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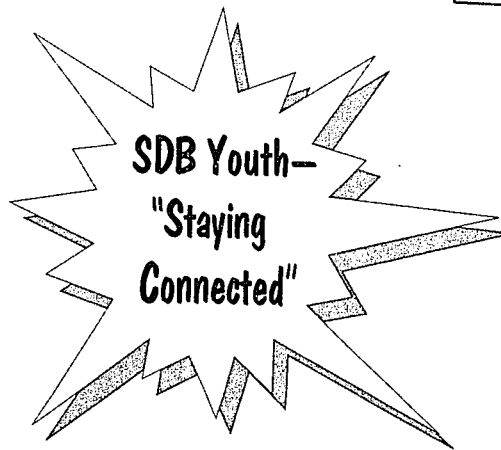
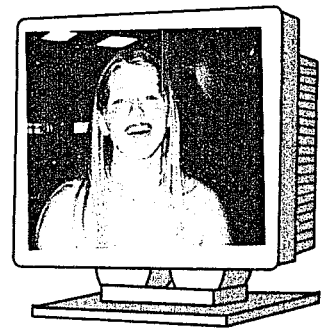
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### Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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

- salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.
- the Bible as the inspired word of God. The Bible is our authority for our faith and daily conduct.
- baptism of believers, by immersion, witnessing to our acceptance of Christ as Savior and Lord.
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
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### Camp Wakonda is 50 years old!

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### Conference Update West Virginia Wesleyan College August 6-12, 2000

Join with other SDBs as we invade Buckhannon, W.Va., for General Conference meetings.

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- Tuesday** through
- Thursday**— 11:00 a.m. to Noon; 4-5 p.m.
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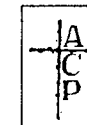


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I N T E R N E T

and

by Aubrey Appel

First of all, I would like to say that it is a pleasure to be able to converse with everyone reading this article, and I thank you for taking the time to do so. I hope you enjoy it.

When Kevin Butler, a fine editor and my boss, mentioned that the youth would need to fill up another *Sabbath Recorder*, I immediately thought "Awesome! This is great!" But then he mentioned the topic: "The Internet and How It Affects Our Youth."

After reality took hold, I began to doubt my premature optimism. I thought more along the lines of, "Help! Is he crazy? Write about the Internet? Where will I get enough material?" Fortunately, the Good Lord has blessed me with friends who write excellent articles and save me at the last minute.

So, what are *my* thoughts about the Internet? How does it affect *me* as a youth?

I use the Internet almost everyday. I am even using it for this project. (Really? Well, yes, believe it!) After I write this, I am going to send it via e-mail to the Seventh Day Baptist Center and hope it meets approval.

Now let us "dissect" the main uses of the Internet:

**E-mail**

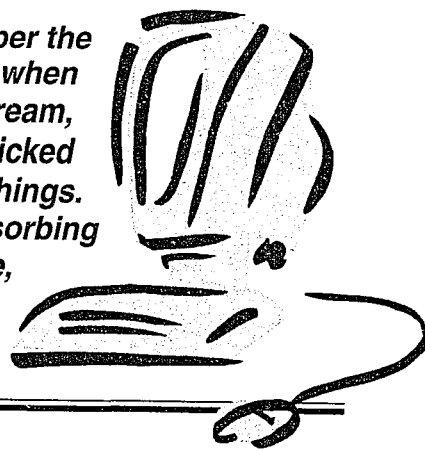
E-mail is very important to me. Of all the "devices" offered on the Web, it is the one I use the most. I remember the "good ol' days" when e-mail was just a dream, and people still licked stamps to send things. But luckily, after absorbing all that

Spanish assignments. E-mail influences my daily life.

**Instant messenger**

Another important aspect of the Internet that I have used many times is Instant Messenger (I-M) programs. Even faster than e-mail,

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stamp glue, we decided to invent e-mail. Suddenly, the world was at our fingertips.

E-mail lets me stay connected with my family and friends across the nation and world. It provides cheap, fast, and easy communication. I have e-mailed assignments to my teachers. I have used e-mail to communicate with kids across the country for

I-M relays messages between two or more people while they are using the Internet simultaneously. It is closely related to talking on the phone without long distance bills!

Companies like America Online and Microsoft offer free use of Instant Messenger programs. I use them instead of chat rooms because

they are more private. In the I-M programs, I decide who is allowed to talk to me.

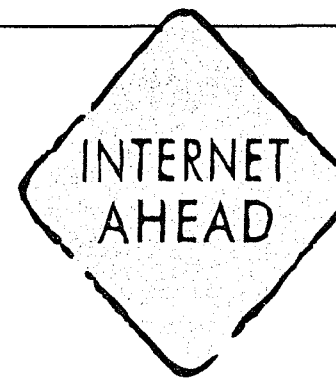
**Chat rooms**

Chat rooms are also offered on the Internet. But they can be dangerous—I know from personal experience—so I stay away from them. Some Christian chat rooms are better than regular rooms, but you still have to be careful about how much information you give out to strangers.

**The Web**

I also use the Internet for school projects and papers. It offers up-to-date information on authors, science discoveries, court cases, and other things. It is very helpful to type in a few words on the screen, sit back, and relax while the computer searches for your topic.

There are dangerous and dirty



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things on the Internet, but if you are careful, you will not run into

them. I have to watch how much information I give on-line, and who has access to it. To avoid unwanted sites, I have to read carefully and ask others who know more about the Web than I do.

The Internet influences my everyday life, and I am blessed to have easy access to it. Of course, I could live without the Internet; that is a "no-brainer." But communication with loved ones and finding information has never been so easy. SR



*Aubrey Appel is editor of The Beacon and a member of the Milton, Wis., SDB Church.*

**Youth and the Internet**

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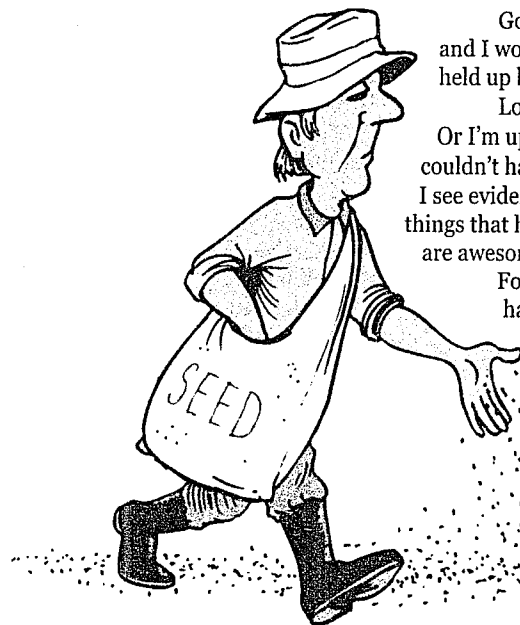
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## Planting the seed

by Ginny Burdick



God is so wonderful. I lead a really busy life. School is stressful, and I work really hard at it. But I realize all the time how much I'm being held up by something stronger than myself.

Lots of times, I'm so tired that I just don't feel like doing things. Or I'm upset or simply frustrated. If I didn't have the Lord in my life, I couldn't handle it. He brings me such a peace. I see evidence all the time of what He's doing in my life. Even just little things that happen will set off a "dinger" in my head, and I'll say, "God, You are awesome!"

For instance, a couple weeks ago I talked to a guy who is in about half my classes. He's the type who always has everyone in the class focusing on himself. He is "funny," and slightly crude at times. But he's really an intelligent, nice guy.

We were talking about history. We'd had several classes together but really didn't know much about each other. The conversation eventually got around to me, and he asked one thing in particular: Why was I always so calm, friendly, and acted like things didn't bother me?

I laughed, since I'm always unsure of myself and rarely ever calm inside. But I realized that maybe I didn't look that way from the *outside*. I told him that

I didn't know why I appeared that way but, if I did, it probably had something to do with God's peace.

Well, that set off a very interesting discussion. He told me he used to go to a youth group. He said it was really fun, but that he "hadn't had time to go" lately.

At the end of the discussion, I felt like I knew him better but didn't think anything would come of it. So when I overheard his girlfriend talking to a friend, I couldn't believe my ears.

"You know where he took me?" she asked. "He stopped off at this church to see his friends from this Youth Group! And he said he might come back next week. Can you believe it?!"

I was amazed, too. Who knows what will come of come it; maybe nothing. But the seed has been planted. What happens next is up to God.

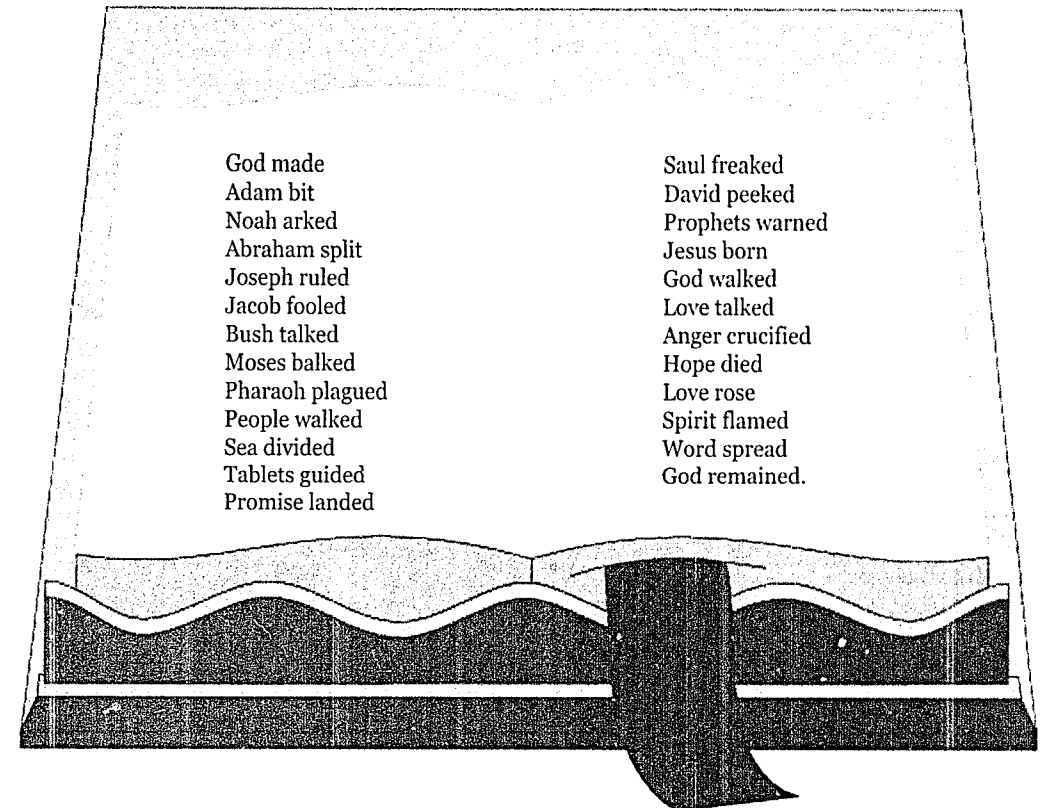


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Using e-mail, Aubrey Appel asked some friends about the importance of God in their lives. This testimony was in response to Aubrey's question. Check out the other answers from all around the country on pages 8 and 9.

## Items found on the Net:

## The Bible in fifty words



God made  
Adam bit  
Noah arked  
Abraham split  
Joseph ruled  
Jacob fooled  
Jacob fooled  
Bush talked  
Moses balked  
Pharaoh plagued  
People walked  
Sea divided  
Tablets guided  
Promise landed

Saul freaked  
David peeked  
Prophets warned  
Jesus born  
God walked  
Love talked  
Anger crucified  
Hope died  
Love rose  
Spirit flamed  
Word spread  
God remained.

## "Anyone know who this is?"

There was an atheist couple who had a child. The couple never told their daughter anything about the Lord. One night when the little girl was 5 years old, the parents fought with each other and the dad shot the mom, right in front of the child. Then the dad shot himself.

She then was sent to a foster home. The foster mother was a Christian and took the child to



church. On the first day of Sunday School, the foster mother told the teacher that the girl had never heard of Jesus, and to have patience with her.

The teacher held up a picture of Jesus and said, "Does anyone know who this is?"

The little girl said, "I do. That's the man who was holding me the night my parents died."

# A simple answer, via e-mail

by various authors inspired by the Great Author

*(I asked some of my friends, "What's the importance of God in your everyday life?" Here are some of the answers.—Aubrey)*

"God is very important to me!!"—Karlene Neher, MN

"I'd truly like to say that He's number one, but somehow He's been sliding into the back seat. I really need to work on that."—Karla Babcock, MN

"I think God is very important in my everyday life because if it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't even be here! Thanks, God!"—Crystal Butler, WI

"He's important every day, and all days of my life. But regrettably, as important as He is, I don't think about Him as much as I should."—Heather Hemminger, WA

"I think God helps me through the basics of everyday life. Without Him I would fall into all kinds of sin. So I think He's the most important part of my everyday life."—Jonathan Mackintosh, CA

"God is my very breath. He is my life and everything that I am and will be. I look to Him in times of joy and times of sorrow. If I didn't have God in my life, I would be lost and without a known purpose. He puts the meaning in my life; He is the purpose to my steps; He's the air that I breathe; and the very essence of me—which is to be shaped into Christ each and every day. He's the ruler and father of my life, my light in the darkness, my food when I'm hungry. Without Him I am nothing, for He is love—and without love, we are nothing. I love Him!!!!!"—Alanna Powell, MO

"More and more I find myself thinking about the Lord and His teachings. I try to figure out what it is that He wants me to do and how to do it. I try to follow God's will for me. But you know, sometimes His Will can be hard to figure out.

"You know what I mean. Is this from God? Or from that other spirit I don't want to mention. So it is hard for me. I guess I look at it like, okay, if I do the good Christian thing, is that going to make me more of a witness?

"Or is it better for me to show people my falls and then show them that God still loves me? As I try hard to make God more a part of my everyday life, I find that I get closer to Him."—Randy Kersten, WI

"Ummmm... I'll admit I don't place as much importance on God as I should, or would like to. I try to change that, but it's hard, you know? I guess you could say I'm easily distracted. I know I don't always do my best, but..."—Amy Wright, WI

"Quite unfortunately, He's not first. I really wish He were, but I seem to put other things before Him. I think I'm honestly getting better at involving Him in things in my everyday life, so that's a plus. But I'd say He's probably third on my list."—Sandy Noel, MI

"He leads me whenever I need help!"—Ben Wiley, NY

"Well,... I am still a baby, so I keep drifting. But I would say God keeps me sane during the day so I can survive through all of my classes and the pressures of life."—Heidi Kinnicutt, NY

"God is in my everyday life every day. Interesting, huh? I read my Bible to get to know what He wants and to get to know Him better. And I attend a prayer circle every morning outside the front of my school library. I pray and do a Bible study with my girlfriend about once a week, and He provides for all my needs. I'm in love with Jesus right now."—Jeremy Bullinger, NY

"Avalon's song sums it up. I 'Can't Live a Day' without Him."—Bethany Thompsongordon, FL

## Internet use linked to social isolation in study

by Sarah Griffith

Palo Alto, Calif. (ABP)—The “nation’s obsession with the Internet” may be causing increased social isolation among its heaviest users, according to a new study.

People who spend more than five hours a week online are cutting back on face-to-face communication with family and friends, said Norman Nie, a professor at Stanford University who conducted the study on how Internet affects society.

While many argue the Internet is creating new relationships and enhancing family communication, the Stanford study suggests the Internet may contribute to “social withdrawal” among those who use it most.

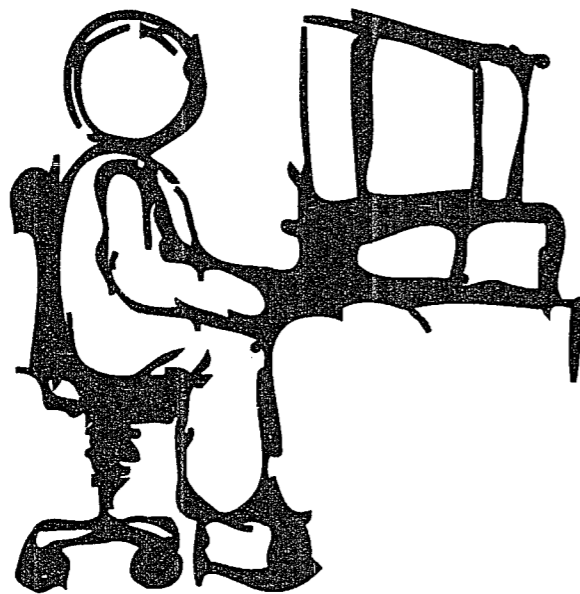
“We’re moving from a world in which you know all your neighbors, see all your friends, interact with lots of different people every day, to a functional world, where interaction takes place at a distance,” Nie said.

The study has generated controversy among social scientists. Howard Feinberg, a research analyst with the Statistical Assessment Service, called it a “bit of a reach” in an Associated Press article.

“[The study] is preliminary work and it doesn’t tell us much,” he said.

Feinberg said a survey conducted over a longer period of time would be more accurate in determining the social implications of the Internet.

The study surveyed 4,113 Ameri-



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can adults in 2,689 homes. Respondents were given free Internet access and Web TV.

Two-thirds of those surveyed said they stay online fewer than five hours

**Hey Everybody! It’s me, Aubrey! So you read the article? Got any deep, surfacing, must-share-with-someone-who-cares thoughts on the subject? How has the Internet affected you? Tell me, please! Thanks! the\_beacon 80@ hotmail.com**

a week. Of those, 13 percent indicated they spend less time with family and 8 percent said they attend fewer social gatherings.

But the more exposure people gain to the Internet, the more hours they begin to spend on it.

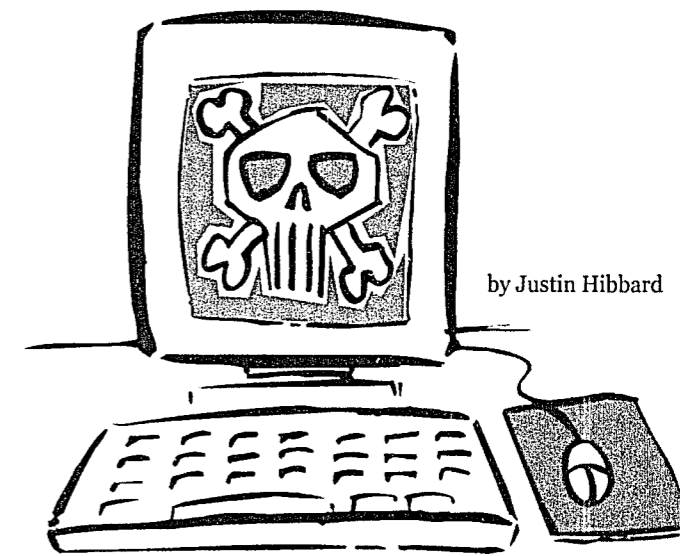
Nie said this data means “the trend toward social withdrawal will only increase.” Others disagree with Nie’s conclusions.

“There’s a lot of professional rewards for focusing on the negative,” said James Katz, a communications professor at Rutgers University, in a Washington Post article. He said his own research has indicated “more than a million new friendships have been found online that have led to face-to-face meetings.”

But those who conducted the study are not producing a “doomsday scenario,” said Lutz Ebring, a professor from the University of Berlin who worked with Nie.

“The fact is that there is an increase in the quantity of communication,” said Ebring. “But there is a loss in the warmth of the human quality.” SR

## Fighting the virus



by Justin Hibbard

**The computer was created to fight against viruses, but this one was unstoppable. Once the virus got in, it tore through the entire system.**

There was an engineer who decided he would make a computer so real that it would be almost human. So, he made it, and it was perfect. It was programmed just the way he wanted and, to him, it was good.

This computer was about to be shipped out when it mistakenly accepted a virus downloaded by another man in the company who was extremely jealous of the engineer’s success. Since the problem went undetected at the time, the computers were sent out and there was really no way to fix the error.

The engineer thought long and hard about what to do. The virus was extremely dangerous; it was the most complicated thing anyone had ever seen. The computer was created to fight against viruses, but this one was unstoppable. Once the virus got in, it tore through the entire system. The answer to a simple problem like 3+2 soon became 4. It was a terrible situation.

If the computer’s “fighting system” let down its guard for even a minute, the virus would tear it up even more. The creator of these marvelous computers was distraught.

*These computers are worthless, he thought. But it was so much work, and I don’t want to just destroy them and create something else. There’s got to be something I can do.*

Eventually, he created the most complex virus-fighting system he could come up with. It had to be installed, but he gave it away free to all

the people who owned his company’s computers. But the installation process was so long and difficult that many people thought it wasn’t worth the effort. Some even doubted that the new system would work, so they ignored it entirely.

For those who did install this “virus fighter,” an amazing thing happened. It basically tore the computer apart from the virus. It took all the infected systems and the false output, and cleansed it of the virus.

The anti-virus system fought the virus vigorously and restored all the parts that had been destroyed. Still, the creator didn’t understand why people weren’t installing the anti-virus.

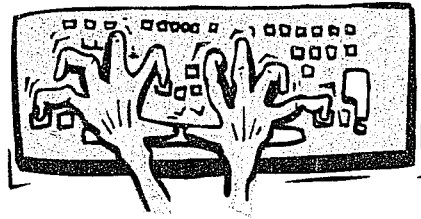
It took so much of his time and

energy to create the thing, and he simply gave it away free. That was a lot of money that he paid from his own pocket.

By this time, the warranty had expired on the computer, so he didn’t have to refund anything to anyone. However, he felt bad for all those who had bought his computer, so he made a deal: once he had figured out how to return these computers to their original, perfect state, he would take the computers back and return them “brand new,” like they were originally intended.

It would be pointless to receive a computer without the anti-virus scanner because, by then, it would be too late—the computer would be worthless and beyond repair. So, this





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deal only applied to those who had installed the anti-virus scanner.

But people still refused to install the anti-virus that sat in their hands. They didn't think it was worth the time and energy. So, their computers got worse and worse.

Soon the computer was deleting files and its own self. How horrible! Finally, the time came for the owner to recall all the computers. For those who had installed the anti-virus system, a perfectly working computer was given back to them. But the others suffered because of their ignorance.

This is, by no means, a perfect metaphor. But for technology-oriented people, I thought it might be easier to understand. God created us perfect, but because of a fatal mistake in accepting sin into our lives, we have become "worthless." And that's exactly what we are.

How can God possibly use us? Why would someone use a computer that outputs false answers? It's worthless.

So, God gave us a gift that cost Him so much. He gave Jesus. It is a free gift to anyone who wants it. It takes us and tears us apart from all the false output of our lives—all those things we have become so used to outputting.

We have become comfortable with our sins, and that is why we don't

want Jesus to make us new beings and conform us to His image and likeness. Many of us refuse to "install" Jesus into our lives.

God promises us that He will make us perfect again. In fact, He offers things like heaven and fellowship with Him. How can we refuse? We sin and sin and refuse to install Jesus. We refuse to accept Him as the cure to all our problems and the only way to God.

**God offers the anti-virus system, and through it, everlasting and perfect life! Don't be ignorant and die; install Jesus into your life today and live!**

It is ignorance! And that's just what we are—ignorant. In some unknown future day, God is going to call us. He is going to say, "It is time I deal completely with these humans. For the wise who have chosen to conform and install Jesus into their lives, I will make them new sinless beings with complete fellowship to me and the most perfect living conditions one could imagine.

"But to all those who have been foolish in rejecting the cure, I will send them to live in hell. Because they have rejected me, I will reject them."

Do you see the mercy and grace He offers? God doesn't have to do this for us. Our warranty expired the day we let sin enter into our lives.

But God has some incredible undeserved mercy. Those who take the free gift and apply it to their lives will be saved on that day. Don't make the mistake in thinking that the computers could fight the virus themselves; it was too strong.

Satan and sin are too strong for us. It is completely impossible to fight them alone. That is why God offers the anti-virus system, and through it, everlasting and perfect life! Don't be ignorant and die; install Jesus into your life today and live!

Many of you think that Jesus won't work, just like some thought the anti-virus system wouldn't work. There is only one thing to say: try and see. That is the basic argument for Christianity. I, using logic, can believe that God exists, and I can put my faith (trust in believing) in His promises. But no matter how much I know, Christianity means nothing until I do exactly what it says and let it change my life.

I am reminded of a quote by G.K. Chesterton: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried."

Are we waiting for a miracle or something to appear to say Christianity is the truth? I doubt that will happen. The miracle exists when we give ourselves to it and watch Jesus change our lives. It is the major step of faith that brings the major process of change. **SR**

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Women's Society page by Donna Bond

## "Marthas and Marys" found in local groups

Sharing of annual "Highlights" from our individual women's societies/ladies aids has become a tradition at Conference in recent years. We thank those of you who have provided written reports of your group's activities and encourage you to bring them to West Virginia this year as well.

If you are planning next year's program in your own church, perhaps the following ideas from your SDB sisters could be implemented or adapted. (Other program ideas have been shared in previous issues of *The Sabbath Recorder*.)

### Feeding the soul

Many of our women (including North Loup, Neb.; Hebron, Pa.; Riverside, Calif.; Battle Creek, Mich.; and Alfred Station, N.Y.) have a monthly or occasional Bible study, lesson, or book review. Specifically, Hebron held in-depth studies of *Intimacy with God* by Cynthia Heald, and *Christian Community* by Ron Suggs. Hebron also centered programs around audio/video cassettes, poetry, readings, "fun quizzes," and crafts.

The Milton, Wis., Women's Circle also enjoyed Bible brain teasers. Alfred Station studied the Conference theme last year under the leadership of their pastor.

Several groups—Shiloh, N.J., Battle Creek, and Milton—spend one session sharing Conference reports and plans for the coming year. Shiloh and Battle Creek install their officers in a ceremony.

Dodge Center, Minn., hosted an Association Women's Retreat, while members in Milton and Albion, Wis., reported on it.

### Special events

Special events, of course, are most noteworthy and appealing. Dodge Center hosted a 140th church anniversary celebration; Battle Creek studied "Impressions of Israel" and "HRT—Do You Need It?" Alfred Station staged a "Quilts from Home" show and enjoyed a spring banquet in a restaurant; Albion treated themselves to an ice cream social in the park; Shiloh ladies experimented with "finding and evaluating your

been busy overseeing the physical needs of our women's societies and churches:

Battle Creek, North Loup, and Shiloh all take responsibility for maintaining and stocking their church kitchens; similarly, Riverside provides monthly maintenance for the church itself, and last year replaced an impressive assortment of kitchen items; Alfred, N.Y., ladies maintain their parish house; Dodge Center purchased candles and hold-

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spiritual gifts," explored "living in a green world (as part of their 1998-99 rainbow theme), studied "Resurrection eggs," and held a mother/daughter banquet featuring a fashion show of Bible characters.

### Fund-raisers

If your group is looking for new fund-raising activities (beyond the usual assortments of sales and dinners), consider some of these ideas: collect pennies or recycle soda cans (Riverside); give a penny-per-pound donation (could be incriminating!); hold a "count-your-joys" or "Sunshine-or-Snowman" days offering (Albion); or collect annual dues from each member and/or a "chip fund" offering at each meeting (Shiloh).

### "Marthas and Marys" serving the church

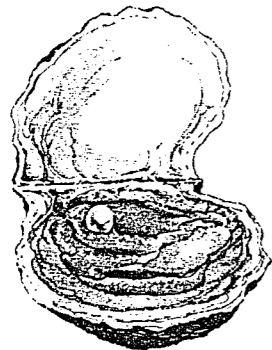
SDB women are notorious for serving their churches and communities or individuals in need. The "Marthas" in our denomination have

ers for their church; Daytona Beach, Fla., decorated their church bathroom and made plans to decorate their guest house; and Albion renovated their parsonage and added a fire extinguisher.

Meanwhile, our "Marys" assist in meeting spiritual and emotional needs (which often overlap the physical needs) of their sisters:

the Milton women coordinated a prayer chain, honored local graduates, and hosted bridal showers; Dodge Center also honored graduates; Daytona Beach made favors for the Conference Women's Banquet; Riverside assisted with a church Passover dinner and sponsored a vegetarian cooking class; Alfred Station published and distributed a newsletter for its members; and Waterford, Conn., ladies provided Easter flowers to one of their members in a nursing home.

"Whatever your hand findeth to do, do it with your might" (Eccles. 9:10a). **SR**



Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

## A new link for an old heritage

Seventh Day Baptists are an integral part of a Baptist Web page now under construction. The BAPTISTHERITAGE.COM Task Group first met in the nation's capital at the D.C. Baptist Convention Building on February 5, 2000. They explored ways in which cooperative effort might make Baptist history more widely understood and appreciated through 21st century technology.

The initial Task Group of a dozen selected historians and archivists included representatives from the American Baptist Historical Society, the Baptist World Alliance, Baylor University, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, D.C. Baptist Convention, Mercer University, the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, Southern Baptist Historical Society, and Southern Baptist Historical Library & Archives.

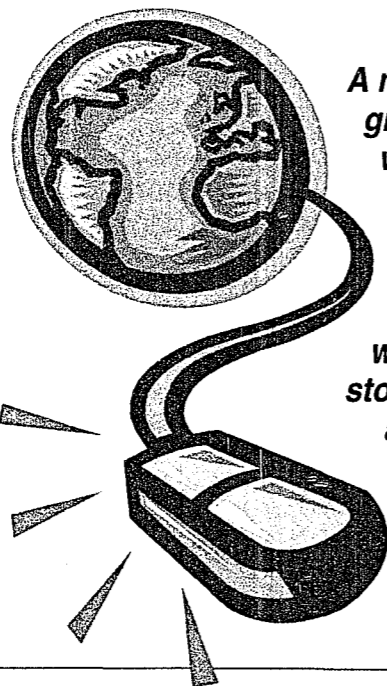
A second meeting was held on April 15 in which the following blueprints were tentatively approved:

- 1) Home Page
  - Brief purpose statement: "A resource on Baptist Heritage emphasizing Baptists in North America"
  - Logo or image
  - Mission statement for the task force
  - E-mail address
  - Identity of the group possibly with names and titles
- 2) Who Are Baptists?
  - Brief history of Baptists followed by a few titles and entitled "For Additional Reading"

Three hot buttons:

- Expanded History
  - Frequently asked questions
  - Bibliography
- 3) Baptist Groups—Alphabetical list of Baptist groups
  - 4) Dictionary—terms having to do with Baptists
  - 5) Directories
- Five hot buttons:
- Societies/Archives—list of Baptist historical societies, archives, and collections with addresses
  - Educational Institutions—past and present Baptist-related colleges, universities, and divinity schools with addresses and dates of founding
  - Historians in U.S. and Canada, alphabetized, with addresses and publications, courses of study, etc.
  - Historical Sites
  - Publishers
- 6) What's New?—Events and publications generally within a one-year limit.

Seventh Day Baptists have the opportunity to help build this site



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and make use of it. We may be the smallest member in numbers, but we have one of the longest and richest of histories to share.

Any list of prominent personalities in Baptist history would include such SDB names as Samuel and Tacy Hubbard, Samuel Ward, the Stennetts in England, Corliss F. Randolph, Jennings Randolph, and early missionaries, both home and foreign. Our historical archives may not be the biggest, but it is one of the oldest and, in selected areas, the most complete.

Any reader input or suggestions on what should be included in this construction may be addressed to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society prior to July 1 for inclusion in the September meeting. Our e-mail address is [sdbhist@inwave.com](mailto:sdbhist@inwave.com).

One of our most used tracts is entitled, "A Baptist Church That's a Little Different." Perhaps in this new medium, we can emphasize that we are Baptists with an important distinctive; we observe the biblical Sabbath. **SR**



# SR Almanac

*A look at where we have been from the pages of The Sabbath Recorder*

### One year ago—June 1999

It's the first "SDB Youth Takeover" issue, guest-edited by Aubrey Appel. Youth writers include Justin Hibbard and Marcy Payne; Jeremiah Owen updates readers on his church's Punk-rock ministry; and Alicia Mackintosh reviews her involvement in "Cross Currents Ministries."

Board of Christian Education announces appointment of new Executive Director, the Rev. Andrew J. Camenga.

"Focus" page highlights John Conrod's internet ministry, *The Fisherman's Net*.

YFs in Salem, W.Va.; Little Genesee, N.Y.; and Riverside, Calif., participate in planned famines for World Vision.

Obituary shares passing of Pastor Keith Julson, Portage, Wis.

### Five years ago—June 1995

Testimonies explain, "What the SR means to me." Writers include Chris Mattison, Elmo Fitz Randolph, Lannette Calhoun, Cormeth Lawrence, Ruth Burdick, Thelma Tarbox, Glen Warner, Ethel Dickinson, Jean Jorgensen, Mayola Warner, Norma Rudert, Scott Hausrath, and Beth Wallstrom.

Lora Dickinson shares in *The Beacon* about her Habitat for Humanity spring-break project.

"Focus" page relates how the *Recorder* is an "evangelistic gold mine" overseas.

Local church news items come from Riverside; Battle Creek, Mich.; and Shiloh, N.J.

### 10 years ago—June 1990

Long-time pastors and campers—Elmo Fitz Randolph and David Clarke—reflect on the theme, "SDB Camping."

Ernest Bee Jr. remembers the "father" of SDB camping, A.J.C. Bond.

Connie Coon shares her camping memories in the "From the Heart" column.

Pre-Con camp celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Riverside church holds opening services in their new facility.

### 25 years ago—June 1975

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn writes on the Sixth Commandment.

Historian Albert Rogers relates the activities of SDBs in colonial 1776.

Quotes from previous editors recall the 130-year history of the SR.

With the theme, "The Pastor, Where the Action Is," over 35 pastors and seminarians gather in Dodge Center, Minn., for Ministers' Conference in April.

Pastor Charles and Margaret Bond, Shiloh, are given a surprise reception for their 35th wedding anniversary.

Jane Mackintosh shares her testimony of entering missions work.

### 50 years ago—June 1950

Special issue emphasizes the Sabbath. Text is presented for the tract, "Pro and Con: The Sabbath Question in a Nutshell."

More positive highlights provided from the Ministers' Conference held at a Boy Scout camp near Milton, Wis.

The Chicago church holds farewell dinner for Pastor and Mrs. Leon Lawton (called to Los Angeles). Robert Lippincott to serve as pastor in Chicago for the summer.

Oscar Burdick presents his graduate organ recital at the Milton church.

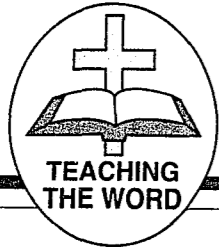
Listing of SDB camps provided, along with suggestions for Day Camp outreach possibilities.

...where are we headed?

### Pray for—

- our many summer camps
- the 13 SCSC projects
- our dedicated Sabbath School teachers
- leaders in diaconal ministry
- this year's school graduates
- the "connecting" outreach of the SR
- our churches' YFs and *The Beacon*





## Christian Education

by Andrew J. Camenga

### Are you CALLED to be a church lay leader?

One of the programs offered by the SDB Board of Christian Education is Church Administered Lay Leadership Education (CALLED). It provides educational modules to prepare you, under the guidance of your pastor, to become a lay leader in your church.

The CALLED program is available to assist pastors with lay leadership development by providing educational opportunities for Sabbath School teachers and officers, camp staffs, youth advisors, Bible study leaders, deacons, church officers, and worship leaders.

We urge that the modules be completed in the suggested sequence. Each module is composed of six weeks of home study, a weekly review meeting with the pastor, and a final two-hour seminar.

The modules focus upon home study guided by a workbook, which contains daily learning goals, reading

assignments from the textbooks, and questions for the student's written assignments. The cost of the textbooks will be billed to the local church. Workbooks, evaluation

arrange a seminar to review the student's new knowledge and to plan for ministry.

CALLED is an adaptation by Ernest K. Bee Jr. of *Training for*

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forms, and certificates will be provided by the Board of Christian Education.

The student is asked to spend five hours each week in home study. The pastor will arrange to meet weekly with the student to discuss the student's written work and reading assignments. After completion of the home study, the pastor will

*Church Staff Workers* by Rodney L. Henry. The program title, "Church Administered Lay Leadership Education," was suggested by Rebecca (Mrs. Christian) Mattison.

Brochures, eligibility requirements, module descriptions, and enrollment forms can be obtained from the Board of Christian Education office. **SR**

### Announcing EducatingChristians.org

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to announce our presence on the World Wide Web. We are designing our website to help you discover or remember the many resources that the Board offers to local churches. It will describe our periodicals, publications, workshops, retreats, and other programs. You can find this site at [EducatingChristians.org](http://EducatingChristians.org).

There is a new way to reach the Board of Christian Education office. We can receive e-mail at [sdbbce@EducatingChristians.org](mailto:sdbbce@EducatingChristians.org). You can also reach the Board office by phone and fax at (607) 587-8527. Our mailing address is PO Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803-0115.



## FOCUS on Missions

## Fall in Australia

by Kirk Looper

It seemed strange getting off the airplane and feeling fall weather in April—but this was Australia. The autumn fragrances of evergreens and dead leaves from the deciduous trees whiffed in my face as I looked forward to spending a week "Down Under."

Plans for the trip actually began last year at General Conference. I was invited to meet with Dorothea Shettel, and Pastor and Mrs. Stefan Kube from Australia. They wondered if the SDB programs for training church leaders could be brought to their country. I assured them that if they wanted the leadership training programs, there would be no objections. By the time our meeting ended, they were convinced that the programs would be available and useful to them.

In January of this year, the process was helped along when Rev. Kevin Butler and his wife, Janet, attended the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Melbourne. The Butlers met with representatives from the Australian Association of the Australasian Conference, and discussed the availability and acquisition of the leadership programs.

Since then, Kevin has conferred with me, and materials have been sent.

During my April visit to Australia, I attended the business meeting of the Association and introduced the International T.I.M.E., National T.I.M.E., and the CALLED programs. Seventh Day Baptist polity and beliefs were discussed, along with questions about many aspects of how the programs worked. Other subjects discussed ranged from tithing to autonomy to congregational rule.

It was interesting to listen to their reactions to some of the responses and conclusions. I appreciated the

openness of those attending, and the honesty with which they spoke and asked questions.

Since the Association meeting was held as a "family camp," many activities were available during the weekend. After Sabbath services in Sydney, we went to a park to eat lunch. Following lunch, the youth took a "bush walk" on a trail that went over a precipice and down into a deep ravine to a small river. We followed the river for a short distance, then went up on the opposite shore.

Although this "trip" was short—only a couple of miles—it really challenged this hiker. It was good to get back on top of the precipice. That night, we ate at the camp and then held a Bible

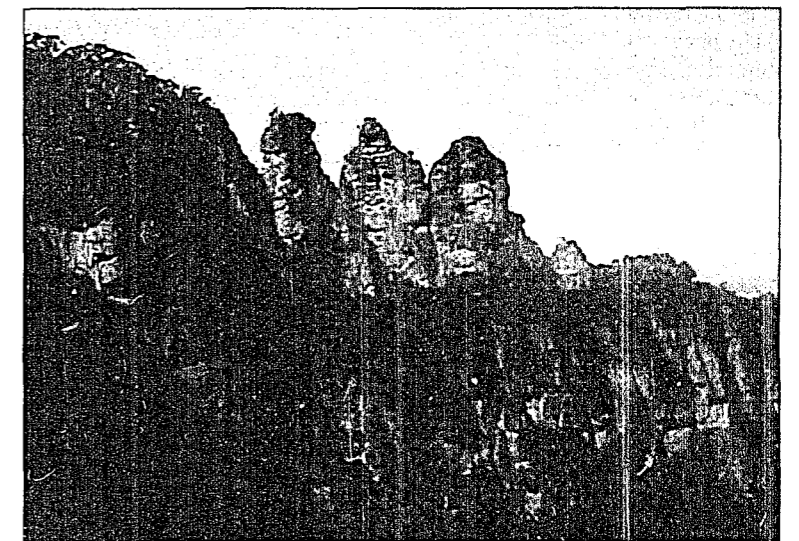
study, played games, and sang songs.

Australia is a beautiful country. My time there allowed me to see many of the unique plants and animals that set it apart from other lands.

Included on this page are photos of some of the people and scenes available if you ever decide to visit "down under." Remember, Olympics 2000 is in Sydney this September. Just contact someone there to make arrangement. **SR**



*Vicki and Stefan Kube, editor of "The Link" newsletter of the Australasian Conference.*



*The "Three Sisters" mountain range outside of Sydney.*



# the BEACON

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

June 2000

## Nebraska YF accepts Bible challenge

by Amy Goodrich

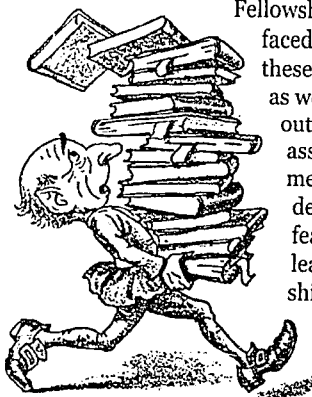
What is your most priceless possession? I'm talking about the one thing that you wouldn't give up for anything in the world.

Maybe it's a rare baseball card, train set, or some other collector's item that's in mint condition. Perhaps it's a piece of jewelry that belonged to your great-grandmother, or your grandfather's watch. It might even be an inexpensive trinket that holds sentimental value. You wouldn't part with that item for all the cocoa beans in South America! (Chocolate lovers, just imagine!)

This describes how many Christians feel about the Bible, especially in countries where there is only one Bible for every 10 believers. Sometimes they tear the pages out of the Bible and the sections are traded among groups of Christians.

The North Loup (Neb.) SDB Youth Fellowship was

faced with these facts as we set out on an assignment under the fearless leadership of



The North Loup YF with advisors Helen Goodrich and Pastor Chris Mattison.

Pastor Chris Mattison, Helen Goodrich, and Chris Severence.

After SDB Missionary Society Executive Kirk Looper visited our church and told us about his visit to Faith Orphanage in Zambia, Africa, the Doctor Grace Missionary Society came up with the "100-pound challenge." Our church's Society planned to collect 100 pounds of various things like Bibles, seeds, and baby clothing to send to Africa. They had already sent well over 100 pounds of donated seeds when they came to our YF for help. They challenged us to gather 100 pounds of Bibles. And since our YF is never one to back down from a dare, we accepted.

First we got permission to have a drop-off box at the North Loup Cafe. Then we decorated boxes to put in the cafe, as well as our church. We also posted flyers around town. The response was great and we quickly gathered enough Bibles to fill several boxes.

Our official "weigh day" was February 26. Before we weighed the Bibles, Pastor Chris took guesses from each of us as to how many pounds there were. We weighed the Bibles 10 at a time on a regular bathroom scale.

When we finished, we found we had 63 Bibles that weighed over 100

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Seeking Spiritual Maturity:  
through Sabbathkeeping



## Sabbath as an educational tool

by Larry Graffius

An annual emphasis of  
the SDB General Council

Excerpted from Larry Graffius' book *True to the Sabbath, True to Our God*, chapter 4, pages 40-42, 44-46.

### God, the Master Teacher

Modern educators tell us that—  
We retain...

10% of what we read,  
20% of what we hear,  
30% of what we see,  
50% of what we see and hear,  
70% of what we say (repeat),  
90% of what we say and do.

Or, as another educator has put it, "If you tell me, I forget. If you show me, I remember. But if you involve me, I learn." When it makes a difference to me, I will learn it and retain it. If you can show me how it matters, how it will affect my life, then I will incorporate it into my own personal belief.

In the experience of the Manna, the Israelites were involved. They learned by doing. It was on-the-job training in Sabbath keeping. And because it made a difference, it also made an impact and their lives were changed for a lifetime.

Another very effective teaching method has surfaced in recent years: The Quiz. It has been shown that if, at the beginning of class, the teacher announces that there will be a quiz at the end of the period, the students will be much more likely to give their attention, they will tend to remember more of the material being taught, and they will retain it longer than where no quiz was given.

God also utilized this practice in teaching Israel how to keep the Sab-

bath. At the end of each week God tested his pupils. "On the sixth day, there will be twice the amount of Manna available," God told them, "and thus you are to gather a double portion, because on the seventh day, there will be no Manna gathering. In fact there will be no Manna to gather."

It was inductive learning. It was presenting the students with a real life situation, and then drawing the lesson from the experience. It was a case of showing the specific application, of giving specific instructions, and in the process the principles were learned.

### Continuing Education: Manna principles in the New Testament

Was this lesson just for the Israelites? Or are these principles transcultural, transcending time and circumstance? Are they still valid for us today? Does God still expect us to apply them to our Sabbath keeping?

The response of the New Testament is affirmative. Throughout the gospels as well as in the practice of the early church we can discover no repeal, nor any adjustments to the principles of Sabbath keeping that God taught Israel in the wilderness. Specifically we observe that...

•The Sabbath continues to be faithfully observed on the seventh day of the week in the New Testament.... Furthermore, throughout the book of Acts the seventh day of the week is consistently referred to as the Sabbath.

•The Sabbath is still affirmed as a day of rest by New Testament believers.

•Central to their understanding of keeping the Sabbath holy was the obligation to not work on the Sabbath. This very question is debated repeatedly by the scribes and teachers of the law with Jesus.

•The practice of preparation for Sabbath Day is still prevalent in the New Testament.

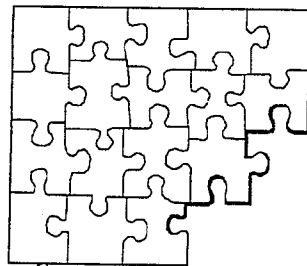
•The day set apart and hallowed by God is affirmed by Jesus. He declares, "The Son of Man is Lord, even of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:28). As He Himself sanctions its observance, He thereby affirms its holy nature and purpose.

•It is evident that Sabbath keeping is valued as a personal habit in the lives of first century believers. Moreover it is a priority that was faithfully kept by Jesus, Paul and their companions.

•Regarding the matter of the Sabbath as a test of faith, this is given a new dimension by the writer of Hebrews. He sees in the Sabbath a glimpse of eternity; he uses it as a word picture or illustration of our heavenly rest.

He exhorts his readers to hold fast to their belief in Christ and not shrink back, so that they might enter into that ultimate rest. "There remains, therefore, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God" (Hebrews 4:9). By keeping the Sabbath, we continue to demonstrate our trust in God. He will provide all that we need, and one day will call us to that eternal rest. **SR**

# Live in Harmony with One Another



## The President's Page

### Personal crisis yields public outpouring

by John Camenga

I did not expect to write this article. A very personal experience has underlined the special—perhaps unique—relationships that Seventh Day Baptists share.

My wife, Linda, went in to the hospital on March 28th for her fifth heart catheterization in just over a year. The cardiologist reported that the narrowed artery to Linda's heart had closed up again, and that it was useless to try another angioplasty.

He and the surgeon believed that a simple bypass was the best solution. They expected no complications, and assumed that the procedure would take only two or three hours.

Both the medical folks and Linda encouraged me to start my scheduled trip so that I could make contacts with several people before arriving for General Council meetings in Wisconsin. I left early the next morning, expecting to hear of the successful completion of the surgery by mid-morning.

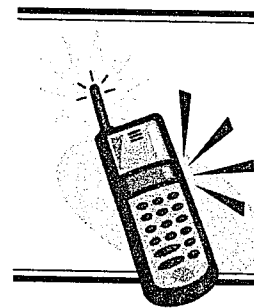
When noon came and I had not heard, I tried to contact either my family or hospital staff to find out what had happened. But I couldn't get through. I was in Tennessee by 3 p.m., still headed north and becoming more concerned about the long delay in receiving information.

Finally, I got through to an office staffer who said there had been some "minor complications." At 5:30, just outside Nashville, I was able to speak to the surgeon. A series of catastrophes had occurred. I could hear the pain in his voice as he shared the situation with me.

He could not understand what had gone wrong. He told me how he watched her heart die in his hands.

our ministry continue as *my* ministry?" "Who is equipped to do the special things she does?" Perhaps these were selfish questions, but they were the ones in my mind as I turned the car around and headed back to Daytona Beach, fully expecting the worst.

I used my cell phone to contact people as I traveled. My children, parents, and brothers were first.



**His exact words were, "I can't imagine her making it through the night."**

Five bypasses had been performed, and he held out no hope of recovery. His exact words were, "I can't imagine her making it through the night."

I have never felt more alone. I had no concern for Linda's "future." She has long been a child of the King. I had absolute confidence she would be resting in His loving care until the resurrection.

My questions were: "How am I going to live without her?" "How can

Then I called the SDB Center in Janesville to ask for prayer support. Paul Green, a former pastor of mine, answered the phone and got the word out quickly. I drove until I knew I was not safe to be on the road and slept.

At 3:00 a.m. on Thursday, my daughter called. They were rushing Linda back into the operating room for an emergency procedure. A glimmer of hope came to me at

that point. Would they put her through more surgery if things were hopeless? At 6:30 the surgeon called. Linda had come through the surgery and was looking "a little better."

When I arrived at the hospital, I did not recognize Linda. I have seen many critically ill patients. I have been in many ICUs. This time I lost my "professional objectivity" looking at my wife lying there.

The nurse reported that Linda's heart was beating on its own: a very hopeful sign. On Friday afternoon they felt she was strong enough for another procedure. They closed her chest, which had been open since early Wednesday morning.

The road to recovery has been (and is) hard and long. Linda is better, and we are all working together to see that she recovers completely.

Now for the reason that I tell you

this story. Prayers, calls, letters, e-mails, cards, flowers, and a host of other contacts occurred during that crisis and the days since. They demonstrate how Seventh Day Bap-

**We may be scattered, but we do not allow the miles to separate us.**

tists rally around each other in moments of distress. They show how deeply we care for each other. We may be scattered, but we do not allow the miles to separate us.

Our Conference theme is "Live in harmony with one another."

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing" (1 Peter 3:8-9, NIV).

You, my fellow Seventh Day Baptists, have given me a great reminder of how well SDBs fulfill this theme. You have been sympathetic. You have loved us as brothers and sisters should. You have shown compassion and humility as you reached out to us. You have set aside past hurts and repaid with blessings. Thank you.

Oh yes, when we live this way—in harmony with one another—we can claim the attached promise, too. We will inherit God's blessing. **SR**

## Nebraska YF, cont. from page 18

pounds. Pastor Chris announced that Helen had the closest guess and presented her with a prize... a rock from the parking lot!

mentos in them. It was fun reading the note that one person wrote in the front of a donated Bible, expressing their prayer for blessings on the

new owner of their "special friend."

We know, however, the real blessing for those who receive these Bibles is hope and life everlasting. **SR**

**We were able to talk to community people about why we were collecting the Bibles, and we found several mementos in them.**

We packed the Bibles in boxes so they could be sent later. After the Bibles were boxed, we formed a prayer circle and asked God to bless those people who received them.

We experienced God's blessings as we completed our project. We were able to talk to community people about why we were collecting the Bibles, and we found several



While we picked up after our Bible challenge, a wonderful art form was invented. There's a coat rack in our church entryway, and some of the plastic hangers were lying on the floor.

Brian Goodrich picked up a few of the hangers and tossed them at the coat rack, one at a time. A couple got tangled up, and the idea caught on.

Pretty soon everyone was tossing hangers and a marvelous creation took form. We called it the "Handless Hanger Sculpture."

*Just hangin' around (clockwise from top left): Katrina Goodrich, Rebekah Mattison, Brian Goodrich, and Amy Goodrich.*

## A weekend of healing

by Linda Greene

The Dodge Center, Minn., Seventh Day Baptist Church hosted the spring Semi-Annual Meetings on March 24-26, 2000. Joining with us were our Wisconsin SDB churches in New Auburn and Portage. President Chet Bond chose the theme, "Stir Up the Holy Spirit Within You."

The weekend began with a Sabbath Eve service led by evangelist Tom Stamman from Impact Ministries International. Tom has ministered at our church with "Putting Christ Back Into Christmas" meetings in early December for the last several years.

After a time of praise and worship, Tom taught on the gifts of the Spirit, followed by time for personal ministry. The Lord uses Tom powerfully in word of knowledge and speaking prophetically into people's lives, and the entire evening was a time to be encouraged and built up in our faith.

Errol and Flo Spells from Battle Creek, Mich., were our guests for the weekend. During the Sabbath morning worship service, they shared their testimony about how the Lord miraculously healed Errol after a se-



**As each individual shared a struggle and prayer need, others gathered around to pray for God's blessing and to ask the Lord to meet those needs and heal the wounds.**

vere heart attack resulted in his clinical death. This experience produced a profound spiritual reawakening in their lives, and since that time they have ministered in many different settings, including the General Conference in 1990. Pastor Dale Rood then challenged us during the morning message with the question, "Do You Want to Go Further?"

Sabbath afternoon Errol and Flo led a workshop on healing, which included a demonstration of the technique they use in praying for people. An invitation was extended to those who wanted prayer for healing, and for others to join Errol and Flo in the prayer ministry.

Following another time of praise and worship, an open-mike testimony service became the highlight of the weekend. Chet introduced this time by sharing how the Lord had recently been working in his life, and he invited others to share a per-

sonal testimony of God's grace and faithfulness. This portion of the service began around 8:00 pm and lasted until well past midnight, as one after another, people came forward to share their spiritual journeys.

The sanctuary was filled with a sweet presence of the Holy Spirit and an outpouring of God's love in our hearts. There was a feeling of safety in the presence of so much love, and the sharing became progressively more honest and vulnerable. As each individual shared a struggle and prayer need, others gathered around to pray for God's blessing and to ask the Lord to meet those needs and heal the wounds.

During the entire weekend, God was very present and faithful in ministering to the lives of all those present, and we returned home with grateful hearts and a new understanding of what it means to have "been with God." SR

## A "Crash Course" in Zambian survival

by Jeffrey Hazen

- 1) Bring lots of Pepto Bismol. You're going to need it.
- 2) Get used to not understanding people. Many folks know English, but they prefer their tribal language—which is nothing like English.
- 3) Bring lots of anti-bacterial soap. Always carry some with you to clean your hands while on the road. People will constantly give you food, and they can be very insistent on you eating it.
- 4) Learn to live with cockroaches. Yes, they will get in your kitchen and bathroom and bedroom. Fortunately, they fear people, so they don't crawl over you at night.

It truly has been a blessing and a challenge to live in Zambia, southern Africa, since April 4th. In many ways, I've had to "humble myself like a little child," learning a new language and putting my life in the hands of people I don't know very well. In other ways, I have had to grow 20 years overnight.

The people here are hungry for education and leadership. I've seen the limit of my abilities, and I've failed at

several things already. Daily I have to put faith in Christ, asking God to forgive my failures and make me wise beyond my years.

A couple years ago, I started praying that God would send me overseas for a year where I could impart some gift that would last. Since that time, God's answer to that prayer was often unclear.

Upon arriving in Zambia, Rev. Edwin Mukumbo, the Zambian SDB Coordinator, told me that he began praying just before I did that the Lord would send someone to build the SDB Conference Center near Kitwe, Zambia. God has answered our prayers.

Before I leave next January, I also hope to establish a functioning SDB office that can translate tracts into local languages. SR

*Jeff Hazen is a young member of the Central (Maryland) SDB Church. To help support this ministry in Zambia, you may send your gifts to the SDB Missionary Society, 119 Main Street, Westerly RI 02891.*

## SCSC 2000

The Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC), a ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board, is preparing for another exciting summer of service throughout our denomination. This year, we have 13 projects with 28 team members.

Training for Project Directors (PDs) will be held at Jersey Oaks Camp in New Jersey, June 21–June 25. The team members will arrive on June 22 and stay through June 29.

On June 30 they will travel to their four-week projects.

We are praying that God will bless this ministry and make it fruitful. We need your prayers and financial support as well.

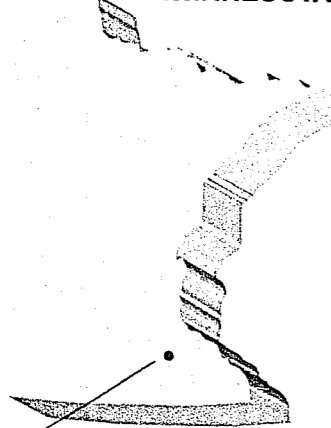
Team members are asked to raise \$200 toward their expenses (which is usually about \$1000 each—most of that for travel). The rest comes from Women's Board funds. If you can contribute toward their expenses,

please send your donation to Marie Davis, Women's Board Treasurer, 38 Cook Road, Bridgeton, NJ 08302, and designate it for SCSC.

If you are interested in being a prayer partner, or would like to contribute ideas or get more information, please contact:

Jeanne Dickinson, Chairman  
1256 Roadstown Road  
Bridgeton, NJ 08302  
(856) 455-5137 scsc@interactive.net

### MINNESOTA



Dodge Center

•**Ashaway, RI**  
Angelyn Neher & Holly Davis  
P.D.— Pastor Scott Smith

•**Battle Creek, MI**  
Sharai Fyffe & Nicole Gilmore  
P.Ds.— Kory & Jackie Geske

•**Boulder, CO**  
Stephanie Ritchie & Jamaal Fyffe  
P.D.— Jana Johnson

•**Central, MD**  
Jennifer Butler & Keith Ashley  
P.D.— Clifford Gordon

•**Miami, FL**  
Tameka Edwards & Omari Rhoden  
P.D.— Pastor Andy Samuels

•**Milton, WI**  
Siana McLean & Melinda Palmiter-Barnes  
P.D.— Teresa Kirsten

•**New Auburn, WI/  
Dodge Center, MN**  
Taryn Wiley & Marissa Van Horn  
P.D.— Genny Pederson

•**North Loup, NE**  
Angela Petty, Nathanael Lawton & Kris Bonser  
P.D.— Helen Goodrich

•**Riverside, CA**  
Miriam Lawton, Steve Graffius & Paula Reynolds  
P.D.— Pastor Eric Davis

•**Salem, WV**  
Cathy Rogers & Jennifer Martin  
P.D.— Duska Davis

•**Shiloh, NJ**  
Karlene Neher & Steve Pimple  
P.D.— Stephanie Sholtz

•**Verona, NY**  
Megan Clark & Patrick London  
P.Ds.— Debbie James & Mallie Petrie

•**White Cloud, MI**  
Andrea Davis & Jeff Sinclair  
P.D.— Patti Wethington

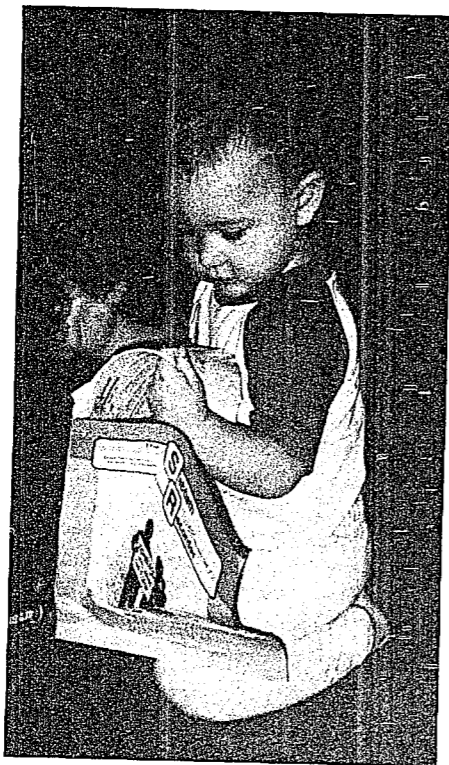


## Tearin' into the Recorder

Little Duane Davis just loves getting into the *Sabbath Recorder*. Do you? (Maybe it would help if your parents were co-chairs of the Tract Council's *SR* Committee. Thanks, David and Doreen, for the picture!)

Help the *SR* get into other young hands! Please respond to this year's fund drive letter. We are once again offering page sponsorships—this year at a reduced price.

Let's stay connected through the ministry of the *Sabbath Recorder*.



## Accessions

**Montrose, CA**  
*Scott Hausrath, pastor*  
 Joined after testimony  
 Alex Rowell  
 Elizabeth Rowell  
 Steve Rowell  
 Joined after baptism  
 Jonathan Owen  
 Angie Petty  
 Luke Rowell

## Births

**Schmunk.**—A daughter, Madison Reign Schmunk, was born to Louis and Mary Pat Schmunk of Central Square, NY, on February 2, 2000.

**Buchanan.**—A daughter, Bryleigh Kate Buchanan, was born to Mike and Kim (Bethel) Buchanan of Harrisburg, IL, on April 3, 2000.

## Obituaries

**Stone.**—Genevieve R. Stone, 100, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., died on October 16, 1999, in Ft. Lauderdale following a brief illness. She was born on September 1, 1899, in Verona, N.Y., the daughter of Will and Flora (Williams) Hyde. She was educated in Verona schools and attended Morrisville (N.Y.) College. On July 6, 1924, she married George W. Stone, who died in May 1962.

Mrs. Stone was employed at Oneida Ltd. and also worked as a caregiver for children. She was a resident of Canastota, N.Y., for many years before moving to Cortland, N.Y., and later to Florida.

## Obituaries, continued

She held the distinction of being the oldest member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Jean Houser of Ft. Lauderdale; two granddaughters, four great-granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in Ft. Lauderdale. A committal service will be held this fall at the Rathbun Cemetery in Verona.

**Sholtz.**—Floyd D. Sholtz, 96, went to be with the Lord on February 19, 2000, at the Extended Care Facility in Oneida, N.Y.

He was born on April 11, 1903, in Des Moines, Iowa, the son of Joseph and Effie (Davis) Sholtz. He spent his early years in Nortonville, Kan., attending school and the Seventh Day Baptist church there.

In 1918, his family moved to Oneida, where he attended high school and became active in the Verona, N.Y., SDB Church. On August 12, 1925, he married Jennie Williams. She passed away in January, 1975. On April 24, 1976, he married Elmina (Camenga) Warner.

Floyd and his brother, Claude, owned and operated a large, successful dairy farm until Claude passed away in 1961. He continued farming with his son, Louis, until retiring in the early 1970s. He was active in many farm organizations and was a director in several of them.

His love for the Lord and the Sabbath was evident throughout his life. He was a long-time member and deacon of the Verona church and served in many different capacities.

In addition to his wife, survivors include one daughter, Joyce Burdick of Sherrill, N.Y.; two sons, Robert of El Cerrito, Calif., and Louis of Oneida; four stepsons, Garth Warner of Oneida, Maurice and Dick Warner of Verona, and Rev. Glen Warner of Ashtabula, Ohio; 15 grandchildren, 16 step-grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one daughter, Muriel

Osborn. Stepson Alva Warner of Lake Alfred, Fla., died on February 27, 2000.

Funeral services were held on February 23, 2000, at the Verona SDB Church, with Pastor Steven James officiating. Burial was in the New Union Cemetery, Verona.

**Williams.**—Hazel M. Williams, 93, of Oneida, N.Y., died on April 16, 2000, in the Extended Care Facility at the Oneida Healthcare Center. She had been a resident there for the past one and a half months.

She was born on September 22, 1906, in Fort Stanwix, N.Y., the daughter of John G. and Theresa (Schaub) Roehm. She was a 1924 graduate of Oneida High School.

On October 22, 1927, she married Semun A. Eddy in Oneida. He died on July 20, 1957. On June 12, 1970, she married John W. Williams in Naperville, Ill. He died on November 15, 1993.

She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Oneida, and an associate member of the Verona, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Williams was head cashier at the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Earlier, she was employed by Jones Brothers as a bookkeeper.

Hazel was active in bowling and helped organize the Oneida Women's Bowling Association. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Silver Star Chapter No. 21.

Survivors include two stepdaughters, Dorothy Grobb of Utahville, S.C., and Mayola Warner of Oneida Castle, N.Y.; one stepson, Rev. David Williams of Bossier City, La.; two grandchildren, one great-grandchild; 10 step-grandchildren, 20 step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Semun A. Eddy Jr., in 1985.

Funeral services were held on April 20, 2000, at the Campbell-

Dean Funeral Home in Oneida, with Rev. Steven James officiating. Interment was in Glenwood Cemetery, Oneida.

**Mazamba.**—Ntombizininzi Elspeth Mazomba, 60, died in late 1999 at her home in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Mrs. Mazomba was born on February 7, 1939, at Mgodlane, Cala, Transkei, South Africa, the daughter of Charles and Roseline Ganca. She did her lower primary educational standards in Transkei, and her higher standards at Cowan High School in New Brighton, Port Elizabeth, and Clarkebury Training College.

In 1968, she married Joseph Nimrod Mazomba, who preceded her in death.

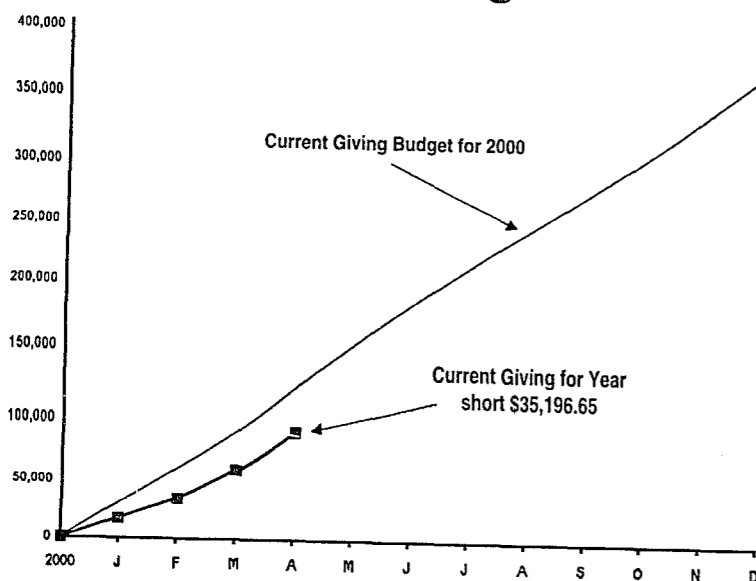
She began teaching at Ilith Public Primary School in Port Elizabeth in 1959 and continued her studies at Algoa College of Education. She served as principal of the Ilitha school from 1966 until her retirement in July 1998. She was awarded a 30-year certificate of service by the Department of Education and Training, and remained an active member of the Cape Teachers' Organization.

Elspeth served more than 28 years as Corresponding Secretary of the South African Seventh Day Baptist Church and General Secretary of its Conference. In that capacity, her correspondence with SDBs in the USA and the Netherlands led to South Africa Seventh Day Baptists joining the World Federation in 1986.

Elspeth was one of the South African delegates to World Federation sessions in the USA in 1986 and in Jamaica in 1997. The other delegate, her pastor, Rev. James Siwani, said of Mrs. Mazomba: "She used her positions to enrich the preaching of the gospel in many areas of the eastern Cape.... The South African Conference lost one of its most powerful, outspoken leaders."

She is survived by two daughters, Xoleka and Somikazi; and one son, Mzimkhulu.

## Current Giving 2000

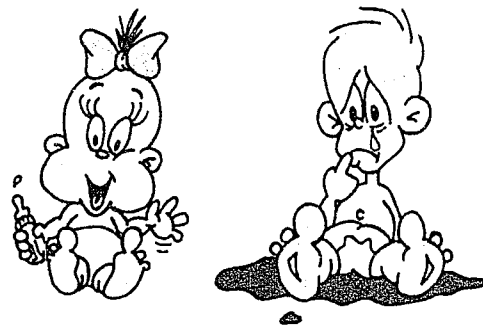




## Campgrounds near the Conference site

•Zickefoose Mobile Home Park	12 Island Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201	(304) 472-3646
\$79.50 per week, two people (tax incl.)	1 mile from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-3344
•Stonecoal Campground	I-79, Exit 99, 6 miles from Buckhannon	(304) 472-7226
\$10.00 per night w/o water, sewer and electric		(304) 472-3593
\$12.00 per night, w/water and sewer, no electric	Price for man, wife, and two children	
•Audra State Park	Rt. 119, 15 miles northeast of Buckhannon	(304) 457-1162
\$11.00 per night, no electric; bathrooms but no hookups		
•Broken Wheel	I-79, Exit 96, 12 miles from Buckhannon	(304) 269-6097
\$17 per night for tents		
\$12 per night w/electric and water (Price is for two adults and two children) Book early!		
•Hefner's Mobile Home Park	I-79, Exit 99	(304) 269-7787
\$14.00 per night w/water, electric, sewer (3 full hookups)		
•Stonewall Jackson Lake	I-79, Exit 91, 24 miles from Buckhannon	(304) 269-0523
\$20.00 per night, 34 sites; Senior Discount \$18.00 (60 & older)		
•Whisper Mountain	I-79, Exit 91, Roanoke	(304) 452-8847
\$18.00 per night full hookup w/sewer	24 miles from Buckhannon; 6 miles from Stonewall	
\$16.00 per night w/electric and water		
\$14.00 for tent sites, no hookups. Dump station available		
•Holly River State Park	33 miles south of Buckhannon	(304) 493-6353
\$16.00 per night w/electric		800-225-5982
•North Bend State Park	Rt. 50, Harrisville (near Youth Pre-Con)	800-225-5982
\$61.00 plus tax per night in lodge		
\$16.00 per night camping w/electric; \$11.00 w/o electric		

## Conference Nursery



Conference Nursery will be located in Jenkins Hall, Social Hall, ages 4 and under only.

**Hours:**  
8:30-11:30 a.m., (M-F)—  
1:00-5:00 p.m., (M-Th)—  
7:00-9:00 p.m. (S-S)—  
During worship, Sabbath School, and Evening Worship on Sabbath Day—Parent Volunteers

**Staff:**  
Cathy Payne, Jenni Osborn, Peter Osborn  
Marcy Payne, Randy Kersten

Parent volunteers

Please be prompt in getting your children from the nursery when nursery hours are over. Parents should supply any needed diapers, wipes, change of clothes, and bottles. The nursery will provide snacks, juice, and cups for each session.

A beeper system for the Conference nursery has been purchased to make it easier to find parents when needed. Each time a child is left in the nursery, parents will sign out a beeper.

A parent meeting will be held the first night of Conference (August 6) at 6:30 p.m. to go over beeper system as well as nursery guidelines. All parents utilizing the nursery will be asked to sign up to work for an evening or Sabbath Day slot. Remember, this service is provided to you at no charge, so volunteering for one session is a small price to pay and allows us to continue to provide the nursery at no cost to you.

In order to provide a healthy environment for all children, a quick health check will be conducted when your child is brought to the nursery. A child will not be admitted with any of these symptoms: matter in the eyes, runny nose (anything but clear discharge), fever or vomiting within the last 24 hours.

Thank you for helping to make our nursery a healthy, safe, and fun place for children to be!

—Angie Osborn, Nursery Coordinator

# K E V I N ' S

## O R N E R

### Lessons learned from Leon

I guess it all began when our kids were smaller, the silly habit of "naming" our vehicles.

The old red minivan was called "Carrie" (since it was a Dodge Caravan). The extended blue Caravan became a guy: "Cary." When the church leased a car for us, then we had "Cary" and "The Shadow" (a Dodge Shadow—clever, huh?).

After we bought The Shadow for our girls to use, a third car got to nestle in the garage next to Cary: a light iris-colored Neon. I didn't really want to call the car "Iris," so I opted to name it "Leon." You know, Leon the Neon.

Well, Leon is no longer with us.

His three-year lease was just about up. In fact, we were four days away from buying the purple guy.

Leon wasn't sold. Leon wasn't stolen.

Leon was totalled.

In late April, as Crystal and I were within sight of the SDB Center, a woman in a much-larger-than-a-Neon vehicle decided the road was clear as she pulled away



from a stop sign. Poor decision. Poor Leon. Poor us.

Smack-dab in the middle of the intersection, as I slammed on the brakes, what used to be Leon's front end plowed into the side of this sport-utility



Crystal and the air bag that "hugged" here for a split-second. She walked away with two tiny cuts on her hand.

vehicle. That's one sport I'd rather do without.

Earlier this year, I decided to take each of our children on a special "trip alone with Dad." Jackson got to go to Florida; Jenny accompanied me to our nation's capital in Washington. I spent hundreds of dollars on these trips so the kids and I could bond over the three or four days away from home.

On April 20th, at the corner of Kennedy and Plainfield, Crystal and I "bonded" in less than three or four seconds. (Don't worry, sweetie; Lord willing, we'll still take a trip together.)

You see, only Crystal and I could really know why we sat at the dinner table that night and just stared in the distance, shaking our heads in amazement. We could only mutter, "I can't believe it happened."

Some lessons learned from Leon?

- Air bags work
- Air bags are fast
- Air bags hurt
- Air bags can break your glasses
- Air bags can injure your neck and arm
- Air bags stink to high heaven
- Thank God for air bags

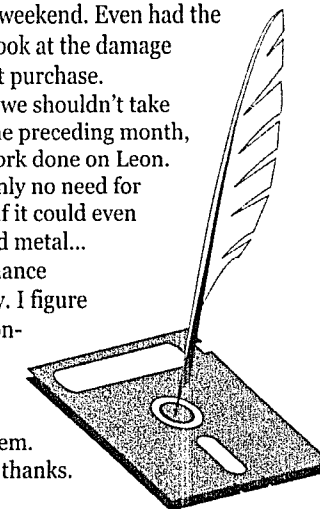
The shock and pain of an air bag is still a better alternative than a solid steering wheel or a shattered windshield.

The whole incident brought up what should be a constant reminder: you shouldn't make too many long-range plans. Like I said, we were planning to buy "Leon" after the weekend. Even had the contract in hand. One look at the damage pretty much vetoed that purchase.

Does that mean that we shouldn't take care of our "toys"? In the preceding month, I had some warranty work done on Leon. And now, there's certainly no need for that new head gasket—if it could even be found in the mangled metal...

So, was that maintenance a total waste? Not really. I figure that it's a lot like relationships. You keep investing in their upkeep because you never know when you might lose them.

Goodbye, Leon. And thanks.



## Buckhannon area lodging

Rates, information, and distance from Wesleyan College

### Motels

*Tax is 9%. Ask for possible SDB Conference discount.*

•Bi-Centennial Motel \$55.95 – 2 adults	90 E. Main St., Buckhannon, WV 26201 2 blocks from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-5000 800-762-5137
•Baxa Hotel-Motel \$39.00 – 48.00	21 N. Kanawha St., Buckhannon, WV 26201 5 blocks from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-2500
•Centennial Motel \$35.96 – 52.16	22 N. Locust St., Buckhannon, WV 26201 6 blocks from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-4100
•Colonial Hotel-Motel \$50.00	24 N. Kanawha St., Buckhannon, WV 26201 1 mile from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-3000 800-209-8140
•Comfort Inn \$59.00	I-79, Exit 99, 12 miles from Buckhannon (extra \$6.00 per person)	(304) 269-7000 800-221-2222
•Super 8 Motel \$54.88	I-79, Exit 99, 12 miles from Buckhannon	(304) 269-1086 800-800-8000
•Weston Motor Inn \$39.19 – 52.27 (tax incl.)	I-79, Exit 99, 15 miles from Buckhannon (\$155 – 265 weekly rate)	(304) 269-1975 800-225-5982
•Wilderness Plantation Inn \$51.99 – 62.99	I-79, Exit 105, 30 miles from Buckhannon (some rooms: waterbeds, king size, whirlpool)	(304) 884-7806

### Bed and Breakfast

•Post Mansion Only available early in week	8 Island Ave., Buckhannon, WV 26201 1/2 mile from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-8959 800-301-9309
•Deer Park \$90.00 – 165.00	Heavener Grove Road, Rt. 33, Buckhannon 10 miles from Wesleyan College	(304) 472-8400 800-296-8430
•Natural Seasons \$65.00	I-79, Exit 96 15 miles from Wesleyan College	(304) 269-7902 800-225-5982
•Ingeberg Acres \$59.00 \$70.00 for the cottage (more than one night; single night, \$80.00)	I-79, Exit 105, 30 minutes from Buckhannon	(304) 269-2834

**(Campground listing on page 26)**