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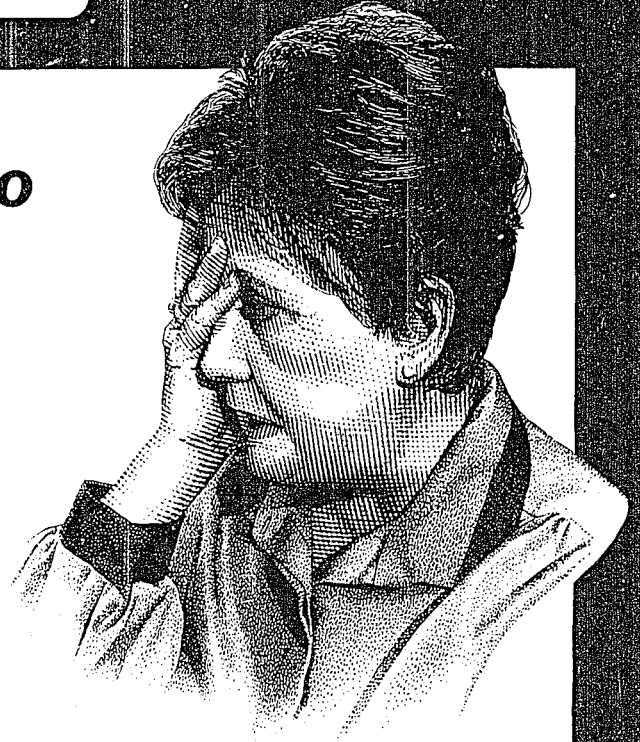
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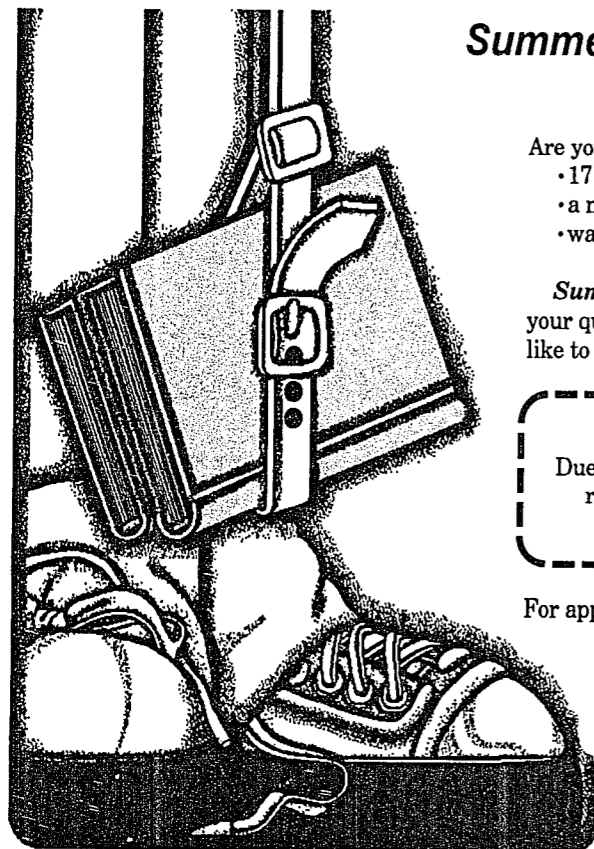
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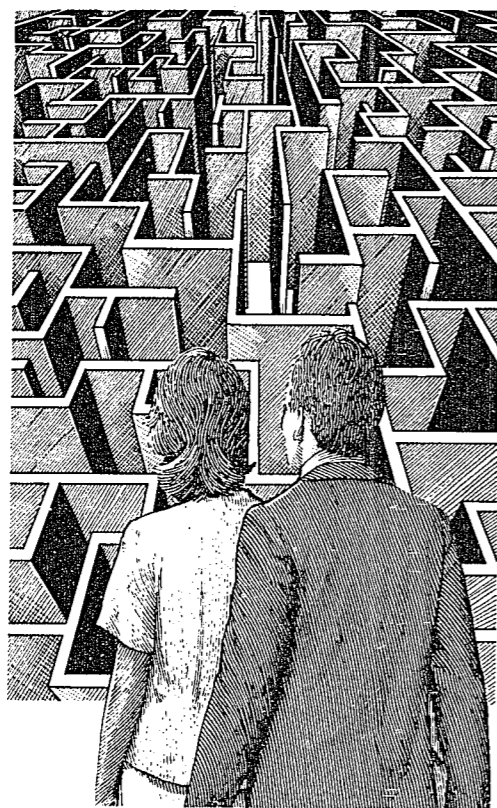
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by Dr. Bill Shereos

In his book *The Eye of the Storm*, Max Lucado describes the exceptional difficulties in the life of a small pet bird named Chippie:

Chippie the parakeet never saw it coming. One second he was peacefully perched in his cage. The next he was sucked in, washed up, and blown over.

The problems began when Chippie's owner decided to clean Chippie's cage with a vacuum cleaner. She removed the attachment from the end of the hose and stuck it in the cage. The phone rang, and she turned to pick it up. She'd barely said "hello" when *sssopp!* Chippie got sucked in.

The bird owner gasped, put down the phone, turned off the vacuum, and opened the bag. There was Chippie—still alive, but stunned.

Since the bird was covered with dust and soot, she grabbed him and

raced to the bathroom, turned on the faucet, and held Chippie under the running water. Then realizing that Chippie was soaked and shivering, she did what any compassionate bird owner would do... she reached for the hair dryer and blasted the pet with hot air.

Poor Chippie never knew what hit him.

A few days after the trauma, the reporter who'd initially written about the event contacted Chippie's owner to see how the bird was recovering. "Well," she replied, "Chippie doesn't sing much anymore—he just sits and stares." (Max Lucado, *The Eye of the Storm*. Word, 1991; p. 11.)

Many of us feel like Chippie at times. Life is a challenge, and we don't know what to do next, so we just sit and stare. Or perhaps we frantically busy ourselves without

having any specific direction. In either case, we are at a loss when it comes to knowing what to do. The situation is complicated when, in addition to recovering from past traumas, we face future uncertainties.

Recently a friend of mine found himself in a situation similar to Chippie's. His teenage daughter was pregnant, and family decisions had to be made about what to do next.

During that time, my friend sold his home and had trouble finding another one. When he finally moved into his new home, he found faulty plumbing and a leaky roof. His son was later arrested, his wife was sued, and then he learned his father-in-law had cancer. Several times he asked God, others, and himself the question, "What do I do next?"

Maybe you're asking the ques-

tion, "What do I do next?" You may have a different set of dilemmas. Perhaps you're a young person asking, "What do I do to face the maze of beginning a new career?" If you're a middle-aged person you may be asking, "How do I care for aging parents and at the same time deal with rebellious teens?" If you're a senior, maybe you're facing past loss, cultural prejudice, and issues of your own mortality all at once.

Those in the marketplace face the current maze of uncertainties in the economy, while those of us in ministry face the maze of increased secularization of our culture and even of our churches. So what do we do when we don't know what to do?

That's the theme of this year's 50-Day Spiritual Adventure sponsored by the Chapel of the Air ministries. The Adventure is appropriately entitled "What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do: Trusting Christ When Life Gets Confusing."

For 50 days we can explore specific, proven strategies that will help us through the mazes we encounter in life. These include filling our days with "I believe" statements, facing confusion with confidence from God's Word, and unleashing the power of prayer partnerships.

Filling our days with "I believe" statements will enable us to recognize God's guidance through the maze.

David focused on God when he came to the place of not knowing what to do. David was a man appointed by God to lead the nation of Israel. The Bible describes him as "a man after God's heart."

He was well acquainted with confusing situations and difficult mazes. As a young person inexperienced in battle, David single-handedly faced a seasoned Philis-

tine warrior named Goliath. Later, after God revealed to young David that he would be king of Israel, David faced the attacks of an insanely jealous King Saul (see 1 Sam. 16).

Of course David wasn't perfect. We learn in 2 Samuel 11 that when David was at the pinnacle of his reign, he committed adultery with Bathsheba. He even tried to cover his sin by arranging to have Bath-

sheba make a way for us through our maze.

Recognize the greatness of our God

Psalm 27 begins, "The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?" The answer is obvious—no one.

If David only had his own resources, his situation would have appeared hopeless. Without an

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sheba's husband killed in battle. However, when David was confronted by the prophet Nathan, he confessed his sin to the Lord and found forgiveness.

David loved the Lord throughout his life and knew that God could help him through the maze, whether his problems were caused by hostile enemies or by personal failures.

One of David's psalms was written when he was at the point of not knowing what to do. We are uncertain at exactly what point in his life Psalm 27 was written. Some of the language is similar to that of 1 Samuel 17, where young David confronted Goliath, the Philistine giant. Perhaps here he was recalling those earlier events as he faced the vengeful attacks of King Saul.

When life became complex or overwhelming for David, he chose to believe that God would make a way through the maze. David's story illustrates how we too can choose to believe that God will

awareness of God's greatness, all of us would be led to despair by our own helplessness. But if we keep God's greatness in view, we possess great hope!

When David confronted Goliath, he could look back on his life and remember when he was a shepherd boy and God saved him from the attacks of wild animals. Later, as David faced the irrational and savage jealousy of Saul, David had even more evidence of God's greatness.

A consistent theme in Scripture is that God is far bigger than the obstacles and mazes of life. We receive comfort and strength when we face a maze aware of God's greatness! When we understand that God's attributes of sovereignty and power are directly related to our decisions and dilemmas, some of our most difficult pressures are abated.

You may not be facing a Philistine giant or a jealous king, but you may face situations that seem just

as ominous. Remember, God is the architect of life. He is able to lead us through the maze.

We serve the same God who gave Abraham a son in his old age, who led Moses through the Red Sea, who enabled Joshua to see great victories in a land populated by his enemies, who shut the mouths of lions, and who rescued David from his attackers. God's greatness has not diminished. In the New Testament, God guided Peter, Paul, and John in the same way.

God is still demonstrating his greatness. Recognize it, and you'll receive strength and wisdom to negotiate the maze of life.

Acknowledge the reality of the maze

For every difficult problem there is always someone foolish enough to think there is a simple answer. That is not the case. Often God's people find themselves in mazes that are extremely complex, confusing, and even physically threatening.

In Chicago, most of the streets are laid out in a grid and are either parallel or perpendicular to one another. That design facilitates negotiating one's way through the city. Near the neighborhood where I grew up, a small section of the city streets defied the normal orderly pattern and seemed to be placed randomly. My friends and I called that area of our neighborhood "Tangle Town." It seemed once you rode your bicycle through "Tangle Town" the normal way of orienting yourself on the streets of Chicago wouldn't work. You could count on becoming disoriented, not being able to distinguish the east-west streets from the north-south ones.

If we are honest with ourselves, we have to admit that periodically we wander into a period of life or a situation we could call "Tangle Town." This doesn't necessarily

mean that we've sinned or that God is punishing us. Rather, sometimes we simply find that life is more complex than we can handle on our own.

In Psalm 27:2, David kept his eyes wide open and acknowledged the reality of the maze. He recognized that his enemies and his foes were attacking him and that armies besieged him. At this point, David had no control over the complexity of the maze. Yet, because David was aware of God's greatness, he had the courage to face the world realistically. He didn't close his eyes and pretend that problems didn't exist.

When we understand God's greatness and the reality of our own mazes, the spark that ignites the divine-human encounter is lit.

Psychiatrist John White found that his colleagues would object when he spoke about the need to continually rely on the presence and guidance of God. They charged that dependence on God is "infantilizing."

"The Christian seems to be reduced to perpetual dependency," they maintained. "He never becomes mature enough to take responsibility for his personal decisions. Not only does he have to be told what to do but he needs someone who will hold his hand while he does it."

White's response is, "Dependency: Yes. Infantilization: No. Like all human beings you are basically dependent, created to be so. Man was never meant to have the kind of maturity which makes him independent of God. Through all eternity you will bow the knee to him and rejoice over the sweet comfort of his presence."

Can you admit the complexity of the issues you face? You must first recognize the complexity of the maze before you can believe and appreciate that Christ can make a way through the maze for you.

These 8 Adventure Themes will help you to trust Christ when life gets confusing.

- 1. Choose to Believe Christ**
Learn to make the conscious choice to believe that our Lord will make a way through the maze.
- 2. Embrace God's Promises**
Be prepared to counter the distractions of Satan by embracing the great promises of God's Word.
- 3. Pursue Support Relationships**
Value the spiritual rewards of support relationships with other believers.
- 4. Look for Refreshing Joys**
Look for daily joys that refresh the spirit, making life an adventure with our Lord.
- 5. Remove Unnecessary Confusion**
By uncluttering your life, you will make room for prayer and reflection.
- 6. Accept Christ's Grace and Forgiveness**
God's children must lean heavily on His grace and forgiveness.
- 7. Discover Jesus in Your Struggles**
Handle life's challenges with poise and integrity by discovering how Jesus identifies with your struggles.
- 8. Hope in God's Surprising Outcomes**
The God who raised Jesus can also resuscitate our hopes and dreams.

Fill your day with "I believe" statements

Here is a strategy that enables us to implement the first two principles. By filling our day with "I believe" statements, we are choosing to believe. It is a decision that we make. And that's exactly what David did. He could have been overwhelmed by the enemy, but he chose to believe that God could and would act on his behalf.

Psalm 27 is filled with "I believe" statements. David affirms, "For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock. Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me... Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me... I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (NIV).

Because David believed God was more than adequate to guide him through the maze, he could pray in verse 7, "Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful to me and answer me."

Sometimes it's easy for us to think that although God worked in the lives of Old Testament characters, he no longer works in our lives, or that somehow he's become feeble over time. That is just not true! God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Perhaps there are times when we as believers sense the greatness of God and his desire to lead us through difficult circumstances. We can maintain that confidence by filling our day with "I believe" statements. These "I believe" statements assist us in being continually aware of God's greatness.


This doesn't mean pretending that having a positive mental attitude will suddenly change reality. Rather, this action step calls us to recognize and act upon the reality of God's love and care for us.

Throughout Scripture, biblical characters filled their days with "I believe" statements. For example, we can affirm as Paul did in Romans 8:28: "I believe that in all things God works for the good of those who love him." Or as Joseph said in Genesis 50:20, "You intend-

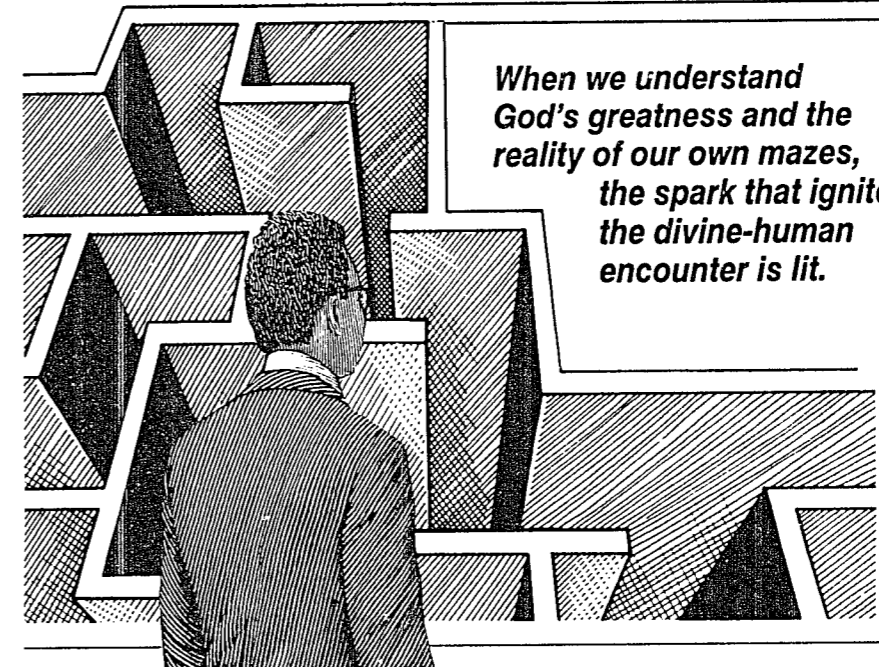
ed to harm me, but God intended it for good."

Throughout the Adventure, begin each day or end each day with an "I believe" statement. Saying the "I Believe" Prayer will also keep you focused. It will help you to immediately affirm God's ability to lead you through the maze.

Father, sometimes I feel confused and don't understand why things happen the way they do. Yet I believe you love me deeply, and absolutely nothing is beyond your control. Help me to live each day with confidence, trusting in the great promises of your Word. Today I am reminded that "I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living" (Ps. 27). Thank you for giving me the strength to be an "I believe" person. Amen.

God can make a way through the maze that you're facing. Believe it! 

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Searching for a role model

by Rick Crouch

Eddie Jones sat quietly in his rocking chair on the porch, his pale-blue eyes glazed over with boredom. Wrinkled fingers tapped restlessly on the armrests as he rocked back and forth, his uncombed silver hair flapping gently in the breeze.

White whiskers dotted his weathered face, and the morning paper lay in a pile at his feet. Although it was 2:00 in the afternoon, he was still wearing his faded blue and red flannel pajamas and his brown, moose-skin slippers. He just didn't feel motivated to do anything.

He had been having this problem ever since his wife died a year ago. Up until then, his schedule was full with gardening, golf, and long walks with his

wife. Now the garden was overgrown with weeds, his golf clubs were collecting dust in the garage, and the farthest he walked was to the mailbox out at the street.

At 72, he felt like his life had no meaning and no direction.

"I need a role model," Eddie said to himself in the smooth, deep voice that served him so well as the bass in a barbershop quartet.

"I need somebody to look up to, to pattern my life after. But who?"

The phone rang, jarring him out of his daze. He slowly stood up, walked into the living room, and picked up the receiver.

"Hello."

"Hello, Mr. Jones?"

Eddie didn't recognize the perky female voice on the other end of the line.

"Yes," he said tentatively.

"Hi, I'm Kathy Benson with Citibank. How are you today?"

Eddie decided to answer that question honestly for once.

"Well, not so good. I'm lonely, depressed, and my life has no direction. Were you really interested, or are you just gonna try to sell me something?"

"Um, well, uh..."

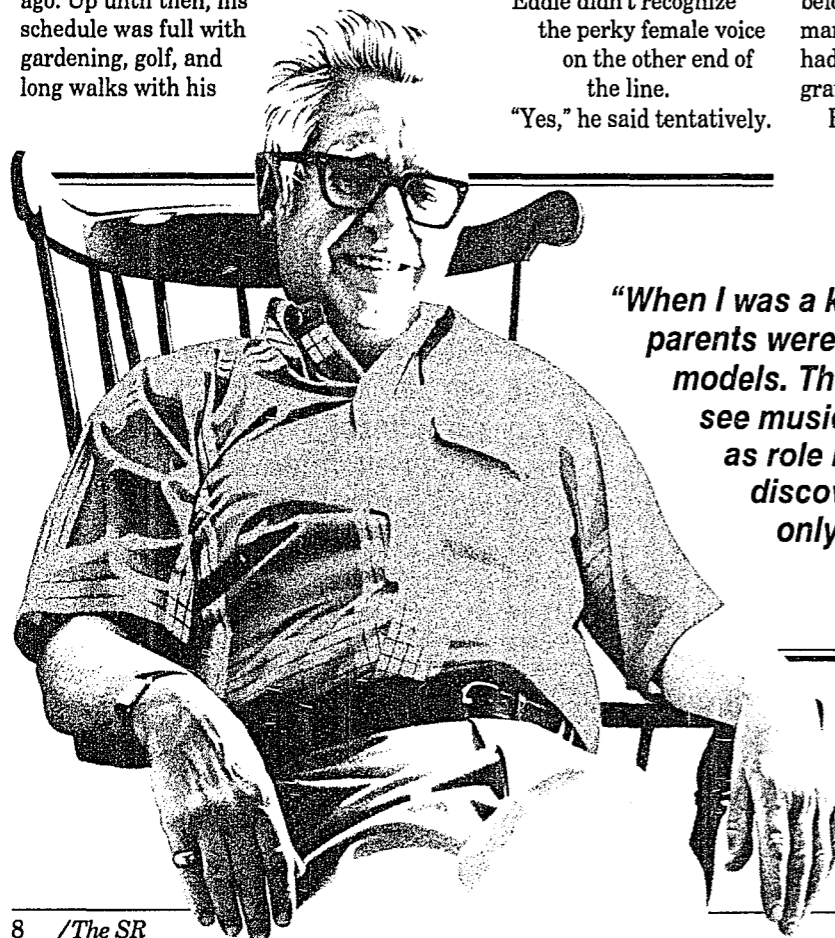
"That's what I thought. Whatever it is you're selling, I'm not interested."

He hung up and looked at his reflection in the mirror above the sofa. He didn't like what he saw.

He saw a haggard, old wreck of a man. Where was the man who spent 40 years as an accountant before retiring, who was happily married for 49 years, and who had three grown children and six grandchildren? Eddie didn't know.

He wasn't supposed to be having

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these problems. Kids needed role models, not a 72-year-old man. He had lived his life and had been successful—until now.

He looked deep into the blue eyes staring back at him and decided he could be successful again. No, he *would* be successful again.

He started by taking a shower, shaving, and putting on some clothes. Already he was beginning to feel like a human being again.

He looked out his bedroom window at the garden in the back yard. Weeds dominated what once had been home to tomatoes, green beans, and strawberries.

"Let the weeding begin," he said to himself, and a shiver of excitement ran down his spine.

Weeding never had excited him before, and as he worked in the garden he remembered why. It wasn't fun. Sweat began to glisten on his forehead and trickle down his back, which had begun to ache. Too-long dormant muscles helped Eddie to decide that he'd had enough for one day.

As he prepared to go inside, a voice called to him across the chain-link fence that separated his yard from the immaculately groomed yard next door.

"Hey, Eddie. I haven't seen you outside in a while."

It was Harold Carmichael. He was about the same age as Eddie, but looked ten years younger.

"That's because I haven't been out here in a while."

"Well, where have you been keeping yourself?"

"In front of the TV, mostly."

"Why? There's nothing but garbage on these days."

Eddie was uncomfortable with these questions. He and Harold used to be pretty good friends, and he didn't want to admit what a disaster his life had become.

"I don't know. I guess I couldn't think of anything better to do,"

Eddie said sheepishly.

"Well, how about we play golf sometime? You still have your clubs, don't you?"

"Yeah, I still have my clubs. I don't know if I still know how to use them, but I have them."

"Well, let's play tomorrow morning. I have a 10 o'clock tee time, and the guy I usually play with has a doctor's appointment."

"Sure, why not?"

"All right, I'll see you tomorrow morning."

Eddie waved goodbye and walked into the house. He washed his hands in the kitchen and splashed his face with water.

The clock on the microwave read 6:30. Although he normally ate supper at about this time, today he actually had an appetite. He put a frozen dinner in the microwave, and sat down.

As he waited, he thought about Harold. Harold lost his wife to cancer five years ago, but he hadn't seemed to miss a beat. He looked great. His yard looked great. Eddie wondered what Harold's secret was. Maybe he could use Harold as a role model.

The next morning, Eddie woke up feeling rested, but sore from the weeding. When Harold knocked on the door at 9:30, Eddie had his clubs dusted off and was ready to go.

On the way to the golf course, Eddie and Harold chatted about politics and sports. It turned out all they could agree on was that the Orlando Magic was their favorite basketball team.

After nine holes, they could agree on something else—Eddie's golf game was in worse shape than his garden. They went to the snack bar, bought drinks and chips, and sat at a table in the corner.

"So, Harold, how have you done it?" Eddie asked after taking a sip of his soft drink.

"Done what?"

"You know, how have you kept your life together? How did you keep from falling apart when your wife died?"

Harold set his drink down and leaned forward, resting his arms on the table.

"Well, it wasn't easy. Judy and I were happily married for 45 years. She meant the world to me. When she died, a part of me died. My kids did what they could to ease my pain, but they were dealing with pain of their own.

"Fortunately, I had my church family to turn to. They sent me cards of comfort and compassion, brought me food when I was too weak to cook for myself, and most importantly, they prayed for me."

Harold paused and took a sip of his soda. Eddie's eyes were moist with tears.

Eddie swallowed the lump in his throat and said, "They prayed for you? What did that do?"

"It's hard to put into words," Harold said. "I just felt an inner peace knowing that God was on my side and that other people were asking God to take care of me."

"I wish I could feel inner peace," Eddie said. "I lie awake at night and think about the things Sylvia and I used to do together. We used to have so much fun. I don't think I'll ever get over losing her."

The tears in Eddie's eyes began to spill over and run down his cheeks. Harold patted him on the shoulder and said, "You can have inner peace. If you ask God, He will provide it for you."

Eddie shook his head and wiped away the tears with his handkerchief. "I don't know," he said. "I've never been much of a Christian. Easter and Christmas are about the only times you'd find me in church."

"Well, why don't you go to church with me this Saturday?"

"Saturday? Don't you mean Sunday?"

"No, I'm a Seventh Day Baptist. We believe the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath."

"The Sabbath? I guess you can explain that to me later. Tell me more about how prayer comforted you."

Eddie and Harold sat in the snack bar for two hours, talking about God, prayer, and the Sabbath. They never did finish their round of golf. When Eddie went to bed that night, his mind was more at ease than it had been in a long time.

Saturday morning, Eddie awoke with nervous anticipation. He hadn't been to a church since the Easter before his wife died. He showered, shaved, and dug some dress clothes out of his closet. They smelled a little musty, but at least they still fit him. When Harold came by after breakfast to pick him up, Eddie was thumbing through his new Bible. He looked forward to studying it with people who could help him find answers.

Eddie was impressed with the church service, especially the hymns, the choir, and the sermon. He discovered that he missed his barbershop singing, and he wondered what it would take to become a member of the choir. And the sermon, taken from Acts 9:1-18, seemed to speak directly to him. Saul's conversion from a persecutor of Christians to an instrument of God made Eddie believe that he could be converted, too. After all, he wasn't as bad as Saul was.

After the service, Harold didn't have to introduce Eddie to members of the congregation. They approached Eddie and introduced themselves. Even the pastor came over and shook hands and made Eddie feel welcome. Bible study—or Sabbath School as Harold called

it—was enlightening for Eddie. Several questions were answered and many more were raised.

In the car on the way home, Eddie couldn't stop smiling.

"Thanks, Harold," Eddie said. "It's hard to believe the change that's taken place in my life in such a short period of time. I know I



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have a long way to go, but I feel like my life is starting to take shape. It's beginning to have meaning and direction."

"You do have a long way to go, but then so do I," Harold said. "Be-

ing a Christian is a constant learning experience."

"You know," Eddie admitted, "I've been searching for a role model in my life, and I think I've found one—you."

"Me?" Harold looked at Eddie and laughed. "When I was a kid, my parents were my role models. These days, kids see musicians and athletes as role models. But I've discovered that there's only one true role model, and that's Jesus. He came to Earth as a human and lived without sinning. Not only that, but he died for our sins so that we could have everlasting life."

"Wow," Eddie said. "I guess you're right. I guess the good we see in others is probably Jesus working in their lives."

"That's right," Harold said. "So when you say you want to use me as a role model, you're really using Jesus indirectly. And why use Him indirectly, when you can have your own close, personal relationship with him?"

"Okay," Eddie said. "But you're gonna have to show me how to develop this relationship."

"I'll do my best," Harold said. "I'll even pray for you."

That afternoon, Eddie sat in his rocking chair on the porch, his hands folded calmly across his stomach. A soft breeze blew across his face, rustling his silver hair as he rocked gently to the rhythm of his thoughts.

After a few minutes a smile began to creep across his face, and pretty soon he was grinning from ear to ear. He wasn't thinking of the sadness in his past anymore. Instead, he was concentrating on the joy that he would find with Jesus as his role model. **SR**

Rick Crouch presented this original story at a Daytona Beach, Fla., worship service.

Who would you turn to?

by Edgar Wheeler

"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted" (Galatians 6:1).

Let's imagine that your life as a Christian has not been consistent with the faith you professed.

Your relationship with your marriage partner has not been right; you have compromised ethically in business; you have lost control of your temper and hurt someone; you have misused your tongue in gossip and slander. As a young person, you have not respected your parents; you have "gone with the crowd"; you have entertained lustful thoughts; or you have yielded to moral temptation.

These are a few of the possible situations in which you may find yourself. Carrying a load of guilt, you feel you have failed God and dishonored Christ.

To whom would you turn for help and restoration? Of course you would hopefully turn to God in prayers of confession and pleas for forgiveness. But somehow you feel



that you need the "shoulder" of a human being. What would you look for in a confidant?

- Would it be the person who always "had the answer"?
- Would it be the individual with the "eagle eye" for wrongs?
- Would it be the person with all the Bible facts?
- Would it be the charismatic person, the winning personality?
- Would it be the strait-laced, pious individual?

I'm certain that you would reach out for a Christian who gives you the impression of compassion, understanding, and caring. You would look for someone who expresses the feeling of God, whose counsel and fellowship you can trust.

To reverse the earlier situation: You know of a fellow Christian who has fallen into some sin and needs help. Do you feel that you have the compassion and genuine caring to offer help, or even to call attention to that failure in a restorative way? In other words, do you feel that you are functional in this area of "bearing one another's burdens"? (Galatians 6:2).

Unfortunately, Christians do fall, and the plan of Christ for His Church is that believers should sustain one another. Paul says that when we carry each other's burdens, we fulfill His purpose.

However, the Apostle makes it clear that the qualification for this work is not simply an egotistical assumption that one can function well in the role.

His qualification is, "you who are spiritual should restore such a one (the fallen)" (Galatians 6:1).

When the word "spiritual" comes up, we have a hard time defining it. I was asked this question recently, and felt that it was almost impos-



sible to answer it in a way that satisfied the questioner. There are a lot of false ideas around: that the spiritual person lives in a world of fantasy, that seances are spiritual in expanding the mind, etc.

In the Scriptures, "spiritual" means having "the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16). In Romans 8:10-11, Paul says that "If Christ is in you... the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you." The spirit is the internal motivating power that directs one's thoughts and actions.

The Spirit of Christ is His way of thinking, His motivating power and attitude that comes into the life of the spiritual person. It causes us to think as God thinks. It goes beyond human moods, desires, or prejudices. Spirituality is defined by its "fruits" (Galatians 5:22-26).

The Spirit of Christ is more than correctness. It is redemptive, always seeking to restore the lost and fallen. The spirit of the Pharisees, on the other hand, was one of correctness. Their goal was to judge others by their rules and to place

demands on those under their control. Jesus rebuked them for their heartlessness (Matthew 23:4).

It is tragic that Christians sometimes use the very guidelines for living the godly life (or sometimes their own ideas), to judge one another. This may be done with our dogma, our Sabbath convictions, our own standards. It is not that truth should be ignored, or standards lowered, but that we need to help one another to live up to the highest that God has for us. The carnal spirit is an attitude that delights in carping on the failures of others.

The way Jesus Christ thought and acted is definitive of the spiritual mind. "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved" (John 3:17). Peter speaks of Jesus as "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9).

I have a feeling that every person who felt convicted of sin and wanted to be right with God soon felt at ease when they met Jesus. They realized that He did not have a chiding, fault-finding spirit, but that He felt for them, cared for them, and His one concern was that they should experience forgiveness and have hope.

The spiritual person, the one who thinks like Jesus, touches lives in that same way. He is functional where people need help the most.

I sadly remember experiences of being mentally and spiritually attacked by religious, but harsh, Christians over a disagreement or a failure. My spirit was crushed, only to be helped by the grace of God and of others who had His spirit.

I also remember a time when my attitudes and conduct were wrong. Good old Pastor Burdick saw this, and he admonished me for it.

He was straightforward. Yet, while embarrassed, I was not offended. The Spirit of Christ was evident in this gentle man. He spoke with compassion and con-

cern. He "woke me up" and helped me. He was a functioning Christian because he was a spiritual man.

Today I want to assure you that you can be a spiritual person without being "way out." You don't have to live in a fantasy world. You don't have to have glossolali, as speaking in tongues. You don't have to follow any set of rituals. You can have "common sense" and be spiritual. In fact, true spirituality is the most practical condition in the world.

It may surprise you to hear this: "Don't go in pursuit of the Holy Spirit!" Seek to know and to follow Jesus Christ, and He will give you that intimate gift of the Holy Spirit. For the Spirit is "Christ in you," shaping your attitudes, your values, your thinking and purposes.

That is what Jesus promised. "If you love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Comforter (Helper), that he may abide in you forever; even the Spirit of truth..." (John 14:14-17).

I grew up in the Ernest Wheeler family, and I think a lot like him and like the family in general. I have their characteristics to this day. I don't remember trying to figure out how to think and act like a Wheeler. It came naturally, both because of blood ties and because

of intimate family relationships. You can say the same for yourself and your family.

Remember that you were born spiritually into the family of Jesus Christ by faith in His redemption on the cross. You are in His family if you believe in Him, and the more intimately you live with Him, the more you will become like Him. Be obedient to His teaching and submissive to His leading. Learn of Him through Bible study, prayer, worship, and active service to Him. You will "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

You will become that spiritual person through whom Jesus Christ lives and works. And one of the greatest needs is for persons of that character to encourage others in a consistent, victorious Christian life. You will be a functional Christian who will bring hope and vitality to fellow believers and to the Church of Christ. It is possible for you!

You can be a functional Christian—therefore a happy and fulfilled Christian! *SR*

Edgar Wheeler, an SDB pastor since 1948, now serves as interim pastor at the Lost Creek, W. Va., SDB Church.



Women's Society page by Charlotte Chroniger

What more can we give?

"...and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh." (Matt. 2:11b NASB).

This past Christmas our children received the video "The Fourth Wise Man," based on the Henry Van Dyke classic, "The Story of the Other Wise Man." It tells about Artaban, a Magi who studies the prophecies.

After seeing a sign in the heavens, Artaban sets out to find the Messiah. He takes three precious gifts with him and for 33 years looks for Jesus, only to miss Him. Along the way, Artaban uses his three gifts to help people in need.

The story concludes when Artaban witnesses Jesus being crucified, and acknowledges that he never gave Jesus any gift. Jesus appears to Artaban after the resurrection and assures him that all the kind deeds Artaban performed during his life to those in need were actually deeds done unto Jesus.

Artaban's service to others was the greatest gift he could offer to the Savior.

Many of us spent time recently deciding what kind of gift to give to our family and friends. We tried to consider personal tastes and interests as we selected what we thought was the best gift for that individual.

What most of us need are not more material things, but some special gifts that come from a heart filled with the joy of the Messiah.

Some gifts we need or could offer to those around us include patience, a forgiving spirit, an encouraging word, our time to listen. Or we could offer to do some task—babysitting, buying groceries, help with housecleaning, etc.

With the new year well under way, we already have missed opportunities to give special gifts to our families and friends. We al-



ready have missed the chance to show love, forgiveness, patience, and kindness to those in special need.

Today, may we make the effort to give a special gift from the heart to at least one person.

And let's not forget that the

greatest gift we can give to our Lord is ourselves, and our love and devotion to Him. In our Christmas cantata, "The Glory of the Lord," one particular song tells very plainly what we need to consider:

"What can I give to the King, give to the One who has everything? What can I give, what gift can I bring? What can I give to the King?"

"Give Him a heart that is opened up wide, give Him a life that's got nothing to hide, give Him a love that is tender and true, and He'll give it all back to you.

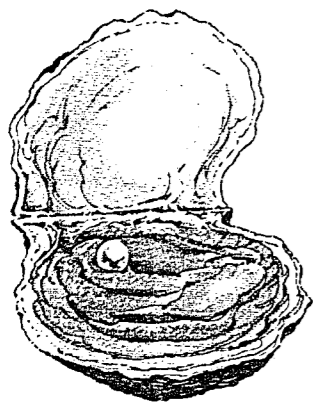
"What can we give to the King?"

"Give Him all glory, His people on earth. Give Him all praises this day of His birth, give Him all honor in all that we do, as He's given His life for you."

May this year be a year of greater devotion to the Lord, of greater service to His people, of greater commitment to His teachings. May people see without a doubt that we belong to Jesus. *SR*

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Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

My new Kentucky home

Last month's *Sabbath Recorder* carried an article introducing a mission work by Dr. Philip Stalions in Bowling Green, Ky. This article, plus personal contacts with Dr. Stalions and Ronald Elston, caused me to investigate for any previous mission work in Kentucky.

Exactly a century ago, *The Sabbath Recorder* for February 10, 1896, ran an article from the Missionary Society about a new church in Louisville. A small church had been established in 1879 at rural Shepherdsville, some 16 miles from Louisville. But this new venture in 1895 was reported as "of deep interest to our people as it is our first attack of this kind on a large city."

Excerpts from that 1896 article follow. My own introductory comments are italicized.

About six years ago, Dr. N. Cutting, a Baptist deacon and physician, living in Louisville, Ky., came to the Sabbath wholly by his own personal investigation of the Sabbath question.... Our general missionary on the Southern Illinois and Kentucky field came into correspondence with Dr. Cutting, and by his invitation, and that of other Sabbath-keepers in the city, visited them in March 1895. The result of the visit was that he organized a church there April 2, 1895. The brethren in Louisville and Brother Van Horn, advocated that gospel tent-work in Louisville should be carried on there during the sum-

mer and appealed to the Tract and Missionary Boards to inaugurate and support the work.

The first gospel tent meeting was held on the evening of June 19, 1895, conducted by Rev. T.J. Van Horn assisted by Rev. A.E. Witter of Albion, Wis., and there was a fair attendance and interest. From that time until about October 1, gospel tent meetings were held in the city....

It was said by one prominent and steady attendant, that these gospel tent meetings had done more to stir up and beget evangelistic spirit and activity in Louisville than all the evangelical churches in it had done for years. There was considerable interest manifested to know why these evangelists and workers kept the seventh day of the week for the Sabbath, and therefore the tent meetings were closed with sermons upon the Sabbath by Dr. A.H. Lewis, which were powerful and convincing. After the taking down of the tent, suitable rooms were rented by interested parties, and the gospel meetings were continued by Mr. T.J. Van Horn assisted by L.C. Randolph....

A summary of the meeting included these five points:

1) Ten or more people are known to have found salvation.

2) There were four added to our church who came to the Sabbath. They are desirous to be useful in the Master's service and extend Sabbath truth.

3) Our gospel tent-work and workers became quite widely known in the city and won the respect and good-will of the people in general. The quality of the work done and the character and worthiness of the workers led many to think and speak of their Sabbath doctrine and practice without special prejudice. By this influence and

the effect of the Sabbath sermons by Dr. Lewis, some are studying the Sabbath question. This tent-work and the workers brought to the people of Louisville a favorable impression and knowledge of the evangelistic spirit, the character, intelligence, purpose and work of Seventh Day Baptists.

4) A suitable place for present needs has been rented, and is known as the "Workers' Gospel Mission." The Seventh Day Baptists meet on Sabbath morning for Bible study and religious service. A Sunday School has been organized with encouraging and gratifying prospects. Gospel meetings are held there evenings with a usual attendance of forty or more.

5) This gospel tent-work resulted in some thirty or forty people uniting together with a desire to be led in organized evangelistic and philanthropic work in the city. Most are young or middle aged and representative of six denominations. Only one was a man of means, a Mr. McDowell, the superintendent of the Sunday School. His attitude toward the Sabbath is indicated by what he said in one of the evening mission messages: "We want to help you to Christ for salvation; we do not say what church you shall join—that you must settle for yourselves; the brethren (pointing to Mr. Van Horn and Mr. Main) preach the pure Gospel and would be glad to talk with you; they are Seventh Day Baptists who are just as good as any other."

The significance of Mr. McDowell's presence was further brought out by his offer to pay one-half of the cost of a lot and building according to his specifications:

The building is to be plain, but neat of two-and-a-half stories. The first floor is to consist of a vestibule

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SR Almanac

Where we
have been...

One year ago—February 1995

Features promote the year's "Seeking Spiritual Maturity" emphasis of prayer. Pastor William Shobe focuses on prayer evangelism; other articles look at the school prayer issue and prayer ministry resources.

"Pearls" page gives prayer advice from Rev. A.H. Lewis.

President Myrna Cox shares testimony from a meaningful prayer experience at the 1994 Conference.

Kevin Chroniger reflects on positive influence of his "other Dad," Pastor Delmer Van Horn.

Five years ago—February 1991

Writers Karen Payne, Don Sanford, and Kenneth Smith open up their hearts as they share about "Death in the Family."

"Pastor Jus Start," on the Board of Christian Education page, explains the Sabbath as the third sacrament.

Leon Lawton recaps first Missionary Society journey to SDB ministries in Finland and Estonia.

Reconciliation in the Philippines reported by Gabriel Bejjani and Rodney Henry following their trip there.

South Atlantic churches gather for first general meeting.

10 years ago—February 1986

"Christian Sabbathism: A legalistic remnant?" is written by Pastor Gary Hemminger for the Council on Ministry course in Sabbath Philosophy.

Historical Society's Gold-headed Cane presented to Albert Rogers.

"Fishers of men," by Pastor Gabe Bejjani, is final message in a series on the Great Commission.

Striking photos accompany article on a baptism at Brennica River, Poland.

Church news: Washington, D.C., celebrates 40th anniversary; North Loup, Neb., ordains three deacons; Berlin, N.Y., installs new pastor (Ed Sutton).

25 years ago—February 1971

Missions emphasis issue, guest edited by David

Pearson, includes articles from John Conrod, Watson Mataka, and Paul Osborn.

"Sabbath Recorder Day" celebrated on February 20th.

General Secretary Alton Wheeler reports on his trip to Africa.

Peter Morris, of the Los Angeles SDB Church, reflects on his experience at the Urbana (Ill.) Missions Conference.

Verona, N.Y., church acquires new parsonage. Milton, Wis., church installs new bell nearly 40 years after the old one cracked in a church fire.

50 years ago—February 1946

SDB missionary work in Jamaica, begun in 1923, is highlighted.

New denominational budget "thermometer" points to goal of \$24,000.

Rev. T.J. Van Horn, age 88, passes away on February 7.

New church building dedicated in Carraway (Putnam County), Fla.

Revised Standard Version of the New Testament completed.

The Vocational Committee, under chairman Ben Crandall, hopes to become employment clearing house for the denomination.

...where are we headed?

Pray for—

- a stronger and vital prayer life
- those suffering losses in the family
- our SDB brethren in Finland and Estonia
- your Associational church ties
- the ministry of *The Sabbath Recorder*
- our Conference in Jamaica
- our denominational budget situation

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NEWS RELEASE

1996 Pre-Con Camps

SEATTLE, WA—Business Manager Ernest Bee reports that Pre-Con Camp arrangements will soon be finalized. Appreciation is expressed for the work of the Conference Host Committee in locating camp sites.

Youth Pre-Con Camp will be held at Camp McCullough, Kent, Wash., from July 31, 4:00 p.m., through August 4, 1:00 p.m., for teens 15-18 years old or who have completed grade nine. Youth Pre-Con will be directed by a friend of our young people, Pastor Scott Hausrath, Foothill Community Church, Montrose, Calif.

Pastor Scott has served on the Youth Pre-Con staff the past two years. He was also the 1995 Conference Youth Interests Committee Chairperson. The camp fee for four fun-packed, spirit-filled days is \$90.00. If you wish to attend Pre-Con, either save \$15.00 each month now through July, or receive a Pre-Con Camp Gift Certificate.

Young Adult Pre-Con Camp will be held on the campus of St. Martin's College, Lacey, Wash., from July 31, 4:00 p.m., through August 4, 1:00 p.m., for adults 18-29 or those participating in the 1996 Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC).

Pastor David Taylor, Westerly, R.I., will direct the Young Adult Camp. Pastor David wrote, "I thoroughly enjoyed my experiences with Youth Pre-Con in the past and am excited about working with some of these same young people again." The camp fee will be announced next month. Join Pastor David and old and new friends in a renewal with God and His Word.

Pre-Con Camp Gift Certificates may now be purchased by sending your check to the SDB Board of Christian Education, P.O. Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803-0115, for \$25, \$35, \$45, or the full fee of \$90 (youth). Please include the camper's name, birthdate, address, camp attending, and whether you wish the certificate sent to the camper or returned to you.

Stained Glass Will Tour This Summer

LACANADA, CA—Stained Glass, a musical group composed of six Seventh Day Baptist young people, will again tour our churches this summer presenting a concert of vocal and instrumental sacred music. You will want to experience the power of their personal testimonies and music. Please pray for this ministry and for their leadership, Dr. Ralph and Dede Mackintosh.

The major concern for this year's tour is transportation. The Douglas Mackintosh family van was the tour vehicle in 1994 and 1995. The Mackintosh van "is reaching the end of its long distance traveling days," and is too small for the group and their gear.

The thousands of miles which Stained Glass logs during their tours makes it necessary to locate a different vehicle for 1996. Stained Glass is seeking a small motor home or a 15-passenger van. If the group is not able to borrow one, it will investigate leasing or renting a van for use during June and July.

If you wish to support the group financially, you may mail contributions to: Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., P.O. Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803-0115.

Scripture Memorization Additions

These names were inadvertently omitted from the list of participants of the 1994-95 Scripture Memorization program.

Salemville, PA -
Richburg, NY -

Lois Fletcher
Linda Harris

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FOCUS
on Missions

November's trip to Haiti

by Kirk Looper

How do we begin to tell you about Haiti? It would be easy to talk about the poverty. We could describe to you the unemployment, with so many people out of work and so little money to pay those who do. Plenty of jobs, no money.

How about discussing the political stress? No, I prefer to look at Haiti and see friendly, ambitious people who are willing to sacrifice to meet the needs of a visitor.

I see a great future for these people and a brighter day for their children. It will be slow, as is any change of long-range value. They speak of hunger in one breath, and the desire to locate work and earn their way in the next. They want to be self-reliant.

Even in the face of adversity they are able to sing of God's mercy and love with a bold look to a joyous future that lies just around the proverbial "corner."

The Seventh Day Baptist Conference in Haiti consists of four loosely joined churches. Pastors Romulus Honoré, Andrew Samuels and I went to help those interested in Seventh Day Baptists to understand our polity and Sabbath theology. A seminar, held each day,

Monday through Friday, helped to unite the churches.

Pastor Samuels led the discussion as Pastor Honoré translated. None, or at least very few, of the participants spoke English. They spoke Creole, a blend of French, Spanish, and English.

It was such a blessing to see the level of understanding among the participants. They were there to learn, and the atmosphere was very serious. After all, most of them had traveled a great distance to meet with us, and the travel was not very comfortable.

Rough roads, crowded vehicles, hot weather, and hunger plagued their trip. Some had to travel several hours before they could catch a bus or taxi to come to Croix des Bouquets. The path they followed was so steep and treacherous they had to place their feet on the rock below, then lower their bodies to sit on that rock, before extending their legs again to the next rock. It took them a couple of hours to make this portion of the trip. It would take us six.

On Friday, just before the evening meal, some rice (obtained by the team) was distributed to those

who traveled a great distance. We were able to give each person about four pounds each. What a blessing! Many of them had had very little to eat before attending the meetings. They took home enough rice for several meals.

Sabbath afternoon we visited two churches that were interested in affiliating with the SDB Conference. It took us about three hours to cover the 30 miles. We gave the pastors some information on our U.S.A. and Canada Conference. They appeared very interested in the doctrine and polity. They already call themselves Seventh Day Baptist. It will be interesting to hear about the progress of the Conference in Haiti.

The needs in Haiti are about the same as those in many of our other sister Conferences and churches. They need food, clothing, Bibles (French or Creole language, please), and building materials. These items can be shipped to them at a lower cost than buying them there.

In some places a complete building is needed to house the hundred or so members. Pastors Samuels and Honoré have agreed to act as

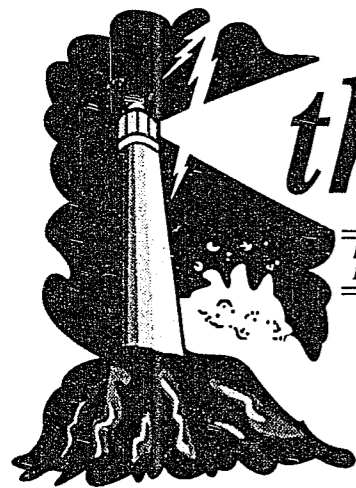
emissaries for the collection and shipping of any materials or funds you wish to donate to the Haitian people. *SR*



A young girl uses a pillow case to carry the rice that was distributed at the church in Croix des Bouquets.



Pastor Romulus Honoré (right) translates as Pastor Andrew Samuels brings the message at an evening meeting.



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The missing Magi

by Susan Bond

The Lost Creek, W.Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church did not search for "The Missing Magi" after their Christmas Dinner on December 16, but they performed a play by that name.

In the midst of Mr. Henry's worries about how poorly the play is coming off, he is reminded by the children that "all we need is love."

Based on a children's school play, here is the story:

Mr. Henry is the new school teacher, and he wants to make a good impression as he directs the Christmas program his first year. Tammy, who gets the lead in the play, is teased by the other children for flopping the last three years (Mr. Henry doesn't know about Tammy's previous flops).

When Tammy doesn't show up for the first dress rehearsal, Mr. H. is forced to let the students recreate the Christmas play using their own lingo.

When Tammy finally arrives, she brings a crowd of people with her—including some homeless folks she'd found along the way. In the midst of Mr. Henry's worries about how poorly the play is coming off, he is reminded by the children

the adult choir providing back-up. (Tiffany Bond and Bobbi Reinhardt enhanced the songs with sign language.)

Denny Bond, the director's husband, agreed to play Mr. Henry. Jennifer Boyajian was Tammy. Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus were portrayed by Adrienne Ash, Nicole Bond, and Tyler Ash re-

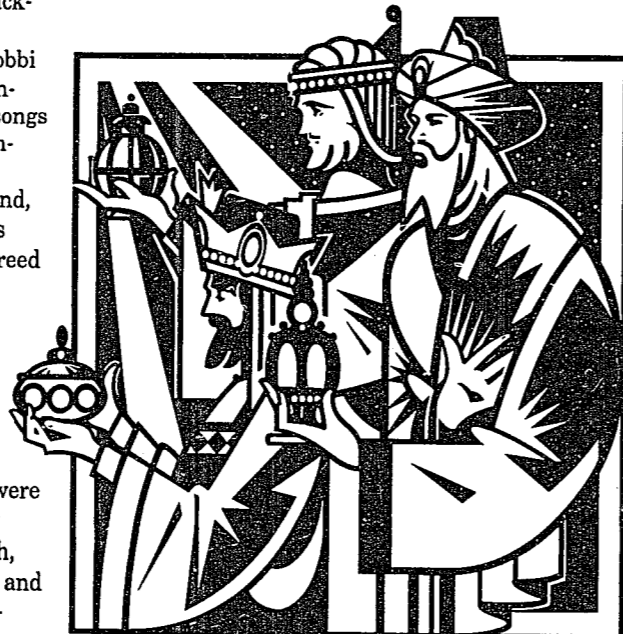
that "all we need is love."

"The Missing Magi" was beautifully and enthusiastically directed by Mrs. Kim Bond. The Junior YF performed most of the music with

spectively. Hugh Davis and Stan Allen were the guards.

Other cast members included Alex, Becca, and Natalie Boyajian; Brittany and Tiffany Bond; Josh Orr; Justin Ash; Luke and Mary Beth Lawrence; Joey Schulz; Jenny and Lacey Hall; and Amy Davis, the drummer. Jay Anderson ran the lights while Larry Nida worked the sound system.

Thanks goes to all of these dedicated participants, including behind-the-scenes workers Stan and Margie Allen who added some necessary special touches to the scripts. *SR*



Seeking Spiritual Maturity: BIBLE STUDY

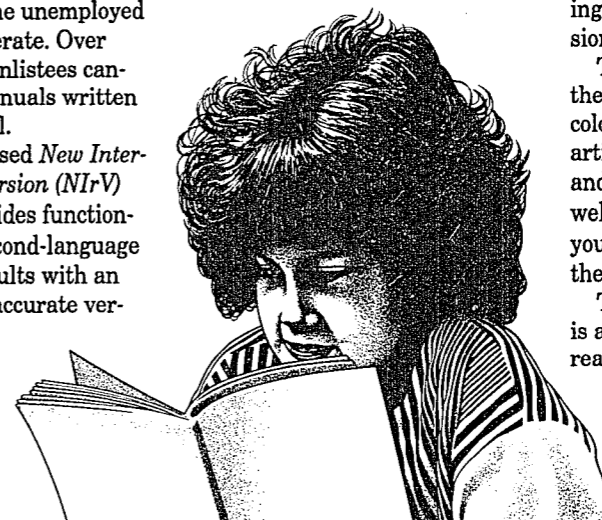
Simplified Bible version aids in literacy struggle

According to the U.S. Commerce Department, the country's economy suffers an estimated \$140 to \$300 billion loss in annual productivity because of worker illiteracy. Seventy-six percent of the unemployed are functionally illiterate. Over one-fourth of Army enlistees cannot read training manuals written at the 7th grade level.

The recently released *New International Reader's Version (NIrV)* *New Testament* provides functionally illiterate and second-language English-speaking adults with an understandable yet accurate version of Scripture.

The NIrV, written at a third-grade reading level, is based on the New International

Version (NIV), the bestselling Bible translation. Over 40 Bible translators and literary experts worked to ensure the readability and reliability of the NIrV.



Unique features, like a dictionary of difficult Bible terms, a five-way reading plan, and highlighted key memory verses, bring the Bible to early-level readers while promoting increased reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.

The *Young Reader's Edition* of the NIrV features 16 pages of full-color artwork by award-winning artist Joel Tanis, plus line drawings and descriptions of Bible objects, as well as questions that encourage young readers to think about what they've read.

The NIrV New Testament is available in adult and young reader's editions. The entire Bible in the NIrV will be released September 1996. *SR*

The National Adult Literacy Survey found that between 21% and 23% of American adults are functioning at Level 1 and are only able to perform tasks involving "brief, uncomplicated text." An additional 25% to 28%, representing 50 million American adults, are functioning at Level 2 and have skills that are "more varied" but "still quite limited."

—*Facts on Literacy in America, 1994*
Literacy Volunteers of America

Jobs available to women with poor reading and writing skills are traditionally the lowest paid jobs—such as cafeteria worker, housekeeper, health aid, and sewing machine operator.

—*Women in Literacy/U.S.A.*
Laubach Literacy Action

A significant percentage of the 90 million adults at the two lowest levels of literacy proficiency per-

ceive themselves as reading or writing English "well" or "very well."

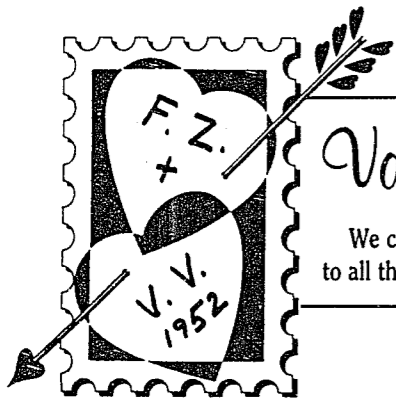
—*Library Journal*
December 1993, p. 49

The typical 25-year-old male inmate functions 2-3 grade levels below the grade level actually completed; 60% of prison inmates are illiterate, and 86% of all juvenile offenders have reading problems.

U.S. Department of Education statistics show that the high school drop-out rate is 29% in this country; in Japan the rate is 5% and in Russia, 2%.

An English Language Proficiency Survey found that 37% of adults classified as illiterate do not speak English at home. Up to 86% of non-English speakers who are illiterate in English are also illiterate in their native language.

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Valentine's Day tributes

We certainly had fun checking the mailbox for these Valentine tributes! Our thanks go to all those who contributed their love and gifts for this special page.

To Madeline: My longtime Valentine from 1937!
You were the love of my life then. The years bring deeper meaning to our love. Elmo

To: My SDB Church Family
From: A Sister in Christ

Forever and Ever
When we know, share, and profess the joys of Christ's Promises and His Love, We'll care and share our Joys and sorrows, and Pray for the Peace of the Dove, Our bonds will stay intact Eternally and we'll meet again Above.

True Love
Yes, to You—Maybe You thought I'd forgotten all about You.
Never! You're my Friend who hears all my problems—old and anew.
It's because Your caring, forgiving, and love are pure and true,
That I send you now my thanks, gratitude and love—way past due!

Love & kisses to Janette Loosboro Rogers, Alfred Station, N.Y.

Dear Ron,
Thanks for all the happiness you have brought to my life.
For being my partner and corner too. Forever Yours.
Love, Alice Joan

We send greetings, Grandmothers, on this day,
Because it's God who paved your way.
You love Him and your families, too;
Now it's our turn to tell you we love you!
(With all our love, Bryan, Karen and Steve)

Ode to Kathy
(or that Proverbs 31 woman has nothing on you)
Our life as one has helped me to
Appreciate the things you do
Helpmeet, Lover, Teacher, Nurse
I honor you dear with this verse. Love, Terry

Dear Rich,
I think that I shall never see
A man more suitable for me
than thee. Susan

Calvin and Meleta Babcock,
You are the wind beneath our wings. We love you both.
Love, Katherine, Newell, and Donna

To Leigh Anne, With Love, Nathan
God's love—eternal.
Ours—a love of a lifetime.
Each day—gift from God.

For My Dearest Wes,
Thanks for upholding your Wedding Day vow to "Love me as Christ Loves you."
Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Nicole

To Lara, the woman who helps me each day to understand the meaning of God's love. 1 Cor. 13:4,7
Love, Jeff

I cannot tell in a mere four lines
How for Jean Pierce my heart pines.
I need a special issue to fully expound
what a previous jewel in her I found. SJP

This Valentine's Day I want to be sharin'
How much for Jean I be carin'
She encourages me to detrash my life
How glad I am she became my wife. SJP

Happy Valentine's Day Jesus
Happy Valentine's Anniversary Nancy & Dennis
Happy Valentine's Day Ralph, Nancy, Dennis, Candy, Shane, Janet, Daniele, Jenifer, John, Linda & Kids.

Happy Valentine's Day Sue & Rich Bond
Pastor Nick & Gina; Pastor Barry & Robbin & Leila; Pastor Ken & Jean; Karen Thorngate
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A missionary call to Mexico

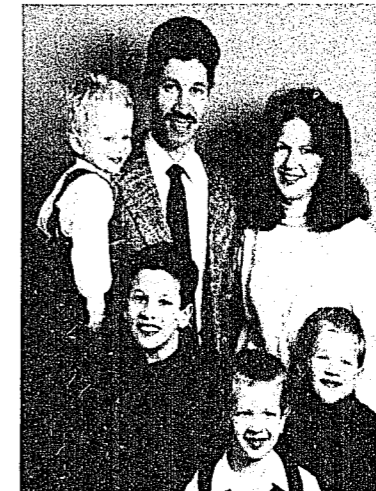
by Daryl D. White

In Acts 16:9, the Apostle Paul receives a vision at night. In the vision, a man in Macedonia begs Paul to come and help them. Paul and his companions go, concluding that God had called them to preach the Gospel to the Macedonians.

A longstanding desire of our sister churches in Mexico has been for a missionary from the United States to come and help them. This desire evolved into a request and has been known for some time by the Mexico Missions Committee of the Mid-Continent Association (more recently a standing committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society).

A positive response to this request from the Mexican brethren has become a reality. Pastor Luis Lovelace and family, from the Metro-Atlanta (Ga.) Seventh Day Baptist Church, have graciously

accepted the call; a call from God, the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, and the churches in Mexico to become short-term (one-



Pastor Luis and Joanna Lovelace and children.

two years) missionaries to Mexico. With help from the churches of the Mid-Continent Association and the coordinating leadership of the Missionary Society, brother Lovelace was able to take a 10-day evaluation and encouragement trip to Mexico November 10-20, 1995.

A more complete report of Pastor Lovelace's trip will be published next month to inform you of this exciting opportunity. We want to help our Mexican brethren of the "Churches of Christ of the Seventh Day" to provide a more effective outreach of the Gospel in Mexico.

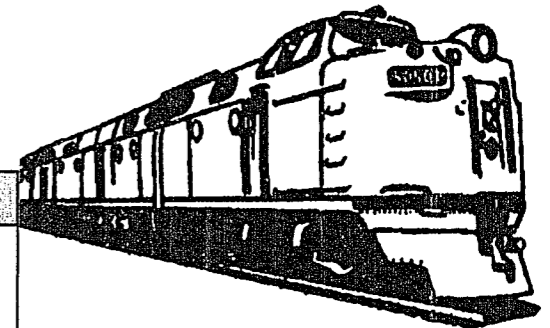
Anyone wanting to help support the Lovelace family as missionaries in Mexico may send their designated contributions to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, 119 Main Street, Westerly RI 02891. SR

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Leaving New York City	—6:40 p.m.	August 1
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Roundtrip rail fare (New York to Olympia) — \$378
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In order to know how many people would be interested in being part of this unique experience, contact Pastor David Taylor at 118 Main Street, Westerly, RI 02891 or call (401) 348-8385 (office), or (401) 596-4689 (home). Please do so as soon as possible. Thanks!

Deacons ordained at Lost Creek

by Margaret Allen

A special service was held on November 11, 1995, to ordain Dennis Bond and Laurence Nida as deacons of the Lost Creek, W.Va., SDB Church.

During the Sabbath morning worship service, Pastor Edgar Wheeler delivered a timely and challenging ordination sermon. Following church and Sabbath School, a delicious covered dish dinner was served in the church's social room.

The ordination service began at 1:30 p.m. with prayer and hymn singing. Special music was provided by the Salem SDB church men's chorus, along with men from the congregation who wanted to join them. Both candidates gave their statement of belief. Each was impressive and reflected well the church's decision to call them.

Towner male chorus books reprinted

For over a hundred years, Seventh Day Baptist men have been singing from the D.B. Towner's Male Choir books. Last year's Conference choir director, Gary Cox, noted his difficulty in securing copies since the book has long been out of print. He suggested that the Historical Society should consider reprinting this book to relieve the hassle of continual duplication.

"Mission Accomplished."

Even though the statute of limitation no longer protects the copyright, permission was sought and received from the publisher. Use of the General Conference Risograph duplicator made it possible to do in-house publication of the book. The enlarged page (5 1/2" x 8 1/2") with plastic binding and laminated covers make it easy to use for some whose eyesight is not what it used to be.

The price is \$3 per copy plus postage (1-2 copies \$1; 3-5 copies \$2; 6-10 copies \$3). Please contact the Historical Society for your "new" books today.

A challenging and impressive charge to the candidates was given by Rev. Donald Richards, pastor of the Middle Island SDB Church, New Milton, W.Va.

An inspiring charge to the church was given by Dr. Dale Thorngate, pastor of the Salem, W.Va., SDB Church. Rev. Melvin Nida, retired SDB minister and father of candidate Larry Nida,

offered the prayer of consecration and the laying on of hands. This is a great honor for any father.

The service concluded with the congregation singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

It was an excellent day in the history of our church and for furthering the work of God's Kingdom on earth. ✠

Sixth time a charm in Florida

The Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church pulled out all the stops and hosted a wonderfully rewarding celebration of the sixth annual SDB South Atlantic Coast Churches Day on November 3-4, 1995.

Sabbath Eve, Host Pastor John Camenga led a Bible study setting the tone for the weekend's emphasis on Reconciliation.

Sabbath morning, Pastor Ray Winborne of our Charleston, S.C., "Low Country" church brought the message on "Our Ministry of Reconciliation," zeroing in on 2 Corinthians 5:14-6:10. Pastor Ken Davis had the children's message that showed the rewards of reaching out to people who are "different."

Because of the limited size of their current social hall, dinner/Sabbath School was divided. While one group had dinner, the other

group had Sabbath School under the able direction of Pastor Socrates Thompson. Then, while they ate, the rest had class led by Pastor Chuck Graffius.

At 2:00 p.m. we had a time for sharing news from the churches. Updates on Pastor Luis Lovelace's ministry to Mexico, and Pastor Andy Samuel's ministry with Pastor Romulus Honoré to Haiti were shared. Night after the Sabbath, there was a "talent" show—fun, fun, fun.

Our Daytona Beach friends had really hoped to entertain us in their new church addition, but they got bogged down in governmental red tape. Groundbreaking has now begun in January. ✠

From the "Suncoast Sound" newsletter of the Bradenton, Fla., branch church.

Pen pals wanted

Care to correspond with a 20-year-old business administration student in Africa?

MacDonald Dyton Wella would love to hear from you (especially if you live in Makapwa, Malawi)!

Write to:

The Malawi Polytechnic
P/Bag 303
Chichiri, Blantyre 3
Malawi, Africa

Erma Van Horn honored

Erma Van Horn, widow of Rev. Marion Van Horn, recently received the "Valiant Woman Award" from Church Women United of the Volutia-Flagler area of Florida. She was honored for her many years of work with CWU. Her photo and write-up will be displayed in the group's national offices in New York City.

Erma is very active in the Daytona Beach SDB Church.

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 Sabbath Recorder,

The Conference review in October was very good, with interesting pictures. That, and Duane Hurley's article in November, covers much. I wonder what the local reaction was to SDBs?

I often wake in the night with Conference music ringing in my mind. Sometimes it's the choir, or organ, and often the congregation singing, supported by choir, organ, and piano—surrounded by music!

I do not remember so many SDBs gathered in one place at the same time as last year at Buckhannon. It was a thrill and encouragement.

Sincerely,
Trevah R. Sutton
Aztec, NM

Dear SR:

It was a pleasure to read in the November SR that five years ago "Missionary Tom McElwain closes his ministry in Finland." I am proud to be

a part of Seventh Day Baptist history.

Now, after five years, I have taken a new look at Finland and made a week-long visit to Estonia. I am happy to see that Seventh Day Baptists are more than holding their own without my help, although there is no longer the rapid growth that took place during my ministry.

"Replacing distress with joy," by Kenneth Burdick, was another article which interested me. He noted that models provided by the "professional business world and professional sports" largely guide many churches' view of ministry. Burdick's point is well taken. The market concept of leadership has no place in the Church. Still, ministry could be enhanced if Seventh Day Baptists followed the business and sports practice of optimizing human potential.

Sincerely,
Rev. Dr. Thomas McElwain
Abo, Finland

Dear Mr. Butler,

I am long overdue in thanking you for sending me the SR over the years. Although I am not currently attending an SDB church, I appreciate the tie with my heritage and being kept informed.

I have especially enjoyed the thematic issues regarding the Sabbath, the inspiring work of the Senior Saints, "Reaching out to our Jewish friends," and SDB camping. (Oh, the memories!!!)

The Sabbath Recorder always evokes special memories, but more importantly, it reminds me of the unique character and faithfulness of Seventh Day Baptists.

I hope you will keep me on your mailing list. Thank you again.

Yours truly,
Cynthia Rudolph
Norwood, MA

Accessions

Denver, CO
James Galanaugh, pastor
Joined after testimony

Mike Fleming
Ruby Fleming
Joined by letter
Jim Galanaugh
Dee Galanaugh

Shiloh, NJ
Donald Chroniger, pastor
Joined after baptism
Richard Patterson
Sandy Patterson
Carol Scull
Joined after testimony
Jennette Shaw

Joined by letter
Rev. Melvin Stephan
Yvonne Stephan

Marriages

Crandall - Danford.—Nathan Crandall and Michelle Danford were united in marriage on July 2, 1995, in Windsor, VA. Chaplain David Danford, the bride's father, officiated.

Births

Cox.—A daughter, Jessica Michelle Cox, was born to Michael and Maria Cox of Littleton, CO, on September 3, 1995.

Landrum.—A son, Nicholas Matthew Landrum, was born to James and Paula (Brooks) Landrum of Lee's Summit, MO, on November 9, 1995.

Obituaries

Monroe.—Nathan Olney Monroe, 86, died quietly on Oct. 18, 1995, in Evergreen Place Nursing Home, Texarkana, Ark.

He was born in Nady, Ark., on November 7, 1908, the only child of Merwin and Carrie Elzora (McGabihey) Monroe.

At the age of 16, "Nate" began living with the Rev. C.C. Van Horn family of Nady, following the tragic accidental death of his mother four years earlier. He tended irrigation wells in rice fields during this time.

On November 24, 1926, he married Elva Scouten in Texarkana, and they made their home in Fouke, Ark. She died in 1954.

Nate joined the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church in Nady as a young man, and later transferred his membership to the Fouke SDB Church. He served his

Lord in many capacities, including trustee, moderator, several times as president of Southwestern Association, and as a licensed preacher, filling in for absent pastors. He also served as an inspiring Sabbath School teacher for many years, a position he relinquished only when he became too ill.

On March 2, 1955, he married Emerald Mae (Stillman) Mick, a longtime family friend.

During the Great Depression, Nate worked at many jobs—from mowing lawns to such skilled labor as carpentry and painting business places and homes. "Anything to make a nickel," he'd say.

Left to mourn his passing are three daughters, Collett Soper of North Loup, Neb., Meleta Babcock of Janesville, Wis., and Susie Nearhood of Texarkana; three sons,

Lusbert and Kenneth of Fouke, and Berwin of North Little Rock, Ark.; 24 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, seven step-great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild, and five step-great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one daughter, two wives, two sons, one grandson, and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held on October 23, 1995, at the Texarkana Funeral Home, with Rev. Mynor Soper officiating. Burial was in Fouke Cemetery.

Hemphill.—S. Burton Hemphill, 81, of Genesee, Pa., died on November 15, 1995, in Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, Pa.

He was born on November 12, 1914, in Hebron Township, the son

of James W. and Elizabeth M. (Roberts) Hemphill. On November 28, 1940, he married Marjorie L. Green in Coudersport.

Burton, who owned and operated a dairy farm in Genesee for many years, was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron, Coudersport, Pa. He transferred his membership there in October 1963 after 30-plus years as a member of the former Second Hebron SDB Church of Hebron Center. At the time of his death, he was a deacon, having served both churches in that capacity.

Burton was a 60-year member of the South Branch and Hebron Granges, and he served as Allegany Township auditor for several years.

In addition to his wife, Marjorie, survivors include one son, Charles, of Genesee; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Roy, and a baby brother who died in early infancy; and by one sister, Mae H. Moshier.

Funeral services were held on November 19, 1995, at the First SDB Church of Hebron, with Rev. Michael Burns officiating. Burial was in Raymond Cemetery, Allegany Township.

Lewis.—Mary J. (Bond) Lewis, 84, of Hopkinton, R.I., passed

away on November 25, 1995, at her home.

She was born on January 20, 1911, in Milton Junction, Wis., the daughter of Ahva J.C. and Ora (Van Horn) Bond. She had lived in Hopkinton for many years, and was the wife of Donald E. Lewis.

Mary was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R.I. She had been a teacher in the primary grades in San Bernadino, Calif., and taught for 18 years in the Westerly school system before retiring.

Besides her husband, Donald, she leaves a son, Geoffrey, of Los Angeles, Calif.; two daughters, Nancy Peck of New York City, N.Y., and Mary E. Grover of Oracle, Ariz.; two sisters, Wilna Wilson of Westerly and Ahvagene Clarke of Chalfont, Pa.; and 14 grandchildren. She was predeceased by one son, Peter; and three sisters, Elizabeth Pearcy, Nellie Parry, and Virginia Spicer.

Funeral services were private.

Hill.—Harriet (Belland) Hill, 91, passed away on November 29, 1995, at Cedar Crest Health Care Center, Janesville, Wis.

She was born on March 16, 1904, in Chicago, Ill., the first of six children born to Robert N. and Harriet (Clark) Belland. Her childhood and

teen years were spent on the family farm near Walworth, Wis.

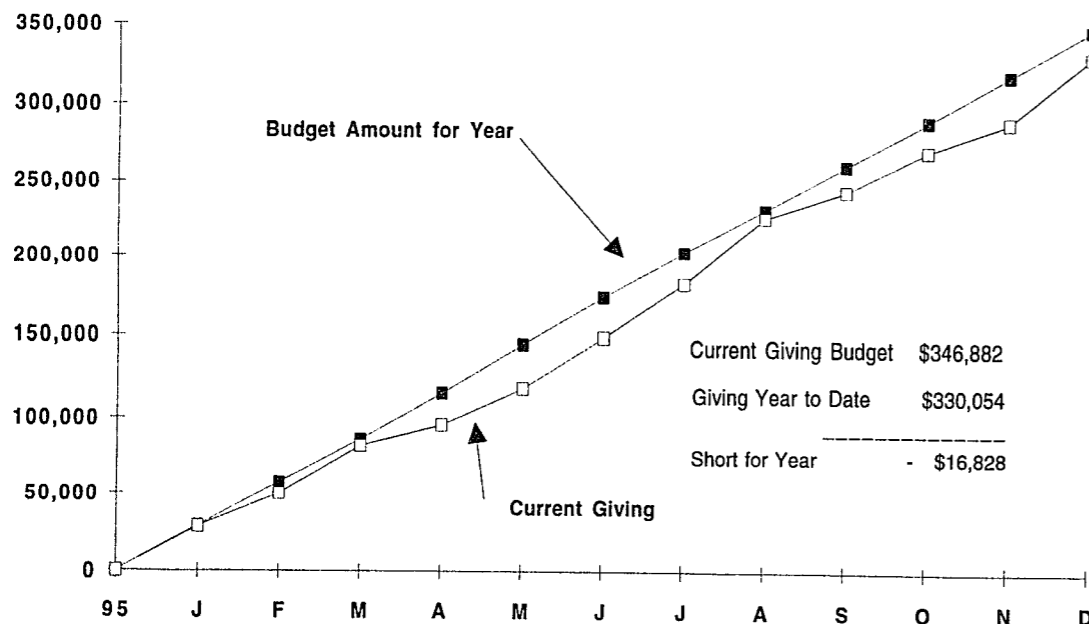
In 1925, Harriet graduated from Milton (Wis.) College. She married Carroll L. Hill on September 5, 1925. He died in 1981. Their retirement years had been spent at Cedar Crest.

Harriet was a member and Past Matron of Friendship Chapter #46, Order of the Eastern Star of Milton, and a past president of the Milton Woman's Club. She was an ordained elder of the Presbyterian Church and a member of the Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church, where she had served as president of the Woman's Association and as a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include one son, C. Robert of Milton; two daughters, Dorothy McNall of Janesville and Jean Hahn of LaCrosse, Wis.; one brother, George Belland, of Walworth; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, Carroll, she was predeceased by one sister, Charlotte, and by three brothers: Robert, Bryan, and Fred.

Memorial services were held on December 2, 1995, at the Rock Prairie Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Harry Johnson officiating. Burial was in Johnstown Cemetery.

Current Giving 1995



Drilling for life

Great need for water in Malawi

Seventh Day Baptists have a strong witness for Christ in Chipho, Malawi. However, there is not a strong source of water. Thousands are suffering disease from contaminated water.

The Metro-Atlanta (Georgia, USA) SDB Church has raised part of the funds needed to drill a new well. They want to thank everyone who has contributed. Received as of January 15 is \$3,187.

Could you help our Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi find good physical water, so they can spread the Good News of Living Water?

Please send your gift (designated for "Chipho Well") to:

SDB Missionary Society, 119 Main Street, Westerly RI 02891

and audience room for 100 people, and a few small rooms which when opened into the main room will increase the seating capacity to about 200. Above the first floor the building is to be fitted up as a home for the resident minister and Superintendent of Missions, who is to be a Seventh Day Baptist minister... Seventh Day Baptists may hold meetings there on the Sabbath and make them exactly the character they may see fit. They may also have the largest liberty in any outside or personal work that they may wish to do. But all other public religious services are to be strictly union gospel meetings—meetings in which evangelical Christians of all names may join in the work of winning men to the Saviour. The chief object in this united undertaking is the salvation of men, women and children; but Mr. McDowell says he does not care how many come to the Sabbath as the result of it (SR, Feb. 10, 1896).

A previous Recorder reprinted a news item entitled "A New Church" taken from the Courier-Journal of Louisville.

This city of churches is to have another house of worship, and it will be occupied by the Seventh-day Baptists. Mr. John A. McDowell, the contractor, is leading the movement. The meeting house will be the result of the Gospel tent-services which have been going on for nearly ten weeks at the corner of Brook and Oak streets. They will close tonight with about 150 professions. The tent has been a popular place, it being often crowded with many standing outside.

Evangelist Randolph who has conducted the services, says the Seventh-day Baptists, while holding to the observance of the seventh day of the week as the Bible Sabbath, believe in Christian unity. "Our meetings have been made a religious rallying place for Chris-

tians of all denominations. The movement to continue this gospel work in a building on the corner of Brook and Oak, if carried forward, will be undenominational and have for its purpose the salvation of men. It will aim to be all year what these meetings have been for a few weeks" (SR, Oct. 17, 1895).

The previously quoted Sabbath Recorder article of February 1896 gives a clue as to what happened to this promising work in Kentucky's largest city.


If we as a people should engage in it, our character, work and distinguishing doctrines would be brought to the increasing and favorable notice of the Christians and non-Christian public in some of the best of all possible ways; and under such circumstances, the Sabbath truth would gain ground. But have we the means, as a people, in view of our many needy fields inadequately provided for, to engage in such a gospel mission and philanthropic work in Louisville? We think not. And here again comes the question of ownership in such a building. Whatever money there might be contributed in the city for the object would have to come from the First-day people. We see no light for us as a people to enter into any plan looking toward a joint ownership of any sort. It seems to us it would be better for Mr. McDowell and his friends in Louisville to build and own the building themselves and give the use of it to the gospel evangelistic and philanthropic work indicated in his desire and plan.

The Louisville Church was never recognized by General Conference and, within a few years, receives no mention. The report of the Missionary Board to General Conference in August of 1896 contained the note: The Tract Board, having discov-

ered that it was contrary to the charter and constitution to carry on evangelistic work, the joint support of the Louisville tent and missionary work by the Tract and Missionary Societies, closed Jan. 1, 1896. Mr. Van Horn, because of Baptist domination in the "Union" and other reasons, thought he ought to resign his position as leader, and in April 1896 the Evangelistic Committee, under instruction from the Board directed him to withdraw from the leadership and work of the "Christian Workers' Union." Our interests in Louisville are now a part of the general missionary field of Kentucky and Southern Illinois.

That portion of the 1896 report ended with the three striking features of the gospel tent-work in that area:

1. It has been a wonderful illustration of what our people, by evangelistic work, can do in a community entirely remote from Sabbath-keepers.
2. It has placed us as Sabbath-keepers and as Seventh Day Baptists before a community of Sunday people in a more favorable light and made us better known than before.
3. Because of this work and this better and more favorable knowledge of us as a people, Louisville was, and is even now, one of the most inviting and auspicious fields for Sabbath reform work in our country. Why not enter it? (SDB Yearbook, 1896).

Was this a missed opportunity, or was it simply facing the reality of limited resources and the danger of losing one's distinctives to accommodate a differing majority? Is it possible that now, a century later, God is opening up a new door in the state of Kentucky? If so, what will be our response? 

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

James G. Harris once commented on an advertisement he saw for a well-known amusement park.

"One statement in the brochure struck me: '(The park) is the way you'd like the rest of the world to be all the time. Sparkling clean. Adventurous—yet safe and comfortable. Alive with people of all ages enjoying a good time. Full of exciting things to do and see.'

"That may be the way that amusement park is. But it can be that way for only one reason: it isn't the real world. It is a fantasy world. The real world isn't like that at all. It is sometimes dirty, often confusing, and always complicated. Rather than being full of exciting things to do and see, it often demands hard de-

isions from us. Many times we really don't know what to do."

Following last year's 50-Day Spiritual Adventure on "Facing Down our Fears," I found these statistics on fear. Someone has calculated that only 8% of our fears are legitimate. Some 20% are over past decisions that cannot be altered; 12% are over criticisms (most of which are untrue); a full 40% of our fears are over events that will never occur; 10% concern health; and 10% are trivial. That leaves us with only 8% of our fears which can be labeled legitimate.

Jehoshaphat was in a real fearful situation. In 2 Chronicles 20, King Jehoshaphat faced a vast army coming against him and his small group. Though alarmed, the king "resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah" (v. 3).

After gathering the people together, Jehoshaphat stood up to pray: "O Lord, God of our fathers, are you not the God who is in heaven? You rule over the kingdoms of the nations. Power and might are in your hand, and no one can withstand you" (v. 6).

Reminding his followers of the Lord's past victories,

and faced with overwhelming odds, Jehoshaphat concluded his prayer in verse 12 with, "O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you."

Did you catch that last statement? "We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you." King Jehoshaphat honestly gave this fearful and confusing time over to God.

And the Lord's response? Verse 15: "...Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's." God did deliver His people by causing confusion, quarreling, and destruction among the warring armies. The Judeans never had to enter the physical battle.

The king's prayer not only reminded the people about God's promises, it reminded the Lord about the Lord's promises. When we go to the Word and pronounce those precious promises to our brothers and sisters, it can also be a reminder to God. Promises like:

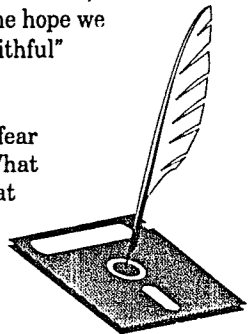
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight" (Prov. 3:5-6).

"Humble yourselves... under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Pet. 5:6-7).

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'" (Jer. 29:11).

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

When we get caught inside the world's maze, that 8% legitimate fear factor seems magnified tenfold. What do we do when we don't know what to do? Hang on to His promises. He will overcome that fear and usher you out of your maze.



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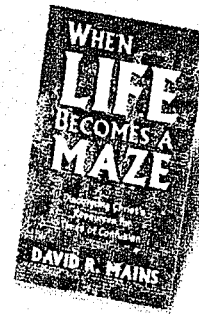
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