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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 Christ Jesus.
- 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.
- the congregational form of church government. Every church member has the right to participate in the decision-making process of the church.

The seventh day

God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus our Lord. It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes SDBs just a little bit different.

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- Has shown evidence of special service with her family and/or community
- Must be a committed Christian
- Must be an active member of a local Seventh Day Baptist church

A complete resumé must be submitted containing a life history, including her achievements and activities. Without a resumé in hand, the committee cannot make a competent choice among many nominees. If an individual has been nominated before, and you still want that person considered, please resubmit the name as well as the resumé.

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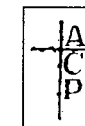


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Love carved on a tree

by John Conrod

"He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets" (Deuteronomy 4:13).

Back when I was a young teenager, I had some friends who would carve their love on a tree—"Billy loves Judy" or "TR + LJ." (That was before the days of ecological awareness.)

The Ten Commandments are at the heart of God's love. They are just as applicable today as they were thousands of years ago—when a loving God carved them into stone—because they proclaim a lifestyle endorsed by God. They are the perfect expression of who God is and how He wants us to show our love by the way we live.

What God's Word does

These words of God's love free us, protect us, make us wise. They bring His love, joy, and light to our lives. God's laws of love are guidelines and lights on our path, rather than chains on our hands and feet. They point at harm and warn us, then point at success and guide us, all because of His love for us.

The Ten Commandments restrict us from doing those things that will cripple us and keep us from being our best. God's laws of love are guidelines to help us follow and not wander onto paths that would lead to destruction.

Although He allows us the freedom to move beyond His boundaries, outside them we are on our own. Freedom comes with a very high price. To obey the law is our blueprint for living.

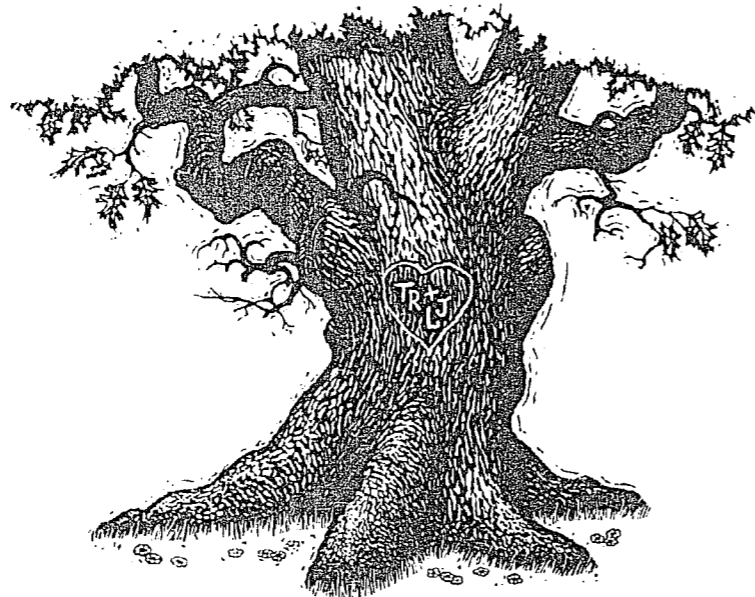
We can trust the Bible

The Bible is reliable because God does not lie, forget, change His words, or leave

His promises unfulfilled. We can trust the Bible because it contains the words of a loving, holy, trustworthy, and unchangeable God.

What we need is loving guidance by a loving Lord, a map for living that gives us landmarks and directions and a constant companion. We need a Guide who has an intimate knowledge of the way, Someone Who will make

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sure we interpret the map correctly. The Bible is such a map, and God is the constant companion and guide Who points out the safe routes as well as the obstacles to avoid. If we ignore the map, we will wander aimlessly through life and risk missing eternity with Him.

Watch where you step

In this life, we walk through a dark forest of hatred and evil in a world that has turned its back on God. His Word is our light to show us the way ahead so we won't stumble as we walk, revealing the entangling roots of false value and philosophies.

When we study His Word, we will see our way clear enough to stay on the right path. When we accept Christ as our Lord and Savior, we also accept his confirmation of the Bible as God's Word. His Word is not just for our information; it is for our transformation!

Becoming a Christian means beginning a whole new relationship with God, not just turning over a new leaf or determining what to do right. Believers have a changed purpose, direction, attitude, and behavior. People search many places seeking truth on which to base their lives. Discovering God's Word is the only trustworthy foundation.

Timeless and timely

God's love is both timeless and timely; it applies today and always. Because it is connected with God's changeless character, it is also changeless. His Word has withstood the test of time. Because God is its source of truth, we can trust its guidance. The power to follow Jesus comes from an assurance of who he is.

Some try to make the claim that God's people in the Old Testament were under law, but the people of God in the New Testament were under grace. God wrote of His love in both the Old and New Testaments because He wanted His people to love Him in return. Way back in Deuteronomy, He said He would show mercy to the thousands of them that love Him and keep His commandments.

God lamented, "O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!" (see Deuteronomy 5:10, 29).

Will we ever learn?

King Saul never seemed to learn what God desired. The prophet

Samuel said to him, "Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Samuel 15:22). David learned that lesson and wrote, "The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18).

Even the prophet Jeremiah predicted that "The time is coming, says the LORD: when I will make a new covenant... This is the covenant that I will make says the LORD: I will put My laws into their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God and they shall be My people" (Jeremiah 31:31, 33). Read the fulfillment of this prophecy in Hebrews 8:10. When Jesus shared the Passover before He died He declared, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood" (Luke 22:20).

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From stone to tree to hearts

Not only did God carve His love for us in stone, He also nailed His love to a tree. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Many Christians don't realize the whole Bible is all one story of God's love for us and His desire that we should love Him in return. The Ten Commandments that started out carved in stone are now etched in the hearts of believers.

In the New Covenant, Jesus is God's Love, written on a tree. And although Romans 10:4 says, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth," it does not say it is the end of the law. It says, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness." Can you see the difference? We don't keep any laws for righteousness. We keep God's laws because we love Him!

The law as schoolmaster

Paul wrote that one of the purposes of the law of God was as a teacher or schoolmaster. When we graduate from school, the schoolmaster is no longer needed and we have the Word, Christ Himself. But we don't throw out what we have learned from school when we graduate.

My teacher told me to quit chewing gum. I obeyed and quit chewing my gum. I am out of school now, graduating a long time ago. I don't chew gum now, just to obey a rule. I don't chew because I don't like gum anymore.

My "spiritual law-teacher" told me to keep the Sabbath, so I obeyed and kept the Sabbath (which my minister said was Sunday). I am out of school now, but I don't keep the Sabbath just to obey the law. I now keep the Sabbath because I don't like "Sunday-keeping" anymore.

I want to follow Jesus' custom. The New Testament records that

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Jesus "came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and

stood up for to read" (Luke 4:16).

Keeping the Sabbath in the New Covenant—as well as keeping any of God's laws—has nothing to do with righteousness. We should keep the laws and the Sabbath because we love the Lord, and because He carved His love on a tree. **SR**

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Living Branches

by Claston E. Bond

*I sat in thought one Sabbath
Neath an oak tree huge and green.*

*I looked up in its branches—
The prettiest sight I've seen.*

*The winds so strong had tried
This giant oak to fall,
But it had felt the windstorms
And stood against them all.*

*Just then I saw another branch
So bare—yes, it was dead.
The wind so soon would break it,
By sap no longer fed.*

*Am I a branch that's growing
The life of Christ to tell?
Or will some neighbor lonely
Spend eternity in bell?*

*So may I stand more firmly,
Put His hand again in mine;*



*For heaven is the watchword—
If your life is in the Vine.*

*Jesus said, "I am the vine, you
are the branches."*

A loving and obedient people??

by Rev. Francis D. Saunders

The new SR Committee (see page 22) has encouraged me to reprint special and pertinent articles from our archives. The following feature first appeared in our October 1978 issue.—Editor

This writer had been deeply impressed with the amount of emphasis placed on "obedience" during the 1978 General Conference study and worship hours. He has heard strong voices at the opposite ends of the debate on denominational reorganization; one saying, "God has not yet said 'go!'" and the other contending, "Too long have we hesitated, let's get on with it!"

The voices calling for obedience, however, have been vibrant and alive, and perhaps the reason God's directive has not been sooner, clear, and unmistakable is that we have not learned the lesson of consistent, day-by-day, moment-by-moment obedience to the revealed will of God.

"If you love me, keep my commandments," is a direct mandate from Jesus Christ to those who profess to adore Him.

Who are Seventh Day Baptists? A loving people! A people redeemed by unfailing grace! A people witnessing to the power of faith! A praising people! A joyous people! A chosen people! A peculiar people!

A loving people? An obedient people??

Let's take another look at the Commandments which Jesus affirms to be the test of our true love. There are two which He proclaims to be greatest of all: First, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, with all thy strength!" And second,

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself!"

Consider then, love in its relationship to obedience.

The greatest Commandment of all:

"Love God completely."

In the moral law, note how the first four Commandments reflect this love toward God.



The First Commandment:

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

No other gods? No other preference? Not one thing?

How about personal possessions? How about riches, popularity? What about family, friends, social status? How about security, a bank account, permanent funds?

Not *anything* before God? May each explore the depth of his own soul and respond!

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The Second Commandment:

"Thou shalt not make any graven images, nor bow down to them."

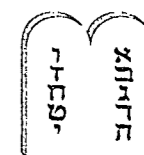
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How much time do we spend in worshipping the God of heaven? As much time as we spend with that new car, or boat, or house? As much as in fishing, or hunting, or golfing, or working, or whatever?

Let each soul explore the distribution of his time and respond accordingly.

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The Third Commandment:

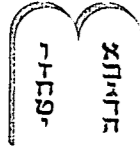
"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

How careful are we of the words that slip from our tongues? To what extent are expressed thoughts Spirit-controlled? How eloquently do the activities of our lives match the strong testimony of our lips?

To what extent do the expletives of our lips shed reproach on the One whose name we bear? Let each listen to the tenor of his language and determine.

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The Fourth Commandment:
"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

This Commandment includes a directive to committed hours of labor and completed tasks. A denominational distinctive! A holy blessing! A professed tenet of faith!

How holy is our Sabbath time? Listen to the voice of God, spoken by His servant, recorded in His word, and let obedience be the measure of your love.

Are they merely sacred words flowing from tongues activated by hard deduction and cold knowledge? An hour of worship? A few moments of Bible study? A word of prayer?

How holy is our Sabbath time? Listen to the voice of God, spoken by His servant, recorded in His word, and let obedience be the measure of your love: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heri-

tage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it" (Isaiah 58:13-14).

Spiritually delightful time? Holy time? A time for seeking after selfish things? A time for doing one's own thing? Take a spiritual inventory of your Sabbath hours!

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The second greatest Commandment:

"Love your neighbor as yourself." See how the remaining six relate in love to one's fellowmen.

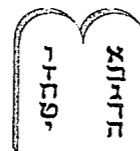


The Fifth Commandment:
"Honor thy father and mother" (with attending promises).

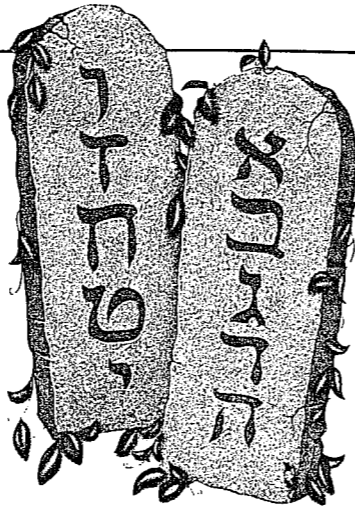
We see parents provoking children to wrath! We are aware of children rebelling against all restraints and direction!

It may be that the chief reason for the chaotic moral climate in our society is the breakdown of the traditional, Biblical family unit with its honoring of parental wisdom and control. Look at your own family and determine!

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The Sixth Commandment:
"Thou shalt not kill."



How easily we succumb to the temptation to react violently to every real or imagined attack.

Jesus interpreted in these words: "He that is angry with his brother without cause has committed murder in his heart!"

How deeply the Savior penetrates into the depths of our desires! Petty grievances. Jealousies. How easily we succumb to the temptation to react violently to every real or imagined attack upon our personal philosophy of life or way of behavior. We become angry, vindictive, mean! Search your own temperament and give answer.

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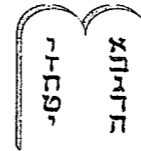
The Seventh Commandment:
"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Here again the Savior interprets with a spiritual note: "He who looks

with lust has committed adultery already in his heart." Actions are the outward response to the inward condition of the heart. How desperately we need the inward cleansing and power of the Spirit of God.

The administrative potential of the Church's program is not as important as the spiritual purity of God's people. So, in order to go forward for God, we need to be cleansed by His power. How about the purity of *your* heart?

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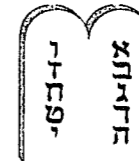
The Eighth Commandment:
"Thou shalt not steal."

How honest are we in our daily monetary dealings in business and personal affairs?

Lack of financial integrity is one of the world's prevailing sins! No, we don't deliberately go out and steal something belonging to another. But actually, how honest are we in our daily monetary dealings in business and personal affairs?

How about unearned profits? How about income reporting? How about taking advantage of others in business transactions? How about "little white lies" for personal gain? See if your daily business is above reproach.

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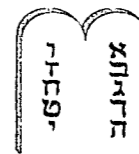


The Ninth Commandment:
"Thou shalt not bear false witness."

James speaks of the tongue in these words: "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell."

We know this is true, and each of us who will carefully consider his own language will confess. Gossip! Half-truths! Twisted meanings!

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The Tenth Commandment:
"Thou shalt not covet."

Selfishness seems to be the order of the day; and mankind seeks first those things which will supposedly enrich his temporal living.

He is discontent with the way things are. He seeks higher wages and greater benefits, primarily for the betterment of his own self, regardless of the welfare of others. This is the day-by-day testimonial of labor-management controversies and the trap into which we all so easily fall.

Coveting the things belonging to others is the sign of our discontent. How about you?

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Astounding things happened on the day of the first declaration of God's moral law: "And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpets, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off" (Exodus 20:18). Today, we stand in the frightening atmosphere of the righteous demands of Almighty God. And we have added to that righteous awe the even more demanding love and presence of His Holy Son, Jesus, and the indwelling Spirit. The Holy Spirit can be no less than the Spirit of love, for "God is love!"

Seventh Day Baptists stand at the summit of the mountain of denominational growth and accompanying reorganization. It is imperative that our attention be focused on the righteous demands of the Law of God.

We must listen not only attentively, but also responsively to the Savior's plea: "If you love me, keep my commandments!" It is most probable that our spiritual commitment and growth will be in direct proportion to our response to His plea. **SR**

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Feeling like Gideon

Another testimony to God's transforming power

by Linda Lawton

I came face-to-face with God at the edge of that precipice, but His love—and the love of the SCSC staff—allowed me to step off.

After hearing this story during the Women's Banquet at General Conference in August, several friends encouraged Linda to submit her testimony to us. We're glad she did.—Editor

Fear kept me away

As a youth, I wanted desperately to be in the Summer Christian Service Corps, a fact which may surprise many who knew me then. But I never mentioned it because I was afraid.

I was afraid of traveling by myself, afraid of crowds, afraid of people I did not know. I was scared to speak in public, let alone converse with people I had just met. And I was afraid of leading *anything*. So I never applied to SCSC.

Two years ago, the Little Gene-see (N.Y.) church decided to ask for an SCSC team, and guess who was named Project Director? Do you think 20-plus years as a pastor's wife had cured my fears? Guess again. I was *terrified!*

I felt like Gideon

Despite feeling strongly that this was what God had told me to do, all those old fears came crowding to the surface at once. I was also terrified at the thought of being responsible for two young people over the sum-

mer. I felt inadequate, unprepared, and ill-equipped. In short, I felt like Gideon.

You remember Gideon; He was the least in his family, and his clan was the weakest in Israel. When God told him to destroy his father's altar to Baal, he did what the Lord told



A "changed" Linda Lawton giving her SCSC testimony at Conference.

him. But he was afraid, so he did it at night.

Gideon was the one who asked God to make the ground dry and the fleece wet as a sign that He would really do what He had promised. When God complied, Gideon was still so frightened that he asked God to make the ground wet and the fleece dry as a little extra assurance.

Not real confident

Gideon was not a terribly confident person. When he gathered Israel to defeat the Midianites (their army was so huge that its soldiers could not be counted), God told Gideon that he had too many men. In various ways, God sifted Gideon's army from over 30,000 men to just 300.

Then God spoke to Gideon again (see Judges 7:9-15). What struck me most were verses 9-11: *"If you are afraid... you will be encouraged."*

God knew Gideon so well and loved him so much!! He told him that He would be with him. But

God also knew Gideon's fears, and it was okay. He didn't just say, "Don't be afraid, Gideon." He didn't say, "If you *really believed*, you wouldn't be afraid." And He didn't say, "Shame on you" or even, "Just *do it!*"

God *did* say, "If you are afraid, do this, hear this dream, and you will be encouraged."

How God dealt with me

That is how God dealt with me. He very clearly told me what He wanted me to do and that He would be with me. Yet He knew my fears, and it was okay. He provided me with encouragement at the SCSC training sessions.

I felt safe right away at training, which was a miracle in itself.

The topics we studied and the activities we were asked to do led me way, way, *way* out of my comfort zone. Many times I felt like I was walking towards a tremendous cliff, and that wonderful training staff kept pushing me, lovingly but oh so firmly, directly at that cliff! They also provided a safe place for me to deal with myself and my fears.

I came face-to-face with God at the edge of that precipice, but His love—and the love of the staff—allowed me to step off. God stretched out His loving arms and caught me and lifted me up.

A stretching time

I began to know God in a more intimate way during training, and that has continued since arriving back home. I now have a hunger for God, and my devotions are no longer just an obligation. If I miss my time with God, I feel I've missed an appointment with a friend.

SCSC training was a stretching time for me. It changed me. I am

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a different person now; just ask my children.

Sometimes—for a little while, at least—I return to the person I was two years ago. When I wrap myself in that person, it's like enveloping myself in an old, cozy bathrobe. But I don't stay there long. It is no longer comfortable, no longer the person I want to be.

Benefits of SCSC

We hear a lot about how SCSC benefits and changes the team members, but it does so much more. It also changes the lives of Project Directors, campers, Vacation Bible School kids, and congregations.

Those changes are permanent and ongoing.

Those who have been touched by SCSC have a different view of service, a closer relationship with God, and new appreciation for His work in the world. The things that are learned at training and during projects will be used over and over in all stages of life; in the lives of others as well as SCSCers.

The training continues

I was a Project Director again this year. In the safe place of training, God showed me that He has more challenges in store for me—breaking through new "comfort zones," exploring new areas of service, experiencing deeper levels of acquaintance with Him.

God gave me a better understanding of who and where I am now. He also granted me a glimpse of what He wants me to be, a quick look at the dream He has for this next part of my life.

I admit that I'm still a little afraid, but I have been into the camp of Midian, and I have heard the dream. I am encouraged and, like Gideon, I worship God. **SR**

Happy Birthday!

2004 will be the 40th anniversary of the first life-changing Summer Christian Service Corps project.

Do you have an SCSC testimony to share as we celebrate this milestone?

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In the fullness of time

by Don Sanford

The recorded history of Man's attempt to find God covers roughly 4,000 years, from Abraham to today. Taking the stories of Noah—and even tracing back to Adam—we can add more years to that total.

Why, then, in all of this time, did Jesus appear when he did? Why did God wait until Quirinius was governor, Herod was king, and Caesar Augustus was emperor before becoming Incarnate? Why did Paul (in Galatians 4) think of this as "the fullness of time"?

Three factors converged during this period in history, giving it a certain "fullness" that Christianity used to gain a foothold in the world. Three cultures—Hebrew, Greek, and Roman—met at this time and contributed, in varying degree, to the impact of the Gospel.

For the Hebrews, the religious climate allowed Christianity to take root. The high standards of the Jewish Law influenced the social and ethical mores of the people. Their worship was heightened by expressions of true devotion found in the Psalms.

The prophets also contributed to the religious thought of Israel. While Amos wrote of a God of justice, Isaiah knew God in His righteousness. Jeremiah and Ezekiel paved the way for the personal devotion of a people in exile, and others, such as Jonah, experienced the presence of God even in enemy territory. It was they who delivered the messianic prophecies which gave the people expectant hearts. They had an ideal for which they yearned.

But Christ came into the world, not as a reward for the Israelites' religious fervor, but as a savior. And the Jews offered fertile ground for this message. Even though they had their spiritual giants, they were a sinful people.

They were arrogant and bold, and had broken their covenant with God many times. They had attempted to take matters into their own hands, forgetting God and even turning from Him in rebellion. Here, then, was the raw material from which God could work His plan of salvation through repentance and the forgiveness of sin.

From the Greeks, a common language could be understood throughout the known world. Their great learning and philosophies also marked Christian teachings. Such concepts as the "Logos doctrine" of John 1, and Greek thoughts concerning matter and spirit, provided a framework in which Christians could more easily express their beliefs concerning Christ, as well as their own experiences of rebirth and immortality.

At points, this may have diminished the miraculous in favor of a rational approach to religion. On the other hand, Greek thought, linked with Hebrew experience, was able to produce a champion like Paul, and the world has never been the same.

Lastly, the Romans contributed both stability and mobility to the entire Mediterranean world. The "Pax Romana" (Roman peace) was not just an idle phrase. The Jews hated having Roman legions dominate their land, but without them, there would have been even less peace. Such things as road building and commerce in Jesus' time helped Christianity quickly spread into a world religion.

The time was fulfilled for the coming of Jesus Christ into human history, and he came.

But there is another fullness of time, even today. The moral, ethical, religious, and spiritual insights of the Hebrews are still ours, plus



the further revelation and interpretation

of Jesus Christ. The influence of Greek culture is multiplied by many other worldwide searchers after truth.

Beyond this is the rich heritage and thinking of men and women who have known Christ through their own experiences. Perhaps we lack a "Pax Romana" which gives stability to our world, but there are few geographic barriers today prohibiting the spread of the Gospel to all lands.

It may be possible for each generation to say that the "fullness of time" is come whenever Christ enters into our history as a new and vital force in the affairs of mankind.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." SR

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Women's Society page by Laura Price
www.sdbwboard.org

Women's Societies keep checking in

Here are some more SDB Women's Society reports from this year's General Conference:

Women's Society, Alfred, NY

Members and community friends who continue to support our Tuesday afternoon "Op Shop" have blessed us again. This shop not only helps us keep the parish house bills paid, it aids in meeting our other obligations. We are able to pay the tuition for three children to attend Camp Harley, plus we help with Conference and Pastors' Conference expenses for our delegates. We also have given money to the Alfred Station SDB Church Food Pantry, SCSC, PROP, the denominational budget, and the SDB Women's Society's Love Gift.

We have sent flowers to several shut-ins and ill church members, and have helped pay for refreshments for Sarah's Circle—a monthly non-denominational women's group started by our pastor, Pat Bancroft. We also hosted a several-weeks-long symposium on world religions attended by many outside our church family.

The Quaker group continues to use our facilities on Sunday mornings and for other activities they sponsor during the week. Many other town and university meetings are also held at our church.

Riverside, CA, Women's Society

We do Bible study and devotions, according to the leader's interest. We also keep busy maintaining various church possessions and making tray favors for a local nursing home for use during religious holidays. Each meeting is followed by a meal of sandwiches and fruit salad. (Each of us brings fruit, so our salad is always different.)

We have contributed funds to Sun-

shine Mountain and SCSC, and have given \$1,000 to the church for principal mortgage reduction. We have also replaced kitchen equipment, including silverware and a coffee pot; had the church dishwasher repaired; and purchased seven 90-inch round white tablecloths for use at weddings and church dinners.

All of these projects benefited from our collection of pennies. We also raised money by recycling soda cans and collecting funds each month at our business meeting.

Our main fund-raiser is our yearly bazaar. As a unique twist the last two years, we have prepared and sold frozen food and mixes that can be used for last-minute meals. We offer a variety of nuts for cooking and eating, and sell five different kinds of cookie dough (which sell really well!). We also offer home-baked and canned goods and jellies, as well as craft items.

Another fund-raising project is our Soup 'n Pie Supper. We prepare nine different kinds of soup for the meal, accompanied by apple pie.

Women's Study & Serve Society, Hebron, PA

Our service projects include crafting heart-shaped "Because We Care" pillows for breast cancer patients, holding a baby shower to collect items for use at an area Pregnancy Care Center, making items for our fall bazaar and the SCSC table at

Conference, and planning the hosting of Allegheny Association. We donate money to the SDB Women's Board for SCSC and the Board's Love Offering. We also give funds to Sunshine Mountain, the SDB Missionary Society, and Family Life Network (an area Christian radio station).

In addition to collecting donations, our fund-raisers include a Turkey and Biscuit Dinner and Fall Bazaar, and a Hoagie Sale.

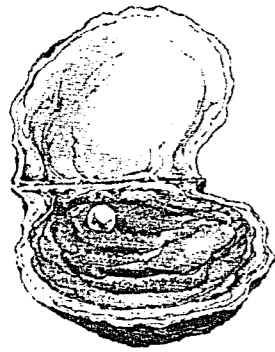
Daytona Beach, FL, Church Aid

One of our projects is to keep the church kitchen stocked and organized. Near the holidays, we pack shoe boxes with school supplies and a few fun items for migrant workers' children who live in a nearby town. We also hold a bake and craft sale before the holidays.

This year, we decorated cards for the SCSC craft table at Conference, and held a rummage sale on Memorial Day weekend. We entertained the North American Baptist Women's Union (NABWU) for a few meals, and hosted several other organizations as well: the Coordinating Leadership Team, General Council, Faith and Order, the Council on Ministry, and the Memorial Board. Under the auspices of the SCSC Committee, we jumped in and helped host SCSC project directors, also aiding with shopping and kitchen duty. SR

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Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian

God in History

of forgiving love and the healing touch of mercy.

"Who redeemeth thy life from destruction," describes God, as few, if any other combination of words can. The history of Christianity is rooted in redeeming love. Neither its power nor its development can be understood from any other standpoint. These suggestions ought to lead the reader to continue the work of seeing the presence of God in history by further analysis of this Psalm.

This editorial by A.H. Lewis appeared exactly 38 years before Pearl Harbor. Now, 62 years after that event, our nation and the world continues to struggle against occurrences and forces that we can never fully understand. Perhaps we can again find meaning in the words of the psalmist, and in the faith of one of our most respected denominational leaders of a century ago.

Lewis reminds us that, "The full meaning of human history... cannot

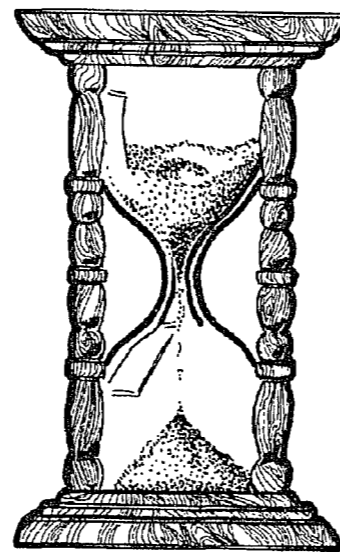
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As the study goes on he will find how God sustains and comforts men, executing righteous judgment for the oppressed; how He reveals Himself in endless ways; how mercy waits on human weakness and ignorance, and destroying justice is set aside because God does not exact from men 'the pound of flesh,' although it may be 'so nominated in the bond,' but rather, He pushes our transgression as far from us as East and West divide.

"Human history must be seen in the light of divine compassion; compassion which, 'remembers that we are dust.' But for this compassion the whole race had been swept out and flung on the dust heap of forgetfulness many times and oft. Equally, is it plain that human history—individual and collective—would have perished long ago in the jungle of human devices and the morass of human perversity, had it not been that God's mercy is everlasting to everlasting in eternal endurance, and that above the freaks and failures of men 'His kingdom ruleth over all.'"

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SR Almanac

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

One year ago—December 2002

Features look at "our awesome young adults." Testimonies review several projects of the 2002 Summer Christian Service Corps.

College student Miriam Lawton recounts her short-term mission to Zambia, Africa, with Karlene Neher.

Peter Osborn challenges SDBs to sign up for a weekly 27-hour prayer vigil.

Althea Rood, Dodge Center, Minn., receives local public school Teacher of the Year award.

Focus page speaks of new inroads into Yugoslavia. Kevin's Korner marks its 150th issue.

Five years ago—December 1998

Special issue reflects "living your faith in the workplace." Testimonies come from Norman Burdick, Lee Brittain, Ralph Hays Jr., Brandon Crandall, Barb Green, Mary Jane McPherson, and David Davis.

Don Sanford's "Pearls" page recounts Daniel Newcomb's involvement in the Civil War and Underground Railroad.

Alicia and Eric Mackintosh share their experience as summer missionaries to Mexico.

North Loup, Neb., hosts Mid-Continent Association; North Central Association churches gather in White Cloud, Mich.

New year-end index lists features and department titles from 1998.

10 years ago—December 1993

Issue looks at different ways to share the Gospel. Features written by Dennis Palmer, Sue Cartwright, and Joel Osborn.

Christian Education page lists resources to aid in teaching from *The Helping Hand*.

Director of Extension Russell Johnson highlights new SDB groups in Virginia, Minnesota, and Mississippi.

"Beacon" page reports on annual Shiloh-Marlboro, N.J., Youth Retreat.

News item announces U.S. President Bill Clinton's signing of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

25 years ago—December 1978

Retiring after 51 years of service to the Recorder Press, General Secretary, and Memorial Board, Gladys Poulin is presented a resolution of "deep appreciation for her many years of conscientious and careful interest."

Conference sermon, "Bearing the Fruit," presented by Pastor Duane Davis.

A 1940 article pays tribute to the Rev. Louis Richard Conradi—pastor, evangelist, missionary, and writer.

For the first time, the Tract Society relocates committees away from Plainfield, N.J. Sabbath Promotion goes to Colorado; Publications to Battle Creek, Mich.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn accepts call to Daytona Beach, Fla.

50 years ago—December 1953

"Universal Bible Day," sponsored by the American Bible Society, falls on December 12.

Hannah Crofoot, wife of Rev. Jay Crofoot, dies in Daytona Beach.

Pastor C. Rex Burdick presents series of messages at a "Spiritual Life Clinic" in Ashaway, R.I.

Western New York churches gear up for 13 weeks of Sabbath morning radio broadcasts, beginning January 2.

First presented earlier in the year at Ministers' Conference, Evalois St. John's address, "Heritage and Ideals of Seventh Day Baptists," is printed.

...where are we headed?

Pray for—

- our "awesome" young adults
- our outreach overseas
- a stronger witness in the workplace
- denominational executives and workers
- our Boards and various committees
- SDB radio outreach programs
- a positive Week of Prayer in January

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercy...

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children; To such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them.

—Psalm 103:1-4, 17-18

The *Sabbath Recorder* of 100 years ago (December 7, 1903) carried an editorial about God's presence in Man's history, an involvement which is needed as much today as in the days of the psalmist and our ancestors a century ago.

"The full meaning of human history of events, epochs, movements, causes and results cannot be understood unless the truth be kept in mind that the history of the world is the history of God seeking to redeem and uplift the world.

"The one hundred and third Psalm, written large, and fully applied, is human history seen in the light of God's presence in love and mercy. The sweetest note in human history is that which sings the glory



God's object lesson

Of the people God chose to have included in His record, Jeremiah is my favorite Old Testament character.

Chosen by God before birth, Jeremiah was to be a spokesman to the nations. Even before Jeremiah could be called anything other than young, God called him as a prophet. As a prophet, he heard God's voice, and God promised that He would protect him.

As Jeremiah lived in this protection, his words were ignored, his writings were shredded and burned by the king, he was thrown into a well, and he was kidnapped by the people the Babylonians thought unworthy of deporting. Yet, through all of this, Jeremiah remained faithful to the One who had called him. Even in the midst of miserable situations, he recognized that God's gracious hand was protecting him.

One day, the Word of God came to Jeremiah: "Get up! Go to the potter's house. I want to tell you something." So, he got up and went.

As Jeremiah waited to hear the message God had for him, he looked around and noticed the potter making something on his wheel. As he watched, something went wrong. The clay object that the potter was working on was suddenly ruined.

The potter responded by starting over with that same lump of clay and formed another object. It was at this point that God brought His message to Jeremiah:

"Can I not, O house of Israel, deal with you as this potter does?" declares the Lord. "Behold, like the

clay in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to uproot, to pull down, or to destroy it; if that nation against which I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent concerning the calamity I planned to bring on it. Or at another moment I might speak concerning a nation or concerning a kingdom to build up or to plant it; if it does evil in My sight by not obeying My voice, then I will think better of the good with which I had promised to bless it'" (Jeremiah 18:6-10).

This is God's object lesson. He took something common—something the people of the day could visualize—and set the image before them as an example of how He operates in the world.

One of the reasons that Christians can feel safe in using objects to teach truths about God is that God, Himself, used this method. Moreover, this was not a message aimed at children; it was aimed at adults. We can use the events and objects of our everyday life to introduce others to who God is and how He works.

As a starting point, we can learn from the prophets, and we can learn from Jesus. Then, we can open our eyes and watch what happens in the world.

Compare what you see and what you want to share with what God has revealed of Himself in Scriptures. When they match up, use your insights to help others grasp what God has shown.

These images and words combined into God's object lesson. Yet, He was not content to simply give Jeremiah an object lesson. He also provided explicit instructions for its application to life:

"So now then, speak to the men of Judah and against the inhabitants of Jerusalem saying, 'Thus says the Lord, Behold, I am fashioning calamity against you and devising a plan against you. Oh turn back, each of you from his evil way, and reform your ways and your deeds'" (Jeremiah 18:12).

Although God's message and its application was clear and compelling, He knew it would not be received. The effort to teach was going to be futile. God knew they would say, "It's hopeless! For we are going to follow our own plans, and each of us will act according to the stubbornness of his evil heart" (Jeremiah 18:13).

Part of the reason God used Jeremiah to record these words was to give us an object lesson of an object lesson. We are called to be unlike Jerusalem—a city declaring the intention of God void, a people declaring the situation hopeless. God *can* and *does* change lives. To declare a situation hopeless is to declare God impotent. We must not do that!

Instead, we can consider this object lesson from God "a call." Like Jeremiah, we can listen for God's voice and be ready to act in obedience when we hear it. And, remember, we hear God's voice even now. He has spoken to us in His Son, thereby declaring His love for us. **SR**



Nigeria

As the war between Muslims and Christians continues in southern Nigeria, a real threat exists for our Seventh Day Baptist churches. Rampaging Muslims have chased many SDBs away from their homes and churches.

Since the Muslims burned many churches after ransacking them, our brethren have been left in a quandary, trying to rebuild their meetinghouses and churches without adequate funds. We pray that they will be able to rebuild, but few donations are coming into the Missionary Society office for this purpose.

Unlike in the U.S., most of our SDB churches in Nigeria openly experience persecution, often on a weekly or even daily basis. We need to pray for our Nigerian brothers and sisters, as well as for other North African countries.

Kenya

Some donations have come into the Missionary Society office to help the work in Kenya. Pastor Bernard Mose has been leading the work there since his father died in an automobile accident in 2001.

Rev. Mose has been in contact with several other SDB groups in the country and is presently trying to pull the churches together. The loss of his milk cow—an important source of food—was a sad event. Happily, a donation from the United States enabled him to buy another cow.

We praise God for working in the hearts of people, leading them to provide funds to aid our brothers and sisters abroad. Kenya continues to need money to finance Pastor Bernard's travels as he works in the Kenya Conference. Please support him as he journeys from town to town and church to church.

He hopes to eventually receive enough money to purchase an automobile, which would make it possible for him to travel the hundreds of miles needed to help organize, educate, and advise developing churches. Also, financing is needed for public address systems. This equipment would allow them to broadcast church services over a larger area.

In Pastor Mose's latest message, he wrote, "We shall be having a camp meeting from November 24 through

28, 2003, and at the same time a memorial ceremony of our beloved Dad, the late Pastor Arpachshad Mose. This will be a time of so many visitors that I cannot manage alone. May you assist, please? We will need funds to help house and feed our guests. We would be forever grateful."

Please keep members of the Kenyan Conference in mind as they continue to plan their activities and strive to improve their churches.

Ghana

Pastor Seth Tetteh reports that they are still trying to raise money so that they can decide what programs to include in their budget.

As the year draws to a close, the churches in Ghana plan to set up a fund-raising program to meet a long-standing need: \$20,000 to purchase land and build a Conference Center, which will establish them as a permanent organization in Ghana.

Without a Conference office/center, they are looked upon as a temporary, "fly-by-night" organization, causing the govern-

ment to have misgivings about their work. We would like to help them establish an office so that people will know that Seventh Day Baptists are in their country to stay.

Funds are also needed for a car. Public transportation is slow and expensive in Ghana, and our sister churches are often far apart, with many requiring several visits. An automobile would help the leaders stay in touch with individual churches while saving time and money. The vehicle would also enable them to transport visitors to the various meeting places.

The SDB churches and leaders of the Ghana Conference appeal to their sister churches in the USA and Canada to help with these expenses. They would also enjoy simply hearing from you.

You can reach the Conference by e-mailing them at sdbghana@yahoo.com.

Please send donations to: SDB Missionary Society, 119 Main Street, Westerly RI 02891. **SR**

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There's a new editor in town

by Robyn Somers

"Hey, hey" to all the readers of the *Sabbath Recorder*.

My name is Robyn Somers, and I am the new *Beacon* editor. I was appointed this summer after Eowyn Driscoll resigned to go off to college. I would like to thank the SDBYF for recommending me for this position, Eowyn for the amazing job she did for the last two years, and *SR* Editor Kevin Butler for accepting the recommendation from the YF. So, who is Robyn Somers?

I am a senior at John W. North High School in sunny Southern California. For all of you Angels fans, it's the same high school

to the movies, traveling, hanging out with friends, photography, spending time with family, and going to the beach.

Laughter is an essential part of my life. To be able to laugh and enjoy life in every way possible is a great gift that most people take for granted. God has blessed us with so many things. Through laughter and smiles, we can show the people around us what He has truly done in our lives.

My favorite subjects are math and science. I'm involved in school clubs and participate in committee service projects during my spare time. I al-



Robyn Somers

have any comments, criticisms, questions, and/or submissions, you can e-mail me at girlfod137@aol.com.

Thanks to all and have an awesome year! **SR**

*"Trust in the Lord
with all your heart,
and lean not on your
own understanding;
in all your ways
acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct
your paths"*

—(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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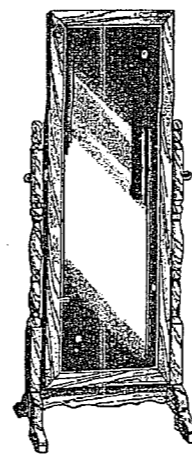
that Adam Kennedy graduated from. I have attended the Riverside (Calif.) Seventh Day Baptist church practically my entire life.

I like playing softball, listening to music, playing board games (Monopoly rocks!), singing, going

ways look forward to year-end retreats, camps, and Conference.

I am considering applying to the University of California, Los Angeles, this fall and would like to major in chemistry.

I hope you enjoy *The Beacon* during this coming year. If you



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

Seasons never cease

Winter also meant weekend practices for our church's Christmas Eve Children's Service. Each of us had individual speaking parts to memorize for the annual event, and it was always a relief to get through the program without flubbing or fainting. Afterwards, we were rewarded with paper sacks full of fruit, candy, and nuts.

Among the bad aspects of my childhood winters was the absence of heating pads and electric blankets. My sister and I shared a hot-water bottle on chilly nights, but as the hours passed, it felt more like our toes were touching a dead, flipperless seal. In the morning, we playfully carved our initials in the frost on the *inside* of our bedroom window.

And what about the ugly?

Neighborhood snowball fights *could* get ugly, but most resulted in superficial wounds that injured our pride more than our bodies. Speaking of pride, our outdoor attire was another matter: Instead of snazzy uniforms or battle fatigues, we wore baggy snow pants, plaid scarves, mismatched gloves, over-sized mittens, and black or red rubber boots. Talk about ugly!

One winter, another repulsive thing happened.

I love the sparkling shawls of snow that God drapes over my mailbox, but I hate the dreaded dunes that inevitably barricade my garage door.



"What are those?" I asked my mother, grimacing as I pointed to the painful red bumps covering my toes. "Chilblains," she replied. I had stayed too long at my favorite sledding hill and was lucky not to have ended up with frostbite. (I hate it when I'm sledding and my nose falls off...)

Whenever I reminisce about winter, my appreciation for God's Creation grows. Who but God would come up with the concept of seasons in the first place? He knew Man's propensity for boredom, so He arranged for us to wield a hoe one season, a "weed-whacker" the next, a rake in the fall, and a shovel in winter.

While we're sweltering under the summer sun, God has already arranged our "winter vacation." Ice-filled glasses of lemonade are soon replaced with steaming mugs of hot chocolate, shorts are swapped for long johns, and idle fireplaces begin to radiate warmth as wise birds head south.

And what happens when our winter respite ends? God blows His warm breath over the seemingly dead earth, awakening sleeping tulips and daffodils as wise birds pack their bags to head north.

Like eons past, God's promise of New Life is fulfilled every spring. And every spring, I find myself wondering, *What will winter be like this year?* **SR**



The President's Page

by Dale Thorngate

Seeking God in the Incarnation

**As believers celebrate the Incarnation,
I am asking that we get past the shopping
spree and renew our commitment to
following Jesus as the Christ.**

"Today, in the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.... Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:11, 14).

"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news" (Mark 1:14-15).



Dale D. Thorngate

This month, all around the world, Christians will celebrate the coming of Christ into the world as a little baby. I have experienced this time of anticipation in a foreign land where the focus of Christmas was on the coming of another great shopping spree, rather than on the coming of Christ.

I, too, shop for gifts for my family, and sometimes the holiday here in the U.S. seems like a shopping spree as well. This realization moves me to once again focus on our Conference theme, "Seeking God With All Your Heart."

In the first passage quoted above, we are with the shepherds in the field as they hear the angels announcing the arrival of Jesus, the Christ, into the world. This was an event that had been anticipated for hundreds of years. Yet, when Jesus began his ministry, many did not accept him as the Messiah, and his calls to repent and believe were rejected by the religious leaders of his time.

This month, as believers celebrate the Incarnation, I am asking that we get past the shopping spree and renew our commitment to following Jesus as the Christ.

By studying the Scriptures, we know that Mark doesn't begin his gospel by telling about our Savior's birth; he starts with John preparing the way and baptizing Jesus. The Spirit then descends upon the Messiah, launching his earthly ministry. The Mark passage above has Jesus proclaiming the kingdom and proceeding to call his first disciples.

I want us, as Seventh Day Baptists, to experience the Christmas event as

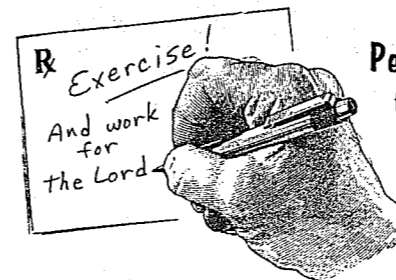
another opportunity to "seek God with all our hearts," reminded that He continues to seek us. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Immediately following this passage, Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee, calling his first disciples. Later, Jesus sends those same men out on a preaching mission to proclaim the kingdom of God to the world.

When our Lord challenges his disciples to "seek first the kingdom of God," we sense that he understands that this is his purpose—to bring others into God's kingdom. This is why he was sent; this is what we are called to do if we follow him.

As we celebrate the coming of Christ into the world, let us also celebrate the fact that he brought God's kingdom with him. If we will seek that kingdom first, then everything else we need will be provided as well.

May you and your family experience a Merry Christmas and a joyous new year as you spend time "seeking God with all your heart" and sharing the "good news" with others. Invite someone to your church this blessed season to experience the coming of Christ and God's kingdom into our world. **SR**



Pete's Prescriptions

from Dr. Pete May,
Executive Secretary

Giving to the saints

It's amazing how human behaviors and situations in Christian life recur century after century. Listen to Paul in the early Church era:

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also. On the first day of the week let each of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper" (1 Cor. 16:1).

We thank fellow Christians who read about our denomination's retired pastors and their families in the "SDB NEWS.wow" bulletin insert every other month. These readers reach into their pockets and lay aside what they can for their friends.

"For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and fellowship of the ministry to the saints" (2 Cor. 8:3-4).

Our retired ministers—loved ones and saints—who prayed so faithfully for us over the years, now need to be in our thoughts and prayers.

"For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened; but by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may supply their lack" (2 Cor. 8:14).

In response to the appeal for additional retirement funds, donations are coming in at the rate of \$100 and

\$200 at a time. One cannot expect 5,000 SDBs, young and old, to average a hundred dollars in giving per person. Yet that is the sacrificial amount required to fund our retired saints' livelihoods.

Through the recent fund-raising efforts of the Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR), we have

received approximately \$6,000 towards the goal of between a half-million to \$1 million. This is an overwhelming figure if we think of it in terms of individual giving.

Will we allow God to work a miracle among our fellowship? Paul would command it. Let's do our best! **SR**

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Have suitcase, will travel

In our last issue, we featured Rev. S. Kenneth Davis. Can you guess which retired pastor this article honors?

Our mystery pastor was born in Battle Creek, Mich., on May 21, 1924. He was "an ambitious lad" who took on many jobs to fill his out-of-school hours—peddling magazines, delivering Sunday newspapers, working in a fruit market. Along the way, he found time to become an Eagle Scout and a member of the National Honor Society.

"I can't remember a time that I wasn't in regular attendance at the Battle Creek SDB Church," he once wrote. "At the age of 12, I trusted Christ as my Savior, was baptized in a small lake near Battle Creek, and joined the church."

After graduating from Lakeview High School in 1942, this young man—whose middle name is "Redford"—attended Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He was drafted into the U.S. Army as World War II escalated

and served three years as a non-combatant in the medical corps in England, France, and Holland. (He landed on Omaha Beach just three weeks following D-day.) He was awarded Holland's highest honor—the Gold Medal of Honor—and discharged as a First Sergeant. He married 7 months later—on September 1, 1946.

Any guesses yet?

This decorated veteran received a B.A. degree from Salem (W.Va.) College in June, 1948. That summer, he ministered at the Salem SDB Church. While attending Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill., he co-pastored the SDB church there and also served the Walworth, Wis., SDB Church.

He earned his Bachelor of Divinity degree at California Baptist Theological Seminary after accepting a call from the Los Angeles SDB Church. He was ordained there on September 8, 1951. The following August, he was accredited by General Conference.

Need a few more hints?

Paint Rock happenings

by Pastor John Bevis

On Sabbath, September 6, 2003, Pastor Don McPhearson and his wife, Diane, were special guests of the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The McPhearsons have answered the call to serve the Cornerstone SDB Church in Pontotoc, Miss.

Following Pastor Don's sermon, the deacons and I laid hands on the couple with prayers of consecration for their new ministry. Cornerstone was a branch church of Paint Rock, and we are happy to see the growth there.

At Conference this year, the Crystal Apple Award for Sabbath School Teacher of the Year went to our own John W. Griffin. John, who has his own computer business, has taught *The Helping Hand* class at Paint Rock for several years. We thank the Board of Christian Education for this recognition. Church moderator Donald Monroe and I presented the award during a special service.



John Bevis welcomes Diane and Pastor Don McPhearson as they assume the Cornerstone pastorate in Pontotoc, Miss.

In October, we were happy to host the SDB Memorial Fund trustees' quarterly meeting. Their visit gave our congregation insight into the workings of the Board and its relationship to Conference and the churches. *SR*

Attendance Contest heating up

After 10 weeks, the average weekly increase is up. The cumulative numbers beyond the base average:

Alfred Station, NY 71
San Gabriel, CA 21

"At stake" is a case of California oranges or a gallon of New York maple syrup. Better yet is the increased bonding between the two groups and their pastors.

The New SR Committee

In early October, the new *Sabbath Recorder* Committee gathered in Nortonville, Kan., for its inaugural meeting. The committee is made up of members from the Nortonville and North Loup, Neb., SDB churches.

Signing on for this five-year assignment are: (top row) Jennifer Pluff, Jean Jorgensen (chairman), and Michael Graves; (middle) Chris Mattison, Peg Van Horn, and Shirley Cargill; (bottom) Steve Saunders, Brian Goodrich, and Katie Colvin. Many good ideas flowed at the meeting—along with the food. We're off to a great start! *SR*



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Nakamoto.—A daughter, Sara Virginia Nakamoto, was born to Pastor Robert and Sherri Nakamoto of Burns, TN, on October 18, 2003.

Marriages

Lanzer - Spaur.—Terry Lee Lanzer Jr. and Heather Alene Spaur were united in marriage on September 6, 2003, at the Hunter Hills Evangelical Friends Church in Greensboro, NC. Rev. Dale Dragomir officiated.

Kolbo- Jackson.—Jerry Kolbo and Nella Jackson were united in marriage on September 17, 2003, in North Loup, NE, with Rev. Christian Mattison officiating.

New members

Central, MD
Justin Hibbard, pastor
Joined by letter
Karlene Hibbard
Joined after testimony
Lydia Thompson

Columbus, OH
Robert Van Horn, pastor
Joined after testimony
John Thomas

Doniphan, MO
Ronald Elston, pastor
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Sandra Long
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Lois Harris

North Loup, NE
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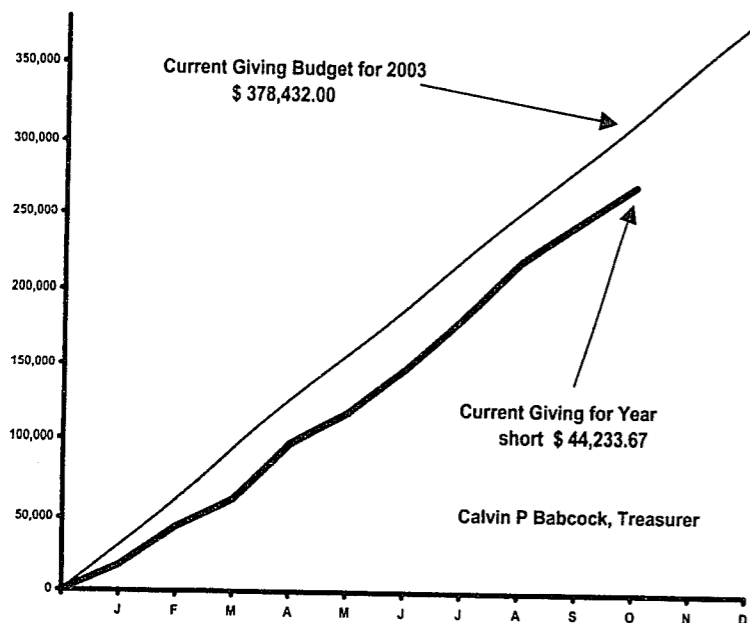


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— 2004 —

A shipment of prayer booklets by Pastor Joe Samuels, Plainfield, New Jersey, USA, has been sent to each church and Conference. Joe is the new president of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation.

We invite all of our brothers and sisters to join in prayer that first week of January. And on Sabbath, January 10, we encourage you to take a special offering for the World Federation.

Current Giving 2003



Obituaries

Scriven.—Mildred P. Maltby Scriven of Adams Center, N.Y., died on January 15, 2003, the day after her 100th birthday. She had been a resident at Samaritan Keep Home, Watertown, N.Y., for two years.

She was born on January 14, 1903, in Adams Center, the daughter of Newton and Jennie (Brownell) Parker. She graduated from Adams Center High School in 1921 and from the Watertown Teachers Training class in 1922. She then taught at Wilson Hill School in Burrville, N.Y.

Mildred married Lawrence M. Maltby on June 15, 1924, at the home of her parents in Adams Center. Mr. Maltby died in March of 1931. On October 12, 1944, she married Harold L. Scriven, who died in December of 1977.

Mildred worked as a ward clerk at the former House of the Good Samaritan (now Samaritan Medical Center) in Watertown from 1955 until 1965. She was a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for 81 years, where she served as a deaconess and was a member of the Ladies Aid Society. She was also a member of the Samaritan Loyals and enjoyed baking pies.

Survivors include one son, Lavern Maltby of La Fargeville, N.Y.; three daughters, Alfreda Hull of Daytona Beach, Fla., Beatrice Maltby of Adams Center, and Belva Roberts of Pillar Point, N.Y.; one stepson, William Scriven of Gladwin, Mich.; 12 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by one daughter, Sylvia Maltby; one stepdaughter, Audrey Nichols; six brothers, Talcott, Eugene, George, Livingston ("Bob"), Seymour, and Harry Parker; and four sisters, Mabel and Fannie Parker, Dorothy Hickox, and Nellie Barbur.

Funeral services were held on January 19, 2003, at the Adams Center SDB Church, with Revs. Dale Smalley and Gene Smith officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center.

Richards.—Geraldine A. Mullenix-Moyers-Cox-Richards, 87, of Harrisville, W.Va., died on September 21, 2003, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Parkersburg, W.Va.

She was born on March 27, 1916, at Five Forks, W.Va., the daughter of Stephen and Alma (Haynes) Mullenix. An avid reader, she attended the one-room school at Five Forks and was self-educated in many fields.

As a young woman, she helped in birthing and family care. At age 21, she left home and worked at an uncle's restaurant. During the war years, she operated a ball bearing machine in Cleveland, Ohio.

After the war, "Gerry" and her family moved to a farm near Indian Creek, where she tended a large garden, canned produce, and raised sheep. She was also a 27-year employee of Economy Industries in Harrisville. Upon retirement, she worked for the Ritchie County Committee on Aging, preparing and delivering meals to homebound seniors.

Gerry attended a number of churches. After marrying Rev. Donald E. Richards on September 3, 1989, she joined the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Milton, W.Va.

She was a member of Hope Rebekah Lodge #30 and the Ritchie County Historical Society, and was a former member of South Fork Grange. She loved to read, embroider, and make clothes. She also played the guitar and banjo, and enjoyed singing.

Survivors include her husband, Don; two sons, Hollis and Calvin

Moyers; four stepchildren, Daniel Richards, Timothy Richards, Elizabeth Wright, and Doneta Osborn; two brothers, Stephen and Thomas; three sisters, Wilda Locke-Trickett, Sarah Reed, and Leonatine Morris; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She is also survived by 19 step-great-grandchildren, two step-great-great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Gerry was predeceased by two husbands, Hollis "Pete" Moyers and Daniel Cox; one stepdaughter, two brothers, and three sisters.

Services were held on September 24, 2003, at the Raiguel Funeral Home in Harrisville, with the Revs. Carlton Wilson and Dale Thorngate officiating. Burial was in the Harrisville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Swanson.—Lucile Swanson, 91, of Ord, Neb., died on September 29, 2003, at Tiffany Square in Grand Island, Neb.

She was born on March 10, 1912, at Farnam, Neb., the daughter of Jay and Hannah (VanHorn) Davis. She graduated from North Loup, Neb., High School and then attended Kearney (Neb.) Normal College. She taught rural school in Garfield County.

On October 27, 1934, she married Herman Allen Swanson in Bassett, Neb. They farmed many years in Rosevale and joint communities before retiring and moving to Ord. She worked for the Garfield County Election Board for several years and also helped with the federal and farm census.

Lucile was a lifelong member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church and participated in church activities when her health permitted. She had memorized many Bible verses and often quoted them to her own children when they needed encouragement or instruction.

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Obituaries, *continued*

Lucile had a flair for writing poetry, and her children compiled a book of her poems in honor of her 90th birthday. She also enjoyed various kinds of handwork. She regularly sent greeting cards to friends and family, as well as young people in the military. She was devoted to her children and had many friends of all ages who were drawn to her lovely spirit.

Survivors include three daughters, Lucile Heitz of Canyon, Texas, Vivian Looper of Westerly, R.I., and Kathy Zulkoski of Burwell, Neb.; one son, Allen, of Grand Island; 11 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services were held on October 2, 2003, at the Ord Memorial Chapel, with Rev. Chris Mattison officiating. Burial was in the Ord City Cemetery.

Collings.—Harold L. Collings Jr., 81, of Ashaway, R.I., died on October 18, 2003, at the Westerly (R.I.) Hospital.

He was born on July 20, 1922, in Killingly, Conn., the son of Harold and Margaret L. (Caffrey) Collings Sr. He had been a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of

Hopkinton in Ashaway since 1935, and served on the Ashaway Fire Department for 59 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret "Peggy" McNulty of Wakefield, R.I.; two sons, Fred of Ashaway and Todd of Deltona, Fla.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy (Barber) Collings; a son, Keñt; one daughter, Adele Crandall; and his sister, Ruth Sitzai.

Funeral services were held on October 21, 2003, with Rev. Edgar Wheeler officiating. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery, Ashaway. *SR*

White Christmas Gift Requests 2003

- Bibles for most of our sister Conferences and churches. They use these to help their members as well as gifts to prospective members.
- Bicycles for women and pastors in Malawi, Ghana, Rwanda, India, the Philippines, Burma, and Ghana.
- Medical supplies and medicines in Malawi, Cameroon, Rwanda, Jamaica, the Philippines, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Pakistan. Many of our sister Conferences and churches need medicines for their members. Others use them to replenish their clinics. Then they provide the medicine at a much lower cost (or free) to those too poor to pay the full price.
- Food and clothing for refugees in Liberia, Nepal, Bangladesh, Rwanda.
- Bible study materials and books in Malawi, Cameroon, Rwanda, Jamaica, Myanmar, Ghana, the Gambia, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Benin.
- Scholarships for Makapwa Bible School, \$500 per semester.
- Business machines—such as computers, printers,

- FAX machines, typewriters, and telephones—for the business center in Ghana and the Gambia.
- School supplies, books, desks, and equipment for the Gambia, Malawi, and India.
- Translation and printing of tracts and study books for Mozambique. Brazil does the translation and printing.
- Hymnals for Jamaica, Guyana, Benin, the Gambia, Rwanda, the Philippines, and Cameroon.
- Keyboards and musical instruments for Kenya, the Gambia, Rwanda, and Sudan.
- Leadership training and supplies for most of our sister Conferences and churches.
- National outreach and growth materials for new startup churches in the United States and Canada.
- *The Helping Hand* for most of our sister Conferences and churches, who cannot afford the cost of the subscription.
- Computers and printers for Guyana, Jamaica, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sudan, Benin, Senegal, Ivory Coast, and other Conferences.

Please send your gift to the

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KEVIN'S

ORNER

On a recent weekday visit to a Sunday church, I headed toward what was once a meeting room.

As I approached the room, I could see that someone had removed the tables and chairs. The lights were dimmed and some soft music played.

Upon entering, the total transformation of that room left me stunned!

Placed in the center of the floor was a huge swath of cloth. Sewn onto a purple background were a great number of off-white pieces forming a strange yet symmetrical design.

It took a few seconds, but I was finally able to focus on the big picture before me:

a beautiful labyrinth. The white pieces connected into one long path leading from the outside in.

What in the world? I pondered.

An accompanying trifold explained that labyrinths have been around for thousands of years, with the earliest known Christian version showing up in 4th century Algeria.

This particular labyrinth at the church was made for more than just decoration. It was meant to be interactive.

A sign politely directed me to remove my shoes (to preserve the fabric) and to actually walk this path as a worship experience. Alone in the room and in a meditative mood, I took off my size-12s and pondered my first step.

Even though I knew where the path would end—right in the center of this massive cloth mosaic—the process still held some surprises.

All of the paths were woven tightly side-by-side.

Labyrinth Prayer



O God of many paths, I stand before this labyrinth today, metaphor of my journey to You. In the Western world I have been taught that "the shortest distance between two points is a straight line," and being an impatient person, I am uncomfortable with waiting. I have often modeled my journey to You on the straight line. But You, God of infinite patience, have shown me that there is another path, a curved path. On this path, my anticipation is

Concentrating on where I was at the moment, I could also peek at, and sometimes accidentally step into, where I had been and where I would be later.

Part of the path was "smooth going" and an easy walk. Yet the hairpin turns proved a challenge. If I tried to force my way through them too quickly, I actually got dizzy. Weaving and winding, I pressed on.

Arriving at the center, I could relax. I had "made it." There was a peace knowing that I had reached the goal. A larger flower-shaped area gave me more room on which to stand.

And I received another benefit. As I pivoted slowly, I could easily survey the entire journey I had just completed. I "took in" all the turns and straight-aways and also saw how each variation and sudden change was still part of one path—part of the intricate plan to get to the center.

This metaphor of a Christian's journey "worked" for me, and apparently for others who shared their testimonies in the brochure.

Okay, I know we're Baptists. I know how we like to keep things simple and that we don't fall into "high church" categories. I know that we have direct access to the Lord in the priesthood of all believers.

But sometimes sensory aids can fortify our earthly journeys.

Perhaps you can visualize yourself taking that walk with me as you look at the graphic and share in the insightful prayer below.

Focus on your journey with Him today. Remember where you have been, try to project where He may take you tomorrow (expecting some hairpins), and realize that it's all part of His intricate and ordered master plan for your life.

—Jean Sonnenberg
Bon Secours Retreat Center

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