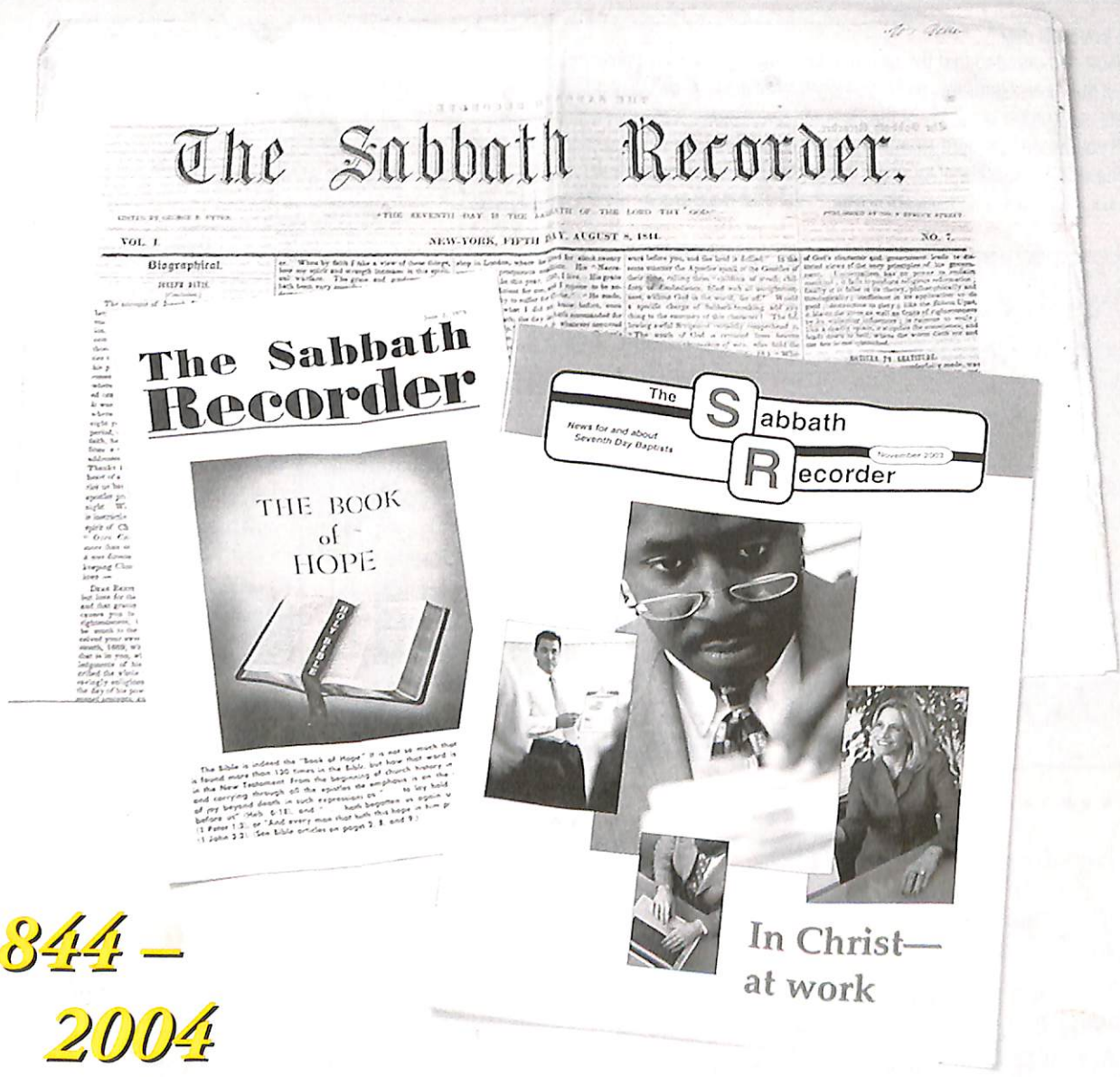




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## Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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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## Still time to register!

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Heading to Conference? Find the registration forms in your May *SR*.

Don't want to tear up your *Recorder*? This year we have posted the Conference forms on our website. Go to [www.seventhdaybaptist.org](http://www.seventhdaybaptist.org) and click "Current Events."

## Searching for info on Dr. Grace Crandall

Barbara Hutchins of Minneapolis, Minn., is trying to gather memories about or letters from Dr. Grace Crandall, an SDB missionary to China from 1911-1947. Barbara is a descendant of Dr. Grace's sister, Myra. You may contact Barbara at [pretext@Juno.com](mailto:pretext@Juno.com), or ask the Center for her mailing address.



## Correction

In the April *SR*, it was reported that Elery King of North Loup, Neb., had donated his farmland for the building of Camp Riverview. We have learned that Mr. King had already sold that land and was not involved in the transaction when the church bought the land for the camp. The *SR* regrets the error.

## SCSC to celebrate anniversary at Conference

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) program.

At Conference in West Virginia, the Women's Society will host an *informal* social gathering one evening after the worship service. Anyone who has participated in the past dedicated service projects is welcome to attend. This includes the SCSCers, project directors, staff, or anyone who has helped to keep this service going through the years.

Please bring any pictures, old team letters, or scrapbooks you'd like to share at the gathering.

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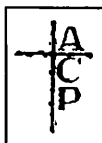


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# Our beginnings

by Kevin Butler

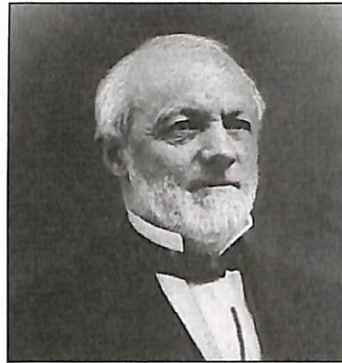
*"We now propose to issue from this city a weekly sheet, in the place of the Register, devoted to an exposition and vindication of the peculiar views of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, in connection with the circulation of religious and secular intelligence."*

Thus stated the editorial announcement in the first *Sabbath Recorder*, issued under the date of "Fifth Day, June 13, 1844." Edited by George B. Utter, the paper was published at No. 9 Spruce St., New York, N.Y.

It was a four-page sheet, 16 x 24 inches, printed in five columns. The paper's yearly rate was quoted at \$2.50—or \$2.00, "if paid strictly in advance."

On page two, they listed the reasons for publishing such a paper:

- A wish by many to have a paper published in New York City. Hence the change from "*Seventh Day Baptist Register*"



George B. Utter, first editor

of DeRuyter, to the "*Sabbath Recorder*," New York City.

- Our *first* object will be to promote vital piety, in connection with united and vigorous benevolent action among the people themselves.
- Our *second* object will be to show the reasons why the Seventh Day Baptists occupy their present position in regard to other denominations, and the bearing of the common view respecting the change of the Sabbath upon the influence of that institution... It is not from a

love of controversy, or from a light estimation of the Sabbath institution, that we take this position and commence this work. It is from a deep sense of duty, and a sincere desire to see the Sabbath made a delight, and its hallowed influences extended to all men.

- The benevolent and reformatory movements of the day will receive a full share of attention.
- In the Intelligence Department we design to present the most important items of foreign and domestic intelligence... We hope to make the *Recorder* such a sheet, both for matter and style, as to render it a welcome visitor to all the families where light and religion are loved.

This month, the *Sabbath Recorder* celebrates its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of publishing news and inspiration "for and about Seventh Day Baptists." We invite you to join us as we reminisce and look ahead. *SR*

## A review of articles from the first *SR*

(Excerpted from Rev. Willard D. Burdick's 1944 article)

Some of the religious articles are: Sanctification of the Sabbath, Methodist General Conference on the Sabbath, The Second Advent and the Sabbath, Anecdote of Luther, and Walking with God.

There are several items and articles from our churches and fields: a letter from Missionary J.L. Scott; resolutions from the Hayfield, Pa., church; writings from Rev. N.V. Hull, and Elders S.S. Griswold and James H. Cochran.

On the fourth page is a long article taken from the *Baltimore American* about Morse's Magnetic Telegraph that had just been perfected and used. The writer of the article was thrilled as he wrote of the conveying of news from the Democratic convention in Baltimore to Washington, as soon as it was announced in Baltimore. He wrote, "All this is calculated to put us upon the inquiry into the future agency of the

wonderful contrivance which thus, without metaphor, annihilates both time and space."

Under "Congressional Doings," memorials were presented in the Senate "for and against the annexation of Texas to the Union."

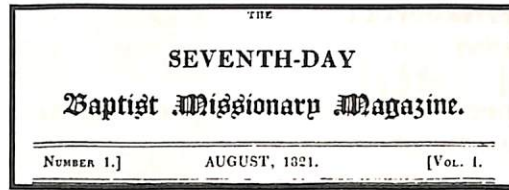
Nearly a column of the paper is given to "New York Prices Current." Here are quoted prices of ashes, bark, bottles, bristles, coal, coffee, etc.

There was begun the first Obituary Department, that has continued through the century.

In the last column is a list of the local agents of the *Recorder*, in 57 localities in 11 states and territories.

Knowing of the great value *The Sabbath Recorder* has been to us through the century, we appreciate the wisdom of the course marked out by the first editor in the first issue of the paper, and so faithfully carried out during the many years of his service as editor.

# Our predecessors



Long and honorable has been the history of the *Sabbath Recorder*. As reported in its 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue in 1934, the *Recorder* “was born out of the needs of the times, and from the convictions of able and wise men that such a paper was needed if the work to which Seventh Day Baptists were called was to be done.”

But the *Recorder’s* was not a sudden birth; that is, it was not the first attempt to publish a paper to meet the needs of Seventh Day Baptists.

### Missionary Magazine 1821-1825

The *Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Magazine* was the first actual publication, begun in 1821. It was a quarterly periodical, edited by Elders Henry Clarke and Eli Bailey of Brookfield, N.Y., and William Maxson of Scott, N.Y., printed in various upstate New York locations.

The *Missionary Magazine* contained articles on the Sabbath, baptism, denominational history, and many current missionary activities. Its short life of four years was due to the challenges of collecting subscriptions and increasing postal rates.

### Protestant Sentinel 1830-1839

Five years later in 1830, a weekly newspaper, the *Protestant Sentinel*, began discussing denominational interests.

Deacon John Maxson (of Homer, N.Y., brother of William Maxson), Elder Alexander Campbell, and William Cochran each had terms of editing the *Sentinel*. Published in Schenectady and DeRuyter, N.Y., the *Sentinel* continued every week for nine years, ceasing operation in 1839.

### Seventh Day Baptist Register 1840-1844

Next, the *Seventh Day Baptist Register* was undertaken in the spring of 1840.

Like the *Sentinel*, the *Register* was a weekly and had the approval of General Conference—but no funding from Conference.

For four years in DeRuyter, the *Register* was edited by “an Association of Ministers” and published by Joel Greene, Alexander Campbell, and Rowland S. Burdick. The paper’s editors were Greene and Orson Campbell. Subscription lists for the *Register* reached 1,100 in 1843.

The circulation was small, subscriptions were collected with great difficulty (if at all) and, as reported in 1934, “Papers without prompt-paying subscribers, large advertising support, or adequate support from interested sources cannot long continue.”

But were these SDB publications failures?

In 1919, Rev. William Burdick wrote: “These were the ancestors of the *Sabbath Recorder* and prepared the way for it; it could not have started as it did had it not been for its predecessors; they had served the purposes for which they were intended, and in addition had given the denomination... years of experience and paved the way for the launching of the *Sabbath Recorder*.”

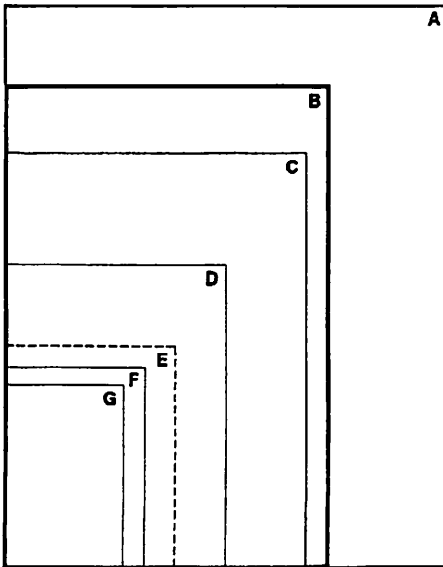
**“These were the ancestors of the *Sabbath Recorder* and prepared the way for it; it could not have started as it did had it not been for its predecessors.”**

So, we are indebted to these predecessors for giving us the first *Sabbath Recorder* on June 13, 1844. **SR**

## Our editors

<p><b>George B. Utter</b> 1844-1857 1860-1872</p>	<p><b>Abram Herbert Lewis</b> 1898-1907</p>	<p><b>Hurley S. Warren</b> 1947-1952</p>	<p><b>Also serving as Interim Editors:</b></p>
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<p><b>Leander E. Livermore</b> 1893-1898</p>	<p><b>K. Duane Hurley</b> 1945-1947</p>	<p><b>D. Scott Smith</b> 1982-1989</p>	<p>•Stephen Burdick 1881-1882</p>
		<p><b>Kevin J. Butler</b> 1989-present</p>	<p>•Mrs. Franklin Langworthy 1945</p>
			<p>•Mrs. Abbie B. Van Horn 1952-1953</p>

### The changing sizes of the Recorder



*My, how things have changed! From a big (and even bigger) weekly newspaper, to a smaller pamphlet, to today's magazine, we've seen it all in 160 years.*

- A) 22 x 28 inches; 1868-1880
- B) Original size; 1844-1867
- C) 15 x 20 inches; 1881-1888
- D) 11 x 15 inches; 1889-1907
- E) Current size; since 1974
- F) 7 x 10 inches; 1907-1930
- G) 6 x 9 inches; 1931-1973

### For us and others

Perhaps one of the most striking statements made about the *Recorder* during its first 50 years was drafted by the General Conference's Committee on Publishing Interests. At

***"It is not enough that it be our denominational paper; it must have a value as a religious newspaper."***

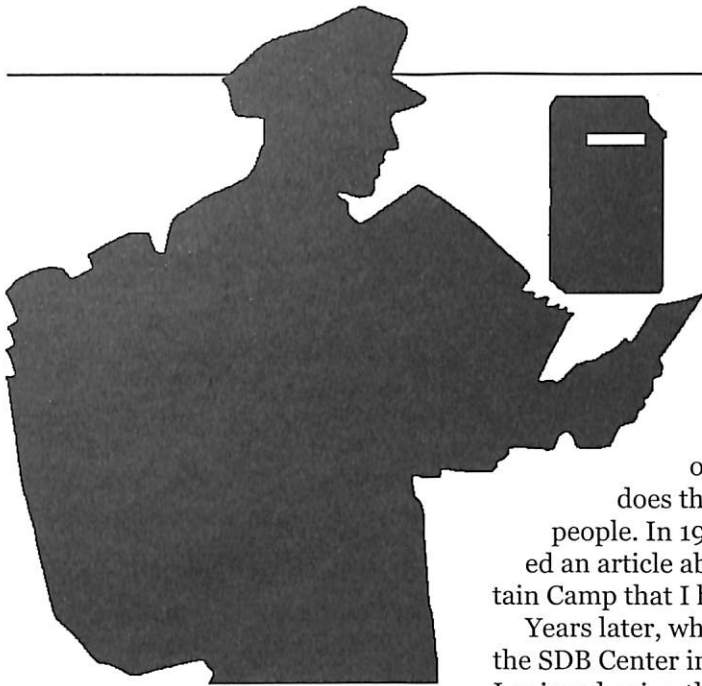
an 1890 meeting in Chicago, the SDB Council adopted this report, which included:

"The *Sabbath Recorder* has for its chief object the welfare of our people as a denomination. It should, therefore, be so conducted as to strengthen us within our church limits, keeping the people informed as to our doings and needs as a denomination, and being made to exercise a positive influence in shaping denominational work and directing

denominational effort. To accomplish this, the paper must be readable and attractive.

It is not enough that it be our denominational paper; it must have a value as a *religious newspaper*, which those not particularly alive to our peculiar denominational interests will appreciate, and for which they will be willing to pay... It is our belief that an especial effort should be made to have the *Sabbath Recorder* a family religious newspaper which the father may read because it advocates the observance of the Lord's holy Sabbath Day, and from which the child, as he reads for his entertainment and instruction, will receive the true spirit of denominational beliefs.

"While we make these suggestions for what seem to us would be improvements, we also would place on record our appreciation of the labor heretofore expended and of the degree of success already attained; and we would most heartily commend the *Recorder* to our people everywhere, as the advocate and defender of all Jehovah's commandments." **SR**



## The *SR* came just in time

by Jean Jorgensen

My sister, Connie, recently gave me the *Sabbath Recorders* that our mom had filed away. Some of the dates are October 11, 1915; September 5, 1927; October 6, 1952; and June 1, 1970. This gift stirred life-altering memories.

Our great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents all received the *Sabbath Recorder*, and it has always been in my home.

As young children, mom often read articles to us. Her respect for the *Recorder* would launch her into telling how our forefathers started—or were leaders in—the new churches that grew from the westward movement of SDBs from Newport, R.I., starting in the 1700s.

Connie and I wrote letters to Mizpah Greene, whose children's column was a regular feature of the *SR*. When our letters, plus her responses, appeared in the *Recorder*, we'd be so excited! The October 6, 1952 issue tells of Connie's and my baptism.

During my pre-teen years, the *Recorder* ran a series of church photos on its cover. Each week, I'd cut out the photo for my scrapbook, all the while feeling closer to SDBs I had never met. That scrapbook has long since disappeared, but the memory

of it remains, as does the endearing of a people. In 1958, the *SR* published an article about Rocky Mountain Camp that I helped write.

Years later, while working at the SDB Center in Janesville, Wis., I enjoyed going through the card files of names and subjects found in the *Sabbath Recorder* since its inception. Obituaries for most of my family members appear in it.

I learned that in the early 1900s, my grandmother was the organist at the Boulder, Colo., SDB Church, and that my mother's uncle, Will Davis, was the choral director in both the

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***Just having that magazine caused me to reflect on my commitment to keeping the Sabbath.***

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Boulder and the North Loup, Neb., churches.

All this news, important enough to print and keep a record of, has enriched my conviction of Sabbath keeping.

For most of our married life, jobs have kept our family a long distance from any SDB church. But the *SR* followed us wherever we went.

I remember a time when, out of loneliness, we began attending a Sunday church for fellowship and

Christian growth. It was a wonderful church family, and I was one week away from joining. Then, there in the mail, came the *Recorder*.

Just having that magazine in my possession caused me to reflect on my commitment to keeping the Sabbath. To be honest, at that time, the *Recorder* provided a relationship with the past rather than encouraging my relationship with God. I enjoyed seeing photos of people I knew, and reading articles written by people I'd met. But this time the *SR* launched me into a query:

What do I truly believe? Why do I adhere to Sabbath keeping? Are my Sabbath beliefs just keeping my forefathers' beliefs alive? Is my Sabbath keeping merely a scrapbook of endearment? Do I honestly believe in honoring God by keeping the Sabbath holy?

Simply holding that issue in my hands prompted the flood of questions. And I had nearly rejected my Sabbath beliefs. God's timing is amazing!

The *Sabbath Recorder* continues to reflect my past, endears the SDB family (worldwide), and encourages my relationship with Christ. But it has now taken on a new emphasis—*responsibility*.

Christ is pushing me into the sharing part of my walk with Him. Today, I find myself reading the *SR* with an evaluating eye as a member of the *Sabbath Recorder* Committee, and using it to compile General Conference's annual obituary report.

It has been an insightful journey since writing those letters to Mizpah Greene. **SR**

# Cloistered for a cause in Colorado

by Gretchen Zwiebel

The Tract and Communication Council (TCC) brought the current *Sabbath Recorder* Committee structure into existence 12 years ago under the commissioned chairmanship of Myrna Cox, who reported our committee's work to TCC each year.

Myrna assembled a committee from the Boulder and Denver, Colo., churches: Madeline and Elmo Fitz Randolph, Katherine and Bob Spreadborough, Jim Galanaugh, and myself. From time to time, we were fortunate to have the other spouses join our crew.

Each fall, Kevin Butler (*SR* editor) would come to Colorado for a 24-hour retreat at Camp Paul Hummel near Boulder. Heading to our first gathering, I wondered how we could help Kevin. After all, he was "the professional," doing an exceptional job.

We began by having Kevin tell us what he needed our committee to accomplish. We then established our agenda, which included discus-

sions about the past *Recorders* and brainstorming sessions to determine future topics. We also evaluated the *SR*'s overall appearance and discussed ways to raise money to cover the ever-rising costs to keep publishing a magazine "for and about Seventh Day Baptists."

At the second retreat, we came prepared. We brought the past year's *Recorders* with notations in each issue, indicating which articles we liked or didn't like. This could have been a bit disconcerting to our editor, but Kevin bravely faced our "sticky notes" and survived retreat number two. (By this time, he had figured out that we weren't going to badger him unnecessarily, so the tasks were completed in a relaxed and productive atmosphere.)

Additional shared duties for those weekends included quick meal preparations, vespers, and meditations. Plus there were the wonderful moments of fellowship spent in front

of the fire—a very important foot-warmer at an altitude of 8,000 feet!

After five years of looking forward to the *SR* retreat, it was difficult to suggest to our editor that it was time to move on to a new committee. But we were determined, so we "booted" Kevin out the door to search for more fertile brains, which he found in Seattle, Wash. (It didn't take long to realize that he wasn't sad to leave the mountains *and* us if he could gaze upon a lighthouse or two.)

The Colorado *SR* Committee is now a distant memory. But I'm left with a constant enthusiasm for our national magazine and the opportunities it provides for outreach, service, encouragement, and denominational news.

If you ever have the opportunity to serve on this committee, don't hesitate to do so. And don't hesitate to donate additional funds to the *Sabbath Recorder* so it can continue its vital work. *SR*

## Quotable gems concerning the *SR*

"These have been years of noble effort and self-sacrifice; every number has meant sacrifice and devotion on the part of someone. It has been an indispensable means of accomplishing our work; we could not have maintained an existence without it as the years have surged by with their temptations and problems.

"It was never more indispensable than now."

—William L. Burdick  
(March 24, 1919; 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

"We should also pay our debt of appreciation to the officers of the Tract Board who through the years have fostered the *Recorder*, paid its expenses, and employed its personnel. Subsidy by General Conference has always been necessary and sometimes this has seemed heavy. But hours and hours of thought and effort are donated or a much larger subsidy would

be required. The presidents of the Tract Board and their associates through the years have been consecrated men and women trying to do their best to meet the needs of the denomination and the objectives of its weekly."

—Historian Albert N. Rogers  
(August 4, 1969; 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary)

"The possibility for our publication to remain alive while so many others have failed lies largely in the loyalty of past and present Seventh Day Baptists. Were it not for the willingness of our people to subsidize extensively the weekly that does so much for the cause, the *Sabbath Recorder* would have long since ceased to exist."

—Editor Leon M. Maltby  
(August 4, 1969; 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary)



# The Seattle dozen

by Dave Davis

“Do *what?*” I asked incredulously.

The voice on the phone patiently explained once again that my wife, Doreen, and I were being asked to co-chair the *Sabbath Recorder* Committee.

“Well, we’ll have to pray about it,” I replied. “Just what does the committee do?” I added.

I was informed that the *SR* Committee works behind the scenes as a “support crew” to the editor, helping him to continue to guide the *Sabbath Recorder* into being a magazine that is “for and about Seventh Day Baptists.”

Doreen and I had previously discussed our desire to serve the denomination, so we were thrilled to accept the assignment. We immediately began assembling a list of people who would give our committee a cross section of brand-new Seventh Day Baptists, as well as several who sported a multi-generational background (dyed-in-the-wool SDBs). We also decided to include a representative from each of the Northwest churches.

I’ll never forget the gasp uttered by Editor Kevin Butler when I told him that the committee would consist of 12 members—a little higher

than the recommended five to seven!

Each annual *SR* Committee meeting with Kevin began with reviewing the past year’s *Sabbath Recorders* and discussing their importance in the lives of SDBs.

We quickly realized that Kevin is involved in many areas of our denomination and its leadership, and that he cares for each person in every church. We, as a denomination, are blessed to have his love of the Lord, his compassionate heart, and his editor’s skills at the helm of the *SR* and the Tract and Communication Council (TCC).

The committee reviewed the *Recorder’s* mission statement, brainstormed themes, and discussed articles and authors for the coming year. We also talked about content that might cause controversy, and the necessity to create themes about situations that all of us face in our day-to-day lives and churches.

We reviewed printing and mailing costs, and came up with fund-raising ideas to continue providing a quality publication. And we asked questions: *Who reads the Recorder? Where do their interests lie? How can we make the magazine multi-generational?*

One great success—thanks to

Aubrey Appel and her successor, Eowyn Driscoll—is an annual issue dedicated to, and created by, SDB youth. (Watch for the 2004 edition next month from new *Beacon* editor, Robyn Somers.)

Two other responsibilities Doreen and I shared as co-chairs were to attend the TCC’s annual meeting in Janesville and to help with the annual report at General Conference.

After presenting our yearly reports at the SDB Center, we always came away with a renewed excitement about being Seventh Day Baptists, encouraged that every board member seems dedicated to seeking God’s will for our denomination.

After hosting the *SR* Committee for five years here in the Seattle area, we sadly recommended that it was time to “pass the torch” to another region of the country. It’s a big responsibility to present fresh ideas so that the *SR* remains a vibrant magazine, meeting the needs and desires of its readers.

It is with great pleasure that I open the *Recorder* each month and find that Jean Jorgensen and her committee continue to offer excellent ideas and themes “for and about Seventh Day Baptists.” **SR**

## More quotable gems

“It has been the binding cord that has tied us together, and that stands for the next hundred years as well as the past hundred years. In the year two thousand forty-four when the bicentenary number of the *Recorder* is printed by X-ray photography, let it be recorded therein that... God has definitely directed the destiny of our people, and the *Recorder* is a physical bond that ties us. Now after a hundred years, will He discard us? Not if we are faithful to our trust, for we stand for truths that are eternal.”

—Rev. Edward M. Holston  
(Centennial number, 1944)

“So would we cast at the feet of Jesus this pen, the implement of our daily toil, and then with God’s blessing upon it, go forth and use it in His service, and for the good of His people. May it ever speak the truth in love. May it be ready with its comfort and cheer for troubled hearts. May it be full of good counsel for all who are perplexed. May it bring light to those who are in darkness; and whatever else it does, may it never be dipped in gall.”

—Editor Theodore L. Gardiner  
(His first editorial,  
September 16, 1907)

# Exploring the Sabbath

by Linda Greene

*This is the second in a series of Sabbath articles by Linda. Her study will look at most of the Scriptural references for the Sabbath, providing insights and challenging questions for our personal Sabbath observance. These shortened studies will appear in their entirety in a future booklet.—Editor*

Let's continue our exploration of God's purpose in creating the Sabbath by looking at the first time God told people to observe it.

## Exodus 16:23-30

This is the first mention in Scripture of Sabbath-keeping after the time of Creation. For the first time, God asked the Children of Israel to behave differently on Sabbath regarding manna. Their very lives depended on God's provision of food, so trusting Him was the core issue here.

For six days, God asked them to trust His provision for tomorrow by gathering only enough manna for one day. Then He asked them to trust Him to keep Friday's food fresh enough for Sabbath.

## Trusting in His provision

Sabbath was time for God to "work" for them—to take care of and provide for them. So, for me, Sabbath is time for God's provision in my life to be clearly seen as *His* doing, not mine; time for physical rest and spiritual refreshment.

My willingness to rest on the Sabbath reflects my trust in God to meet my needs by laying aside my own labor and illusions of self-sufficiency, and admitting my complete reliance on God.

It's interesting that this took place before God gave the Ten Command-

ments. I believe it was His plan that the Israelites' trust in Him be established *before* the Commandments were given. God wanted His relationship with His children based on trust, first and foremost, not on rules and legalities.

## Manna: "What is it?"

Manna was bread that came down from heaven. Could this have been a picture of Jesus, the true Bread of Life? A picture of salvation?

The manna fell for six days, but not on the seventh. God's provision of physical life in the form of bread from heaven was completed on the sixth day. It was sufficient, enough to last for the seventh day as well.

The parallel is wonderful: In the desert and wilderness of our sin, God sent the Living Bread from heaven to feed and sustain us—His miraculous provision for our need. Jesus, the "living bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:51), has worked out and completed our salvation for us.

## The ultimate rest

We will rest in His completed work on the "seventh day" when we enter God's eternal and ultimate Sabbath rest. The "falling of the bread from heaven" will then be over, because the Bread Himself—the One who came and dwelt among us here on earth—will come back to get us. We will dwell with Him in heaven for all eternity.

The spreading of the Gospel or "good news about the Bread" will be over, because it will be too late to decide to become a part of this "rest" or salvation once that ultimate Sabbath rest arrives.

## No more "going out"

Verse 29 goes on to say that on Sabbath, no one was to go out; every-

one was to stay where they were.

During the eternal Sabbath rest that God has prepared for us, the work will be done—we will forever stay and rest where we are. There will be no need to "go out," ever again. We will have finally arrived at what we were created for in the first place. We will have come full circle.

We have the opportunity to have a "dress rehearsal" for this every week. What a beautiful reminder the Sabbath is of what we have to look forward to!


Earlier, speaking of when the manna would first fall, Moses said, "...in the morning you will see the glory of the Lord." There is no better evidence of God's glory than Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, come down from heaven to die for our sins.

## What took so long?

I have often wondered why there was such a long gap between the time of Creation and God's first instruction in Sabbath-keeping. Why didn't He have mankind start observing the Sabbath right from the beginning?

I suppose it's possible that Adam and Eve observed the Sabbath in the Garden of Eden and continued the practice after they left. But if that were the case, God evidently didn't think you and I needed to know about it because He certainly didn't mention it in Scripture.

Regardless of when the Sabbath truth was lost by early mankind, God waited until just the right moment to reintroduce it. Could it be that He wanted to "set the stage" in a very specific way so that it would be impossible to miss the Sabbath's true significance?

We'll explore that idea in the coming months as we move on with our study. 

# Grafted in

by Mike Graves

At the beginning of each year, my wife and I pause to look at our hopes for the coming year and reflect on the past. As we examine our church and spiritual life, Sharon and I discover that we share some common experiences.

## Our church pilgrimage

My wife started out her church life as a Methodist, a church with a great deal of structure that uses a methodology to understand the Scriptures and core Christian doctrines. My church background is more eclectic. I started in an Evangelical Free Church, then Lutheran (Missouri Synod), and finally, an independent Baptist church, where I met Sharon.

After we married, we changed churches several times while moving from one area to another. During these moves, Sharon was first exposed to the Sabbath by Seventh-day Adventists who visited while I was away. I was not happy with these visits and made my feelings known.

## Enter the SDBs

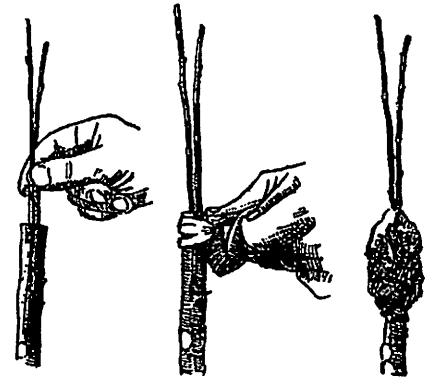
In 1985, I accepted a transfer in my job with the State of Kansas to a community in northeast Kansas. I worked with Carol Bond in Topeka, and she introduced me to the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Nortonville.

Sharon and I decided to visit the church, and we have been members there ever since. She is now the statistician for the church, and I serve as a deacon, trustee, Sabbath School teacher, and Sabbath School treasurer.

## Adjusting to the “family”

As “grafted in” Seventh Day Baptists, it was initially difficult to feel like part of the historical “family,” even in the local church. People with names like Wheeler, Babcock,

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Saunders, and Bond had played a large part in establishing the Nortonville church, and they knew much about the history of the denomination as well as the church.

The most difficult transition was moving from a creedal church to a covenant church. In my mind, the Apostle’s Creed will always be the most succinct statement of faith written outside of the Scriptures. The covenant relationship is clearly scriptural, and describes both the church and an individual commitment to obeying and serving God.

I know that proclaiming the Gospel is the most important message to share with others. Once a person has accepted Christ and believes the Good News, we can then talk about specific doctrines and biblical principles. My witness to others often deals with issues of greatest need. In many cases, I am just a “seed sower” who may never see them again.

## Committing to Conference

Over the years, my wife and I have attended General Conference many times. Since our first one in 1989, we have found Conference to be a time of spiritual renewal. We’ve also made the last three in a row.

Last year, Sharon and I made a commitment to attend as many Conferences as the Lord permits. They give us an opportunity to spend quality time in the Word while fellowshiping with other Seventh Day Baptists.

## Some early jitters

I have to admit that the first couple of Conferences were a little overwhelming. We were concerned that we might say or do something that could be misunderstood.

Since we didn’t have the rich background of being SDBs from birth—and coming from a small regional church with few fellow members attending—we were initially self-conscious. We thought that we had to be exceptionally good delegates and representatives of the Nortonville church.

Over time, Sharon and I have become more comfortable at Conference and have learned to appreciate the autonomy of the local church.

## Diverse backgrounds and views

While we lack deep roots as Seventh Day Baptists, Sharon and I are

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blessed by our rich and diverse religious backgrounds. They have helped us to relate to Christians outside our denomination, allowing us to build alliances with Christians in common areas.

We realize more clearly that Christians are a minority in the world. If we are going to get the Good News out to the lost, we are going to have to unite around the Gospel message. Even among Conference goers, I have witnessed deep theological discussions representing differing views.

### Still one family

One of the strengths we have as SDBs is the freedom to express our views. This is especially evident during Conference business meetings.

Whether the issues are worldly ones—such as abortion, homosexuality, and terrorism—or denominational in nature, delegates treat each other with respect. It has always been a positive experience for me, and I leave the meetings still feeling a part of the SDB family.

“Family” has been an important concept for both of us.

When our children were still at home, we put them first, doing the

best we could to raise them in a Christian environment. We always took them with us to Conference and even now, as grownups, they have an open invitation to join us. We are fortunate now to be able to take

all of the accompanying rights, benefits, and responsibilities.

We look forward to being at Conference in West Virginia this August, with our grandchildren

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our two grandchildren to Conference, and hope this tradition will continue.

### One “big” family

The idea of family is also important as it relates to being in the family of God, the family of Seventh Day Baptists, and the family of the congregation at Nortonville.

When Sharon and I think about being “grafted in” as Seventh Day Baptists, we no longer feel like we are “outside looking in.” We are members of the SDB family, with

and, hopefully, their mother. We also look forward to seeing old friends and catching up on how God has blessed them since we last met.

Most of all, we anticipate catching up on all of the Conference-wide news and finding out about those burning issues that we face as a denomination. **SR**

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*Mike and Sharon Graves live in Effingham, Kan.*

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## How to get to West Virginia Wesleyan College

Buckhannon is just over two hours south of Pittsburgh, Pa., and just under two hours north of Charleston, W. Va.

The best way to get there is to take I-79 to Exit 99, then east on U.S. 33. (It’s possible to come into Buckhannon from other directions, if you have time to admire the scenery from two-lane mountain roads.)

Exit U.S. 33 at Rt. 20 South, and follow Rt. 20 through the first

stoplight. Continue to the stoplight at McDonald’s, then turn left onto College Avenue.

Make a right at the second four-way stop onto Meade Street. Continue on Meade to the stop sign, then turn left onto Camden Avenue.

Follow Camden until you see SDB Conference Registration signs guiding you left off Camden to the Benedum Campus Community Center.

The closest airport is the Harrison-Marion Regional Airport in Bridgeport, W. Va. (formerly known as Benedum Airport). U.S. Air serves it from Pittsburgh and Washington National. If you give arrival and departure information on your registration forms, the Conference Host Committee can provide transportation the 30 miles to Buckhannon.

Greyhound Bus service is available in Clarksburg, W. Va. **SR**



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

## New season for SCSC

The Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC), a ministry of the SDB Women's Board, is preparing for another exciting summer of service throughout our denomination. This

year, there are 12 projects with 26 team members. Please be in prayer for the training in Daytona Beach, Fla., and all the travel and projects. Funds to support this ministry

should be earmarked for SCSC and mailed to Enid Nobles, 9 Little Pond Trail, Ormond Beach, FL 32114.

Thank you so much, and may God bless this important ministry.

### SCSC Teams for 2004 and their home churches

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*PD—Pastor Kory Geske*

Matthew Lawson

Riverside, CA (vet)

Jackie Sias

Salem, WV (rookie)

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Nortonville, KS (rookie)

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Virginia Burdick

Seattle Area, WA (vet)

Sandra Noel

Battle Creek, MI (rookie)

•**Miami, FL**

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Verona, NY (rookie)

Rick Roberts

White Cloud, MI (rookie)

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Brett Greene

Little Genesee, NY (vet)

Jessica Ryall

New Auburn, NY (vet)

•**New Auburn, WI**

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•**Riverside, CA**

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Neil Lubke

Milton, WI (rookie)

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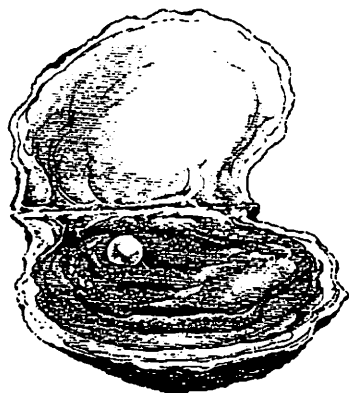
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Alfred Station, NY (vet)

David Fox

Columbus, OH (vet)





## The *Sabbath Recorder* makes its rounds

This winter, I received an e-mail from Carol Gromer:

"I have recently seen a poem that was written by Mrs. Sarah Socwell and published in the *Sabbath Recorder*. There was no date on the clipping to tell when the poem was published, but Mrs. Socwell died in 1904. Is there any way to find out if this author had other poems or articles published in the *Recorder*?"

Carol Gromer is the official Socwell family historian. (She's a distant cousin of Sarah's son, Rev. Eugene Socwell.)

Searching the *Sabbath Recorder* index file, I found a lengthy obituary for Mrs. Socwell. It contained a tribute to her writings, noting that, "By a disastrous fire that destroyed the home of her daughter with whom she was living, and the entire contents, all of her writings were lost."

There was also a notation that at the request of Dr. J.M. Stillman, Mrs. Socwell had contributed poetry that was set to music and published in "The Cluster." (Dr. Stillman was one of the editors of that music book.)

Using a few other sources, I was able to send Mrs. Gromer not only a photocopy of Sarah's obituary, but microfilm copies of 15 of her poems that had been published in the *Recorder* between 1855 and 1899. I also photocopied three of her poems that I found in our 1873 copy of the "The Cluster."

There was nothing overly unusual about this request to glean information from our Historical Society archives. The intriguing part came

when the inquirer told me that, "Sarah was married to my grandfather's nephew, Charles C. Socwell.

"You might be interested in how I came to write to you concerning Mrs. Socwell," Mrs. Gromer added.

"A cousin of mine retired and moved from New Jersey to Arizona several years ago. She was at a garage sale just before Christmas last year

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and saw an old book for sale. She was interested in the title and the author, so she bought it.

"After Christmas, she began to read the book. Between the pages was a newspaper clipping of a poem by Mrs. Sarah S. Socwell titled, 'Little Linda.' There was no date—only West Hallock, Ill., and *The Sabbath Recorder*.

"It was amazing that a lady from New Jersey was at a garage sale in Arizona and happened to buy a book containing a poem from Illinois and it was written by one of her ancestors."

Mrs. Gromer concluded, "If anyone contacts you in the future about the Socwell family, please feel free to give them my name; I'm glad to share what I know about them. Thank you once again for giving Mrs. Socwell's family a bit of our heritage."

But the story doesn't end there.

While preparing for the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Auburn, Wis.,

SDB Church, I discovered that Sarah Socwell was the mother of Rev. Eugene Socwell, the second pastor of the New Auburn church. (At the time, New Auburn was called Cartwright.) After further theological training in 1899, Pastor Socwell was called back as the church's seventh pastor.

The November 6, 1944, issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* carried an article entitled, "My Father," written by Pastor Socwell's son, Charles.

In it, he recalled such childhood memories as his father ringing the church bell that had been given by the Milton, Wis., church. The belfry hadn't been built yet, so Pastor Socwell rang the bell by hand, to call the people to church on the Sabbath.

Charles also remembered the first parsonage being built with lumber from the Cartwright mill. The wide boards for the flooring, when "seasoned," left broad cracks.

Like his father, Charles witnessed for Christ at some of the lumber camps in the surrounding woods. As the lumberjacks shared their food with him, he shared "Gospel food" with his hosts.

In a note to the New Auburn church, Carol Gromer wrote, "I'm grateful for the series of circumstances that allows me to represent the Socwell family in sending congratulations on the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cartwright (now New Auburn) church...."

"The entire Socwell family feels that we were given the opportunity to know more about our ancestor through those who have maintained the *Sabbath Recorder* archives over the years. I know that Rev. Socwell would love to be there speaking to you on this special occasion. I feel that perhaps, through me and this unusual series of events, he is." **SR**

*Give to those who gave so much.*

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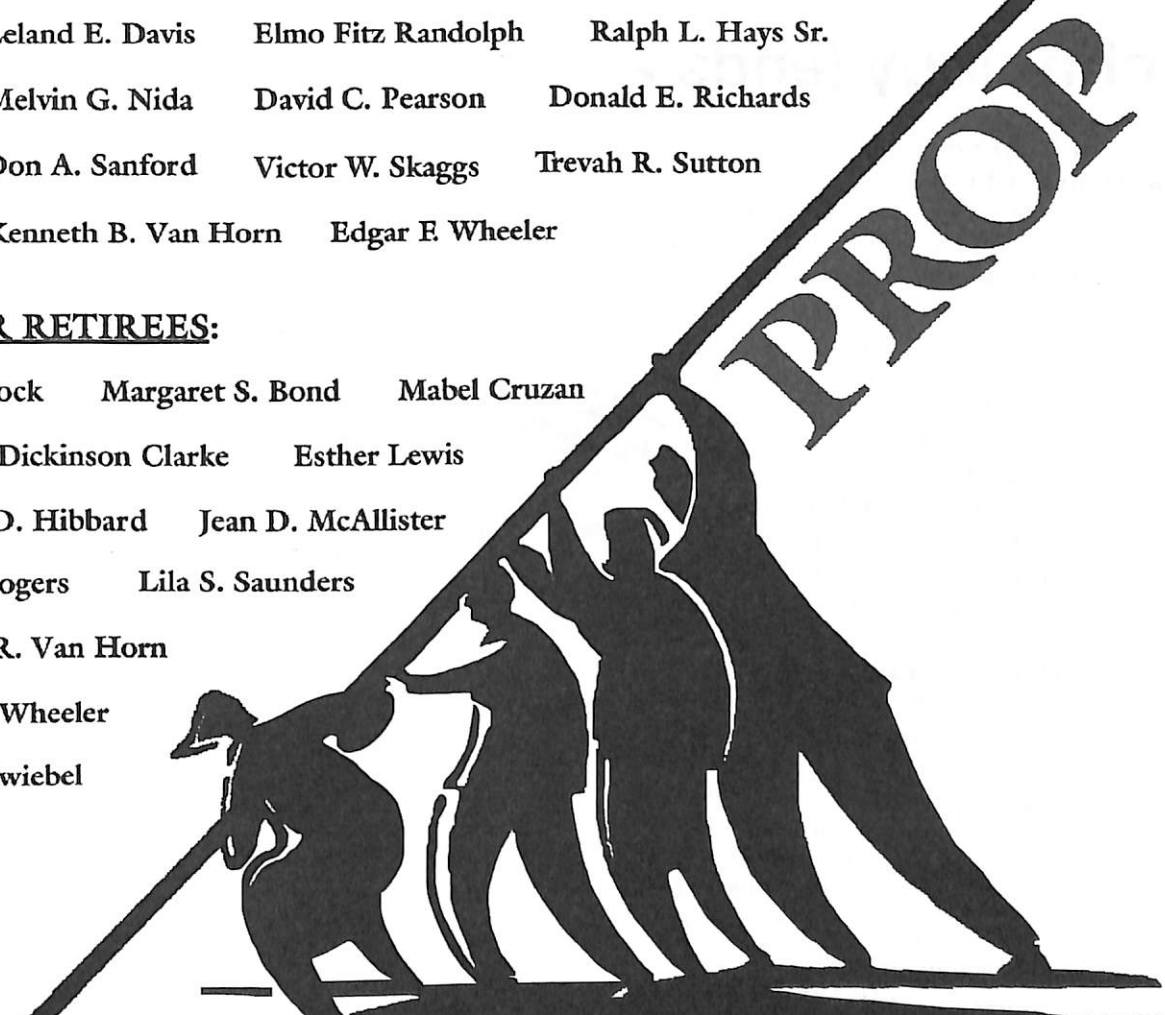
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## Pastors Retirement Offering Project

Contributions are needed for continuing support of SDB retired pastors and denominational workers, and surviving spouses of pastors.

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# Technology lends a helping hand

### Large print *Helping Hand* available on CD-ROM

The *Helping Hand in Bible Study* is available in a large print format for churches in the United States and Canada that subscribe to the regular edition of the *Helping Hand*. The large print edition of the magazine is available as an Adobe Acrobat file and is distributed on a CD; your church simply prints the pages and chooses an appropriate method for binding.

Formatted for an 8.5 x 11-inch sheet of paper, the layout and page numbering remain close to the same as the regular print edition. To have a copy sent to your church, contact the Board of Christian Education office.

### What is the *Helping Hand*?

The *Helping Hand in Bible Study* is a Sabbath School quarterly designed for students. It has an international circulation.

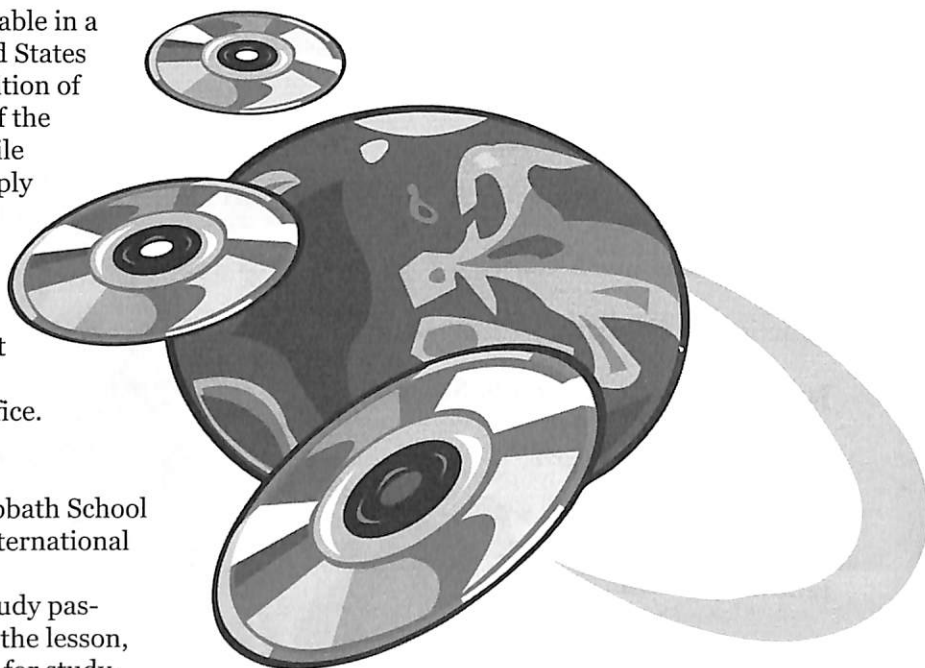
Each lesson in the quarterly contains a study passage, key verse, a description of the heart of the lesson, a week of daily Bible meditations, questions for studying the text, a commentary designed to look at what the Bible says and how it applies today, and a short section called "Hints for Teaching the Class." Beginning with the September-November 2004 edition, these hints will include lesson goals and a possible teaching activity to help reach one of those teaching goals.

The *Helping Hand* promotes daily Bible study and preparation for class discussion. Because it is designed primarily for students, its teaching helps are limited. However, the *Helping Hand* is based on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching, a curriculum used by many Christian groups around the world.

Because the curriculum has this widespread use, several Christian publishing houses produce lesson guides that help teachers prepare to lead their classes in Bible study. We encourage teachers who want additional guidance in their preparation to use one of these resources.

### Online Daily Bible Meditations

Are you curious about the daily Bible meditations? You can find them on the Board's website (<http://>



[www.educatingchristians.org/site/Publications/Daily BibleMeditations](http://www.educatingchristians.org/site/Publications/DailyBibleMeditations)).

Each day, the Daily Bible Meditation page is updated. It contains that day's Scripture reading and a brief paragraph or two to help you meditate on the text. From this page you can find a limited number of past and future Daily Bible Meditations.

For those of you who would like a little assistance in reading ahead for your Sabbath School lessons, the Daily Bible Meditations are based on Scriptures that include the study portion of the text for next Sabbath's *Helping Hand* lesson.

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# The *SR* reaches around the world

by Kirk Looper

We take many precious things in life for granted. Our lack of appreciation is evident in the ways we treat these blessings. Often, we don't value what we have until we lose it.

The *Sabbath Recorder* is one of our denomination's most valuable outreach and evangelistic tools, and yet we often take it for granted. The encouragement it brings to newly organized SDB churches and Conferences is priceless.

Several times a year, churches and individuals tell me how the *SR* has made them aware of projects needing help, or has introduced them to new work in familiar areas.

When visiting some of our sister Conferences and churches, I'm often asked how we do a certain activity, or what we believe concerning some contemporary topic. The *Sabbath Recorder* clarifies many of these questions and often provides answers. This saves us from sending out many individual letters.

Some of our sister Conferences have told me that they have learned which Board of Christian Education programs are available by reading the *Recorder*. It also helps them to keep track of new materials produced by the Tract and Communication Council (TCC).

Many churches request these materials and are blessed by them. They're pleased that our magazine contains this information, and that they are able to get the materials they need to help in local outreach and education.

Programs such as the Natural Evangelism Training (NET) program, the Training In Ministry by Extension (T.I.M.E.) program, the Church Administered Lay Leadership Education (CALLED) program, Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC), and even Church Planters School are in-

troduced to our sister churches through the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Some countries have already requested these programs. Presently, we're in the process of modifying the Church Planters School so that it can be used in several African nations, including The Gambia.

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The T.I.M.E. program, used so successfully in the United States, has been modified to fit into the cultural and educational levels of the overseas pastors. The CALLED program has been taken to Australia, and the NET program has gone to Jamaica for use in outreach and evangelism. Through the work described in the *SR*, other options for education and evangelism are brought to the attention of foreign leaders.

Often, one country will see outreach and evangelism programs of another country and will discover new ways of presenting the Gospel. The method of educational outreach in The Gambia is used in several countries.

When an article details a specific method, other Conferences and

churches can take that suggestion and improve their own work. For example, using business centers to help develop churches in Ghana can be adapted to another country with good results. Thus, the *Sabbath Recorder* is a method of teaching church growth and development.

It's interesting to visit the homes in some of our sister Conferences. The *Sabbath Recorder* isn't left in the open for just anyone to use; it's protected and read often. To many, the articles are special and reflect some of their own beliefs and understandings. I have noticed that very few read the obituaries first. They begin with informative articles and then read those that are published monthly.

Postage to foreign countries is expensive, so not everyone who would like a *Recorder* gets one. Usually, only the Coordinator or General Secretary of a Conference—and perhaps a few other SDB leaders—receive it.

We're excited to report that people in other countries provide funds to help support the *Sabbath Recorder*. These funds are sent to the Missionary Society, then forwarded to TCC for the *SR*'s use. This is deeply appreciated.

It's wonderful that the *Sabbath Recorder*, as a form of communication and education, reaches people in so many counties. It's a free gift and one of our denomination's more valuable assets, worldwide; however, it does take money to keep it going. We pray that you will consider donating so it can remain in circulation.

The *Sabbath Recorder* fosters communication and is a vital link in sharing information that unites us. As SDBs, we need to keep in touch with each other and report on the work that our brethren are doing around the world. **SR**



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## Living in the shadows

by Robyn Somers

*"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27).*

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Time and time again, I find myself looking in magazines in awe of the glamorous faces of movie stars, hoping that one day I'll look even a fraction as beautiful. And when I try on clothes in a dressing room, I ask, "Why doesn't this look good on me? Maybe I'm just fat."

In today's society, probably every girl in America has asked that same question at one point or another, but what does that say about us?

When we turn on our television sets to watch fashion shows—or go to the movies, or look at the magazine rack while standing in line at the grocery store—we see famous people we consider "perfect." These images become engraved in our minds, leading us to believe that this is how *every* person should look. But that's wrong!

Society manipulates women (men, too), pounding home the notion that the only way to happiness is to have a great body, and that being fat is abnormal. We're told that once we accomplish our goal and have a great body, we can have everything we want.

The world around us tries to convince us that being intelligent isn't as important as physical appearance. In reality, it's exactly the opposite.

No one is going to get anywhere in life if they make their outside appearance their number one priority. Intelligence, social skills, and morality are more important factors in living life.

We all need to step back and look at what we're comparing ourselves to—a world of plastic surgery and anorexia.

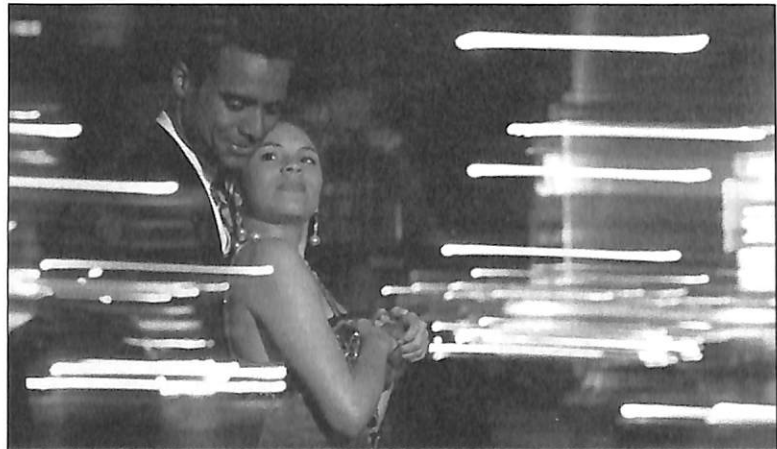
Often, we find out that the people we admire are truly unhappy, turning to other substances to fight depression. The faces on magazine covers may *seem* happy, but that's what stars are paid to do—look beautiful

and happy, even when they aren't.

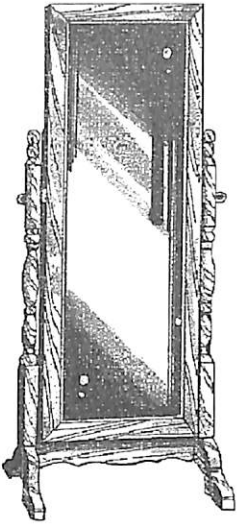
There are times when many of us wish we could look like movie stars. But we need to look *inside* of ourselves and see the true beauty that exists in each one of us.

We shouldn't be living in the shadows of what *society* thinks we should be. Instead, we should be living in the light of God. No matter what society characterizes us to be, God sees us as beautiful people, inside and out.

There's an old saying, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." And it truly is. **SR**



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# 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*

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## My kingdom for a horse!

*"And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him" (Matthew 6:7-8, NIV).*

When I was a youngster, I had "horses on the brain." I was a tomboy, and I dreamed about ponies almost every night. But each time I awoke, the harsh reality hit home: I was a Wisconsin cowboy without a swift steed.

I tried to compensate for that glaring deficiency in a number of inventive ways.

On winter days when neighbor kids were occupied with assembling snowmen and transforming snowbanks into elaborate caves, I sculpted "snow saddles," complete with saddle horns and bedrolls. Sitting a few feet off the ground, I would happily "ride" for hours. (Heavy snowpants forestalled a frostbitten *derrière*.)

When it was too frigid to play outside, I rode a "broomstick horse" in our basement, fastening a belt or small rope around the handle for reins.

The rest of the year, I fashioned saddles out of pillows and rode the small red stepstool that my mother kept corralled in the kitchen. Almost 50 years later, I can still picture the red plastic, square-bottomed drinking glass that I used as a makeshift saddle horn.

I also turned my bicycle into a horse by looping a belt over the handlebars. Luckily, I "galloped" miles that way without an accident.

Then there were my imaginary ponies—"Thunder" and "Lightning"—that I rode part of the way to and from school. (I always met them in my neighbor's pasture, away from prying eyes and small, unimaginative minds.)

More than once, my parents patiently explained why I couldn't have a horse: no money to buy one, no money to feed it, no place to keep it. *Pretty lame excuses*, I thought.

One spring morning, I traipsed to the small orchard behind our house. Thoroughly exasperated, I caught a floating dandelion seed, shut my eyes, and made a wish that was actually a prayer. Then, sitting down at the base of an apple tree, I informed God that I would wait there until He delivered my pony.

I sat under that tree for three hours before heading home. *Why did God let me down? Didn't He realize how much I wanted—and needed—a horse?*

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I smile as I look back on that experience, but it also holds some important lessons.

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**Why did  
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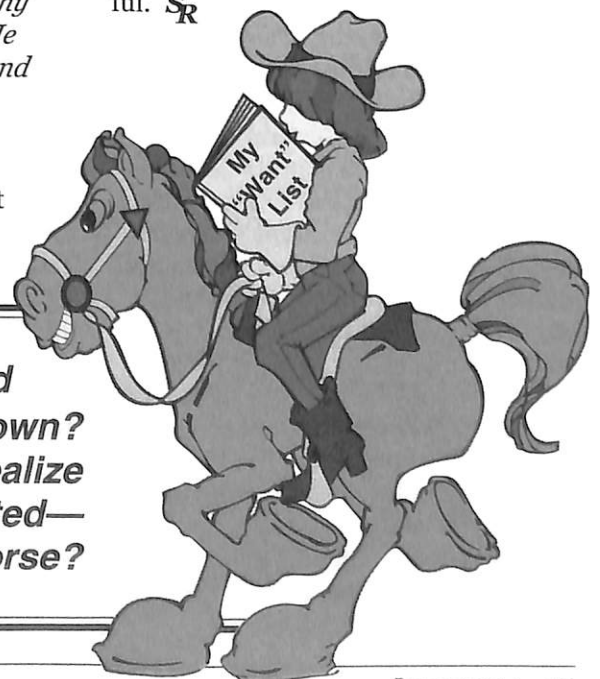
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How many of us still think of God as a lovable celestial Santa Claus? We spend hours compiling a long list of "wants" and then hand it over, singing, "God checks it once, He checks it twice, and finally decides we're both naughty *and* nice." How could God *not* shower us with gifts?!

It's important to distinguish between "wants" and "needs." When I was little, I thought I needed a horse. But what I *really* needed was a roof over my head, food in my stomach, clothes on my back, parents who loved me and, most importantly, a personal Savior.

Sometimes, we sit under our apple trees and demand that God "zaps" us with what we want, when we want it. It seldom occurs to us that, in addition to "yes" and "no," God's answer may be, "Later, My child."

Many things occur in God's time, not ours. If we're aware of that—and accept it—our prayer lives will be less frustrating and much more meaningful. **SR**



## Business and Interest Committees

by Dale Thorngate

Time is moving along, and we in West Virginia are ready for Conference in Buckhannon, August 1-7. I really hope that you are all planning to be with us as we focus on our theme, "Seeking God with All Your Heart."

Most of you, like me, probably think of Conference as a time of spiritual high. However, the business of the General Conference is an important part of the week.

It is during this time that we review what has happened over the past year and do some planning for the new year. It is the time when the boards and agencies report about their work and project their programs for the future.

Review of these reports happens in the Conference interest committees, and from them the business comes to the Conference floor for vote by all official delegates. All people attending Conference are encouraged to select a committee and participate in its discussions. Here is a short résumé of each committee and the name of its chairperson.

### **Budget and Finance**

*Luan Ellis*

Each board or agency prepares a budget for the year. These budgets are presented to the General Council prior to Conference, refined, and placed in the total General Conference Budget which is proposed for 2005. The Budget and Finance interest committee reviews the financial report for each board and agency and determines that the report has been professionally audited. Then they review the proposed budget for 2005 to determine whether it fits with the goals and purposes of General Conference. The committee then makes a recommendation concerning the acceptance of the audited reports and the proposed budget for approval by General Conference.

### **Christian Education\***

*Harold King*

Reviews the work of the Board of Christian Education for the past year.

### **Christian Social Action**

*Beth Boyd*

Reviews the work of the standing Committee on Christian Social Action. They can invite any member of the CSA standing committee to meet with them and are free to make recommendations to the Conference for the following year.

### **Communications\***

*George Lawson*

Reviews the work of the Tract and Communication Council, especially the *Sabbath Recorder* and other publications. They also review the work of the Historical Society.

### **Ministerial\***

*Robert Van Horn*

Reviews the work of the Council on Ministry.

### **International Missions\***

*Andrea Davis*

Reviews the international portion of the work of the Missionary Society.

### **National Missions\***

*Donald Chroniger*

Reviews the national portion of the work of the Missionary Society. They can invite the Executive Director of the Missionary Society and/or the National Extension Minister to meet with them.

### **Nominations**

*Scott Hausrath*

Responsible to place in nomination a slate of officers for the General Conference for the next year. This committee is made up of two del-

egates selected by each Association plus six to be named by the General Conference President. Their nominations include the offices of President-elect, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary (Business), Recording Secretary (Program), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and members for new terms on the various Conference Councils and standing committees.

### **Reference and Counsel**

*Kenneth Chroniger*

Reviews the reports of the General Conference Executive Director, the General Council, and the Committee on Faith and Order and makes a recommendation concerning their reports to the General Conference.

### **Women's\***

*Kay Maltby*

Reviews the work of the Women's Board.

### **Youth\***

*Marissa Van Horn*

Reviews the work of the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education. The committee also reviews the work of the National Youth Fellowship.

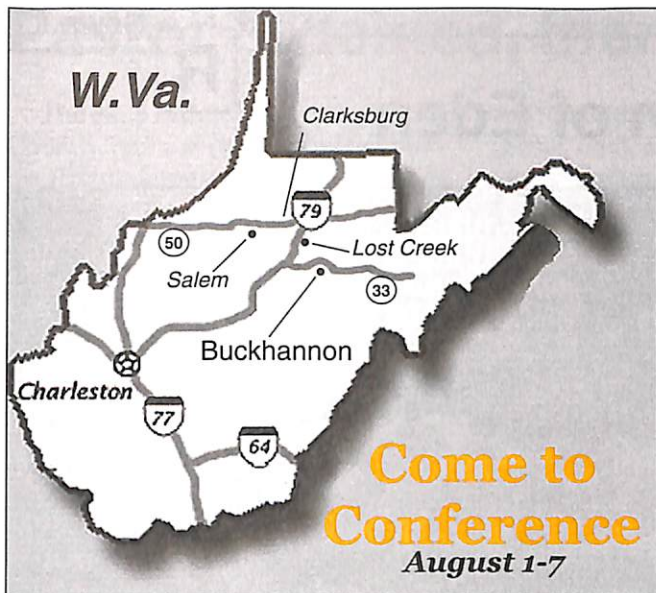
### **Young Adult\***

*Crystal Butler*

Reviews the work of the Young Adult Committee of the Board of Christian Education.

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\*These committees review the annual report of the respective board or agency and make a recommendation concerning the acceptance of that report. They may invite the board executive to meet with them, and are free to make recommendations to the Conference for the following year. *SR*



## Where to stay?

by Terry Van Horn

### WEST VIRGINIA WESLEYAN COLLEGE

The 2004 Host Committee for General Conference at Buckhannon, W.Va., hopes that by now hundreds of SDBs have made plans to come join us August 1–7. If you haven't sent in your registration forms, there still is time.

The deadline for pre-registration is July 1. (After July 1, a \$10 late fee for each adult, and \$5 for each child, will be added to the regular registration fees.) Registration forms were published in the May *SR*, along with complete information about on-campus housing and meals.

#### Off-campus housing

Many of you who prefer *not* to stay in dorm rooms have already made reservations at the **BAXA Budget Host Inn**, **Centennial Motel**, and the **Colonial Hotel-Motel** in Buckhannon. These motels report that they are already booked up.

You might try the **Main Street Inn**, (304) 472-5000. Formerly known as the Bi-Centennial, it's just two blocks from campus. The new **Hampton Inn of Buckhannon**, (304-473-0900), is on the western edge of town, about three miles from campus.

Rooms at these two facilities range from about \$60 on up, plus 9% tax.

Ask for a discount for multiple nights.

There is only one Bed and Breakfast in Buckhannon that still had vacancies at press time: **Riverside Bed and Breakfast**, (304) 472-0796. Rooms there start at \$75 a night, with a \$10 discount for five nights or more.

There are three motels near Exit 99 on I-79, about 12 miles west of Buckhannon: **Comfort Inn**, (800) 221-2222; **Super 8 Motel**, (800) 800-8000; and the **Weston Motor Inn**, (800) 225-5982. These are also reasonably priced, with discounts available. The Weston Motor Inn is the least expensive, with rooms starting at \$39, or \$190 for seven days.

At Exit 105 on I-79 (about 30 miles from Buckhannon) is the **Wilderness Plantation Inn**, (800) 716-6835, with rooms starting at \$50.

There are many motels—including a Holiday Inn, a Day's Inn, etc.—at the intersection of I-79 and Route 50 in Bridgeport, W.Va., about 40 minutes from the Wesleyan campus.

Complete hotel/motel listings can be obtained by calling 1-800-CALL WVA, or going to the state's tourism website: [www.callwva.com](http://www.callwva.com).

#### Camping sites and facilities

On-campus RV spaces are available for \$8.00 a night, electrical hookups only. Restrooms and showers are in nearby dorms, and relief stations will be provided on the lot.

A few spaces with full hookups are available at **Zickefoose Mobile-home Park** in Buckhannon for \$15 per night (plus tax) for two adults. (Discount available for a week's stay.) The park is within walking distance of both downtown and the campus.

Three state parks are within easy driving distance of Buckhannon:

**Audra State Park**, (304) 457-1162 15 miles northeast; \$15 per night; no hookups but bathrooms and showers, no reservations.

**Holly River State Park**, (304) 493-6353; 33 miles south; \$19 per night; electric hookups only.

**Stonewall Jackson Lake**, (304) 269-7400; 24 miles; \$29 per night, plus \$6 "handling fee," 10% discount for those over 60; reservations suggested.

Other nearby camping sites:

**Pioneer Campground**, (304) 924-5810; 13 miles, in French Creek, W.Va.; from \$14; some full hookups available.

**Stonewall Campground**, (304) 472-7226; 5 miles.

**Middle Fork River Resort**, (304) 472-1010; near Audra State Park.

If you have any questions that the Host Committee can help you with, contact Conference Registrars Chad and Laura Lee Modesitt, 171 E. Main St., Salem, WV 26426. Call (304) 782-3161 or e-mail: [cwmodesitt@hotmail.com](mailto:cwmodesitt@hotmail.com); or call the Salem church at (304) 782-3525 and leave a message if no one is there. **SR**

# A lesson from the Garden of Eden

Every quarter, our Sabbath School here in Ghana, Africa, marks a special celebration day called "13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath."

Each member invites at least one friend to church. During this time, we review the lessons studied, recite the memorized key verses, and we eat together.

But this quarter reached a very special and exciting level as we were all sensitized on the importance of fruit and vegetables that we code-named "Lesson from Eden."

Adam and Eve were created in the likeness of God and the noblest of all Creation. God built them not a castle or a magnificent mansion, but made for them a garden for their home. Why?

And God gave to us fruit and vegetables for food. Why? (And God said, behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed, to thou it shall be for meat... Gen. 1:29). Because He is the all-knowing God Who knows what is best for us.

Even though fruits and vegetables cost more in the market compared to other foodstuffs, we learned that we don't eat just for survival; we eat to live healthily. All members and visitors heeded the call and brought in quantity many kinds of fresh fruits.

We explained the nutritional values of each. E.g., oranges protect the body against diseases, etc. After the teachings, we all with one heart of joy shared the fruits among ourselves.

In fact, after the entire program, the feedback we heard from some of the members and the visiting friends was much inspiring.

Oh, what a memorable day we had! **SR**



*The Mataheko branch church in Ghana, Africa.*



*After the lesson studies and memory verse recitation, many kinds of fruit were served during this "13<sup>th</sup> Sabbath" celebration.*



*Madam Janet Arthur and Pastor Frank Aidoo serve church member Grace Boaman.*

## A special invitation

Travelers heading to General Conference (U.S.A. and Canada) are invited to attend Sabbath services on July 31 at one of our West Virginia churches.

Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. in Lost Creek and at 10:00 a.m. in Salem. Both churches plan a fellowship dinner that day, with special invitations

to out-of-town guests.

The Lost Creek church is located within sight of Exit 110 off of I-79, eight miles south of Clarksburg (25 miles from the Conference site in Buckhannon).

Salem is 15 miles west of Clarksburg, just off of U.S. Rt. 50. Take any Salem exit to 171 E. Main St.

# Pastor ordained, then sworn in

The New Auburn, Wis., SDB Church held a service of ordination for Pastor Jerry Johnson on April 17, 2004. Just over two weeks later, on May 4, Pastor Johnson was sworn in as a full-time, active duty Chaplain in the United States Army. Chaplain (Major) Steve Szasz conducted the ceremony at Ft. McCoy near Tomah, Wis.

The church knew of their pastor's impending orders, so the day of ordination included a time of touching tributes and words of many thanks to Jerry and his family. As part of the "Semi-Annual" meetings of the northern Wisconsin and Minnesota

churches, there was plenty of special music, food, and fellowship. Speakers for the weekend included Pastors Dale Rood, Michael Burns, and Don Sanford, with Gordon Lawton and Kevin Butler as denominational representatives.

Johnson reports on June 2 to Chaplain Officer Basic Course at Ft. Jackson outside Columbia, S.C., followed by his first duty assignment at Ft. Drum in northern New York. Jerry believes that God really does have a sense of humor in sending him to a base that is about 20 miles from the Adams Center SDB Church, where his New Auburn

predecessor Dale Smalley serves.

At Ft. Drum, Jerry will enter as a captain and serve the 10th Mountain Division in a yet-to-be-determined capacity. This light infantry division was crucial in the war in Afghanistan,

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***In the chaplaincy,  
Jerry will officially  
represent the  
Seventh Day  
Baptist General  
Conference.***

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*Chaplain Steve Szasz (left) welcomes Pastor Johnson into the U.S. Army.*



*The Johnsons will be moving to northern New York state.*



*The "laying on of hands" at Jerry Johnson's ordination.*

and recently had 5,000 of its 11,000 troops called to Iraq for a rotation at the end of June. Pastor Jerry will miss that deployment, praise the Lord.

Johnson served in New Auburn since September 2000, after being at the Pine Street Gospel Chapel in Middletown, Conn. His seminary degree is from the Northeast Branch of Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Schenectady, N.Y. He has finished the third year of Doctor of Ministry studies at Columbia Biblical Seminary (South Carolina) and plans to work on his dissertation next summer. His wife Carrie just completed an Associate of Arts and Science program and plans to pursue the rest of her nursing degree in New York. The four boys are excited about a new challenge.

In the chaplaincy, Jerry will officially represent the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference of the United States and Canada. It is an exciting ministry, especially in such a crucial time of our nation's history.

Youth Pastor Wayne North will become Interim Pastor in New Auburn. **SR**

## New members

### Fort Lauderdale, FL

*Andrew Samuels, pastor*

Joined after baptism

Theodore Davis  
Kamar Mitchell  
Lauren Philibert  
Lloyd Wright

Joined after testimony

Val Bennett  
Olga Bennett

### Miami, FL

*Andrew Samuels, pastor*

Joined after baptism

Jaidean Buddle  
Ashley Henry  
Garfield Malcolm  
Stephen Murphy

Joined after testimony

Dreyfus Brown  
Yolanda Brown

### Raritan Valley

**Bridgewater, NJ**

*Jeanne Yurke, pastor*

Joined after testimony

Frank Weisneck  
Joined by letter  
Jeannette Duryea

### Riverside, CA

*Gabriel Bejjani, pastor*

Joined after baptism

William Briscoe  
Amber Briscoe  
Joseph Pradetto Jr.

Joined by letter

Vernon Burke  
Alma Burke  
Carlton Clark  
Maretta Jackson  
Judith Maxson  
Marvalee Mosse

Joined after testimony

Nicole Winkfield

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## From President Dale Thorngate



Greetings, my brothers and sisters in Christ.

I consider it a real honor to be your Conference President this year, an exciting time with new leadership com-

ing on board. Rob Appel will be assuming the duties of Executive Director for the General Conference, and Morgan Shepard will come on soon as the new Financial Director for the Conference and Memorial Fund Trustees.

I come to you on behalf of the General Council, with a concern for the current financial condition of our work as we begin this new era in the life of our denomination. This is both a request for prayer and for your help in communicating the need.

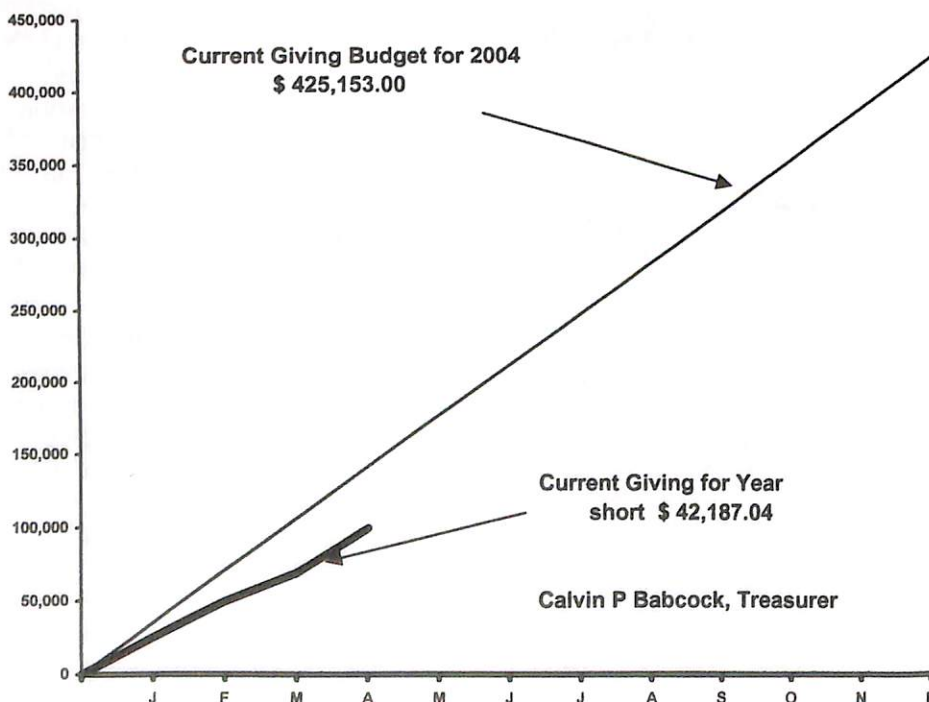
Recently, your General Council held a long conference call focused on the 2005 budget. This was after each board and agency had already spent a great deal of time putting together their individual budgets.

Since then, I have been on the phone with our General Services Administrator/Treasurer, Calvin Babcock. He reports that we are short of our 2004 budget goal for this time of year by \$42,000.

My request is a simple one: Please pray about this need, evaluate your own resources, and send an additional contribution for the Denominational Budget immediately. The situation is particularly critical for the Center on Ministry (COM), and the Tract and Communication Council. Send as you can—to your particular interest, if you will—but money is needed now!

I thank you in advance, because I know that all of you care about the work of Seventh Day Baptists, ministering in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. *SR*

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# Obituaries

**Cruzan.**—Shirley A. Cruzan, 83, of White Cloud, Mich., passed away on March 25, 2004, at Nelson's Adult Foster Care Home following a long illness.

She was born on July 20, 1920, in Boulder, Colo., the daughter of Roy and Minnie (Potter) Davis. She married Don Cruzan on November 17, 1945, in Boulder, and shortly thereafter moved to White Cloud.

Married for 58 years, Shirley was a homemaker who enjoyed knitting, crocheting, painting, and traveling to church conferences around the country. She was a member of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church and active in its Women's Circle.

In addition to her husband, Don, of White Cloud, survivors include two sons, Sam and Dale, both of White Cloud; one daughter, Janis May of Walker, Mich.; three sisters, Juanita and Dorothy Lusic, both of Ventura, Calif., and Ruth Cruzan of White Cloud; one brother, LeRoy Davis, of La Junta, Colo.; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, Duane Davis; and by two sisters, Barbara White and Marilyn Davis.

Funeral services were held on March 31, 2004, at the Crandell Funeral Home in White Cloud, with Pastor Bernie Wethington officiating. Interment was in the White Cloud Cemetery.

**Severance.**—Cecil F. Severance, 93, of North Loup, Neb., passed away on March 28, 2004, at the Valley County Nursing Home in Ord, Neb.

He was born on December 25, 1910, in Grand Island, Neb., the son of Carl and Corabelle (Whitney) Severance. He grew up in Grand Island, where he received his education.

In 1926, Cecil moved with his father to Arkansas and worked at a sawmill. He was employed in New

Jersey for a summer, then returned to Nebraska.

On November 14, 1936, Cecil married Beth Williams in North Loup. The couple raised six children in a farm house outside of town. Beth died in 1960 of leukemia.

On June 16, 1968, Cecil married Bonnie (Babcock) Keown in North Loup. This added four more children to the home. Cecil's family was completed where he and Bonnie had a son of their own.

Cecil worked for W.O. Zangger and other farmers in the North Loup area. He also ran a cream and milk route, and was the custodian for the Elementary School until retiring in 1983.

He was very active in the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving as a deacon for 64 years.

His life revolved around his faith in God, his family, church, work, and involvement in the Lion's Club and Headstart School. He also enjoyed flowers and gardening.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie, of North Loup; five sons, Brice of North Loup, Cletus of Brighton, Colo., Keith and Christopher, both of Longmont, Colo., and Galen of Glendale, Ariz.; two daughters, Katherine Dutcher of North Loup and Shirley Cargill of Scotia, Neb.; three stepsons, Dr. Bernie Keown of Ord, Terry Keown of Prescott, Ariz., and Tom Keown of Whiting; one stepdaughter, Colleen Reichert of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; 24 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. In addition to his first wife, Beth, he was preceded in death by four brothers, Leslie, Leighton, Clifton, and Chester, and by three sisters—Lillian Marshall, Lucille Keelan, and Mary Severance.

Funeral services were held on April 2, 2004, at the North Loup SDB Church, with Rev. Christian Mattison officiating. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

**Wilson.**—Dwight E. Wilson, 86, of Westerly, R.I., died on April 9, 2004, at the Westerly Hospital.

He was born in Perrysville, Ohio, on February 24, 1918, the son of Jacob and Myrna (McDowell) Wilson. He was the beloved husband of the late Wilna B. Wilson.

Dwight was employed as controller of the Westerly Hospital from

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## New members

### Salem, WV

*Dale Thorngate, pastor*

Joined after baptism

Glenda Myers

Daniel Nutter

Rae Ruiz

## Marriage

**Bernhardt – Wright.**—Travis Bernhardt and Heather Wright were united in marriage on March 7, 2004, at the Albion, WI, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Verne Wright, the bride's father, officiated.

## Births

**Harris.**—A son, Sawyer Clay Harris, was born to Joshua and Margot (Walker) Harris of Janesville, WI, on February 25, 2004.

**Barber.**—A daughter, Helen Elizabeth Barber, was born to Brian and Debi (Ellis) Barber of Grafton, MA, on April 17, 2004.

## Obituaries, *cont. from page 25*

1958 to 1976. He also was an accountant at the former C.B. Cottrell and Sons Company in Pawcatuck, Conn., from 1941 to 1958. He and his wife owned and operated the King Tom Guest House for 22 years.

Dwight served as town treasurer of Charlestown, R.I., from 1976-1980, and was on the Hopkinton, R.I., Town Council from 1948-1950. He was also treasurer of the Frosty Drew Nature Center and Observatory in Charlestown for many years.

He was an active member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton in Ashaway, R.I., and the Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly.

Survivors include one son, Paul, of Sarasota, Fla.; two daughters, Pamela Vader of Westerly and Nora Safford of Ashaway; nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on

April 13, 2004, at the First SDB Church of Hopkinton.

**Ruyle.**—Helen Louisa Ruyle, 97, of Gibbon, Neb., died on April 28, 2004, at the Good Samaritan Center in Gibbon.

She was born on January 1, 1907, in Bellwood, Neb., the daughter of Fred and Louise (Hecker) Meyer. She attended schools in Bellwood and Columbus, Neb. On March 20, 1929, she married Henry R. Ruyle in Columbus.

The couple had two children, Donald H. and Violet Mae, and farmed in the Bellwood area until they moved to a farm east of Shelton in 1948. In 1951, they purchased a farm southwest of Gibbon. In the late 1960s, they moved to North Loup, Neb., where they bought a farm just north of town. They joined the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church, acquiring a new loving church family.

In 1979, they retired into town. In 1985, ill health led them to move to Kearney, Neb., so they could be near their son's family.

Following Henry's death in 1991, Helen continued to live at Emerson Place Apartments until poor health forced her to move to Mother Hull Home in 1993. In January of this year, she moved to Gibbon's Good Samaritan Center to be closer to her family.

Survivors include her son, Donald, of Shelton; seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. In addition to her husband, Henry, she was predeceased by her daughter, Violet Mae Hansen, one brother, and a grandson.

Funeral services were held on May 3, 2004, at the North Loup SDB Church, with Rev. Christian R. Mattison officiating. Burial was in the North Loup's Hillside Cemetery.

## Purpose Statement for the *Sabbath Recorder*

The *Sabbath Recorder* is:

- a magazine of communication and inspiration among Seventh Day Baptists.
- a vehicle through which denominational leadership can communicate the mission, goals, and accomplishments of Seventh Day Baptists.
- a tool intended to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Sabbath, and to inspire readers to share that news with others.
- an instrument used to acquaint others with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

As an expression of Seventh Day Baptist thinking and activities, the *Sabbath Recorder* provides inspiration and information for and about Seventh Day Baptists; an historical perspective; and a realistic, positive image of the denomination.

## Help us meet our Purpose

Entering its 160<sup>th</sup> year, the *Sabbath Recorder* faces many challenges. Costs continue to rise in printing, postage, and labor.

**Thank you** to all who support this outreach. It does make a difference *all over the world*. (See Kirk Looper's unsolicited article on page 17.)

Please respond to this year's *SR* mailing. You will have the opportunity to join the new "Editor's Circle," and be a vital part of extending our printing legacy.

# KEVIN'S

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### Looking back at looking ahead

Now, I'm not about to confer the title "prophet" upon myself, but see what you think as I quote from an article I penned 10 years ago for the *SR's* 150th anniversary issue (*with 2004 comments in italic*):

I have a feeling that, within a decade, we will be amazed at how "old-fashioned" we were in 1994. (*Understatement of the, um, decade...*)

Right now, we physically paste up the *Recorder* in the proper "spreads," cut the color around the art work, and use a darkroom camera for photos and line art. We are learning to use our new computer scanner, which will eventually eliminate the darkroom work. (*The darkroom is now used for storage.*)

Within the near future, I see our information storage systems changing to optical disks, and newer software performing more and more intricate tasks while chewing up more and more memory space. (*Remember when the "big" hard drives were measured in megabytes? Even kilobytes?*)

One day, instead of delivering a large box of pasted-up sheets to the printer, we will hand our sales representative a thin computer disk with all he needs for printing the *Recorder*. (*Been there.*) That will be replaced by simply phoning it in to the printer via a high-speed modem. (*Doing that. By cable modem, no less.*)

Next? How about us downloading all the magazine info into your home computer (*coming soon*), or you accessing just certain portions at your convenience from your voice-activated wristwatch satellite transponder. (*Okay, that might have been a stretch, but we do have some technofreaks out there with WiFi PDAs. You'll have to ask those folks what they are.*)

Back to 2004 now.

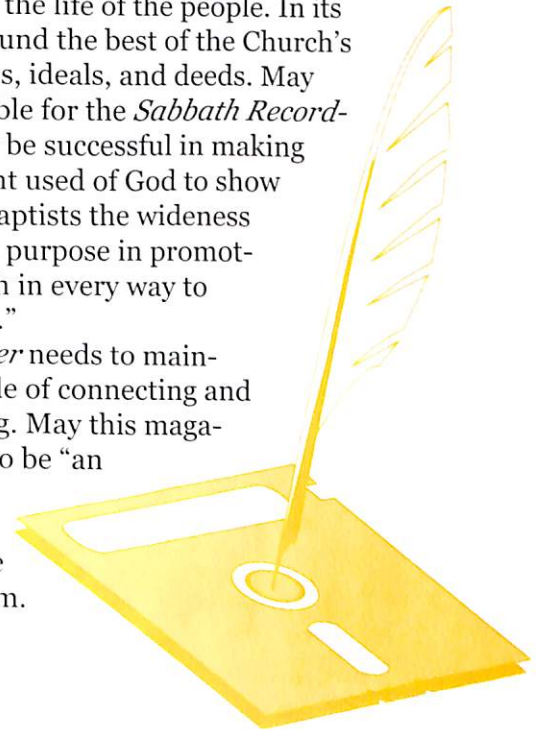
Should the Lord tarry another decade, and should He grant me good health, I know that I will shake my head at the "archaic" methods we employ today in producing the *SR*. (And, no, I'm not going to make a new set of predictions; the technology is advancing too rapidly.)

I am continually amazed at how the early *Recorder* newspapers came out on a weekly basis, without the benefit of computers, digital cameras, or the internet. Granted, they had huge printing presses on site—with a correspondingly huge staff.

Our methods may change, but not so the message. The monstrous machinery and manpower of the old *Recorder* Press have downsized drastically, but our intended impact must not shrink.

Seventy years ago, as the *Recorder* marked its 90th anniversary, then-editor Herbert C. Van Horn remarked, "The *Sabbath Recorder* is a living, vital thing, coming as it does from the life of the people. In its columns are found the best of the Church's thoughts, hopes, ideals, and deeds. May those responsible for the *Sabbath Recorder* increasingly be successful in making it an instrument used of God to show Seventh Day Baptists the wideness of its hope and purpose in promoting the Sabbath in every way to serve our Lord."

The *Recorder* needs to maintain its vital role of connecting and communicating. May this magazine continue to be "an instrument used of God" to reach people for His kingdom.



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