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"The campaign was spearheaded by special people who believe in what Maiden Hall has done and what it will do," reports San Diego's Pastor Bernie Wethington.

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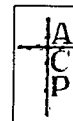
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### Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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.

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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.

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# Facing down our fear through faith in God

by Lou Diaz

F.E.A.R. stands for "False Education Appearing Real." Former football quarterback Fran Tarkenton said, "Fear causes people to draw back from situations; it brings on mediocrity; it dulls creativity; it sets one up to be a loser in life." Franklin D. Roosevelt said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

The truth is that we *can* find faith and courage when we face our fears with the resources God provides. The most important resource God provides for facing down our fears is Himself.

Psalms 27:1-3 is David's confession of faith in the sufficiency of his God to help him face and deal with his fears.

Notice that when fear-producing problems pressed in upon David from every side, he focused more upon God than he did upon his problems. David sidestepped the temptation to major his attention on a fear-producing interpretation of his problems. Instead, his thoughts were concentrated upon the victorious sufficiency of God.

We often cry out, "What am I going to do?" instead of "What is God able to do?" We are tempted to think that the problems we face are bigger than God Himself. The opening verses of this psalm tell us differently.

We need to concentrate our thoughts on who God is, especially His attributes, which are the opposite of our fears. It is possible to be confident instead of fearful because in the midst of our fear of the future, our fear of failure, and our fear of harm, the Lord is our light, our salvation, and our stronghold.

## God, as your light, gives guidance through the unknown future.

The Lord is our light (Ps. 27:1). Light represents the positive—from truth and goodness to joy and vitality. To say that "the Lord is my light" is to confess confidence in Him as the source of these benefits.

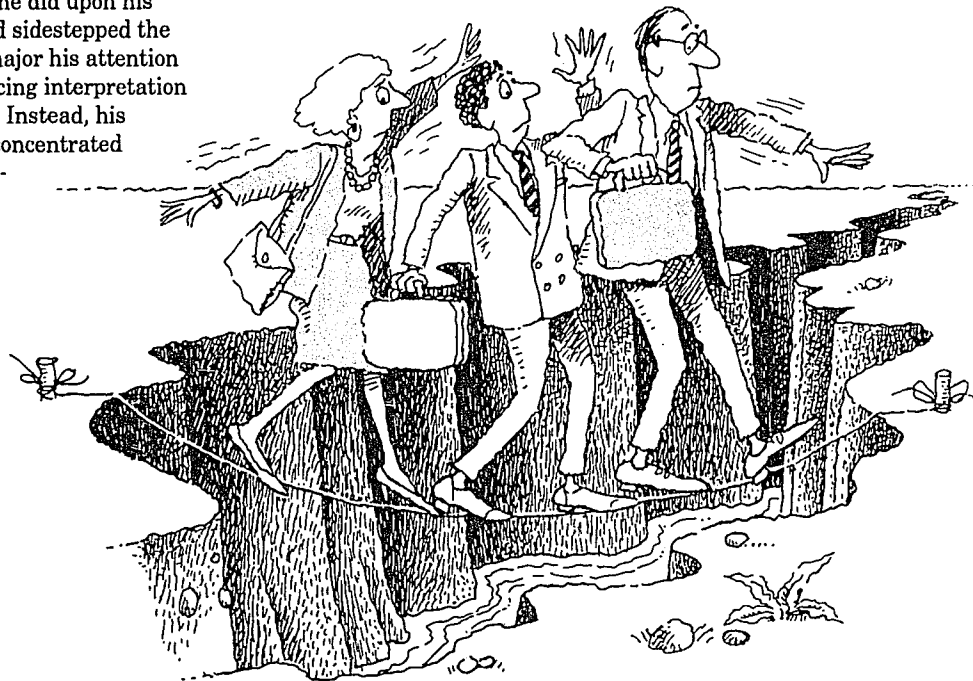
Here, "light" is the answer to fear. The Lord is our light. He is the answer to our fear of the future. He is our source of guidance.

One of our greatest fears is that of the future. The fear of the future or the unknown is keenly felt when we're on the verge of an important decision. "What will happen?" you ask yourself. "If I go in this direction, these things may happen; and if I go in this other direction, these other things may happen."

As your light, God is with you, guiding you through the darkness of the unknown future.

Remember being afraid of the dark? What you wanted most was light. As an adult, you still become fearful of the dark. Only now the "dark" is whatever is unknown, like the future. When facing a dark journey through the unknown, you are still crying out for light.

You may need a night-light just to be able to get out of the bed of your discouragement.



- You may need a flashlight to light the path of progress.
- You may need a fog light to cut through the mist of confusion.
- You may need a floodlight to view the landscape of reality.
- You may need a searchlight to find hidden opportunities.
- You may need the sunlight to end your night of suffering.

The Lord is all of these. The Lord is the light that you need.

The Bible tells us that "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). As your light, He is with you, guiding you through the darkness of the unknown future.

No matter what changes, His presence will guide you. In Psalm 139:7 the psalmist asks, "Where can I flee from your presence?" After imagining going to the remotest places, he says in verse 10, "even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast."

The tie-in with the Lord as light is found in verses 11-12: "If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,' even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you."

Do you have a new assignment or job or ministry? His presence will guide you. The Lord, who is your light, says to you what He said to Joshua when he was facing the unknown future: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go" (Josh. 1:9).

When you are tempted to fear, remember that the Lord has promised His presence.

Even if you are facing death, His presence will guide you. You can say with confidence, as David did, "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." (Ps. 23:4). The Lord is with you, and He will guide you through the

darkness of the unknown future!

View your fear of the future as if it were a dinner bell. Every time it rings, it should alert you to your hunger and thirst for the living God. For many of us, the future is like a long, dark tunnel. It seems so hopeless and overwhelming. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel that is so bright that it shines right into the tunnel. (And it is not the headlamp of an oncoming train!) The light I refer to is the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord is your light! He is the one who is able to make your way clear as you trust in Him and are obedient to Him. Personalize your faith. Say to yourself: "The Lord is my light. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. I don't know what the future holds, but I know the One who holds my future."

When you realize that the Lord is the light of your life, fear of the future dissipates quickly. The Lord will guide you!

## God, as your salvation, delivers you out of the pit of failure.

Second, He is your salvation (Ps. 27:1). Here, "salvation" is referred to in its general sense. That is, "He is your deliverance." He is the one who is able to deliver you.

A gripping fear we experience as humans is that of failure. The fear of failure keeps us doing certain things, while avoiding doing other things. Fear can have an incredibly controlling effect upon our lives. We are most aware of this fear when we get into trouble or into a tough fix.

What are the difficulties that you are going through? God is able to deliver you from them. You may say, "There is no hope for this one." But God is able to deliver. Isaiah 12:2 echoes this confidence: "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

This is the freedom from fear that many people are seeking. It

comes only from a sense of the saving, forgiving power of Christ in a life.

John Wesley had always thought he had faith until the time he was on board a ship returning to England from missionary work in America. The ship was caught in a violent storm. Fear gripped him. He observed that the only ones not filled with terror were some Moravian missionaries.

After the storm, Wesley asked one of them, "Were you not afraid?"

"Afraid?" responded the Moravian. "Why should I be afraid? I know Christ!"

And then, with disturbing frankness, he asked Wesley, "Do you know Christ?"

For the first time Wesley realized that he did not. He had been trained as a clergyman, educated at Oxford, and was ordained to the ministry, but he had only a vague knowledge of the Lord. This shattering realization prepared the way for Wesley to meet Christ personally when his heart was "strangely warmed" by face-to-face communion. His insecure, secondhand religion was replaced by the gift of faith, which enabled him to endure.

A 12-year-old boy became a Christian at a camp. The next week at school his friends questioned him about the experience. "Did you see a vision?" asked one friend. "Did you hear God speak?" asked another. The youngster answered "No" to all these questions. "Well, how did you know you were saved?" they asked. The boy searched for an answer and finally said: "It's like when you catch a fish; you can't see the fish or hear the fish. You just feel him tugging on your line. I just felt God tugging on my heart."

Do you sense the Lord tugging on your heart to trust Him as your Savior? The Lord says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (Rev. 3:20).

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The Lord wants you to trust Him to be your Savior and Lord.

When you are tempted to fear, remember that the Lord has promised His provision. He is the one who is able to deliver you from the pit of failure. Isaiah 41:10 says, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (See also Psalm 40:2, Psalm 103:4, and Isaiah 37:17b.)

**God, as your stronghold, protects you from some times of harm and strengthens you through other times of harm.**

People struggle with the fear of being harmed or having loved ones harmed. This brings us to the next truth. The Lord is the stronghold of our life (Ps. 27:1). He is the intangible barrier against evil and enemies. David had experienced the Lord's protection many times before. In 1 Samuel 23:26-29, Saul was called away just as he was to capture David.

David was not imagining his troubles. In Psalm 27:2 David pictures his enemies as a pack of hunting animals advancing against him to "devour his flesh." Many of us suffer from unfounded fears—fears not based upon a real, but a perceived, threat. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote a poem for those of us who struggle with unfounded fears:

Some of your hurts you have cured,  
And the sharpest you still have survived;  
But what torments of grief you endured  
From evils which never arrived.

David knew the calm assurance and growing confidence of faith be-

cause he concentrated on who God is. This same peace in the midst of pressure can be yours, too!

If you know that the Lord is your light, that He is your salvation, that He is your stronghold, and you concentrate on the implications of these three attributes of God, of what or of whom should you be afraid? Nothing and no one!

The apostle Paul assures us of this conclusion when he wrote, "If God is for us, who can be against

of confidence in the Lord. Here's my paraphrase and personalization of this verse:

"Though an army besiege me, like the man who stood before tanks in China's struggle for democracy, my heart will not fear; though the whole nation were to declare war against me, the U.S. vs. Lou Diaz, I would still be confident because the Lord guides me, delivers me, and strengthens and protects me!" That is what David is saying here. No matter what the odds are against you,

God is still with you.

When you are tempted to fear, remember that the Lord has promised His protection. He protects you from some times of harm, and strengthens you through other times of harm.

David knew the calm assurance and growing confidence of faith because he concentrated on who God is. When he was tempted to be fearful, he remembered that God had promised His presence, His provision, and His protection. This same peace in the midst of pressure can be yours, too!

The Lord desires that His people be strong and courageous, not terrified or discouraged (Josh. 1:9). Let's grow in "holy boldness" and in a resting trust in our great God! **SR**



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us?" (Rom. 8:31). He also asks, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Rom. 8:35) only to answer by making a comprehensive list of the greatest contingencies, tragedies, and enemies feared by humanity. Then he emphatically states that none of them can succeed in pulling us away from God's eternal love and relationship with us.

Psalm 27:3 creates the worst-case scenario in proving the extent

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## Shut up and pedal

by George Calhoun

*"See how very much our Heavenly Father loves us, for He allows us to be called His children—think of it—we really are! But since most people don't know Him, naturally they don't understand that we are His children. Yes, friends, we are God's children right now, right here. And we can't even imagine what it is going to be like later on. But we do know this, that when He comes we will be like Him, as a result of seeing Him as He really is. And everyone who really believes this will try to stay pure as He is pure" (1 John 3:1-3 TLB).*

Aside from periodic trips home to visit family during the holidays, Tim spent little time in his hometown and had no contact with any of his high school friends. That is, until he received a letter inviting him to his 25th high school reunion.

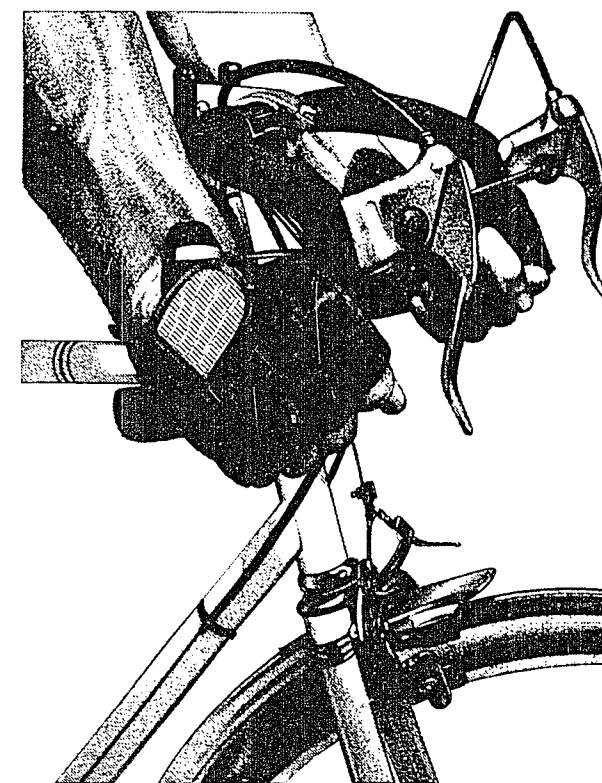
Friends he had long since forgotten reappeared in his mind. He even pulled out his yearbook and re-read all the silly statements and good wishes that others had written about themselves and about him.

He wondered how the guys on the basketball team had turned out. And even tried to imagine what some of them would look like, what kind of jobs and families they had.

With growing enthusiasm, Tim knew he had to go. Nostalgia like this doesn't come along that often,

and he knew he had to grab it while he could. So he made the plans.

A week after his return, a good friend asked him how it went. "It was one of the saddest experiences of my life," Tim said. "What happened?" his friend asked. "It wasn't what happened; it was what hadn't happened. It's been 25 years, and most of them haven't changed!



They had gained a little weight, changed clothes, and gotten jobs—but no one had really changed. It wasn't because they *couldn't* change, but it seemed as though they *chose not to change*."

"If you ever see me go stagnant like that, I hope you give me a swift kick."

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "I may not be the man I *want* to be; I may not be the man I *ought* to be; I may not be the man I *could* be; I may not be the man I *can* be; but praise God, I'm not the man I *used to be*."

When we become a child of God, we enter into a relationship with Him—a relationship that is continually changing and growing. Not that God changes, because Scripture tells us that He doesn't. But *we* are the ones who change. We are the ones who grow. We are the ones who benefit from a relationship with Him.

But it takes courage to grow. And for many of us, the opposite of courage isn't cowardice, but conformity.

It is easy for us to become snug in our pews. We become addicted to the comfort and the convenience, and the radical reality that we are a child of God no longer affects us. God has somehow been reduced to the words of a hymn. We can detour God's work in our lives, not just by the bad things we do, but by the good things. We may limit what

He can do in our lives by doing so many good things, that we substitute good things for God.

Religion can get in the way when we confuse a "relationship" with the good things that we do.

That's why John tells us emphatically, "Yes, you really are children of God."

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Religion is nice! But Jesus, to the contrary, is shocking, astonishing, loving, daring, revolutionary, kind, caring, and compassionate... He can be described many ways, but one of them isn't "nice." "Nice" is a loose-fitting word that has as much bite as a dead-fish hand-shake. "Nice" is a pair of shoes that just don't fit right, but look okay.

I've seen pictures portraying Jesus as this anemic, undernourished, unmasculine man, in a flowing pinkish-white robe, with a face that neither smiled nor frowned. Where this portrayal comes from, I have no idea, but it's not Jesus.

An encounter with Jesus is like stepping into the path of a wonderful hurricane. And He promises four things: peace, power, purpose, and trouble. That's right, trouble! For Jesus desires to shake us loose from our moorings and help us set sail toward new life in Him.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if churches came with a warning label: "Danger! If you go in, you have a good chance of getting your life changed."

We may think that we don't have the qualifications, but who does? God chose a barren old couple

named Abraham and Sarah to give birth to a nation that changed human history.

He saved a nation from slavery through an unemployed Egyptian Israeli ex-prince who tended sheep and stuttered—Moses.

He chose a teenager to take on a nine-foot enemy.

He took a trusting kid's lunch and fed enough to fill a stadium.

He chose the number one prosecutor of His followers to become His top evangelist.

And He gave keys of the kingdom to a guy who fumbled the football three times in the last game.

We may not think that we are qualified to be God's child or that He can change us, but who is? God can use anyone. He says to us, "Hey, don't just exist. Don't just meet the bottom line. Don't just get by. Don't just go through the motions, acting holy and sleep-walking through life. You are my child. Let the herd graze where they want, but you be different!"

I agree with Bruce Larson who said, "Personally, I believe God is waiting and willing to reveal things that will radically change the lives of people. I believe that He is wait-

ing and eager to call forth something from you that has never been said or thought of since the beginning of time. You may be the one in your own area of interest to find that all good things haven't been said or done or even thought of."

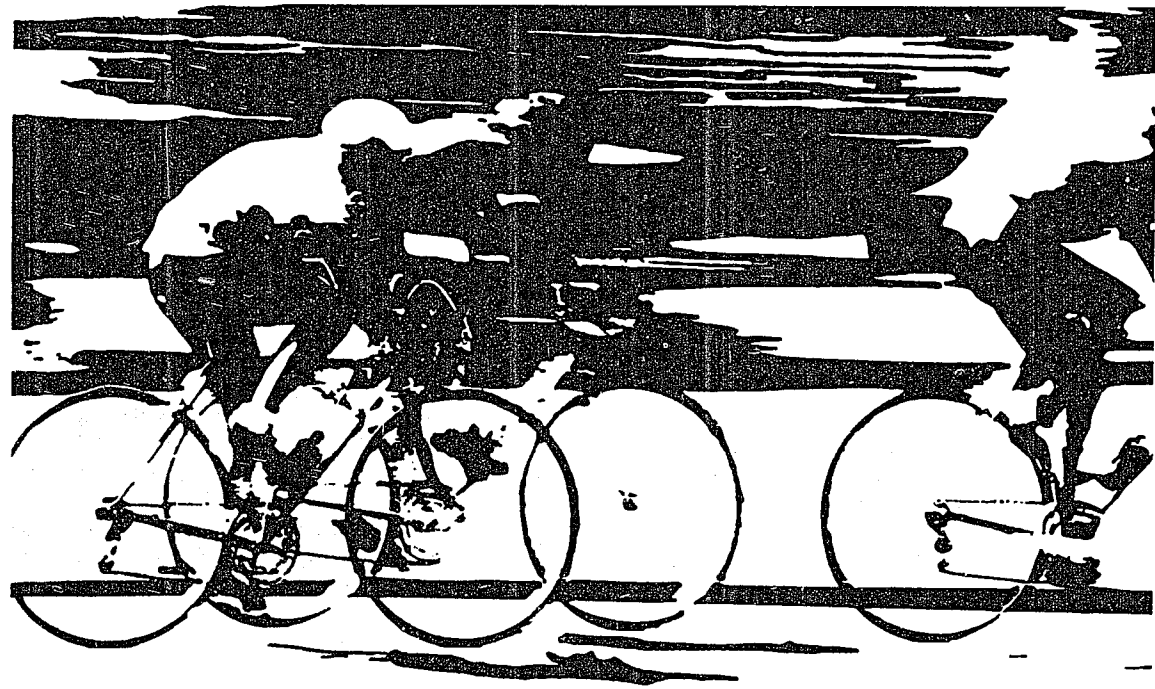
In his book, *Holy Sweat*, Tim Hanzel states that:

"The reason I am a Christian today is not because I heard the Gospel, but because I saw it. In graduate school at Stanford, I encountered a man by the name of Bob Reeverts. I had never met a man quite like him. He had a strength and a joy that I had never experienced before.

"Here was a 6'4" exuberant man with a boundless energy which was outrageously contagious. Without ever intending it, he aroused in me a tremendous curiosity. His life was so different and distinct that it was as if someone had put salt on my lips. I thirsted to know what made this man the way he was.

"The second time I met him only made matters worse. I couldn't figure out what made him tick. It wasn't what he said as much as who he was.

"On the third encounter with



him, I finally couldn't stand it anymore. I went up to him and asked him why he was so different. His answer was forthright and succinct: It was Jesus Christ.

"I felt like someone had thrown a monkey wrench into my computer. That answer didn't fit any of the puny 'twinkie' images I had of what a Christian was.

"Bob worked with Young Life, an organization dedicated to working with young people around the world for Christ. They were undoubtedly the craziest and most creative group I had ever seen.

"I was thoroughly confused. These wonderful, fun people were seriously denting my somber, subdued, soft-spoken image of Christians. My cardboard image of Jesus was also taking a beating because of the truth made visible by this man and his friends."

Every once in awhile, I believe we need to stop and check our spiritual pulse. Are we compassionately involved? Are we stretching ourselves past our boundaries of niceness?

The reason we can step out is because He's there!

Like the little boy who was rock climbing with his dad. "Hey Dad! Catch me!" he shouted, just in time for his father to turn and grab him in mid-air.

"Can you give me one good reason why you did that?!"

"Sure. You're my Dad!"

You are a child of God; you really are. And Christians can be the most free, most exciting people in the world because they have such a trustworthy and faithful Father.

Now I realize that such freedom is scary and frequently unpredictable. Our human nature leans more toward security, no matter how trustworthy we know God to be.

If only we could know what will happen; if only we knew how things were going to turn out. But that's where we must trust in our Heavenly Father. We need to stretch ourselves beyond niceness. We

won't grow or truly experience life if we put limits on our relationship with God.

A New Testament scholar once asked a group of Christians what the most important word in the New Testament was. They all took stabs at it. "Faith, hope, love, grace." "No," he said, "it's the word *let*." "Let Jesus do His work in you. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ. Let your light shine." "Let" is a word of transforming faith. The profoundly simple word "let" is the gate that opens the power of God and gives Him permission to work His might in us.

Listen to these words from the story, "The Road of Life." At first, I saw God as my observer, my judge, keeping track of the things I did wrong, so as to know whether I merited heaven or hell when I die.

He was out there sort of like a president.

I recognized His picture when I saw it, but I really didn't know Him.

But later on when I met Christ, it seemed as though life was like a bike ride, a tandem bike, and I noticed that Christ was on the back helping me pedal.

I don't know just when it was that He suggested we change places, but life has not been the same since.

When I had control, I knew the way. It was rather boring, but predictable...

It was the shortest distance between two points. But when He took the lead,

He knew delightful long cuts, up mountains, and through rocky places, at breakneck speeds, it was all I could do to hang on!

Even though it looked like madness, He said, "Pedal!"

I worried and was anxious and asked, "Where are you taking me?"

He laughed and didn't answer, and I started to learn to trust. I forgot my boring life and entered into the adventure. And when I'd say, "I'm scared," He'd lean back and touch my hand.

He took me to people with gifts that I needed, gifts of healing, acceptance and joy;

They gave me gifts to take on my journey, my Lord's and mine.

And we were off again. He said,

"Give the gifts away; they're extra baggage, too much weight."

So I did, to the people we met, and I found that in giving I received, and still our burden was light.

I did not trust Him, at first, in control of my life.

I thought He'd wreck it; but He knows bike secrets,

knows how to make it bend to take sharp corners,

knows how to jump to clear high rocks,

knows how to fly to shorten scary passages.

And along the way, I am learning to shut up, shut up and pedal.

I'm beginning to enjoy the view and the cool breeze on my face

with my delightful constant companion, Jesus Christ.

And when I'm sure I just can't do anymore, He just smiles and says... "Pedal."

—Author Unknown

We really are children of God in Christ. And if we but allow Him, He will take us on a wonderfully wild adventure that will change us both now and for all eternity.

But we must stop resisting His hand and telling Him how our life should be mapped out. We need to get on the back of a tandem bike and not only pedal, but "shut up and pedal," so that we can listen and learn, and enjoy the trip. *SR*

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## Witnessing without fear

by Leon Lawton

When Billy Sunday was won to Christ, a Christian man put his arms around Billy's shoulders. He said, "There are three rules that you can put to practice that will revolutionize your life. First, spend 15 minutes listening to God. Second, spend 15 minutes talking with God. Third, spend 15 minutes to talk to others about God."

Billy Sunday, a converted ballplayer, put to practice these rules and became one of the greatest evangelists that the world has ever known.

We may not all become world-renowned for telling others about Jesus, but all of us can share in the joy of telling others about our Savior. The joy found in the Lord should naturally flow forth from Christians. However, we often experience fear in witnessing.

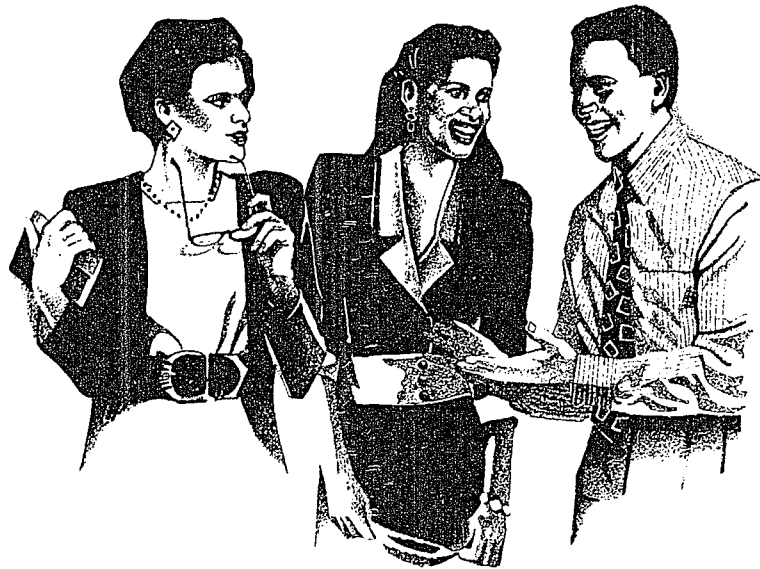
Sometimes witnessing becomes so unnatural that we must go back to the question: "How can I share the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection in such a way that others will be won to Christ?"

From my own experience and what the Bible says on the subject of witnessing, I will explain how you—with the leading of the Holy Spirit—can witness to others without fear.

### What is a witness?

Sometimes we fail to obtain the true understanding of a particular word because to do so implies that we should live up to its meaning. Many Christians have a fear of witnessing. They feel that only trained believers can lead others to Christ.

However, synonyms of the term "witness" indicate that this is not something that only "professional" believers participate in: spectator, bystander, onlooker, eyewitness,



beholder. All of these terms denote a personal experience. They relate primarily to seeing something and being able to speak about it.

Christian witnessing involves both aspects. We experience what God says to us through His Word and, like Billy Sunday, we talk to others about God.

When we see an accident, we are quick to share what we have seen. Sometimes we are called to give our eyewitness account. But more than seeing, the incident has become a part of our life that we can remember, "see" in our mind's eye, and put its facts into written or spoken words. Likewise, a witness is an authentic sharing of one's Christian experience and understanding of the person and work of Christ.

Every Christian who has experienced new life in Christ speaks not from an academic understanding, but rather from a life-changing event they know personally.

### The content of our message

Our basic witness should be to our relationship with Christ. What happened when I believed the Gospel of salvation and—confessing and repenting of sin—put my faith in Him? How did He change my life? How does He continue to change my life?

In what way does the Holy Spirit relate to my daily living? How is prayer part of my Christian experience? In what way does my Christian faith tell others that it is real?

Our message is found in the words of the early believers. Certain verses from the Bible can be shared which speak even louder, at times, in giving answer to an individual need. I'd like to share two personal experiences I had while pastoring.

A visitor to a Sabbath service made an appointment to speak with me. His intent was to find out more about the Sabbath. The an-

swer to a simple prayer for wisdom in dealing with this man was unusual.

I asked, "Suppose we had all the parts of a bed here in the room—the head and footboard, the side rails, the boards that hold up the springs, the springs, the mattress. How would you go about setting it up?"

Looking at me strangely he replied, "You would join the head and

Again I asked, "What did He say?" In place of "him" I asked this man to put in his name: John "that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out." After several times the truth finally broke through.

"Do you suppose He would receive me?" John asked.

"Yes!" I replied. Then he knelt and prayed to receive Christ. His life was changed. He was baptized, joined the church, and remained a

first. "Then, receive Him! Ask Him to come into your life after confessing and repenting of your sins. Would you like to take this step?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied. He knelt with me and prayed to receive Christ.

Then, on the truth of this verse, I assured him that he had become a son of God. It was not because his parents were Christian ("of blood"), nor just because he wanted to be a Christian ("will of the flesh"), nor because his wife or someone else wished him to be a Christian ("will of man"), but it was the work of God!

Though not living near our church, he did bear testimony of his new faith and became an active member of a Bible-believing church within his community.

The Word of God is vital in our witness. Like our own personal experience, which cannot be argued, God's Word stands sure. A person may not accept it, believe it, or follow it, but they cannot dismiss it.

### The command to witness

Witnessing is not an option. It is a command. Jesus Christ gave marching orders for the Church: to go, make disciples, baptize, and teach. (See Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47-48; John 17:18.)

Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He spoke clearly to those who had come together in Jerusalem: "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth" (Act 1:8 NASB).

### Examples of boldness in witnessing

The book of Acts is a record of the witnessing activity of the early Church. Many witnessed on the day of Pentecost. Peter and John were most effective. Peter stated, "And we are His witnesses of these things; and so also is the Holy

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footboards with the side rails, put the support boards in, and then the springs and mattress. Why?"

Only then did the meaning of this illustration come to mind. "What would you say if I said you must start with the mattress?"

"It couldn't be done," he stated. "Neither can we start with the Sabbath! What is your relationship with Jesus Christ?"

Then I was startled when he said, "I'm going to hell where I belong!"

"But, but, but, you don't need to," I replied.

"Yes I do. I have broken all of the commandments. There is no hope for me!"

A quick "help Lord" prayer brought to my mind John 6:37, "...him that comes to Me I will in no wise cast out." I read it to him, but he did not understand the text. I asked who spoke those words. We looked back to verse 35, "And Jesus said..." Then I found myself saying, "And He was a great liar!"

This brought a quick response—"No! If anyone ever spoke the truth it was Him."

faithful, active member throughout his lifetime.

On another occasion, I followed up on an address given to me. It was a rainy day and I did not feel like making another call after an earlier experience. Yet I found the house. However, I must admit I hoped no one would be home.

Answering the doorbell, a man opened the door. I was invited in and shared the fact that I was a pastor and was seeking to call since he received the *Sabbath Recorder*.

I soon asked if he was a Christian. His quick response was unexpected: "No, but how does one become a Christian?"

Again a quick "help Lord" brought John 1:12-13 to mind: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

"What is His Name?" I asked. I explained that "Jesus" is His name as given in Matthew 1:21. This means Savior, or "One who saves."

It is necessary to believe this

Spirit, whom God has given to them that obey Him" (Acts 5:32).

The lame man who was healed became an effective witness (Acts 3:1-11) by walking, leaping, and praising God. Peter called people to repentance (Acts 3:19). Saul, who became Paul following his experience with Christ on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-31), became an outstanding missionary.

Paul's witness was given by preaching, teaching, writing, and his example of godly living. Many of the New Testament books were written by Paul. These books are a constant witness to the unbelieving world of God's love for them.

### Overcoming fear in witnessing

Witnessing should come naturally. Fear is built up when we consider it a task for "the profes-

sional." Rather, it is a sharing of vital experiences, of knowing the leading of the Lord, of seeing His power at work in lives, and of giving ourselves for the Lord's service.

Fear comes when we think of ourselves. We are afraid of what people might think. We measure ourselves by others who are held up as faithful witnesses. We feel unprepared and ill-equipped.

Too often we give up and do not respond or recognize the witnessing opportunities available each day. Often we miss the real blessings and ministries God would enable us to accomplish.

Fear comes when we doubt God's Word. Jesus does not expect us to be His witness without a vital message built upon who Christ is and our experience. While we may be able to quote plenty of Scripture verses, it is the personal sharing from a changed and Christ-cen-

tered life that is important.

Step out in faith. Ask for and expect opportunity. Trust the leading of His Spirit.

Use the truth of His Word. Live the Life and others will note God's power and blessing.

Share your experiences with other believers. It is always good to write down in a brief way your personal testimony. Then when the opportunity is given, you will be better able to share it with others.

Encourage each other as you speak. Show how God has led you in the past and is leading you today. *SR*

*The Rev. Leon Lawton, retired missionary and Missionary Society Executive, pastors the Waterford, Conn., SDB Church. Reprinted with permission from the "Bold Report," Winter 1995.*

## What is there to be afraid of?

by Anna Cruzan Hickman

Many people suffer from chemical imbalances. This imbalance results in depression, frustration, and constant sorrow. Worst of all, it often goes undetected, causing its victim to live with this treatable disorder. I was one of these people.

As a young girl, I was never content. My mother remembers me as the "little girl with a fake smile." Having no apparent reason to be unhappy, I would politely laugh and smile and act happy.

In my teens, my family and friends knew that something was wrong. I would experience periods of crying over nothing, fits of rage with screaming and door slamming, and I would get upset enough not to eat for sometimes a few hours, sometimes days. I did not like myself.

In public, I would "put on a happy face" and act as though nothing was wrong. What else could I

do? In reality, I could not imagine what could be wrong. I had a loving family, supportive friends, a relationship with God, health, youth, and too many other blessings to name.

To deal with the pain, my family blamed it on my age, hormones, being a girl, or my dislike for school. I just felt guilty. I thought I must be selfish to be feeling so miserable when I had such a good life.

The guilt added to my heartache, which often surfaced in physical

ways. I often went to the doctor for vague symptoms: headaches, insomnia, various phobias, losing and gaining 20 pounds in a few weeks, asthma, among other things. Each symptom would be treated separately while the underlying cause went undetected.

Then, at the age of 19, my bitterness and confusion turned into Clinical Depression. I considered suicide. I was hospitalized and shortly released, still not knowing what was wrong with me.

**The most important resource of all is God. You have the Creator of the universe, a perfect, loving, all-seeing, all-knowing Being on your side. What is there to be afraid of?**



I began counseling with a Christian therapist. Our sessions did not help very much. When I would talk about things, it seemed as though I had it all figured out. I was living the right way. There were no real "problems" that I needed counseling for.

Almost a year had passed since my hospitalization, and although everything in my life was fine, I was still completely miserable.

I stopped counseling and went back to my medical doctor. In tears of desperation, I explained everything to him. Since he had been my doctor since birth, he had observed all the pain in my life.

He suggested that I could be suffering from an imbalance of chemicals in my brain. He prescribed medication. As I began taking it, he told me to wait about six weeks to monitor its effectiveness.

The results were completely amazing! For the first time in my life, I experienced happiness. I found complete peace and joy. I

praise God for every new day and for sustaining me in the difficult times.

My life is not perfect. I mourn for the childhood that I never had a chance to experience. I have the everyday struggles that everyone goes through. But I have the strength to deal with all that now. Nothing frightens me because I know that nothing can make me feel miserable again.

Things will happen that will cause me to feel disappointed, angry, or unhappy at times, but deep in my heart, I have the joy and peace of the Lord, and it never will be taken away from me.

I have recently read a report of suicides in the United States. Autopsies show that 80 percent of suicide victims in this country suffered from the same disorder that I suffered from. God is the reason that I am not one of those statistics. I pray for those who are still struggling with this terrible disorder.

I have learned several things

from my experiences. Since happiness is a new emotion for me, I appreciate it much more than most people probably do. I want others to feel the joy of feeling "normal." Take nothing for granted. Life's greatest pleasures come in the smallest ways.

Use your resources. God has given each person wonderful gifts to use. When you are experiencing a problem, draw on these resources.

God surrounded me with loving and supporting people. Without my mother and father's love and guidance, I may not have ever found peace. He also blessed me with a strong will. (My dad says I'm hard-headed.) I have the ability to "stick to my guns" and endure many challenges.

And, of course, the most important resource of all is God. You have the Creator of the universe, a perfect, loving, all-seeing, all-knowing Being on your side. What is there to be afraid of?

Perhaps the most important lesson that I learned is to persevere. Do not give up on yourself under any circumstances. My healing took 20 years of praying and faith. Don't ever stop trying.

I do not know why I suffered like I did. Maybe it was to help others. Maybe it was to strengthen my faith, or make me appreciate life. Whatever the reason, I am thankful that I went through what I did.

I pray that I can truly perceive His will and be willing to use my experiences to further His kingdom. *SR*

*Anna Cruzan Hickman is a member of the Marlboro, N.J., SDB Church. Recently married, Anna's testimony drew great response in her church's newsletter. She and her parents wanted it shared with a wider audience. We thank them and hope it brings healing to many.*

# Fear's progeny

by James M. Dunn

• Ignorance (Who knows?),  
• Apathy (Who cares?), and  
• Cynicism (Nothing works!) mar the minds of many Americans as revealed by election-year idiocies, extremism, and meanness.

I'm not sure how these impediments relate to each other. It's sort of a "chicken and egg" thing, figuring out which comes first: not knowing or not caring.

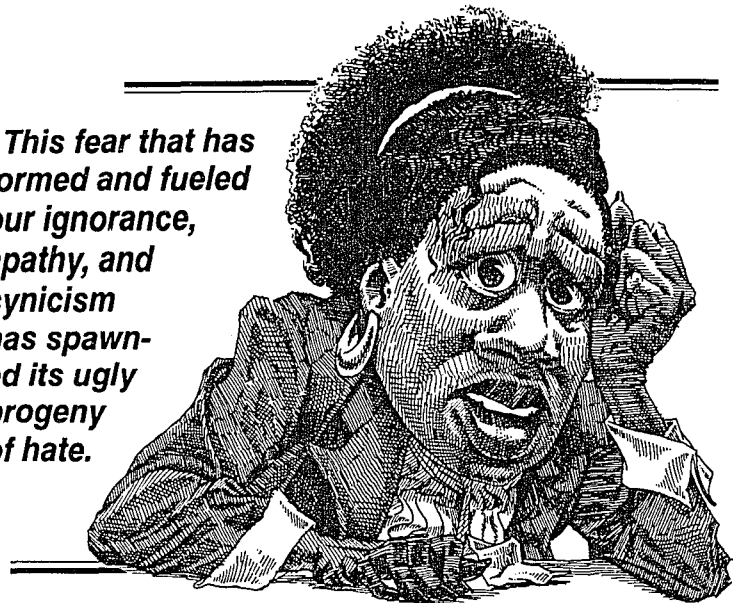
Perhaps one doesn't care because he doesn't understand the situation. Maybe one doesn't try to know what's going on because she doesn't care. It is clear, though, that all three impairments feed on each other. They are contagious, and contribute to a downward spiral in public mental health.

Fred Wertheimer comments on cynicism: "Thinking that nothing works... leaves a free ride for those who are causing the problems in the first place." I testify to you, as one who has worked at the corner of "church" and "state" for 28 years, I have never seen a citizenry so self-defeatingly cynical. Unscrupulous politicians count on this fertile field for hate-filled messages.

This is not a comment on the outcome of the 1994 elections. I am writing on election eve reflecting on the races, not the outcomes. But, since I've been in 32 states in the last year with all kinds of folks, believe me the ignorance, apathy, and cynicism are hip deep, maybe deeper.

Ignorance—or to be politically correct—"information deficiency syndrome," is spotted in the absence of basic knowledge. By actual surveys I have done (not the work of some high-falutin' pollster), not 10 percent can name their own five elected representatives, state, and national. One scientific poll turned over the rock revealing the sordid

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sight of 70 percent of Americans not being able to name the vice president of the United States. In October, Richard Harwood reported in *The Washington Post* that "40 percent think the Republicans already control Congress." (Please, abate ignorance by regularly reading *Report from the Capital*.)

Apathy abounds as seen in the stark statistic that fewer than half of those eligible to vote will exercise that right in the elections. Not caring is particularly ironic, facing the fact that about half of all Americans collect some sort of government check and, while spending it, demand lower taxes and a balanced budget.

Cynicism is seen in the gross groaning of many who vote, as Harwood says, by pulling "levers for people they wouldn't know from Adam's off ox and... spend(ing) the next two years whining about the outcome."

There seems to be a consensus that fear is at the root of our national malaise.

But Roosevelt was wrong. "Fear itself" is not the *only* thing we have

to fear. This fear that has formed and fueled our ignorance, apathy, and cynicism has spawned its ugly progeny of *hate*.

Have you ever seen so many hate-filled people? It seems to me that some significant self-loathing leads to the scape-goating of elected officials. Voters collectively and individually seem to be incapable of accepting responsibility.

The antidote to the hate poison is nothing less than love. We, the people, do suffer a spiritual sickness. Hear Wendell Berry:

Hate has no world.  
The people of hate must try to possess the world of love, for it is the only world; it is Heaven and Earth. But as lonely, eager hate possesses it, it disappears; it never did exist, and hate must seek another world that love has made. *SR*

*James Dunn is executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee. Reprinted from Report from the Capital, November 15, 1994.*



Women's Society page by Charlotte Chroniger

# Comforting arms calm fears

*"Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14 NASB).*

Several months ago Don and I watched a made-for-television movie called "A Heart for Olivia."

We need to go running to our Heavenly Father, whose arms are ready to enfold us. He wants to give us comfort every time we are afraid. For me, that means realizing that there is nothing I can do on my own to overcome or change my situation. I may think I can fix it, or make it go away, or change it, but I can't. I have to trust the Lord

fears. I will not have peace in the midst of my fears.

The Bible is full of reminders that when we are afraid, we should trust in the Lord. Take time to read these promises of God, and believe that they are true: Psalm 23:4, 56:3, 118:6; Proverbs 3:21-26; Isaiah 12:2, 44:8; Matthew 1:20-21, 6:25-34, 10:29-31; Mark 5:35-36; Luke 2:8-14, 12:31-32; John 14:26-27; 1 John 4:15-21. *SR*

**My children need to snuggle up and have my arms around them to give them comfort and get them settled down.**

It was the story of parents who desperately wanted a baby.

You can imagine how they rejoiced when they found out the wife was pregnant. However, during the final month, they found out their little girl had very serious heart defects. She would survive only through a heart transplant after birth. The movie showed the fears and struggles these parents faced through their ordeal, and the roller coaster of emotions they experienced.

As I watched that movie, I did a lot of thinking about my family situation—first of all, thanking the Lord for my healthy children and husband, and second, wondering how I would cope under difficult circumstances.

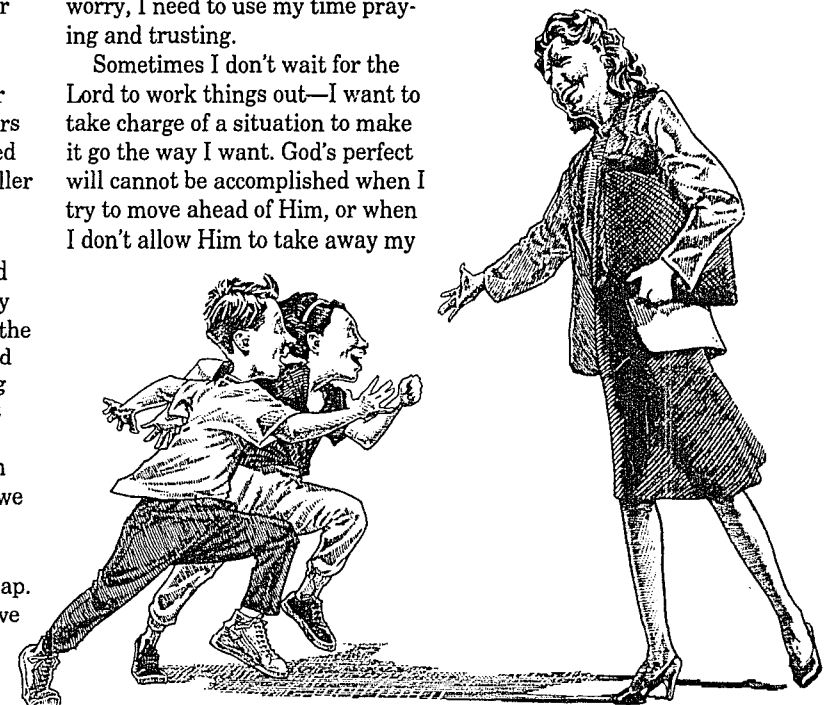
How do we face our fears with the courage of Christ? What do we do when we are scared?

When my children get frightened, they come running to my lap. They need to snuggle up and have my arms around them to give them comfort and get them settled down.

to work things out.

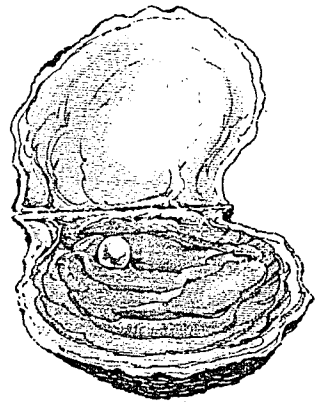
I have to believe that He is a reliable and faithful God who has the ability to calm my fears and anxieties. Instead of using my time to worry, I need to use my time praying and trusting.

Sometimes I don't wait for the Lord to work things out—I want to take charge of a situation to make it go the way I want. God's perfect will cannot be accomplished when I try to move ahead of Him, or when I don't allow Him to take away my



(An added note: Women's Board President Donna Bond is hoping to attend the Baptist Women's meetings to be held in Argentina this August. If you or your women's group feel led to contribute toward some of Donna's expenses, it would be greatly appreciated. Send your gift to Women's Board Treasurer Marie Davis, RD 3, Box 291, Bridgeton, NJ 08302.)





One of the hazards of the study of history involves the displacement of fiction with fact; seeing old inherited ideas with new insight and often a deeper appreciation of some of our heroes of the past.

Such was the case for me with John James, one of the early pastors among the mid-17th century English Seventh Day Baptists. While I was in seminary, *The Sabbath Recorder* carried a biographical sketch of John James written by Corliss F. Randolph. He concluded his sketch by citing a comment made to him by Thomas Armitage, a leading Baptist historian of Randolph's earlier years: "The blood of John James is sufficient to perpetuate the Seventh Day Baptist Church for a thousand years."<sup>1</sup>

In my mind's eye I conjured up the image of James being hauled from the pulpit because he was preaching on the Sabbath. In re-reading Corliss' article, I confess that he did not make that assertion—Corliss was too good a historian to jump to unfounded conclusion.

The charges against James were religious only to the extent that his interpretation of Scripture had political implications. He was charged with being a Fifth-monarchist. This was a sect in England whose interpretation of the apocalyptic prophecies of Daniel and Revelation led them to believe that when Charles I was deposed, Christ's reign on earth with his saints would succeed the Assyrian, Persian, Greek, and

Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

## Fearing the true King

Roman Empires. Some of the Fifth-monarchists under Thomas Venner led a rebellion to clear the way for Christ's return and rule.

There is no evidence that any Seventh Day Baptists were involved in the Venner revolt. But a number of them, including Thomas Tillam, John Belcher, and John James were suspected of being Fifth-monarchists in thought and preaching. It is quite possible that their Sabbath convictions made them stand out from some of their contemporaries who, unable to refute their Sabbath convictions biblically, attacked them on political grounds. This tactic has biblical precedent in the Pharisees' attack on Jesus.

In the *Complete Collection of State-Trials and Proceedings for High Treason*, published in 1730, an extended account of John James' trial has been preserved. The specific charge against James contained accusations made by a questionable witness who claimed to have heard through an open win-

dow at Bull Stake Alley in White Chappel, preaching which called for "compassing and imagining the Death of the King, endeavouring a Change of Government," and further declaring, "That the King was a Bloody Tyrant, a Blood-sucker, and Blood-thirsty Man and his Nobles the same."<sup>2</sup>

One of the prosecutors specifically charged that "the Prisoner at the Bar is not arraigned for his Conscience or Religion, but for Treason and Rebellion, for Horrid Treason and Rebellion, for spurning against the meekest King in the Earth."

Among the four witnesses called to challenge the hearsay evidence of the accusers was the intended bride of one of the witnesses for the prosecution. She reported that he had told her that he did not only swear he knew not what, but that he was afrighted into what he swore. He also said that what he had sworn to was first sworn by another man, and then brought to him in writing.

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John James being led to his execution.



# SR Almanac

Where we  
have been...

### One year ago—March 1994

Theme of "Spiritual Disciplines" looks at prayer (Bill and Shelley Shobe), fasting (Jim Galanaugh), and journaling (Janet Thorngate).

Former editor Leon Maltby reflects on his 20 years of service to the SR and Tract Society.

Alfred, N.Y., church pays tribute to some former pastors.

Missionary Society updates come from The Gambia, Camerouns, Philippines, and Australasia.

Plans shared about taking the Natural Evangelism Training Retreat to Jamaica.

### Five years ago—March 1990

Richard Evans, George Calhoun, and Shelley Shobe comment on "healing."

Dorothy Parrott reviews Ken Blue's book, *Authority to Heal*.

Bibles sent to Russia from SDB mission in Finland. Shiloh, N.J., church hosts numerous Christmas activities, and Golden Anniversary of Rev. Charles and Margaret Bond.

Report of three new churches in Shanghai, China.

Coverage of exciting basketball ministry at the New Life church in Durham, Conn.

### 10 years ago—March 1985

Board of Christian Education presents a pull-out Scripture poster for Vocation Month.

Joe Samuels installed as pastor in Plainfield, N.J.

Denver, Colo., church notes 40 new members joining in 1984.

Feature articles come from Don Chroniger, Timothy Bond, and Gerry VanDyke.

Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate promotes Summer Christian Service Corps.

Busy year of activity listed from Daytona Beach, Fla., church.

### 25 years ago—March 1970

Special agency issue highlights Board of Christian Education.

Prominent South Jersey businessman, Thurman Davis, retires from the boards of the American Sab-

bath Tract Society and SDB Memorial Fund.

"Preaching Crusade" held in Shiloh with Herbert Saunders, guest preacher. A "Youth Feed-in" dinner attracts many young people.

Dale Rood to pastor at Waterford, Conn.

Quite a year! Daytona Beach pastor Marion Van Horn logs his church work: 150 evangelistic calls, 377 home calls; drove 9,475 local miles, 9,715 for denominational work; wrote 333 letters; and personally distributed 7,600 tracts and leaflets.

### 50 years ago—March 1945

Rev. Lester Osborn asks "How Keep the Sabbath?" using these "test words": Exclusion, Necessity, Expediency, Recreation, and Spiritual Growth.

Rev. and Mrs. Alton Wheeler welcomed to the Battle Creek, Mich., church in January.

"Our Pulpit" features messages by Marion Van Horn, Neal Mills, Orville Babcock, and David Clarke.

A paper on Sabbath and Sunday by George A. Main presented "as read... before the enlisted men and civilians' Open Door Bible Class of the Naval Mine Depot, Yorktown, Va."

The Ladies' Missionary Circle of the North Loup, Neb., church begins fund drive to purchase an electric organ in honor of Dr. W.J. Hemphill. "If every baby whom Dr. Hemphill has delivered will give \$1, the fund will soon be raised."

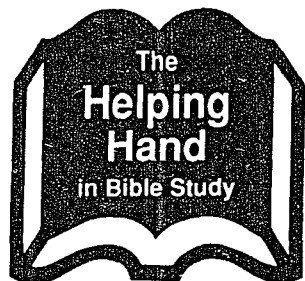
...where are we headed?

### Pray—

- for growth in personal spiritual disciplines
- with thanks for former pastors and workers
- for our denominational agencies
- that God's healing power be manifested
- for a revival among our youth
- for our pastors' work, stamina, and families
- that we keep the Sabbath for God's glory



# Board of Christian Education announces a position vacancy



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Allow me to share some of the youth activities from our sister Conferences. Some I have witnessed firsthand, others have been described in letters to the Missionary Society.

The youth in most of the sister Conferences are similar to the young people living in Zambia, where they are energetic and ambitious. They concentrate on the areas where they live, visiting other young people and talking about the "normal things" young people discuss. They enjoy playing ball—either basketball, football/soccer, or volleyball.

Many new members to their youth groups are brought in through their games. They enjoy singing, and talking about Jesus and His blessings. The young people travel with the older men, helping in the outreach to the surrounding areas. This plays an important role in establishing new groups in neighboring towns. Among the youth I met, working with their elders was a privilege.

As in the United States, these overseas SDBs recognize the importance of involving youth in their churches as soon as they indicate a

willingness. It is considered a privilege to be allowed to participate.

These young people observe their elders, and learn what needs to be done and how to do it. What the men of the church cannot teach them, they learn in classes.

Many countries do not have extensive television coverage. Because of this limited access, the youth in these countries are not preoccupied with television—a source of entertainment which may prevent them from doing the Lord's work.

Most of these young people are not exposed to any type of formal education. Girls work around the house with their mothers, or take over the household chores while their mothers work outside of the home. Many are married by age 16.

Boys will do what they can around the house but, by the age of 10 or 12, they are looking for work in the community. Because of these circumstances, youth ministry begins in the evening.

Parents want the youth leaders to influence their children. The parents are impressed, not by physical strength or popularity, but by spiritual strength and characteristics

that they cherish as being good and responsible.

Young people cannot be lukewarm Christians in many of these countries. If they are Christians, their lives reflect it through their language and actions. They avoid questionable activities that could be misconstrued, or that could raise doubts about the Christian way of life. It is very difficult to be both Christian and popular in some of these countries.

Sabbath School is a serious time, dedicated to learning Scripture and discussing possible solutions to everyday problems. By studying this way, these young people have a better understanding of God's expectations. And it also prepares them to teach others.

The responsibility of leading youth is great in countries where so many are illiterate and poor. Although I personally witnessed much pride and ambition in many of our sister churches in Africa, it is still difficult to break free of the cycle of poverty. There are few opportunities to do so, but we can help.

If you would like to assist the youth in the churches in Zambia, Malawi, The Gambia, The Cameroon, or Zimbabwe, send footballs, basketballs, volleyballs, and soccer balls. These balls can be used for youth outreach in the urban areas. Musical instruments are also needed to help with the singing at youth meetings. (People are already available to teach them how to use the instruments.)

They continually request these items, so we know that we can help by sending them. Also, these young SDBs can use Bibles and study materials. Pray for them as they work in their churches. *SR*



*In Ghana, a pastor helps prepare these young men for church work.*



# the BEACON

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March 1995

## Finding the facts in Mark

by the Alfred Station, N.Y., SDB Youth Fellowship

### Wanted! Articles for The Beacon!

The editor of *The Beacon* is tired of seeing her name on the byline, and is getting writer's block as she tries to search her brain for more article ideas.

(There is only so much excitement in Alfred Station, N.Y.!) She earnestly pleads with our youth: "Send me some good stuff to publish in *The Beacon*! Pleeeaaase!!"

If you are a youth, young adult, youth advisor, Sabbath School teacher, or just someone who is interested in the young people of our denomination, we would love to hear from you. Let us know about your youth fellowship, and what you have learned from your church or your walk with God.

Tell us how you became a Christian (your testimony), or what the Sabbath or being a Seventh Day Baptist means to you (your Sabbath testimony). Send us your short stories and poems. If Jesus has touched your life, write about it.

We would love to hear from you! You will encourage and bless many hearts if you do. And it will relieve my writer's cramp!

In His service,  
Susie Butts

What did John the Baptist eat? How did the men carrying the paralytic get him to Jesus? What are the names of the 12 apostles?

These questions and more are what the Alfred Station youth will strive to answer before their opponents at the Allegany Association Bible Quiz in Alfred, N.Y., on April 30. A team from the Toronto SDB Church, and a combined team from the Little Genesee and Hebron churches, will compete with Alfred Station to see who knows the most about the Gospel of Mark. Anyone from age 12 to 22 may participate.

The Alfred Station team began training seriously in early January. Coaches Barb and Bert Welch have committed themselves to helping the group prepare for the competition. Team members include Jason Anderson, Heather and Rachel Chroniger, James and Kim Johnson, and Dan Rao.

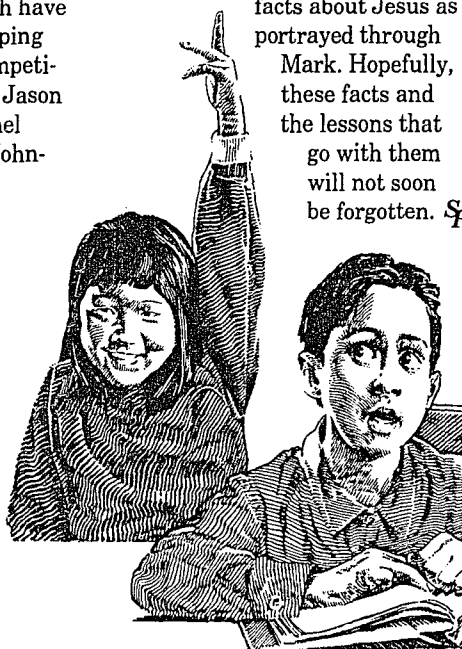
The group will meet for two hours every second and fourth Sabbaths each month to learn the Scripture. The team first reads through the three chapters assigned for the week. Barb and Bert point out highlights in the passage, and key the students into important facts they need to remember.

The students then get out their notebooks and try to write down all the events that were covered in

the chapters. The time draws to a close as the students compete in teams to answer quiz questions based on "just the facts" of the Gospel.

During the weeks between meetings, the team members read three chapters of Mark. Each student also strives to memorize one verse from each chapter. The memory verses focus on the topics found in each chapter. The homework is complete when the students have written four to five trivia questions for each chapter.

The Bible Quiz competition should be fun and exciting. The teams will have learned many facts about Jesus as portrayed through Mark. Hopefully, these facts and the lessons that go with them will not soon be forgotten. *SR*



### Pearls, cont. from page 16

When called upon for his own defense, John James denied the specific charges, ending with the statement that he should say very little more for himself, but one Word for the Lord. James therefore desired he might have His Fear before him; and although he was the "poorest and meanest" for such a Work, yet he was called forth, and declared: "That the Lord Jesus Christ was King of Nations as well as King of Saints; and that the Government of Kingdoms did of Right belong to him." And he quoted Rev. 11:15—"And the seventh Angel sounded, and there were great Voices in Heaven, saying, The Kingdoms of this World are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever."

The Chief Justice then interrupted him, saying, "Hold Sir, you think you are in the Conventicle in White-Chappel, preaching," and commanded the clerk to read an Act of Parliament.

On the final day of his trial as he stood before the judge for sentencing, James' response was from the Scriptures. He quoted from Jeremiah 26:14-15, "As for me, do as seemeth good unto you; but know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, you shall bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this City and upon its Inhabitants thereof"; and from Psalms 116:15. His final words before sentencing were, "That Jesus Christ the Son of God was King of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and all the Kingdoms of this World."

The verdict was guilty and the sentence was declared:

"John James, thou art to be carried from hence to Prison, and from thence to the Place of Execution, and there to be hanged by the Neck, and being yet alive, to be cut down and thy Bowels taken out (a fire being prepared) and to be burnt before thy face; and thy Head to be severed from thy Body, and thy

Body to be quartered, and thy Head and Body to be disposed according to the King's Pleasure."

To which, James responded: "Blessed be God; whom Man hath condemned, God hath justified."

At the place of execution he was given opportunity to speak to the crowd, provided he did not speak seditiously. After refuting the rumor circulated that he was a Jesuit, he gave a testament of his beliefs saying:

"I do own the Title of a Baptized Believer, I do own the Ordinances and Appointments of Jesus Christ, I do own all the Principles in Heb. vi. 1, 2. about the Doctrine of Faith towards God, and Repentance from Dead Works, the Doctrine of Baptism, and laying on of Hands, the Resurrection of the Dead, and eternal Judgment. These are the Principles that I desire to own, and have in some measure been found walking in;

"I do not only own the Principles and Doctrines declared in the sixth of the Hebrews, but I do own the Commandments of God, the Ten Commandments as they are expressed in the 20th of Exodus. I do here, as before the Lord, testify, I dust not, I durst not willingly break the least of those Commandments to save my Life; I do declare that the rather, because I would inform Persons that I do own the Lord's holy Sabbath, the seventh Day of the Week to be the Lord's Sabbath; you know the Commandments, Remember that thou keep holy the Seventh Day. I shall forbear to speak any more to that."

Then he concluded with a word "to those who have not yet an Interest in Jesus Christ, that cannot call God Father:

"I beseech such to consider, it may be that God hath a mind, by the Words of a dying Man, to do their Souls good. I beseech you consider, though you may not go the same Way I go, you do not know how soon God may call for you by

Death; and therefore I speak to them that are young ones in the first place, That they remember their Creator in the Days of their Youth, before the evil Day is come, and the Days wherein they themselves shall say, they have no Pleasure in them.

"And to those that are ancient, that have spent the greatest part of their Time here, in sporting in their own Lusts, I would only say to them, There is yet a Day of Grace, To-day if you will hear his Voice. Jesus Christ is held forth in the Gospel freely; He holds forth his Blood freely; for the worst of Sinners are not too old, nor too wicked, nor too great, they are not too unclean for Jesus Christ to pity; and therefore, Friends, consider in the Fear of the Lord whereabouts you are, and how the Case stands with your poor Souls.

"I have said what I have to say, only I would desire that I might have liberty to wait upon God, to commit my Soul, and the Concernment of each other to the Lord in Prayer."

As the noose was fastened around his neck, and the cart was being drawn away, James echoed the words of Christ who said, "Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit."

Thus on November 26, 1662, John James left a legacy of faith with a courage to overcome fear by the power of God. He drew on the confidence that Christ was the only true ruler and king over all the earth, and that the law of God was supreme over the law of men. *SR*

<sup>1</sup> Corliss F. Randolph, "John James: Martyr." *The Sabbath Recorder* Vol. 150:22, May 28, 1951, p. 347.

<sup>2</sup> *A Complete Collection of State Trials and Proceedings for High Treason and other Crimes and Misdemeanours from the Reign of King Richard II to the End of the Reign of King George I.* 2nd Edition, London 1730, p. 466-474 (SDB Historical Society Library accession 19x.661).

# A Concert of Prayer

A concert of prayer is a time of directed, focused prayer. That focus moves toward the Fullness of God's Spirit (awakening in us), then to Fulfill His desires (working through us for His Church). This format has worked well with the goals of our Mission of Revival and Evangelism—MORE 2000.

The leader should let people know that they will be coming to the meeting to pray. This will allow your members to come prepared to intercede for the church in prayer.

## I. Celebration

- Hymn or chorus that focuses on revival and mission
- Report on any recent answers to prayer
- Praise God in prayer for His faithfulness, Kingdom, and Son

## II. Preparation

- Overview of the prayer concert
- Biblical perspectives on fullness and fulfillment\*
- Preview the format
- Team up in partners

## III. Dedication prayer

- Commit selves to be used by God
- Thanksgiving for privilege of united prayer
- Invite Christ to lead the concert
- Hymn of praise

## IV. Seeking for Fullness/Revival

- With partners—for personal revival  
Pray for self and partner
- With partners or small groups—for awakening of your church
- As a whole—for awakening in all SDBs and Church world-wide
- Pause to listen to our Father
- Chorus

## V. Seeking for Fulfillment/Evangelism

- With partners—for personal ministries  
Pray for self and partner
- With partners or small groups—for your church's outreach
- As a whole—for SDBs' outreach to world
- Pause to listen to our Father
- Chorus

## VI. Testimonies (What has God said to us?)

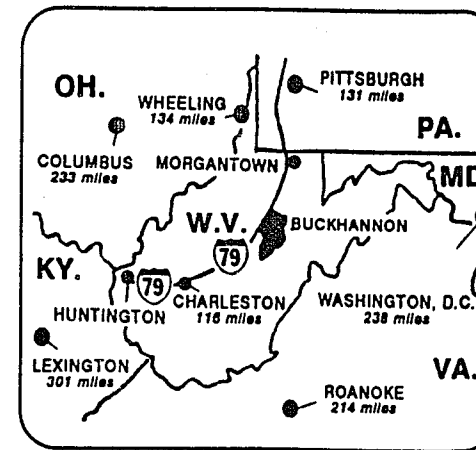
- On fullness (revival)
- On fulfillment (evangelism)

## VII. Grand finale

- Offer selves to be answers to our prayers (on knees, if possible)
- Pray for God's empowerment in lives and church
- Pray for other churches
- Offer praise to the Father who will answer us!
- Launch out to watch and serve!

### \*Scriptures on Fullness and Fulfillment

Numbers 10:1-10  
 2 Chronicles 15:1-15  
 Psalm 102  
 Psalm 107  
 Isaiah 59:16—62:7  
 Jeremiah 33:1-9  
 Joel 2:12-31  
 Zechariah 8:20-23 (Good theme verses for concert-ed prayer for SDBs)  
 Matthew 9:35—10:1; 18:18-20  
 Luke 11:1-10  
 John 17  
 Acts 2:42-47; 4:23-31; 13:1-4  
 Ephes. 1:15-23; 3:16-21; 6:10-20  
 1 Timothy 2:1-8  
 Heb. 10:19-25, 35—11:1; 12  
 1 John 3:18-24; 5:13-15



# Conference '95 can be "A Heritage Pilgrimage"

from the Publicity Committee

He recruited students and raised money by "selling" shares of stock in a "stockholding corporation"—not in a propri-

etary sense but in an organized way—to give philanthropic recognition to the contributors.

The stockholders, many of them Seventh Day Baptists, elected the Board of Directors who took organizational and supervisory initiative. Thus Salem College opened its doors in 1888, at about the same time West Virginia Wesleyan began operation.

If you anticipate attending Conference at Wesleyan (August 6-12), plan also to explore firsthand the "significant distinction" shared by Salem, and other places where SDB church groups have been and are located. The distance is no longer great in miles or time for you to see what SDB influence has helped to establish and nurture.

### In the Salem community

A recent Chamber of Commerce brochure states: "The Salem community has a diverse and lasting heritage of which its citizens are proud. Founded in 1792 and chartered in 1794 as New Salem, Virginia, this 'home among the hills' became the final settlement for a group of Seventh Day Baptist families completing a two-year trek from Shrewsbury, New Jersey...."

### At Salem/Teikyo University (built on the "foundation" of Salem College's 100 years)

The city of Salem brochure says about S-TU:

"Salem-Teikyo University... offers students the opportunity to interact daily with people of different cultures. The mission of this unique multi-cultural institution is to educate a 'world citizen,' capable of making intelligent decisions from an international point of view. Students from around the globe live and study on a truly international and intercultural campus...."

Today's program mirrors the original purposes of the institution, providing education opportunities for worthy students while honoring distinctives in religious practices, and differences in personal convictions and backgrounds.

### At Fort New Salem

From Fort's calendar of events: "Fort New Salem is a collection of relocated log structures representing a frontier settlement of 19th century North-Central West Virginia. The original community was settled in 1792 by a group of Seventh Day Baptist families..."

"Scotch-Irish and German farm culture shaped the traditions that dominated the region until energy resources (coal, oil, and gas) brought a wave of European immigration into the area by 1900. Living history programs at Fort New Salem reflect the heritage of these cultural diversities, 1792-1901."

Make a "heritage pilgrimage" as part of your Conference activities. And take pride in what SDBs have had a hand in achieving—in wild, wonderful West Virginia—through years of "Joyful Service!"



# The spirit of money

by Gary Moore

I made only one New Year's resolution for 1995. It was to look for a true economic fact each time I hear vague political rhetoric. I have found it increasingly profitable—both financially and spiritually. I expect it will be even more so as the rhetoric heats up for the 1996 elections.

For example, after the most recent tax act, conservative talk-show hosts seemed unanimous in proclaiming it "the biggest tax increase in history." (*The Wall Street Journal* has since written that rhetoric came from the conservative Heritage Foundation which tallied the increases imposed on two percent of the wealthiest Americans, while ignoring the cuts granted to millions of low and moderate-income

Americans.) *The Journal* noted the act meant almost nothing for most Americans and that if the cuts were included, the tax hike was actually much smaller than that enacted by President Reagan in the early 1980s—just before one of the longest economic expansions in history.

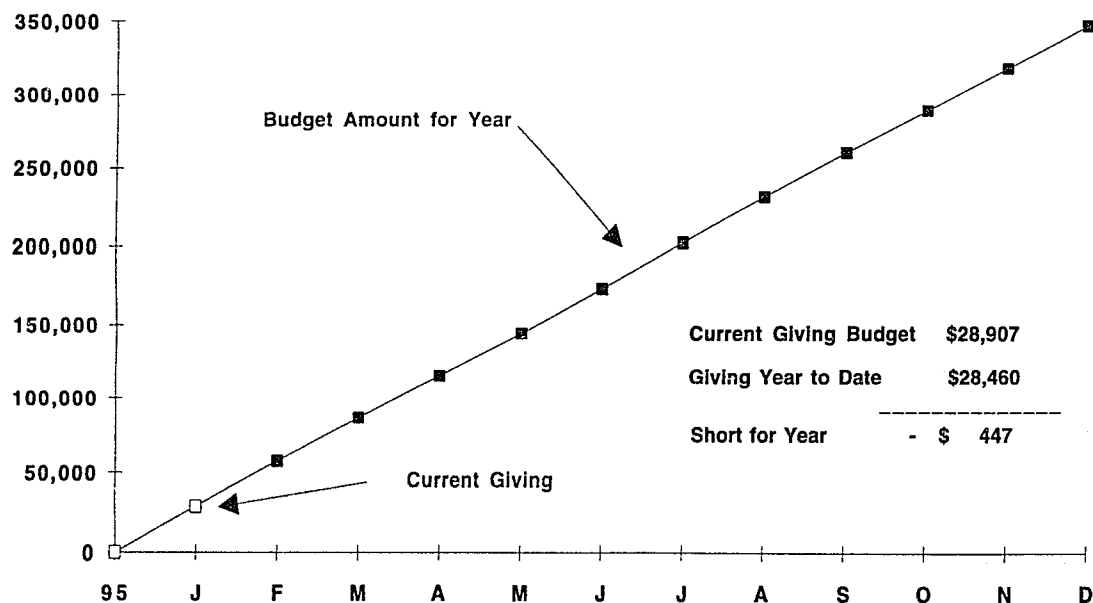
This political illusion cost many investors a great deal of money. Many of the pessimistic talk-show hosts suggested people should buy government bonds to protect themselves from the economic damage the tax act would cause. Yet during 1994, the Federal Reserve raised interest rates repeatedly trying to cool a booming economy. That meant bond investors lost more money than in any year since before the Great Depression!

Political rhetoric also has many of us very worried that a creeping socialism is destroying America's economy. Yet a study by the same Heritage Foundation recently acknowledged the U.S. economy is one of the four least-taxed and regulated on earth. It also said the average American paycheck buys more than any on earth.

You, too, might resolve to seek some economic truth in 1995. It might set you free of anxiety—and reduce your financial losses. *SR*

*Gary Moore is the author of "The Christian's Guide to Wise Investing" (Zondervan, 1994). He counsels investors, does commentary on the UPI Radio Network, and lives in Sarasota, Fla.*

## Current Giving 1995



## Marriages

**Hansen - Gaffney.**—Edward Hansen and Mary Margaret Gaffney were united in marriage on April 9, 1994, at the Denver, CO, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Tom Warner officiated.

**Millar - Hering.**—Arthur B. Millar and Maria Hering were united in marriage on November 5, 1994, at the Battle Creek, MI, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. James Galanaugh officiated.

**Smith - Thorpe.**—Charles Smith Jr. and Rebecca Thorpe were

united in marriage on January 7, 1995, at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, RI. The Rev. Leon A. Wheeler, uncle of the bride, officiated.

## Births

**Camenga.**—A daughter, Tacy Joy Camenga, was born to Eric and Deirdre (Sanford) Camenga of West Allis, WI, on December 27, 1994.

## Accessions

**Alfred, NY**  
*Leon Wheeler, pastor*  
 Joined after baptism  
 Aurora L. Palmer  
 David C. Palmer

**Denver, CO**  
*Chuck Graffius, interim*  
 Joined after testimony  
 Brett Pleake  
 Joined by letter  
 Bob Spreadborough

## SR Reaction

*Opinions do not necessarily reflect the views of the SR or all SDBs. Letters may be edited according to space and editorial style.*

Dear Editor and SR:

Recently, we developed convictions on the Sabbath. Because of this, we were quietly ushered out of an American Baptist Church where I was commissioned as a minister of Christian Education and a teaching elder.

We then attended a series of meetings with Good News Unlimited, held at the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church. We met Pastor Gabe Bejjani and some of the congregation and were impressed. This is what we wanted and were looking for! We were made to feel most welcome and given words of encouragement.

But we live in central Arizona, in the heart of the Bradshaw Mountains, in Prescott, a town of 30,000. The January issue of the *SR* focused on missions and opening doors of ministry. Several points along the East Coast were mentioned, along with foreign missions, for which we praise the Lord!

What about our Great Southwest, where there are no churches or missions, or preaching and teaching points for Seventh Day Baptists?

Are there SDBs moving and resettling in our Great Southwest who are not being followed? Are there SDBs living here who have been absorbed by other Sabbath groups or mainline denominations? Are the churches they came from concerned about their spiritual welfare?

We are in contact with brother Ron Elston from Missouri and have contacted other church officials. Some response has been very positive and some very lukewarm. There is a Bible study group of SDBs in the Yuma, Ariz., area, which is over 250 miles distance. The Riverside SDB Church is over 300 miles away.

My wife and I are the only people with Seventh Day Baptist convictions living in central Arizona. We are retired and available for some

type of church ministry.

We are not asking for finances or monetary support. We are asking for your prayers, encouragement, help, visits, and names of those you may know who have relocated in Tucson, Phoenix, and the central part of the great state of Arizona.

Can you help? Can you encourage? Can you give or furnish leads or contacts, or names with addresses and phone numbers so we could possibly get an SDB Bible study group started? This could lay the foundation for a missionary pastor to come in to organize an SDB missionary work or mission church.

Our plea is that you pray for us as we are by ourselves and have no fellowship or contacts with other Seventh Day Baptists.

Yours in the name of Christ,  
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**Neff.**—Virgil B. Neff, 92, died on December 13, 1994, in West Sedona, Ariz.

He was born in Waterford, Conn., on March 1, 1902, the son of Benjamin P. and Charlotte (Brooks) Neff. He was educated in the Waterford school system, and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1971, he retired from the East Lyme, Conn., school system and moved to West Sedona, where he lived until his death.

Virgil was the oldest member of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church, joining in 1915.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Swinney) Neff. A son, Peter, preceded him in death.

**Osborn.**—Loren Glenn Osborn, 73, of Muncy, Pa., died on December 25, 1994, in Buford, Ga. He was the husband of Gloria (Vogel) Osborn.

Loren was born in Riverside, Calif., on January 17, 1921, the son of the Rev. Lester G. and Grace (Muncy) Osborn. He graduated from Nortonville (Kan.) High School in 1939. He attended Salem (W.Va.) College from 1940-1942, and served in the Army from 1942 to 1946. He then returned to Salem College, graduating in 1947. He also served in the Army during the Korean War.

In 1947, Loren joined the staff of the *Westerly* (R.I.) *Sun*, resuming a newspaper career which had started during high school and continued into college. He was named retail advertising manager of the *Westerly Sun* in 1957, and in 1966 became the advertising director of the *Concord* (N.H.) *Monitor*. He retired from the *Monitor* in 1986.

Loren was a member of the New England Newspaper Executives Association for many years and held various offices, including president. He was also a member of the Retail

Division of the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce, the Pawcatuck Board of Trade, and the Westerly Y's Men's Club, where he served as president in 1960. He belonged to Rotary Clubs in Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, and served on the boards of directors of various Red Cross and United Way committees.

He expressed his love for music as a baritone soloist and member of several musical organizations, including the West Branch Chorale in Pennsylvania, the Concord Chorale and ConChords in New Hampshire, and the Westerly Singers in Rhode Island. He also sang in numerous church choirs.

Loren was active in the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, serving as president of the Missionary Society and chairman of the Missionary Board. In 1961, he served as president of General Conference.

In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons, David of Stafford, Va., and Lance of Somerville, N.J.; one daughter, Lori Steenson of Exeter, N.H.; two stepsons, Craig Vogel of Battle Ground, Wash., and Keith Vogel of Duval, Wash.; one stepdaughter, Beth Davis of Buford, Ga.; one brother, the Rev. Paul Osborn of Edgerton, Wis.; one sister, Marilyn Davis of Oneida, N.Y.; four grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Kent.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

**Crandall.**—G. Eleanor Crandall, 81, of Ashaway, R.I., died on January 9, 1995, at Westerly (R.I.) Hospital.

She was born in North Stonington, Conn., on March 12, 1913, the daughter of George A. and Grace (Greene) Champlin. She married

Delmar E. Crandall on December 11, 1931.

Eleanor had worked for Community Homemakers of Westerly for many years, and had also worked at the former Stillwater Worsted Mill in Potter Hill. She was an active member of the Chariho Senior Citizens and the Ashaway Homemakers.

She was also an active member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway, and served as a member of the diaconate for many years. She had been a Sabbath School teacher and was very active in the church's Ladies Aid Society.

For several years, Eleanor and Delmar spent their winters in Florida, and both were actively involved in the Daytona Beach SDB Church.

Besides her husband, survivors include one son, Kenneth D. of Clinton, Conn.; a foster daughter, Doris Durell of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Hazel Crandall of Ashaway; a half sister, Jacqueline Fargo of New London, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 11, 1995, at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley, R.I. Burial was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.

**Witt.**—Lee Noe Witt, 76, of Morristown, Tenn., died on January 15, 1995, at Morristown-Hamblen Hospital.

He was the son of Bud and Gertie Witt, and a member of Shepherd's Fold Ministry, Seventh Day Baptist, Blountville, Tenn.

Lee's survivors include his wife, Elizabeth Irene Roach Witt, and one son, Johnny Eugene Myers. Both live in Morristown.

Funeral services were held on January 18, 1995, at Dockery Funeral Home in Morristown. Pastor Ed Sutton officiated.

# KEVIN'S CORNER

Did you know that learning can be a scary thing? I mean, one day you might need to actually apply your education to real life!

I'm pastoring part-time for a small country church. Because of its graying congregation, I try to stay in tune to "older" issues.

Just recently, I attended two seminars that tackled some pertinent topics: one was on geriatric health care, the other on "Death, Dying, and the Caregiver."

The first class dealt with all the time and money spent—and the accompanying ethical questions—on healthcare for the infirmed elderly. Should we perform risky surgery on our fragile loved ones in their 80s?

Then, when the surgical options run out (jump ahead to seminar #2), how do we handle their dying process? How and when do we let them go?

Both of the seminar topics confronted me sooner than expected.

One of my parishioners, Helen (age 83), was contemplating a heart valve operation. She was in overall decent health, but this procedure would correct some nagging and increasing ailments. The family talked, the doctor talked, the friends talked—everyone felt it was the thing to do. Helen understood the risks and decided to go with the operation. (Flip back to seminar #1—questions of age, money, "quality of life...")

The surgery went well. I drove off to New York with my family for Christmas vacation. Later in the week, I found out that Helen's heart was doing fine, but the leg from which they had taken a vein had developed an infection. This is generally treatable, but Helen had a rare allergic reaction to the medication. The leg was not healing and she was dying.

Seminar #2 mentioned cases where the dying would

hold on to life for a certain event, or special date, or a person. I never dreamed I would be Helen's special person. Her family insisted that she was waiting to see me again.

Getting back to Wisconsin late on New Year's, I drove up to Madison the next day. Helen was barely able to speak or stay awake, but we "connected." She could smile and respond, and most importantly could understand the Scripture I read and the heartfelt prayer for this lovely lady.

Is it always easier to help calm another person's fear than deal with your own?

I talked and prayed with Helen's daughter and went back home. A couple of hours later, a phone call told me that Helen had passed away.

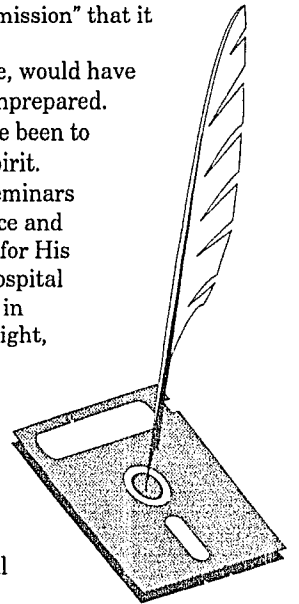
As we prepared the final arrangements, Helen's family was convinced that she had hung on to see her pastor, to receive those final words of assurance, and to get "permission" that it was all right to leave us.

I guess a big fear, for me, would have been to face this episode unprepared.

A bigger fear would have been to face it without the Holy Spirit.

I praise God for those seminars and the teachers' experience and wisdom. I also praise Him for His presence with us in that hospital room. Believe what it says in Psalm 27—that He is our light, our salvation, and our stronghold.

With our confidence placed in Him, we will have the courage to face down our fears. And to help others face theirs. Even their final ones.



A special thanks to the Chapel of the Air Ministries for their permission to use their 50-Day Adventure theme, the sermon by Rev. Lou Diaz (page 4), and their excellent material (back cover). Call them today to join the Adventure!

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3

**Encourage others by being a Barnabas**  
You'll learn to face down the fear of rejection by showing acceptance and encouragement to others.

4

**Dare to pull off an outrageously courageous act**  
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