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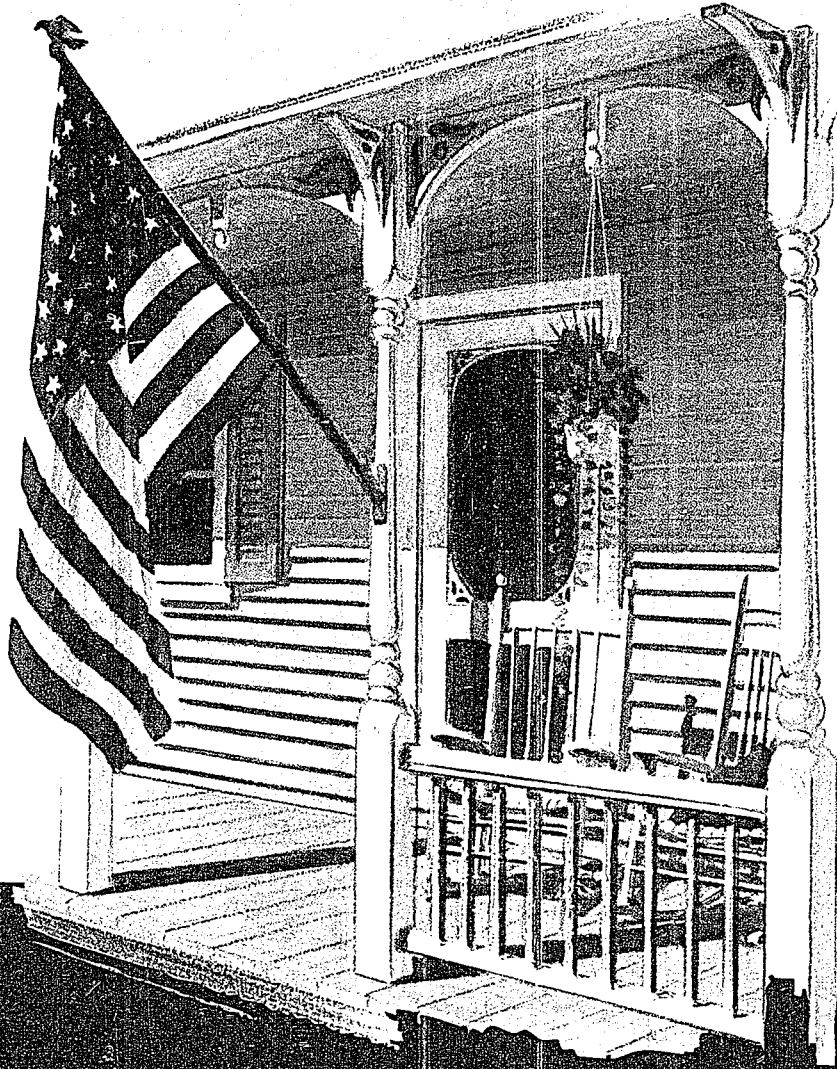
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*Worship:* 11:00 a.m.

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*Worship:* 12:30 p.m.

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*Sabbath School:* 10:00 a.m.  
*Worship:* 11:00 a.m.

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*Worship:* 11:00 a.m.

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*Worship:* 11:00 a.m.

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*Worship:* 10:45 a.m.

These churches have prepared all year to host you this Sabbath before Conference. You may be the first person they have ever met from your church! See you in Sabbath School and Worship.

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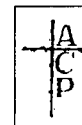


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## This corner near heaven

### A testimony by Maria Elena Jimenez

Editor's note—Pastor Ed Sutton of the Bell SDB Church of Salemville, Pa., sent me this testimony with these comments in his cover letter:

*We never know when or how God will offer us opportunities to really touch those who come into our lives. Often, our small rural congregations have a less optimistic perception of what exciting ministries we will get to perform. We tend to believe a "maintenance attitude" is the most we can expect to fulfill, and often get in the rut so deep that we don't even look for or at the dynamic opportunities the Lord sends our way.*

*Maria became an "awakener" for our little country church. Since Maria, we have been forced to think more positively about challenges God is still sending us as a congregation.*

*I pray that Maria's story will be an inspiration to other small churches who wonder if they really can or do make a difference for the Lord.*

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I recently read a devotional in the *Upper Room* entitled "Before Winter." In one portion it says, "Often in our lives, there are deeds that must be done and words that must be spoken before winter's snows cover the graves of lost opportunities."

God chose a different land for me to grow up in and to go out from. I was born in Lima, Peru, a South American city of more than 6 million people.

God is aware of every decision we make and is often involved in our choices. He's also aware of everything we do and cares about the "bits and pieces" of our days.

As we make our way through life, we need to pray as David prayed: "Show me Your ways, O LORD, teach me Your paths. Guide me in Your truth and teach me. For You are God, my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long" (Psalm 25:4-5).

I came to Pennsylvania for the first time 12 years ago. I was coming for only two months, to be with my daughter who was expecting her first child. As soon as I arrived in this country, God started talking to me through the people He put in my path.

God seemed to be saying, "Okay, Maria Elena, I want you to stay here. You are going to speak another language, and you are going to be surrounded by Christian people. With them, you are going to discover that there is another way to live other than what you have known thus far in your life.

"Your heart is going to become a heart full of love, and you are going to count all of the gifts and blessings that I give you every day. In that way, you are not going to have time to think about your frustrations and the hard times that you have had in the past."

"But, God," I said, "first You need to forgive me; my life is such a mess."

"Of course I'm going to forgive you!" God said. "You are going to feel free, ready to fill your soul and your heart and your mind with positive thinking—thinking that is nourishing, fresh, and healthy. You don't have to live with 'gray feelings' anymore. Or feel dirty, unworthy, mediocre, unfulfilled, and guilty. Whatever I ask you to be, I will enable you to be!"

At that moment, I knew that God's promises were true.

When I first came to Pennsylvania,

I attended an evangelical Christian church for the first time in my life. I had taken my little grandson to the nursery room at the East Freedom (Pa.) Chapel. A lady named Elein—Spanish for "Elena"—came up to me and started talking.

"How do you like our church?" she asked.

"I really like it," I answered.

"I don't understand too much English," I added, "but I like the songs that you sing. And the way that you worship, and your hospitality. You're friendly. You're different than the people in my country where I attend a Catholic church. Here, everybody looks happy, like they don't have any problems in their lives. I can't believe it! How is it that you can be like that?"

Elein replied, "Of course we have problems, but we're Christians. We have faith in God, and He helps us handle the problems we do have. If you want to have joy and peace in your soul, even if you have problems, all you need to do is have faith in Jesus."

She looked at me and then asked, "Do you know what faith means?"

"Yes," I answered. "Faith is trust. I have faith in God and believe in

Jesus. But I still don't feel like you feel. I have a nice family, a husband who loves me, two wonderful kids, a good business, a big house, a lot of friends, and enough money to live without struggles. But I'm not happy. I don't know what it means to have joy and peace in my soul.

"I do have a lot of problems in my home," I confessed. "Maybe that's because we don't put God first in our lives."

"You need to invite Jesus to live in your heart," Elein said. "You need to trust in Him, that He will help you. Let Him guide you."

Right there and then, I invited Jesus to live in my heart as my Savior and my Lord. It was the best decision I ever made!

The next Sunday, I received my first Bible. Elein gave me a Spanish translation of the New Testament, a gift she had received from a college classmate nine years earlier. In the front of the Bible, the classmate had written (in Spanish):

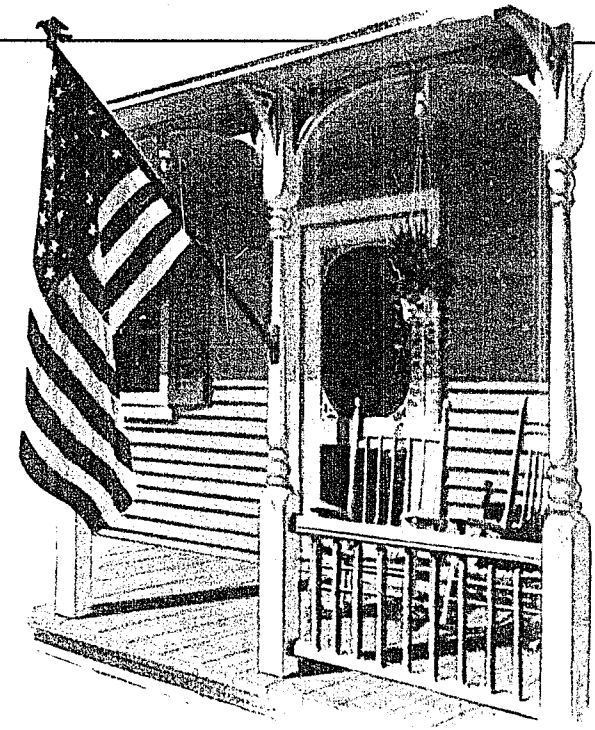
"Dear Elena, God bless you in all that you are going to do. Remember me with a big smile. In Jesus' love, Summer 1979. We are going to be with the Lord for ever and ever."

I don't know who wrote that message to Elein, but it seemed to be written for me, too—especially since it was addressed to one of my names. God works in wondrous ways!

In 1988, I returned to Peru and started attending a non-Catholic church. "Why are you going to another church?" family and friends asked.

"When I was in Pennsylvania," I replied, "I met other Christians and I liked the way they worshipped and acted. They were different—they looked like they had peace in their souls. I want to be like them."

The following years were difficult ones, especially since my husband was an alcoholic. When you suffer emotional pain, you live in the alternating shadows of hope and hopelessness, between very limited



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moments of peace and great times of fear. You hope you can get through the problems quickly, but you fear that the ugliness will never end. During those dark and unhappy days, my Christian life had many ups and downs.

While in America in 1998, I decided to get baptized. The story of the blind man in the 8th chapter of Mark reminded me that sometimes healing requires us to come to Christ more than once, and that Christ welcomes us each time we do.

I had come to Christ so many times that now I was ready for Him to work the finishing touches on my life. I was finally certain that my "walk through life" had to be with and for Jesus.

After a prolonged stay in America,

I returned to Peru for a month. When I got back to the United States, I found myself struggling once again. I was confused and depressed, and drifting back into doubts and regrets. Should I do what I felt I should have done years ago—move to the United States permanently? One of the few things we can always change is our attitude.

I decided to start walking to try to overcome my dark feelings of doubt and confusion. I hiked from my son-in-law's farm down the Salemville road, past the homes of people I had come to know as friends and neighbors, and past a little, white-colored country church.

I wondered about that church every time I walked by it and read its sign: "The Bell Seventh Day Bap-

tist Church of Salemville, PA." But I never went in.

One day, my friend, Wilma, invited me to enter the church as we walked together. "Have you been in it before?" I asked.

"Oh, yes," she answered, "many times. Sometimes just to rest and meditate."

I asked her how she could do that since the church appeared empty much of the time and the doors were always closed.

"The doors are never locked," she said.

Wilma took me into the church and gave me a quick tour. She asked me to sing *Jesus Loves Me* in Spanish. I told her I would, but only for her.

That little church soon became a rich blessing for me. I was asked to come to the Community Vacation Bible School and talk about Peru. I went with my two granddaughters. It felt good to walk into the church the first night of Bible School and see the name of my country on a wall banner. I really enjoyed being with the children and having them accept me so warmly.

The last evening of the school, Pastor Ed Sutton invited me to



*Maria Elena Jimenez*

Pastor Ed was there because his car was outside. I knocked on the door softly, but no one answered. I was nervous and started to walk away. I took three steps and stopped at the words on Pastor Ed's car license plate leaped out at me: "Life is short..." I didn't stand there long enough to read the rest of the message. I quickly turned around, knocked on the door again, and opened it myself.

This time, Pastor Ed heard my knock and was there to welcome me. He answered a lot of my questions and gave me some bulletins

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attend worship on Sabbath. I went with lingering doubts and fears, but I thoroughly enjoyed my first Sabbath there. I sang with the congregation, took part in a faith-sharing prayer time, and studied the Bible in Sabbath School. I was a stranger who needed spiritual help, and Pastor Ed invited me into the church at just the right moment.

The week following that first Sabbath visit, I stopped at the church to get more information about it. I knew

and booklets. I took them home and read them eagerly.

That whole weekend, I attended the Appalachian Association meetings in the church and met many other wonderful, friendly Christians. It was an emotional time filled with exciting activities.

The following week, I visited with Pastor Ed again and asked about Communion. He knew, perhaps better than I, that doubts can be a normal part of spiritual growth. Still,

I appreciated his patience as the questions tumbled out of my mouth.

During my third Sabbath at the church, I participated in the Lord's Supper and attended the monthly fellowship meal.

On the fourth Sabbath, Pastor Ed was at Camp Joy with the youth. The week before, I had thought, *I'm going to quit going on Saturday to that church.* But as the week progressed, I changed my mind. When Sabbath came, I was ready to go. *I'm going to see what this church means to me.*

Even without Pastor Ed there, things went smoothly and worship was a joy. For the first time, I asked if we could sing one of my favorite hymns, *Fill My Cup, Lord.* We did, and He did!

This little country church has become a big blessing. Since I started attending regularly, God has filled me with new confidence. It seems like every prayer, every sermon—even every song—has an important message for me. Strong, vibrant Christian neighbors have helped calm my fears and worries while renewing my spirit.

I'm still a "child" in my Christian life. I have to grow up and realize how much I need God's power to become a strong Christian. The best way for me to do that is to surround myself with powerful, faith-filled Christians.

Whatever Christian church—"Christian family"—God guides me to, I need to join my heart with theirs. I need to love them, care for them, help them, and strengthen them in God. *All of us need others who can nurture and enrich us. And we need to remind them that they are precious to us.*

I am here, eagerly trying to find in every prayer and every song what Jesus wants to share with me. If He is calling me, I'm ready to take action. As Pastor Ed's car license read in its entirety, "Life is Short. Pray hard."

I thank the Bell SDB Church of Salemville for welcoming me. They made me feel good in their marvelous country, in this corner near heaven. **SR**

## The peaceful inferno

by Heidi Kinnicutt, Little Genesee, N.Y.

I awake to the voice of my father telling my brother that our church is fully engulfed in flames.

Racing to the car, we speed down the road toward the church. As we approach the end of the road, an eerie glow billows in the air around the place our beautiful church once stood in its glory. The inferno fills the air with an orange glow.

Looking off into the distance, I see the first blinking lights coming ever closer to extinguish the inferno. Time seems to stand still as we watch the firemen arm themselves with hoses and other gear. As the first douse of water mingles with the flames, the fire lashes out in a fit of rage, almost as if it were offended by something the water had said. Fire begins to

Finally the flames surrender to the overpowering water, and workers begin to shuffle through the rubble to see what they can salvage. They bring out books in an attempt to rescue what they can from the pastor's study. The congregation is shouting for them to look for the bell. One man shouts that he has found what looks to be the cast iron bell, but as it was doused with water, it had shattered. One piece is brought to the head trustee to keep for our historical records.

While firemen begin to collect their gear and climb into trucks to return to headquarters, one man approaches my pastor. He holds what appears to be a donation saying that is all he has at the moment and wants it put toward a rebuilding fund. A few minutes pass and my cousin also approaches to offer some money. He is adamant in his refusal to keep the money the church owes him for mowing the lawn this summer. This is only the beginning of a community coming together for a greater cause.

Walking around the site, I see people

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As we stand and gaze at the church in distress, we notice the beauty of the fire. The flames are peaceful in their destructiveness. They slither up the towers in silence.

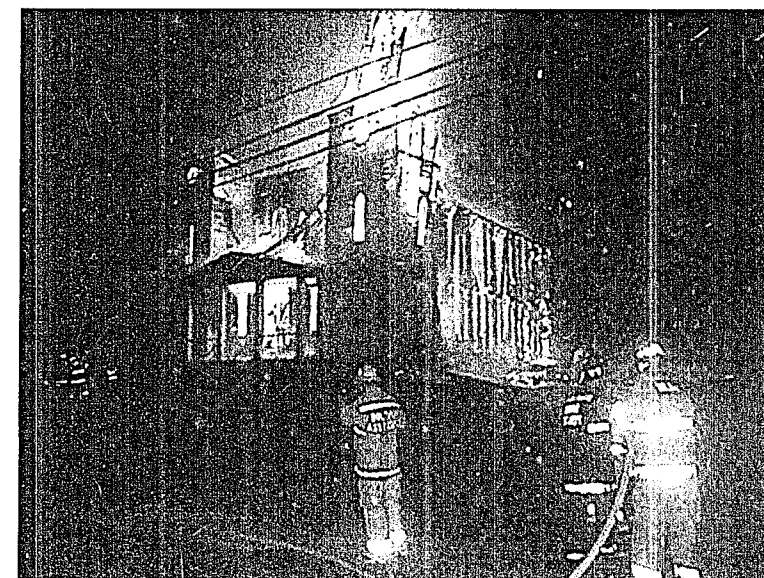
God's hand of protection is upon the area surrounding the church. Flames are not lashing out and spreading to the trees that are close to the church. God is telling us it's only a building.

We hear only the approaching fire trucks as we stand in awe of God's power. The sounds of the sirens get louder as the congregation that has gathered begins to wail. Nothing can extinguish their suffering as they watch their memories go up in smoke.

The church that once stood in this place was magnificent. Although there is another church in town, everyone in the community has some sort of connection to the building that is now smoldering before our eyes. So many families celebrated baptisms, weddings, ordinations, and Christmas Eve services in this building.

snap, crackle, and pop as the water pushes forth toward victory.

Water hits the tower. I look up to see bats flying around in mass confusion. Their home is now ablaze. Having nowhere to go, they stay and carry on with a frantic display of hopelessness.





on either side of me fighting tears. I can't help but notice the hurt in the eyes as they wonder how the fire started. Questions linger in the air about who could have ruined a building that has been part of the community for over 160 years. A slight murmur runs through the crowd as the first rumors begin to travel from mouth to mouth. I overhear a few people talking about their theories. Some say it is electrical and others arson. Local reporters begin to drift toward my pastor to ask questions for the articles they are planning to run in the night's press.

The sun is shining brightly overhead and I watch as people stop to gawk at the remains of our building.



***I glance over my shoulder to confirm that the church is actually gone. As I do so, I know that God had spoken to us in the midst of this tragedy.***

At a glance at the smoldering structure, I notice that almost every beam is in the shape of a cross. At the top of the bell tower stands a single cross

silhouetted by the rising sun.

Walking in silence the entire way home, I glance over my shoulder to confirm that the church is actually gone. As I do so, I know that God had spoken to us in the midst of this tragedy, telling us that the place where we meet is not supposed to hold more importance than Him. He will teach us to rely on Him and to put our trust fully in Him and to believe that everything will work out according to His plan. **SR**

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## Reflections of Grace

### Memories from 2001 Youth Pre-Con

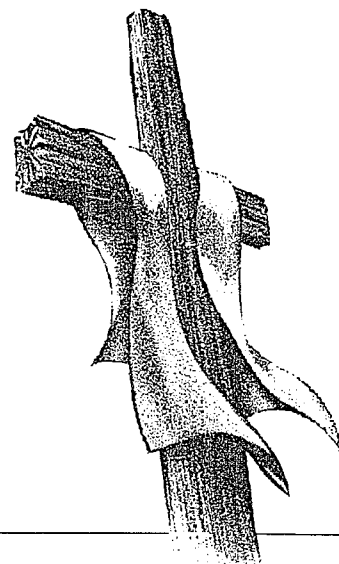
by Susan Bond, Lost Creek, W.Va.

With all of her Pre-Con staffing experience, I was glad that Christina Thorngate was content to take over and get the 47 youth started on their musical practice while we awaited the arrival of Chris Mattison. Pastor Chris was our Pre-Con director, and his car had broken down in Nebraska.

Bless, him—Chris had all kinds of attacks from “the enemy.” The week before Pre-Con, his wife, Becky, suffered several gall bladder attacks. By the end of Pre-Con, it was obvious why Satan didn’t want our director there. The Lord had wonderful, spiritually-enriching experiences in mind, and He was going to use Chris to pass them along.

Chris, Scott Smith, and John Ryschon built four huge wooden

crosses on site at the Saint John’s Military School in Salina, Kan., where Pre-Con was held. Each of



our four work groups took a cross and signed our names on it. Then, two or three in each group volunteered to carry their cross every time we walked to a different activity.

On Sabbath morning, Pastor Chris had each person carry the cross alone for about 100 paces. Each group stayed together as we walked in the hot sun around and around the football field, taking turns carrying the cross. We were to remain silent. What an emotionally moving experience!

Beforehand, Pastor Chris had taken great pains to explain in detail what the crucifixion really entailed; plus we had seen a vivid portrayal of it on video our first night before going to bed.

Carrying the cross was a very humbling experience for all of us be-

cause we knew that the little bit of discomfort we felt was *nothing* compared to the excruciating pain that Jesus suffered for us. (Even after Conference, I could see the faint bruises on my arms and appreciate the reminder of what I’d learned that day.)

Sarah, a little squirt of a girl in my group, lagged way behind when she carried the cross. Pastor Chris came alongside and encouraged us to let Sarah lead. She had been just a few seconds away from giving the cross over to someone else when we all slowed down.

From that moment on, our whole group kept pace with whomever was carrying the cross, slowing down or speeding up accordingly. It was a perfect picture of unity. Our eyes were always on the cross, and we were being sensitive to the one carrying it.

I thought of the verse, “Think more highly of others than of yourself.” So often I run ahead of others, pulling or dragging or cheerleading or doing whatever it takes to get them to where *I* am, instead of slowing down to where *they* are. This cross-carrying experience made me want to be more sensitive and patient. It made me realize anew the importance of unity in Christ’s body.

[Later, at Conference, God gave me the chance to put this lesson into practice as I chaired a committee.

The secretary He provided at the last minute turned out to be more like me than I am, and I was having to keep up with her. This started out a challenging experience, but God

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showed me it was exactly what He had in mind—special in many ways.]

On Sabbath evening, Pastor Chris had us lay the four crosses in the chapel area for our evening vespers. He provided each group with a hammer and enough nine-penny nails so that each person could drive a nail into the cross we had carried earlier. Again, we were reminded that our sin is what drove the nail, and the reality of Christ’s love became even clearer.

After each leader drove the first nail, Pastor Chris put a purple cloth on our shoulders to represent Grace. Then, after each camper took a turn pounding in a nail, we draped a pur-

ple cloth of grace around their necks and over their shoulders.

Following these somber moments, Pastor Chris reminded us of the joy and celebration that is ours because of our Savior’s great love. With this in mind, we shared the Lord’s Supper with big cups of grape juice and large pieces of unleavened bread (half of a soft taco shell).

Pastor Chris then explained that when we wash another’s feet, it is as though we are washing the feet of Jesus Himself.

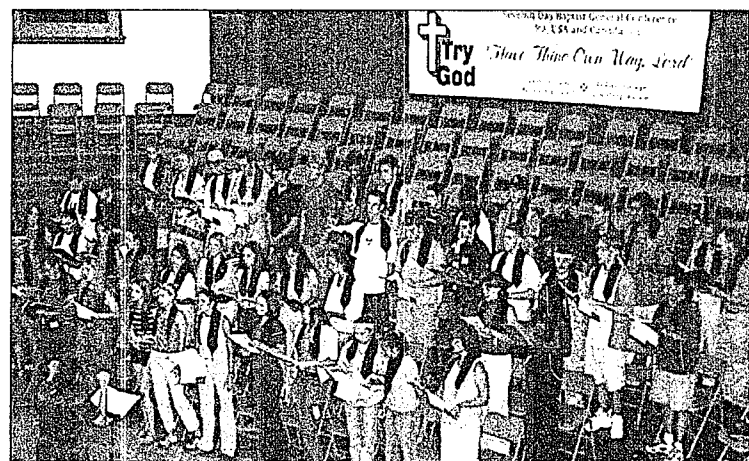
We prepared five basins with water and towels and put them on the bottom floor of a four-tiered room. At the middle basin, Chris washed one foot of each counselor, leaving the other foot to be washed by the last camper in the work group. That way, everyone would experience washing another’s feet.

With one leader sitting at a different basin, Chris invited the campers to come down, one at a time, to get their feet washed. As they did, we exchanged places, giving them the towels so they could wash the next person’s feet. What a holy time this was—observing the quiet giving, hearing only the water, and seeing the hugs exchanged as we completed the washing.

Chris played some quiet worship songs during the washing. At the outset, he explained to us counselors that—since he was representing Christ at this point—he was not going to have his feet washed. After the foot-washing though, one camper whispered to him, “Aren’t you going to have your feet washed?”

Chris explained to all the campers that Jesus was the only one who left the Passover meal with dirty feet. Then he said, “But I would be pleased to have you wash my feet.” So the girl who had questioned Chris came forward and washed his feet. I couldn’t help but think of Mary, who washed Jesus’ feet with her hair.

We had experienced God’s wonderful, cleansing grace. **SR**



*Pre-Con’ers wore their purple cloth of grace at Conference vespers.*

# No longer strangers and foreigners!

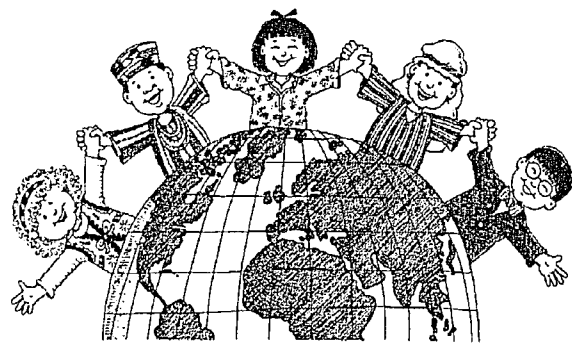
by Denton Lotz, BWA General Secretary

Ethnocentrism is the belief that one's own culture, language, nation, or tribe is the center of the universe, the best of all. World history is basically a record of the struggle of the clan, the tribe, the state, or the nation exerting its own culture and identity over against "the outsider," the foreigner, and alien. As a result, an individual from another group is suspect, their habits deprecated, and a whispering campaign begins against "those foreigners."

Consider the many conflicts around the world today. Basically these conflicts are one group rejecting the culture, religion, and habits of another. Recent European elections show this distrust of the foreigner. Of course, Le Pen in France has become an opportunity for everyone to attack this "anti-foreign" philosophy. But, if we are honest, this attitude runs through every nation.

Hindus attack Muslims in India and vice versa, Arabs and Jews murder one another in Israel and Palestine, and Hutus and Tutsis continue to kill one another in Burundi. The list of racial, tribal, and national wars against the foreigner and alien in our midst goes on and on.

This is not a new phenomenon; it goes back to biblical times. The Bible makes very clear our need to welcome the foreigner and stranger in our midst. While rejecting paganism and idolatry, Israel is admonished: "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not



**"The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."**

do him wrong. The stranger who sojourns with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God" (Lev. 19:33f).

This is an amazing testimony to God's requirement of loving the foreigner and stranger in our various societies. It reminds us that, like Israel in Egypt, all of us are strangers in a foreign land.

The New Testament universalizes this love for the foreigner even further. The Apostle Paul speaks of our alienation from one another, Gentiles and Jews. But, now in Jesus Christ, "You who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ."

Before, we were alienated from God and His promises. Paul goes so far as to say we were without God and without hope. That is very often how alienated foreigners feel when away from family and home. But in

Jesus Christ, we are now one: "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" (Eph. 2:12f).

The Church is indeed home for everyone. When we do not welcome the foreigner—to whom we have sent missionaries—into our homes, is that not a very denial of Christ's love for all humanity? That is why the "homogeneous unit principle" of missiology is essentially

wrong. We may come to Christ as a tribal or people group, but then we must integrate our cultures and lives into the larger family of Christ.

We have been called to be a worshipping community where, together in Christ, we glorify God. If our evangelism and mission accentuate these divisions, then we are going against the scriptural command that in Christ we are "no longer strangers and sojourners." **SR**

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# Five years of independence

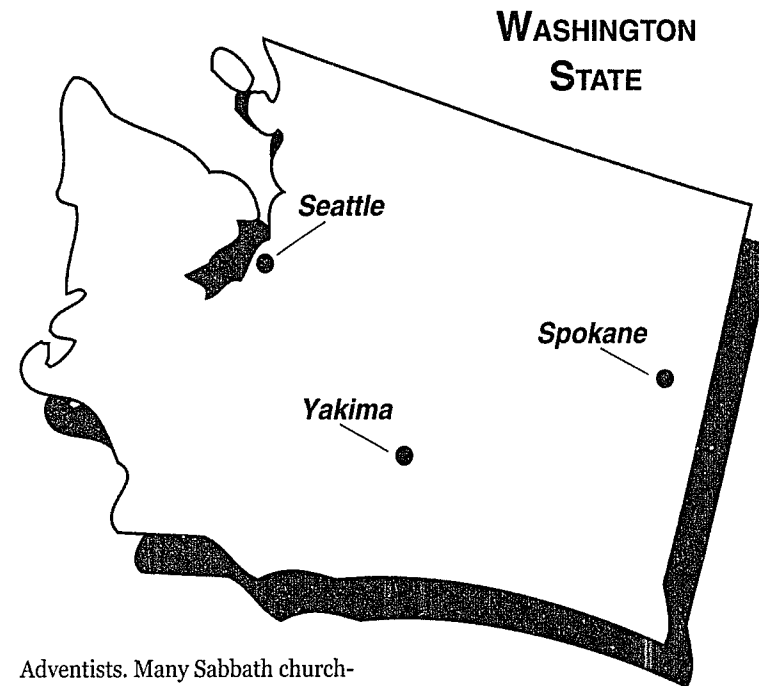
by Pastor Stanley Fox

On August 10, 2002, the Ahtanum Community Church in Yakima, Wash., will mark its fifth year of serving as a seventh-day Sabbath church. We are planning a special anniversary service to mark the occasion, followed by a potluck dinner.

I cannot help but reflect on the change brought about by a sermon, sparking some to want a Bible study on the issue of the Sabbath. So many emotions passed through us when we actually decided to change from Sunday to Sabbath.

I discovered that obeying God's will does not always take away fears and anxieties. My emotions ran from a "high" to wondering why I even got involved with this issue, doubting it would ever happen without destroying the church. Sometimes we forget that all does not depend on how we may feel, or even our wavering faith. God can overcome it all to accomplish His will.

This certainly has been an interesting five years. I marvel how some



Adventists. Many Sabbath churches have that problem. I do find it interesting when I tell people that we are most like Seventh Day Bap-

of "Seventh Day-Independent." We are the only church listed there and have had positive responses from it as well as from an occasional larger block ad.

Our attendance varies. It's usually around 30 to 35. We support a Seventh Day Baptist mission in Rwanda and also a local rescue mission.

Our church is indeed well and going strong in Yakima (well, at least it's still going!)

What does the future hold? I pray that it holds growth. I believe God wants His Church to grow in numbers by people being saved and in maturity once they are saved.

We certainly encourage our SDB brethren to visit us when they pass through this area of the great Pacific Northwest. We are located at 2506 S. 86th Ave., Yakima, WA. My e-mail address is Stnlfox@aol.com. Phone: (509) 965-7660. **SR**

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seem to think that the Sabbath is the great denominator which binds us together.

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It's often difficult to get across to people that we are not Seventh-day

tists. Often they are amazed to find that the seventh-day Sabbath reaches back further than the Adventists.

Since the change in our church, great things have been happening. Like all churches, we still have our share of problems, but the good outweighs the bad. We advertise regularly on the church page of the local newspaper under the heading

## Informational update from General Council

By now, many in our Conference are aware of publicity concerning recent decisions of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, New York, which have caused some to question the faith of our brothers and sisters in the Alfred church. Unofficial communication has done little to provide accurate information. The purpose of this letter is to present our understanding of the current situation there.

1. During this Conference year the pastor of the Alfred church has been Dr. Timothy Bancroft, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly known as "Mormons." At no time did the Alfred congregation endorse Mormon beliefs and, despite what appeared in a newspaper article, the members in Alfred never claimed that the Mormon faith has an equal standing with Seventh Day Baptist doctrine. It was reported to us that Dr. Bancroft preached and taught *only* Bible-based messages, supported Sev-

enth Day Baptists' historical principles and affirmed the faith of Seventh Day Baptists while serving as pastor. Desiring resolution of the conflict and reconciliation for the churches, Dr. Bancroft resigned from the pastorate on April 1, 2002.

2. The Alfred church is now pastored by Patricia Bancroft. Pastor Patricia Bancroft has never been, is not now, and has no intention of ever becoming a Mormon; her background is United Church of Christ. She came into the Alfred church as co-pastor when the Bancrofts were married in September 2001. "Pastor Pat," as she is affectionately known by her congregation, had been doing the day-to-day pastoral work and keeping regular office hours at the Alfred church prior to being called as sole pastor in April 2002. She has personally embraced the seventh-day Sabbath and her own convictions have

brought new vitality to Alfred's Sabbath Eve services. She is in the process of becoming a full-fledged, baptized-by-immersion Seventh Day Baptist. Let us welcome her to our ranks.

3. The Allegheny Association in its May 5, 2002, business session passed several resolutions which should prove helpful in avoiding future problems involving tension between the *autonomy of a local church* and the *associational principle*, both basic to Seventh Day Baptist beliefs.

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4. Representatives from General Council and the Committee on Faith & Order visited the Alfred church. Our representatives assure us that the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred is in general agreement with our Statement of Belief. We are hopeful that the actions of Allegheny Association will be sufficient

to keep all of its member churches working together for Christ's Kingdom.

Every congregation should pursue its God-given ministries to serve where it has been planted. In this case, Alfred's unique mission to the university town in which it is located is being affirmed. At the same time, whenever pastoral leadership from outside of our own denominational group is being considered, the calling church should seek the advice of nearby Seventh Day Baptist churches, as well as the Council On Ministry, so that none of the churches would suffer harm or embarrassment, and the witness for Christ would not be damaged.

From the  
General Council  
May 12, 2002



Women's Society page by Laura Price

## Are you guilty?

Feelings of guilt are a good indicator that something isn't quite right. Usually, they indicate that the person experiencing the guilty feelings did something wrong.

If a wrong has been committed, purposely or inadvertently, it can be harmful to the one who committed it as well the "victim." This harm can take many forms—spiritual, emotional, and physical. Physical harm can result from stress and anxiety, or in some cases, from outright battery.

Others may suffer "collateral damage," or get caught up in committing a "wrong" themselves. As the old saying goes, "Two wrongs don't make a right." The more "wrong" we commit, the worse the situation becomes for everyone. The ripple effect causes even more suffering.

How many of you have ever suffered from feelings of guilt? Hopefully, all of you have at one time or another. Why would I say that? For one thing, it's a sign you have a conscience. It's also an acknowledgment that you made a bad choice or committed a wrongdoing. When we admit our faults and take responsibility for our mistakes, we have a chance to rectify our wrongs.

Since we're imperfect, we all make mistakes or choose wrong actions from time to time. But we need to do something about it. How many of you have repented after doing something wrong and then attempted to reconcile with the others involved? Hopefully, all of you have.

"Owning up" to a fault is a necessary step towards reconciliation. Although some physical damage is irreparable and can leave deep scars (internal and external), the guilty party's spirit may still be reconciled if he is truly sorry for the wrong com-

mitted. If he acknowledges his guilt and repents, his spirit can be reconciled by God.

Look at King David and the apostle Paul. King David was guilty of adultery and murder, and Paul persecuted Christians before his conversion. Yet both acknowledged their guilt, repented, and were forgiven. They began to live more righteously,



death; but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).

No doubt all of us will continue to experience episodes of guilt throughout our lifetimes. But, hopefully, those occasions will become less frequent as we become wiser, kinder, and more thoughtful. The more adept we become from our own experiences and by heeding those of others, the better our lives will be. We'll be able to better serve as ex-

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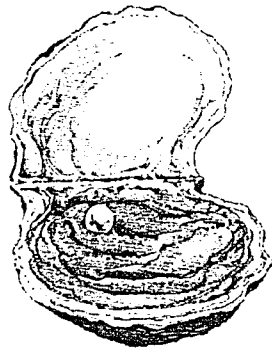
amples without causing further guilt or shame if we learn to rely more on God's strength and wisdom, and on His Son, Christ Jesus—our only way out of destructiveness.

even though pain and suffering and sorrow continued to take their toll because of their transgressions. (See 2 Sam. 11:2-27, 12:1-25; Acts 9:1-19; Rom 6.)

What ultimately convicted King David and Paul, and confirmed that they were indeed guilty? God's Law (see Exodus 20).

This Law cannot save us, but it can guide us and help us to walk after Christ and avoid the guilt of sinning against God. God's Law shows us where we get separated from Him and His will, which amounts to spiritual mortality. "The wages of sin is

*"For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not regret it, though I did regret it: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be regretted of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death" (2 Cor. 7:8-10). SR*



Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

## A history of General Conference leadership

Prior to 1876, General Conference did not elect a president for its annual sessions of Conference. It had a moderator elected that year to conduct the business sessions. As the various societies organized, much of the program evolved around the work of the Missionary, Education, and Tract Societies whose annual meetings were then generally held at Conference. Much of the time was assigned to these interests.

One of the most important working committees at General Conference was the Essay Committee. It assigned various individuals to prepare essays for delivery at the following year's session. Many of these essays were given in the evening and found their way into the weekly *Sabbath Recorder*.

The topics were diverse both in subject matter and in length. They ranged from card-playing, smoking, drinking, and secret societies, to slavery, communion, baptism, politics, and the Sabbath. For example, the Essay Committee for 1863 reported that five essays were assigned for the following Conference:

- 1) That James Bailey prepare and present a history or review of the General Conference from its beginning to the present.
- 2) That John Maxson present an article on Feet-washing, as referred to by Christ in John 13:14.
- 3) That D.E. Maxson present an essay on Materialism.
- 4) That J. Allen present an article on Spiritualism.
- 5) That L.C. Rogers present an essay on the subject of the Resurrection.<sup>1</sup>

The essay assigned to James Bailey went far beyond what could be covered in one short presentation. In his research, he gathered material from many sources, including Conference minutes and such publications as the *Missionary Magazine*, the *Protestant Sentinel*, the *Seventh Day Baptist Register* (which he had edited for four years), and the *Sabbath Recorder*.

His work in pursuit of this assignment is considered the birth of the Historical Board, which later became

been unable to confer on the subject so each one was prepared to give a separate essay on Communion. The moderator had a problem to work all three essays into the schedule. The following year, in 1874, the committee on the reorganization of the Conference presented its report, which proposed in part:

*Article 3 of the proposed constitution called for the election of President, Vice President, Secretaries—recording and corresponding—and Treasurer and shall enter upon their*

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the Historical Committee. In 1916, the committee became the Historical Society.

The Conference for the bicentennial year of Seventh Day Baptists in America (1871) assigned for the next year three essays relative to the distinctive doctrine of the Sabbath:

- N.V. Hull—History and Exposition of the General Doctrines of Sabbath-keeping in America.
- A.H. Lewis—History and Exposition of the Doctrine of the Sabbath as held by Sabbath-keepers in America.
- L.A. Platts—History of the Sabbath Schools of the Denomination.<sup>2</sup>

It is not clear whether there was a cause-effect relationship between the essay reports for 1873 and a Constitutional change the following year. A three-person committee was assigned the subject of Communion for 1873. They reported that they had

*respective duties at the close of the sessions at which they are elected.<sup>3</sup>*

This organizational change had considerable effect on the conduct and nature of the General Conference, for it gave the president a chance to set the tone and emphasis of the Conference session.

It also developed more diverse leadership. During the 67 sessions of Conference prior to 1875 only 25 men served as moderator. Abraham Coon and Eli Bailey served nine years each, William Maxson served eight, and others from one to four years. In the 127 sessions after the election of a president, 120 different men and women were elected to serve. This allowed time to organize a theme and plan for a more unified program.

In 1953, a significant change was made in the General Conference by-

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# SR Almanac

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

### One year ago—July/Aug. 2001

Pastor John Camenga preaches about the “nothing” passages in Scripture (i.e., “Nothing is impossible,” “Be anxious for nothing”).

Rick Crouch shares a fictional story of a modern-day 6-year-old seeing Jesus.

After writing a local church history book, Gene Butler offers some how-to's in gathering information and memorabilia.

“Pearls” page reviews some early Baptist Confessions of Faith.

Local Florida paper covers the “graduation ceremony of one” for Hodgkin's disease survivor Steve McPherson.

First SDB church planting course held in Stonefort, Ill.

An ad hoc committee meets in Denver, Colo., to propose some denominational restructuring toward spiritual and numerical growth.

Rev. Al Rogers awarded doctorate from Alfred (N.Y.) University.

A record 18 students gather for Summer Institute in Plainfield, N.J.

Pastor Robert Harris ordained in Paint Rock, Ala. The Light Bearers for Christ singing team acquires bus for touring and move headquarters to Texarkana, Ark.

Washington, D.C., church holds retreat in Hope Valley, Md.

### 50 years ago—July/Aug. 1952

Pastoral changes: Trevalh Sutton to move from Jackson Center, Ohio, to Fouke, Ark.; Leslie Greene of Indianapolis accepts call to Jackson Center; John F. Randolph retires.

Rev. James McGeachy, pastor of the Mill Yard church in London, England, makes extensive visit to SDBs in Germany and Holland.

Text shared of an address given by Rev. Clifford W.P. Hansen at Ministers' Conference in May: “Seventh Day Baptists As I See Them—Today and Tomorrow.” Milton (Wis.) College President Carroll Hill addresses the topic of “The Denomination and the Colleges.”

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms return to America following a year-and-a-half voyage visiting SDB mission fields around the world.

Tract Board welcomes Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn as interim editor for *The Sabbath Recorder*.

### ...where are we headed?

#### Pray—

- that all of us would be “natural evangelists”
- for our brethren in foreign lands
- that General Conference will be a blessing
- for the ministry of *The Helping Hand*
- that we would exhibit the fruit of the Spirit
- for those in the armed forces
- with thanks for former missionaries

### Five years ago—July/Aug. 1997

Board of Christian Education Executive Director, Ernest K. Bee Jr., compiles feature articles expounding merits and experiences of Natural Evangelism Training (NET) retreats. Writers include Victor Burdick, Scott Hausrath, Myrna Cox, Daryl and Barbara White, and Charles and Lorna Graffius.

Local church news comes from Daytona Beach, Fla.; Paint Rock, Ala.; Salemville, Pa.; and Salem, W.Va.

Marlboro church (Bridgeton, N.J.) hosts Eastern Association.

Plans move ahead for World Federation meetings in Jamaica.

Obituary appears for Rev. Earl Cruzan.

### 10 years ago—July/Aug. 1992

Writers Maurice Smith (Southern Baptist) and James Ayars (SDB) address the growing Islamic movement. Ayars points out the references to Christ in the Koran.

Christian Education page lifts up the SDB quarterly, *The Helping Hand*.

Nortonville, Kan., and Riverside, Calif., churches list many recent activities.

News shared of Mexican SDB leader Elias Camacho's passing in February.

### 25 years ago—July/Aug. 1977

Pastors Steve Saunders and Helen Green write on the fruits of the Spirit of peace and patience.





## Get involved at Conference

The annual session of the General Conference is a time for business. We send representatives to discover what has happened, define continuing action, and provide future direction for this Conference of churches. As we gather, we hope to discern the will of God, and provide strength and encouragement to individuals and agencies charged with carrying out the will of the Conference.

General Conference is also much more than simply a time of business. It is an opportunity for Seventh Day Baptists to gather—to worship God, to accept the challenges to live more faithfully the Christian walk, to explore what God has revealed through His Word and to talk about that revelation, to initiate new friendships and reinvigorate old ones, to meet family, and to play together. In some sense, General Conference becomes a traveling village that helps to keep the vital relational ties between our churches alive and healthy.

We want the General Conference experience to be enjoyable for all of those who attend. In order to help that happen, we organize and support several activities for children and youth. Different groups guide these activities, and these groups have different inclusion requirements.

### Children and youth conferences

These conferences are responsible for most of the morning and afternoon activities designed for preschool through high school students. We divide these conferences based on the child's completed grade.

Although the division between classes occasionally has to change

based on attendance at a particular session of Conference, the determining factor for inclusion in a particular class is the most recently completed grade. In general, our division is as follows:

**Pre-School:** 3 to 5-year-olds who have not attended kindergarten

**K-1:** Completed kindergarten or 1st grade

**Primary:** Completed 2nd or 3rd grade

**Junior:** Completed 4th, 5th, or 6th grade

**Junior High:** Completed 7th or 8th grade (optional for 9th graders)

**Senior High:** Completed 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade

*Please note the following additional policies:*

- Only children participating in morning Children Conferences will be able to participate in afternoon recreation.
- Afternoon recreation involving off-campus activities will include children kindergarten through 6th grade. We will offer a separate recreation time on-campus for preschoolers. If a parent wants the preschooler to participate in the off-campus activity, a parent or designated adult (other than the recreation staff) must accompany the child.
- When state law requires a child seat for the transportation of a child, a parent or designated adult must provide transportation for that child and stay with them for the duration of the activity.

### Youth Fellowship

The Seventh Day Baptist Youth

Fellowship of the USA and Canada organizes most of the evening youth activities. Inclusion in Youth Fellowship activities is determined by age. While the Board of Christian Education supervises and supports this group, the YF has its own constitutional organization.

By the rules established in this constitution, voting members of the Youth Fellowship are Seventh Day Baptist youths, ages 12-19. Only voting members of the Youth Fellowship participate in the evening activities.

### Example situations

The following common and not-so-common examples help illustrate how these inclusion standards apply:

If you are 11 and have completed 8th grade, you are in the Junior High Associated Conference but are not eligible for Youth Fellowship activities. If you are 12 and have completed 6th grade, you are in the Junior Associated Conference and may attend Youth Fellowship activities.

### Business sessions

Finally, allow us to assure all children and youth who want to attend the business and committee meetings of the General Conference: We encourage you to attend these meetings (with your sponsor's permission). If a member church of the Conference appointed you as a delegate, you may vote at these meetings.

If you choose to attend the business sessions, you should be able to find someone at the meeting who is willing to help you understand the process. *SR*



Church Planters School 2002 was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Center in Janesville, Wis., on May 20-25. Students and instructors from around the country met for the intense week-long National Missions Basic Training School.

This year, students included Gordon and Beverly Kilts of Queensbury, N.Y.; Marty Jackson, Kennewick, Wash.; Calvin P. Babcock, Janesville, Wis.; John Medicraft, Hayfield, Minn.; Pastor Robert Nakamoto, Nashville, Tenn.; Pastor Stanley Gregory, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Pastor Jim Rowe, Tulsa, Okla.; and Pastor Mike Burns, Albion, Wis.

Church Planters School Administrator Rev. Ron Elston Sr. brought instructors from across the Conference, including Pastor David Bell, Church Growth Consultant, Owensboro, Ky.; G. Kirk Looper, Executive Director of the SDB Missionary Society, Westerly, R.I., and his Administrative Assistant, Vivian Looper; Rev. Bill Burks, National Field Development Team (NFD) Director, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. Robert Harris, guest instructor, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pastor Mike Burns, member of the NFD, Albion, Wis.; and Dannette Montague, Church Growth Strategic Planner, Los Angeles, Calif.



Participants in the 2002 Planters School. Seated (l. to r.): Bill Burks, Ron Elston, and Kirk Looper. Standing: Calvin Babcock, Beverly Kilts, David Bell, Gordon Kilts, Stanley Gregory, Jim Rowe, Don Sanford, Bob Harris, Robert Nakamoto, John Medicraft, and Marty Jackson.

SDB Historian Don A. Sanford presented an overview of Seventh Day Baptist History and Polity.

The Planters School is geared to providing the necessary church-starting tools to those who have demonstrated or feel the call to church planting. Required reading is sent out months prior to the school, and practical application is introduced during the sessions.

A graduation ceremony was held on Sabbath, May 25, at the Albion SDB Church, with nine students receiving diplomas. "I'm very pleased with this year's school," Pastor Elston stated.

He noted that, following the 2001 school in southern Illinois, two new churches were launched by Church Planters graduates. John and Betsy Brewer launched Emmanuel SDB Church in Louisville, Ky., and Sarver SDB Church in Pennsylvania with Terry Durst. Another 2001 graduate, Bob Farr, is now the pastor of the Old Stonefort SDB Church in southern Illinois, and continues his "church plant" in Marion, Ill.

The Potential Problems class generated a lot of interest as Bell, Burks, and Elston, "The Men in Black," addressed the topic of Non-Christian/Cult Characteristics. *SR*



Instructor Davy Bell and student John Medicraft.



Kirk Looper, Bill Burks, and Ron Elston.



# the BEACON

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## A rhymin' retreat

by Aubrey Greene, Columbus, Ohio, SDB Church

*Aubrey composed this poem right after the Appalachian Youth Retreat held in Salem, W.Va., on April 19-21.*

This past weekend  
Was very fun  
So now that I'm home  
I wish it weren't done!

In just one weekend  
I joked and laughed  
And made so many  
memories  
I know will last.

Every person there  
Was so unique,  
I wish I could have  
stayed longer—  
Maybe a whole week.

The contact knockout  
And the basketball  
Were the most  
common activities  
Of them all.

I think of throwing  
a football  
In the parking lot,  
And pop that went flat  
And then it was not.

There were late-night talks  
Over Girl Scout cookies

And games of laser tag—  
Hey, we're all rookies!

I remember walks  
To the IGA:  
So much candy was bought  
That day.

How many wrestling  
matches  
Were there?

Everyone knew when  
they were coming  
And moved the chairs.

When someone was tired  
They'd lie down  
And a youth would give  
them a massage  
Until they came around.

Then pillows would fly  
Into faces and the air  
Until someone started  
tickling,  
"Hey, that wasn't fair!"

What about bowling  
Under a black light?  
Wall climbing, and  
a fun slide:  
What a night!

Then I remember  
A miniature golf game  
Where not one technique—  
or person—  
Was sane.

A go-kart race  
Didn't turn out  
quite right  
When a youth ran into  
a wall  
And cut her tongue  
with a bite!

A couple of chipped teeth  
Didn't stop us at all;  
Noodles and gumdrops  
Were used for architecture  
so tall.

A hat was stolen  
And worn by another  
youth  
A "brotherhood of sisters"  
was established  
While shooting hoops.

A crazy occurrence:  
Someone locked his  
keys in his car!  
But it turned out alright  
'Cause his mother wasn't  
very far.

Choir songs were sung:  
Beautiful ditties!  
Someone almost fell on  
the way down—  
Wouldn't that have been  
pretty?

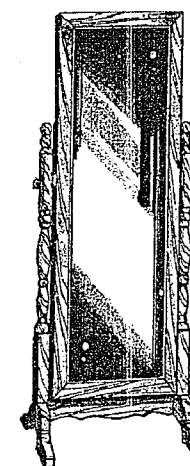
We had so much fun  
That is true  
But there was something  
even better  
Than the stuff we could do.

We learned about God  
And His promises  
He'll keep;  
We learned of fear  
And about peace.

We were taught about guilt  
And also about shame  
The things we learned  
Were better than  
any game.

The reason we were there  
Was not for the fun  
Although it *was* great—  
God was number one.

This was one retreat  
I will never forget  
Because of the people there  
And because of  
God's gifts. SR



## Reflections by Leanne Lippincott

*"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror;  
then we shall see face to face."—1 Cor. 13:12*

### Fireworks in heaven

rated farm wagon. (We sang a duet, accompanying ourselves on a Jew's harp and guitar.)

Since Jay was "really into" the Fourth, I nurtured his passion. "Well, 'Jay Bird,' it's either buy food next week or store up on fireworks. Which would you like to do?"

#### *The smell of burning fuses and acrid gunpowder is as sweet and enticing to boys as a pan of cinnamon rolls.*

I got a little tired of slurping down spaghetti every night, but the after-supper pyrotechnics were worth it.

My husband loved fireworks, too. Perhaps that partially explains Jay's fascination. Denny's eyes twinkled more than usual every time he sent a bottle rocket skyward.

On June 30, 1983, Denny died in a plane crash. I took my children—Jennifer and Jay—to the fireworks in Milton on Monday night, July 4th. The following day, we buried their 38-year-old father.

A lot of those days—and weeks, and months—are still a blur. But one memory sticks out.

It was a warm summer night, a few days before Denny's funeral. The fireflies were playing tag in the vacant field opposite our house, and Jay and I were sitting on our front steps.

Both of us removed our shoes and planted our bare feet on the warm cement. As I put my arm around Jay, we huddled there in silence, watching the sky.

A bank of clouds hovered above the Rock County Airport, and flashes of light illuminated the southern sky. I wanted to tell Jay that a couple zillion fireflies were practicing formation flying, but he wouldn't have believed me anyway. "Look at all that heat lightning!" I gushed.

My son looked up at the sky, down at me, and back up again.

"Mom, I think Dad's shooting off fireworks in heaven," he whispered.

Fighting back tears, I managed to say, "You're probably right, J.D."

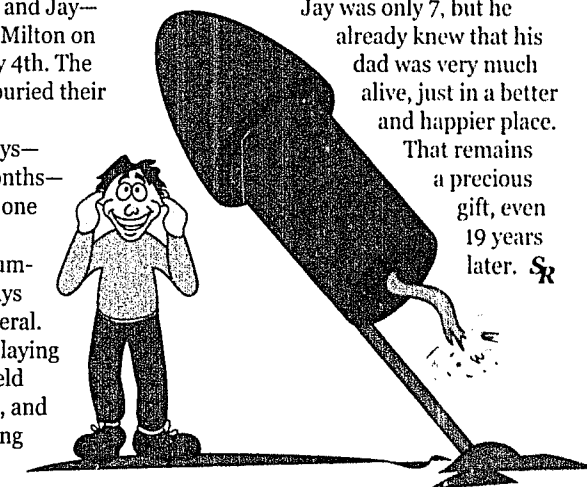
"Way to go, Dad!" Jay exclaimed.

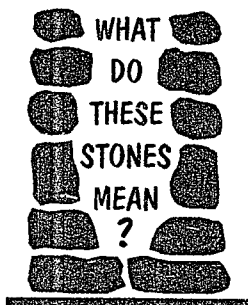
I've always been thankful for the many friends and relatives who helped our family through that difficult period. But every time July Fourth rolls around, I give God a special thank-you.

In His wisdom and grace, the Lord touched the heart of a little boy and nurtured his still-maturing faith.

Jay was only 7, but he already knew that his dad was very much alive, just in a better and happier place.

That remains a precious gift, even 19 years later. SR





## The President's Page

# Conference week at a glance

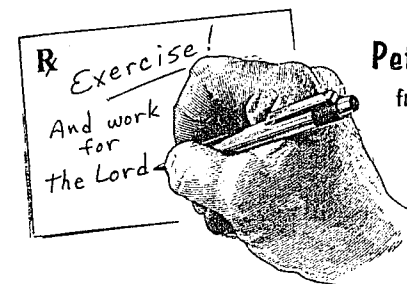
by Gordon Lawton

Two hundred years ago, a handful of SDB churches joined together to form a General Conference. This year, hundreds of delegates from dozens of churches will gather in Houghton, N.Y., to celebrate this milestone and seek God's favor and direction for tomorrow. I hope to see you August 4-10.

## General Conference 2002

"What Do These Stones Mean?"

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
6:30 am	MORNING PRAYER					
7:00 am	BREAKFAST					
8:30 am	BIBLE STUDY AND CHILDREN'S CONFERENCES					Communion
9:15 am	MORNING WORSHIP					Sabbath School 9:30-10:15
	Voices of Praise	Brett Greene	YA Pre-Con	Youth Pre-Con	SCSC	
10:00 am	Hist Soc Minutes	Hist Soc Minutes	Hist Soc Minutes	Hist Soc Minutes	Hist Soc Minutes	---Break 10:15---
10:10 am	Business	Council on Ministry	Tract Council	Memorial Board	Business	Sabbath Worship Service 10:30
10:30 pm	Board of Christian Ed Missionary Society	Business/ Committees (10:40)	Business/ Committees (10:40)	Business/ Committees (10:40)		
11:30 pm	LUNCH (Picnic)					Sabbath Dinner
12:00 noon	Youth Bible Study at Noon					
1:00 pm	Interest Committees	Interest Committees	Seminars	Business Session	Business Session or FREE TIME	2:30 Children's Presentation
4:15 pm	CHOIR PRACTICE					3:10 Awards
5-6:30 pm	SUPPER					
		4:45 Others 5:30 Women's Banquet	5:00 at Big Al's Youth Banquet	7:00 pm Men's Chorus		
7:30 pm	EVENING WORSHIP					Installation of New President
8:45 pm	REFRESHMENTS AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES World Federation Info					Stained Glass Concert
10:30 pm	PRAYER					



## Pete's Prescriptions

from Dr. Pete May,  
Executive Secretary

## Meeting other Baptists

On May 17, 2002, Baptist executives met in Nashville, Tenn., to seek ways in working together to share the blessings of Christ's Kingdom. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you."

My wife, Nancy, and I were privileged to represent Seventh Day Bap-

host a Baptist minister from a foreign country while their own pastor served a foreign congregation. BWA will attempt to develop the program more fully in Seville, Spain, this July.

"There are 62 Baptist churches and more than 5,000 Baptist believers in Middle Eastern churches in Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon,

nary in Pasadena, Calif. We expect to see him in our area sometime soon.

Bill Clarke's excellent review of tithing in the May *SR* hit on a problem that exists in Baptist congregations in general. Fifty-one percent of all Christian giving goes to groups like Campus Crusade for Christ, World Vision, and Focus on the Family. As a whole, denominations are having difficulty competing for funds.

Other discussion topics included Urban Ministry, Church Planting, Congregational Transformation, Missions in the Kingdom, Evangelism "Outside the Box," and Language Ministries to meet cultural needs.

We felt qualified to participate in the discussions because we believe that General Council and our own SDB boards are planning programs and making progress in these same areas.

All of the executives enjoyed some entertaining "down time," including a group trip through the chilling rain to the Grand Old Opry.

Thank you, fellow SDBs, for giving us the opportunity to fellowship with other Baptists. *SR*

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tists at this Executive Committee meeting of the North American Baptist Fellowship (NABF).

Other members included: Alan Stanford, North American Baptist Fellowship general secretary; Robert Ricker, past president of Baptist General Conference; Morris Chapman, Southern Baptist Convention; Harry Gardner, Canadian Baptist Ministries; Ron Black, General Association of Regular Baptists; David Laubach, American Baptist Churches in U.S.; Tony Minus, Baptist World Alliance; and Denton Lotz, Baptist World Alliance.

While fellowshiping, we visited with other Baptist groups, both small and large. The Southern Baptist Convention hosted us. We were surprised when Laubach exclaimed, "Oh, I know Don Chroniger and have provided pulpit supply at the Shiloh SDB Church."

Items discussed included an international minister exchange program. Through it, the local church would

and Syria. They need our help and fellowship," Lotz explained.

We became well acquainted with several ministers during the meeting and plan to stay in touch with them. Several indicated their willingness to visit and even speak at our churches and Conference. Gardner, the new NABF president, is a friendly, intelligent Christian who is currently furthering his education at Fuller Semi-

## General Conference in Houghton, N.Y. August 4 - 10, 2002

Registration forms in the May *SR*

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For more details,  
check the web site:

[sdb2002conference.com](http://sdb2002conference.com)

Phone #s at Conference:

(607) 769-6635

(607) 352-0965

## Encouraging news from Argentina

From Pastor Jose M.D. Alegre in Buenos Aires, Argentina:

May the Love and Peace of our Lord be with you and all our brethren in the States. We are praying for the Lord's work over there.

We would like to share some information regarding the Lord's work in Argentina and to express our gratitude to our almighty God for His many blessings.

A few years ago I was invited to join an Evangelical Pastors Federation. There I met a Pentecostal pastor, Ricardo Fernández. On several occasions I was invited to preach in his church.

A while back, Pastor Fernández, together with his wife, Hilda, and their daughter and son-in-law, began to do a theological seminar with us. As they began studying, they became very interested about Seventh Day

**After careful Bible studies, his congregation accepted without hesitation the SDB doctrines. They have already changed the church sign and meeting hours.**

Baptist doctrines, mainly about the Ten Commandments and the Sabbath day.

And praise the Lord, because just recently they became Seventh Day Baptists joining our denomination.

Pastor Fernández explained very clearly to his congregation his

biblically-based decision. After careful Bible studies, his congregation accepted without hesitation the SDB doctrines. They have already changed the church sign and meeting hours. Every Thursday I have been invited to give Bible studies in Pastor Fernández's church. After years of hard work in very difficult circumstances the Lord is blessing our work.

We ask for your prayers and moral support in our favor. Argentina is going through the most critical time in its history: corruption, robberies, crimes and violence in a degree hardly seen before, with poverty and the highest unemployment ever.

The Argentine brethren send their warm greetings and regards to our brothers and sisters there. May God bless your ministry and life. *SR*

## 60 years and counting!

Charles R. and Reba E. (Kenyon) Wheeler celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. The couple took their vows at sunset on June 20, 1942, on the lawn of his parents' farm house. Rev. Verney Wilson of the Nortonville, Kan., Seventh Day Baptist Church officiated.

The couple celebrated this special wedding anniversary at the farm home of their oldest granddaughter, Kelli Jo Thompson, in Holton, Kan. All of the families attended.

Back in 1942, Charles' brother, Edgar, served as best man, and Nellie Van Horn, aunt of the bride, was bridesmaid. Family members baked and decorated the wedding cake, and served the post-ceremony luncheon.

Charles farmed with his father, and Reba was a teacher at the rural

"Sugar Bowl" School. They set up housekeeping on the farm adjacent to his parents' homestead. Many years later, they purchased his



Charles and Reba Wheeler

folks' farm as well. When Charles started hauling milk to a distant milk plant, the couple had to rent out both farms.

The Wheeler children include two sons, Kent and Sam, both of Atchison, Kan.; and one daughter, Mavice Stapp, of Omaha, Neb. They also have three grandsons, three granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren.

Charles and Reba were baptized and joined the Nortonville church in 1931. They have been active members ever since.

Those wishing to contact them may write to:

Charles & Reba Wheeler  
Box 353  
Nortonville, KS 66060

## Reciting star in Boulder



Christina Thorngate (left) of the Boulder, Colo., SDB Church, presents the 1st Annual Award for Scripture Reciting to church member Sanja Looper. Two contestants took up the challenge to recite all of the SDB Christian Education verses at one time. Sanja was challenged by her father, Cletus Severance, but he left out two words and was disqualified. Great job, father and daughter!

## Church yard sale raises money for Red Cross

When the Marlboro, N.J., Ladies Aid began planning in May 2001 for their biannual yard sale, it was to clean out our families' and friends' attics, basements, and garages to raise money for the church's treasury.

On September 11, that goal changed. We decided to donate all of the proceeds to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, to assist the victims of the World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies.

We held the yard sale at the parsonage on September 23. Instead of setting prices, we allowed shoppers to decide what they thought an item was worth.

When people found out where the proceeds were going, the generosity of the community was overwhelming! Many insisted on giving many times the value of items, and some people donated without purchasing a thing.

By the end of the day, our Ladies Aid had raised \$625.00 for the Red Cross. We gave leftover items to Goodwill. *SR*

*From "Marlboro Matters," newsletter of the Marlboro (Bridgeton, N.J.) SDB Church.*

## Center hosts Summer Institute

This year's Summer Institute on History and Polity was held June 3-14 at the SDB Center in Janesville, Wis.



Surrounded by the timeline of SDB history. Seated (l. to r.): instructor Janet Thorngate, Jerry Johnson, and JoAnne Kandel. Standing: Kory Geske, COM Dean Gabriel Bejjani, Paul Andries, and Historian Don Sanford.



Just in time to lend a helping hand! On the first morning of class, our latest shipment of Helping Hand quarterlylies arrived, and the students pitched in. JoAnne Kandel and Paul Andries take some of the last boxes from the driver.



## Conference Choir wants YOU



If you've ever sung in a choir—or wanted to—you'll enjoy the Conference Choir.

The choir will practice every afternoon before supper (even on Sunday for you early arrivers) and sing for worship each evening.

Let's praise God together in song!

## Births

**Barrett.**—A son, Simeon Edward Barrett, was born to Deacon Edson and Seanette (Samuels) Barrett of Roslyn, PA, on March 8, 2002.

**Dutcher.**—A son, Elijah Zane Dutcher, was born to Kyle and Kylee Dutcher of Kearney, NE, on April 23, 2002.

**Haglan.**—A daughter, Alexis Rose Haglan, was born to Jan and Ashley (Rogers) Haglan of Broken Bow, NE, on May 18, 2002.

## New members

**Columbus, OH**  
*Robert Van Horn, pastor*  
Joined after testimony  
Richard Payne  
Shelly Payne

**Fort Worth, TX (Remembrance)**  
*Earle Holston, pastor*  
Joined after testimony  
Dee Ann Drechsel  
Linda G. Holston

**Paint Rock, AL**  
*John Bevis, pastor*  
Joined after baptism  
Darlene Harms  
Donald Harms  
Robert Harms  
Joined after testimony  
Rodney Harms

**Riverside, CA**  
*Eric Davis, pastor*  
Joined after testimony  
Sylvia Andrade  
Jim Cobb  
Leona Cobb  
Michael Foxworth  
DeDe Foxworth

**Shiloh, NJ**  
*Donald L. Chroniger, pastor*  
Joined after baptism  
Kelsey DuBois  
Kevin Garrison  
Katherine Loew  
Grace Pillsbury  
Rosemarie Pillsbury  
Nicole Sayers  
Travis Uhland

**White Cloud, MI**  
*Bernie Wethington, pastor*  
Joined by letter  
Nathan Crandall  
Michelle Crandall

## Obituaries

**Norris.**—Orritia Ruth (Lee) Norris, 80, of Columbus, Ohio, died on March 14, 2002. She had lived at the Minerva Park Place Nursing Home of Columbus for the past eight years.

She was born on January 18, 1922. For many years, Orritia worked in the Foster Grandmother program, serving in public schools and daycare centers. Having become convinced of the Sabbath, she joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus on May 1, 1982.

A memorial service was held at the church on April 13, 2002, with Pastor Robert Van Horn officiating. Many in attendance shared their personal remembrances of Orritia. Interment was at the Park Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

**Bond.**—Khale Arden Bond, 95, of Lost Creek, W.Va., died on March 18, 2002, at the Stonewall Jackson Hospital in Weston, W.Va., following an extended illness.

He was born on June 30, 1906, the son of Arden and Elva (Davis) Bond. He was preceded in death by his wife, Alpha (Anderson) Bond, on May 13, 1984.

Khale was a faithful member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving on various committees and as a trustee for a number of years. He was also a member of Jackson Lodge 35 A.F. & A.M. He was the oldest living member (for 74 years) of the Knights of Pythias.

Services were held on March 21, 2002, in the Lost Creek SDB Church, with Pastor Robert Van Horn officiating, assisted by Pastor Don Shackelford. Interment was in the Lost Creek SDB Church Cemetery.

**Gaconnet.**—Leo Gaconnet, 74, passed away on April 26, 2002, at his home in Weatherford, Texas, surrounded by his family. He had battled cancer for two years.

He was born on July 4, 1927, in San Antonio, Texas, the son of Frank L. and Theresa (Faas) Gaconnet. He thought of himself as the original "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

Leo was the retired owner of Triple TTT Sandblasting, which he founded in 1986. He taught his family the sandblasting business and never missed a day of work.

He was a longtime resident of San Antonio prior to moving to Weatherford in 1986. He loved to fish and play the harmonica.

Leo was a faithful member of the Remembrance Seventh Day Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. He showed his faith when many people had none.

Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Jacki, of Weatherford; four sons, Rick and Jim of Weatherford, and Donald and Michael of San Antonio; two daughters, Jackie Davis of Weatherford and Gail Tondre of San Antonio; one brother, Eddie, of Bulverde, Texas; one sister, Jean Bilhartz of California; five grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on April 29, 2002, at White's Funeral Home in Weatherford. Pastor Van Houser of the Northside Baptist Church in Weatherford officiated,

assisted by Pastor Earle Holston of the Remembrance church.

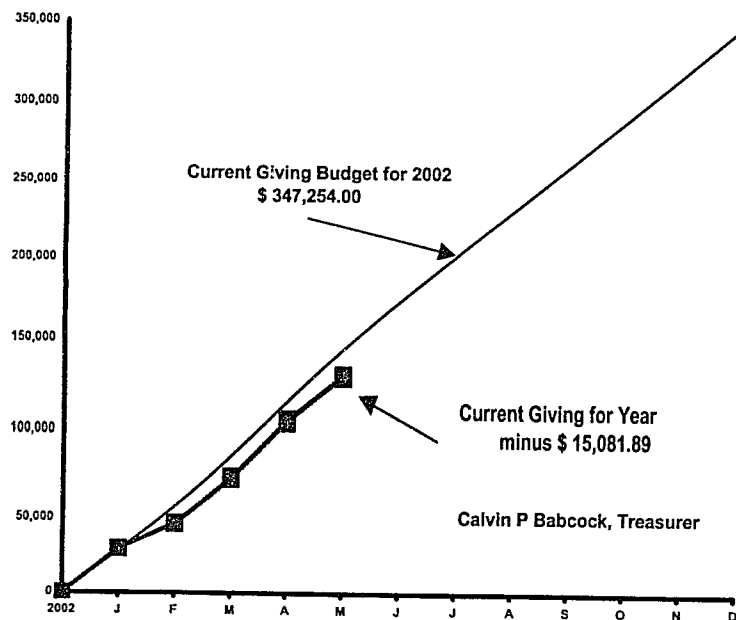
**James.**—Kathryn (Kennedy) James, 90, formerly of Parkersburg, W.Va., went home to be with the Lord on May 23, 2002. She was a recent resident of the Mayfair Village Nursing Center. A native of Lost Creek, W.Va.,

she was born on February 7, 1911, the daughter of Stephen and Jessie Kennedy. At the age of 12, she joined the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Upon moving to Ohio, she joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Columbus in 1995.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet Lewis of Columbus and Barbara Gower of West Virginia; one son, Michael Idleman of West Virginia; one sister, Helen Bond of Ohio; one brother, Frank Kennedy of Illinois; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two husbands, O. Glenn Idleman and Ralph James, and by three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was held on May 28, 2002, in the Lost Creek SDB Church, with Pastor Robert Van Horn officiating. Interment was in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. *SR*

## Current Giving 2002



## Conference Bicentennial Offer!!

Join the SDB Historical Society  
and get a book (or two)

New one-year members (\$10) will receive a copy of Volume III of SDBs in Europe and America. A life membership (\$100) will get Vol. III plus the 1992 "bestseller" *A Choosing People*.

Contact Paul Green or Don Sanford (608) 752-5055  
or sdbhist@inwave.com  
or sign up at Conference

**A history of leadership, cont. from page 14**

laws which further implemented the program emphasis of Conference. They added to Article 5 the following paragraph:

*"The first vice-president shall be elected with the understanding that, unless unforeseen circumstances arise in the meantime to prevent such action, he will be elected at the following General Conference to the presidency. The president and first-vice president shall be members of the Commission by virtue of their election to their respective offices."*<sup>4</sup>

With this change, the president for the succeeding year could have a full

year to prepare his or her theme, and be involved in the work of the Commission (now the General Council) for a full year before taking office.

Prior to this change, the Nominating Committee might ask a person on a Wednesday or Thursday to serve as president. If the nominee wanted to confer with a spouse or employer, there was little time for reflection and prayer before giving an answer by the close of business on Friday.

Announcing a theme for the closing session of Conference (held on the night after the Sabbath) could distract from entering into

the Sabbath services. If the nominee were a pastor, his last sermon might simply become his theme. With extra time to think and pray, a more meaningful emphasis for his upcoming Conference leadership could develop. **SR**

<sup>1</sup>General Conference Minutes, 1863, p. 6.

<sup>2</sup>General Conference Minutes, 1872, p. 6.

<sup>3</sup>General Conference Minutes, 1874, p. 19.

<sup>4</sup>SDB Yearbook, 1953, p. 22.

**Come to Brazil**

Come to Brazil! Come to *Chácara da Bênção* (Blessings Ranch)! That is the retreat center where sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist World

Federation (SDBWF) will be held next February.

Pastor Leonildo Lebkuchen is President of the Brazil Conference

and chairman of the Host Committee for the sessions. He has just sent us a full-color brochure with photos of the conference center near Curitiba, Paraná, where they will host the Federation sessions, February 10-16. SDBWF delegates and observers will be welcome also at the Brazil convention sessions the previous week, February 4-9. And don't miss the weekend of February 8-9 when separate Congress sessions will be held for youth, women, children, in addition to the Sabbath worship celebrations.

by Janet Thorngate

Blessings Ranch advertises itself as "a place of peace to look for God's blessings for our spiritual life." There is a room for lectures, lodging for 230 people including special suites and rooms for six people with two bathrooms in each room, a chapel with capacity for 700 people, game courts (basketball, tennis, soccer, table tennis, and pool), and large cafeteria.

People interested in attending as observers should contact Rev. Dale Thorngate, SDBWF Executive Secretary, for additional information: 171 E. Main St., Salem WV 26426 USA. Phone: (304) 792-1727; FAX: (304) 782-4792; E-mail: sdbwf@aol.com

Delegates and observers will fly into the airport at Curitiba, Paraná, by a connecting flight from São Paulo. In addition to international passports, delegates will need to obtain a visa at the Brazilian consulate in their own country. Observers are responsible for their own transportation to and from Curitiba and for the registration and hosting fee of \$300 US for the full two weeks.

Watch for the list of delegates from around the world—and opportunity to sponsor one of them if you cannot go yourself. **SR**

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

It's a weekly routine.

After someone shares a devotional or reading at our Wednesday morning chapel service at the Center, it's time to pray. Requests are shared, concerns are voiced, and we go to the Lord's throne in prayer.

At a chapel time earlier this month, our first prayer concern was for Pastor Mike Burns, a friend and co-worker suffering from various ailments. Then a request came for a sister, then a spouse. Then a daughter, then for an aunt, and a niece...

Are we "family-oriented," or what?

That is such a plus. Usually.

When you're *not* part of the family, sometimes it's tough to "break in" (feel like you belong, get on the inside, etc.).

One recent visitor to the Center, trying to learn more about SDBs, felt that in a big way. He perceived that we were "family"—and that maybe we're not all that concerned about expanding our outreach.

The "last straw" came when he asked to see our Gospel tracts. We didn't have any.

Our latest version ran out several years ago. When our budgets were tight (when are they not?) the Tract Council made the conscious decision not to print our own Gospel tracts.

Instead, we advised our churches to put their local stamp or sticker on other groups' colorful and less ex-

pensive pieces. We thought, "Why re-invent the wheel?" We decided to spend our time and limited funds on our distinctive information.

More recently, we have heard and can see the need for an actual Seventh Day Baptist tract with a Gospel presentation. We told our guest that the Publications Committee is working on a new Gospel tract which should be in print next year.

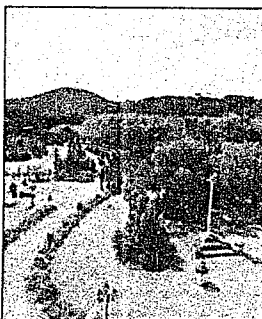
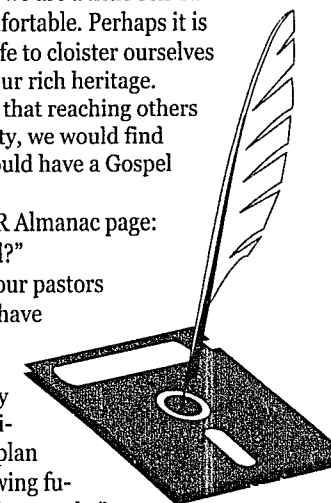
That was about a year too late for our visitor. He didn't stay long after that.

You know, perhaps we are a little self-satisfied and a tad too comfortable. Perhaps it is more fun and more safe to cloister ourselves and reminisce about our rich heritage.

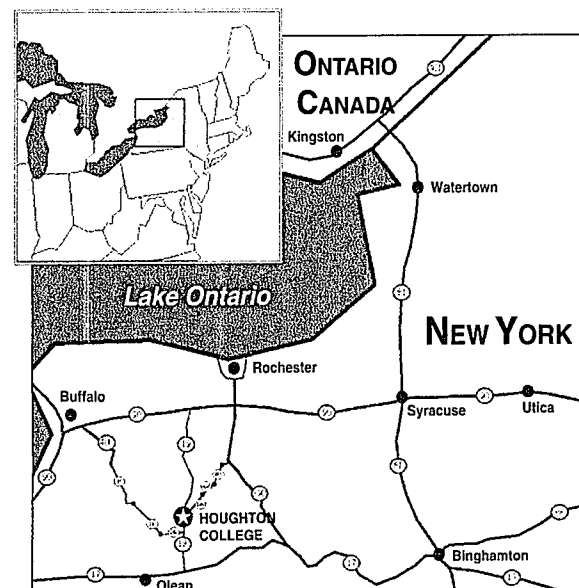
If we truly believed that reaching others for Christ was a priority, we would find the money, and we would have a Gospel tract in our inventory.

As I ask on every SR Almanac page: "Where are we headed?"

A great number of our pastors and church members have a real heart for evangelism and discipleship. Let's all pray for God's vision and direction, to follow His plan for a positive and growing future for us as a "peculiar people."



Photos from the conference center in Curitiba, Brazil.



**General Conference  
August 4-10**

Houghton College is right on Route 19 in southwestern New York State. For more details, check out [sdb2002conference.com](http://sdb2002conference.com) or [houghton.edu](http://houghton.edu)

## What's a person to do?

So you are coming to Conference at Houghton College (August 4-10), and bringing the family with you. You're using your vacation time and want to see some of the sights of rural New York state and not just the Houghton campus. What's a person to do?

WELCOME to Allegany County—A Place for All Seasons and All Reasons

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Northern Railroad*  
Historical Society Exhibit  
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*Southern Tier Antique  
Equipment Society*  
Scio  
585-593-1180

*Almond Historical Society*  
Almond  
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*Seneca Oil Springs*  
Cuba  
585-268-9293

*Stull Observatory*  
Alfred  
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Canaseraga  
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