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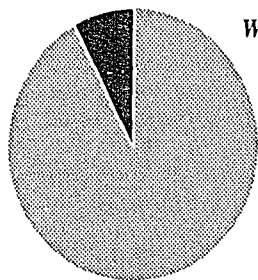
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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

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

The seventh day

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

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

Why Christian camping?

by Elmo Fitz Randolph

It is a joy to reflect on more than half a century of camping experience with Seventh Day Baptists. How many hundreds, even thousands of children, youth, and adults have shared the thrills of outdoor Christian life in the camp programs sponsored by SDBs from "Rhody to Cally" in the span of 50 years?

I first participated in church camping as director of the Western Association Youth Camp in New York state in 1939. Unforgettable from that camp program was "Grampa Shaw's Story Hour," a time after lunch when the campers relaxed under a huge gum tree to hear Pastor George B. Shaw tell movingly of "Seventh Day Baptists I Have Known." (What a pity there were no tape recorders or video cameras in those distant days.)

My intervening years have been punctuated with wonderful Christian camping in New York, West Virginia, Michigan, Nebraska, and Colorado. The associations with campers and staff in those rewarding times have enriched my life immeasurably.

"Why Christian camping?" To enrich life. To help us be "at home" in God's world. To take advantage of nature as the setting for emulating Christ's teachings and life. (How much of his life and teaching focused on out-of-doors experiences?) And to experience and cement the richness and power of Community in Christ as we learn,

play, work, and worship together.

Does camping under the Banner of Christ change lives? Definitely! On occasion, dramatically and suddenly. Who can predict when the Spirit will touch a life decisively for lasting good? That moment may come under the stars or around the campfire at night; in conversation with a friend or older staff person, or in Bible reading and devotions during "Alone with God" time. It may happen during a volleyball game or in Sabbath Sunset Worship. The glory is that lives are changed for Christ in camps.

Then, too, in the majority of campers' lives, there are a multitude of ways in which their minds and spirits are shaped and molded for all their lifetime. The learning from an early morning bird hike; the reading of the Psalms and parables of Jesus in a natural setting comparable to that in which they were written; the excitement of learning to swim or of completing a craft project; the joy of voices raised in praise at worship or campfire comraderie—all contribute to the vital process of changing lives in the name of Christ.

Christians are happy people. Christ came "that we might have joy." So, a successful Christian camp is a "fun" camp. Campers on Rock River in Wisconsin will remember an episode when Christian Education Secretary Rev. Harley Sutton was a visiting staff member. (He inspired and motivated me greatly in my camping interests.)

At breakfast on the closing day of camp I made a large pancake with a #10 can lid baked in the middle. Following my presentation speech, Harley discovered the can lid and called for a hacksaw as he turned the pancake up on edge. From the back of the dining room a camper called out, "We should have known Randy wouldn't give anything that big away."

Those of us interested in Christian camping and outdoor education have been thrilled to see, and to participate in, the development of our denominational camps through the last half century. I was greatly blessed in having a major role in the founding and early development of Camp Wakonda. Beginning with a 20-acre sheep pasture three miles from Milton, Wisconsin, a beautiful 60-acre camp is now owned and used by the Milton church. Churches of the Association and numerous groups from the area have opportunity to use it, too. There was great satisfaction for me in recording the first quarter-century history of the Milton camp



in *Wakonda Memoirs*. It would be a worthy project to have the histories of our several camps across the country written for all of us to enjoy.

To me, our failure to make use of our excellent camp facilities much more often, and for longer periods of time, is a matter of concern. We need to be asking ourselves if we are being good stewards of the camp properties with which God has blessed us. When we rejoice in the success of camping programs, the counsel of Paul to the Thessalonians should motivate us, "And now we beg and urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to do even more" (TEV). A Program Commission related to Camp Paul Hummel in Colorado is organized to increase the number of programs run by the churches involved with the camp.

Speaking of camp programs, it is important to understand that it is the quality and content of programs and the effectiveness of leadership that are the true measurements for successful Christian camping. This in no way underrates the value of the outdoor settings for Christian teaching and living, but unless the program content is creative and attractive to the campers, the total camping experience will fall short.

Leadership training

Emphasis on program content and on leadership bring the importance of leadership training into sharp focus. My most dynamic and rewarding experience in church camping with adults came in the 10-day Creative Camping Workshop at Camp Paul Hummel in the early 70s.

First brainstormed by Pastor Glen Warner and myself, the Creative Camping Workshop became a reality through the sponsorship of the Board of Christian Education and the Memorial

Fund. Without the enthusiastic persistence of Clarence Rogers this innovative camping leadership training project, with nationwide coverage, would never have materialized. His dedication was an inspiration to everyone involved.

The publication and distribution of *Creative Camping*, an excellent resource book touching every phase of church camping, was a follow-up bonus from the Creative Camping Workshop. Continuing leadership training experiences, comparable to this workshop, should be offered to the camping leaders of our camps on a regular basis.

It is significant to note that two

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Sabbaths were celebrated during the 10-day Creative Camping period. Under the leadership of Pastor Herb Saunders, each of those Sabbaths in camp reached high planes of spiritual joy in worship. In the exciting area of celebrative Sabbath observance we can make great progress as we seek God's guidance in our camp programs.

Our camping future

The history of Seventh Day Baptists covering the last century and a half glows with the achievements of our people in the field of education—particularly in the founding and nurturing of academies and colleges. The harvest from that sustained stewardship was bountiful and abiding.

A new century is only a decade away. Seventh Day Baptist involvement in higher education is now a

matter of history and a repeat of this cannot be expected.

What will be the thrust of our people, in accordance with God's will, in this last decade of the 20th century and into the 21st century?

There can be no doubt that the passing years will bring an acute need for the masses to commune more with each other and with their Creator in the Great Out-of-doors. A look at the map, pinpointing the locations of our Seventh Day Baptist camps, shows graphically that several of our camps are in easy reach of the highest population centers in our country.

Let the "Call" go out to SDBs to become good stewards of the camps and the outdoor Christian education opportunities that are waiting to be dedicated to Christ and His Kingdom.

Luke records the thought of Jesus that can speak to our minds and hearts as we dare to accept the challenges facing us in this present hour: "There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

Down through our history, men and women, young and not-so-young, have heard God's "Call" to Christian ministry. In the glorious challenge that beckons us to be stewards of the earth—especially in the field of Christian outdoor education—a unique ministry is sought after.

We can be certain that God is calling out leaders of church camping to "gather in His harvest." Is God "Calling" you? **SR**

Elmo Fitz Randolph, an incurable camper, lives in the mountains above Boulder, Colorado.



Look out for life!

by David S. Clarke

Thanks to a wonderful dad and mother, camping was in my blood. They encouraged YMCA and Scout camping. Helping in a mid-30s Western Association SDB Camp, and serving as Associate Director of the Waterbury Y camp in 1943 got me off and running for helping in several SDB camps.

My personal experiences are the thread tying together the several examples of camping benefits open to Seventh Day Baptists and their friends at our camp facilities. I am very grateful to those with whom I experienced the power and beauty of God's presence among campers.

After taking our first church in Jackson Center, Ohio, we became involved in Camp Holston staffing and enjoyed work with Alton Wheeler and Wendell Stephan. While serving the Missionary Board as executive, family camping substituted for church camping.

The wile of 24-hour mosquito attack brigades was my next camp assignment as we moved to northern Wisconsin. There I led the Scout troop and shared outdoor picnics with church groups. Then came the excitement of Rocky Mountain Camp when we accepted

the Boulder church's call in 1955. What an expansive site for church camping! And what a super-honor to work with donor, Paul Hummel, in both upkeep and programming! Rev. Ken Smith and I will never forget the event that erupted from "Camp Grandpa" Paul's idea. He suggested the five-gallon fire-fighting pumpers might be used for a water-fight during one summer's senior high camp. So Ken and I challenged each other to a water-duel. I can still see Paul laughing uproariously as he overlooked the battlefield with Ken and me soaking each other. Happy tears filled his eyes when Ken and I both had our tanks refilled and turned our hoses on the kids.

"Project B.G."

One year at Rocky Mountain Camp, senior campers engaged in "Project B.G." This was a week's program to create a hypothetical education-medical-evangelism mission in "B.G.," then British Guiana, now Guyana. Campers divided into five groups: Missionary Board officers planning the mission; missionaries planning for service there; engineers to stake

out building a quarter mile down the mountain meadows; nationals planning how they might accept or resist the missionaries according to the cultural characteristics; and B.G. government officials monitoring the project.

One staff member worked with each group, and oh, the encounters. Over salaries; over the needs of Guianese in body-spirit-society in the rough terrain of southern B.G.; over costs of building school, hospital, and church; over methods of reaching timid nationals of "back-country" lifestyle—these group encounters were often hard-headed debates on how to apply Christian values.

Then came the Friday "action-phase" of Project B.G. As the groups all moved into the meadows where the engineers had staked out the buildings, nationals stole missionaries' briefcases, engineers argued with government officials over structural details, missionaries tried to interest nationals without resorting to bribes! The Missionary Board people had done their work, so they cooked the meal over an open pit fire.

I think all of us felt this had been a particularly effective use of the out-of-doors for learning about our Christian faith-at-work. In fact, we tried the same kind of curriculum for the 1961 Pre-Con in Massachusetts. Only this time, we made it Malawi and were deeply indebted to Dr. Vic Burdick and his wife Beth for very real portrayals of Malawian culture. And, we also owed a great deal of thanks to Gene Fatato for enlivening the resistance of the nationals to the strange offerings of the missionaries!

Creative Camping Project

As pastor in North Loup and Alfred, Camp Riverview and Camp Harley Sutton provided many experiences that fortified my

conviction of the "natural evangelism" opportunities in such settings. While working as executive of the Board of Christian Education, I had the privilege and challenge of directing several workshops on camping at different SDB camps as well as helping shape Pre-Cons. I assisted the Board in producing the Creative Camping Project with the Memorial Fund, with its widely-distributed *Creative Camping* notebook to share songs, poems, and strategies created and tested in that Project.

In the fall of 1973, the Memorial Fund got together with the Board of Christian Education on "CCP"—Creative Camping Project. The

"Families" of four to five persons worked together the whole 10-day period. Songs of praise and celebration arose from family and personal efforts—several of these are part of published SDB resources. A Stan Rasmussen memorial bell was raised on a tower built by the campers in the "muscle and sweat" periods. Unforgettable worship experiences ranged from the Sabbath Welcome led by a rabbi and his family, to the alone times and quiet campfire sharing of prayer concerns.

On our trip to the really "high country" in the Rocky Mountain National Park, tundra flowers were constant pointers to beauty and

higher personal power. To the amazement of new staff at Camp Paul Hummel (then known as Rocky Mountain Camp because modest Paul would not "hear to" using his name that publicly), 25 or so high school campers can sit together absolutely silent and motionless for up to 15 minutes! They are atop "vesper rocks" watching the sunset over the snow-blanketed continental divide as night hawks dive and turn and the deep-throated winds hum the evensong.

Other memories

At Camp Harley Sutton, high schoolers entered into a new dimension of "neighboring" as half the kids found themselves having to decide what to do in the camp's uneven terrain as they related for a day with the other half of the campers, who were taped into blindness. Pastor Russ Johnson directed this experience creatively.

And then there were the lightning storms that attacked campers asleep in large pyramid tents at Camp Riverview. With one staffer suffering the trauma of her husband's death by lightning while fishing just a few months before, all of us felt the staff's anxiety mingling with campers' excitement and

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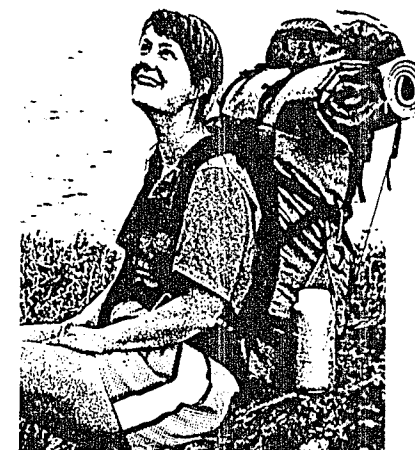
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Fund provided resources for representatives from each of our SDB camps to participate. The site was Camp Paul Hummel and our director was veteran camper, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph—"Randy." Randy had not only conducted many a church camp but had also been a District Executive of the Boy Scouts for several years. He had been instrumental in developing Camp Wakonda near the Milton SDB Church.

Randy and I had heard Paul Yambert at a convention of the American Camping Association, and sought his leadership for the CCP days. Professor at Southern Illinois University in ecology, Paul was also a warm human who joined the SDB family very fully at CCP. "Sunny" Rogers was active in program development, but he was hit by a serious heart attack just before the camping started and died a few weeks later. We deeply missed him, but had his sister, Dr. Ruth, as a camper.

interdependence, while clear skies lined with snow-topped crags stretched our senses to deeply feel the order of God's universe. All the SCSCers who had participated in the international Baptist Youth Gathering in Portland blessed our considerably older camp membership with activities and insights that were refreshing. And we presume that all of them look back to CCP with thanks for a rich encounter with God and His children in the outdoors. (*Editor's note: Good presumption. Check out "From the executive secretary's desk."*)

Use of the outdoors for "close encounters of the sixth kind" (spirit added to the usual five senses) should help make our humanity keenly responsive to God's creativity. In a "community" of campers, the close contact with earth's natural forces, features, and timing leads campers to adapt not only their activities to a larger design but their minds and spirits to a



Look out..., cont.

fear. And all of us rejoiced in the poise gained as we cared for one another in the downpour, the flashes, the thunder, the Nebraska wind! And many of you experienced the storm at Paul Hummel that killed a camper and maimed a staffer, and know how powerfully the channels of caring deepened with wisdom as you continued to deal with life after camp in your communities.

I believe Seventh Day Baptist camp planners ought to keep growing in such "close encounters" in spirit, as well as sense through more active use of the out-of-doors for learning, for worship, for games,

for cooperative endeavors, for meals, for housing. I hope that more of our camps will include in their facilities the kind of open shelters that encourage campers to become familiar with night air and sounds as they go to sleep—and as they come awake occasionally; to appreciate the morning light; to discipline themselves to help "timid souls" to overcome night fears; and to limit themselves to teasing and pranks that are not degrading or destructive. Such three-sided, screen fronted buildings are just one of many facility and program features to enable campers to know each other and God's beautiful

order more fully.

I pray that SDB children, youth and adults will be able to free up their everyday habits for renewal through the fullest range of relationships with God and each other in the wonderful camps run by SDBs. And may our staffs be blessed with openness to God's presence in both the individual and group efforts at camp. ✠

David Clarke, after many years of pastoring and serving on SDB agencies (and camping staffs), is retired in Alfred, NY.

More of Clarke's camping concepts

Inter-generational camping: what a beautiful place for old and young, for singles and couples and families to experience the delightful and, sometimes, tense relationships possible in our being God's children limited to a single setting in full days together! We shall always be blessed with the memories of a baby whose cry for food broke the tension of a family camp event at Harley Sutton.

The 1953 Pre-Con campers will always remember the tension of being served a special food created for alleviating Third World hunger. The adults had chosen how and when to lead these high schoolers to new understandings. Mixed into the scrambled eggs of breakfast, the "multi-purpose food" (MPF developed by scientists at UCLA) was refused by many and tried by a few. Staff had an almost impossible task of reconciling the kids' interest in Ronald Barrar's presence from Nyasaland with their refusing a tiny trial of food-deprivation so common in that land.

We delight in recalling the great surprise of a 75-year-old woman who found her little 4th and 5th grade camper-companions just fascinated with her tales of her hobby. She had

dreaded their inability to enjoy her pictures and stories. And who can forget the vision of a seemingly carefree teen helping a crippled octogenarian over rough ground? Or the mingling of prayer concerns in an open conversation of family campers with their Creator-God?

Work camps combine outdoor living in a relatively confined community with the group effort of serving others. Part of the 1965 Pre-Con was spent in fields with migrant bean-pickers of central New York state. Sharing their labor and their heartaches and hopes was a significant growth-point for high school campers. Part of senior high camp at Harley Sutton one year was spent in painting a community center for a migrant ministry in nearby Prattsburg.

A group of 10 YFers from Boulder and Denver travelled to New Auburn, Wisconsin, to help build the footings for the new church under construction there. On their return to Boulder after a week's work, they joined the Mid-Continent Association's camp in Nebraska. No doubt they will forever remember the depth of kinship they felt for each other but which they were able to open up to become a part of the larger camp. And there are ways of

making "work" a creative part of camp within the site. Many directors give their campers a sense of accomplishment in some long-term camp improvements—a nature trail, a campfire circle with benches and firewood shelter, signs for buildings or special areas, a rock pulpit for the chapel. Not only do these projects reward campers but they also solidify an ownership in the ongoing mission of the camp.

Winter retreats between school semesters are creative tools for folk of the colder climes. What good fellowship and even inspiration a group can experience while huddling about a roaring fire in a freezing room after three days of sub-freezing weather. Learning empathy for one another's pains, growing in sensitivity to God's presence and leading can come, along with thanksgiving to God for exciting toboggan runs, for good food and healthy bodies—and for the provision of the camp facility.

Quite different kinds of winter retreat experiences greet those who "get away from it all" in more temperate zones. But the limitations of shorter, more primitive camp sessions appeals as a way of achieving depth of relationship as followers of Jesus.

A.J.C. Bond and SDB camping

by Ernest K. Bee Jr.

Each of us spends so much of our lives among the inventions of human beings that we frequently need to retreat to a special place to renew our relationship with God. Camping provides us the opportunity to use God's creation in our communion with Him.

Christian camping is the most complete short term experience in Christian discipleship. Camping "supercharges" the faith of our children and youth and restores the focus of adult members. It provides the environment for evangelism, the invitation to commit ourselves to Christ, and an intense community practice in Christian living.

Seventh Day Baptist camping had its genesis with the "Teen-Age Conferences" begun by Pastor Ahva John Clarence Bond in 1925. Before becoming pastor in 1924 at Plainfield, New Jersey, Dr. Bond had worked for the Tract Society in Sabbath promotion. He recognized the need and importance of involving youth and young adults in training for Christian living, church, and denominational responsibilities. He had conducted 13 such weekend camps by Conference time in 1926. He also supervised one in Holland and one in England.

In the summer of 1926, Pastor Bond, with the help of Marjorie J. Burdick, held a 10-day camp for 18 girls at Bethel, Connecticut. The success of this camp gave birth to the idea of having a larger and more permanent camp every summer.

Later that year the Plainfield church sent Pastor Bond to Rhode Island for a "rest leave." While there, he and Nathan E. Lewis (also from Plainfield) chose a camp site on Mr. Lewis' farm which was

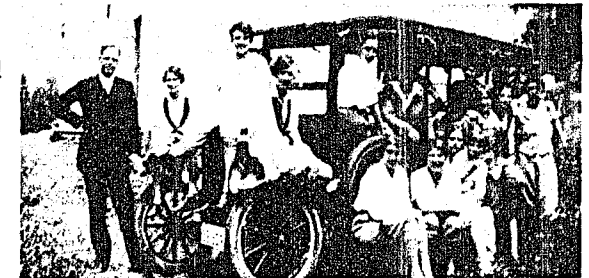
near Bradford, Rhode Island. Mr. Lewis constructed the lodge and buildings. Mrs. Lewis built the fireplace. The Eastern Association donated the equipment and the American Sabbath Tract

Society paid the expenses of the camp directors. Lewis Camp opened in summer of 1927 with three camps, two for girls and one for boys. Pastor Bond, with Mrs. Bond and Marjorie Burdick on staff, led the first girls camp. Every summer through 1934 A.J.C. Bond was at Lewis Camp. Marjorie Burdick worked summer camp with Pastor Bond from 1926-1930, when she became full-time denominational youth worker for the Young People's Board.

By 1928, the Southeastern Association Camp Committee was operating a small camp at Middle Island, West Virginia, with Pastor Emmett H. Bottoms as director. Tents were used for sleeping and the cost was three dollars—half could be in money and half in food. In 1932, A.J.C. Bond was on the camp staff.

Bond's influence

Pastor Ralph H. Coon was Missionary Society field worker in Denver, Boulder, and the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. In 1930, he attended Pastor Bond's Teen-age Conference in North Loup, Nebraska. During the conference, the two ministers discussed the possibility of having a



Pastor A.J.C. Bond with participants in the early days of SDB camping.

longer camp in the mountains. In 1931, Rocky Mountain camping began at Cedar Cove Camp on Big Thompson River, Colorado. Pastor Coon was the director and A.J.C. Bond was on the staff.

In 1928, 1929 and 1930, Bernice Brewer (Chapman) worked with Pastor Bond at Lewis Camp. In 1932, with the help of Pastor Lester G. and Grace Osborn, she began Pacific Coast camping in the San Bernardino Mountains.

Growth continued

Pastors Clifford Beebe and Emmett H. Bottoms planned the first Western (Allegheny) Association Camp, which was held in the summer of 1934 at Shinglehouse, Pennsylvania.

In the late 1930s, Pastor Carroll Hill, Milton, Wisconsin, began mid-western camping and Pastor Edward Holston conducted camps near Battle Creek, Michigan (North Central Association).

In the 1940s, Central New York Association (1945) and Southwestern Association (1947) began Christian camping programs.

Because of his dedicated involvement and great influence, I continue to call Ahva J.C. Bond the "father" of SDB camping. ✠

1990 Share the Joy of Christian Camping

Camp Harley Sutton
Alfred Station, New York

Senior Camp, Grades 8-12
Dir.: Rev. Melvin Stephan
July 1-8

Junior Camp, Grades 5-7
Dir.: Rev. Leon Wheeler
July 8-15

Primary Camp, Grades 2-4
Dir.: Amanda Snyder
July 15-18

Adult Camp
Dir.: Rev. Stephan Saunders
July 20

Camp Holston
Battle Creek, Michigan

Senior Camp, Grades 9-12
North Central Association
June 24-July 1

Primary Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Ruth Bennett
July 2-4

Intermediate Camp, Grades 7-9
Dir.: Paul Fatato
July 8-15

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Rev. George Calhoun
July 15-22

Camp Jersey Oaks
Shiloh, New Jersey

Midget Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Clara Mulford
July 9-13

Senior Camp, Grades 7-12
Dir.: Rev. Donald Chroniger
July 22-29

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
July 15-22

Camp Joy
Berea, West Virginia

Middler Camp, Grades 5-7
Dir.: Jerry Garrett
July 1-8

Junior Camp, Grades 2-4
Dir.: Robert and Lana VanHorn
July 8-12

Senior Camp, Grades 8-12
Dir.: Rev. Edgar Wheeler
June 24-July 1

Imalone Bible Camp
Bruce, Wisconsin

Children's Camp
Dir.: Pastor & Mrs. Dale
Smalley
July 23-27

Family Camp
Dir.: Pastor & Mrs. Dale
Smalley
July 27-29

Lewis Camp
Camp Wightman
North Stonington, Connecticut

Senior Camp, Grades 7-12
Dir.: Pastor James Galanaugh
July 1-8

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Mary Jane McPherson
July 9-16

Camp Miles
Camp Canfield
Canfield, Arkansas

Southwestern Association Camp
Dir.: David Webb
Pastor: Rev. & Mrs. Mynor Soper
June 10-16

Pacific Pines Camp
Crestline, California

Youth Fellowship, Grades 7-12
Co-Dirs.: Maritza Baez, Randy
Henry
Pastor: Rev. Everett Dickinson
June 24-July 1

Primary Camp, Grades 1-3
Dir.: Dixie Packard
Pastor: Rev. Steven Crouch
July 5-8

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: RuthAnne Peil
Pastor: Eric Davis
July 8-15

Camp Paul Hummel
Boulder, Colorado

Youth Retreat, Ages 15-20
June 15-17

Midget Camp, Ages 4-5
Dir.: Sanja Severance
July 2

Family Retreats
Fellowship Time
July 4

Primary Camp, Ages 6-8
July 16-20

Youth Association Camp
Dir.: Ron & Pat Williams
July 8-15

Junior Camp, Ages 9-12
Dir.: Arlouene Edwards
July 22-29

Camp Riverview
North Loup, Nebraska

Junior Camp, Grades 4-9
June 17-23

Primary Day Camp, Grades K-3
June 25-29

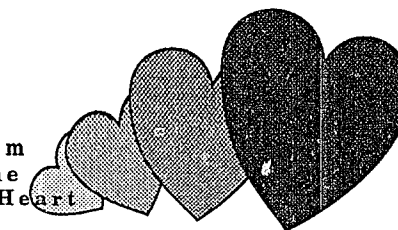
Camp Wakonda
Milton, Wisconsin

Primary Day Camp, Grades K-3
Dir.: Cheri Appel
June 11-15

Junior Camp, Grades 4-6
Dir.: Rev. Paul Green
June 17-24

Intermediate Camp, Grades 7-9
Dir.: Tim and Jayme Osborn
June 24-July 1

From
the
Heart



One of our camping royalty

Constance Coon, "Aunt Connie" to hundreds of campers and friends, has devoted many years of service to Seventh Day Baptist camps.

Connie was happy to share her views on our camping program.

SR: Did your "love affair" with camping start when you were a camper yourself?

Connie: My first camping experience was at Lewis Camp in Rhode Island as a teenager. The dedication of Pastor Ralph Coon, who was used by the Holy Spirit to lead me to Christ, was instrumental in laying the burden for souls on my heart.

How long have you been involved with camp counseling?

It was about 30 years ago when I gave back to the Lord the gift He had given to me of working with young people in the area of physical education. A natural outlet was in camping, whether on the waterfront or in planning recreational programs. After teaching four years, I realized that life was meaningless unless one could share the Gospel and see lives changed.

The Women's Board, located at Battle Creek at that time, asked me if I would help at Camp Harley Sutton. In future years, I served at Camp Miles, Camp Wakonda, and Camp Holston. Pastor Gene Fatato was my master teacher. He had the ability to make each individual feel special, and also the God-given talent of getting everyone involved with the project at hand. Battle Creek became my second home no matter where I lived or taught.

Have you noticed a change in the campers over the years?

The basic need is still salvation—the only answer to life's problems. However, today I would say there is greater peer pressure, less parental authority, and more exposure to open sin. Drugs have compounded loose living, crime to sustain the habit, a rebellious attitude, and lack of respect for life in general.

Any other societal changes affecting the camping program?

Changes in society over the years have influenced camping in several ways: teenage job opportunities, increased emphasis on training for fall sports, Little League, and driver training. These programs have forced young people to choose how to spend their summer vacation time.

Finding staff for camp has been influenced by the working mother and the number of broken homes.

Have state rules and regulations put a damper on the program?

State rules and regulations have closed down the original Lewis Camp in Rhode Island. Any trips made off the campground in Michigan must be reported to the state ahead of time. This has put a damper on the programs. There was a time when on a rainy day we could just load the bus, and visit Kellogg's or a zoo or other places without pre-planning or pre-approval. We were able to trust the wisdom of the director and enjoy the spontaneity of programming when it was appropriate.


Any special camping incident stick out in your mind—a story you'll never forget?

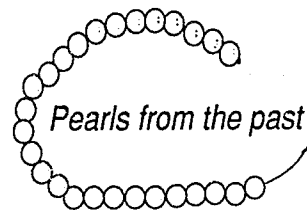
The most recent incident which comes to mind took place the first summer Pastor George Calhoun was at Battle Creek. We had our usual Friday eve dedication service outdoors around the campfire. At the close, an invitation was given for all who wanted to receive Christ as Savior, or rededicate their lives, to get up and walk into the lodge. Without exception, campers left in unison from the campfire circle and went to the lodge. You could feel the Holy Spirit working mightily.

You travel from New York to Michigan to help out. Do people think you're crazy? Why give of your time year after year?

The Lord gave His life for me. The least I can do is give back some time to Him in the summer by working at camp. Many Christians give of their vacation time to work at camp and have found it very rewarding. The most rewarding thing in this life is to see a camper come to know Christ.

So, you feel it's an important ministry. Any ideas how we can get more folks involved?

The secret to success in getting more people involved in camping or any phase of the Lord's work is *commitment*. My mom, Helen Waite, by her example taught me much about dedication. Until one realizes that there's "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last," then our camping programs will be sadly lacking in staff. 



Fifty young years

by Don A. Sanford, historian

On June 12, 1940, a Certificate of Consolidation was filed with the Secretary of State of New York establishing the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. The by-laws state that this corporation "shall be recognized as the successor in interest to the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, and the Young People's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference." Its mission is expressed in Article II which reads:

The purposes and objects of such new corporation shall be to promote the cause of education in general, to develop the educational convictions of the people of the churches represented in the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, to found and foster such denominational institutions of Christian Education as the corporation may approve, to make educational surveys, to plan courses of study, to print and distribute literature and periodicals and to employ such representatives as may best promote the purposes of the corporation in the church schools, young people's organizations, colleges, and the School of Theology of the denomination.

One of the first official actions of the new Board of Christian Education was the sponsoring of a Pre-Conference Retreat. *The Beacon* for June 23, 1940, carried an announcement of a "Preconference Leadership Training Camp" to be held at Fair Lake, Michigan (about 18 miles from Battle Creek) from Thursday morning, August 15 to Monday noon, August 19. The cost of board was listed at \$2.50 plus a \$5 camp fee. The staff from New York consisted of Rev. and Mrs. Harley Sutton of Little Genesee, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Alfred Station, and Dean A.J.C. Bond of

the School of Theology at Alfred.

About 25 young people attended that first Pre-Con Retreat. One attendee wrote in a later *Beacon* that the camp was "established for the purpose of instructing Seventh Day Baptist young people for leadership. It also gave the young people a grand opportunity of becoming acquainted with each other before Conference started."

It may be noted that in that group of young people were several who displayed leadership in later years. One served as pastor of five SDB churches, assistant secretary of the Missionary Board, president of General Conference, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and editor of *The Helping Hand*.

Another who attended that first Pre-Con is this year concluding six years as president of the Women's Society and as such has represented the denomination in many national and international meetings. Still another served 19 years as treasurer of Our World Mission.



Women: (l. to r.) Front row: Emma Burdick, Esther Burdick, Dorothea Payne, Irene McKay, Jean Lewis; Middle: Eloise Parker, Madge Sutton, Marjorie Greene, Arlene Looftboro, Louise Austin; Back: Agnes C. Bond, Thelma Pierce, Mary Margaret Hummel, Frances Polan, Mary Thorngate

Another worked as Youth Field Worker and also spent two years in the *Sabbath Recorder* office.

Over the past 50 years as Pre-Con followed Pre-Con, the list of those who have been challenged and trained would encompass a major segment of the leadership of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. May the words of challenge written 50 years ago by one who was there remain true today:

"It was most inspiring to be with such a group of enthusiastic young people. It made me feel proud to be a Seventh Day Baptist. At Conference we heard a lot about 'Today Challenges Tomorrow.' Can we not as young people say, 'Tomorrow Challenges Today?' For we, the church of tomorrow, are looking for sincerity, and earnest devotion to the cause of Christ in our elders as a foundation on which to build. With such a group of young people as we saw at Conference on Sabbath day the future should be very bright for Seventh Day Baptists." SR



Men: (l. to r.) Front: Randall Palmiter, Elmo Randolph, Percy Colwell, Harley Sutton Middle: Frank Labaugh, Bob Sanford, Gordon Sanford, Alva Warner, Courtland Davis Jr.; Back: David Clarke, Willard Wells, Ahva J.C. Bond



SR Almanac

Where we
have been...

One year ago—June 1989

"Family" theme looks at growing up, growing older, and growing closer.

Director of Pastoral Services Rodney Henry issues a call to ministry and announces Ministry Promotion Sabbath and the Explore Your Call Weekend.

Dramatic healing story of Al Paypa, Philippines.

Two new groups announced: New Life SDB Church in Connecticut, and Faith SDB Church in Missouri.

Harold King ordained in Nortonville, Kansas.

Excitement shared from Pastors' Conference in Alfred Station/Alfred, New York.

Five years ago—June 1985

Missionary Board sends aid to Nellore, India, toward a new church building.

New chapel and Conference office started in Burma.

Pastors Don and Charlotte Chroniger ordained in New Auburn, Wisconsin.

Report on first Historical Society meeting held in Wisconsin.

Battle Creek, Michigan, church reviews their new "Task Force" approach.

10 years ago—June 1980

Rev. Elizabeth Fitz Randolph, 90, honored for her many years of ministry.

Gabriel Bejjani ordained during Pacific Coast Association.

Stephan Saunders accepts call to Bay Area, California.

Historian Tom Merchant announces resignation.

Special section on camping edited by Elmo Fitz Randolph.

25 years ago—June 1965

Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson conclude second term in Malawi, Africa.

Recent survey of church teen dropouts lists reasons: not enough youth activities; adults inconsistent in their lives; and church is boring.

Articles address great promise in the church seen from converts vs. only family growth.

Shiloh, New Jersey, church gears up for its 25th season on radio station WSNJ.

Students Herb Saunders, Ed Sutton, and Glen Warner attend Summer Institute.

New furnishings dedicated at the Denver church while work continues on the sanctuary.

50 years ago—June 1940

Plans set for Ministers' Conference in Alfred.

Local paper lauds members of Jackson Center, Ohio, church as it celebrates 100th year: "They teach and practice the teachings of Christ Jesus as the way to the larger, happier, God-like life here on earth. They are clean minded, good citizens who mind their own business and live at peace with their neighbors. They are industrious, thrifty, and peaceful."

Clippings from *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* acknowledge SDA indebtedness to SDB Rachel Preston for promoting the Sabbath truth.

Rev. James McGeachy writes on "The Sabbath in Time of War."

75 years ago—June 1915

New church dedicated in North Loup, Nebraska.

Conference delegates look forward to using new auditorium at Milton College.

Rev. David H. Davis, veteran missionary in Shanghai, China, "passed to the better land."

Seventh Day Baptist Pulpit, a monthly containing a sermon for each Sabbath, to be resumed in July.

With Conference in mind, train fare from Chicago to Milton listed at \$2.02 each way.

...where are we headed?

Pray...

- that our new groups grow in Him
- for this year's Summer Institute
- for our campers of all ages
- that our pastoral moves serve to increase the Kingdom
- for our SDB brethren around the world
- that family ties grow stronger
- that our witness gives glory to God

Camping—a whole person experience

by Dale D. Thorngate

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. ... Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?" (Psalm 24:1, 3)

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." (Psalm 42:1, 2)

The psalmist David was a shepherd. I can envision his many nights on the hillside watching the sheep and reflecting on his universe. He obviously was impressed by God's handiwork and the beauty that he saw around him.

When I hear these verses I think about church camp. That was the time and place where I was able to experience the outdoors and all its beauty. I too was impressed with the way in which God had created our world and how that impacted my understanding of the environment.

I grew up in Battle Creek, Michigan, and was one of the first campers at Camp Holston. Alton Wheeler was my pastor and made my first camping experience one to remember. I remember the classes, the nature walks, the meals, the alone times, and the affirmation of my call as one of God's children.

When I lived in Maryland and was a member in Washington, D.C., I had the great opportunity to be on the Camp Joy, West Virginia, board. There I became aware of all the preparation, planning, and work that goes into having a good camping program. I learned to focus on the camper for everything—food, recreation, study, and worship. During their stay the

campers, regardless of age, become aware of their world and see the hand of God at work. The whole camper gets involved in living out the principles of the Christian lifestyle.

In 1974, Janet and I had the opportunity of a lifetime. We and 18 other Seventh Day Baptists from across the country participated in a "creative camping" experience at Camp Paul Hummel in Colorado. The beauty of the camp in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains provided a setting where everyone found themselves being creative whether they wanted to or not. This was truly a mountain-top time. Sunny Rogers, Elmo Fitz Randolph, and David Clarke were the instigators, but all who were there made the adventure complete. Along with our individual gifts, resource people from ecology,

minister to the whole person in terms of his acceptance of himself and his relationship to God and others."

Reviewing my papers from Creative Camping 1974, I found the following quotes:

"A camp provides a unique total learning experience of unparalleled value in our culture. Within its context, a human being is freed to discover himself and the joy of encountering other human beings and how together they are a part of all God's creation and responsible for its life" (Thomas Heinrichs).

"Christian camping should be an adventure of discovering and developing a total Christian lifestyle. It is an opportunity to live out in simplicity the principles that have been taught in church all year long."

Seventh Day Baptists have been

This is the place where whole persons come into contact with themselves, others, and God.

theology, and a rabbi for Sabbath emphasis made the experience truly one for the whole person.

Since then, I have directed camp back home in Battle Creek, been on staff in Pre-Cons and other camps, and this year began working on the Camp Program Committee of the Milton, Wisconsin, church at Camp Wakonda. In my years of camping experience, I have learned that camp is an important aspect of the education role of the church.

In the Battle Creek camp philosophy it says, "Christian Camping is a unique opportunity to

doing camping for over 50 years. I see that it has impact on our young people as they grow and develop. The setting for SCSC training and our Pre-Con retreats indicate that we believe that this is the place where whole persons come into contact with themselves, others, and God.

"For because of our faith he has brought us into this place of highest privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to actually becoming all that God has had in mind for us to be" (Romans 5:2). SR



Close to nature—and God

Dear Ones All,

Once again the camping season is upon us. The camps of our various churches and associations have undergone their annual cleaning and repair. Of course, both those matters are an ongoing project which takes real commitment (and elbow grease) as well as money. Our camp custodians are unsung heroes who keep the premises running as efficiently as possible. At the end of the season, how about an appreciation day in their honor?

Our women have always willingly done their part in the cleaning chores, refurbishing the living quarters, and sprucing up the dining and kitchen facilities. Many are willing cooks and counselors during the sessions and a closeness between them and the campers develops during the years. I look back with great warm memories at my stints at Camp Holston and wonder if there is still the same comradery and affection.

Many churches are using their camps for other than just the "primary-junior and senior" camping sessions, a movement we applaud. Bible school has become a day-camping week, women's retreats are being held there along with family camps, etc. Away from the usual routine, one can begin to see the handiwork of nature and the love of God the Father much more clearly.

Where else can you observe a gorgeous luna moth emerging from its cocoon as you prepare the morning pancakes, a row of turtles sunning themselves in the pre-morning bustle in the chapel, or have to erect barricades on the soft sand driveway outside the dining hall to protect a mama turtle as she buries her eggs there (or keep the curious youngsters from playing ping-pong with those same eggs)? God seems so close at those times, around the campfire during devotions, and when you are alone with Him during the private times.

From our society

After some gentle persuasion on the part of the staff, we now have eight workers and four projects for the Summer Christian Service Corps. It is felt by the committee that the decreased numbers may be due to the fact that several repeaters feel the time is ripe to pursue a job. Therefore, we need to urge 1991 graduates to consider SCSC as a real opportunity to expand their Christian witness next year.

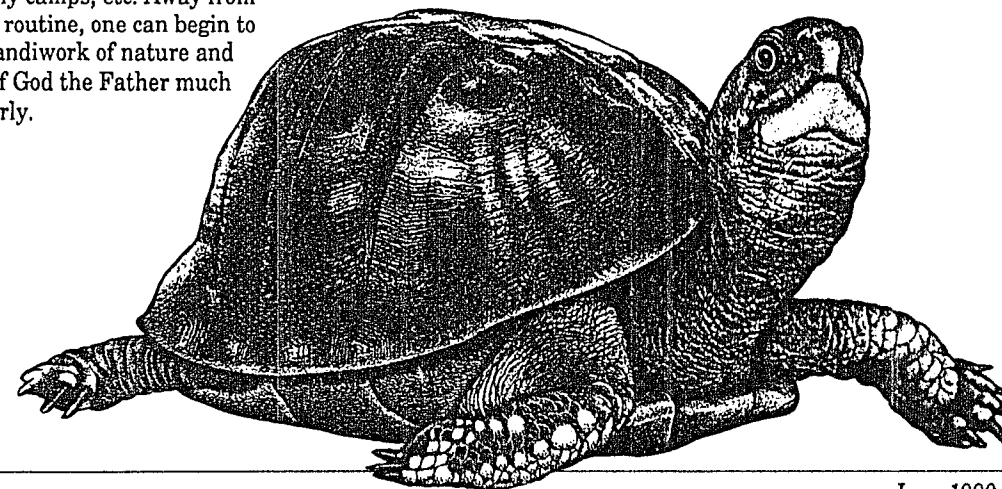
Exciting plans are under way for the Women's Banquet at Conference. Will you be there? Be sure to

These youngsters who are now the participants are the future church.

A young adult recently told me that if a poll was taken of what one experience in a church person's life made the most lasting impression, more than likely it would be something that happened during a church camping time. These youngsters who are now the participants are the future church. It behooves us all to do our very best to make this a life-changing time for them.

bring your handcrafts for the SCSC sale and your Society's annual report of your activities (40 copies should be enough). We are eagerly awaiting your arrival. The turning over of the Board to the Shiloh, New Jersey, ladies will be an exciting moment.

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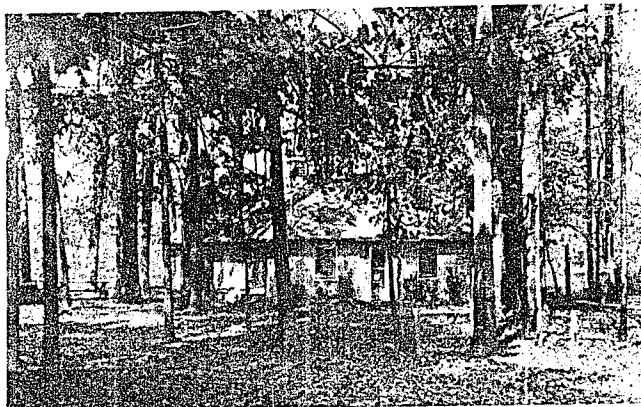
June 1990

Jersey Oaks Camp

Join us for camping,
Expect God's great love.
Receive of His mercy,
Share peace from above.
Each one is seeking God's light to
be shone,
Yielding completely to Jesus alone.
Oaks all around us creation's
delight,
Asking for servants redeemed by
His might.
Keeping the Sabbath a sign of His
grace,
See we're at Jersey Oaks, God's in
this place.

Jersey Oaks...early in 1959 a 12.4 acre tract of land with woods, an open field, and Maskell's Mill Pond waiting to be used. Nine months later...a camp is dedicated that would serve hundreds of individuals in years to come. Many willing people with various skills and determination for a completed job, along with God's blessing of good Sunday weather, made this all possible.

Jersey Oaks will begin its 30th year of camping this July. Besides three weeks of camps, the facility is used for many family reunions, church picnics, Camp Fellowship Day (a time of fellowship for the community and church family), and the Easter Sunrise Service.



Jersey Oaks Camp, Shiloh, New Jersey

The main lodge of the camp includes a kitchen, a nurse's station, pantry, and meeting room with a large fireplace. There is a boys' dorm and a girls' dorm which each have running water and warm showers! The outdoor chapel is located in a wooded area. A sandy beach perfect for watching sunrises and sunsets overlooks the pond, which is ideal for fishing and canoeing. A softball field, a horse-shoe pit, tetherball poles, and swings are available for recreation.

The Midget Campers are the youngest organized group which meet for a week of day camp. Clara Mulford has been the director for over 15 years. Children who attend are entering first grade through third grade. Their activities include handcrafts, Bible stories, songs, Scripture memorization, and swimming at a municipal pool.

Overnight camp is offered to both junior and senior campers. Junior camp is for children entering fourth through sixth grades and senior camp is available to youth entering seventh through 12th

grade. Activities include a Bible study with a particular theme, music, crafts, recreation, swimming, and campfire. The campers attend Sabbath worship at either the Shiloh or the Marlboro SDB Church. The directors of these camps are pastors from the cluster churches or individuals willing to share their talents. There are many dedicated and generous workers from the local churches who serve as medical attendants, cooks, "handymen or women," and counselors.

Some camping memories from recent Jersey Oaks campers include: the midnight hikes, Pastor Ken and "Hello, Mt. Ranger," volleyball, swimming, campfire with skits and plays, the candle-light dinner when we thanked God for the earth, SCSC workers, canoeing, Capture the Flag, meeting new friends and enjoying old ones.

Jersey Oaks Camp is a perfect place to go to feel the closeness of God. Why not make camping a part of your summer?

Shiloh-Marlboro YF

The Shiloh/Marlboro, New Jersey, YF has recently studied Revelation, Genesis, and Acts. Steve and Dodi Moncreif are the youth advisors and help with the activities.

Some of the youth activities have included a fall retreat, with invited guests from several neighboring SDB churches; the youth center, opened once a week during the winter months; and Christmas caroling. Our calendar of events has also included a youth week with a worship service led by the youth, swimming, a "sundae" evening at the youth center, ice skating, a trip to the Franklin Mills Mall, and a game night at the Shiloh parsonage with youth from

Salem, West Virginia. Several take part in the girls and boys basketball teams of the West District Church League. Fund raisers include a lasagne dinner, sub sales, car washes, and bake sales. The money is raised for Pre-Con expenses.

Our officers this year are: Lora Dickinson, president; Dottie Moncreif, vice president; Ben Cruzan, secretary; and Ward Bond, treasurer. Dan Cruzan leads the Bible study portion of our meetings, which are held on Friday evenings throughout the

school year. Our average attendance is 15 teens, grades 7-12. Youth groups are a time of good Bible study, and also Christian fellowship.

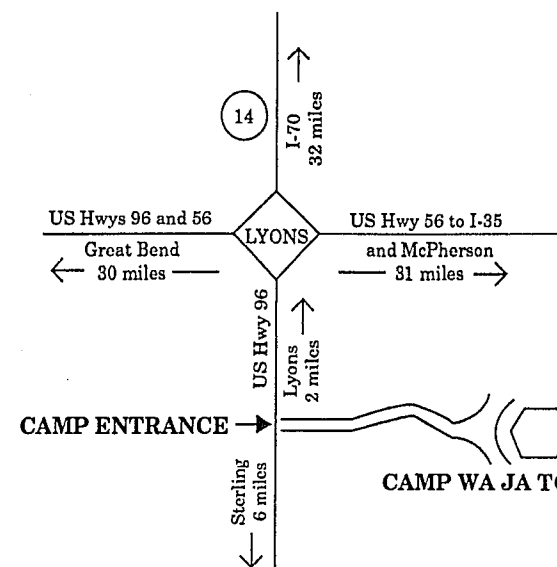


Shiloh-Marlboro Youth Group

Directions to Pre-Con

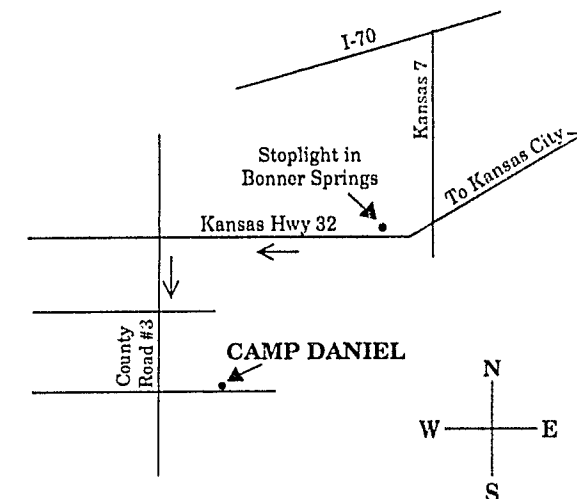
Youth Pre-Con

Camp WA-JA-To is located south of Lyons on Highway 14 just 2 miles from Highway 56 intersection. First Christian Church, Box 556, Lyons, KS 67554 Phone (316) 257-2071 or 257-2408

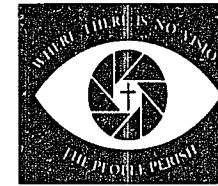
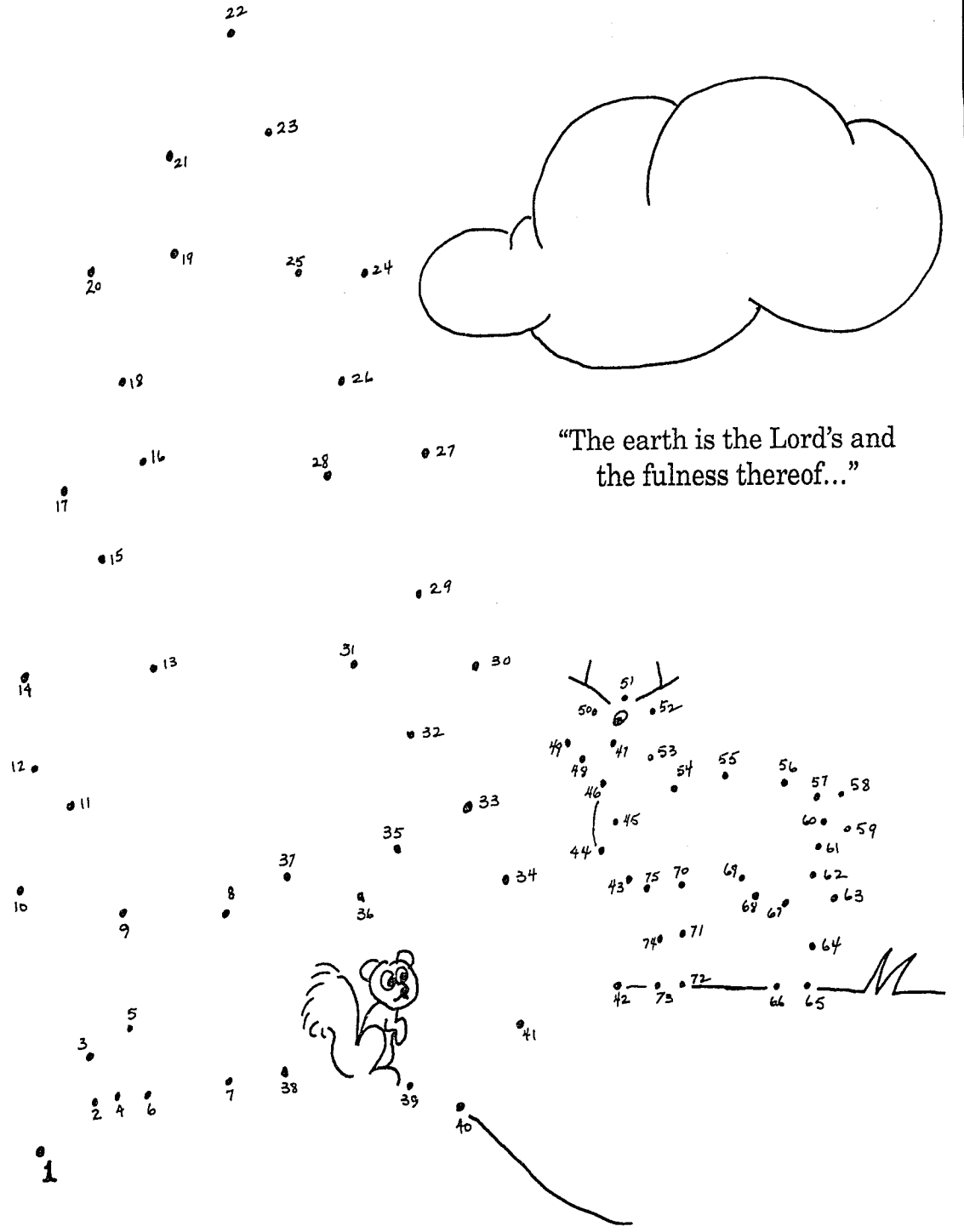


Young Adult Pre-Con

Camp Daniel is located southwest of Bonner Springs. Take K-32 west of Bonner Springs 4 1/2 miles; turn left on Leavenworth County Road #3; go 2 miles south and turn left at the second crossroad; go 1/4 mile east to the Camp Daniel driveway. Camp Daniel: Route 2, Box 64, Bonner Springs, KS 66012 Phone (913) 441-6030



The Children's Page



FOCUS on Missions

by Leon R. Lawton

Adams Center, NY, USA

Pastor Gene Smith has written, "I am encouraged with the new progress that is taking place as a community of churches. Our ministry here at Adams Center is growing simply as a result of a greater outreach to the surrounding communities. Through the Ecumenical Council of Southern Jefferson County, we are reaching a wider range of people from the area. Our evangelism outreach does not seem to increase noticeably, but still we are reaching new people every week. We have one new family who has just started to attend. We are hopeful that they will find our worship suitable to their needs and continue to worship here.

"Remember us in your prayers as we continue to serve God in this area of New York State. We are always thankful for your support, both in prayer and in financial help. May God continue to bless your work throughout the world."

Umuire Town, Imo, Nigeria, West Africa

A recent letter from Rev. Gershon A. Harrison shared, "Our work in Nigeria is progressing very well with many Muslims being converted to Christianity. This is the first time in my life a Christian is permitted to preach in a Muslim mosque and allowed to argue with the Muslim teaching. I have been granted a permit to preach in any Muslim area or in the field without any challenge or trouble, because I speak the Arabic language like an Arab and because I attended Arabic high school when I was a youth. It is surprising that some Muslims have not heard about Jesus Christ and many have not seen the Holy Bible, only the Koran. They discovered that there is no salvation in Mohammed and the Koran is no Bible. So, many Muslims are now being converted to the Christian faith."

Also, some other pastors writing to inquire about SDBs have been put in touch with Pastor Harrison. One leader has his groups now affiliated with the SDB Conference.

Missionary Society Budget—1990

Because of the salary upgrade on July 1, 1989, following the salary goals set by the Conference Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR), these goals were continued in the full year 1990. This made the increase over 1989 at better than 5% recommended by COSAR, but not another 5% in addition to those of 1989. There were no funds in the budget for

any new work or even having a new Director of Extension from July 1 as planned. Therefore, the operating budget was increased to support a new part-time extension pastor, Steven James, and have Rev. Russell Johnson as the new Director of Extension. To do this, permanent funds were transferred and a matching amount asked of the Memorial Fund to support the 1990 budget of \$276,758. A special gift of \$2,750 to aid our sister conference in Mexico (at \$250 a month from February) is also included in this total.

Sister churches: India/USA

At their quarterly business meeting, the Riverside, California, SDB Church "adopted" as a sister church, the Pathanamithitta SDB Church in southwest India. This is the largest of four congregations in the Malankara Seventh Day Baptist Conference of Kerala State, India, which was recognized in 1989 by the SDB World Federation as its newest member. Though little effort has been made in the last year to link churches in the USA/Canada with those in International Conferences, there are still several in other countries that are willing to become sister churches. The Missionary Board office is seeking to serve and aid in bringing such churches together.

Faith SDB Church, Doniphan, MO, USA

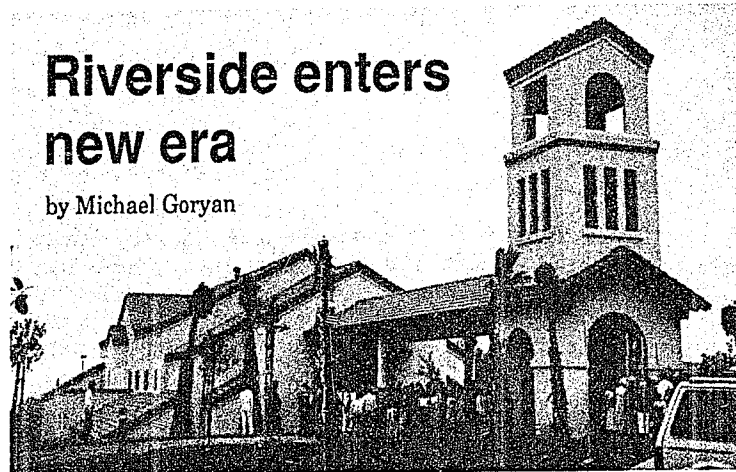
Clerk Bonnie J. Elston writes, "We continue to be blessed by the Lord. We have had some new visitors this past quarter who are attending on a regular basis. One has blessed us with a much-needed talent of a piano player, so our song worship is much improved. Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Our prayer warriors have seen answered prayers, and we continue to pray for our denomination."

Extension/Field Pastor Ronald J. Elston Sr. also shares, "Field work continues with new interest in the Springfield/Nixa area. Our branch church in Central, Missouri, under the leadership of Pastor Jon Warren, reports outreach and growth as they have added several new members.

"The Kirkwood SDB Church, located in the St. Louis metro area, has also experienced growth as several new families and visitors have been in attendance recently. Deacon Leigh Stewart is doing well after surgery several months ago." Pastors Warren and Elston continue to provide leadership for the Kirkwood church.

Riverside enters new era

by Michael Goryan



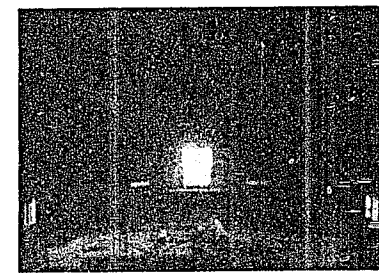
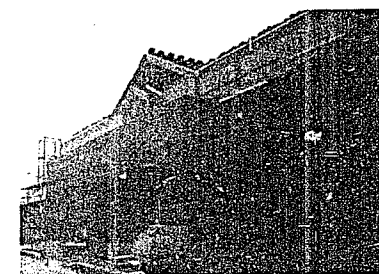
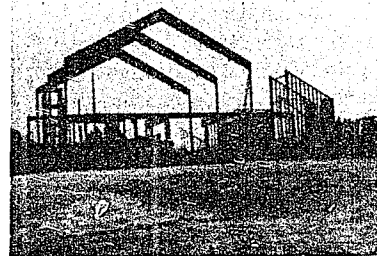
The new Riverside church at 5901 Chicago Road.

In five years, the Riverside, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church will celebrate its 100-year anniversary, but on Friday, April 27, 1990, the church ended one era and began another on Sabbath, April 28.

The members of the Riverside church closed the 63-year-old church building at Lemon and Fourteenth Streets in a stirring, Friday evening service. The service, which began at 7:30 p.m., included an historical look at the church, special music, communion, extinguishing candles, and the locking of the doors by former pastor, Rev. Alton Wheeler.

Sabbath morning, the 300-member church held its first service in its new church located at 5901 Chicago Road in Riverside. Events began at 10:00 a.m. Current pastor, Rev. Gabriel Bejjani, unlocked the doors to the new church to the sounds of singing and orchestral music.

Stages of construction.



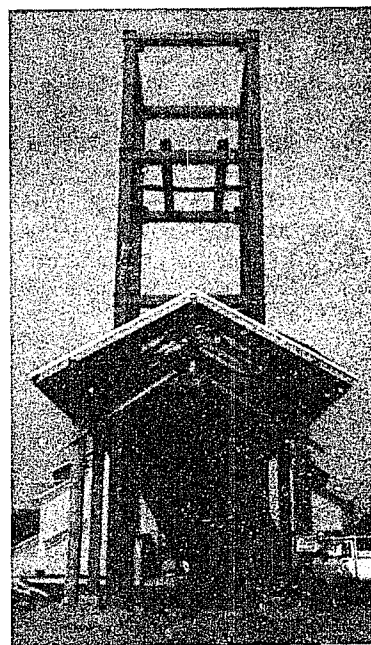
ary 23, 1904. A new name went along with the new building—the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The church rapidly grew from 36 members to 75 in eight years. In January, 1927, the church, free of debt, had swelled to 110 members and had outgrown its space. Members voted to purchase property at Lemon and Fourteenth Streets for \$8,000. By October of that year, a new church was dedicated.

The Riverside Press stated that year, "This attractive church and parsonage on Lemon Street is substantial improvement with its tower of unusual design."

The Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church sold the now vine-covered church to the Riverside *Press-Enterprise*, which has vowed to preserve the historical landmark. *SR*

(A fuller description of the moving services, with more pictures, will be featured in next month's *SR*.)



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Pastor Profile

Name: Rev. Leon A. Wheeler

Birthdate and place:

August 15, 1954, DeRuyter, New York

Current pastorate:

Alfred, New York

Family:

Wife--Linda

Son--Jon, age 15

Daughter--Coral, age 13

Education:

Ashaway Elementary

Chariho Regional Jr/Sr High School

Salem College

Ottawa University

Central Baptist Theological Seminary

Andover Newton Theological School

Former Pastorates/employment:

Pastor:

First Hopkinton, Ashaway, Rhode Island

New Product Planner at GenRad, Inc.

Warehouse Manager at Arrow Auto, Inc.

My first job was:

Delivering *The Westerly Sun* starting about age 5. Our family covered the whole town as I recall. Our children continued the tradition while I pastored in Ashaway.

Personal hero:

Roberto Clemente (from my childhood)

Favorite childhood memory:

Sitting in front of the parsonage with my brothers and sisters and "counting" cars.

Favorite Bible passage:

Whole book of Isaiah

Favorite author:

Robert M. Brown, Henri Nouwen



If given an all-expense paid vacation:

I would travel to a Third World nation, possibly Nicaragua, with Witness for Peace. My life is too sheltered. I need to feel the pain of the oppressed.

A great answer to prayer was:

Early in my first pastorate, I was confused, scared, and desperate. I literally ran away from both home and church. God worked through several incidents and people to open the door for healing and bring me back home.

A church project I'm excited about:

The overall direction of the church. Scars from old wounds are a source of depth and beauty. Unity is opening the doors to creativity. The Spirit of Love is present. We are joyfully seeking to be the people of God here in Alfred and beyond. Alfred is a wonderful place to be.

My vision for SDBs:

My vision/dream for SDBs is that we will increasingly discover and embody God's dream in the Sabbath; namely, the call to united, compassionate, just, peaceful living which is not only sensitive to human relations, but senses--and responds to--God's presence in all creation.

December	\$754,485
November	\$691,611
October	\$628,738
September	\$565,864
August	\$502,990
July	\$440,116
June	\$377,243
May	\$314,364
April	\$251,495
March	\$188,621
February	\$125,748
January	\$62,873

SHOULD BE HERE

April Giving
Investment Income (est)
March Giving
Investment Income (est)
February Giving
Investment Income (est)
January Giving
Investment Income (est)

1990 income needed—\$754,485.
Per month gift income needed—\$33,351.
Total needed each month—\$62,873.

Little Rock listings

by Doris Van Horn

On February 11, 1990, a celebration honoring the 90th birthday of one of our beloved charter members, Mrs. Oma Seager, was held at the North Little Rock (Arkansas) Community Center. More than 100 relatives and friends enjoyed the fellowship of this occasion, which was planned by her immediate family and assisted by members of the Little Rock church. Friends and relatives gathered from Houston and Carthage, Texas; Fouke, Texarkana, North Little Rock and Little Rock, Arkansas; and Memphis, Tennessee.

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn was given the honor of Pastor Emeritus by unanimous vote of the church.

Prayer meeting and Bible study have begun meeting regularly on Sabbath eve in the various homes. They are well attended, and we praise the Lord for this.



Grace Lewis (left) stands with lady of honor, Oma Seager, at her 90th birthday party.

Our church ad is now appearing in one of the local newspapers on each Sabbath morning. Improvements are under way for the church building and parsonage.

David and Bettie Pearson, and Ken and Doris Van Horn are planning to hold a five-day Bible Club in Memphis and Little Rock this summer.

All church members were safe during the recent flooding. *SR*

Plainfield news

Two special celebrations have been held this year by the Plainfield, New Jersey, SDB Church.

A Valentine service on February 17 had 11 couples celebrating their marriages. Dorothea Durant played the wedding march as a processional, and Lois Lawrence sang two solos. Pastor Joe Samuels' message on "Love, the Indispensable Quality of Marriage" was based on 1 Corinthians 13, the love chapter. The couples then renewed their vows to one another and marched

out together. Refreshments included a large Valentine cake.

The second celebration was a baby dedication on March 10. Douglas Wheeler sang "Give Me the Bible," and Pastor Joe spoke on "Learning Experiences with the Word of God," based on 2 Timothy 3:10-17. Frank and Patti De Gregorio brought their two-month-old baby girl, Noelle, forward and Pastor Joe held her lovingly as he dedicated her to the Lord. Her parents and the congregation replied affirmatively to his questions. Refreshments completed the celebration. *SR*

Randolph Highway

The West Virginia State Legislature passed a resolution stating that I-79 in that state will be designated as the Jennings Randolph highway.

Retired U.S. Senator Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist from Elkins, West Virginia, proposed his vision to Congress for an interstate

highway system 56 years ago.

The resolution for the new name surprised Senator Randolph on his 88th birthday. Jennings resides at the St. John's Mercy Extended Care Center in St. Louis, Missouri, near his son, Jay, an NBC sportscaster. *SR*

San Diego will miss Horsleys



Dr. Edward Horsley



Members of the San Diego, California, SDB Church.

Members and friends of the San Diego, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church were saddened by the announcement that Dr. and Mrs. Ted Horsley will be moving to San Antonio, Texas, in June of this year. During the four years that the Horsleys have been members of the San Diego group, Ted has provided much needed leadership, teaching an adult Sabbath School class, acting as worship leader, providing special music, and

chairing the Executive Steering Committee.

During the three years that the church group searched for a new pastor, Ted filled the pulpit weekly, coordinating the worship service, and presenting scholarly and challenging sermons. He conducted individual Bible studies with prospective members and led many persons to a greater understanding of the miraculous power of Jesus' sacrifice.

Mrs. Kay Horsley and daughter, Dede Littler, will also be missed. Kay's quiet and gracious support was expressed in the hospitality of her home, her contributions to fellowship luncheons and social activities, and her implementation of a Junior Church for preschoolers during the weekly worship service.

The Horsleys plan to build a new home near San Antonio, and Dede plans to continue her university training. *SR*

SR Reaction

Letters may be edited for clarity and length

"Hurrah" for healing

Dear Sir:

As a long-time member of the Seventh Day Baptist church, I particularly enjoyed the Recorder issue on the subject of healing, and I am afraid that we have been indeed guilty of expecting God to conform to our thinking.

I have even heard and read the writing of many older Seventh Day Baptists who wring their hands saying that our church is too "conservative." I realize that they are speaking mainly of the political realm, and I disagree with that also. We need as much conservatism as we can get. Mainly, it means to get back to the old basics and away from "modernistic" thinking, such as miracles couldn't happen, the story of Adam and Eve couldn't be true, the earth couldn't have

been created in six days, and on and on.

But, what are we doing in the church at all if we do not accept Christ's teachings and the Bible itself? Why aren't we in some social club if we cannot accept it as truth?

I was particularly impressed with the article by Rev. George Calhoun. We are failing in a large part of our ministry. I have noticed that the churches who are supporting "singles" ministries are involved also with healing, and they are getting people to give up their drinking, smoking, drugs, and wild lifestyles, and are accepting Christ. I was also guilty of putting this down at one time, but have discovered that I had been ignoring Christ's own words... "heal the sick, preach the gospel..."

I am for getting back to the

basic teachings of Christ, and that includes the laying on of hands and healing.

Sincerely,
Harriet S. Hill
New Smyrna Beach, FL

"Huh?" to Hansen

Dear Editor:

After reading Clifford Hansen's article "An open door to heaven" (*The Sabbath Recorder*, May 1990), I was troubled both by his treatment of the biblical text and by his assumptions on certain points. First, commenting on Rev 4:1, Rev. Hansen states, "clearly this voice is a call for all Christians to rise above the normal plane of human living, and to fulfill that function in society which Jesus assigned to his followers when he said, 'Ye

SR Reaction, cont.

are the salt of the earth' and 'Ye are the light of the world.'" What is "clear" is that there is a considerable textual gap between the Book of Revelation and the Gospels, especially in literary type (the former being apocalyptic, the latter apologetic/didactic), and to link them in so casual a fashion is hardly justified. On the one hand, Jesus calls his disciples to be something and, thereby, to effect change in their world. On the other hand, the voice from heaven calls John to *witness* something, to record what "must come to pass" precisely because it is unchangeable. Revelation gives neither the suggestion nor the hope that Christians can effect the outcome of history on the scale that Rev. Hansen suggests ("the dream of mankind living wholly under the rule of God"). On the contrary, the message is rather that believers should persevere in their faith even as conditions around them grow worse (6:11; 7:14; 12:17; 13:7; 16:15; cf. 9:20-21; 16:9, 11, 21) because God—and He alone—will bring about the necessary change in the end (19:11-16; 20:11-15; 21:1-7). Christians can have a positive influence on society in the areas the author lists in his article, but we should not delude ourselves into thinking that we will save the world in any permanent sense.

Second, after proposing that Sabbath keeping can be a vehicle for social change, Rev. Hansen cautions that "[o]ur Sabbath witness must not be based on a faulty reading of the Bible. It must be based upon a purpose to accept all truth from whatever source it may come." (Is he advocating a shift in authority from "the Bible" to "whatever source?") Specifically, "our Sabbath witness must not depend on a literal reading of the six-day creation story of Genesis." The author claims that Gen. 1 should not be taken literally (1) because "all the scientific evidence we can gather" supports

evolution and (2) because "it is poetry." The first reason he offers for a non-literal reading is far too sweeping a generalization, for it overrates the case for evolution (which remains a theory until it can be tested) and ignores the scientific evidence in favor of creation (cf. Henry Morris, *Scientific Creationism*). The question of origins is hardly resolved at this time (cf. L. Duane Thurman, *How to Think about Evolution*). The second reason he offers for a non-literal reading is actually false, for it ignores the grammatical and literary features that distinguish poetry from narrative. The Creation account—like the Exodus account—is clearly narrative and not poetry (cf. Wilfred Watson, *Classical Hebrew Poetry*). One should "accept all truth from whatever source it may come," but one must verify that it is indeed truth (which entails weighing the evidence, not merely accumulating it) before altering what might otherwise be a more natural reading of the biblical text.

Sincerely yours,
Paul Manuel
Madison, WI

Dear Editor, Sabbath Recorder:

I am writing to urge Rev. Clifford Hansen and all Seventh Day Baptists to write to the Bible Science Association, P.O. Box 32457, Minneapolis, MN 55432, and the Institute for Creation Research, 2100 Greenfield Dr., El Cajon, CA 92021. I am appalled that Rev. Hansen would write—and you would publish—such a ridiculous statement that "all the scientific evidence we can gather" shows life evolved. Not only is that totally untrue, but it shows such a lack of research, reading and true study on the part of the author as to be irresponsible. I could not believe that a Seventh Day Baptist publication would finally capitulate to the world's humanistic view.

The literal Bible account is scientifically defensible, and carries at least as much scientific evidence as the theory of evolution. The two organizations listed above have vast memberships, and are staffed by prestigious scholars, with extensive academic and professional credentials, as well as being men of faith in God as Creator, and in God's word. These men, and many of us who have studied, read, searched, researched and prayed, believe in a literal six day creation first because God teaches so (...and the evening and the morning were the first day, etc.), but also because of a vast body of scientific evidence to support that belief. How much research and scientific investigation has Mr. Hansen done, that in one sweeping paragraph he should be able to pronounce "fact" on a debate that has occupied men's entire lives? Please read what creation scientists have to say before discarding your faith in God's inspired account of creation. God uses scientifically provable facts to validate His literal word.

Just one last concern. Rev. Hansen's closing paragraphs as to why we should keep the Sabbath also concern me. We are to keep the Sabbath out of obedience, motivated by our love for God and all He has done for us. Obedience is a good and positive trait in the Christian. Our motivation is not to be "the added enrichment it brings to our lives." That is a bi-product. We don't keep the Sabbath for what we get out of it, although we do indeed get a blessing. Our goal is not a "higher ground of spiritual culture!" Our goal is Christ. Our goal is Christ-likeness, and allowing God to use us and our lives for His purpose.

Thank you for listening to a very concerned reader.

Carol Petersen
Mount Joy, PA

Accessions

Atlanta, GA

Luis D. Lovelace, pastor
Joined after testimony
Bert LeCroy
Karen Woodcock

Denver, CO

Ralph Grosser, pastor
Joined after baptism
Peg Norstog
Chuck Fuller
Joanie Fuller
Darcy Fuller
Beth Fuller
Joined after testimony
Shirley Manchester
Joined by letter
Victor Burdick Sr.
Beth Burdick

Junction City, KS (branch church of Nortonville, KS)

Steven James, pastor
Joined after testimony
Carolyn Bagwell

Little Rock, AR

Joined after testimony
Vivan Newton

New York City, NY

Richard Evans, pastor
Joined after testimony
Clarence Johnson
Princess Johnson
Sylvia Clarke
Mahalia Ellis

Riverside, CA

Gabriel Bejjani, pastor
Joined after baptism
Tina Kelley
Joined after testimony
Paul Walling
Judith Walling
Diane Kopps
Martha Marinos

San Diego, CA

Bernie Wethington, pastor
Joined by letter
Teresa Shea
Daniel Shea

Texarkana, AR

Mynor Soper, pastor
Joined after testimony
Jessie D. Harris

Verona, NY

Russell Johnson, pastor
Joined after baptism
Levi Hopkins
Aaron Falkenmeyer

Marriage

Pinette-Todd.—André Pinette and Patricia Todd were united in marriage on December 23, 1989, at the New Hope Evangelical Church of Bend, Oregon, with Rev. Randy Myers officiating. Patricia is a member of the Milton, WI, SDB church.

Births

Lovelace.—A son, David Luis Lovelace, was born to Luis and Joanna Lovelace of Cartersville, GA, on July 8, 1989.

Cosman.—A daughter, Mikaela Asa-Olivia Cosman, was born to Myong and Teri Cosman of Junction City, KS, on October 25, 1989.

Palmer.—A son, David Benjamin Palmer, was born to David and Vikki Palmer of Roswell, GA, on February 17, 1990.

Kenyon.—A daughter, Rebecca Lynn Kenyon, was born to Kathryn (Lewis) and Kent Kenyon of Coudersport, PA, on April 12, 1990.

Palmiter.—A daughter, Stephanie Dawn Palmiter, was born to Roger and Beverly Palmiter of Alamogordo, NM, on September 6, 1989.

Fatato.—A son, Aaron Matthew Fatato, was born to Nicholas and Georgina Fatato of Springfield, MO, on February 7, 1990.

Rindfleisch.—A son, Luke Donald Rindfleisch, was born to Donald and Pamela (Bellefleur) Rindfleisch of Vail, CO, on March 29, 1990.

Heintschel.—A daughter, Emily Renee Heintschel, was born to Garry and Renee (Cupp) Heintschel of Texarkana, TX, on April 12, 1990.

Obituaries

Rainey.—Joseph Lesline Rainey, 84, of Acworth, Georgia, died on December 5, 1989, in Fulton County, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lesline was born on February 13, 1905, in Cobb County, Georgia. She learned of Seventh Day Baptists during her later years and joined the Atlanta church. Although her health did not always permit her to attend, her love for her church remained strong.

Lesline is survived by one brother, Guy Rainey, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was conducted on December 8, 1989, at the Collins Funeral Home in Acworth, with Pastor Luis Lovelace officiating. Burial was in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

Bushaw.—Leona (Bond) Bushaw, 77, died on December 19, 1989,

at St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Leona was born on July 4, 1912, in Dodge Center, Minnesota. She was the daughter of William Henry and Cora Bond. At an early age, she was baptized and joined the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. After graduating from Dodge Center High School, she took a teacher training program and

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Obituaries, cont.

taught for two years. She then lived in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota, and finally moved to Superior, Wisconsin, where she lived most of the rest of her life.

She married Max Seador in 1940. He was killed in World War II while in the Navy. In 1944, she married Harold Bushaw.

She is survived by two sons, Berly and Ray of Superior; two daughters, Cheryl Anderson of St. Cloud and Carole Dahlgren of Superior; and two brothers, Claston Bond of Dodge Center and Arthur Bond of Rochester, Minnesota. She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, and two sisters.

Farewell services were conducted in Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Superior. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Superior.

Tiftt.—Bertha (McWilliam) Tiftt, 92, died on December 29, 1989, at the New Jersey Eastern Star Home, Bridgewater, New Jersey, where she had resided for the previous 10 years.

Bertha was born on January 17, 1897, in Grand Junction, Iowa, the daughter of Philo and Josephine (Davis) McWilliam. They soon moved to Milton, Wisconsin, where she was educated.

She worked in Milton as a bookkeeper for L. Harrison North, who moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, in 1924 to manage the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House. Bertha arrived soon after to work for him as a very capable bookkeeper. She transferred her membership from Milton to the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1925 and was a loyal member until her death.

In 1927, she married Maxwell Tiftt, and they lived in North Plainfield and Plainfield until they retired. In 1965, they moved to Leisure Village in Lakewood, New Jersey, and Maxwell died nine years later. In 1979, Bertha moved

to the Eastern Star Home. She had been a matron of the Lydia Chapter #41, Order of the Eastern Star, in Plainfield. Survivors include her cousin, Mildred Elsner, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at the Eastern Star Home on what would have been Bertha's 93rd birthday—January 17, 1990. It was conducted by the chaplain of the home, Rev. Cynthia Strickler, and was well attended by the residents. Also present were several members of her church, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Elsner. A sketch of Bertha's life was given by Ruth Parker, and a fine gospel message was presented by Pastor Joe Samuels. Burial was in the Milton cemetery. RHP

Merritt.—Waldo J. Merritt, 77, of Ashaway, Rhode Island, died on January 29, 1990, at the Westerly, Rhode Island, hospital. He was the husband of Aleta H. (Gore) Merritt.

Waldo was born in Hopkinton, Rhode Island, on December 31, 1912, the son of Elmer C. and Edna L. (Jeffrey) Merritt. He was employed by Ashaway Line and Twine Company for more than 47 years, retiring in 1977 as a foreman.

Waldo was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, the New London Fire Chiefs Association, the Ashaway Fire Department, the Ashaway Sportsmans Club, and the Franklin Lodge of Masons.

Besides his wife, Aleta, he leaves a son, Russel D. Merritt of Ashaway; five grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at the Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home in Westerly. Interment was at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Ashaway.

Curtis.—Gleason Monroe Curtis of Riverside, California, died on February 2, 1990, at the age of

87. He was born on August 19, 1902, in the rural town of Brookfield, New York.

Gleason's family moved to Riverside in 1923. He dedicated his life to the Lord at an early age. It was this commitment which made him a humble servant and inspiration to those he touched and those who touched him.

He married his Riverside neighbor, Maleta Osborn, on August 10, 1926, in a beautiful outdoor wedding. He and Maleta shared their continued joy in the Lord and each other for 63 years. Together, they had three sons—Glen, Dale and Lloyd.

Gleason became a mortician in 1926 and retired 40 years later, but not from church work. He served 60 years as an ordained deacon and always had a well-stocked tool chest for making repairs to the church and to Pacific Pines Camp.

A friend, a loved one, an inspiration has passed from our family. Together we give praise to the Lord for his life. "I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith, I am ready to depart." We will miss our friend. GB

Kenyon.—Gladys (Baker) Kenyon, 84, of DeLand, Florida, died on March 16, 1990, in Florida. She was the wife of R. Merritt Kenyon.

She was born in Main Settlement, New York, on April 19, 1905, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Baker.

Gladys had been an active member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Rhode Island, and had been actively involved with the Sabbath School and the Christian Endeavor programs of the church.

In addition to her husband, she leaves a son, Raymond, of DeLand; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Ashaway, Rhode Island.

K E V I N ' S

O R N E R

Others in this issue have reminisced about camping. How about one more journey? I entered my first pastorate in early June one year, so the local Association wisely thought they would let me get my feet wet—or in trouble—before popping the really BIG question: "How would you like to direct camp? Hmmmmm?"

The next summer arrived like the next week. Honeymoon's over. Grab him.

Well, I didn't direct, but chose to observe a camper's camper, Perry Cain, as he directed a bunch of generally well-behaved senior highers.

I learned a lot that year. Then it was my turn to direct; learned even more. The following year put me back in the Bible teacher role.

Last year I was out of the pastorate, into a more "regular job" with a specific amount of vacation time, and with camping involvement not really part of my job description. (Is it in a pastor's?)

The one thing I had learned over those few years on the camping scene was the major difficulty in securing staff members!

So I did take a week off to help at camp last year, but worked it out that I would have my teaching sessions in the morning and spend the rest of the day sprucing up our new-to-us home. Not a total commitment away from my young family, but I did give something of myself to our campers.

This year? I see all the dates for camp set off on my calendar, but I'm still planning to be here at the Center. I will lead the closing vespers at Day Camp, but I won't be teaching or counseling or cutting up with the high schoolers this time around. I know that I will miss it.

Have I just assumed that the proverbial "somebody" will help out? Let the paid clergy and SCSC or dedicated service workers handle it, along with the dedicated few? Was I afraid to be tagged year after year as one of the "dedicated few?"

Our camps could surely use your help and involvement. And you certainly don't need a seminary degree to pitch in!

I know that I still made an impact on the young folks years ago when I wasn't seminary trained—I could tell that from the outrageous autographed messages scrawled on my copy of the camp newspaper.

Get involved and prevent young campers from becoming a dying breed; sort of like kids who aren't glued to TV sets or radio headphones.

A statement on statements

The SR has this statement on page 3: "The Sabbath Recorder does not necessarily endorse signed articles."

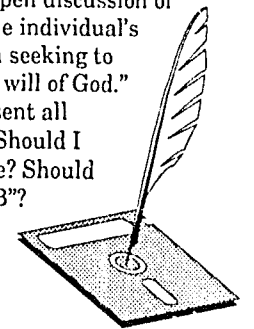
We have another statement on that page: "Unsolicited manuscripts are welcomed; however, they will be considered on a space available basis."

We have a Statement of Editorial Policy which reads: "Any sizeable minority point of view of Seventh Day Baptists shall be presented with due regard to space limitations and balance of material."

We have a Statement of Belief with this introduction: "Seventh Day Baptists consider liberty of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be essential to Christian belief and practice. Therefore we encourage the unhindered study and open discussion of Scripture. We uphold the individual's freedom of conscience in seeking to determine and obey the will of God."

Can I possibly represent all Seventh Day Baptists? Should I print only what I believe? Should I change the "SR" to "KB"?

I truly welcome your statements.



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