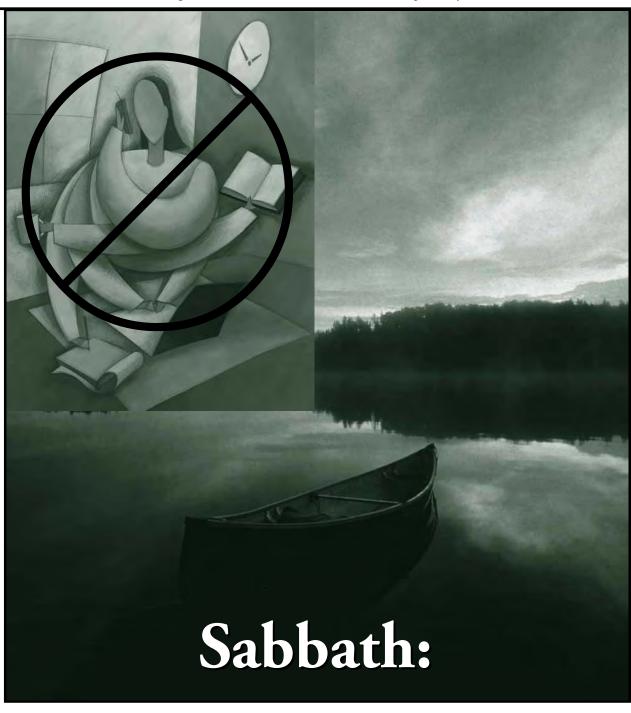


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News for and about Seventh Day Baptists



"It's About Time!"



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.
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"Sabbath: It's About Time!"

The 2006 Sabbath Renewal Day

Suggested date: May 20



Each church has received a packet of materials for you to join in celebrating this year's Sabbath Renewal Day. Sabbath Promotion Chairman Scott Hausrath solicited the material which includes a sermon, children's message, adult and youth Bible studies, special bulletin covers, and more.

Join us on May 20, because "It's About Time!"

New Directory

The SDB Directory covering the year 2005 is now available from the Center in Janesville.

The cost for one copy is \$10.50, which includes postage. For those who pick up a Directory, the cost is \$9.00.

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The 2006 SCSC teams and Project Directors will need our prayers. If you are willing to partner in prayer with someone this summer, please contact:

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Sabbath:

Celebrating salvation with delight

by Herbert Saunders

The Sabbath is a celebration of salvation. Each Sabbath draws the week to a close, reminding us of a unique relationship—we have been saved by grace. We are sons and daughters of a great God through the sacrificial gift of His Son.

We have
only one word that
expresses "joy."
But several Hebrew
and Greek words
depict various
aspects of joy and
rejoicing.

Because of this personal kinship with the God of joy, we celebrate our faith in the ultimate victory of the God of joy, and affirm week after week the desire to be faithful to the God of joy.

The Sabbath is a weekly reminder of a daily relationship and an affirmation of gratitude and thanksgiving. Isaiah writes: "This is the LORD, we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation" (Isaiah 25:9).

He reminds us to take delight in God by enjoying the Sabbath: "If you call the Sabbath a delight... then you shall take delight in the LORD" (Isaiah 58:13-14).

The English language is sometimes limited. We have only one word, and its derivatives, that expresses "joy." But several Hebrew and Greek words depict various aspects of joy and rejoicing, each affirming God's love and describing the joyous celebration that our observance of the Sabbath is intended to kindle.

Bright and shining

The first word is the Hebrew word *Simchah*. It simply means "bright and shining," like a 2-year-old seeing a lighted Christmas tree, or a bride rejoicing that her wedding day has finally arrived.

The Psalmist writes, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). "This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

The Sabbath is a time for joyous celebration. The faithful bring with them into the house of the Lord a bright, shining glow as they gather together to celebrate God's love. In God's presence "there is fullness of joy!" (Psalm 16:11).

This is the kind of Sabbath joy we need to experience—the quiet shining of the eyes, the sparkle of life that prompts people to ask, "What is it about your experience of the Sabbath that I want?" It is the delight of quietly and joyfully giving evidence that the Sabbath is a gift from God.

Leaping and jumping

Another Hebrew word describing an aspect of joy is the term, *Masos*, which literally means "leaping and jumping."

When Peter was near the temple in Jerusalem and healed the man who was lame from birth, that man, full of joy, "entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God" (Acts 3:8). It seems like a rather unconventional entrance into the house of God, but it expressed the joy of his salva-

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tion from the empty, unhappy life he had known.

We often "jump for joy." It may be that we aren't prepared to resort to this kind of behavior in worship, but we do it all the time at athletic events.

What God has done for us *ought* to elicit a desire to leap and dance for joy—to enter the sanctuary of God, jumping for joy that the Sabbath has come. Why? Because we have been released from the bondage of sin—our own personal "lameness."

When was the last time you "high-fived" your pastor after a particularly joyful Sabbath celebration? That would have more meaning than the often superficial comment, "Nice sermon, pastor." Perhaps we need to be "jump-started" to a life of Sabbath joy!

Shouting and crying

The third Hebrew word is *Rannah*, meaning "shouting" or "crying aloud."

The Psalmist writes, "Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!" (Psalm 47:1). The Hebrews expressed their love and delight in God with expressions of joy in their worship. They weren't whispers of praise!

When something extraordinary happens, we fly through the front door and shout, "Guess what happened to me today?!" The response to our good news is often, "Hooray!" "Yippee!" "All right!" or "Yahoo!"

What has made it so hard for us in our Sabbath observance to "loosen up" and let rip with an "Amen" or a "Praise the Lord"?

Again, the Psalmist writes: "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble" (Psalm 107:2).

In order to be heard, we may have to express our joy by uttering a resounding shout, affirming for others that we believe what we say about joy in Christ.



We believe that the Sabbath was given as a reflection of God's love.

Moving in a circle

The fourth Hebrew word describing joy is *Gil*. It has its roots in "moving around in a circle." It's the kind of joyous abandon that often brings out zany behavior—like a dog chasing its tail, people stuffing themselves into a telephone booth, or children frolicking in a mud hole.

Our Sabbath worship needs to be an expression of joyous abandon. The joy and thrill of our salvation ought to free us to become, without embarrassment, the "laughing redeemed" and the "dancing liberated."

God is to be *enjoyed!* Worship is to be *enjoyed!* The Sabbath is to be *enjoyed!*

One of the most prolific writers ever, "Anonymous," has penned, "Never put off enjoyment because there's no time like the present." Many Christians are "killjoys." We all need a solid dose of "Gil-joy"! It assures the world that we are willing to be fools for Christ's sake—even refusing to be embarrassed by celebrating Sabbath differently, with gusto and enthusiasm.

Delightful

The fifth word is the Greek word, *Chara*. It simply means "delightful." Jesus said, "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12).

Chara comes from the same root word as Charis, the term for "grace" or "gifted." If it weren't for the grace of the God of joy, there would be little delight to experience in life. Delight and grace go hand in hand.

What Jesus Christ has done for us gives rise to an overwhelming exclamation of joy. We rejoice in our redemption.

Each Sabbath is a celebration of salvation. Each Sabbath brings us to Jesus. Each Sabbath allows us to set aside the burdens of the week and bask in the joyous abandon of our relationship with God, Who created and redeemed us.

We should delight in the Sabbath as we delight in God because of His great gift of salvation.

When we observe Sabbath, we let others know that God is real to us. He gave Himself for us, and we choose to worship Him in return. We experience the kind of joy that accepts salvation as a free gift of God through Jesus Christ. We cannot overdo its expression.

We believe that the Sabbath was given as a reflection of God's love. The joyous observance of it is an acknowledgment of our love for God.

"Call the Sabbath a delight... and take delight in the Lord." *SR*

Rev. Herb Saunders is pastor of the Madison, Wis., SDB Church.



Time to draw closer

A Sabbath testimony

by Robert Van Horn, Conference President

A few years ago, our church hosted a youth retreat, and we selected the "Sabbath" as our theme. During one of the sessions, we were to use Scripture to decide if an activity was or was not appropriate.

It was very interesting to see the Scriptures come to life. The youth interpreted "The Sabbath is to be a blessing" to mean that if it was fun, it was a blessing, and that made it an appropriate activity.

I share this because the Sabbath, for me, has been a process of learning to apply *all* the Biblical principles. I know that even today you and I might disagree on how to apply some of these principles.

When I was young, I remember seeing my family "adjust" some of the applications.

I grew up with a pretty strict Sabbath observance. During the Sabbath there was to be no TV, no mail pick-up, no school or work activities. Food was to be prepared before the Sabbath.

However, as a child, I somehow missed that the Sabbath was a blessing. As I grew older, I began to see that the problem was partly mine.

Now, I am finding that the Sabbath has a purpose—a holy purpose. It is to be a blessing to my spirituality. All of my Sabbath activities should revolve around drawing closer to God. *Whoa, do you really mean all activities?* Yes!

Before you rip up this page, I would like you to think about parameters. Are you a father, husband,



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grandfather, grandmother, sister, brother, church member, etc.? "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath" points out that *all* people need the Sabbath.

When we further reflect on Jesus' teaching that the Sabbath was for doing good, let's recall that the Sabbath is not to be regimented selfishly. We need to remember others around us and consider their spiritual and physical needs as well.

What I now try to do in my Sabbath observance is to find ways to take the time from sundown Friday to sundown Sabbath, and keep it holy. (This also depends on what's happening in my life at different times.)

Friday evening might include a special dinner with Sabbath welcoming activities, followed by Bible games or some Christian movie or program. Some Sabbaths, a "Sabbath nap" is a welcome relief. Other Sabbaths, after-church time is dedicated to my family, with spiritual aspects included if possible.

Sharing the Gospel, serving the homeless, and ministering are certainly going to promote God's kingdom, so these are appropriate Sabbath activities.

The Sabbath, like all of our faith, needs to be based on Scripture and worked out with "fear and trembling." It is to be a spiritual blessing for both you and me. **S**_R

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What is Poieo? (Poy-yáy oh)

by Jessica Ryall

New Auburn, Wis.—Do you ever ask yourself: Where do I fit in the body of Christ? What are my gifts? Am I functioning to my full potential?

Do you prefer to work with people of your own culture, or different cultures... in a rural or urban setting? What gets you excited and how does that fit into God's plan for your life? What are you doing next fall or spring?

Over the last few months, God has been speaking to us here in northern Wisconsin about a project that we are calling "Poieo" (Poy-yáy oh). Poieo is a Greek word that means "to do" or "to produce." Found in John 13:15, it has become our theme verse: "I have set for you an example, that *you should do* as I have done for you."

Now the big question: What is this Poieo?

Poieo is a three-month training course designed to nurture an intimate relationship with Jesus. After completing Poieo, students will begin to exhibit an awakened passion and vision for the Kingdom of God, with lives restructured around spiritual disciplines such as intercessory

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prayer, Bible study, and hearing God's voice. They should have a clear sense of direction and identity as their own spiritual gifts (and passions) are uncovered.

The theme we've been given is: "He Do, We Do, They Do." Following Jesus' example, we will do much of the teaching through example. During the three months, students will have the opportunity to participate in worship sessions, intercession, classes and Bible studies, as well as community and cross-cultural outreaches that will integrate into the course of the school.

Course topics will include intimacy with God, intercessory prayer and spiritual warfare, leadership, submission to authority, servanthood, humility, and spiritual gifts. Students will also focus on such relationship topics as forgiveness, conflict resolution and communication, unity, evangelism, and reaching people of other cultures.

Since we are focused on helping individuals find their place in ministry, we will bring in speakers from all walks of ministry. The outreaches will utilize a wide range of giftings, some possibly hidden. During the last three weeks of the course, we will evaluate and design individual outreaches for each student to help them plug into whatever area of ministry they feel called to.

Our first two sessions will run during the usual college semesters. The dates will be September 11 through December 8, and February 4 through May 4.

With much thanks to the Missionary Board and General Conference, we have been able to keep startup costs to a very low \$2,000 for the three-month period. Students will live on campus, and the cost of the school covers not only the outreaches, but also room and board. (Praise God... This is a good deal!)

Check us out on our website at www.nasdbc.org. Poieo will be presented this year at Conference during the Missions report. There will also be an informational workshop offered during Conference week.

An offshoot of the Missionary Society, General Conference, and the New Auburn SDB church, Poieo

Wanted:



Students!

The best thing about a school is its students. The students we are looking for must be graduates of high school (no other age limit), lovers of Jesus, actively growing in spiritual maturity, serious about seeking God, and dedicated to finding His will for their lives and fulfilling the Great Commission.

has already received some solid support. We still need a 12-15 passenger van, a chest freezer and refrigerator, computers (and other technology), and furniture, among other things.

If you'd like to make a donation—or are interested in applying to Poieo—please contact Kris or Wayne North at (715) 237-2778. Or e-mail them at knorth@newauburn.wi.us or pastornorth@hotmail.com. To contact me (Jessica Ryall) about presenting Poieo at your church or Association, or if you have any questions, please e-mail me at ryallgirl@gmail.com. Sp



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Are you ready for this battle?

by Micayla Neher

"Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12).



Americans are fighting many battles this year—some way out in the open, some a little more subtle.

Many are overseas in Iraq fighting for liberty, while others are back here at home, fighting for their lives against a disease. But what about the ones who are fighting *within* themselves?

Many of us are fighting with our minds; or rather, we are fighting Satan who is messing with our minds.

This past February, my youth group and I went to "Acquire the Fire" in the Twin Cities [Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn]. The topic was fighting the battle against evil.

Satan tries to tempt us with almost anything our hearts most desire. He brings up our past and tries to make us feel guilty, or unworthy, because of the things that we did wrong.

We need to stand up for ourselves and fight those battles 'til the end!

In our Sabbath School class, we are digging into a book that expresses a man's vision of the final battle between Christians and Satan's army of demons. Non-Christians are also depicted in the battle. The demons are fighting inside the non-Christians, but they are just "riding on" the Christians.

We figured out that this imagery happens because we Christians already have Jesus in our hearts. Demons can't come into us because our hearts are already occupied by the Lord.

The devil is trying even harder these days to get us to fall. There is so much going on in this world that shouldn't be.

We have temptations everywhere we go. The media keeps saying that "sex sells." How many of us are willing to take a stand and *not* get caught up in that?

We need to work harder than ever to free our generation from all the corruption that surrounds us. We still have time to free as many people as we can.

Many people are watching you—to see how you act and how you "hold" yourself. You have to act Christ-like all the time.

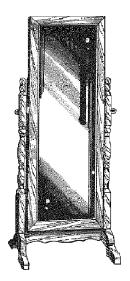
I know that many of us get pressured into doing what the world thinks we should do. But we really have to push ourselves to do what *God* wants us to do.

My challenge to you is to find some way to give someone the chance to come to Christ this year. I'm not saying that they have to accept Jesus right away, but I am urging you to give them the opportunity to decide—whether this involves inviting them to church, or simply showing them that you care and telling them that Jesus loves them.

If you hold yourself up in a Christ-like manner, then we can win this battle.

So, get out there and fight this war! Not for me, but for God. So





Reflections

by Leanne Lippincott

"Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face."—1 Cor. 13:19

Lo and behold—old and betrothed

By the end of this month—May 27—I'll be an old married woman. (And I do mean old!) After more than two decades of widowhood, I'm "taking the plunge" again.

Becoming a bride in your 20s is eons removed from becoming a bride in your 60s.

When I married in 1970, I was a sheltered, naive, almost-25-year-old who had never lived away from home. (I stayed at home while attending college and continued to mooch off my folks while working.) A few days after our wedding, Denny whisked me off to Minnesota.

Flash-forward to 2006, and here I am—about to become a newlywed again. I'm much less sheltered and naive now, a little wiser, and much, much older.

I recently attended a Bridal Expo where attendees had to register. As I signed in, a young woman approached. "These forms are for brides only," she curtly declared. Being a Christian, I refrained from shoving my engagement ring in her face.

Looking her straight in the eye, I smiled and proudly announced, "I *am* the bride."

So, what does it feel like to be betrothed at age 60? It's simultaneously exciting, surreal, and scary.

My main concern is that I hate change, and my life is about to change drastically. For one thing, I'll be selling the house I've lived in for 27 years. Plus there will be no more 11:00 p.m. dinners in front of the TV, and no more "chick flick" movie marathons. Hardest of all, I'll actually have to call home once in a while to "report in."

Over the past 23 years, I slowly adjusted to widowhood. I grew to enjoy my independence, and learned that just because you're alone doesn't necessarily mean you have to be lonely. I've been blessed with many friends, and I've always had a wonderfully supportive church family.

But, as much as I've tried to deny it, the "marriage butterfly" has always been cocooned in my heart. The bottom line: friends and relatives can't replace a spouse.

I always told my children—and others—that the only way I would ever remarry was if God brought that person into my life. I wasn't "actively looking," and I simply assumed that scenario would never happen. But it did.

In spite of my reservations, I can honestly say that I'm looking forward to my new life; to savoring its mundane and practical aspects, as well as the romantic and exciting ones.

Sure, it will be awesome to share a sunset walk (or a fishing excur-

Becoming a bride in your 20s is eons removed from becoming a bride in your 60s. sion!) with a man again. But it will be just as awesome to have a husband around to scratch my back, zip up my dress, and change the car oil.

I'm especially looking forward to sharing household expenses again. Widowers as well as widows often struggle financially, adding unhealthy stress to their lives. It may be a cliché, but two *really can* live cheaper than one.

As I prepare for "bridehood," I have several prayer requests:

I pray that God will bless Fred and our union; that we will always be open, loving, and honest with each other.

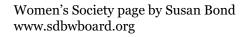
I pray that I'll be the best wife that I can be, and yet not feel guilty when I fail.

One of my most heartfelt prayers is that God will give me the patience and wisdom to be a firm but loving stepmother to Fred's 10-year-old daughter. (He also has two married sons.) Natalie lives in Iowa with her mother, but she'll be spending a lot of time with us, especially during

the summer.

I'm hoping that
Natalie will help
us stay young—or
at least, young at
heart. As she recently remarked
with a laugh,
"You're not old,
Lee. You're ancient!"

Hey—even if you're ancient, you're never too old to fall in love. See





The open window

Several years ago, I had a wonderful dream, maybe the most wonderful one I've ever had.

I was living in a light and airy house on the water. The most memorable, inspiring part of the dream was the way the curtains billowed into the rooms through the force of the wind at the windows.

I felt like this dream came true when we moved to our little winter retirement home at Bear Creek in Ormond Beach, Fla. Although it's an 11-minute drive from the ocean, I was in a house where I kept the windows open, and the curtains billowed.

Recently, a FOR SALE sign went up in front of "my" house. It seems God was directing my husband in another direction. (Rich thinks we should head back to our West Virginia home and regroup.)

We did pray about it, and I felt God easing my emotions a little. I basked in the comfort of friends and neighbors who teasingly said, "I'll never speak to your husband again." "Tell him I want my Bible back." "I'll tear the sign down in your yard." "Get yourself some really warm clothes because I'm going to pray West Virginia has a terrible blizzard every winter."

The realtors think our house will sell quickly. I tearfully said, "A person would be crazy not to buy it. This is the next best thing to heaven."

The male realtor replied, "It won't be long until you get your heavenly home." The female responded, herself in tears, "I don't know what to say. I'll try not to sell it too quickly."

Guess what God did the next morning!

I got up early and breathed this prayer: "God, make the desires of my heart match Yours." Within seconds, a song was humming through my mind: "Almost heaven, West Virginia... Take me home, country roads."

One line of that song stood out, one that I'd never really thought of before: "Stranger to blue water."

Now, I'm asking myself why I ever liked that song, since I'm so drawn to water.

One thing I'm *not* asking is, "What do You want me to do, Lord?" He has made it clear—with a secular song, of all things! Praise Him!!

In addition, God is confirming all of this in other fascinating ways.

In the "thank you" section of my journal, I had just thanked God for "the open windows with fresh air wafting in, carrying orange blossom fragrance and wind to lift 'my' curtains in billows across the room—a dream come true."

Then I looked up from my journal, and my eyes landed on the "throw" draped over our couch. Woven into the



cloth were the words, "When God closes a door, he always opens a window." **S**_R

Crafts needed for SCSC Craft Table

FYI: Children's items are usually in demand, especially something for young boys. So far, we have no quilts for a silent auction. If anyone plans to submit one, you need to let Marge Jacob know. (386-649-4195; jmjacob@funport.net).

We can auction off only one quilt (or a matching twin set) at a time, so the "first come, first served" rule will be applied.

Also, anyone who is into hat-making might be able to sell some red ones this year. See last month's *SR* for details about the Women's Banquet and the special red hat emphasis.



Pearls from the Past by Don A. Sanford, historian emeritus

Camps: Extension of pastors and laity

This year, with General Conference scheduled at Houghton (N.Y.) College, Camp Harley Sutton will undoubtedly be used for Pre-Con and other activities.

This camp at Alfred Station, N.Y., holds a special place in my heart. Not only was I the first director of the Association Youth Camp held there in 1952, but its very name pays tribute to my boyhood pastor at Little Genesee, N.Y.

In 1938, Pastor Harley Sutton introduced me to church camping when he directed a camp at Eggleston Park on the banks of the Genesee River. This spot became the site of successive camps for the Western Association.

Two years later, Harley was instrumental in consolidating the SDB Education Society, the Sabbath School Board, and the Young People's Board into the SDB Board of Christian Education.

One of the initial actions of that Board was to sponsor the first Pre-Con Youth Retreat prior to the 1940 Conference in Battle Creek, Mich. Harley and his wife, Madge, were on that staff, along with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph and Dean A.J.C. Bond from the School of Theology at Alfred, N.Y., University.

Pastor Sutton served the Little Genesee church from 1932 until 1942. That year, he accepted a call to the Lost Creek SDB Church in West Virginia. I remember my father expressing regret at the Suttons moving and wondering how the church could get along without them.

But Pastor Harley remarked that pastors have an advantage over the

laity when it comes to moving. Ministers find new challenges in the experience, but the "real life" of any church is in the laity, who don't have the option to move on to new challenges.

That point flashed back to me as I revisited Camp Harley Sutton a few years later.

The camp was appropriately named in honor of Harley Sutton. But as I toured the grounds, I reflected on the statement Harley had made to my father—that the real strength of ministry comes from the laity.

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The main building at Camp Harley bears the name "Burdick Lodge." It honors Harold O. and Hannah Burdick, lay leaders in the Alfred church who gave the property to the Association.

"H.O.," as he was known, was a biology professor at Alfred University. In addition to the property, he gave freely of his time leading nature hikes and performing other services at the camp. Within that camp are other memorials to laypeople:

•The cook's sleeping quarters is dedicated as a memorial to Lelia Livermore, who was camp cook for years, drawing upon her experience as a cook in the Andover, N.Y., school system.

•To the west of the Burdick Lodge stands the Sanford and Stearns dormitories.

The one dorm is named for my father, Mark Sanford, who had learned the blacksmith trade in that lodge building when it stood on the Alfred University Campus. He helped with both its dismantling and restoration, as well as providing some materials from his saw mill and forge.

Along with my brother, Gordon, he was a strong leader in the Little Genesee church, serving as a lay preacher. Gordon and his wife, Wilma, served as denominational treasurers for 19 years.

•The Stearns cabin at Camp Harley Sutton was named for Don Stearns, a leading layman from the Hebron church in Pennsylvania. He was such a strong leader that my parents named me in his honor.

•East of the Burdick Lodge stands the Crandall Dorm, named for Dr. Ben Crandall, a former college president who retired to Alfred and was active in church and denominational life. He served as President of General Conference in 1940, the same year Pre-Con camps were started.

•The recreation area was named the Langworthy Field in remembrance of Lynn Langworthy, a local plumber, and his brother, Edson. He was an auto mechanic in Andover, who served as chairman of the Camp Committee.

•The Rogers Chapel honors Albert N. Rogers, whose support extended well beyond his years of pastoral and denominational leadership.

The camp is rightfully named Camp Harley Sutton, honoring a champion of camping for all youth. But without the laymen and women of the church, there would be no Camp Harley Sutton. Nor would

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there be other camps in our denomination.

The camping movement for Seventh Day Baptist young people is sometimes dated to the mid-1920s, when Marjorie Burdick, an elementary teacher from Milton, Wis., led a girls' camp in 1926.

The following year, a youth camp was held near Ashaway, R.I., on property owned by Nathan Lewis, a layman from Plainfield, N.J. Lewis Camp is often considered the first of a series of area church camps.

One of the founders of the Pacific Pines Camp in California, dating from 1932, was Bernice Brewer, a secretary.

Thus our camps formed a bond among the SDB young people "from

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Cali to Rhody," as our Young People's Rally Song proclaims.

Other camps were—and are sponsored by individual churches in various sections of the country. Most of our pastors have been involved in camp leadership, as well as being campers themselves. Their camping experiences often led them into the ministry.

Some camps—such as Harley Sutton and Holston—carry the name of an influential pastor. Others, like Lewis Camp and Camp Paul Hummel, remember lay benefactors. Still others have more generic names, such as Pacific Pines, Riverview, Jersey Oaks, and Camp Joy, with memorials to both pastors and laity.

At Camp Wakonda just outside Milton, Wis., the main lodge honors Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. That building is accompanied by the Stillman Cottage, the Lippincott Craft Cabin, the Lottie Baldwin Dormitory, and the Roger Burdick Volleyball Court.

All of these facilities are important to successful camping, but no camp can function without the hundreds of donated hours. From cooks, counselors, recreational leaders, and bus drivers—to the spiritual and financial assistance of the churches and the cooperation of families who provide the campers—all are equally important in the grand scheme of SDB camping. SR

Denominational Dateline

May 9-11 Southwestern Association, Ft. Worth, Texas— Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Tennes-Van Horn 1-9 see-Gordon Lawton Toronto, Ontario, Canada Diaconate Work-10 California trip—Andrew Camenga shop—Camenga 5-7 Pastor's Ordination, Plainfield, N.J., SDB 17 Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, Church of Christ—Rob Appel, Kirk Looper Conn.—Camenga 6 Paint Rock, Ala., SDB Church-Lawton 19-30 Summer Institute on SDB History, Seventh Alfred Station, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Day Baptist Center—Lawton 6 Church—Kevin Butler SCSC Training, Camp Wakonda, Milton, Wis. 19-30 Northwest Days, Portland, Ore.—Appel Appalachian Association, Salemville, Pa.— 13 23-25 Alfred Station SDB Church—Camenga Appel, Camenga 13 First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Senior Camp Staff at Camp Joy, Berea, W.Va.— 13 25 Ashaway, R.I.—Looper Camenga (to July 2) Area Pastors Gathering, Verona, N.Y.—Camenga Rez Connection, Batesville, S.D.-Looper 16-17 27-30 Eastern Association, Pawcatuck, R.I.—Looper, 20 Robert Van Horn [Conference President] July Garden of Prayer Seventh Day Baptist Church, 1-12 Rez Connection—Looper 20 St. Stephens, S.C.—Appel North Loup, Neb.—Looper 8 SDB Missionary Society Board of Managers 23 June Meeting, Westerly, R.I.—Looper 1-4 Baptist History and Heritage Society Annual 23 Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Meeting, Washington, D.C.—Nick Kersten, Education Executive Committee, Alfred **Butler** Station—Camenga Central New York Association, Verona-Van 2-4 **August**

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General Council, Alfred Station

Houghton, N.Y.

Youth and Young Adult Pre-Cons

194th Session of General Conference

SDB 2006 GENERAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Houghton College One Willard Ave., Houghton, NY 14744 August 6-12, 2006

> (585) 567-9200 (607) 346-4770 (Conf. week only)

Registration Contact: Peggy Chroniger 5940 Rt. 21, Alfred Station, NY 14803

(607) 587-8386 confreg2006@hotmail.com

- •Deadline for pre-registration is June 15: Any registration form postmarked after June 15 will require a \$10 late registration fee for each adult (12 and up), and \$5 for children (5-11). All requests for meals and housing must be processed by the college two weeks prior to Conference.
- •On-campus registration:

Held in the Campus Center beginning Sunday, August 6, at 10:00 a.m. to late evening. Mon.-Fri. from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. If you are coming just for Sabbath, August 12, please pre-register. (See line 3 on form.)

About the **Registration form:**

(1) Please list all names as you want them to appear on the official nametags, last name first. Ages must be given for those under 18, as well as last school grade completed as of June, 2006. In order to give special recognition to firsttime Conference attendees, please identify yourself as such.

There is no charge for children 4 and under. However, all names must be listed to ensure that everyone attending Conference is covered by insurance.

(2) & (3) Full week or per day.

Registration fee: Everyone attending Conference, either full or part-time, is required to pay the registration fee. It covers the fee for use of the college facilities, for the materials that are produced and circulated, and for insurance on each individual at Conference activities. It also gives us an accurate count of the number of people in attendance.

Housing: Dorm room has 2 beds; ages 12 and up must pay for bed. Please indicate on **Special Requests** line if "high tolerance" (noisier) dorm is preferred/acceptable.

Linens (provided) include sheets, pillow/pillowcase, blanket, towels and washcloth, and a change on Wednesday.

Town Houses have 8 beds, Apartments have 4 beds and are one price. Ages 12 and up must be in a bed. Children 11 and under may sleep on the floor for free.

Meals: Meal tickets for the full week include Sunday, August 6 supper through Sunday, August 13 breakfast. "Lunch and Supper" meal tickets include supper on Sunday, August 6, and lunch and supper through Saturday, August 12. Children ages 4 and under are free.

- PLEASE NOTE: Due to our need to guarantee a certain number of guests, all returned meal tickets will be subject to a 30% forfeiture fee.
- (4) & (5) Banquet tickets: Please register for the Banquets so we know how many to plan on. (Prices discounted with meal tickets).
- (6) Off-campus housing: Please indicate location and phone number.
- (7) Transportation: Attendees traveling by air will be picked up at the Buffalo Int'l Airport only. Attendees traveling by train should choose Depew, N.Y., as destination. If you require transportation to or from the airport, bus, or train, please notify us of arrival and departure times by pre-registration. Requests for transportation must be made by July 10.

- •Nursery services: Nursery will be provided throughout Conference week. Hours of operation will be posted at the nursery. Parents using the nursery are asked to help for half a day some time during the week.
- •Room keys: There will be a refundable deposit of \$10 charged for each room key.

IMPORTANT

Sponsor/Health Form Requirement

All unmarried young people under the age of 18 will need to have their own parents or a sponsor over 25 years of age in attendance at Conference. It is **important** that those young people who have a sponsor register early, as all young people will be assigned to rooms on the same floor of the same dorm as their sponsors.

All young people MUST have the name of their sponsor on their registration form-and if their parents are not their sponsor, they **MUST** have completed the Youth Pre-Con Health Form and returned it with their registration form. Any young person trying to register without a sponsor and Health Form will **NOT BE** ALLOWED to remain on campus. (N.Y. State requirement)

2006 SDB General Conference Registration—Houghton College, Houghton NY

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Youth

YOUTH PRE-CON CAMP REGISTRATION

Youth, ages 15 (or completed grade 9) - 18 Camp Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, NY *Map will be in June SR* 4:00 p.m., August 2 – 1:00 p.m., August 6

Please Bring—Bible, notebook, flashlight, sleeping bag, personal items, one-piece bathing suit, towel, jacket. You may not use electronic devices (cell phones, radios, games, etc.) during Pre-Con.

Cost: \$95.00 on or before June 30, 2006 \$125.00 after June 30, 2006

(Register by deadline. You may pay at camp.) Send Pre-Con registration, two medical forms, and fee [but NOT Conference registration forms] to:

SDB Pre-Con, P.O. Box 115 Alfred Station, NY 14803 Fax: (866) 571-5879

Name:	Address:		
Home Phone:	Phone: Home Church:		
Age (at Pre-Con end): My fee i - Please make known any transportation needs i - Please abide by the transportation rules specif For more information see: http://ww My medical forms have been completed and my em parent or guardian. I will make certain that I am	ransportation to General Conference from Pre-Con. is enclosed. to the transportation person on the Host Committee. fied by the Host Committee for General Conference. ww.EducatingChristians.org/Programs/PreCon mergency treatment authorization has been signed by my in good health before leaving for Pre-Con. I will not unnec- e to abide by the rules established by the camp and director.		
Signature:	Date:		
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:		
Young Adults, ages 18-29 Houghton College, Houghton, NY 4:00 p.m., August 2 – 1:00 p.m., August 6 * * must be at least 18 to attend * * Please Bring—Bible, notebook, personal items, basuit, and jacket. Linens are provided.	Fax: (866) 571-5879		
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Signature:	Date:		

2006 Youth Health Information Form

This form and medication form must be completed for all youth (17 and under) who will be attending **Youth Pre-Con** at Camp Harley Sutton <u>AND</u> all youth <u>attending **Conference** with a sponsor, not their parent.</u>

Camper's Name		Date of	Birth
Address			
City	State/Prov.		Zip Code
Each camper will be intervi (Parents, please fill out and sign			
List dates (M/D/Y) when the Camper was against: Measles Mumps Diphtheria Tetanus	Rubella	□ Asthma or wheezir□ Heart trouble□ Diabetes□ Seizures	☐ Measles☐ Mumps☐ Rheumatic fever
Does the Camper wear: Eyeglasses? □ yes □ to Contact lenses? □ yes □ to Check the items to which the Camper is □ Bee or insect bites □ Poison Ivy, □ Posicillia	no allergic:	☐ Convulsions ☐ Fainting ☐ Sleepwalking ☐ Serious illness (sp	☐ Bed wetting ☐ Bladder/kidney trouble ☐ Frequent stomach upsets ecify)
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1. Signature	Phone	()	Date
2. Signature	Phone	()	Date

Please give a copy of this form to your sponsors so that they can make informed medical decisions on your behalf.

2006 Youth Pre-Con Medication Form

Standard over-the-counter/PRN medications

The following medications are available in the infirmary and will be administered at the discretion of the Program Health Director, if approval is indicated by camper's healthcare provider.

(In other words, without this completed form none of the following will be administered.)

DRUG NAME	ROUTE (Circle preferred formulations)	DOSAGE	SCHEDULE & INDICATIONS	PRO	THCARE OVIDER RDER	COMMENTS
Tylenol	PO (chewable tablets, elixir or tablets)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 4 hr pm for pain or fever > than	Yes	No	
Ibuprofen	PO (chewable tablets, suspension or tablets)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 6 hr pm for pain or fever >than	Yes	No	
Robitussin	PO (syrup)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 4 hr pm for cough	Yes	No	
Pepto-Bismol	PO (liquid, chewable tablets)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 30 min to 1 hr pm for diarrhea (no>8 doses /24 hrs)	Yes	No	
Children's Mylanta	PO (chewable tablets)	Per label instructions by age/weight	BID-TID pm for stomach upset	Yes	No	
Dramamine	PO (chewable tablets- 50 mg)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 6-8 hrs pm for motion sickness	Yes	No	
Dimetapp	PO (elixir or tablets)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 6-8 pm for nasal congestion/drainage	Yes	No	
Benadryl	PO (elixir, chewable tablets, or pills)	Per label instructions by age/weight	Q 6 hr pm for allergic reaction (hives, insect bite)	Yes	No	

Prescription Medications

(Please complete with natient's current regimen for both scheduled and nm medications)

ROUTE	DOSAGE	SCHEDULE & INDICATIONS	COMMENTS
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Healthcare Provider's Name	Pnone #
Address	License #
Signature	Date

Do not send any medications other than those ordered by your physician. A written physician's order MUST accompany all medications sent to Camp. (The label on a prescription bottle with the camper's name, medication name and dose is considered a Physician's order.)



It's all about love

As we are "Making Christ's Mission Our Mission," all of us need to allow the Holy Spirit to perfect one thing: Love!

There are so many scriptures about love. I would encourage you to get your concordance and look up the various references for that word. Then meditate on them; that is, think about what those verses are saying to you, and what they are saying to others. What implications and applications are there for you?

Look at the context of each verse. Why is it important in that section of Scripture?

As you meditate, seek the Lord's direction. Be still and listen for the Spirit's leading. Write down the conclusions and directions that the Lord leads you to.

Word is one of the

If we want to live a victorious life in Christ, we need to be filled with the Word: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

basic disciplines for the Christian.

Let's begin to think about this "love" by referring to the following scriptures [my emphasis]:

- •John 3:16—God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have eternal life.
- •Ephesians 5:2—...and walk in love, just as Christ loved you...
- •1 John 4:7-8—Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is

born of God and knows God. Spending time with The one who does not love our Lord through His does not know God, for God is love.

> Over and over in Scripture, the theme of love comes up. It identifies us as Christ's disciples.



The President's Page by Robert Van Horn

- •John 15:13—Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
- •1 Corinthians 14:1—Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- •Galatians 5:13—For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
- •1 **Peter 4:8**—Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude
- •Revelation 2:4—But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Over and over in Scripture, the theme of love comes up. It identifies us as Christ's disciples. It challenges us to love the unlovely.

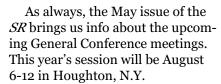
Christ came and shared that he came for the sick. We see that his love was for anyone open to him the demon-possessed, adulterers, tax collectors, and common people. Even for the Pharisees who sought to do him harm.

How does *our* love match up? I am praying and seeking God's empowerment in my own life to love in His way.

We have been made ambassadors of God and given the message of reconciliation. The only way to be able to share that message is by showing the love of God! $S_{\mathbb{R}}$



Why should I go to General Conference?



Those of you who have never been to Conference might wonder what the "big deal" is all about. In my travels around the U.S. and Canada, I often hear people ask, "What is Conference, and why should I go?"

Many people have wondered if they would be welcomed at Conference if they are not personally invited, or if they are not delegates from their home church. Let me answer this with a quiet

ALL are WELCOMED at Conference!!

You don't even have to be a member of your home church to attend the sessions of General Conference. Moreover, I will not be sending out invitations, so please just come as

The question I get the most often is, "What goes on at Conference?"

Too much goes on to write about it on just one page. That is what goes on at Conference! Let me give you some of the highlights, in my humble opinion. (Dusty, I can be humble.)

- •Youth Pre-Con: A four-day-long, high school-aged pre-Conference event
- •Young Adult Pre-Con: A four-day,

- Young Adult-aged pre-Conference event
- •Registration Sunday: Fun, chaos, hugs—"Where's my room?" exciting reunions
- •Worship: Sunday night through Saturday night
- •Morning Bible Studies: A great way to start your day
- •Reports: Necessary and sometimes entertaining
- •Business: Necessary and sometimes informative
- •Interest Committees: Twelve of them to choose from: the hard part is picking one
- •Seminars: Special speakers in the afternoon to challenge and inform you
- •Associated Conferences: Children's classes and events for 4-year-olds to 8th graders
 - Swimming, Kids Kampfire, special local attractions
- •Special Music & Presentations: SCSC, Pre-Cons, bands, choirs, and individuals
- •Evening Youth Activities: Bowling, swimming, volleyball, arcade, gym
- •Fellowship Time: All day, all night, and especially after evening worship
- •Ice Cream: We have been told that we consume more ice cream than any group!
- •Young Adult Vespers: Each evening after worship—all are welcome



by Executive Director Rob Appel

- •Youth/Pastor Challenge: From basketball to softball to volleyball-what's next?
- •Awards and Recognition— Sabbath afternoon
 - Robe of Achievement
 - Gold-Headed Cane
 - Sabbath School Teacher of the Year
- Craft Tables and Exhibits: Board and Agency displays/treasures
- •Women's Banquet: A special meal for our special ladies
- •Youth Banquet: A special meal for ????

For those who regularly attend Conference, you might notice one thing missing from this list: the time spent talking with old friends and making new ones. That's because it deserves more space than just one line.

The happy reunions at Conference are priceless. The opportunity to meet new people from around the world is available 24/7.

To me, the highlight of Conference is meeting new SDBs. Our theme song should be, "Getting to Know You."

The friendships made at Conference will last a lifetime. Your SDB Network will grow, and so might your spiritual life.

We look forward to seeing you there! **Sp**



FOCUS Ladies gather on Missions in Zambia

by Kirk Looper

A new development has been unfolding in our churches in Africa; namely, in Zambia, Malawi, the Congo, and possibly Rwanda.

SDB women in Zambia were scheduled to hold Ladies General Conference Meetings at the new Conference Center in Kitwe. A "joint-meeting" concept came about when women in Malawi learned of the gathering and indicated that they, too, would like to participate.

Set for April 25-29, 2006, our Zambian sisters ended up inviting SDB women not only from Malawi, but from other neighboring countries as well.

The small session eventually grew into a big event, with 10 people planning to arrive from Malawi, including the Central Africa Conference's General Secretary, Ned Lozani. A group of women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo had also confirmed their interest in attending, along with their coordinator.

The event's success hinged on how much money attendees could raise to help cover travel expenses, along with board and room costs.

Some of the women from Rwanda indicated that they *wanted* to attend the session, but they were looking at travel schedules and expenses to see if they could afford it. (Ten new converts from Lusaka, Zambia, had

already planned to participate.)

Discussion topics included organizing a Women's Society, women's work in the church, common problems in teaching and evangelism, and working with children. Problem areas involving these topics exist in most of the Women's Societies in Central African countries.

The goals of the women included developing the ideas that were brought before them, and then looking for new ways to promote them in their local churches. They hoped to encourage more communication among all of the countries represented.

This Ladies General Conference seminar was a milestone for Seventh Day Baptists in Zambia. They looked upon it as a mighty blessing from God, and felt that those who participated would be blessed as well.

With so many representatives from different SDB churches and Conferences planning to attend, the Zambian women decided to include the official opening of the Conference Church Center at Kitwe to finish out the week's activities. This is the same building that American Jeff Hazen helped build and supported so faithfully.

As one of the special events during the dedication service, they invited the Government Minister, in the office of Vice President, to be the guest of honor. He indicated that he would attend.

Members of the Zambian Conference have awaited this celebration for a long time. To them, it was a dream come true!

The gathering would provide the chance to learn some self-supporting ideas.

An e-mail release read: "It is a great event, and an appeal to the Conference in the USA is heartfelt. We need prayers to keep us bold and strong in our work for our Lord. We also need prayers for the organization, development, and execution of these meetings, and for health and well-being. We especially need funds to help feed the participants, equip them with manuals and supplies, and help with some of the travel expenses for those attending."

The planners felt strongly that the event would greatly help the work of evangelism in Zambia, giving them a sense of working together with fellow Christians in other African nations.

It was anticipated that the meetings would promote communication among the attendees and help put Seventh Day Baptists on the map. They also felt that the gathering would provide an opportunity for fellowship and the chance to learn some self-supporting ideas that can be used in their individual countries.

We look forward to seeing even *more* new developments in Africa in the months and years ahead. S_R



Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society in Zambia, Africa.



Faith defeats Dr. NoFaith in Shiloh

by Donna Bond

The Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shiloh, N.J., celebrated Youth Week in February. It began with morning worship on the 4th and continued through the following week.

Eighteen of our youth (okay, so I counted Bill Probasco) performed "Dr. NoFaith," an original melodrama. Mood-setting piano interludes played while Dr. NoFaith was defeated by 007SeventhDay-Baptist, et al.

With each new encounter, 007SDB introduced himself as "Bond. James Bond. No relation," referring to 10 of us in the audience. The play took a variety of characters (and I do mean characters!) to Kansas City, Mo.; "Church of the Faithless" in California, where participation generally consists of pledges made on their Website; and inside an active volcano on a tropical island.

The congregation, which included some community parents, was both inspired and amused as Faith conquered Dr. NoFaith and ooAtheist.

The service concluded with heretofore unheard verses of the SDB Youth Rally Song, summarizing the adventures of the Faithful. Our traditional friendship circle followed as we all sang the familiar verses of our beloved rally song.

After church and Sabbath School, a fellowship dinner was served. Menu items (suggested by the youth) included "mac & cheese," cheese curls, tacos, worms in dirt pudding, and "anything baked by Jan Bond."

Alas. Youth Week was not merely a worship service and dinner for young Shilohites and their friends. Its activities continued throughout the rest of the week, as they have for decades.

Saturday nights during the winter feature a church league basketball game with other area churches at our regional high school. On Saturday night of this year's Youth Week, an overnight lock-in at the church also provided enjoyment for the youth and their chaperones.

On Sunday, a family skating party was held at the local roller rink: Monday was the night for youth to enjoy their own families; the Youth Center was open on Tuesday evening with free pizza for everyone; movies and snacks were shared by preschoolers through 6th graders on Wednesday; junior and senior highers had a Hawaiian luau on Thursday; and finally-"as our custom is and has been for 30 years"-youth fellowships were held for 2-year-olds through 8th grade.

In recent winters, volleyball games have been added to Saturday nights for anyone equipped with ambition, courage and/or analgesic cream.

High schoolers currently meet on Sunday nights to draw more participants from the community—an effective outreach ministry.

This is the third time our youth have been featured on Sabbath Recorder pages in recent months. In September, their contribution to the denominational budget was noted, and the December issue ran a story on their significant love gift to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

To paraphrase the opening lines of the Youth Rally Song, "We old folks are Seventh Day Baptists, and proud we are of our youth." $S_{\mathbb{R}}$

"Pennies for Drips"

The Alfred Station, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church directs a Vacation Bible School program each year. The school (VBS) helps children learn about Christ-like living.

Children attending last summer's VBS, "Kingdom of the Son Prayer Safari," learned about the Lord's Prayer and Africa. Those participating were also challenged to bring "Pennies for Drips."

The pennies help the Faith Orphanage Foundation in Zambia, Africa, purchase water for their school and orphanage during the

dry season. These Zambian children have lost their parents or guardians to disease or floods.

> The support given to the foundation buys the children clothes, food, water, and medicine. The SDB **Missionary Society** and its Executive Director, G. Kirk

Looper, approve of the Foundation.

All of the VBS children were so faithful and generous in their giving, collecting \$208.48 during the week. Program Director Amanda Snyder thanks all who contributed to this worthy cause. $S_{\mathbb{R}}$

New members

Bronx, NY

Llewellyn West, pastor Joined after baptism Ida Mercado

Milton, WI

George Calhoun, pastor
Joined after baptism
Jason Yost
Mary Yost
Joined after testimony
Sharon Alabado
Sally Bancroft
Connie Doering
Lois Kobs
Dave Larson
Sue Larson
Cathy Sager
Judy Ziegler

North Loup, NE

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Paint Rock, AL

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Joined after testimony
William Gay
Karen Gay
Judy Waddell

Salem, WV

Dale Thorngate, pastor Joined after testimony Norman H. Green

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Marriages

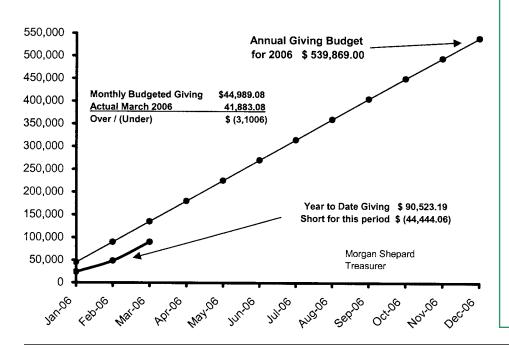
Propst - Cain.—Daniel Austin Propst and Ruthanne Jeannette Cain were married on May 1, 2005, in the Salem (WV) Seventh Day Baptist Church. Dr. Danny Franke officiated.

Green - Cain.—Norman H. Green and Christina (Rogers) Cain were married on July 23, 2005, in the Salem (WV) Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Dr. Dale D. Thorngate officiating.

Bryan - Fuller.— Anthony Bryan and Leticia Fuller were married on September 25, 2005, at the Conservatory Garden in Central Park, New York, NY. Pastor Joe A. Samuels officiated.

Hauber - Aikens.—Benjamin Hauber and Theresa Aikens were married on March 18, 2006, at the Emporium, PA, Alliance Church. The Rev. James Eastman officiated.

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Obituaries

West.—Juneta (Clarke) West, 55, of Bronx, N.Y., departed this life on December 15, 2005, at the Sloan Kettering Memorial Hospital in New York City after a long, valiant battle with breast cancer. She was the wife of Pastor Llewellyn West of the Faith Seventh Day Baptist Church in the Bronx. She was born on September 23,

1950, at Lime Tree Garden, St. Ann,

Jamaica. She was the sixth of eight children born to Walter and Viterine Clarke.



Juneta received her early education and Teacher's

Diploma in Jamaica. Shortly into her teaching career, she met Llewellyn, who was a principal and her boss at the time. They were married in Jamaica in 1974 and had four children.

Juneta migrated to the United States in 1989 and continued her education at Herbert Lehman College in the Bronx, where she obtained her B.A. in psychology, with honors. She went on to complete her Master's degree in special education with the Department of Education in New York City.

Juneta taught at four schools in Jamaica from 1972-1987. She also worked as a paraprofessional in New York, and from 1992 until her death, was a Special Education teacher.

In 1974, Juneta accepted the Lord as her personal Savior. She was baptized and became a member of the Blue Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Church in Jamaica. In New York, she joined the Faith SDB Church, serving there as church clerk, chair of the Board of Christian Education, Sabbath School Superintendent, teacher, and deaconess. Had it not been for her illness, she would have been ordained as a deaconess earlier in December.

Juneta leaves many to cherish her memory. In addition to her husband and mother, survivors include three sons, Ainsley, Xavier, and Shane; one daughter, Nova; four sisters, Marlene, Adella, Wallycinth, and Glena; three brothers, Alanzo, Clement, and Buxton; and a host of nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted on December 28, 2005, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in the Bronx. The message was given by Pastor Andrew Samuels of the Miami SDB church.

Burrows.—Harriet V. Burrows, 90, of Milton, Wis., died on March 2, 2006, at the Skaalen Retirement Home in Stoughton, Wis. She was born on March 8, 1915, in the Town of Genesee, N.Y., the daughter of Clifford and Donna (Jaques) DePew. She attended Friendship (N.Y.) Central School, graduating in 1934, with honors.

On June 27, 1934, Harriet married Newell A. Babcock. He died in 1946. On February 6, 1948, she married Philip F. Burrows.

Harriet was a faithful member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and its Women's Circle. She served Seventh Day Baptist churches in many capacities, including clerk, treasurer, and hosting visitors.

She was ordained as a deaconess while a member of the Kansas City (Mo.) SDB Church. Both she and Philip were great supporters of seminary students in Kansas City and Sioux Falls, S.D.

Harriet worked as a school librarian while living in Friendship, and as a bookkeeper during her years in Kansas City and Galesburg, Ill.

Survivors include her husband, Philip, of Milton; one son, Calvin Babcock of Janesville; one daughter, Carolyn Gould of Canyon City, Texas; five grandchildren, 10 greatgrandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one brother, William DePew.

Funeral services were held on March 6, 2006, at the Whitcomb-Lynch-Albrecht Funeral Home in Milton, with Revs. Don Sanford and Mike Burns officiating. A service was also held in Friendship on March 10, 2006, with Rev. Kenneth Chroniger officiating. Burial was at the Mt. Hope Cemetery in Friendship.

Births

Martin.— A son, Jacob Hurley Martin, was born to Duane and Jennifer Martin of Plymouth, MA, on August 28, 2005.

Wyse.—A daughter, Emma Katherine Wyse, was born to Ryan and Whitney (Rogers) Wyse of Lancaster, OH, on September 13, 2005.

Carroo.—A daughter, Jaylene Ann Carroo, was born to Peter and Denise Carroo of Miramar, FL, on September 20, 2005.

Richards.—A son, Najair Kehsall Richards, was born to John and Jennifer Richards of Lauderhill, FL, on January 11, 2006.



Update from Salerno

by Chaplain Jerry Johnson

Greetings from Afghanistan!

The first two-plus months here have flown by, with each day running into the next and the weeks going quickly. Everyone counts the weeks by Friday nights—the "steak, lobster, crab, and ice cream night" (although we have plastic utensils). Right now, we have about 43 weeks to go.

I have basically three areas of focus while in Afghanistan.

First, I'm the chaplain for the 4-25 Field Artillery Regiment. In addition, I'm involved in other units, attending all of the staff meetings, regularly visiting the soldiers at Salerno, tending

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PAT TILLMAN CENTER.

Chaplain Johnson stands in front of the base's Pat Tillman Center, named after the NFL

star killed in action in 2004.

to counseling needs, and conducting two weekly Bible studies.

I also write a weekly prayer newsletter for the soldiers here, plus a devotional article for the Family Readiness Group newsletter back home.

I'm also an unofficial coordinator for two organizations back in the U.S. that want to send care packages and inspirational materials to soldiers they "adopt."

My second focus is being part of the team that concentrates on the weekly chapel program at Forward Operating Base Salerno. I serve under the direction of our Brigade Chaplain, Major Charles Reynolds, a Southern Baptist who is a fine mentor and man of God.

I help with the Protestant and Gospel services, and am the producer and main presenter of what we call "Saturday Night Live"—tackling issues like integrity, being a role model, and approaching Islam. A recent session dealt with the Resurrection.

Johnson (r.) counsels with troops in Afghanistan.

We try to use video clips, drama, game-show questions, and straight-forward biblical teaching. I also conduct one of the Bible studies open to the whole base.

We are praying earnestly for revival to break out here. My Command Sergeant Major was baptized right before our deployment, and he joins me in witnessing everywhere we go. Each week, we see many soldiers come to either a first-time decision for Christ, or they rededicate their lives to him.

My third area of focus is conducting services at five other bases, averaging one every two weeks. This concept is called "area coverage," with various chaplains visiting places that don't have a chaplain. I enjoy getting out to do field services, and talking to soldiers from all types of backgrounds and circumstances.

As you can tell, my ministry here is rich and diverse. Because of many prayers and a competent allergist and voice specialist, I'm able to preach the Word with the strength I had when I was the pastor at the SDB church in New Auburn, Wis.

Please pray for my wife, Carrie, and our boys, as they continue to "soldier on" without me.

Carrie is doing great, but she often gets very tired because of all of the running to activities. Also, her load is heavier because she started a military wives coffee group in Lowville, N.Y. (Close to 15 women attend.)

Carrie's compassion for the young enlisted women with marital problems often causes her to feel overwhelmed. Nevertheless, God is faithful and has carried her through each step of the way. I thank those of you who uphold her regularly.

Until I write again, may Christ bless all of you! *S*_{**R**}



Kevin's

For the love of the game

I enjoy it when conservative columnist George Will writes about his favorite pastime: baseball. He comes up with all kinds of baseball analogies in the springtime, and again in the fall near the World Series.

Perhaps that's a good idea for me, too. Like George Will, I love the game.

True baseball fans can rattle off statistics and little-known insights of the sport.

They can brag about what players they've seen, or what stadiums they've visited, or how many foul balls they've snagged (one in 37 years).

With relatives living near Pittsburgh, I grew up as a big Pirate fan. Attending a doubleheader against the Braves at old Forbes Field in the late 1960s, I was hooked. In the '70s, I got to go to Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Stadium, with the great fortune of attending "Roberto Clemente Appreciation Night" before he was tragically lost in a plane crash. I reveled in their World Series wins of 1971 and '79.

A few years ago on a trip out East, Janet and I took the boys to see the Pirates in their new "digs" at PNC Park.

But a funny thing happened at that game. As the innings progressed, I found myself rooting for the visiting team. How could that be? What happened?

The Pirates were hosting the Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers—the team I wanted St. Louis to crush in the 1982 World Series, since the Cardinals were in the far superior (in my opinion) National League.

So there I was, in the town where my love for baseball began, rooting for the "bad guys." Could it be that living in Wisconsin for nearly 20 years had something to do with it? Could it be that going to see the Brewers many times had affected me? Could it be that listening to "Mr. Baseball" (Bob Uecker) announce hundreds of games had swayed my allegiance? I still perk up when I hear the Pirates mentioned, but the big emphasis around southern Wisconsin is on the Brew Crew. They're on the local radio station, and the games can stream through my headphones as I mow the lawn.

Team loyalties can change. With the Brewers coming back to the National League, that might have made my switch easier (since they play the Pirates

more often).

In baseball, the players change, the coaches change, the slogans change. Different managers approach the game differently, and pursue their vision of success to win the trophy.

In church, the members change, the leaders change, the focus changes. Different pastors approach the ministry differently, and pursue God's vision of blessing to win the victor's crown.

Whether it's the major leagues, little league, or a pick-up game in a corn-

field, it's still baseball. Doing your best, following the rules, and paying nor to the integrity of the game is

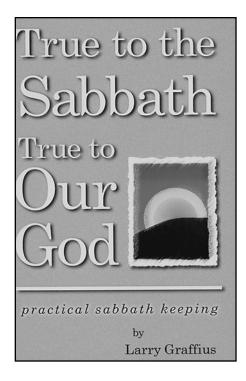
honor to the integrity of the game is what counts.

Whether it's a megachurch, country fellowship, or private devotions, it's still worship. Lifting your voice, following the Spirit, and giving homage to the integrity of His name is what counts.

Stay loyal to God, brag about Jesus, and be His biggest fan.

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