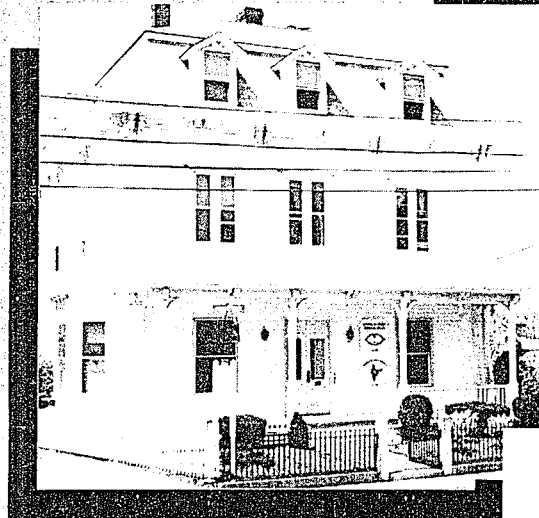
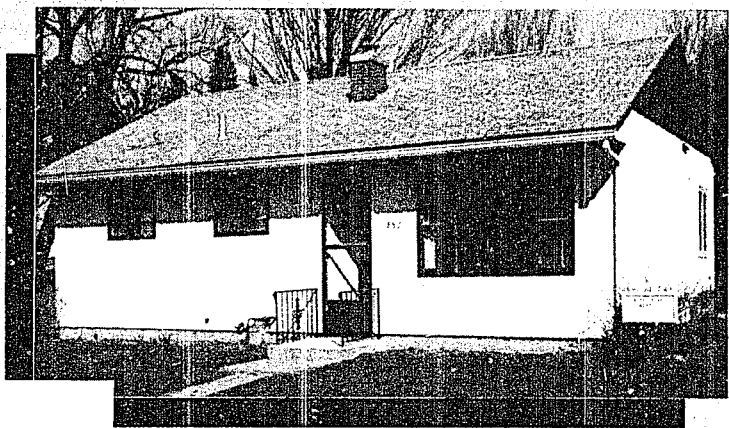


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Board of Christian Education
Alfred Station, N.Y.



Missionary Society office
Westerly, R.I.

**Our Boards
and Agencies**

Seventh Day Baptist Center
Janesville, Wis.



— An Alliance of Ministry —

**Plan ahead for Conference
August 9-15, 1992**

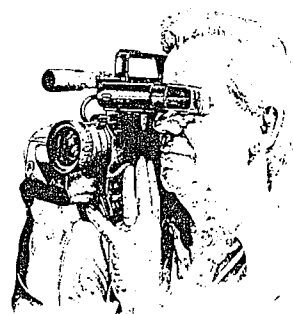
Where: Waukesha, Wis., in southeastern Wisconsin. Just a few miles on Rt. 164 from Interstates 94 & 43. Twenty minutes from Milwaukee, Lake Michigan, and Mitchell Airport. Sixty minutes from Madison, 45 minutes from Milton and Lake Geneva.

Carroll College: This year's meeting place for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Excellent facilities, housing, food, and meeting space. Waukesha County has 40 hotels and motels, 10 campgrounds, and 700 restaurants.

Nearby attractions: Old World Wisconsin, Kettle Moraine State Forest, Milwaukee Zoo, Mitchell Domes, and many others. For more information, contact Waukesha County Convention and Business Center at 1-800-366-1961, or the Greater Milwaukee Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-231-0903.

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**"Twice Pardoned"
(From Focus on the Family)**

- 1) Ex-con Harold Morris tells his story and challenges teens to make the right choices in choosing friends and activities. He relates what put him in prison with two life sentences, how he found Christ and received His pardon, and later was pardoned from prison.
- 2) Interview with Harold Morris and several testimonies. Interviews by Dr. James Dobson.

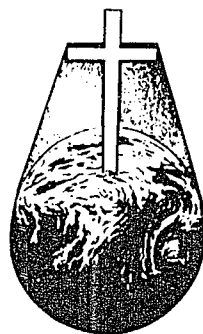
**Historical Society
Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held at the Center in Janesville, Wis., on Sunday, April 26, 1992, at 2:00 p.m.

The Historical Society serves the denomination in the collection, preservation, and communication of SDB history. As a membership corporation, it does not share directly in the denominational budget and relies on support from membership fees, contributions, and endowment.

Any member of a Seventh Day Baptist church may become a Contributing Member for a \$10 annual fee, or a Life Member for \$100, payable to the treasurer, Muriel Osborn, at the Center, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547.

**Hey, all you
Light Bearers for Christ!**



Conference President Mynor Soper is planning a reunion for all former members of this musical and Gospel outreach ministry.

Come to Conference at Carroll College this August.

And don't forget—

*bring your
musical instruments
for a possible
reunion concert!*

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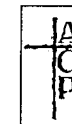
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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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. Phone (608) 752-5055; FAX (608) 752-7711



Service is our ministry

The General Services office is unique among our denominational agencies, in that we are purely a service agency. We provide services to other boards and agencies, and to churches and individuals.

General Services works closely with all of the other boards and agencies of the denomination, helping them carry out their specific ministries. Our service to individuals is in the area of subscriptions and processing orders for tracts, videos, etc. Actually, General Services helps to link all of the boards and agencies together.

The question has been asked, "What in the world do those people in Janesville do?" We're happy to answer that question. The responsibilities of our Janesville staff include: arranging housing and travel for various board meetings, mailings, maintaining a master address list, *Lead-Line*, subscriptions, secretarial services, accounting, maintaining correspondence files, computer services, host committee assistance, communication with ecumenical groups, and maintenance of the building. As you look at the various services performed here, you will also get a glimpse of your workers who serve so selflessly.

Hosting and Travel

Many meetings are held at the Center. In preparation for these meetings, Muriel Osborn and Camille Henry arrange for the hosting in cooperation with members of the Milton and Albion churches.

Camille usually purchases the travel tickets for board members. It is no easy task to coordinate all of the travel so that we make the best use of our resources. It requires working with the travel agent, getting the absolute lowest fares, and

finding the flights that are most suitable for a given meeting. Often there are several different board meetings within one or two weeks of each other.

Mail Services

In the mail room, Rosie Geske can be found literally buried in mounds of mass mailings, all which had to go out "yesterday." Rosie processes bulk mailings for *The Helping Hand*, *Sabbath Visitors*, every member mailings, and *The Sabbath Recorder*. In addition, she receives orders for tracts and videos, and processes them for shipment.

There are volumes of regulations which the postal service expects us to follow, and Rosie knows them all!

Master Mailing List

In order to better serve Seventh Day Baptists, we have a master address list which contains the names and addresses of all Seventh Day

Baptists, including their church membership. Rev. Paul Osborn volunteers his time and maintains the rolodex files from which we run labels for *The Sabbath Recorder*, *Sabbath Visitor*, every member mailings, and many others.

Lead-Line

Lead-Line, published monthly, is a short newsletter intended to inform our church leaders about denominational activities and programs. Camille Henry, who edits *Lead-Line*, is always interested in receiving news which would be of interest to other SDBs. This is also one of the tools we use to communi-



Performing many tasks in many hours for many people. Clockwise from top: Camille Henry, financial secretary; Muriel Osborn, office secretary and receptionist; Rosie Geske, mail clerk.

cate how the Denominational Budget is doing as the year progresses.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for *The Helping Hand* and *Sabbath Visitor* are maintained at the Center. Camille receives and updates subscriptions, and Jeremy Howard keeps the computer files updated so that labels and billings can be run quarterly.

Secretarial Services

As you might assume, there is a great need for secretarial services

counts payable and receivables, and runs the monthly and year-end financial statements for all the agencies. It is a massive task, which Jeremy is more than capable of handling.

The payroll for Center employees and COSAR retirees is also run on the central system.

The Denominational Budget figures are entered monthly by Camille, and the distribution of the income is made to the agencies for their use. This is the money which comes from churches and individuals in support of the budget adopted at General Conference.

Correspondence and Communication

The need for communication is great, and it is our aim at the Center to communicate the needs, blessings, hardships, and services of the denomination. A great deal of correspondence with churches, ecumenical organizations, agencies, and individuals is handled with expediency by the staff. It is important to us that we keep in touch with you.

for our executives. Muriel, Rosie, and Camille provide these services. The Memorial Fund has the greatest need, and Muriel provides this service. There are numerous letters, minutes to be typed, checks to be mailed, and reports to be filed. Camille is administrative assistant to the Director of Pastoral Services, and carries out his secretarial needs. Rosie handles all the mail for these wonderful executives.

Accounting and Computer Services

Jeremy Howard maintains the computer system, inputs the ac-

Host Committee

Although the Host Committee is appointed by the hosting Association, we at the Center work in cooperation with them in an attempt to make the Conference meetings as pleasurable and beneficial as possible. Let's face it—it's when we come together in August that we feel part of a larger family, and can

see that we, as Seventh Day Baptists, can make a difference.

Center Building

The Lord has provided us with a beautiful building in which to carry

Although we do a lot of business, we are involved in a ministry which we regard as vital to the denomination.

out our work for all of you. It is the responsibility of the Center staff to see that the building is cared for, and Calvin Babcock oversees the maintenance.

All of our services are held together by Calvin Babcock, General Services Administrator. It is his responsibility to see that we have the necessary resources to perform our individual tasks, and that those tasks are completed well and on time. He is an encourager of the gifts we each possess, and he helps us put them to use.

As a family, the Center staff enjoys working together, with the Lord as our guide. We spend time every Wednesday morning to pray for specific needs we are aware of in our churches.

Although we do a lot of business, we are involved in a ministry which we regard as vital to the denomination. We invite you to pray for the work which is carried on here, and to come and visit us if you happen to be in the area. $\$R$



Jeremy Howard keeps the computers humming.



To go and make disciples

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus instructed His disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Then He backed that up with the promise, "... I am with you always..."

Later, in Acts 1:8, he expanded that command by directing His disciples to start in "Jerusalem," and "in Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." I believe I can say that this is the exact goal of the Missionary Society.

Our program is based upon these three levels of missions. Beginning in our own Conference churches (our "Jerusalem"), we encourage our people through reports of our mission fields, and develop study materials that invite members to consider going into the mission fields, both here as well as around the world.

It is my prayer that materials will be developed to especially encourage our youth to look into missions as a way to fulfill God's will in their lives. God does not lie when He promises to meet our needs when we do His will (Matt. 6:33-34). He desires that His children set aside the concern for success, the subtle lust for material comforts, and other fears that would keep them from joyously fulfilling Kingdom ministries.

Our work in the "Judea and Samaria" of our nation goes on in the form of general outreach, church planting, nurturing, and development. Pastor Russ Johnson coordinates this ministry as Director of Extension, and travels, as needed, throughout the nation. He responds to the new contacts and the needs of people looking

for a church to attend, or to those willing to start a church in their community.

Russ keeps in touch with new Sabbathkeeping groups, and also



assists established churches in designing and accomplishing outreach efforts. With Pastor Ron Elston ministering as a regional field worker, it is our goal that even more places will be assisted in bearing more fruit.

Last year, it seemed that the Lord opened a stream of inquiries and requests. We believe that the floodgates may well burst open during 1992. Prayers are being answered, and glory be to God for His guidance! We are excited about the anticipated harvest. Please be steadfast in praying for us as we



Missionary Ian Ingoe (not pictured) helped train these men to build this SDB church in Chipho, Malawi.

seek to be fully responsible for every outreach opportunity in the United States and Canada.

Generally, our foreign missions are doing well. We continue to be in contact with leaders in other countries. Recently, at the World Federation meetings in Auckland, New Zealand, we received word that a new group in Portugal is in need of a pastor. Our leader in Nigeria told us about a group with whom he met—they numbered over 2,000. We often hear

about new groups that show interest in Seventh Day Baptist beliefs.



Executive Vice-President G. Kirk Looper



Pastor Eleazar Paypa (center, facing ocean), president of the SDB Philippine Convention, leads a baptismal service. Paypa was brought to the Lord through the ministry of Missionary Rodney Henry.

We continue to work with Malawi, South Africa, Myanmar, Poland, Finland, Brazil, Jamaica, and others. They continue to bless us in many ways. I received several

More research is needed to determine both the real needs and feasibility of service in some of the missions. We request your prayers in our search and studies.

**Please be steadfast in praying for us
as we seek
to be fully responsible
for every outreach opportunity.**

requests that we send missionaries to help in the mission fields. We are looking for workers who meet specific qualifications and are willing to live with those in need.

May God give us wisdom and guidance, and may He place upon your heart the desire to serve in furthering His mission field. *SR*



Upholding pastors and churches

It's Monday morning at the Seventh Day Baptist Center. As usual, the light next to my name on the telephone has been on all morning.

The first call was from an anxious pastor who had a very difficult meeting with his diaconate over the

I carry out my responsibilities under the guidance and direction of the Council on Ministry (COM). Chairman Edgar Wheeler provides us with stability, leadership, and wisdom. Other Council members include Gordon Lawton, Lorna Aus-

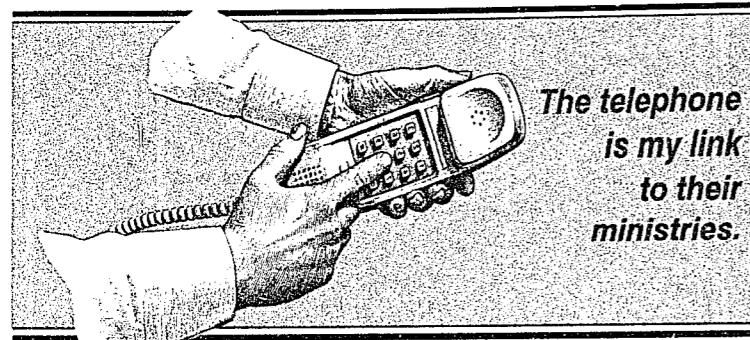
missionaries, and church planters for the SDB General Conference by helping students obtain a Master of Divinity degree. We assist students financially with tuition support and a small support stipend. We also provide close ties to a local Seventh Day Baptist church and pastor.

COM financial support for seminary students is unparalleled when compared to other denominations. The deans of seminaries where our students attend are thoroughly impressed with the quality of our Seminary Education Program.

Matthew Olson will soon graduate from Calvin Theological Seminary (Grand Rapids, Mich.) in May. Steve Osborn is attending his first year at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School (Deerfield, Ill.) with Nathan Crandall planning to join him in the fall. Andrew Camenga is also planning to start seminary this fall.

Training in Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.)

The T.I.M.E. program provides theological and ministry training for pastors and church planters (and their spouses) who are not able to attend seminary. This training is taken to the students, with a minimum amount of disruption to their lives and ministries. Twelve



weekend. He needed someone to talk and pray with him. The next call was from a seminary student, nervous about graduating and finding a pastorate. The chairman of a pastoral search committee calls, requesting ministry profiles on six pastors, and "Could I be sure to have them before the weekend?" A pastor calls to see if financial assistance is available to help pay for psychological counseling for his family. Then a T.I.M.E. student, behind in his work, calls to give reasons and promises.

All of this occurs before lunch on Monday morning. Mondays are usually my days to take four to six hours of telephone calls. Every day is not quite that busy with calls; however, I do spend an average of two to three hours a day on the telephone, working with pastors and churches spread all over the country. The telephone is my link to their ministries.

As Director of Pastoral Services,

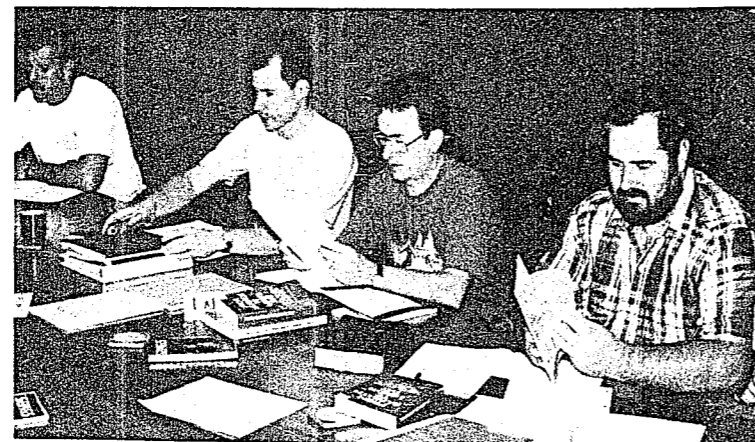
Ministerial students and pastors benefit from specialized SDB training at Institute. Left to right: Pastors Jim Galanaugh, Steven James, Tom Warner, and Dale Smalley.

tin, Pete May, Bill Shobe, and Luan Ellis. These members are serving you to *promote, educate, and sustain* the ordained ministers of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

The Council on Ministry provides unique programs to train and encourage Seventh Day Baptist pastoral leadership.

Seminary Education Program

The Seminary Education Program exists to provide educated and trained pastoral leadership,



training modules are spread out over the four years required to complete the program. Each module consists of six weeks of home study, a weekend seminar, and two weeks of in-church implementation.

Our T.I.M.E. program was developed by Seventh Day Baptists, for Seventh Day Baptists. This model of training pastors is being used in the Philippines, Jamaica, New Zealand, Malawi, and Cameroon.

Summer Institute

Since our seminary students attend schools of various denominational—or interdenominational—traditions, we have specialized courses to teach Seventh Day Baptist distinctives. Summer Institute is a three-week course which alternates each year between teaching Sabbath Theology, and SDB History and Polity.

Those in the Seminary Education Program are required to attend these Summer Institutes. The course is taught at a graduate school level, and seminary credit is given to the students. Summer Institute is also a requirement for those seeking accreditation as a Seventh Day Baptist pastor.

In-service education

The Council on Ministry seeks to renew and enrich a pastor's professional training through continuing education opportunities. To do this, financial assistance is available for pastors to attend seminars or workshops that will enhance pastoral skills or knowledge.

Pastoral search

The Director of Pastoral Services assists those churches seeking pastors, and helps pastors who are seeking churches. Pastoral Search Guidelines, as well as a great deal of support materials, have been de-

veloped to assist churches in the pastoral search process.

Ordination and accreditation

The Council on Ministry is responsible to assist pastors and churches in matters related to ordination and accreditation. The Council sends a representative to ordinations for observation and assistance. When accreditation requirements are met, the Director of Pastoral Services should be contacted for an application.

Mentors for new pastors

New pastors need the consultation of a more experienced pastor. The more experienced shepherd can help the new pastor adjust to new challenges as they arise.

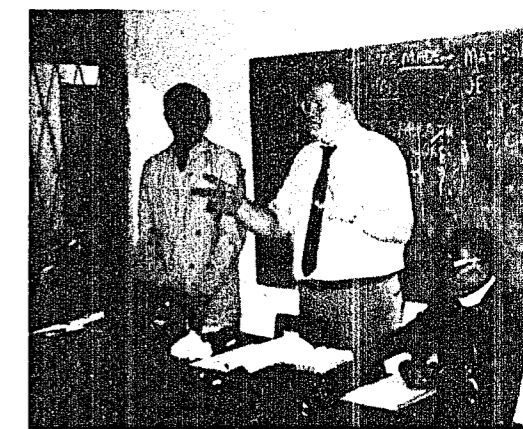
Pastors' expenses to Conference

The SDB Memorial Fund is sponsoring a new program which provides financial assistance to enable pastors and spouses to attend Conference. The guidelines for this program are available from the Director of Pastoral Services.

It is a pleasure being the executive for both the Council on Ministry, and the Committee on Support and Retirement ("COSAR"—more on this committee next month). We have a broad array of programs designed to serve the needs of Seventh Day Baptist pastors.

I also appreciate the cooperative attitude that exists between the various boards and agencies. The Board of Christian Education allows Ernest Bee Jr. to write and

direct the training module on Christian Education for the T.I.M.E. program. The Council on Ministry releases me to work with the Missionary Society, assisting Conferences around the world in training leadership with their own T.I.M.E. programs. The Historical Society provides materials written by Don Sanford and taught by Janet Thorngate for the Summer Institute on History and Polity.



Director of Pastoral Services Rodney Henry presented the Sabbath truth to a group of pastors in the Cameroon, Africa.

And the list goes on.

Boards, agencies, and executives need each other, and we know it. Cooperation and communication between executives is excellent. Each of us realizes that our individual boards have responsibility for only a narrow part of the overall ministry. By working together in a coordinated and unified way, we will better serve pastors and churches who are on the front lines of furthering the work of Christ's kingdom.

The Council on Ministry is pleased to fulfill its part of the overall ministry of Seventh Day Baptists. For more information on our ministries, please contact the Director of Pastoral Services. ✠



To publish glad tidings

"Do you have any information about Seventh Day Baptists and what they believe?"

"I'd like to hear more about this Saturday Sabbath stuff. Could you send me some material?"

"Our church wants to run an ad in our local newspaper. Any ideas?"

"We'd like some challenging videos for this summer's family camp. Also, do you have any kids' tapes?"

Yes. Yes. Yes. And, oh, yes.

We get plenty of these requests. And we can say "yes" to even more.

Our Communication Council is geared to serve Seventh Day Baptists in their desire to promote the cause of Christ, His Church, and His Sabbath. We're happy to share with you the many ways we do that.

Our Purpose

The purpose of the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council, a service arm of the SDB General Conference and its related agencies, is to:

1. Provide informational and educational materials to help local churches in their tasks of worship, education, fellowship, and missions.
2. Produce materials that represent Seventh Day Baptist life and thought to the public.
3. Promote communication among Seventh Day Baptists.

To accomplish this, the Council:

- Publishes *The Sabbath Recorder* magazine
- Produces tracts and other publications
- Provides audio-visual resources
- Promotes Sabbath-related materials

History

Following a rich heritage as an independent agency, the American Sabbath Tract Society merged with the General Conference to become a Council in 1986. At that time, the 30-member board was trimmed to 10 Council members. Six are elected by Conference delegates, while the other four members chair the standing committees. These committees oversee the four major areas of the Council's work.

Circulation of the *Recorder* is nearing 5,000. Ten years ago, the Tract Society agreed to send the magazine to all SDB households and contacts on a donation basis. Annual gifts toward this ministry cover about half of the costs; the remainder is subsidized by the Council.

Editor Butler continues to travel to churches across the country, in-

We desire to communicate clearly the Seventh Day Baptist message.



Committees and Work

Sabbath Recorder

The largest undertaking of the Tract and Communication Council (TCC) is the monthly publication of *The Sabbath Recorder*. Through this outreach, one of America's oldest continuing religious periodicals, the Council desires to inspire and inform SDB members and friends around the world.

Sabbath Recorder Committee members consult with and give advice to the editor, and are responsible for official statements of editorial policy.

Director of Communications Kevin Butler spends about two-thirds of his time as *Recorder* editor. Assistant Editor Leanne Lippincott is in her 10th year of service at the Center, heading up all the paste-up, color-cutting, and camera work.

forming members about the work, but more importantly, to get the "pulse" of the readers. We need your input to ensure that our work is serving you.

AudioVisual

Committee members handle various recordings for loan or sale, purchase and maintain necessary equipment, and assist SDB organizations in all media.

The AudioVisual Committee has spent many hours transferring older slide programs onto video. Most of these programs explain the work of our overseas missionaries, and the videos are available to show at your church.

The committee can produce new slide programs for your church, or



Our publications carry a distinctive message.

make a duplicate set of an existing program. They are also producing new promotional videos for churches and the Conference. Our video introduction to SDBs, "Called Together," was a major project of this committee. Copies are only \$5—order yours today.

A growing videotape library contains excellent resources on the church, family, and personal development. You may receive a free tape on loan just by asking; your only cost is mailing the tape back to us (library rate—cheap!).

Publications

Members of this committee propose policies for the production and distribution of tracts and other literature, recommend new material for publication, maintain the supplies, and oversee the distribution of published materials.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Memorial Fund trustees, we have updated many of our tracts with glossy, colorful reprints. These tracts, written and designed by and

for SDBs, concentrate on the Bible message and the good news of God's Sabbath.

If you haven't updated your church's tract rack, now is a great time to send for some free samples of our newest pieces.

Sabbath Promotion

This committee promotes the observance of the Bible Sabbath and assists our people in its promotion.

Each year, the Sabbath Promotion Committee organizes Sabbath Emphasis Day. All of our church groups receive special bulletin covers and a packet of materials geared toward that year's Sabbath theme. Included is a sermon, children's message, responsive reading, and ideas for a youth activity.

We also sell merchandise which features our SDB logo and name. From colorful lapel pins, to tote

bags and decals, we can provide you a way to get your church noticed.

When possible, some committees are located away from the core area to provide for wider representation. Chairmen are encouraged to maintain an appropriate balance of longevity and change among committee members to assure both continuity and creativity.


The Whole Council

Our Council members represent us in the local church and Association, sharing our purpose, goals, and strategies with others. Members remain alert to SDB communication issues that should be addressed by the TCC.

We are all involved in the goal setting, long-range planning, policy making, and evaluation of our work in relation to its purpose.

The TCC coordinates the printing end of nearly all of the materials published by SDB organizations. This includes *Lead-Line*, *The Helping Hand*, *The Sabbath Visitor*, *Missionary Reporter*, *Yearbook* and annual reports, Conference programs, letterheads, and more. Using desktop publishing programs on a Macintosh computer system, we provide camera-ready copy to local print shops.

We also stand ready to help you with your local communication needs. We have assisted several churches with newspaper ads, brochures, and newsletter artwork. Please let us know how we can serve you.

The Council desires to communicate clearly the Seventh Day Baptist message. We can do that, with your help. 



Assistant Editor Leanne Lippincott.



These ladies not bored

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons" (1 Corinthians 12:4-6, NASB).

There are a number of women in New Jersey who are using their gifts in a variety of ways. Some are using their administrative skills, others their secretarial skills. Some are using leadership abilities, while others are using their gifts of creativity and enthusiasm.

These women are your Women's Board officers. Through God's leading, we are seeking to minister to the women of our churches, our families, and our communities. No one person can do the job by herself. It takes all of us doing our part for ministry and service.

We appreciate Board President Donna Bond who uses her administrative skills for the Lord.

The Women's Board oversees a number of special projects and ministries. Many women around the country may not know about some of these projects. We want to make

sure that all of our Seventh Day Baptist women are informed about the opportunities available to them, and the possibilities for them to reach out to others.

Pen & Prayer

Yvonne Stephan is the coordinator of the *Pen & Prayer* Project. (Yvonne's husband, Mel, is pastor of the Marlboro, N.J., church.) Her job is to match up people who would like to have a pen pal and prayer partner with someone else willing to write to and pray for that individual. The women at Conference voted to continue this project but, unfortunately, no one has contacted Yvonne to express a need to have a Pen & Prayer partner, or the desire to be a Pen & Prayer partner. If you fit either of these categories, please write Yvonne (RD 1, Box 364, Bridgeton, NJ 08302), and she'll be delighted to help you.

Summer Christian Service Corps

Probably the biggest project the Women's Board is responsible for is *Summer Christian Service Corps* (SCSC). SCSC began in 1964 when

four young people from Milton, Wis., traveled to Metairie and New Orleans, La., to do door-to-door evangelism and lead Bible studies. Since then, 295 young men and women have served our churches and denomination through this summer ministry program.

The SCSC Committee, chaired by Jan Bond, is responsible for evaluating applications from young people to be workers, and from churches to have projects. The committee chooses the training coordinator, and this person chooses his or her own staff and the place where training will be held. Young people selected for SCSC have intensive training through Bible studies, role playing, music and craft classes, and interpersonal exchanges. This helps prepare them to teach Sabbath School or Bible School; lead music, crafts, or worship; do manual labor; help with camps; and enjoy other activities as requested by the church.

SCSC workers do not receive any salary. The host church will provide them with food and housing for the duration of the project, which is about five weeks. The Women's Board, through the contributions of our local women's groups and through individuals, funds the SCSC program. The largest expense for the program is travel—flying the young people from their homes to the training site, and from the training site to the project site. Training materials, food for training, and insurance is also paid for by the Women's Board. The financial cost for SCSC is quite high, but the investment in the lives of committed young people is well worth the cost.

Tuition Fund

Marie Davis, Women's Board treasurer, is chairman of the Tu-

ition Fund Committee. The fund exists to provide financial help (up to \$75 per applicant) for pastors' wives who wish to attend a spiritual retreat, Bible seminar, etc., but don't have enough money to cover the cost of attending. The budget provides funds each year for three to four women to benefit, once their application has been approved by the committee.

Robe of Achievement

Every year at Conference, the Women's Board presents the *Robe of Achievement*. This award goes to a Seventh Day Baptist woman who



1991 Robe recipient, Gertrude Davis.

has faithfully served her Lord, her church, and the denomination in an outstanding way. Since 1964, 38 women have been recognized for exemplary service. A Seventh Day Baptist church or individual may nominate a woman for this award. The Robe of Achievement Committee, chaired by Elizabeth Bidwell, evaluates the nominations and makes the final decision.

Conference

The Women's Board provides money to fund the *Conference Nursery*, and arranges for the *Women's Banquet* at Conference. The Board also distributes the monies designated for the *Love Gift*. The women

must turn down applications because of lack of money. Can you and your church help us? I know that finances are very tight for many people in today's economy. Perhaps your church could sponsor a special fund raiser for SCSC.

**Through God's leading,
we are seeking to minister to the women
of our churches,
our families, and our communities.**

who attend the Women's Interest Committee at Conference choose people or ministries who will receive a gift of money, given in love and appreciation, to encourage their ministry or to give them some additional money for medical bills, etc. Also at Conference, the Women's Board sponsors a *Craft Sale*. Women from our churches bring crafts to sell, with the proceeds going to SCSC.

As you can see, the Lord has given us wonderful opportunities to serve Him and His people. We can, as Seventh Day Baptist women, make a difference for the Lord in people's lives. We are very excited about the work which lays before us, but we do have some concerns. We are excited that so many young people have already requested applications for the SCSC program, but we're concerned about the financial picture of the SCSC program. In the last two years, expenses for SCSC have exceeded income for SCSC by about \$5000. It costs approximately \$1,200 per year for each SCSC worker.

We don't want to put our SCSC Committee in the position that they

(Some of our churches put on an SCSC Supper—Soup, Crackers, Sandwiches, Cookies—and send the money designated for SCSC.) Could you, as an individual, commit to give a little each month to SCSC? The investment you will be making in the life of a young person will be multiplied as another young person can serve the Lord and our churches through this special summer ministry.

We, as members of the Women's Board, are so thankful for all of your contributions this past year: monies given, prayers offered, love and encouragement administered. We are also grateful that you've given us the opportunity to serve you. May the Lord bless our efforts for Him. \mathcal{R}

(Please don't hesitate to call or write us if you have questions or concerns about any of our Women's ministries. Contact President Donna Bond, RD 1, Box 426, Bridgeton, NJ 08302; Treasurer Marie Davis, RD 3, Box 291, Bridgeton, NJ 08302; or Charlotte Chroniger, P.O. Box 145, Shiloh, NJ 08353.)



SCSC workers Leah Martin and Cory Remick flank their project director, Steve Osborn. God's beauty surrounds the workers and directors during training in the Colorado Rockies.

Charting a course in education

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BCE Executive Committee members. Seated (l. to r.): Mae Bottoms, Luan Ellis, Amanda Snyder. Standing (l. to r.): George Bottoms, Robert Stohr, David Clarke, Ernest Bee. Absent from photo, Dede Mackintosh.



A history worth recording

A motto which has hung in the historian's office in the Center expresses much of the concern of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society:

"A people who have not the pride to record their history will not long have the virtues to make history worth recording; and no people who are indifferent to their past need hope to make their future great."

The Historical Society is dedicated not only to recording the past, but to revealing its relevance to the present and the future. Its four-fold purpose, as listed in its mission statement adopted in 1989, includes:

- a) maintaining a repository for safekeeping of documents, writings, records, and other materials relative to the Sabbath and Sabbath-keeping Baptists;
- b) continuing research into the roots and history of Seventh Day Baptists;
- c) interpreting the significance of the past for both present and future; and
- d) communicating this through such means as books and other print media; answering requests from other agencies, churches, or individuals; and representation in denominational and interdenominational meetings and publications.

As part-time librarian and archivist for the past 10 years, Janet Thorngate is in charge of accessions, cataloguing, indexing, and organizing the library—making archival materials more accessible.

Janet is frequently seen at the typewriter or computer, answering requests from a wide variety of users: college professors working on a

research project, pastors or church officers preparing for a church anniversary, individuals concerned with digging out their roots from indexed files of *The Sabbath Recorder*, or other librarians making referrals. She may be acknowledging receipt of Oscar Burdick's latest discovery in our British history, or following leads he or others have given. Her teaching skills are utilized in the course on Seventh Day Baptist history which she teaches for Summer Institute.

As historian for the past five years, Don A. Sanford spends much of his time in research and writing. His three books are: *A Free People In Search of A Free Land*, repub-

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lished in 1987; *Conscience Taken Captive*, printed in 1991; and the




In preparation for the bicentennial celebration of the Salem, W.Va., SDB Church, in May 1792, the historian consults this old record book from the vault. The entry of Sept. the 6th 1789 states (original spelling maintained): "Then did the body of this Church remove from Shrewsbury in order to settle in the State of Verginey...." The next page begins: "May 13, 1792. The church met in Conference at New Salem where the church or part of them is now embodied, this being the first opportunity of coming under regular dicipline in Church order since we left New Jersey."

new one-volume complete history, *A Choosing People: The History of Seventh Day Baptists*, scheduled for release next month.

Don writes a monthly "Pearls" column for *The Sabbath Recorder*, and researches numerous topics or issues for other General Conference agencies. His field trips usually combine research and visits to churches. Representation at such meetings as the North American Baptist Fellowship has opened the door to heightened visibility, particularly among other Baptists.

Although genealogy is not a high priority for the staff, the Society continues to perform this service for Seventh Day Baptists, and for others who have some roots within our past. Diane Appel and Ilou Sanford have worked on assignment, or independently, in opening up the resources of a long history to those searching for their family roots.

It has been said that a good offense is the best defense available. In light of this, your Historical Society believes that by getting our history out in well-documented materials, we can contribute to the work of all our churches—communicating who we are and what we stand for as Sabbathkeeping Christians in the Baptist tradition. 

Right: Historian Don Sanford consults records stored in the Center vault. Below: Librarian Janet Thorngate.



The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society is a membership corporation which had its origin as the "Committee on Denominational History," established by the 1863 General Conference, and incorporated as an independent Society in 1916. Membership is available to any member of an SDB church recognized by General Conference, upon payment of \$10 annual dues, or a life membership fee of \$100.

The Society is supported largely by the endowment giving of the past. It receives no direct support from the Denominational Budget, but does receive facilities and services in exchange for work rendered on behalf of all Seventh Day Baptists.

The Historical Society is governed by a five-member Board of Directors elected at the annual meeting of the Society. The current Board is composed of S. Kenneth Davis, president; Victor W. Skaggs, first vice-president; John Bevis, second vice-president; Thomas Merchant, secretary; and Muriel Osborn, treasurer.



the BEACON

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

March 1992

What a way to end the year!

by Michelle Merchant

On December 29, 1991, the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship organized an end-of-the-year retreat. Church groups from Dodge Center, Minn., New Auburn, Wis., Battle Creek, Mich., and other surrounding towns were also invited.

On Sunday afternoon, the Milton YF was at the church to greet the arrivals. After everyone was there,

and the guys stayed at the Lubkes. Monday morning, we all returned to the church for breakfast and, of course, for the rest of the day. Paul Osborn and George Calhoun were our guest speakers for our classes. That day, we talked about what keeps us growing with God. Later that afternoon, we went to the high school for swimming and basketball.

movies, and, of course, fellowship. That night, we slept at the church since it was late when our party ended. The girls slept in the nursery, and the guys slept in another room.

Wednesday was our last full day, and we made the most of it! It was almost the same as Monday and Tuesday, but our class discussion was about the importance of fellowship. That night we went to Rockford, Ill., to "Cross Currents." It's an awesome place where a church service is directed just for youth, ages 15-25. There was also a praise time where we could sing.

Afterwards, we went to Baskin-Robbins for ice cream. We then returned to the church and stayed there talking until one or two in the morning. After going to our houses, we stayed up even later. (I stayed up until quarter after four in the morning.)

Then it was back to the church, where we cleaned up the place and ate breakfast. People started leaving later that morning. Luckily, there was a lot of Kleenex and toilet paper. (The toilet paper was in case we ran out of Kleenex.)

All in all, I thought the retreat was great! According to the people who wrote me afterwards, they thought it was awesome, too! Hopefully, we'll see ya again next year for another end-of-the-year retreat!

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we got to know each other and talked to people that we hadn't seen for a few months. After supper, we played a few games, such as "Choo-Choo Train," "If You Love Me, Smile," "Wink-'em,"— and "Kamikaze." Heather Crandall taught us that one. You should have seen us! We looked like a bunch of kids! Well... *we are*; but anyway, the high school game was a lot of fun.

Around 10:30 p.m., the guys and gals departed to their separate houses where they were staying. The girls stayed at the Gilmores,

We returned to the church for supper and to get ready for our hayride. But due to miscommunication at the horse stable, the hayride was cancelled, and we drove back to the church from Elkhorn. Since it was still pretty early, we watched a movie and then went back to our houses.

For Tuesday, it was basically the same, but the class topic was the importance of our personal relationship with God. That night, we had a New Year's Eve party to welcome 1992! There was food, music,

The President's Page

Sabbath or evangelism: either/or?



Mynor Soper

When we look at the size and scope of our ministry as Seventh Day Baptists, we might seem insignificant compared to other denominations and para-church organizations. There are individual churches that are many times larger than our entire denomination.

And while our mission work and acts of compassion are not to be minimized, they are but a drop in the ocean compared to others' works for the Lord. When I consider our years of existence, I am forced to wonder why we are so small in numbers compared to others who have not been in existence as long, but who have focused on evangelism and witnessing.

To justify ourselves, we say such things as, "We are not in the numbers game." But when we consider that numbers represent individuals being reached for Christ and His salvation, suddenly we feel very humbled.

So we look for some other rationale. The Sabbath! Obedience! That's it, of course! Others, for the most part, are avoiding the unpopular way of obedience to one of God's commandments, because it doesn't seem important enough to make a fuss over. But *we* know it is important. Nothing God has commanded is unimportant!

Perhaps it is a test of our com-

mitment and love. Perhaps we are one of the smaller members of the body whose task it is to lift up the Sabbath and challenge the rest of God's body to full obedience. But then, too, we have to measure our Sabbathkeeping against other commandments of our Lord, such as, "Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19 NASB) or, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8 KJV). When we consider the end product of the number of souls brought into the kingdom through emphasis on that

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commandment, as compared to the results of our keeping the Sabbath commandment, we again have to seriously weigh the ultimate value of each.

In a short article such as this, one cannot weigh and consider all the ramifications involved in the debate. For brevity's sake, we do not need to conclude that the Sabbath truth is unimportant and should be abandoned, as one seminary professor said to me, "Why don't you get off that wagon and come join us where you can do some good?"

We are convinced, and rightly so, that the Sabbath truth needs to be honored and lifted up for His church and the world. We have cho-

sen to do that. But must we leave the other undone? And, for all practical purposes, we *have* left it undone, in spite of our training programs and seminars to the contrary.

We have not given our whole heart and soul and mind and strength to lifting up the Lord Jesus Christ and the good news of God's forgiveness for all men. Must we do one to the neglect of the other, even as our Sunday-keeping brethren have done? But is it possible that they have chosen the best, as Jesus said Mary had done? (Luke 10:42).

In the 23rd chapter of Matthew, Jesus strongly denounced the scribes and Pharisees for their emphasis on certain aspects of the law, and their neglect of the more important aspects of judgment, mercy, and faith. His conclusion was that they should have done the first and not left the second undone (Matt. 23:23).

Is there a message here for us? Have we been guilty of focusing on one, to the neglect of something even more important? Are we "whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones...?" (Matt. 23:27). Dead men don't reproduce, you know! Spiritually speaking, only those alive with a love for Jesus and the Gospel message reproduce spiritually.

Can we not continue to be true to our Sabbath conviction, lifting it up as a testimony to all, while at the same time giving our greatest efforts to *lifting up Jesus* and His salvation for an unbelieving world? Must it be either/or? I believe it must be both, with the greater effort put into the second—evangelism. Whether or not we give ourselves wholeheartedly to reaching others for Christ may well be the ultimate test of our love for Him. *SR*

"Give Me This Mountain"

World Federation meets in New Zealand

by Dale D. Thorngate

Representing 10 of the SDB World Federation member groups, 20 delegates asked for many mountains before and during our week-long sessions in Auckland, New Zealand, January 2-8. Like Caleb, rewarded by Joshua, we gained many mountains.

President Gabriel Bejjani's theme, "Give Me This Mountain," challenged the 17 member Conferences and groups as they named their representatives. Using Joshua 14:12, he reminded us of Caleb's faithfulness as Moses led the Israelites to the Promised Land.

As they came into the land, Caleb reminded Joshua of God's promise through Moses, and Caleb requested that he be given the mountainous land called Hebron. "Then Joshua blessed Caleb and gave him Hebron as his inheritance." Our inheritance is God's promise of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have been given this promise and are assured of its reality, just as Caleb was sure of his inheritance of Hebron.

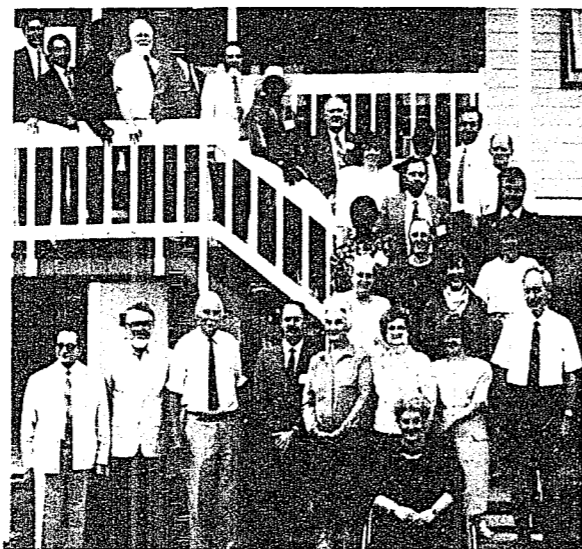
As I flew over the Pacific Ocean, I was thinking and praying for those delegates whose "mountain" would be to obtain the necessary papers to leave their own country and enter New Zealand. I was already aware of Leon Lawton's hard work toward purchasing tickets, which included, in some cases, obtaining visas.

The reality was that some were not able to come because of visa or emigration problems: L. Sawi Thanga of Myanmar; K.P. Kurian of Malankara, India; B. Kishor Kumar of Andhra Pradesh, India; Eleazar Paypa of the Philippines; and Elnora Andries of Guyana. For other reasons, England, Mexico, and Germany were also unable to send representatives.

There were, however, miracle stories by N. James Siwani of South Africa; Lawrence Ucheguonu of Nigeria; Royal Mkandawire of Malawi; Pawel Bujok of Czechoslovakia (Poland church); and Prudence Robinson of Jamaica, as they and their

paperwork traveled strange paths to the South Pacific. No small effort was made on their behalf by Ronald Barrar of New Zealand, who seemed to arrive home from Malawi just in time to help grease the wheels of government bureaucracy to conquer this mountain.

The rest of us seemed to make our journey fairly easily: Frits Nieuwstraten from the Netherlands; Salvador Silva from Brazil; Dorothy Goulding of New Zealand and Andrew Goulding of Australia (representing the Australasian Conference); Mathew Skaria (US) representing the Malankara Conference; Ian and Trudy Ingoe, and Ronald Barrar (NZ), and Royal Mkandawire representing the Central Africa Conference; Leroy Bass, Leon Lawton, Kirk Looper, Dorothea Shettel, Jackie Payne, and Dale Thorngate, all representing the USA and Canada Conference. President Gabriel Bejjani, a member-at-large, plus 10 observers from Australia, New Zealand, and the USA, made a total of 30.



Delegates from around the world gathered in New Zealand.

Probably the most significant mountain that the representatives prayed for and worked toward, both before and during this session, was the approval of a Statement of Beliefs that would represent all of the member Conferences. God, working through His Holy Spirit in us, enabled us to conquer this mountain. We did have to spend an extra three hours finishing the Statement on Wednesday afternoon before the Australasian conference began. But, we did it, with God's gracious power.

The Statement, the first in the Federation's history, has sections on the following: Polity, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Ten Commandments, Sin and Salvation, Eternal Life, the Church, Baptism, the Lord's Supper, the Sabbath, and Evangelism.

The Nominating Committee almost conquered their mountain by providing a slate of officers elected for the next five years. (Two more vice-presidents will be nominated and elected by mail ballot).

President	Gabriel Bejjani
Vice-Presidents (7 zones):	
Africa	Royal Mkandawire (Malawi)
Asia	(To be elected)
Caribbean	Prudence Robinson (Jamaica)
Europe	(To be elected)
North America	Joe Samuels (USA)
South America	Salvatore Silva (Brazil)
South Pacific	Ian Ingoe (New Zealand)
Recording Sec.	Joe Samuels
Treasurer	Jean Lewis
Executive Sec.	Dale Thorngate
Missionary Soc. Rep. on the Executive Committee	Kirk Looper

The Finance Committee handed us a big mountain: a five-year bud-



Federation President Rev. Gabriel Bejjani.

get of \$67,700 (\$13,540 annually). The representatives voted to assume the task of having their own Conference help with fund-raising through an annual offering. As we discussed the budget, a lot of emphasis was put on the first purpose of the Federation, which is to provide for communication among the member groups. The SDB World newsletter, annual *Week of Prayer* booklet, Executive Secretary correspondence, and presidential and vice presidential travel were all highlighted.

The Executive Committee was presented the "mountain" of exam-

ining the current structure of the Federation and preparing a reorganization plan to help the group accomplish its goals more effectively. A special committee will review the constitution and the way the organization has functioned in its first

New Zealand proved a beautiful place to hold the first session outside the United States. A memorable highlight was Sabbath worship in the Auckland Seventh Day Baptist Church. The generous and gracious hosting by the Austral-

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quarter century, and make some recommendations to the Executive Committee. Members of this committee represent five different Conferences: Andrew Goulding, Prudence Robinson, Royal Mkandawire, Dale Thorngate, and Fritz Nieuwstraten, chairman.

Our "mountain top" experience included a lot of music, excellent preaching, in-depth Bible studies, renewing of friendships, making new ones, and plenty of good Christian fellowship as we shared together how God had been working in our lives, our churches, and Conferences since the last sessions in 1986.

asian Conference people was complemented by warm, sunny summer weather, and the comfortable setting of Willow Park Conference Center on Eastern Beach.

The representatives voted to accept the invitation from the Jamaican Conference to host the next session in 1997. Everyone left these meetings feeling we had been on the mountain with God. We also left with new mountains to climb, with the assurance that God will be with us as He was with Caleb. ✠

(Next month: More on the sessions, Conference reports, and photos.)



Celebrating the Sabbath at the Auckland SDB Church.

Sharing God's refreshment

by Jean Steir

The Seventh Day Baptist Women's Annual Fall Refresher had its third gathering on October 25-27, 1991, at the Baptist Evangelical Center in Ashford, Conn. The retreat, sponsored by the New Life SDB Church of Middletown, Conn., got off to a wonderful start once again in the cool hills of Ashford. This very beautiful and blessed spot saw the renewing of relationships and fellowship as 22 women shared in the joy of renewal.

The gracious hospitality of the center staff was next to none as they welcomed everyone and opened the facilities for our solitude and refreshment.

Retreat co-ordinator, MaryJane MacPherson, and special guest speaker, Althea Rood, led out in a very inspiring Sabbath eve worship and vesper. We were pleasantly refreshed as each lady shared what the past week had meant to her—simply by placing a word before the suffix, "i-n-g." We gained great strength from this time of sharing.

Sabbath's morning light dawned with new wonder and awe. Worship time in our cabin was a great starter. Then the food restored our bodies, sending us to study the Word with keen ears and sharpened minds.

We were taught to journey through the Scriptures by choosing a Bible character and following through in the different areas of his or her life. This made the Word come alive and, therefore, made it much easier to apply to our daily lives.

Refreshed and restored again. Front row (l. to r.): Jean, Florence, Betty, Barbara, Ellen, Pat, Janice (baby Hannah on lap), Twanda, MaryJane, Lois. Back row (l. to r.): Teresa, Tola, Valerie, Ruth, Brenda, Diana, Lois, Johnnie, Lynn, Althea, Hortense, Olga.

Jonah, Josiah, and Jehoshaphat were among the specific characters dealt with, and new light and meaning appeared from those passages which so often are mulled over and forgotten. Indeed, it is appropriate to say that "iron sharpeneth iron"; when we study together, we bring the Scriptures into focus, and the interpretation is revealed by the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit. Thus, we see the hidden truth, and our lives and minds are enlightened.

Throughout the retreat, we were reminded that how we journey through situations is the key to the kind of person we will become. Our character will be strengthened and our spirit awakened. Our attitude says so much, and we need to place our focus more on the Master and leave the matter to Him.

Amid tears and fond embraces, we shared the experiences that brought us to the Lord, and the ones that kept us from achieving deeper depths and higher heights in Him. We also shared the ones that gave us so much joy with the

mountaintop experiences, as well as the ones that saw us in the valley of despair and disappointment.

Togetherness certainly opened up our hearts as we came to realize how vulnerable we are, both as Christians and as women. Our prayer requests were met with heartfelt responses—moving us to more tears, more brokenness at our folly, and even greater strength to



Retreat leaders Althea Rood and MaryJane MacPherson.



conquer what lies ahead. Our key verse, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), gave us the added incentive to allow God to be the source of our strength and our supply.

To everything there is a season; a time to laugh... Laughter was as much a highlight of this retreat as anything else. After all, we who are living as heirs and princesses ought to take time out to enjoy the wonderful blessings that our Father has so bounteously provided. We have such freedom, and we ought to stand fast in this great liberty and share in the joys found in our daily lives.

Volleyball was quite a highlight as we teamed up and had the time of our lives. With unrestricted laughter, coupled with the fun of making shots that surprised all of us, we scored and scored beyond our own dreams.

There were those who enjoyed quiet fun as they learned the crafts which gave much fun to the teachers as well as the students. (Remember to order your fancy trimmings and other delicate hand-crafts from the ladies' retreat next year.)

Late night "party gals" kept the joy flowing into the wee hours of the morning. It was a real blessing to share our cultures, as well as our fears, amidst much laughter—while trying to keep the noise down.

As with most good things, the weekend ended all too soon, and it was time to part company. Elegant dining and wonderful company left its mark on the lives of 22 renewed ladies. Even the staff of the center spoke of the "too soon" parting. The indelible mark of refreshment was



Saying goodbye was not easy.

etched on everyone's mind, and our goodbyes were merely a parting of the ways until meeting again.

Saying goodbye is never easy, but for Christians, it's a reminder that soon we will have Sabbaths that have no end, and goodbyes will never have to be said. For now, we have the wonderful contact of the Holy Spirit because we are fearfully and wonderfully made; joined in heart, spirit, and oneness with Christ.

Poetry, sermons, crafts, sharing, laughter, healing, vision, new birth, reassurance, restoration, friendship, and strength—to name a few benefits—can be gained from these retreats. But say, if we tell you about everything, you won't be able to have the real life experience. So, until next fall, make your plans to be there! *SR*

Radio update

Late last year, Seventh Day Baptists sponsored a Christmas music program on WMCA radio in New York City. The one-hour special was aired twice, and we know that many thousands of listeners tuned in. However, response to our free information offer was minimal.

With "operators standing by," awaiting a deluge of phone calls, the first airing went by without one response. During the second program one week later, two interested callers did ask for more information. And, three letters arrived also asking about SDBs.

One other woman phoned two weeks later, after waking up that day, "determined to find that piece

of paper with the phone number and call."


We pray that many seeds of curiosity were planted by this radio outreach. *SR*

WMCA

57 AM

Inspirational Radio
First
On Your Dial

December	\$710,634
November	\$651,414
October	\$592,195
September	\$532,975
August	\$473,756
July	\$414,536
June	\$355,317
May	\$296,097
April	\$236,878
March	\$177,658
February	\$118,439
January	\$59,219

MONTHLY GOAL  January Giving Investment Income (est)

1992 income needed—\$710,634.
Per month gift income needed—\$28,003.
Total needed each month—\$59,219.50

Marriages

Kagarise - Kimpton.—Brian Kagarise and Debbie Kimpton were united in marriage on January 1, 1991, at the Bell SDB Church of Salemville, PA. Pastor Christian R. Mattison officiated.

Brock - Nieves.—Jay R. Brock and Elaine Nieves were united in marriage on July 14, 1991, at the Hebron (PA) SDB Church. Pastor David Kemp officiated.

O'Neal - Roberts.—Monty Glenn O'Neal and Brenda Sue Roberts were united in marriage on July 20, 1991, at the New Enterprise (PA) Church of the Brethren. Rev. Patrick Murphy officiated.

Palmer - Wheeler.—Tony Edward Palmer and Esther Hope Wheeler were united in marriage on August 23, 1991, at the Alfred (NY) SDB Church. The Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler (father of the bride) and the Rev. Leon A. Wheeler (brother of the bride) officiated.

Muffley - Davis.—Robert Muffley and Cheryl Davis were united in marriage on October 5, 1991, at the SDB Church of Shiloh, NJ. The Rev. Don Chroniger and the Rev. Charles Bond officiated.

Vincent - Brock.—Steven Vincent and Joellen Brock were united in marriage on December 14, 1991, at the Hebron (PA) Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Marion H. Vincent and the Rev. Michael L. Burns officiated.

Hair - Cargill.—Melvin Hair and Loretta Cargill were united in marriage on December 28, 1991, at the North Loup (NE) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Kenneth Burdick and Pastor Kenneth Will officiated.

Claycomb - Watts.—Rodney Wayne Claycomb and Heather Melanie Watts were united in marriage on January 4, 1992, at the Millville (PA) United Methodist Church. The Rev. Melvin F. Stephan and the Rev. Robert Ludrowsky officiated.

Kenyon - Carey.—Kevin Leonard Kenyon and Sandra Louise Carey were united in marriage on January 18, 1992, at the Hebron (PA) Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Michael L. Burns officiated.

Accessions

Daytona Beach, FL
John Camenga, pastor
Joined by letter
Charles Thomas
Faye Thomas

Denver, CO
Tom Warner, pastor
Joined by letter
Karen Haskit

Houston, TX (First)
William Shobe, pastor
Joined by testimony
David Molina
Robert Fuller
Clay Edwards

Shiloh, NJ
Don Chroniger, pastor
Joined after baptism
Camilla Peck
Frank A. Mazza
Megan Sheppard
Mary Jane Jernoske

Joined by letter
Rev. Everett Dickinson
Linda Dickinson
Greg Dickinson
Jeremy Dickinson

Obituaries

Lewis.—Grace Lewis, 92, of Sherwood, Ark., died on June 14, 1991, at Baptist Memorial Medical Center in North Little Rock, Ark.

She was born on June 10, 1899, in Smyth, S.D., to Darwin Maxson and Eunice (Huffman) Maxson. She was a resident of Gentry, Ark., most of her life. Grace had been in Little Rock, Ark., for the past 10 years and was a charter member of the SDB Church of Little Rock.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Green of Milton, Wash., and Jeanne Hendrickson of Sherwood; two brothers, Russell of Milton, Wis., and Fitch of Bridgeton, N.J.; six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren, and a number of nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, E.R. Lewis, who died in 1950; two sisters, Geneva Holland and Ruth Spinks; two brothers, Paul and Carl Maxson; and three sons, Bob, Jack, and Franklyn Ratliff.

A memorial service was held on June 17, 1991, at Wasson Memorial Chapel in Siloam Springs, Ark., with the Revs. Kenneth Van Horn and Bruce Holland officiating. Burial was in Gentry Cemetery.

Cox.—Fern E. Haskins Cox, 95, of Shreveport, La., died on September 29, 1991, in Shreveport.

She was born on February 22, 1896, in Coudersport, Pa., the daughter of Lincoln and Cora (Crandall) Burdick. On October 22, 1917, she married William M. Haskins, who died in 1966. On February 21, 1967, she married Hubert C. Cox, who also preceded her in death.

Fern, who was a Coudersport resident for many years, lived in Florida until moving to Shreveport two years ago to live with her daughter. She joined the First SDB

Church of Hebron in Coudersport in 1913.

Survivors include one son, Howard B. Haskins of Coudersport; one daughter, Phyllis C. Mitchell of Shreveport; two grandsons, six great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Century Memorial.

Richardson.—Robert William Richardson, 38, of Philadelphia, Pa., died on November 23, 1991, at Graduate Hospital of Philadelphia.

He was born in Bridgeton, N.J., the son of William H. and Anna Mary (Dickinson) Richardson Sr. A 1972 graduate of Bridgeton High School, he formerly worked as a cashier at the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Bridgeton and later at Heritage Bank. He was part owner of the Ah-Savant Beauty Salon in Philadelphia, and was a member of the Shiloh (N.J.) Grange No. 16 and the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh.

Robert was a descendant of John Hart, an original signer of the Declaration of Independence; John Bartam, the American botanist who founded the first botanical garden in America; and Robert Ayars, the founder of Shiloh.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Clara R. Mulford and Miriam A. Richardson, both of Shiloh; and two nephews, Shawn W. and Kyle Jared Mulford, and one great-great-grandson.

Services and inurnment were officiated by the Rev. Don Chroniger and the Rev. Charles Bond.

Jacox.—Catherine Shaw Stillman Jacox, 91, of Shaws Bend, Texas, died on December 20, 1991, at the Brookshire (Texas) Nursing Home.

She was born on June 24, 1900, in New York, N.Y., the daughter of

the Rev. George B. Shaw and Nellie Evangel Burdick. Her early life was spent in Westerly, R.I.; Plainfield, N.J.; North Loup, Neb.; and Salem, W.Va., where her father pastored Seventh Day Baptist churches. In 1924, she married James Irish Stillman, and they moved to Houston, Texas, where they raised their family. Her husband, James Sr., died in 1962.

Catherine married John Jacox in 1965 and became a much-loved part of his family, which included his children Ralph Jacox, Marian Minnick, Betty Craft, Norma Stoneham, and Jean Roy. She was also "Grandma" to John's 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. John Jacox died in 1983.

She was a charter member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Houston. Much of her life and love were dedicated to children, working with handicapped Cub Scouts, and retarded children and adults. She also wrote Bible study materials for young people, and poetry for a gardening magazine. Her last years were spent raising cattle on her ranch, enjoying time with her grandchildren, and savoring the beauty of God's plant and animal creation.

Survivors include two sons, George Stillman of Houston and James Stillman Jr. of Fallbrook, Calif.; one daughter, Ann Hanna of Columbus, Texas; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson.

A graveside service was held on December 24, 1991, at Memorial Oaks Cemetery in Houston. William Shobe, pastor of the First Houston SDB Church, presided.

Suhl.—Iris R. Suhl, 70, of Richmond, Calif., died on December 24, 1991, in San Pablo, Calif., of flu complications.

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She was born in 1921 and lived much of her life in Marin County, Calif. In 1976, following her husband Ted's death, she took early retirement from Bechtel Corp., San Francisco. She moved across the bay to El Cerrito in order to start a new chapter of L.I.T.A. (Love Is The Answer)—a ministry of matching people to visit the lonely residents of nursing homes. Iris founded L.I.T.A. in Contra Costa County in 1981 and directed its work until 1985. She then devoted her efforts toward opening the Souper Center—a soup kitchen in Richmond, Calif., to help feed the homeless and hungry of western Contra Costa County. At the time of her death, she was working on other proposals to aid those in need. Her heart was with the down-trodden, and she was quite effective in getting government bureaucracy to move on their behalf.

Iris became a member of the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1977 and sponsored several outreach efforts of the church in the early 1980s.

Survivors include her mother, Lillian Hornby of Richmond; two sons, Ronald B. Suhl of Roche Harbor, Wash., and David J. Suhl of Hollywood, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held on December 31, 1991, at Russell & Gooch Funeral Chapel, Mill Valley, Calif.

Steadman.—R. Helen Steadman, 87, of Dosca Home, Battle Creek, Mich., died on December 25, 1991, in Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich.

She was born in Manistee, Mich., and spent most of her life in Battle Creek. She was a secretary for General Foods, retiring in 1967. She also worked for the old Battle Creek Food Co., Percy Jones Hospital, old Battle Creek Supply Co., YWCA, Larmour's Drug Store, old

Battle Creek Osteopathic Hospital, and Lakeview General Hospital.

Helen was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, a former assistant church clerk, and member of the Ladies Aid Society.

Surviving are one niece, Rolene Hanson; one nephew, Dennis Wilson of Florida; and three great-nieces, Michelle Walters of Mattawan, Mich., Denise McEachin of Blyville, Ark., and Colette Moriarty of Oklahoma City, Okla.

Services were held on December 28, 1991, at Farley-Estes Funeral Home, with the Rev. James F. Galanaugh officiating. Burial was in Bedford (Mich.) Cemetery.

Crandall.—Dorith (Horr)

Crandall, 86, of Ashaway, R.I., died on January 1, 1992, at the Westerly (R.I.) Hospital.

She was born in Sabbathus, Maine, on September 27, 1905, the daughter of the late Ernest and Lilla (Golder) Horr. Dorith, who was a school teacher, graduated from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, in 1927. She taught at Traip Academy in Kittery, Maine, and also in the Hopkinton (R.I.) school system for more than 20 years. She married Clarence Crandall in 1932 in the Bates College Chapel.

Dorith was an active member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R.I., for 60 years, serving as a Sabbath School and Vacation Bible School teacher, and as Sabbath School superintendent. She also served on the Missionary Board of the church and on the board of the denomination's Missionary Society. She was a member of the National Education Association and the Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Besides her husband, Clarence, survivors include two daughters, Maitlind Fothergill of Cumberland, R.I., and Gwendolyn Bowyer of

Hopkinton; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on January 4, 1992, in the First SDB Church of Hopkinton.

Streeter.—Dr. Daniel Denison Streeter Jr., 66, of Berlin, N.Y., died unexpectedly on January 3, 1992, at his home.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on February 8, 1925, the son of the late Daniel Denison Streeter Sr. and Gladys (Rudolph) Streeter.

Dr. Streeter graduated from high school in New York City and later entered the Army Corps during World War II. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a Ph.D in biological engineering. He wrote numerous medical papers through the years and also taught in Burma for a brief time.

He later worked in the Department of Medicine & Pathology at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Wash. He was a known heart researcher and was an expert in the field of cardiovascular engineering. He had owned and operated Streeter Engineering Company in Seattle and Berlin. He was a distinguished member of the Delta Beta Pi fraternity at MIT and a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Berlin. He moved to Berlin from Seattle in 1987. He married Mildred (Gutermuth) on December 17, 1989, in Berlin.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, of Berlin; one son, Daniel Denison Streeter III of Seattle; one daughter, Ann Streeter of the Peoples Republic of China; and two sisters, Catherine Streeter Thorpe of Emigrant, Mont., and Sarah Ann Streeter of Welches, Ore.

Funeral services were held on January 8, 1992, at the SDB Church in Berlin, with Worth Wilson officiating. Burial took place in the SDB Cemetery in Berlin.

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Our magazine says it on the cover: "News for and about Seventh Day Baptists."

Our alliance of ministry is even stronger: Ministry from, and for Seventh Day Baptists.

SDBs are like a big family. We like to get together, eat too much, and get to know each other a little better. We're a loving, personal bunch.

With all that familiarity, though, might come a problem. We may assume that everyone knows each other well, and knows exactly what and how the other is doing. Sometimes the deeper feelings aren't revealed in our quick visits.

I hope that with this month's get-together, we can spend some quality time letting you know what goes on with our boards and agencies.

Denominational workers are your brothers and sisters—Seventh Day Baptists serving fellow Seventh Day Baptists. We can give you what no other

In the next SR:

"Lifting up Jesus"—

Focusing on our Savior and His message

More on our agencies—
Memorial Fund, COSAR,
Christian Social Action

New church in West Palm Beach

ministry can: a personal touch from our church's particular perspective.

Where else could you:

- call a denominational office and hear a friendly voice; someone who has probably been to your church and knows your pastor?
- get hold of tracts and brochures with our message?
- obtain merchandise with our torch-and-Bible logo?
- research SDB roots and heritage?
- hear about Sabbathkeeping Baptists having an outreach around the country and the world?
- get Sabbath School materials prepared just for you and your church, by someone who agrees with our Statement of Beliefs?
- receive evangelism training, with our beliefs at its foundation?
- get personal counseling in your pastoral search process?
- find a pastor trained in our distinctives?
- have a summer team of college-age "ministers" who don't think it's weird to go to church on Saturday, and can sing the "Youth Rally Song"?
- invest in the future of Seventh Day Baptist ministries?

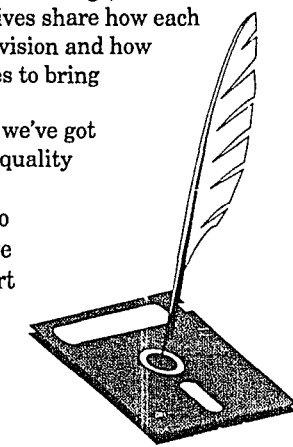
Following the lead of the Memorial Board, the General Council just held its mid-year meeting at a local church. Members of the Council visited several area churches on a Sabbath to contact our people; those who are affected by our ministries.

We really want to keep you informed about our work, and hear your concerns.

MORE 2000, our Mission of Revival and Evangelism toward the year 2000, is also getting our agencies right into the local church. Several churches in an Association gather for area meetings, and denominational representatives share how each church can develop God's vision and how we can direct our resources to bring that vision about.

I feel that, for our size, we've got quality folks carrying out quality ministries.

I know that it's tough to support a "budget." Believe me, your gifts go to support a *ministry*—an alliance of ministry.



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The purpose of our Seventh Day Baptist boards, agencies and General Conference offices is to serve the churches of the Conference, providing advice and assistance in the accomplishment of their task of making disciples of Christ, and coordinating the efforts of our churches in the accomplishment of common goals.

God has called Seventh Day Baptists to follow Him through belief in His Son Jesus Christ and His message of love and reconciliation. Christ gave His followers the Great Commission to "go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples..." (Matthew 28:19-20). Therefore, Seventh Day Baptist denominational leadership will:

1. Model commitment to Christ's teachings.
2. Teach the people and churches to grow in knowledge and commitment to Christ's teachings.
3. Develop and train pastoral and other leadership for the local church.
4. Promote (cause, facilitate, expedite) the planting of new churches in our countries and around the world.
5. Strengthen the ministry of existing churches by developing spiritual discipline.
6. Equip disciples for evangelism and ministry.
7. Promote the blessing of Sabbathkeeping.

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