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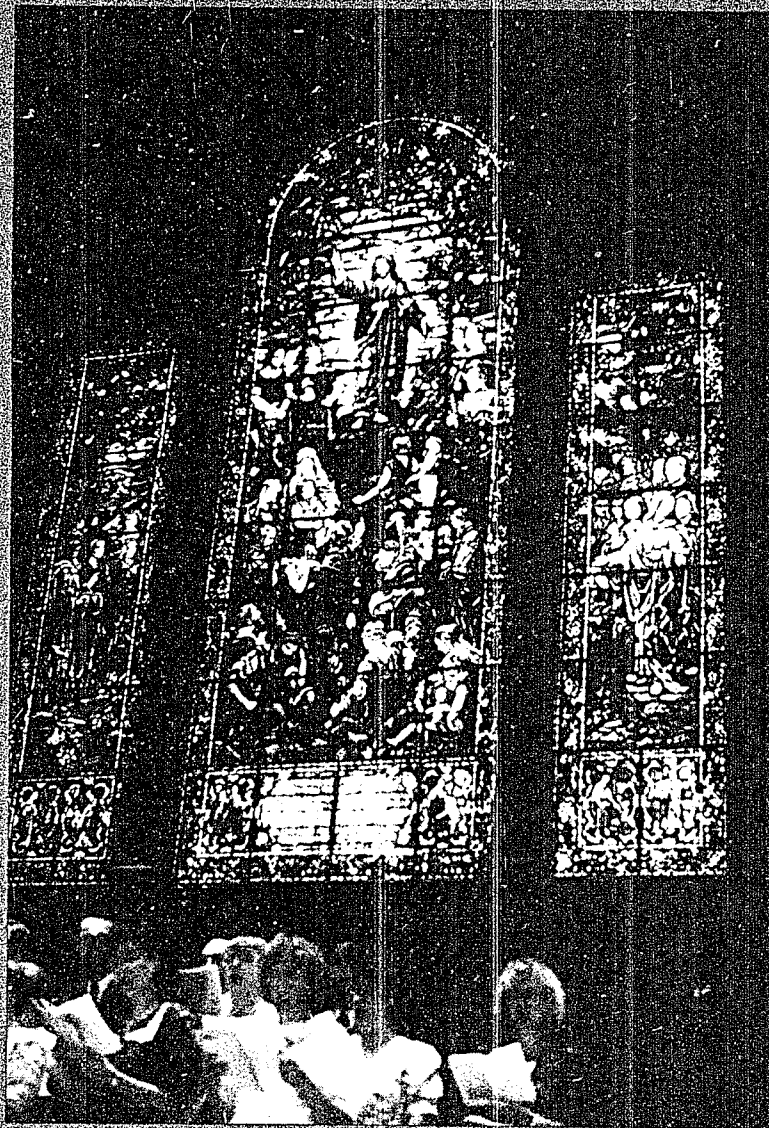
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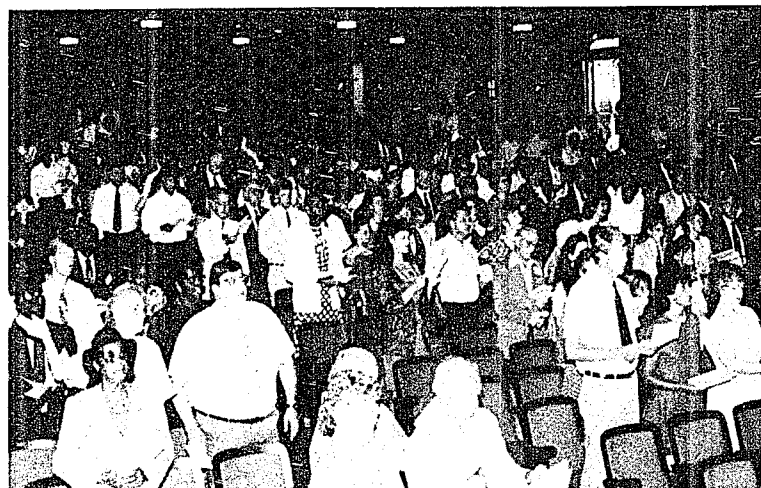
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“A Firm Foundation”
at the 1993 General Conference

California "Sonshine" in our souls



Many delegates and friends praised the Lord on His Sabbath.



President James Skaggs joins in on the theme hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Computer Buffs!!

Kyle Pratt has uploaded several SDB tracts into the CompuServe, Delphi, and Internet computer networks. Following a strong response, Kyle envisions that other networks and regional bulletin boards could use the same info.

If you can help spread our SDB witness through your computer, contact Kyle Pratt at:

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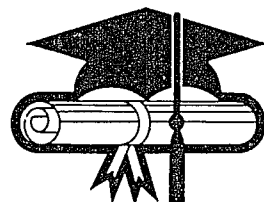
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are hosting their seventh tour
to Israel.
March 14-23, 1994

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Cover photo: The massive and ornate stained glass window at Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Redlands.

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

Getting down to business at the University of Redlands

(Amidst all the glorious fellowship, worship, and study, Conference delegates spent some quality time attending to business. The following reports, compiled by Larry Graffius and Janet Thorngate, appeared in the Conference Crier.)

cations Interest Committee reports were accepted, along with reports from the Credentials and the Courtesies Coordinators.

The Credentials Coordinator reported 466 people registered as of

Major action during the session included approval of the 1994 budget (\$785,904) as proposed by the General Council. The undesignated amounts (\$340,463) remain the same as in 1993.

Wednesday business session

Reports from five interest committees and two coordinators moved smoothly across the Conference floor on Wednesday afternoon. Three major items remained for Friday morning's agenda: reports from the Nominations and Women's Interest Committees, and action on the tabled motion regarding when to deal with the proposed revisions to the Statement of Belief.

National and International Missions, Budget and Finance, Christian Social Action, and Communi-

Wednesday noon, including 262 delegates who represented 49 churches. Fifty-four children were enrolled in the Junior and Junior High Conferences, plus six in the nursery. Seventy-nine people attended Pre-Conference camps; 46 in Youth, 23 in Young Adult, and 10 staff.

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Conference at a glance...

Program

- President Jim Skaggs presents the theme, "A Firm Foundation."
- Seminars, sermons, studies—It is hard to remember a Conference with so many good speakers!
- T&CC report—Hilarious, but highly informative.
- New Promotional Video! The exciting 30-minute film, "A Choosing People: The Seventh Day Baptist Story," premiered to a most enthusiastic reception.
- The Board of Christian Education un-

veiled their feature personality, the "S.D. Bee," who made his first live appearance.

People

- Robe of Achievement recipient: Dorothea (Payne) Shettel
- Teacher of the Year: Dr. Pete May
- Ten SCSC workers served in five projects: Team "CROWN."
- Ministerial accreditation: Dennis Palmer, Lake Elsinore, Calif.

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The "Runnin' Reus" go for another two points.



Calvin Babcock (right) presented Dennis Palmer his certificate of accreditation as an SDB minister. President Jim Skaggs is in the background.



Paul Manuel leading a Bible study.



Sabbath morning—let the choir sing!



A wild and educational game show revealed many answers about the Tract and Communication Council. "Contestants" were (l. to r.): Jane Mackintosh, John Bach, Joel Osborn, Cheri Appel, Larry Graffius, Paul Osborn, Andy Samuels, and Myrna Cox. Paul Manuel ran the overhead. Thanks, gang!

Down to business, cont. from page 4

Editor Kevin Butler, Historian Don Sanford, and Sabbath Promotion Chairman Larry Graffius were also personally commended for effective work in their ministries.

Note was made of the recent documented report on the Seventh Day Baptist relationship to the old Newport Meeting House; individuals are encouraged to join the Newport Historical Society and support their extensive research and restoration work on the meeting house. (Send your \$25 membership dues to the Newport Historical Society, 82 Touro Street, Newport RI 02840.)

Other commendations went to Clayton Pinder for his work in auditing the General Conference accounts; to Kristin Rood for her dedicated service at the SDB Center; to the Christian Social Action Committee for their distribution of funds to meet needs here and abroad; to Susan Bond for her service on that CSA committee; to Onnalee Saunders and Rex Zwiebel (both posthumously) for their service through the Board of Christian Education; and to Charles Graffius for his many years of work in the SCSC program.

In his report, Acting Executive Secretary Calvin Babcock thanked Seventh Day Baptists for raising the 1992 budget in full (103%), and highlighted the present need to "catch up" in giving to support 1993 programs.

Other admonitions from approved reports:

- We are "urged" to continue supporting the SDB United Relief Fund, and we are asked to send overseas addresses of American and Canadian SDBs to the Missionary Society. We should also notify the Society when gifts are sent directly to foreign countries (to prevent duplication).

- We are encouraged to funnel information on current issues and concerns to the Christian Social Action Committee.

- We are also encouraged to pray for SDBs who live in countries where there are dangerous political situations; for Jamaicans involved with the Maiden Hall Camp Project and Agricultural Plantation Project; for ministry needs in Guyana, including a small outboard motor; for funds to publish SDB tracts for Indonesia; and for improved communication with Myanmar.

**Friday's final session
Statement of Belief
change referred**

Following much debate, the final action on two proposed changes to the Statement of Belief was to refer them to the Faith and Order Committee, with no specific recommendation regarding subsequent procedure. In the final business session Friday, Conference rescinded its earlier action that instructed Faith and Order to present the proposed changes, along with suggested study materials, to the churches by January 14, 1994.

Wednesday's tabled motion regarding dates for a Conference vote on the proposed revisions was ruled out-of-order by the Conference President. This was based on examining previously followed procedures

for handling revisions of the Statement of Belief.

An additional suggestion from the Reference and Counsel Committee, which would have created a sub-committee to assist Faith and Order in preparing the study materials, was defeated.

Members of the Faith and Order Committee are John Conrod, K.D. Hurley, Kenneth Burdick, Dale Rood, C. Rex Burdick, and Leland Bond, chairman. Correspondence regarding the proposed changes (see box below) may be sent to

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Proposed changes (in italic) to the Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief

The Son

We believe in God the Son, who became incarnate in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.* He gave Himself on the cross as the complete and final sacrifice for sin. As our Risen Lord, He is the mediator between God the Father and mankind.

The Bible

We believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, *without error in the original writings*, and is our final authority in matters of faith and practice. We believe that Jesus Christ, in His life and teachings as recorded in the Bible, is the supreme interpreter of God's will for mankind.

(The proposals have been referred to the Faith and Order Committee.)



Our Associated Conference youngsters showed off their singing and acting skills at the musical on Sabbath afternoon.



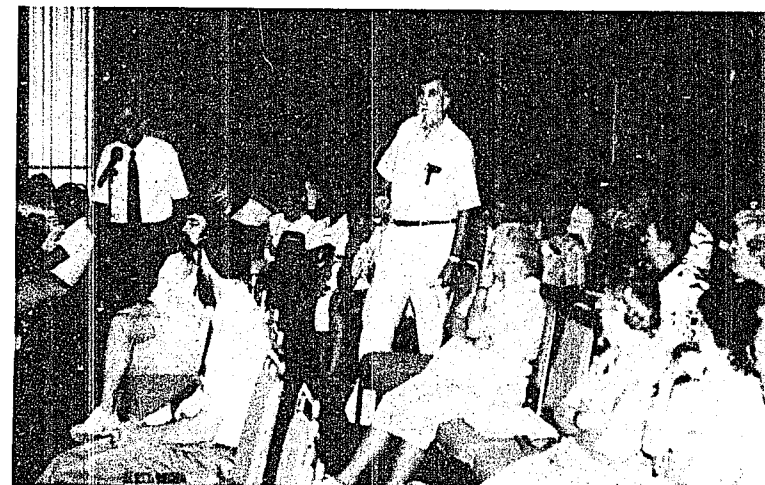
From one president to the next—Jim Skaggs passes the gavel to Leon Lawton.



Colorful sheets of paper formed this mural with a clear message.



Jesus (Ralph Mackintosh) let the little children come to him during the musical.



Delegates lined up to share their opinions regarding the proposed changes to the Statement of Belief.



Pastor Tom Warner preached on Wednesday evening.

the chairman: 390 US 301 Blvd. W., 24D, Brandon FL 34205.

New officers elected

The complete slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee was elected, making Myrna Cox of Denver, Colo., the new President-Elect, and Mary Jane McPherson of the Raritan Valley, N.J., church the second new member of General Council. (They replace Mynor Soper and Cormeth Lawrence.) Mrs. Cox will serve as President at sessions in Houghton, N.Y., in 1995.

New Conference President, Rev. Leon R. Lawton of Westerly, R.I., will preside over next year's session at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

Ralph Weber of Asheville, N.C., is the new member of the Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR). Eric Rudert of White Cloud, Mich., was elected as chairman.

Venita Zinn of Salem, W.Va., was elected to the Tract and Communication Council (T&CC), replacing Jane Mackintosh.

Most of the other incumbents were re-elected. *SR*



Don Rudert reads a section of the General Council report as other members follow along.

Conference at a glance, cont. from page 4

Business

- Primary topic of debate was two proposed changes to the SDB Statement of Belief. These were referred to the standing Committee on Faith and Order.
- President-Elect: Myrna Cox, Denver, Colo.
- General Council member: Mary Jane McPherson, Raritan Valley, N.J.
- Other new faces: COSAR, Ralph Weber, Asheville, N.C.; T&CC, Venita Zinn, Salem, W.Va.

Statistics

- Youth Pre-Con, directed by Eric Davis, had 46 campers, eight staffers. They

- presented the musical, "Friends," at Monday evening's vesper service.
- Youth Adult Pre-Con, directed by Bernie Wethington, was attended by 23 great "YAs," with two staff members. Their singing and testimony at Tuesday vespers was both exciting and inspiring.
- Conference registration numbered 466. Associated Conference had 45 enrolled, served by eight teachers. The nursery swelled to as many as 27!
- Women's Love Gift: \$2,681.48
- Conference Offering: \$23,500 plus
- Basketball game score: Pastors—39, Youth—35.

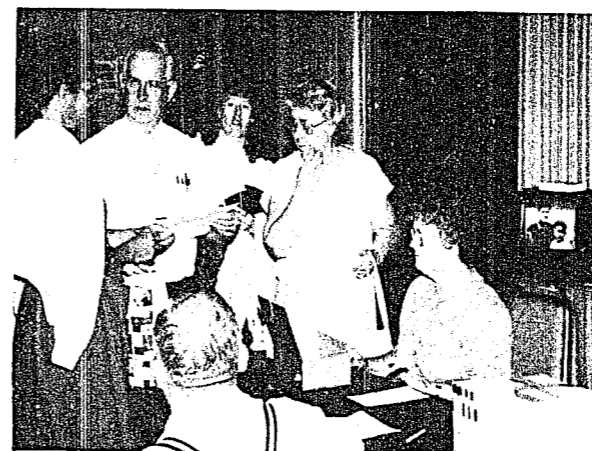
Acting Executive Secretary report

Conference President James Skaggs has chosen for this year's Conference the theme, "A Firm Foundation," with Hebrews 12:28 as the theme verse. He has encouraged us to consider various aspects of our Foundations in the Lord as they relate to His Word, His

Film/video

After Conference at Carroll College in 1992, much of my time has been spent in coordinating the activities surrounding the production of our film/video, "A Choosing People." The appointed committee went to work after Conference.

(Committee members were: Calvin Babcock, chairman; Kevin Butler, Herbert Saunders, Richard Shepard, James Skaggs, and Mynor Soper, with Don Sanford as historical consultant.)



Cal Babcock (second from left) noticed that video sales were brisk following the promotional film's debut at Conference.

Strength, His Presence, His Purpose, and His Promise.

"Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).

Denominational Budget

For the first time in several years, the current giving portion of the budget was raised 103%. This was possible only through the extra financial effort made by many of you in support of the Denominational Budget. Thank you!

Raising of the budget in full, combined with the generous special grants voted by the Memorial Fund Trustees, made it possible for the boards and agencies to complete some projects being held for lack of funding.

of the committee, the Walter J. Klein Co., four churches, and many hundreds of our church members made the video possible.

The Conference President will introduce the video at its first major showing on Thursday morning during Conference. I think you will be pleased with it.

Conference operation

The General Services staff is still working with a reduced weekly schedule. Your staff in Janesville continues to serve you and is willing to be of service and help to each of you. Please call or write if you need something.

Kristin Rood spent several weeks at the Seventh Day Baptist Center offering dedicated service. Her time was spent doing a number of different tasks, including many

hours of entering data in the new software designed to keep track of church and individual gifts toward various Conference activities. Many thanks go to Kristin for a job well done.

The cooperation of all boards and agencies continues to enhance the total effectiveness of the General Conference. Without this cooperation, many of the projects we as a Conference have undertaken could not be completed.

Please take note of the new publications offered by the various boards and agencies. During the past year, many new and exciting items have been added to be of service to you. The new items can be viewed in the display area here at Conference.

As in previous years, correspondence was sent to individuals and groups as directed by the Conference in session at Carroll College last year.

During the year, we provided assistance to President James Skaggs

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and President-elect Leon R. Lawton in preparing for their respective years of presiding over General Conference.

Remember to pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit as we strive to do the work of the Lord here on earth. *SR*

A CROWning success

by Linda Harris

As usual, the Summer Christian Service Corps program was not to be missed. The eight young ladies who presented the program made the stage look like a flower garden. (No, the SCSC team was not entirely female again this year! One young man, Rob Crane, had to leave early for college.)

The team members introduced themselves: Nicole Peters (who worked with Rob), Team "Confidence"; Erin Burdick and Heather Van Horn, Team "Reckoning"; Leah Martin and Lora Dickinson, Team "One"; Heather Spaur and Tanya Henry, Team "Whisper"; and Kim Baker and Tanya Bonser (as of Tuesday, Tanya Bond, gone on her honeymoon!), Team "Nike." Together, they composed Team CROWN.

In addition to a skit where "Samantha Secularist" became "Just Samantha," and "still" scenes depicting typical SCSC situations (including Tanya Henry as "Puddles, the Wonder Dog"), the team sang some wonderful songs. The harmony on "I'm Yours, Lord" made me wish they were a permanent group. And in "My God" (a

take-off on "My Guy," as seen in the movie, "Sister Act"), Erin Burdick gave her usual flamboyant spirit to the song.

Several workers gave their testimonies. Then Jan Bond, SCSC Chairman, and Althea Rood, Training Director, presented ribbons and certificates to the workers: 1st year—Lora and Tanya Henry (Rob received his earlier); 2nd year—Tanya Bond, Nicole, and Erin; 3rd year—both Heathers, Leah and Kim.

Gifts of appreciation were given to Camille Henry, who is completing eight years as Business Manager (Pastor Mel Stephan will now fill this position), and Pastor Chuck Graffius, who will be spending more time with the Senior Saints. His gift was a tool belt and hammer, appropriately inscribed. Althea announced that there

may be a cooperative effort with SCSC and Senior Saints working on a project next summer (which may appeal to more young men).

As Althea commented, there is a wonderful future—and present—in these young people! *SR*

(Reprinted from the Conference Crier.)



Depicting a typical soggy day of summer '93.



1993's Team CROWN: (from the left) Nicole Peters, Erin Burdick, Heather Van Horn, Lora Dickinson, Leah Martin, Tanya Henry, Kim Baker, and Heather Spaur.

Revs victorious in 2nd annual roundball challenge

From the opening tip-off, there was never any doubt about the outcome. The Runnin' Revs galloped to a 10-point lead and held on to win the second annual Pastors-Youth Basketball Challenge.

The Youth team had speed, they had height, they had tenacious defense, but until the start of the second half, they lacked one key ingre-

dient: shooting. Nothing would drop through the hoop for the youngsters! Meanwhile, the Runnin' Revs (read that "Perspiring Pastors") were hitting from underneath and inside.

The game itself was played in the Ovens of Hades, also known as Currier Gymnasium, making frequent substitutions necessary. This

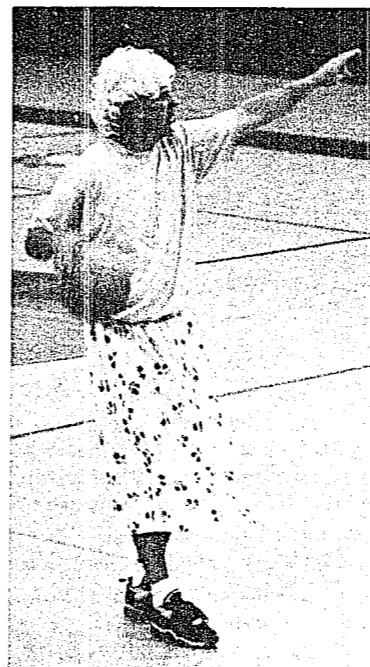
proved especially beneficial to the Revs (read that "Panting Preachers"), who were aided this year by several wives on the squad. One woman escaped our identification, but late in the second half, she really flipped her wig! (Pastor Jim Galanaugh entered the game disguised as a woman.)

The young people in the stands showed especially good sportsmanship when several fellows came over to the Revs' cheering section and displayed a human banner lettered on their torsos: "GO PASTORS!—NOT!"

It almost looked like a repeat of last year's contest as the Resting Revs (read that "Pooped Pastors") tried to sit on their lead. The Youth tied the score and went ahead momentarily. But the Resurging Revs (read that "Panicking Preachers") hung on for the win, 39-35.

One observer noted that the margin of victory was identical to last year's Youth win. So the series is exactly deadlocked. Watch out next year!! *SR*

(Reprinted from the Conference Crier.)



(Left) Is Jim Galanaugh closer to Earl "the Pearl"—or Marilyn—Monroe? (Below) John Mark Camenga sizes up his next shot.



Ernie! Get your hand off that "lady"!



Not making the cut, Pastor Dave Taylor disguised himself as an announcer.

How I spent my summer vacation

Discussing and directing

by Andrew Camenga

In some ways, the word "internship" has been scary for me, but it never conjured up as much anxiety as the word "director" did. Yet, thanks to the North Loup, Neb., SDB Church, I had the chance to experience both words—and live through them!

On May 25, I arrived at North Loup and started my summer internship under the leadership of Pastor Ken Burdick. Each week-day, except Tuesdays, we would have two discussion sessions about topics ranging from funerals to weddings, the Sabbath to issues of conscience. In between those discussions, I would read assigned material to help me better understand



Andrew Camenga

the issues. I would also prepare for the Sabbath worship service, or get ready to direct Senior Camp at

Camp Riverview.

After almost three weeks in North Loup, I went to Janesville, Wis., for Summer Institute, and then back to North Loup for the camps. I had worried some about directing Senior Camp, but with 21 wonderfully mature campers and seven outstanding staffers, the week went well. And I think most of those involved even enjoyed it.

The camping season ended, and the regular discussion sessions started again. After Conference, it was back to North Loup and the chance to see the world famous Popcorn Days. On August 25, three months after I arrived, I flew home and then headed to school. *SR*

Hard work and good fun

by Leeann Rogers

Summer vacation?

Yeah, right!! Usually the words "summer" and "vacation" go together really well. However, that could be considered a contradiction in terms when describing my project as a Dedicated Service

all. (But I did!) Even doing the basic "chores" like bulletins, the newsletter, etc., gave me new insights as to how the church operates.

Being a camp counselor and co-directing Vacation Bible School

to South Carolina for Southeastern Association meetings (also known as Beach Time!), and I was an accomplice to a "Breaking of the Bridge" performance at Camp Joy.

Just being able to fellowship with the youth and adults of the Salem church during the week (not just on Sabbath) was a blast! Hey, I even got to go fishing, which I hadn't done since I was 5. And better yet, I actually caught a fish!!

My overall experience as a Dedicated Service Worker was one of great fun and learning about the Lord. I have grown in my walk with Him, and I fully expect to return again next year. You know what they say: "You can never get too much of a good thing." And I feel that serving the Lord is a *very* good thing!! *SR*

(Testimonies reprinted from the *Conference Crier*.)

were rewarding experiences. Knowing that I am working for the Lord is such a fulfilling and satisfying feeling that I would encourage anyone to give it a try.

Yes, my project required hours of hard work, but there was time for fun. I had the opportunity to travel

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Worker at the Salem, W.Va., SDB Church.

Considering all the tasks that needed to be completed—bulletins, newsletter, miscellaneous mailings, Meals on Wheels, three weeks of camps, and Vacation Bible School—it is amazing that I had any fun at

Bible study on suffering

"What is God's purpose for His people?"

Pastor Steve Crouch summed up the answer to the question of the day in two verses—1 John 3:2-3. "Dear friends, now we are children

Pastor Crouch began to address the topic of "suffering," and our Christian response to trial.

We were led through several passages of Scripture that gave historical examples of people who suffered physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually. We looked at David (Psalms 38

reestablish us on our foundation. Having explored these verses, we concluded that "suffering makes us better able to accept God's grace."

Practically speaking, Pastor Steve gave us five ways to see suffering as potentially useful:

1. To refine and/or purify (Isa. 48:10)



Pastor Steve Crouch led the Thursday morning study on suffering.

The best response is to call upon God—confessing our sin, if necessary—and rely on His strength to lift us up and reestablish us on our foundation.

and 55; 2 Sam. 12:16, 18:33; Moses (Heb. 11:25); Paul (2 Cor. 11:24-30; 2 Tim. 1:8-9), and others who were tempted to indulge in such responses as flight,

revenge, blame (God, self, or others), depression, and loneliness.

But in the end, these Bible characters discovered what many of us also have found: that the best response is to call upon God—confessing our sin, if necessary—and rely on His strength to lift us up and

2. To produce good results (Rom. 5:3-4)

3. Causing dependence on God (Psa. 46:1)

4. Causing focus on eternal things (2 Cor. 4:17-18)

5. Allowing us to see from God's perspective (1 Pet. 5:10)

Several Scriptures were presented showing that, for Christians, suffering is a "given." It was discovered that we will have suffering in this world (John. 16:33). Hardships will be numerous (Acts 14:21-22). Married people face troubles (1 Cor. 7:28). All who want a godly life will be persecuted (2 Tim. 3:12). Suffering is standard fare for the Christian (Rev. 1:9). And don't be surprised at suffering, but rejoice (1 Pet. 4:12-13).

In summary, three points were offered. First, we don't need to look for suffering; it will find us where we are. Secondly, we should never feel guilty about having to suffer. It will come to us the closer we follow our Lord. Finally, Jesus learned by suffering, and we can expect to follow His example if we are truly seeking to follow and serve Him. *SR*

(Summary written by Jim Goodrich for the *Conference Crier*.)

Other excellent Bible studies included:

Rev. William Shobe, Washington, D.C.
"Does Your Foundation Meet Code?"
(John 6:60-69)

Rev. Gabriel Bejjani, Riverside, Calif.
"Renewing Our Strength"
(Isaiah 40:28-31)

Paul Manuel, Madison, Wis.
"Living with the Justice of God"
(Habakkuk)

Rev. Ronald Elston, Neelyville, Mo.
"Jesus the Rock of Our Foundation"
(Luke 6:46-49)



Building on a firm foundation

The following report of our Women's Banquet was written for the Conference Crier by Norma Rudert.

As our Women's Society President, Donna Bond, welcomed 123 beautiful women of all ages to the annual banquet, many of us were reminded of last year's gathering which Donna was unable to attend. How we thank God today for the healing from Hodgkin's disease He has granted her!

The President recognized many "celebrities" in our midst, all workers in God's Kingdom in a variety of ways. Donna also brought greetings from Florence Bowden, who is now in a nursing home.

Meleta Babcock reported on the distribution of this year's Love Gift, as follows:

New Robe of Achievement	\$100
Sunshine Mountain	150
Maiden Hall, Jamaica, camp	600
Gordon and Linda Lawton	600
Translation and printing tracts	300
Registration fees for Con-	
ferences in foreign countries	300
Bibles	200
Bicycle parts	150

The last four gifts will be administered through the Missionary Society Board. Any amount over the allocated \$2,400 will go to Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC). As of Wednesday night, the Love Gift was \$2,259.47.

A trio of SCSC girls—Kim Baker, Leah Martin, and Heather Van Horn—musically reminded us that our life circumstances may change, but "You Remain Unchanged." Heather spoke of her summers with SCSC, and how God has used those experiences to work out His purpose and plan in her life.

Because the scheduled speaker was unable to attend due to her husband's surgery, we were blessed by our own talent instead. We don't need to "import" inspiring speakers!

Althea Rood and Mary Jane McPherson shared glimpses of the women's retreats they have led in New York, Connecticut, and Minnesota. They had us on our feet doing exercises, too—nothing very strenuous. (We were told the exercise tape was at kindergarten level!)

Both Althea and Mary Jane expressed gratitude for the prayers that have enabled them to overcome the roadblocks of busy lives, family illness, and job changes.

Three women who have attended the retreats told about the abundant blessings. Cheri Appel, Jackie Payne, and Linda Greene touched on healed relationships, grief relief, new friendships begun and old ones renewed, and enhanced self-worth that helps women be the problem-

solvers we are often expected to be. All of this, and no kitchen to clean up!

Mary Jane provided a few laughs with examples of humorous epitaphs, ending on a serious note with Josiah's epitaph found in 2 Kings 23:25. (Look it up; we'd all like to be remembered in this way.)



Mary Jane McPherson



Settling in for another great evening of food and fellowship.

Althea concluded by saying that the best thing she has learned in the retreats is that getting away helps us discover God's purpose for our own lives. "God is always faithful and His faithfulness always wins out." She encouraged us to let God "clean us up" so that He can flow freely through us.

The old hymn, "Great is Thy Faithfulness," rang out with appropriate fervor as we reached the end of another joy-filled evening with other Seventh Day Baptist women.

From Charlotte:

Another way our women contributed to the ministry of the Women's Board was through participation in the Women's Interest Committee. Linda Camenga of Daytona Beach, Fla., chaired the committee, with Jan Graffius of Lost Creek, W.Va., serving as secretary.

Twenty-three women shared their ideas and concerns, and helped draft the report given on the floor of Conference. Several items from the report you need to be aware of include:

1. The Milton and Albion, Wis., women will take remaining craft items to be sold, with the profits going to SCSC. The 1993 Conference craft sale total was \$428.
2. The Women's Board was urged to compare the transportation costs for SCSC and consider alternate training sites based on the location of participants each year. (If




Cheri Appel shared her retreat testimony.

most SCSCers come from the East Coast, training should be held on the East Coast; if most come from the West Coast, training should be on the West Coast, etc.)

3. A new Robe of Achievement was tailored by Yvonne Stephan of the Marlboro, N.J., church. (It was presented to Dorothea Shettel at Conference.)
4. The newsletter will be produced three times a year—fall, winter, and spring—and only one copy will be sent to each church for local duplication and distribution.
5. Every other year, Women's Banquet speakers should include an SDB woman or women, with outside guest speakers invited on alternate years.

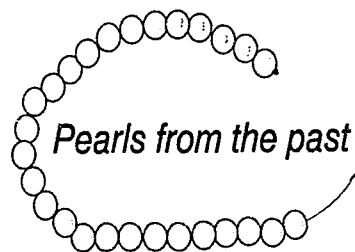
A major concern for the women this year was the deficit giving towards the SCSC program. A number of ideas were discussed, and each church was encouraged to examine their individual response to this need. We were sorry to receive the resignation of Camille Henry as business manager for the SCSC program (you've done well, Camille!), and grateful for the willingness of Pastor Mel Stephan of the Marlboro SDB Church to serve in this capacity next year.

Other Women's Board projects were also reviewed: Pen & Prayer (write Yvonne Stephan if you would like a pen pal from another state or country); Tuition Fund (remind your pastor's wife of monies available to her for special seminars, etc.); and Conference Nursery (special thanks to Patti Wethington of the San Diego, Calif., church for coordinating this year's nursery!).

Keep us informed of your new fall programs and projects. Please write and send me your program booklets (Charlotte Chroniger, P.O. Box 145, Shiloh, NJ 08353). We want to let each other know of new ideas and meaningful studies. Have a great fall, and keep praying for us. 



Kim Baker, Heather Van Horn, and Leah Martin treated the women with music.



How about some Faith and Order?

by Don A. Sanford, historian

Both internal pressures and external inquiries in the early churches caused a need for stronger affirmations in the SDB Statement of Belief, particularly as it related to the Bible. At the same time, conversations were being held with the American Baptists about a possible closer cooperation.

Thus the Commission, in its 1963 report to General Conference, recommended the reaffirmation of our Statement of Belief, but also recognized the need for "a continuous effort to clarify and communicate our faith in a changing world." It recommended that "a permanent committee be established for the purpose of giving continuous study to our Statement of Belief, to consider proposed changes, and to make recommendations regarding changes according to established procedures."

In that same report, the Commission highlighted the need to revise the *Seventh Day Baptist Manual of Procedures*. They referred these matters to the Special Conference Committee on Theological Issues which had been appointed by the Conference president.

That committee acknowledged the historic function of the Statement of Belief "as a testimony rather than a test, with a guarantee of freedom of conscience which does not restrict inquiry and growth in our understanding of religious truth." Their recommendation called for the establishment of a five-person Committee on Faith and Order. The committee, composed of both laymen and ministers, would report regularly to

Commission and Conference, and would be responsible to the General Conference for its actions.

In setting up this committee, the following purposes were listed:

- a. To stimulate development of an atmosphere for the creative discussion of convictions, and pro-

als and churches, and give them thorough study. It did, however, respond to the need for a revised *Manual of Procedures* which was edited by Dr. Wayne Rood and published in 1972.

In 1981, General Council recommended that a study be made of possible revisions to the Statement


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- b. To promote the continuous effort to clarify and communicate our faith in a changing world.
- c. To consider any proposed change to our Statement of Belief, and to make recommendations regarding any revisions, alterations, or additions according to established procedures.
- d. To give continuous study to the procedures and practices in church organization and polity, and to recommend such revisions in the *Seventh Day Baptist Manual of Procedures* as may be needed and helpful.

One of the first reports made by the Committee on Faith and Order indicated its perception as passive rather than initiatory. It was to receive any proposals from individu-

als and churches, and give them thorough study. It did, however, respond to the need for a revised *Manual of Procedures* which was edited by Dr. Wayne Rood and published in 1972.

In 1983, a suggested time-line was prepared looking forward to a reaffirmation of a Statement of Belief in August 1987, the 50th anniversary of the 1937 Statement. This involved initial committee work, submission to Ministers' Conference for input, presentation to the 1985 General Conference session, review by churches, final passage of suggested revisions at General Conference in 1986, and vote by churches in August 1987.

Their painstaking work and the involvement of individuals and churches in the process led to an affirmative vote of acceptance: 513 yes and 59 no, out of a possible 654 votes. 



SR Almanac

Where we
have been...

One year ago—October 1992

The SR covers all the events from General Conference at Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. Visitors from other Conferences include Prudence Robinson (Jamaica), and the Camachos from Mexico.

Delegates approve a denominational statement on sexual purity.

Ministers accredited: Ronald Elston, James Galanough, and Andrew Samuels.

Dan Richards, Texarkana, Ark., receives the Crystal Apple award; Rev. John Camenga, Daytona Beach, Fla., announced as new editor of the *Helping Hand*.

Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph surprised as the Camp Wakonda lodge (Milton, Wis.) is dedicated to him. Berlin, N.Y., church installs Pastor Matthew Olson.

Five years ago—October 1988

Thomas McElwain presents his ordination statement of belief, and an article, "Psalm, song, or silence?"

After "Entering the Joy" at the Salem, W.Va., Conference, new President Luan Ellis invites SDBs to "Share the Joy."

The Women's Society's "Nighties for Newborns" project—helping the SDB mission in Malawi—deemed a success.

Seven SCSC teams form Team WARRIOR.

The *Beacon* page relates Conference youth activities. Baptists celebrate 350 years of faith in America.

10 years ago—October 1983

19th century history of the New York City SDB Church remembered.

Malawi missionaries David and Bettie Pearson begin five-week trip visiting local U.S. churches.

Seminarian Kevin Butler's Sabbath philosophy paper presented.

Beacon pages prepared by the Milton YF.

Rev. Al Rogers retires after 50 years in the Gospel ministry.

Jerry Vaught accepts call to Centralia, Wash.; Duane Davis heads to Los Angeles, Calif.

25 years ago—October 1968

"Mission Notes" special issue highlights SDB work in Jamaica, Malawi, Guyana, and Leon Lawton's trip to Latin America.

Conference President Leland Bond meets with Salem College students and advisors, discussing his theme, "Sensitive in His Service."

Esther Burdick of Waterford, Conn., accepts position of Youth Field Worker.

Report of 84 campers and 15 staff gathering at a Nebraska church camp for Youth Pre-Con. Rev. Paul Green directed.

A four-day meeting of the denomination's Planning Committee yields 37 typed pages of minutes.

50 years ago—October 1943

Dr. Alva L. Davis of Salem appointed acting editor of the SR, while Editor Herbert Van Horn spends some time "in field work as Corresponding Secretary of the Tract Society."

Rev. Wayne Rood begins short series for the Young People's column, "The Well Prepared Teacher."

Servicemen respond to the article, "To Our Folks in Service."

"Our Pulpit" column features E.A. Witter, A.L. Davis, James L. Skaggs, and Harley Sutton.

Southwestern Association meets in more-central Fouke, Ark., instead of Rolla, Mo., due to war-time gas rationing.

...where are we headed?

Pray—

- for lasting results from Conference
- for your Sabbath School staff
- that decisions made at camp would last
- for all of our women's outreach projects
- for Conference President Leon Lawton
- that our fall Association meetings go well
- for a renewed vision in our churches



the BEACON

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

October 1993

One wild week at California Youth Pre-Con

by Scott Graffius

It all started on Wednesday afternoon, August 4. Excited young people from across the nation began to congregate at Pacific Pines Camp in California. We saw many old friends and met some new ones as well.

It was Youth Pre-Con 1993—an unforgettable experience for all who attended.

There were nearly 50 campers plus staff at Pre-Con. It took a little while to get used to living in a "dust bowl" and breathing without oxygen. However, the campsite proved to be a great environment for us.

One of the best parts was praising God with our singing, accompanied by many guitars. Also, Gary Hemminger of the Seattle, Wash., church taught us a lot in the classes about relationships with friends, family, and God. After the classes, we broke into small groups for a time of sharing and discussion.

We journeyed to a lake on Friday where we enjoyed swimming and various other recreational activities. That evening, we shared a Communion service. On Sabbath after dinner, we went to the Riverside church for the incredible performance of "Esther, Queen of Persia."

Pre-Con ended on Sunday afternoon. We were looking forward to Conference, but our bus had brake

problems causing a two-hour delay getting to the Redlands campus.

During Pre-Con, we rehearsed the musical, "Friends," featuring the music of Michael W. Smith. We performed it on Monday at Conference. Everyone was surprised to see such talent among the youth. The musical's success was also the result of hard work by Christina Thorngate, who directed it.

The week was great! Our director, Pastor Eric Davis of the Sacramento church, introduced us to many new experiences. The volleyball was intense, the food was great, and the people were wonderful.

Make plans now to attend Pre-Con next year! *SR*



"Too-cool" rapper J.B. Peil.



The guys and gals went back and forth—literally—discussing what friendship was all about.

Young Adult Pre-Con

by Lora Dickinson

As Young Adult Pre-Conners wandered in, we excitedly greeted long-lost friends while registering. The five days proved to be a good experience, and worth all the extra energy required to drag our luggage up the stairs of East Hall to the third floor. Rob Crane expressed all of our sentiments on that day when he said, "I thank God for air conditioning!"

Throughout the five days, we enjoyed very inspirational morn-

ings. We studied a wonderful book called, *Living and Praying in Jesus' Name*. Erin Burdick commented, "The book helped me a lot. I felt that it really vitalized my prayer life." During our discussions, we broke into small groups to discuss chapters of the book that we had read ahead of time.

Our director, Pastor Bernie Wethington, also led us in discussions of the different names for God. The lists of names grew as we saw God in various ways during our afternoon activities. Our mornings included a time of praise and worship which Lara Bates found "really good."

On Thursday, we went to Laguna Beach for an afternoon of sun and sand. While some explored the beach, others played volleyball and basketball for Jesus. According to Myron Samuels, "Serving God on the beach was the greatest. Serving the volleyball was pretty good, too." Next on the schedule was a cookout and time to discover Laguna. "Sing-

ing and praising the Lord on the beach by moonlight was the kick in the pants we [Kim Baker and Leah Martin] needed."

Friday also turned out to be a time of finding God in new places. It was off to the mall for some, and time for sports on campus for others. Later, our Sabbath welcoming service included an "Agape feed," a new experience for many.

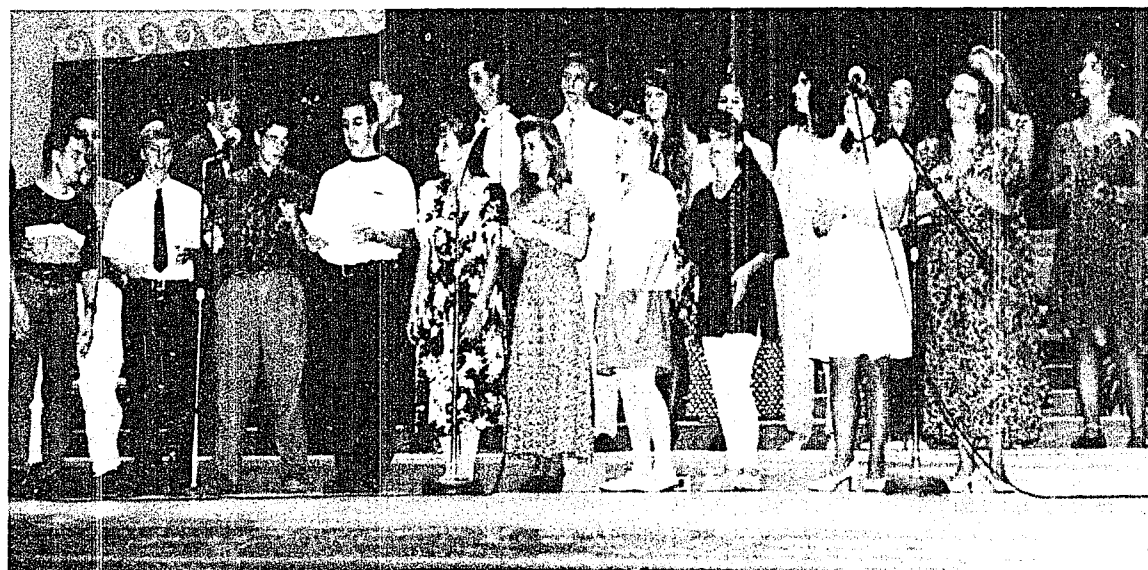
Joy Wallstrom said that Pre-Con was "very spiritually uplifting." That definitely describes the worship service we attended at the San Diego SDB Church on Sabbath. After the service, some stayed for another afternoon at the beach while others returned to Riverside to see the play, "Esther."

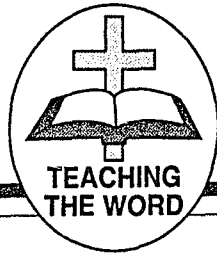
Overall, we had a terrific time during the 1993 Young Adult Pre-Con. Many thanks to our director. "Bernie is great!" says Cory Remick. *SR*

(Reprinted from the *Conference Crier*.)



Singer Michael Aiken and Igor Len at the piano (left), from the San Diego, Calif., church, led the music for the young adults (below) at Conference.





Christian Education

by Ernest K. Bee Jr.

Sabbath School Teacher of the Year

Dr. Lewis H.V. May of the Riverside, Calif., SDB Church received the Crystal Apple Award and certificate as the 1993 Sabbath School Teacher of the Year. The presentation took place during General Conference at the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.

The Rev. David S. Clarke, chairman of the Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Education, presented the eighth Crystal Apple Award and certificate. In his remarks, Chairman Clarke noted that Dr. "Pete" May (as he is known to his many friends) has taught Sabbath School 13 years, worked with Children's Conferences, served as a deacon for 20 years, has been singing forever, and directed many camping events and church dramatic productions. Dr. May served on the Commission of the General Conference when he was Conference President in 1966-67, and is currently a member of

the SDB Council on Ministry.

A native of Salem, W.Va., and the son of the late Homer and Hallie (Van Horn) May, Dr. May married Nancy Carskadon 40 years ago. They have four sons and five grandchildren.

Dr. "Pete" teaches the adult *Helping Hand* classes at the Riverside church. Members of his class offered the following comments: "Whenever any of his class members are ill, Pete is always there to lend a hand. He visits many sick and shut-in church members. He will drive out of his way each week to call on older people who can't



Dr. "Pete" May heads toward the stage to accept the Crystal Apple Award.

"For someone like me, who hasn't been involved all my life in Bible Study, Pete explains the lesson patiently in terms you can understand." "He doesn't think he knows it all. He listens to the class. He has a good mind, gathering all the information from the class and drawing conclusions."

In nominating Dr. May, the Riverside church summarized their report saying, "If one word could describe the quality that sets Dr. Pete May apart from other Sabbath School teachers, it would be *devotion*. Pete seems to have a special calling to minister to the older church members. He spends extra time with them, shows interest in them, and goes out of his way to develop relationships with them, both in the classroom setting and outside. His teaching technique is unique, patient, open-minded, and careful." *SR*

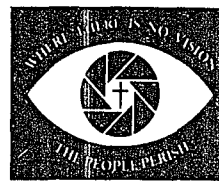
make it to church." "I think Pete is always prepared. He presents the lessons well and encourages class participation. I think he is a great Sabbath School teacher. I hope he never quits." *SR*

1993 Scripture Memorization Program—additions

Central, MD
Kevin Chroniger Jr.
Nicole Chroniger
Samantha Chroniger
Jeanne Halso
Ruth Hazen
Earl Hibbard
Justin Hibbard
Patrick Hibbard
Dana Taylor

Milton, WI
Elizabeth Daland

Shiloh, NJ
Jan Bond
Richard Bond
Brad Campbell
Tyler Chroniger
Courtney Uhland



FOCUS on Missions

These projects need our help

by Kirk Looper

Jamaica update

It was so exciting to receive last month's letter from Jamaica. It was loaded with news about their Conference projects.

Concerning the plantation project: "It has been decided to plant on a 'phase' basis. One thousand coffee seedlings have been bought. We had planned to plant during May-June. Guess you heard that we had very, very, heavy

the Charles Street property (the school in Kingston). They were able to erect a fence around the property and include gates. This protects the property, and improves its appearance.

Plans are still being made to repair and improve the Maiden Hall Camp. This will include repairing the large bungalow that was used as a dormitory, and the building close to the church. Some funds

while also supplying eggs to sell in the surrounding towns. Like the fish farm project, it helps raise money for the Conference.

Zambia

The farm project will supply work and food for SDBs who live in the area, as well as Conference income.

India

The orphanage is the prime project in Andhra Pradesh, Conference of India. In Kerala, another Conference of India, work has begun on the hospital and mobile medical clinic project. Both Conferences need medical supplies.

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rains. The road which leads to where the coffee seedlings are sold was damaged so that no vehicle could pass through; that prevented us from planting at the scheduled time. We were able to get the seedlings a long time after, but by then, that kind of weather was not good for planting. It is said that September is a good time, so we are anticipating such time. The field is already prepared and the seedlings have to be watered regularly to ensure it is okay. We are grateful for the financial assistance sent us."

Obviously, they are anxious to start the work that will enable them to continue providing services and activities to the churches in Jamaica. This will also give them a chance to develop new programs and, prayerfully, place their executive officer on the field full-time. They do appreciate your help on the project, and I hope that you will continue to donate to it. They still need to raise \$4,000.

The funds sent to Jamaica from the Women's Society went a long way to help protect and beautify

have been coming into the Missionary Society office, but much more money is needed. This is a big undertaking. It will involve making the grounds available to Jamaican churches as a campsite and as a training facility for their future leaders. Again, we greatly appreciate those who have shared their blessings. Many thanks! Could you possibly find some way to help?

Please remember the following projects and activities in your prayers. Funds are needed to enable all of them to be completed—and finished in time to really help these sister Conferences.

Malawi

The agriculture project furnishes funds to obtain seed and root stock. In turn, these gardens supply food for families and surplus crops to sell or share.

The fish farm project is controlled by the Conference and furnishes meat to its members. It also provides some Conference income.

The chicken project supplies meat for those who live in the area,

At our General Conference in August, one of the Bible studies emphasized being patient and waiting. This is one of the areas in which I have difficulty.

I want the projects and activities of the Missionary Society to be completed now. I want instantaneous communication with churches and Conferences. I want the funds for projects and activities to come into the office quickly. I want people to make decisions early enough so that a project or activity can take place on *my* time scale. "I want"—and that is probably the error in my planning. I must be willing to wait for God's timing, and His plan for His work. Most things that really last don't occur in a hurry. I would appreciate your prayers in this area.

Bibles, tracts, and hymnals are needed in all of our churches.

People can minister more effectively when provided with the proper outreach "tools." We can help supply those tools by utilizing the resources God has given us. We praise Him for all of those who are willing to sacrifice in His name! *SR*

His Will for His Way

by Leon Lawton

"For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey Him, and then helping you do what He wants" (Philippians 2:13 TLB).

Many church members act as if their daily decisions and manner of living had little or nothing to do with their faith. They would never steal, kill (murder), commit adultery, or take Lord's Name in vain. But they do not see the vital connection between their salvation in Jesus Christ and how they actually live each day.

Today's society lifts up the goddess of tolerance: "Do whatever you want." Anything (almost) goes on about us, as in Israel of old: "In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6).

For example, a recent "Talk To Us" column by Pat & David asked high school seniors, "Who's telling you what's acceptable and what's not?" Seventeen answered. Parents were mentioned by five and teachers by three. Others? "I listen to myself." "Nobody tells me what's OK." "I do whatever I please." Only one spoke of the Bible.

I once visited a man who said he was not reading the Bible anymore. Why? "I already know better than I do." Was it his weakness or unwillingness? Or both?

Is a similar problem found in our churches? A recent mailing quoted from two books.

In *No Place for Truth: Whatever Happened to Evangelical Theology?* by David F. Wells, professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, he says, "I have watched with growing disbelief as the Evangelical Church has cheerfully plunged into astounding theological illiteracy. Many taking the plunge seem to imagine that they are sim-

ply following a pattern to success, but the effects of this great change in the evangelical soul are evident in every incoming class in the seminaries, in most publications, in the great majority of churches, and in most of their pastors."

In *How the Evangelical Mind Has Changed*, Ludger G. Whitlock, Jr., President of Reformed Theological Seminary, cautions:

"In an earlier Evangelicalism of this century, there was a compulsion to be faithful, to hold on to the truth, regardless. Pleasing the Lord was more important than pleasing people. Contemporary Evangelicalism seems to have become more concerned with what works, what attracts people, and what succeeds. To the extent that pleasing others—or not offending them—takes priority over pleasing God, evangelicals will eventually lose strength."

Conference in 1980 at Denver, when the late Duane L. Davis was president, had the theme: "Pleasing God In Every Way" (Col.1:10) In 1991 at Houghton, N.Y., Althea Rood's theme was "Called To Obedience" (Rom.1:5). These both spoke to the truth that God *does* have a specific way for us to live as His children, finding His guidance for personal decisions and His Will for our lives.

Henrietta Mears, the founder of Scripture Press, wrote in *Dream Big*, "Will is the whole man active. I cannot give up my will; I must exercise it. I must will to obey. When God gives a command or a vision of truth, it is never a question of what He will do, but what we will do. To be successful in God's work is to fall in line with His will and to do it His way. All that is pleasing to Him is a success."

From creation, God has expressed Himself and expressed His will in many ways. He made mankind with a free will—the

privilege of choosing and making personal decision. Adam and Eve chose to disobey, to not follow God's will for them. Thus sin came into the world. And I buy the definition of sin as being "Anything that is outside of God's will for my life." The Lord's words to Cain speak to this: (Gen.4:7) "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..."

God gave moral guidelines in the Ten Commandments to clearly express His will for mankind. These are very certain, though many seek to explain them away. But it is the non-moral decisions facing us that bring the most questions. What vocation should I follow? What school should I attend? Whom should I marry? Should I purchase a home... which one? etc. We face decisions daily and need to be aware that God is interested. He has an answer to our questions and a "more perfect way" than man can know by himself.

Thus throughout the Word of God there is this revelation to His people through the prophets stating, "I will..." "I will..." But often the ears were closed. And even when God's promises were conditional, His chosen people did not walk in His way.

During the coming year as we look into God's Word and better understand His Will for our way, I trust that the fulfillment and joy of walking in His Way, through finding His guidance in our decisions, will reflect in our lives, our homes, our churches, our workplace, our schools, our communities, and our societies.

Our text, Philippians 2:13, can shape our thinking on this vital theme: "His Will for His Way: Knowing and Doing." **SR**
(Next month: To know and do God's will.)

1993 Robe of Achievement

Dorotha Payne Shettel was born in Beadle County, S.D.

Dorotha attended Vacation Bible School in Dodge Center, Minn., as a child, going there each summer from South Dakota. Her parents, Arthur and Eva Payne, were lone Sabbathkeepers. In her early teens, she assisted and often taught in Vacation Bible School and Christian Endeavor.

She graduated from high school in Dodge Center and attended college at Milton, Wis. She earned a BA degree from LaVerne College, California.

While living in Germany in 1967-68, Dorotha assisted in the formation and teaching of an AWANA group within the American Public School.

Dorotha has served on many committees of her local church and was a member of the diaconate in the Riverside, Calif., church. Dorotha has served as treasurer, and was also involved in the calling ministry of her church. She served as church librarian and spent many hours organizing the books in the new Riverside church library.

She is always a gracious hostess in her own house, and a willing worker at social events within the church. She has been a lifetime member of the Ladies Aid.

Dorotha attended the first session of the Pre-Con program in the early 1940s. She has done extensive work in organizing the directory for SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps). The SCSC "reunion" which took place in 1990 at Lindsborg, Kan., was her idea. She served on the SCSC training staff in 1983-84.

She has transported youth to Pre-Cons and other meetings, and has cooked for camp and Pre-Con over the years. She has been on the staff of Pacific Pines Camp and served on the Camp Board of Man-

ment of taking photos of the newborn babies. She also worked at the information desk and in the office. She is well known in her communities for knitting lap robes for nursing home residents.

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agers. She has been a delegate to Conference, attending many years.

Dorotha retired after many years of elementary school teaching in Minnesota and California. She was one of the honored volunteers in the local Retired Teachers' Association.

Dorotha has served as a hospital volunteer in Rochester, Minn.; and Riverside, and San Diego, Calif. Most recently, she had the assign-

Dorotha cared for her father in his home following the death of her mother. She also cared for other family members in her home.

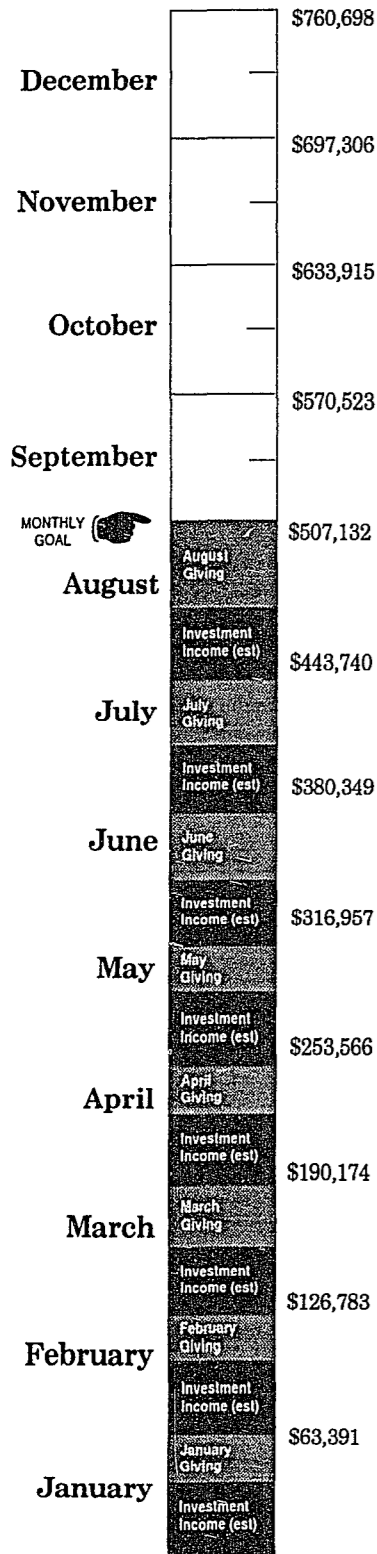
Dorotha was a denominational Women's Board member from 1981 to 1990, serving as President from 1983-1990. She was a member representative to the North American Baptist Women's Union from 1983-1990. She represented Seventh Day Baptists at the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Seoul, Korea, in 1990. Dorotha serves on the Missionary Board as Asian Interest Committee Chairman.

Dorotha is now a resident of Sydney, Australia, where she has one son Gary, and two grandsons, Steven and Ben. She was honored by her church in Riverside before moving to Australia.

She is a dedicated, caring, and hard-working Christian woman. She never asks anyone to do something she would not do herself. The Women's Board is proud to award the 1993 Robe of Achievement to Dorotha Payne Shettel. **SR**



Donna Bond (middle), Women's Board President, congratulates last year's recipient Myrna Cox (left), and Dorotha Shettel, who is wearing the brand new robe crafted by Yvonne Stephan.



1993 income needed—\$760,698.
Per month gift income needed—\$27,783.
Total needed each month—\$63,391.50

Teens want parents to communicate with them

Scientists have learned that families who keep lines of communication open are able to handle the challenges of adolescence. The Talented and Gifted English class at James Madison Memorial High School in Madison, Wis., listed some ways they'd like their parents to communicate:

1. Don't pressure us to achieve all the time. Remind us from time to time to slow down or goof off.
2. Praise us if we do okay. Sometimes it seems like nothing we do is good enough.
3. Tell us you love us—even if we act like we don't want to hear it.
4. Be honest with us. Sooner or later we will find out the truth, and it makes us feel dumb if we were lied to.
5. Don't yell!! Nothing makes us want to fight back more.
6. Let us form our own opinions about some things. Chances are they'll be a lot like yours.

7. If we have a major problem, help us solve it—don't solve it for us.
8. Give us a chance to disagree with you without telling us that we're "talking back."
9. We love to hear about when we were little, and we like to hear about your teenage years as well. These stories don't always have to teach a lesson. They're fun.
10. Never stop talking to us. You are the only ones we can count on for reassurance and love. *SR*

Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. For more reading on parent-teen communication, ask for the following at your local bookstore: "Who's Listening," by Jerry Johnston; "How to Live with Your Parents without Losing Your Mind" and "How to Live with Your Kids When You've Already Lost Your Mind," both by Ken Davis; and "Helping the Struggling Adolescent," by Les Parrott III.

How to Teach Children a Household Skill

- Be familiar with the skill you are going to teach.
- Develop a logical way to present it.
- Take the children with you to get materials so they will be able to find them alone later.
- Name what you are going to teach.
- Give the children your full attention.
- Present the lesson carefully and precisely.
- Use no more language than is necessary.
- In general, move from left to right.
- Let the children join in the task as soon as they are ready.
- If children make a mistake, don't draw attention to it.
- Stay with the children until you are sure they can work alone.
- Allow the children to work as long as they wish at this new skill.

Source: *Do I Have To?* by Patricia H. Sprinkle (Zondervan, 1993).

"Shepherd's Fold Ministry" in Blountville

One year ago, Pastor Ed and Marietta Sutton rolled into Blountville, Tenn., with two large trucks, all of their treasures, and their hearts full of faith and excitement—following God's call to the Tri-City area to begin a new Seventh Day Baptist work for Him.

Throughout the year, they have grown in spiritual strength and have increased their faith by applying it on a moment-to-moment basis. God has "Shaken the Branches" and tested their trust in Him.

At our first official worship service on June 19, 1993, the new

work was named, "Shepherd's Fold Ministry." Since that day, we have worshiped every Sabbath except August 7, when Pastor Ed and Marietta went to Virginia (on the 6th) to son Mike's graduation, and then on to Florida (on the 7th) to son Ken's wedding.

Director of Extension Russ Johnson came for his fourth visit on August 28. We had our first communion service, followed by a fellowship dinner.

On October 16, we will hold our first annual Harvest/Homecoming Day, with a covered dish "feast"

and good Sabbath Joy! Several members of the former Upper East Tennessee SDB Church will be coming from as far away as New York State and Germany!

We advertise in the Yellow Pages in the three cities, under "Seventh Day Baptist." Three people have visited as a result of the advertisement.

We extend a welcome to any of our Seventh Day Baptist family members and friends to come and share in this sweet fellowship.

In the back of the church, we have two nicely mowed acres—ideal for campers, tents, and campfires. So, "Y'all come!" Worship is at 10:30 a.m. Our phone number is (615) 323-9322. *SR*

Choosing People book reviewed in England

(This review of Don Sanford's *A Choosing People: The History of the Seventh Day Baptists*, appeared in *The Baptist Quarterly*, July 1993, Oxford, England. B.R. White was the reviewer.)

The first known Seventh Day Baptist churches seem to have arisen in England in the 1650s. Their foundation idea, like other Baptist groupings, was that they should reconstruct the organization and life-style of the churches of the Apostolic age. This they took one step further than other Christians by insisting that God's true Sabbath was, as Israel has always said, Saturday. To this view they gathered some notable seventeenth-century Baptist converts, among them Peter Chamberlen, Henry Jessey, and Thomas Tillam.

Obviously any group seeking, on the basis of the New Testament, to reconstitute the Apostolic Church according to its original blueprint, would need to consider the Sabbath question very seriously. However, as the years have shown, such concerns could all too easily lead to a demand for the adoption of other

aspects of first-century Judaism. In turn, that could lead—as other Christians, including other Baptists, were quick to point out—to a form of legalistic Christianity against which the apostle Paul had struggled ("Judaizers") in the first century. However, the term "Judaizers" is far from being a fair description of those responsible for the on-going teaching and ministry of the Seventh Day Baptists as their story, especially in the USA, has by Don Sanford been clearly shown. Certainly the first five chapters of this book are of very considerable interest to British Baptist readers. Nevertheless, the remainder of the book, which is largely concerned with the American side of the story, is also interesting in its own right.

This is a volume which should be found upon the shelves of all Baptists who care about the sheer variety of their history, and can be widely read and enjoyed by them. In addition, there is a useful bibliography which any serious readers and especially Baptist historians will greatly value. *SR*

Can you help this new work?

If anyone is interested in contributing to this new work, the following items are needed:

- Lumber and insulation to "winterize" the church
- Hymn books
- Communion cups
- Folding chairs
- Funds for a separate electric meter
- Cassette tapes of hymns, played by a pianist, that our congregation can sing with
- Funds for a sign

(Note: The Youth Fellowship at Little Genesee, N.Y., has donated \$177.25 to buy the insulation for the ceiling of the beautiful cathedral-type barn roof. Isn't God good?! This gift is a good example of how God has provided our needs on a daily basis in the last year.)

We sincerely want to thank all who have demonstrated His love through support in many forms. We love you all!

May the Arms of God Enfold You!
Pastor Ed and Marietta

Obituaries

Harris.—Thomas Gordon Harris Sr., 71, of Gillett, Pa., died on June 18, 1993, at North Beach Hospital, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He was born in Dunellen, N.J., and lived in Mount Holly, N.J., before moving to Gillett. He was employed by New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for 28 years. At the time of his retirement 18 years ago, he was the office manager of the Mount Holly business office.

Thomas was the first president of the Bridgeton (N.J.) Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1952. While in Mount Holly, he helped establish the Mount Holly Prison Museum, the Historical Society, and the Rancocas Antique Auto Club, and was a past president of the Rotary Club. He also headed the United Fund of Burlington County and several other organizations.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the European theater on Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's staff and was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart.

Survivors include his wife, Anna (Bender) Harris of the Bridgeton-Shiloh, N.J., area; two sons, Thomas Jr. of Robbinsville, N.J., and Robert of Tallahassee, Fla.; two brothers, Roy of Bedford, Texas, and Lawrence of White Bluff,

Tenn.; one sister, Kathryn Townley of Franklin, Maine; and five grandchildren.

Services were held on June 24, 1993, at the Padgett Funeral Home, Bridgeton. Officiating was Thomas' brother-in-law, the Rev. Lewis E. Bender of the Church of the Holy Spirit, Highpoint, N.C. Burial was in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

Greene.—Delberta V. Greene, 91, of Adams Center, N.Y., died at her home on June 21, 1993, following a lengthy illness.

She was born on February 24, 1902, in Salem, W.Va., the daughter of the Rev. E. Adelbert and Almedia (Crandall) Witter. She graduated from Westerly (R.I.) High School in 1919, and attended Teachers Training School in Berlin, N.Y. Following her schooling, she taught at one-room schools in Sulphur Springs, Honeyville, and for several years at Greene Settlement.

Delberta married Gerald H. Greene on Aug. 3, 1925, in the new home that he built on Greene Street in Adams Center. (Her father performed the ceremony.) The Greens lived there all of their married life. Gerald died in 1991.

Delberta was a member and deaconess of the Adams Center Sev-

enth Day Baptist Church and the Bible Study Group, and assisted with Church School. She was also a member of the Adams Center Study Club, Craft Club, and the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. She was a librarian at the Adams Center Library, and served as secretary of the Union Cemetery Association.

Survivors include five sons, Judson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Gareth of Rochester, N.Y., Arden of Adams Center, Charles of Watertown, N.Y., and Rodney of Roseburg, Ore.; 13 grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on June 24, 1993, at the Adams Center SDB Church, with the Rev. Gene Smith officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery.

Bolton.—Ena S. Bolton, 81, of Boulder, Colo., died on August 7, 1993, in the Boulder Community Hospital.

She was born on July 21, 1912, in Boulder, the daughter of William L. and Nellie (Sweet) Jenner. She was schooled in Boulder, and was a member of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On July 10, 1933, Ena married Allen Bolton. They moved to Eldora, Colo., where they ran a mountain store during the hard times of the Great Depression. Allen died on February 27, 1993, a few months short of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ena was a congenial person and always had a loving concern for those in need. One of her gifts was creating beautiful items out of what was at hand—a rare quality!

Survivors include one daughter, Sylvia; three brothers, one sister, two grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on August 11, 1993, at the Howe Mortuary Chapel of Boulder, with the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating.

K E V I N ' S C O R N E R

On my flight to Conference this year, I was seated near a woman who looked 40-something, and kind of wired; you know, like when you're on your way to the dentist? Yes, a "first-time" flyer.

I tried to offer her some advice and reassurance. She wasn't buying it.

The more nervous she got, the more nervous I got. Thankfully, when the flight attendant invited us to move forward to some empty seats, I jumped at the chance. The "first timer" never budged. She preferred her aisle seat near the back, where she couldn't see out the windows. I pointed her out to the attendant who was able to help.

When we have "first timers" coming to church, or to Conference, do we always figure that the "professionals" will do the job of welcoming and answering the usual questions?

I had the privilege of worshiping with the San Gabriel, Calif., group right before Conference. Pastor John Peil was the first SDB pastor I had met (in Verona, N.Y.), so it was fun to be in his church again.

Their Sabbath School time was another great experience that opened my eyes. The class, taught by RuthAnne Peil, was full of older teens and young adults.

The topic? SDB beliefs. Several times, Ruthie methodically, lovingly, and patiently led the class through some very basic biblical teachings. At first, I thought, "This is so elementary. Let's move on!" But I soon realized that if we did, we would leave several students behind in the spiritual "dust."

They needed to be guided, step by step, through these basic truths because they were "first timers" in the faith.

How often do we speed right through the "simple" matters and dive into meatier topics? With new people, we need to slow down and make sure they are still "with us," or they will eventually NOT be with us.

This year was a Conference "homecoming" of sorts for me. The 1982 Conference at the same Redlands campus was my very first.

So much has happened in 11 years! It's like—Now: Sitting on the General Council. Then: What's a General Council?

Now: Editing *The Sabbath Recorder*. Then: What's a *Sabbath Recorder*? (I really *did* know that...)

Now: Figuring out angles to take the photos. Then: Figuring out General Conference!

As a "first timer," I really could have used a patient spiritual guide in '82.

The Redlands campus itself has seen changes with some new buildings. And during the week, we noticed new delegates, new churches, new pastors.

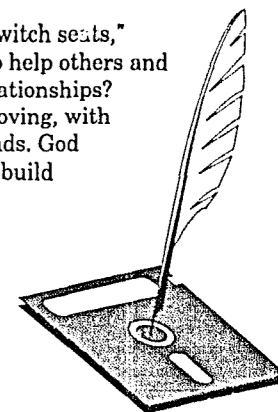
Even with all these changes, so much remains the same. We have the same good concerns, the same desire for exposure and growth. We have many of the same faithful delegates (who have since become good friends). We have the same Gospel, and the same "Foundation."

As we trust in that same foundation, and spread the same Gospel message, more people will come to the faith. And how we handle these "first timers" will determine our future—and how all of us may change.

Are we too anxious to "switch seats," avoiding the opportunity to help others and build teaching/learning relationships?

May we be patient and loving, with open arms and helping hands. God will bless His people as we build on His firm foundation.

P.S. A special "Thank you" to Michael Peters and Jennifer Lewis Berg for helping out with the Conference photos this year.



Marriages

Van Maren - Heath.—Kevin Van Maren and Charity Heath were united in marriage on June 19, 1993, at the Calvary Church in Longmont, CO. The Rev. Victor Skaggs officiated.

Accessions

New York City, NY
Joined after baptism
Michael Drummond
Nova West
Grace Wright
Clive Fairclough
Joined after testimony
James Baptiste
Bro. & Sis. West
Bro. & Sis. Ceaser

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Shelley Shobe (r.): "I must have chocolate chip!" Pete May (c.): "We're out of chocolate chip!" Linda Manuel (l.): "Just decide. It's melting down my arm..."



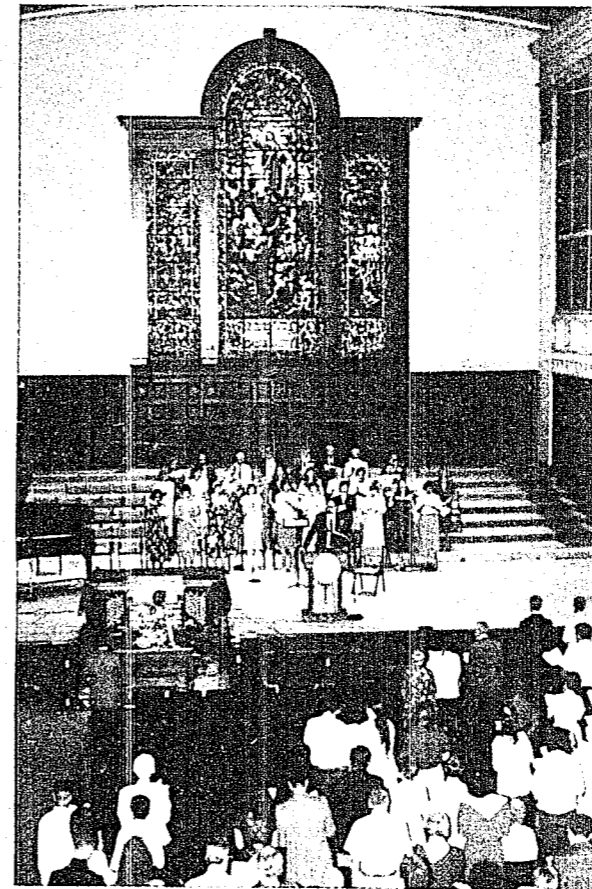
"Hey son, you said it was *my* turn to play!" (Chuck and Larry Graffius)



Kim Baker at the Young Adult program.



As the "S.D. Bee" buzzed outside, the kids were sure to follow.



A large crowd of about 600 gathered in the University of Redlands chapel for Sabbath morning worship.