, California, focuses on denominational interests.

Milton College president J.W. Crofoot retires.

Corliss Fitz Randolph composes special biographical sketch honoring Edwin Herbert Lewis, philosopher and philologist.

### 75 years ago—June 1914

From Alfred, New York: "Seven were baptized last Friday, sixty-one since the closing week of our evangelistic campaign, sixty-eight during this Conference year, and others are awaiting baptism this week."

June 29 issue highlights 87th commencement of Alfred University.

Semi-annual meeting of the northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches "not large in numbers, but very choice in quality."

A want ad promotes the making and selling of a "patented household article of unusual merit... This is a good opportunity for a hustler to make money."

Want to see your church featured in the future?

Then we need some news—**NOW.**

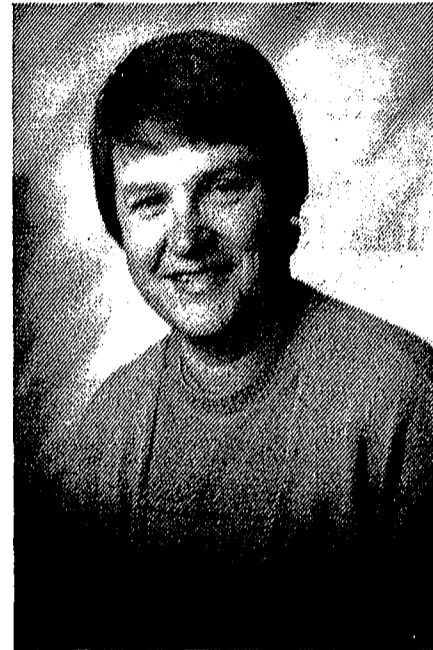
Send us your local happenings. Designate a *Sabbath Recorder* correspondent and *correspond!*

Mail your news to:  
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# Share the joy of forgiveness

by Luan Ellis

Share  
The  
Joy



Conference  
President,  
Luan Ellis

*"Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you have a complaint against someone else." Colossians 3:13a*

It has been a real challenge for me to write these monthly articles for *The Sabbath Recorder*. So many times the topic of the month has been so very appropriate and applicable to what is going on in my life at the moment. This month is no exception.

This particular Bible verse is sometimes hard to swallow. Be tolerant with one another! Oh, how hard that can be. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, tolerance means "having sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from one's own." Seventh Day Baptists allow much more freedom of belief than many other religions. We, therefore, learn to be more tolerant of people's beliefs.

In traveling from church to church I have seen many differences, but there is also a common bond that has made me feel comfortable worshipping in

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any of our churches. I ask you to pray that we are all tolerant of the beliefs of others and make them feel a part of the Seventh Day Baptist family.

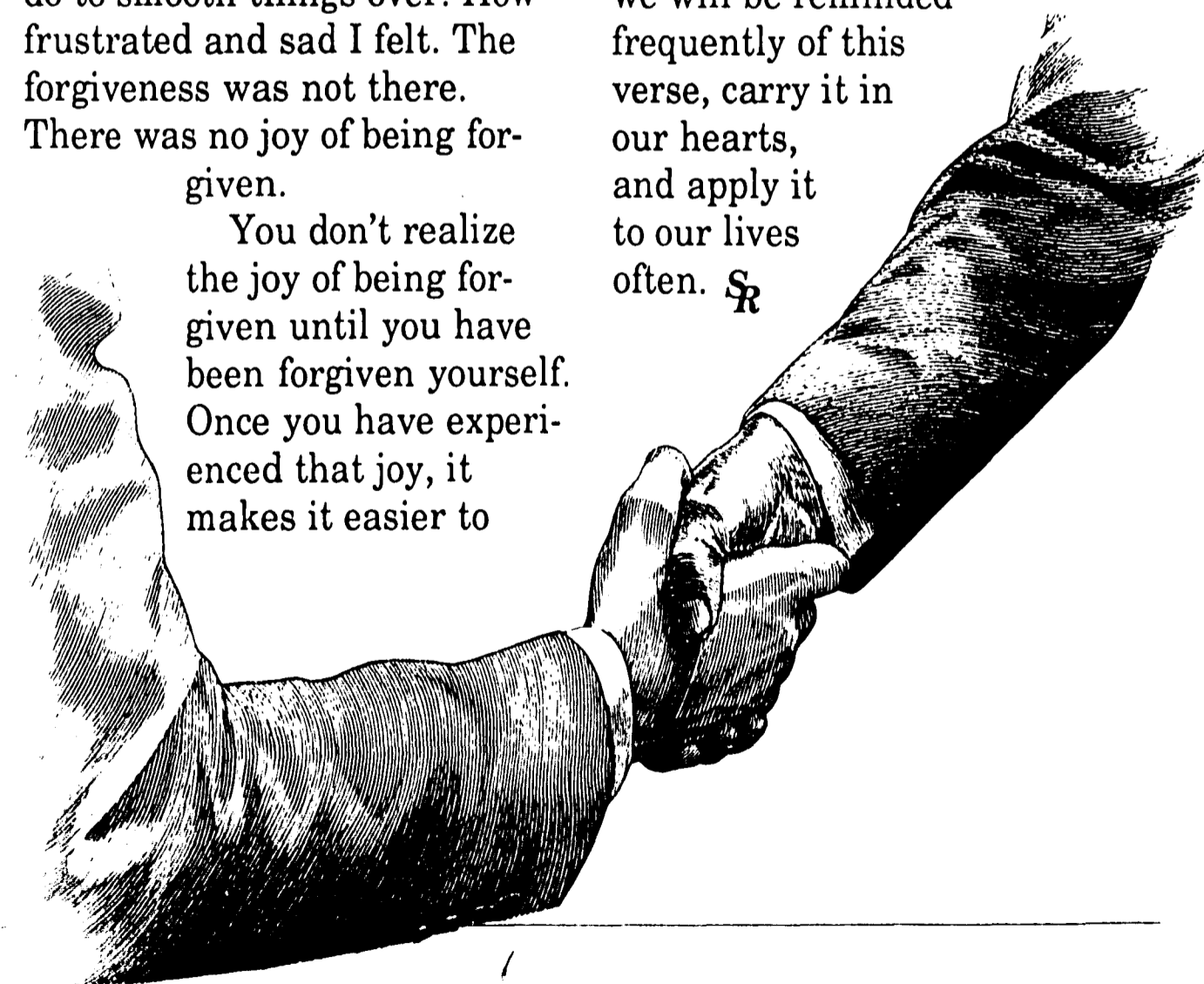
I did something at the school where I teach that was perceived to be done in the incorrect procedure. This upset a particular individual. I was doing what I thought I had been told, and didn't know that I had been incorrect in my method. When I discovered my mistake I went to the individual to apologize. My apology was not accepted and the situation was not improved. I did all I could do to smooth things over. How frustrated and sad I felt. The forgiveness was not there. There was no joy of being forgiven.

You don't realize the joy of being forgiven until you have been forgiven yourself. Once you have experienced that joy, it makes it easier to

forgive others. Just the simple phrase, "I forgive you," can mean a lot and heal a broken relationship. Try it, you'll like it.

We are so thankful to God for His forgiveness. We must share the joy of His forgiveness with everyone. When you see someone down in the dumps, thinking life is for the birds, remind them of the joy God gives us.

Be tolerant with one another and forgive. As the memory verse continues, "You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you." Please pray with me, that we will be reminded frequently of this verse, carry it in our hearts, and apply it to our lives often. *SR*



# Pastor Profile

**Name:** Rev. Paul B. Osborn

**Birthdate and place:**

February 9, 1928, Verona, New York

**Current pastorate:**

Albion, Wisconsin

**Family:**

Wife, Muriel; daughter, Karen; sons, Phillip, Joel, Tim and Steve; seven living grandchildren

**Education:**

Bridgeton, New Jersey High School--1946  
Houghton College, Houghton,  
New York--1950  
Faith Seminary, Elkins Park,  
Pennsylvania--1960

**Former Pastorates/employment:**

Nile (Friendship Church) and Richburg,  
New York  
Marlboro (rural Bridgeton), New Jersey  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Kansas City, Missouri  
Nortonville, Kansas  
Dodge Center, Minnesota

**My first job was:**

Selling sweet corn from dad's big garden  
summers in Nortonville (20-25¢/doz.)

**Personal hero:**

Joseph

**Favorite childhood memory:**

Mom reading stories on Sabbath after-  
noons.

**Favorite Bible passage:**

Romans 8



**Favorite author:**

Charles Colson

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

I'd probably travel coast-to-coast and  
visit all our children and grandchil-  
dren.

**A great answer to prayer was:**

When Muriel said "yes" to my marriage  
proposal.

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

Getting the Albion church to find out  
its task for God!

**My vision for SDBs:**

That we will become larger for the glory  
of God and the gospel.



From the executive secretary's desk

## Family roots and models

by Dale D. Thorngate

When I was a boy, family was taken for granted. My father and mother did not express publicly their love for each other or for us, but we boys knew we were loved and cared for.

### Family roots important

My parents were typical of the mobile society. Early in their married life they moved away from their families in rural Nebraska and went to a Michigan city where my father could find work. So from the time I was born, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins lived a thousand miles away. Happily, we did go back to Nebraska for vacations in the summer, spending time in the homes of the extended family. Somehow, without it being stated, we knew that there was a shared love. We knew that we were all united in a heritage that was significant. Being a member of our family was both a privilege and a responsibility. It meant something to have Davises and Van Horns, Thorngates and Mattisons in our family tree.

As I have grown older (and maybe a little wiser), I have come

to appreciate not so much the roots of family *blood line* connections, as the heritage of *values* that were taught and maintained in these relationships. In fact, at some point I discovered that my father had been adopted as a young child. No great significance was ever attached to that "fact"; evidence to me that it was the heritage of culture and values—not blood lines—that were important.

During my childhood the Seventh Day Baptist church was important in my family experience. The weekly church service, Sabbath School, and Christian Endeavor were a natural part of our lives. Every summer we attended Bible School and camp. During high school my church family experiences expanded with summer travels to attend Pre-Con youth retreats and Conferences across the country. At its best, the church can function as an extended family for individuals and for fragmented or uprooted families.

### Family under attack

Today as I travel across the country to meet with our churches and their leaders, I am reminded of the joy and privilege, as well as the

responsibilities we have as the Seventh Day Baptist family. In several places, the apostle Paul tells the church how to function in the "family of God." He doesn't use the word family; he talks of husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children. In

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Colossians 3: "Wives submit to your husbands...husbands, love your wives...children, obey your parents...Fathers, do not embitter your children."

In our society today the family is under attack. Talk of nuclear vs. extended family gives way to issues of one-parent families, mobile families, disfunctioning families.

### Church to model family

The church is challenged to model the family for the society in which we live. There are several models in the Bible. What is important is the element of love that must be present in relationships no matter how nuclear or extended the family.

Paul also says, in Colossians 3:2— "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience." The family of God is to be the model for the family of man. It has joys and privileges; it has commitments and responsibilities. My prayer is that God, working through us, will help to strengthen the family so that we can exemplify what it means to be part of His family. *SR*



## FOCUS on Missions

by Leon R. Lawton

### New Church Development, USA

Two new churches have come under the New Church Development guidelines—New Life SDB branch church (of Waterford, Connecticut, SDB Church) in the Greater Hartford, Connecticut, area, James Galanaugh, pastor; and the Faith SDB Church of Doniphan, Missouri, Ronald Elston, pastor. This brings our total to five churches under this new concept. The two primary features of New Church Development are that the Extension Pastors must spend 50% of their time doing evangelism and extension, and they must be accountable to the Director of Extension for time and goals. A copy of the New Church Development guidelines is available on request from the Missionary Board office.

### Estonia, USSR, Europe

Special gifts for this work, sent through Missionary Tom McElwain in Turku, Finland, helped make possible the purchase of two video players. The new church in Rakvere and their branch in Tallinn are using them daily in witnessing. Friends, neighbors, and strangers are invited into their homes to watch the film of the life of Christ. Usually this is followed by a Bible study. In sharing this news our missionary also revealed that, "Amino Poldaru wrote that the machine was not working and that she had seen in a dream the inside of the machine and how to fix it. Heikki opened it and found it just as she had seen in the dream. So they are using the machine again."

### Missouri, USA

Extension/Field Pastor Ronald J. Elston reports that the efforts of their revival and evangelistic outreach have paid off. Growth and interest continues as three families have expressed an interest in church membership at Doniphan, Missouri. The Central Missouri branch church has relocated in a rented church building in Elston, located between Centertown and Jefferson City. Several new families are now in attendance. Dr. Jon Warren continues to provide leadership for the group there as he continues his studies in the T.I.M.E. training under the leadership of Rod Henry. Field work continues in the Bootheel, Missouri, area where we have new membership. Meetings have also been held with Doug Cotner in Jackson, where we hope to start a new work later this year.

### Cebu City, the Philippines, Asia

Rev. Ely Paypa Sr. has shared about his son, Al, who is president of their Convention Youth Department. Al was stricken on January 13th and taken to Cebu Doctor's Hospital emergency room (ER). His parents were called and special doctors came at midnight to help.

The elder Paypa wrote, "I spent every minute in prayer with my wife claiming God's power to spare the life of my son for the sake of God's work. I remembered Isaiah 38:1-10; John 11:25; Luke 1:37; Philippians 1:21 and left it to the Lord that His will be done. I advised my wife to stay outside the ER because of heart illness. A few minutes later I witnessed and saw with my eyes that my son stopped breathing. I called the attention of his attending physician and he told me that his cardiac arrest stopped. Then he removed the instrument placed in his mouth and nose and the dextrose and oxygen stopped. He found out that Al was already dead. So I left the ER to comfort my wife, waiting for the dead body of our beloved son with tears and my wife in pain. I repeated that we will meet Al someday, but in our prayer we still asked God to do what he did to Lazarus and to Jairu's daughter, but not to force God, leaving it to His will.

"In the midst of our sorrows after an hour and a half unbelievable things happened. We were informed by a woman at the lobby of the hospital that my son was looking for his mother. I returned to the ER to peep in and see. There were four doctors around him and Al was breathing again with the instrument again in his mouth and nose. At this time I can't hold myself from crying, praising the Lord for the miracle that happened to my son. I called my wife with a joy in my heart! We went to talk with him but he could not speak (but knew us). We experienced how great our God is and how He loved us. He answered our prayers and turned our sorrows to joy. At his deathbed together we promised to God to do all His will whatever the cause. After four days in the hospital Al was released. All findings were negative. No damage to heart, brain, kidney, lungs, and blood. For us more prayer, more power."



# the BEACON

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June 1989

## Meet the 1990 slate of N.S.D.B.Y.F. officers

The slate of officers for 1990 has been announced by Dan Richards, youth director of the Texarkana, Arkansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Look their biographies over and get to know your officers for next year!

### President—Clint Brown

Clint is the president of the Texarkana YF and an active member of the Texarkana church. He has served on the nominating committee of the Southwestern Association and as president of the Southwestern Association YF.

Clint graduated from high school in 1988, and is attending college. Clint has also worked as a carpenter's apprentice and as a staff member at the Toy Boat Child Care Center.

### Vice-President—Beth Basile

Beth is a member of the Texarkana church and youth fellowship. She has shown her interest in spreading the Good News of Christ by serving on the Outreach Committee of the Southwestern Asso-

ciation. She has also attended Pre-Con Camp and Conference several times.

Beth is a senior in high school. She is a member of the French Club, National Honor Society, SADD co-treasurer, and editor of the Yearbook. She is employed at Showbiz Pizza, and has also volunteered time for the Red Cross.

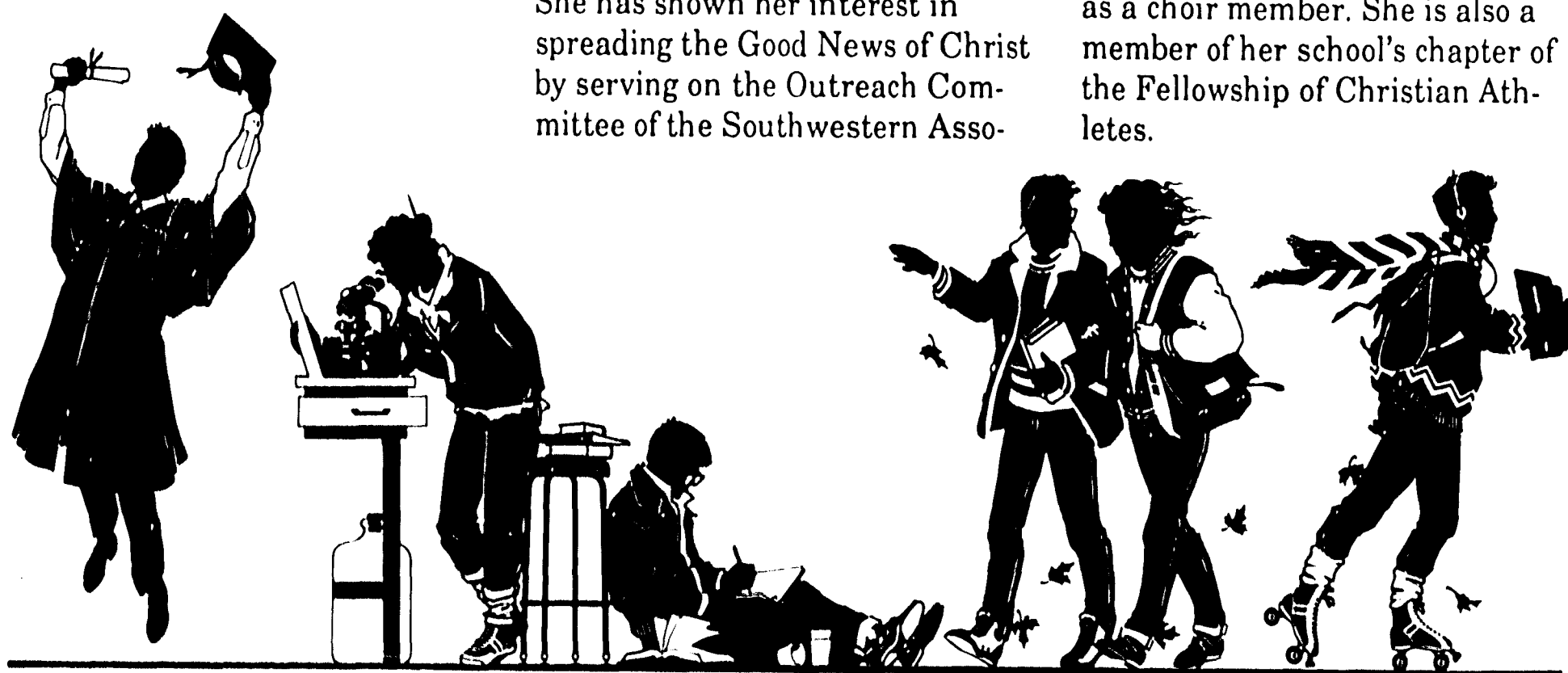
### Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Scott

Mary, like the other nominees, is a member of the Texarkana church and youth fellowship. She has been the treasurer for her local YF since 1987. She has served on the Nominating Committee for the Southwestern Association and is a member of SWAYFO (Southwestern Association Youth Fellowship Organization). She is a frequent contributor to the SWAYFO Newsletter.

Mary is a senior in high school and has utilized her singing talent as a choir member. She is also a member of her school's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

## FYI

Don't forget to send your ballots to the Board of Christian Education. The winner of the Y.F. Logo Contest is up to you!



## Milton SDB Youth Fellowship

The Milton Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship has spent an exciting and active year together. Our officers this year are: Greg Hess, president; Michelle Loofboro, vice-president; and Tanya Henry, secretary-treasurer.

Each month we have had a meeting and an activity. Our meetings are fun, and our sponsors, Rod and Camille Henry, have given us something special to think about through group games. We have learned about how other people in the world live and how we have so much to be thankful for.

In October, Association was held at our church. We had a mini-retreat where we watched a tape on dating by Tony Campolo, played volleyball, and went to Julius Henry's home to play 18-hole mini-golf, pool, ping-pong, and pin-ball—all in his basement! We spent the night and then went home the next day.

In November, we went horseback riding and on a hayride. That day was our first snowfall and we really enjoyed the fresh snow. Unfortunately, Camille decided horses were not meant to be ridden and was thankful to be able to get off!

In December, we had our planned fast and a Christmas



Milton youth take part in a hayride following horseback riding.

party. January was a quiet month since there was not enough snow for our planned sledding party. Instead, we went roller-skating.

February was set aside for a special service project. We made Valentines for some of the older people in our church who can't get out to worship. We took the cards to them and visited for a while. It was a real blessing to see how much our visits were appreciated.

At the end of February, we went on a ski trip, which proved to be a lot of fun! We borrowed a bus and

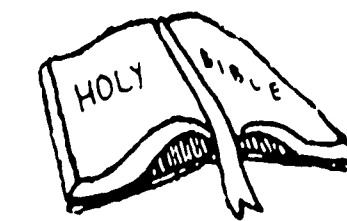
all rode together. Many of us had never skied, but we quickly learned.

In March we held our spring breakfast fund-raiser. We plan to finish the year with a trip to Great America amusement park and Noah's Ark water park.

We have a very active youth group with 18 members. In addition to our sponsors, we have had several others assist in the leadership. We have enjoyed the many activities and opportunities we've had this year.

## Director's Ditty

June 11 is the designated Baptist Youth Day of Prayer for 1989. I would encourage each and every young person and Youth Fellowship to take time on this day (or the Sabbath prior) to recognize the importance of prayer in our Christian walk. A meeting focusing on prayer would be most appropriate. Have a good month and keep on praying!



Study Helps

Read: Ephesians 6:18-20

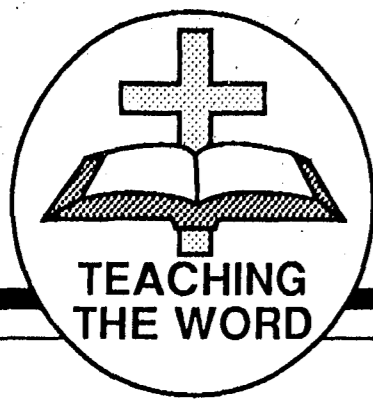
Memorize: Ephesians 6:18

Prayer is time spent with God. Prayer is the highest energy of which the human

mind is capable. It is the total concentration of the faculties. Prayer does not come with hurry. The strength that can be gained from prayer is never a companion of hurry.

Moses, Elijah, and Paul all prayed exceedingly. But Jesus prayed many a night until His work was done. We should follow these examples in our prayer life, praying on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.





## Christian Education

### Planning Christian education in the local church

The pastor phoned the superintendent and asked how a new class might be arranged for two new couples. They were coming regularly to Sabbath School, but didn't seem to fit the older adult classes. The superintendent remarked that they needed more space. A new class would have to be located in the sanctuary. But where was she to find a new class teacher? The pastor taught an adult class; the superintendent served as substitute teacher for Junior High through adult classes; the youth advisors both taught classes; the Diaconate chairman taught a class; and the church's leadership was doing double duty.

Building up the body of Christ through teaching Christian doctrine and life principles is a goal of our churches. But it brings "growing pains" as we struggle with Christ's commission to reach, baptize, and teach. The overworked, frustrated pastor and superintendent may be discovered in many of our churches. How can we approach the problems and limitations of our small churches while maintaining the enthusiasm of Christ's challenge?

The Board of Christian Education is offering a Christian Education Planning Workshop for the local church. The four-session workshop is structured to assist the local church in determining its Christian education goal, understanding its present Christian education program, gathering statistics related to membership

and attendance, selecting workable limitations/problems, writing an objective to meet that problem, and planning to accomplish that problem objective.

An excellent resource for pastors and lay educational leaders is a book in Judson Press' *Small Church in Action* series, "Christian Education in the Small Church," by Donald I. Griggs and Judy McKay Walther, published in 1988. The

analysis of the church location and membership, as well as the neighborhood population from your church growth or outreach studies.

The local church will benefit from also listing and briefly describing the church's present educational programs before initiating additional programming or suggesting cuts. Priorities can be established and leadership needs determined.

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the great commission.**

second chapter, "Developing Christian Education Where You Live," outlines the strategy for planning. Judy Walther wrote this chapter which we have adapted for use by our Seventh Day Baptist churches. We suggest each church first answer these four main questions: "Where are we?" (location); "What are we?" (program); "Who are we?" (beliefs); and "When are we?" (challenges).

Your local church will find that answering the series of questions under each main question will provide the basis for planning a new Christian Education program. It is suggested that the planning church should develop a description of their church's congregational life before beginning a new program. Your church may already have an

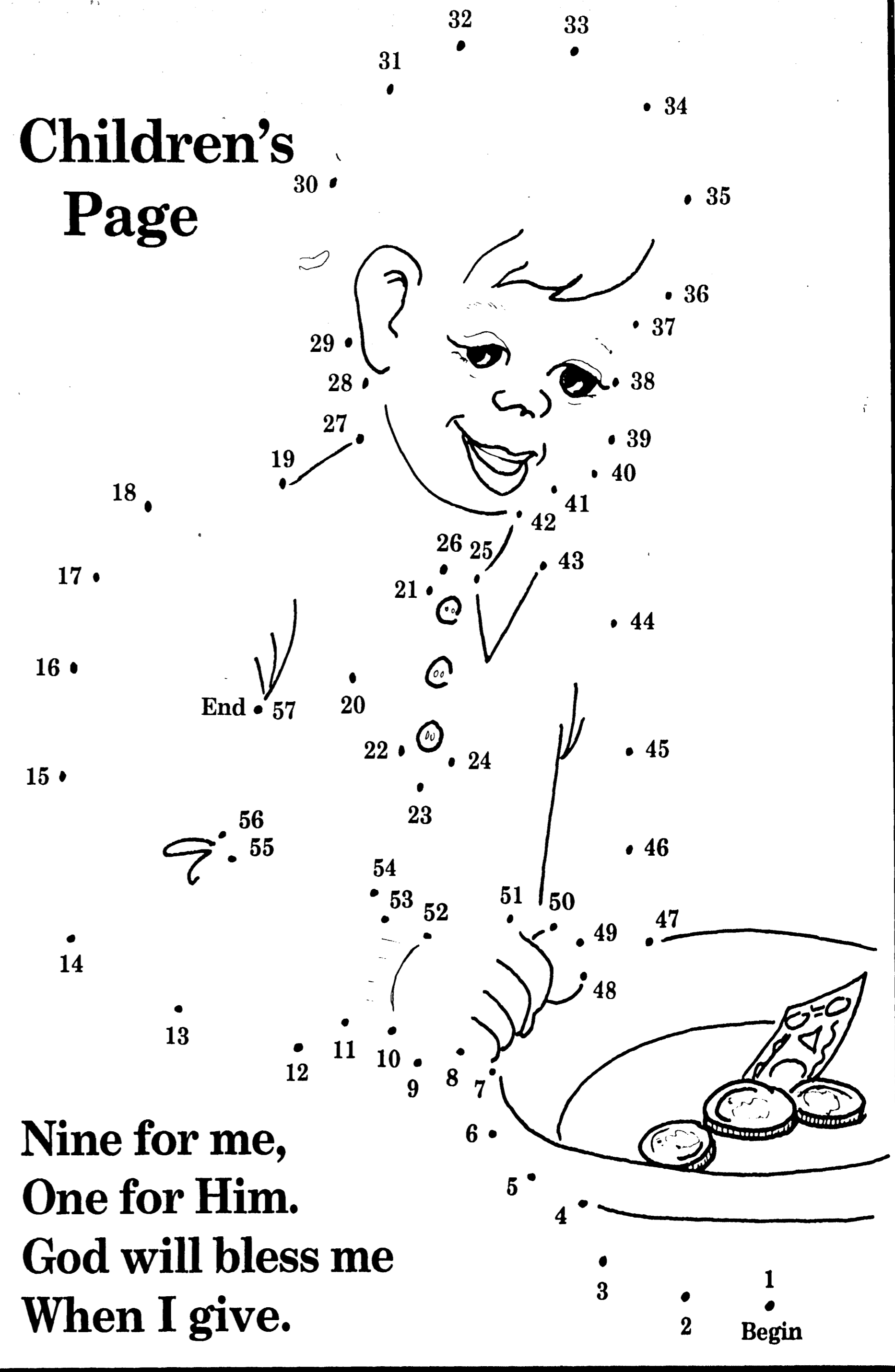
Your congregation may wish to schedule the Natural Evangelism Training program before attempting to develop a description of the congregation's beliefs and faith practice. It is important to clarify whether the written beliefs of the bylaws or church covenant represent the belief and faith practice of the present congregation.

Developing a description of the congregation's challenges and limitations before presenting possibilities for change will lead the local church to ask itself, "What are the most important things to do?"

Write the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, P.O. Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, or phone (607) 587-8527 for further information or to schedule this workshop for your church. *S.R.*

## Children's Page

**Nine for me,  
One for Him.  
God will bless me  
When I give.**





Women's Society News & Ideas by Marilyn Merchant

## June is for families

Dear Ones All,

This is the month of weddings, graduations, vacations, and so many other facets of our lives—a perfect time to think about families, new and old. I must tell of an excellent (I think) idea I received from one of my best friends in a recent letter.

We often hear "grocery store magazines" maligned, but my friend had some high praise for one—*Woman's Day*. Did you realize that immediately under the masthead on the contents page, there is always a quote from scripture? "In this day and age of super-sensitivity about religion," she wrote. "I think they are doing a forthright job of standing up against any pressure they might have had. Wouldn't it be great if ladies of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination were to write individual notes of appreciation and support to *Woman's Day Magazine*? Perhaps a reference to Seventh Day Baptists would be a bit of public relations. People do not have to like us, believe like us, or join us, but they can know we exist!"

Do you realize that the average working couple spends only about 12 minutes a day talking with each other? About 36 minutes a day is spent together in cooking, cleaning, shopping, paying bills, and demonstrating affection. (This statistic comes from "Family Happiness is Homemade," a little bulletin insert that many of our churches include.) Also, from this same insert, comes the following story: a child who had been to Sabbath School heard the story of Adam and how Eve was made from his rib. After class let out, the little boy played a very fast game of tag with a few of his classmates. (After all, you have to get rid of that pent-up energy

somehow!) He got a pain in his side and on his way home, told his mother, "I think I'm going to have a wife."

I've been thinking a lot about what keeps families in the church and what causes some members to drift away. I received a rough draft of my father's family's history. Although his father was an orphan, his mother's family can be traced back almost to the beginning of Seventh Day Baptists in America (also my mother's family, I believe). So, why are there only three of my generation who are practicing our family heritage? As the King of Siam said, "it is a puzzlement." This is only one of the branches of our family. There are many cousins scattered among the branches who are following the tenets. It seems as if former generations, who were much more faithful in adhering to the strict rules of the church body, had a better track record. Also, it

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was primarily a rural family. As the generations began to go on to further education and travel further afield, the family unit became less cohesive. Do you have the same observations about your family? What are the answers? It really troubles me.

### From the national scene

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has announced that pre-game prayers have been ruled unconstitutional. The team involved had tried all kinds of alternatives, but the atheistic-leaning

student still objected. The Court of Appeals made its decision, two votes to one. This makes a very consecrated home and family prayer life all the more important. There must be some way to give these young people a feeling of support, and to emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship and good clean effort.

### From our society

As of this writing, not one nomination has been received for The Robe of Achievement. This makes us very sad, especially since the ladies at last year's Conference were so anxious that the project continue. Also announced at the last Board meeting was the fact that there have been applications from 15 young people for SCSC, and we have accepted seven projects from churches. More discussion was held regarding the banner to be sent to Seoul, Korea, for the

Baptist World Alliance Jubilee in August, 1990. Unfortunately, it is the same week as our Conference, but our banner can go.

### From your society

White Cloud, Michigan—the Ladies Aid held a Soup and Sandwich Supper to raise money toward a new stove for their kitchen. They also had a people auction. The newsletter is also their project and is a great boon to those of us at a distance who like to know what's cooking.

Battle Creek, Michigan—speak-

ing of cooking, the ladies did a lot of that recently at their Church and Community Meijer Dinner sponsored by the Meijer market. The store furnished the food and the door prizes, while the ladies did the work, sold the tickets, and got the money. This is after collecting tapes from Meijer sales of a certain amount total. Their projects include SCSC and buying a new microwave oven for the newly remodeled Parish House kitchen. They have been tying quilts for a charitable institution and made some baby quilts to sell.

Ladies Aid news has been rather scarce this month.

When we mention books in this column, it is often with the idea that they might make a good addition to your church library as well as your personal one. Such is one by Stuart Briscoe entitled, *Everyday Discipleship for Ordinary People*. It states that if you are an everyday follower of Christ, then you are a disciple. We wear many disguises, uniforms, and ambitions, and we come from all walks of life. Then there is *Letters to the Smiths—Uncle Oliver* by Hosea W. Rood, a small book of letters sent to various relatives encouraging them to do Christian good works. (It's a book of nostalgia about and for

Seventh Day Baptists from a former teacher in Milton, Wisconsin.) I recommend a humorous book entitled, *The Truth Shall Set You Free—but First It Will Drive You Crazy* by James Buckingham.

Don't forget to send a card to your dad, husband, or brother, and why not tell them ten reasons you are thankful for them. It might really surprise them!

Agape,

## Ladies—We need your help!

We want to send a Seventh Day Baptist banner to the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Korea, next year.

Submit your design to the Women's Board by this September. The Board will select one, pay for and construct the banner.

### Banner Guidelines

Completed size: 33 inches wide by 54 and 1/2 inches long.

Fabric: Your choice. We suggest felt, burlap, heavy cotton or muslin. It needs to be heavy enough to hang nicely.

Design: Your choice. It should be descriptive of our country or group. It should include our **SDB logo**, and may include national or Christian symbols. The logo/symbols may be in applique or embroidery. It should have our name in the design, in English.

Please be sure that words and symbols are recognizable from a distance.

Colors: Your choice. The more color, the better.

Rod Pocket Size: The hems and openings at the top and bottom should be 1 and 1/2 inches. This will provide for rods at top and bottom.

**Deadline is September.  
Have your design go to Korea!**



December	\$749,433
November	\$686,983
October	\$624,530
September	\$562,077
August	\$499,624
July	\$437,171
June	\$374,718
May	\$312,265
April	\$249,812
March	\$187,359
February	\$124,906
January	\$62,453

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

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April Giving  
 Investment Income (est)  
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 January Giving  
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## The Denominational Budget...

### Our partnership in ministry

*How is the money being used?*

#### Training to begin for seven SCSC projects

Fifteen young people (four boys and 11 girls) begin training for the 1989 Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) at Camp Holston in Battle Creek, Michigan, June 16-25. They have been assigned to teams which will work in seven church projects across the country, June 27-July 31. Coming from 11 churches in nine states, each of the seven teams works with a local project director who will also attend training sessions in Battle Creek.

#### Calhoun leads training

Training coordinator, Rev. George Calhoun, has gathered a staff of seven who will teach skills in Christian education, Bible study, evangelism, interpersonal relationships, music, crafts, and recreation. Teams will work in five-week projects that include such activities as Bible school, camp, worship leading, Sabbath school, community surveys, and physical labor. Some are in more than one church.

Following projects in the churches, workers will meet again with the training staff for a two-day evaluation session. Evaluation will be July 31-August 2 in Snoqualmine, Washington, just prior to Pre-Conference retreats.

#### Funding from gifts

SCSC is funded by specifically designated gifts from Seventh Day Baptists. Some church service groups or women's societies sponsor fund-raising projects; some churches designate special collections; some wish to sponsor individual workers or teams. Christine Davis of Lake Elsinore, California, chairman of the SCSC Committee, notes that gifts may be sent to the Women's Board through your church treasurer or directly to the Denominational Budget marked "SCSC."

#### Workers, projects, directors

- Heather Crandall of Milton, Wisconsin, and Leanne Thomas of Hebron, Pennsylvania, to Santa Barbara, California (Steve Osborn, director);
- Keith Bond of Salem, West Virginia, and Bobby Switzer of White Cloud, Michigan, to Westerly, Rhode Island and Greater Hartford area, Connecticut (Caroline Carminati, director);
- Jeff Roberts of Salemville, Pennsylvania, and Cliff Rosa of Riverside, California, to White Cloud, Michigan (Cathy Cruzan and Wendy Meeuwes, directors);
- Connie Hays of Chatawa, Mississippi, Jill Martin of Salemville, Pennsylvania, and Roksanne Laxson of Denver, Colorado, to Battle Creek, Michigan (Jim Plane, director);
- DeLynne Jorgensen of Milton, Wisconsin (Syracuse, Kansas), and Jennifer Hays of Chatawa, Mississippi, to Shiloh/Marlboro, New Jersey (Jan Bond, director);
- Teresa Johnson of Waterford, Connecticut, and Jennifer Robles of Denver, Colorado, to Atlanta, Georgia (Melissa and Rod Noel, directors);
- Stacy Wagner of Denver, Colorado, and Dina Taylor of Lost Creek, West Virginia, to North Loup, Nebraska (Ruth Ryschon, director).

### SCSC

#### needs your support

Send your contributions for this most important program to:

SDB Women's Board  
 Ruby Hambleton, Treasurer  
 18064 Ivy St.  
 Fontana, CA 92335



## Countdown to Conference

June Newsletter from your '89 Host Committee

#### Greetings from Portland, Oregon!

Let's take a moment to explore the varied opportunities for **cultural enrichment** here in our beautiful city.

Portland is home to the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Portland Opera Company, Portland Art Museum, two ballet companies, over a dozen theatre companies, excellent choral groups, and chamber music orchestras.

Numerous restaurants, clubs, shops, movie theaters, and most of the major performing arts centers are located within a ten-block radius in the downtown center. (University of Portland is located about 15 minutes from this hub of activity.)

**The Portland Center for the Performing Arts** includes the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland Civic Auditorium, and the Intermediate and Winingstad Theatres. The Center hosts pop, rock, jazz, country, and classical concert artists from around the world.

The Intermediate Theatre is the primary stage for Ballet Oregon, West Coast Chamber Orchestra, Oregon Repertory Singers, and Pacific Ballet Theatre. The Dolores Winingstad Theatre is home to the Storefront and New Rose Theatre companies.

Located at SW Broadway and Main, the box office is open 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. For current scheduling and ticket information call (503) 248-4496, or call the Portland area events hot line at (503) 233-3333.

For a visual treat, explore the rich diversity of the **Oregon Art Institute**. The magnificent collection of art treasures includes Native American, African, Asian, European, Ameri-

can, and contemporary art. Located downtown at 1219 SW Park, the Institute is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Thursday 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Admission is free on Thursday from 5 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**OMSI** (Oregon Museum of Science and Industry) is Portland's premier family science center. The museum offers up-to-date displays which focus on life, earth, space, and information sciences. There are live demonstrations and hands-on exhibits which make OMSI fun for all ages. The museum is open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and open until 8 p.m. on Friday. OMSI is located at 4015 SW Canyon Road.

Take a break from all your busy sight-seeing following Conference activities and visit **The Grotto**, 8840 NE Skidmore (the corner of NE 85th and Sandy Boulevard). The Grotto is a 64-acre woodland featuring colorful gardens, trails, outdoor worship area, and beautiful panoramic views of the Columbia River Valley and Mounts St. Helens, Rainier, and Adams. The grounds are open from 9 a.m. until dusk, and provide a place for solitude, peace, and prayer.

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

Your '89 Host Committee is looking forward to having you as our guests at Conference. There is so much to see and do in Portland—it's a real challenge to narrow down these attractions. Watch for our final newsletter next month!

Warmly yours,  
 Susan Garritano,  
 publicity coordinator

## Pastors share the joy

Billed as "a major training event for pastors and spouses," this year's Pastors' Conference may have surpassed the pre-meeting hype.

Beautiful late-April weather and beautiful people greeted the 60 church leaders at the Alfred Station, New York, church. With "Pastoring When the Going Gets Tough" as the theme, the participants gained many practical skills to take back to their local church, along with a positive attitude.

"I sensed that the pastors came away with a good feeling about themselves and the denomination," reports Rodney Henry, director of pastoral services. "I didn't hear any negative put-downs.

"The evaluations sounded real positive. Several asked, 'How are you going to top this one?'"

Three powerful reasons for the success were the main speakers.

The Rev. Clifford Bond, chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka,

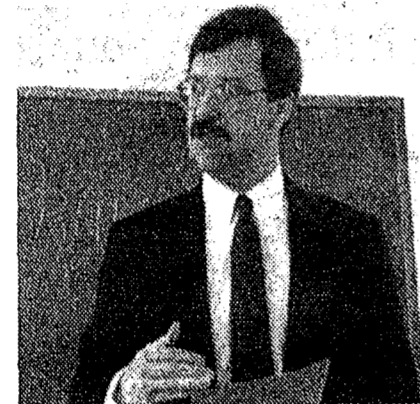


Rev. Clifford Bond

He stressed the importance of truly knowing ourselves and our own crises before ministering to others. Among other "stuff," Bond made sure we not "do" counseling as much as we should "be" counselors.

Kansas, counsels patients in Chemical Dependency Treatment Services.

From the Mennonite Peace Center in Lombard, Illinois, Richard Blackburn brought the group great expertise in conflict management and mediation skills. Two full days of teaching and hands-on mediation through role playing bolstered many a



Richard Blackburn

leader to better handle their next church conflict.



Role playing revealed some strong emotions.

Dr. James Gardiner, a Seventh Day Baptist psychologist from Rapid City, South Dakota, directed the assembly's attention to the family. More intense role playing revealed some deep emotions that can occur in the non-functional



Current pastor Mel Stephan (l.) and five former Alfred Station pastors: Rex Zwiebel, Edward Sutton, Ernest Bee, Paul Green, and Albert Rogers.

family. Gardiner delicately debriefed the "Pastoral Players" after their moving portrayals.



Dr. James Gardiner

Helping to coordinate the program, the Rev. Gordon

Lawton also gave the group time to confer in open discussions, hear about Conference programs and communication issues, and analyze a proposed Pastoral Covenant.

On Sabbath, the conferees were treated with a paper by the Rev. Dr. Wayne Rood, speaking for the inaugural Rex E. Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture. The SDB Board of Christian Education invited the leaders to sit in on the board's quarterly business meeting Sunday afternoon.

The gathering would not be complete without the many opportunities for singing and fellowship, with excellent morning and evening devotional times. Meals were provided at both the Alfred Station and Alfred churches.

A "major training event?" Yes, and so much more. **SR**

## King ordained in Kansas

The members of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church voted to ordain their pastor, Harold King, to the pastoral ministry at an ordination council March 17. Dr. Kenneth Smith served as chairman of the council and June Johnson served as secretary.

Pastor King's statement of beliefs, call, and Christian experience were presented in a series of vignettes and a dialogue between Harold and his wife, Kathi.

A former pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul Osborn, was the worship leader for the Sabbath morning service March 18. The

Rev. Clifford Bond brought the message titled, "Separate Unto the Lord."

The service of ordination was held that afternoon. The Rev. Leon Wheeler gave the charge to the candidate. Another former pastor of the church, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, represented the Council on Ministry and gave the charge to the church and the welcome to the ministry. The Rev. Gordon Lawton, also representing the Council on Ministry, led in the consecrating prayer and the laying on of hands.

Harold has been pastor of the Nortonville church since June, 1986. He had previously served



Harold King

churches in Little Genesee, New York; Hebron, Pennsylvania; and Kansas City, Missouri. He is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. **SR**

### Introduction to statement of beliefs

by Harold King

September, 1981—It had been a wonderful weekend. We found Oklahoma City to our liking. The theatre that I had been hand-picked by the company president to manage was by far the most beautiful and best located one in the city. We had found our dream apartment with a fireplace and a large patio overlooking a swimming pool. It would mean a large pay raise and job security. It was what I'd been working toward for the last nine years. It should have been a real time of joy in our lives, but a great deal of the trip back to our home in Carlsbad, New Mexico, was in thoughtful silence. Even though it went unspoken for several days, we both knew the telephone call had to be made: "Thanks, but no thank you."

Why turn down the opportunity of a lifetime? Because of the call—the call to ministry. God wouldn't let go.

All of us are called to some form of ministry. In the fourth chapter of the gospel of Luke we find the call to ministry that Jesus took upon himself.

"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the

oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing' " (Luke 4:16-21, NIV).

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we become a part of the family of God. As followers of Christ we, too, are called to the ministry. We answer the call to minister in different ways. Some are pastors, some are called to be teachers, some to be care-givers, some are called to make a telephone call or to make a visit to those who are sick and lonely, some are called to be prayer warriors. But each one is called to the ministry.

We are gathered here tonight to decide if I should be ordained—set apart—for the pastoral ministry. It's something that should never be taken lightly. I'm going to share with you some beliefs that I hold; things that are very important to me. Our lives are molded by our beliefs and in the same way we get our beliefs from what we experience in life. As we grow and mature, our beliefs change. We refine and reshape them a little bit. We seek and find new insights. I hope that this is not the end to what I believe. These are the beliefs that I hold now. I share them with you this evening to help you make a decision on whether to ordain me to the pastoral ministry.



## Riverside breaks ground

by Marilyn Merchant

After repeated delays, the first spadeful of earth was turned on February 25, 1989, by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church for their new sanctuary on Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California. As the large group gathered at 4 p.m. next door at the Masonic Lodge, there was a spirit of great excitement and anticipation. Dr. Steve Packard, church president, opened the ceremony with a short history of the local church and told of the original Temple as ordered by God. He noted the presence of our last remaining original member of the congregation, Luella Severe—a young person when our first church was built in the Colony Heights section. Charles Davis was in charge of the programs and once again made us thankful that he

and his wife, "Georgie," had recently been drawn into our fellowship. Other speakers included our contractor; vice president of the Press Enterprize, who purchased our present meeting house and parish house; a humor columnist from the paper (who has been on our "side of the fence" through numerous false starts); Dr. Tom Davis and Doris Fetherston, both of whom spoke on dreams and goals for our new home; Richard Perez, Rev. Alton Wheeler, and Rev. Gabriel Bejjani.

Many who had not handled a shovel in years were only too anxious to take part in this historic moment. We have been promised a new building in 11 months, but realistically, one would add on a few months. Following all this exciting activity, the group re-

turned to the Lodge. The children trekked to our present church social hall for their supper and entertainment while the adults were served a lovely supper under the responsibility of Georgie Davis, Ruby Hambleton, and Dorothea Shette], with the very able assistance of our Youth Fellowship.

Music was provided during the evening by Judy Goryan, our junior choir, and a quartet featuring Victoria Burdick, Elizabeth Perez, Tom Davis, and Anthony Maddox. Main speaker for the evening was Charles Phillips, a retired Air Force pilot who has a very powerful testimony. He shared the need to commit our lives and our church to the best that is in us. We solicit your continued prayers as we press forward to growth, service, and *Sharing the Joy.* ✠

## Houston training for ministry—Reprinted from *The Communique*

Four biblical characters have been stirring up a great deal of activity, ministry, and excitement in the First SDB Church of Houston (Texas) over the past few months. Abraham, Barnabas, Timothy, and Andrew represent the four aspects of our developing outreach ministry.

Early last fall our congregation employed a spiritual gifts inventory to help understand how the Lord desired each of us to minister within the Church. Once we had discovered the gifts, however, we were at a loss as to how to activate them for meaningful service. After much prayer, we began to see the gifts separating into four broad categories: prayer, caring ministry, teaching, and evangelism. The Lord also acquainted us with a program

developed around a similar concept, which can be implemented to activate the gifts in these areas. We are excited about the impact of the Growth Resulting After Discipleship and Evangelism (GRADE) ministry in our church.

Our Abraham prayer group has

which need personal ministry. The Timothy discipleship ministry is now preparing six teachers to work in one-on-one discipleship with new and young believers. Soon the Andrews will be trained for soul-winning, and we believe the Lord will grant us a part in the harvest.

***There is a vital place for everyone to serve in reaching out in the life of the church.***

been active for four months, lifting the church life and the needs of the body in regular intercession. The Barnabas friendship ministry is presently making weekly contact with those absent from church, as well as helping us know of physical, emotional, and spiritual situations

The best aspect of all is that since every gift relates to one or more ministries—we all have at least one gift—there is a vital place for everyone to serve in reaching out in the life of the church. Enthusiasm is high, our attendance is climbing, and the blessings are shared by all. ✠

## Easter sunrise at Jersey Oaks

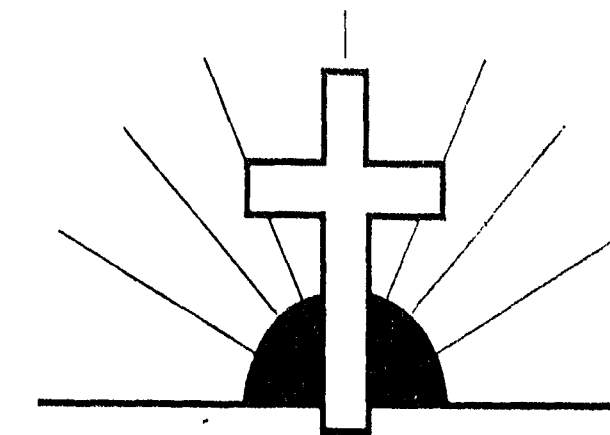
by RuthAnn Davis

For many years, the Shiloh and Marlboro (New Jersey) communities have traveled very early in the morning out to Jersey Oaks Camp for Easter Sunrise Service.

Again this year on March 26, 1989, with the birds singing and the air clear, we met at 5:30 a.m. near the lodge and walked out to inspiration point to gather around the empty cross. The congregation of 50-60 joined together in singing

Easter music with Linda Dickinson leading in responsive readings. Rev. Everett Dickinson presented an inspirational message—but was interrupted momentarily by some noisy Canadian geese.

As the sun was rising, we were singing our closing songs. Following the benediction, everyone enjoyed the fellowship in the lodge with coffee and donuts. ✠



## Active family in Daytona Beach

Many friends and visitors from the North have increased attendance at church and helped with our programs this past winter. This influx of Northerners is an encouragement to our local membership, and we anticipate that some may become year-round residents as they can.

In December, the church voted to buy the house and lot at 144 San Juan directly behind the social hall. This purchase adds one more property to the other three acquired in recent years. We want to be ready for growth in numbers and an expanding church program. Financing was from special contributions aided by a loan from the Memorial Fund.

At the annual church business meeting in January, we voted to issue a one-year renewal of the license to preach to Alan Crouch. A license to preach was also voted to Jeff Crandall, who gave the sermon on March 11, before leaving for military service.

On Sabbath, February 10, several Seventh Day Adventist youth visited our church. In the youth Sabbath School class, Pastor John led a discussion of the history of SDBs and SDAs and of the

differences between them. Each group asked and answered questions. The visitors stayed for our monthly fellowship dinner, which provided more time for "give and take."

A Youth Retreat was held at Salt Springs Recreation Area in Ocala National Forest from March 31 to April 2 with Al and Gee Crouch as directors, assisted by Pastor John and Linda Camenga. Officers are Amy Hambleton, president; Nat Crouch, secretary; and Rick Crouch, treasurer. Rick is in charge of the Sound/Tape Ministry. Faith and Grace Camenga lead Kids' Time for younger children while adults attend Sabbath eve service.

The young adult family dinner on the first Sabbath of each month provides fellowship for families of this age group. After the March dinner, they toured the newly purchased property on San Juan. The group is raising funds to help the youth get to Pre-Con and Conference. Frosted plastic mugs with the name and picture of our church are available for a \$2 donation. The mugs will increase the visibility of our church as they are used.

The Church Aid has been active in sewing layettes and making school kits for Church World Service. At the March meeting, Mrs. Computaro of the Volusia County Council on Aging presented a talk about the services offered. Our Church Aid hosted the annual meeting of Church Women United on January 13. Coffee and pastries were served in the social hall, followed by worship and election of officers in our church auditorium.

In January, Edith Barker and committee—Martha Perry and Bernice Todd—provided an all-year celebration of birthdays combined with a talent show which gave us surprises and entertainment. A game party in March was another good "get-together."

The annual Easter Pancake Breakfast was changed to an Easter Breakfast Buffet for this year and was an enjoyable time following the Easter Sunrise Service at the beach.

Our Monday night Bible study is starting 1 Corinthians. We are planning for the future and are enheartened by an increased level of activity in our youth and young adult groups. ✠

## SR Reaction

Dear Kevin,

I want to congratulate you on your first issue of the Recorder. It looks very good and I look forward to continuing to read it. Of course, in Westerly, we have a special interest in this issue because of the article about our church.

The Lord bless you in your work, Kevin.

Dale E. Rood, Pastor  
Westerly, RI

Dear Kevin,

I was very pleased with your first issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*. As I read through it I caught "enthusiasm" on every page. I know you will enjoy this opportunity to serve so many in the special ministry of the editorship and I certainly wish you God's blessings.

I was happy to see your editorial page. I believe the Recorder needs an editorial voice to inspire, challenge and perhaps at times to lovingly reprove.

Yours in Christ,  
John Bevis  
Paint Rock, AL

Dear Kevin,

"Six thousand," (you say) "and seven hundred.. And then it's twenty-nine?"

No matter how it may be numbered,  
Your first is *mighty fine*!!!!!!

Loved it!!  
Ed & Marietta Sutton  
Berlin, NY

Dear Kevin,

The April issue of *The Sabbath Recorder* has been received this week. I think you did an excellent job in this first issue. I like your making more use of space. The wide open spaces were attractive, but I felt the space could have been put to better use with more news of activities in churches and the denomination, in meditative thoughts and other items of spiritual nature.

Best wishes to you, and may God bless you in this new service among Seventh Day Baptists.

Sincerely yours,  
Trevah R. Sutton  
Aztec, NM

Dear Kevin,

You are to be congratulated on your first issue of *The Sabbath Recorder*. I liked your approach in your historical update of the Recorder from its beginning. My sincere wishes for you as you continue the challenge of the large task before you.

Sincerely,  
Orville W. Babcock  
White Cloud, MI

Dear Editor,

I should like to respond to James Ayars' reaction to my article "Psalm, Song, or Silence." He truthfully charges me with the use of "slanted, charged language." To this I plead guilty. But when he charges me with narrow one-sidedness, inconsistency, and confusing the inspiration of Scripture with its authority, I suggest that he misunderstands my premises as well as conclusions.

A careful reading of the article will show that I react to the hymn in a particular context—that of congregational singing. My premise is that Seventh Day Baptist freedom of thought should be paralleled by freedom of liturgy. Individual freedom in

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*to celebrate their  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
on June 25, 1989.*

*Their address is:*

*P.O. Box 53  
Wampsville, NY 13163*

*An Open House is planned for July 16  
2-5 p.m. (Program at 3:00)  
Wampsville Fire Station, Wampsville, NY*

*Nina, Janice, Lynne & Pat*

liturgy means that any liturgical text must conform to the confession of faith of all those speaking or singing the text.

By the same token, I believe every Seventh Day Baptist has the right and should have the opportunity to participate in the worship liturgy in a personal way. Such participation may be in many forms: testimonies, sermons, original or selected poetry, liturgical dance...solo, small group, or choirs having examined the text and agreed that it expresses their faith. It is not an attack on my liberty for me to listen to your witness, sung or spoken. I merely say that we should safeguard the liberty of every member by limiting unison liturgical texts to the Bible. I am willing to listen to anything a Seventh Day Baptist feels the Holy Spirit leads him or her to contribute to a worship service, but I am not willing to sing or speak just anything myself. I should not be asked to.

My personal taste in music is very broad, and although I may not be musician of the calibre of James Ayars (whose musicianship I admire greatly), my soul also rises as well as his to a tune well-chosen. I believe there may be a place for both Bach and country-western style in the worship service.

Is liberty of thought for the majority only? Seventh Day Baptists who sing "The Old Rugged Cross" should be defending my right to participate in a Seventh Day Baptist worship service without being asked to sing words that may offend my faith,

instead of calling me narrow, as has been done on several occasions. I do and would do that very thing for them.

Part of our freedom as Seventh Day Baptists is not to impose either creeds or congregational, unison hymns on any member. If it inspires you, you sing it. I'll listen, and if it fits, I may join you. But do not impose a congregational hymn on me to sing when you do not even know whether or not it expresses my faith.

As does James Ayars, I too hope "the Spirit of God is winning among us, not losing." But I stand by my words, and still contend, that the Spirit of God is losing whenever the right to impose a hymn to be sung by the whole congregation, with no thought given to whether that hymn expresses the faith of every covenanted individual present, is more sacred than the principle of liberty of thought.

I believe, as James Ayars hopes, that I preach under the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit. But I do not pass out a text of my sermon and ask the congregation to read it aloud with me in unison. And that makes all the difference. I also hope that James Ayars continues to sing inspired and inspiring music, with or without Biblical words. But heaven help us, if he insists that I get up and sing with him.

Thomas McElwain  
Turku, Finland

## News Release

Alfred, NY—Former Lightbearer for Christ, Beverly Austin Snyder of Alfred Station, New York, has recently completed recording an album of her original contemporary Christian music. The album, titled "Isn't It Amazing!" was recorded at Lighthouse Recording Studio in Churchville, New York, and produced by David M. Miller of Houghton, New York. The recording includes ten of her original songs.

Beverly was a member of the evangelistic music ministry team, Lightbearers for Christ, from 1976-78. In 1979, she served as music director of a coffeehouse ministry in Alfred. She married David Snyder of Alfred in 1980. They have three children.

Beverly is currently accepting invitations to perform and minister in Seventh Day Baptist churches and can be contacted by writing her at: Mrs. David Snyder, 764 Rt. 244, Alfred Station, NY 14803 or calling (607) 587-8555. Suggested donation for "Isn't It Amazing!" is \$8.50, which includes postage, for the cassette tape. \$



Beverly Austin Snyder



## Accessions

**Alfred, NY**  
Leon A. Wheeler, pastor

Joined by Letter  
Jeanette M. Clarke

**Denver, CO**  
Ralph H. Grosser, pastor

Joined after Baptism  
Harold Verrier  
Sarah Thorngate  
Callie Moore  
Jeremiah Moore  
Levi Moore

**Dodge Center, MN**

Joined after Baptism  
Dolores Greene  
Angelyn Neher

Brian Payne  
Cathy Payne  
Marcy Payne

**Lake Elsinore, CA**  
Leland E. Davis, pastor

Joined after Baptism  
Greg A. Salazar  
Denise Marceau

**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Southwest Los Angeles Branch Church**  
Vernon O. Burke, pastor

Joined after Testimony  
Bart Carraway  
Matilda Angel  
Bertrand Frazier

**Marlboro, NJ**  
Everett C. Dickinson, pastor

Joined after Baptism  
Jessica Moore  
Cynthia Dickinson  
Jeremy Dickinson

**Shiloh, NJ**

Joined after Baptism  
Ron Campbell Jr.  
Sylvia Bond  
Kellie Mazza  
Debbie Moncrief

**Westerly, RI (Pawcatuck)**  
Dale E. Rood, pastor

Joined after Testimony  
Sherrill Krynick

## Births

**Petersen.**—A daughter, Ana Marie Petersen, was born to Tim and Patty (Burdick) Petersen of Wheat Ridge, CO, on May 27, 1988.

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

**Dubois.**—A daughter, Ariel Marie Dubois, was born to Ronald and Cynthia (Probasco) Dubois of Shiloh, NJ, on January 30, 1989.

**Cox.**—A son, Ryan Casey Cox, was born to Rodney and Dana Cox of Denver, CO, on March 3, 1989.

**Sheppard.**—A son, Gregory Scott Sheppard, was born to Jeffrey and Pamela (Ayars) Sheppard of Bridgeton, NJ, on March 10, 1989.

## Marriage

**Williams-Severance.**—Kevin S. Williams and Shawn D. Severance were married on April 8, 1989, at the North Loup, NE, Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Victor Skaggs and Rev. Kenneth Burdick officiating.

## Adoption

Lawrence and Raakeli Watt

proudly  
announce  
they have tripled their  
WATTage!

**Christopher Olin**  
born on  
November 17, 1980

**Kristina Nicole**  
born on  
September 19, 1982

**Donald Preston**  
born on  
September 19, 1984

## Obituaries

**Sutton.**—Mary (Burdick) Sutton of Aztec, New Mexico, died on February 12, 1989, at the age of 77. She was born on May 20, 1911, at North Loup, Nebraska, the daughter of George Merton and Bertha (Lawton) Burdick.

Her early life was spent in Milton, Wisconsin, graduating from Milton College in 1936. In early youth, she was baptized and united with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. With her marriage to Trevah R. Sutton in 1939, her membership was with churches where her husband was pastor. In 1957, she and Trevah brought their membership to the Milton church until her death. During these years she served in work with children, youth, and ladies societies.

Mary served many years teaching in public schools, with 14 years as head librarian at Irvin High School in El Paso, Texas. She received her M.S. in Library Science in 1959 at East Texas State College.

She is survived by her husband, Trevah; one daughter, Judy Brunson of Farmington, New Mexico; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church of Aztec, with Rev. Carl Treat officiating. Interment was at Memory Gardens, Farmington. TRS

**Rogers.**—Bernice D. Rogers, 91, of Unadilla Forks, New York, died on February 25, 1989, in St. Luke's Memorial Hospital Center.

She was born on October 16, 1897, in Brookfield, New York, the daughter of George A. and Bertha Langworthy Rogers. "Aunt Bernice," as she was affectionately called, was a school teacher and served several offices in her church. Always a willing and joyful worker, she was a joy to know and love. She received her education in Brookfield schools, Oneonta Normal School and Cornell University. Bernice taught at Sauquoit, Syracuse, Utica, Leonardsville, and Waterville, New York, schools for 42 years, retiring in 1963. She was a member and served as clerk, treasurer and deaconess of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield. She was also Regent of the General Winfield Scott Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

She is survived by a brother, James K. Rogers, of Denton, Texas; and many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Edna Baldwin.

The funeral was held at Wilcox Funeral Home, West Winfield, New York, with the Rev. Ernest Clemens officiating.

**Brewer.**—Rex C. Brewer, age 73, died on March 2, 1989, in Palm Springs, California. He was a native of Riverside, California, which was his home for 50 years, after which he lived in Cathedral City, California.

He is survived by his son, Gary; his former wife, Dorothea Shettel of Riverside; a sister, Bernice Chapman; and two grandsons.

Memorial services were held on March 11, 1989, in Palm Springs. Those who wish to do so may make donations to a cancer fund.

**Ford.**—Eva L. Ford, 92, of Alfred, New York, died on March 3, 1989, at Hornell, New York. She had been a professor in the Alfred University, Alfred, New York, language department for more than 40 years.

Eva did graduate work at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, after graduating from the University of Ohio. She also studied at Middlebury College and Drake University. She was a member of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church and Sigma Chi Nu sorority at Alfred. She is remembered for her devotion to her students, her beautiful home and pleasant smile, and her love for Shely dogs.

Survivors include ten nieces and nephews, 15 great-nieces and 35 great-great-nieces and nephews. ANR

**Mitchell.**—Jack T. Mitchell was born on June 8, 1913, at Council Grove, Kansas, the son of LeRoy and Georganna Mitchell. He moved to Nortonville, Kansas, in 1930. He died on March 7, 1989, at his home after an extended illness.

He retired from the Navy Medical Corps in 1953 as a chief warrant officer. When Jefferson County

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### Rev. Francis D. Saunders

passed away on May 2, 1989  
(Obituary to appear next month)

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## Obituaries, *cont.*

Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Kansas, opened in 1955, he served as the first administrator. He was employed as a laboratory technician in Grand Junction and Rifle, Colorado, until his retirement.

Jack married Orlene Kenyon on November 30, 1939, in Nortonville.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Orley; two daughters, Georgia Carter and Paula Starks; and eight grandchildren.

Jack was a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were held on March 10, 1989, at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

Michigan, to Alfred Station, New York, where the family moved in 1925. He attended Alfred High School, graduating in 1932, and later attended Alfred University, Alfred. He studied music at Princeton University for a semester, then took a position at Livonia High School, New York, teaching chemistry and biology.

Gene married Aurabeth Ehret in Alfred on October 24, 1942.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served overseas with the 20th Air Force in Panama, India, Burma, China and Tinian. He was discharged as a captain at the end

Alfred Station; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on March 29, 1989, at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, and Rev. Melvin F. Stephan officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. MFS

**Peters.**—Daniel Aaron Peters was born to Stephan and Laura Peters of Sumner, Washington, on March 31, 1989, and died on April 1, 1989. Daniel is survived by his parents and one brother, David Jon.

Memorial services were held on April 5, 1989, in Sumner, with later memorial services and burial to take place in Factoryville, Pennsylvania. Stephan is a member of the Bay Area (California) church and serves in the U.S. Army.

**Croop.**—Elsie Croop, 100, died on April 10, 1989.

She was born in Brookfield, New York, on September 22, 1888, the daughter of Merton and Harriet (Babcock) Brown. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Leonardsville, New York, and its Ladies Benevolent Society. Elsie was a storekeeper with Ralph Mott, J.S. Walker, and later with the Victory stores. She served as school tax collector for many years, as well as a member of the Election Board of Brookfield.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Talbut of N. Ft. Myers, Florida; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was predeceased by a son, Paul.

The funeral was held at Houk-Johnston Funeral Home, Edmeston, New York, with the Rev. Marie Dederick, pastor of the Leonardsville United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was in the Leonardsville Cemetery. EC

***Faith is the Christian's foundation, hope is his anchor, death is his harbor, Christ is his pilot and heaven is his country.***

—Jeremy Taylor

**Watt.**—Patrick Casey Watt, born on March 17, 1989, in Big Rapids, Michigan, died at birth.

He is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Raakeli Watt of White Cloud, Michigan; paternal grandparents, Arthur and Margret Watt of Valparaiso, Indiana; and maternal grandmother, Lois Goodson of Salem, West Virginia.

**Van Horn.**—Eugene T. Van Horn, 73, of Alfred, New York, died on March 24, 1989, at Hornell, New York, following a brief illness.

He was born on August 21, 1915, in Yonkers, New York, to the Rev. Edgar D. and Harriet (Brown) Van Horn.

His early childhood was spent following his father's ministry from White Cloud and Battle Creek,

of the war.

Following the war, he took a job with Cottrell Company in Westerly, Rhode Island, and studied for a master's degree in accounting at Providence College.

In 1951, Gene and Aurabeth purchased the Sun Publishing Company in Alfred, where they resided in the apartment over the Main Street business.

Gene was a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church and a charter member of the Alfred Lions Club. He was the Alfred Village Justice for 22 years.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Christine Brotemarkle of Reston, Virginia; two sons, Eric of Cleveland, Ohio, and Roger of Alfred; a sister, Elizabeth Hallwich of Dearborn, Michigan; a brother, Donald of

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## ORNER

What is usually the first question you ask someone who is new at Conference or church? "What family do you belong to?" or, "Who are you related to?"

And what if you hear an unfamiliar name? Do you turn up your nose?

Trying to break into a tight-knit SDB church or family may sometimes be tougher than snapping a picture of Jackie Onassis.

I remember this topic being discussed at an Area Workshop on church growth, with Rod Henry asking us, "What do you do if your name is not Burdick, Davis, Van Horn?... Let's be adding some new names on that list. I can't wait till people say that they're tired of hearing about those Henrys!"

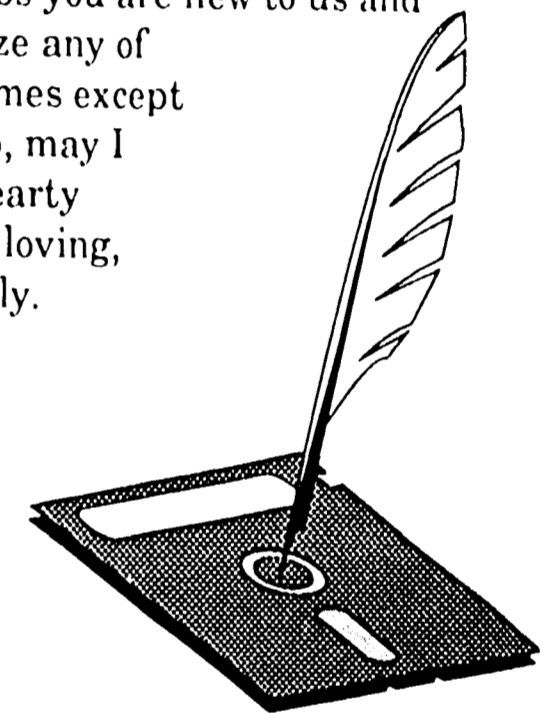
Larry Graffius quickly chimed, "They already are!"

I am happy to say that I never felt like an outsider. The folks at the Verona, New York, church opened wide their arms. Do you think they could foresee that my wife-to-be would

win me over? Yet some stories I hear about new people feeling alienated at our gatherings sadden me.

Can just "anyone" join the family? Sure. If that "anyone" aligns themselves to the Lord and His Word. But, a "closed door" is a sign of a closed mind and a closed, dying family.

One of my joys as editor is to see all the new names as we compile the accessions, births, and marriage columns. Perhaps you are new to us and don't recognize any of the above names except Onassis. If so, may I offer you a hearty welcome to a loving, growing family.



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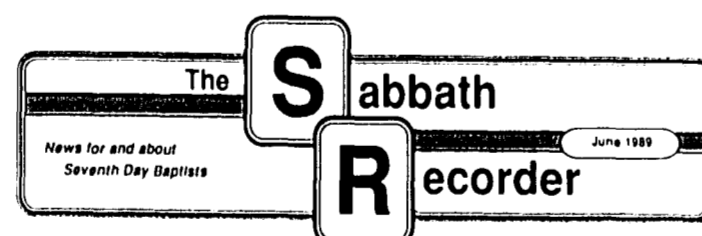
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## Education

*Education is gleaned from men and books and laboratories,  
from field and forest and whispering wind; but it is more:*

*It is learning promptness and thoughtfulness, kindness and  
helpfulness, and every form of purity;*

*It is the mastering of mind and spirit, appetite and passion,  
thought and word and glance;*

*It is knowing that nothing but service brings worthy living,  
that selfishness means sin, that courage lies in being right.*

*Education is the implanting of good habits, the acquirement  
of efficiency, the development of twenty-four carat character.*

Thomas C. Blaisdell  
-quoted in SR, August 1914