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and their churches**



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 a people with a difference.

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The Lost Creek SDB Church in Lost Creek, West Virginia is prayerfully seeking pastoral candidates. If you feel God's calling to lead our church, please contact Rick Fenstermacher at (304) 745-3841 or e-mail: raf4043@yahoo.com

The Shiloh, New Jersey church is sorting through their music library. They have lots of choir music and other music books to be given away.

Yes—given away!

Please contact the church at pdlchron@netzero.com or call 856-455-0488 to make arrangements. Get it? Arrangements? Music? Never mind.



Wednesdays for Fasting and Prayer

Jesus said, "Go into all nations and make disciples." Are we reaching even our own nation?

Last year General Conference passed an important recommendation. In response to the continuing interest and passion in church planting throughout the denomination, delegates made their desire known that each Wednesday should be a day of fasting and prayer to seek God's guidance in this matter.

Each Wednesday will focus on:

- Prayer that the Holy Spirit would reveal to individuals His calling to plant churches in the United States and Canada, and for a willingness to respond to the call.
- Prayer that a training program for church planting and missions reveal itself, and for the funds and manpower to be raised to establish the program.
- Prayer for the Holy Spirit to reveal locations where church plants and missions are needed.

Let's unify in prayer. Allow the Lord to direct you to commit 15 minutes of your day to prayer. Let's pray from 6:00 am Eastern time to 6:00 pm Pacific time for a renewed vision for our denomination in national missions! To God be the glory!





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Where two or three get together

Women's Retreats revive the soul

The latest "Simply Put" Women's Society newsletter highlighted three women's retreats held this year. Editor Jeanne Yurke hoped that other women's groups could get fresh ideas and host their own retreat. We thank Jeanne for spreading the word about these revitalizing ministry opportunities.

Laughing, Loving, Listening and Licking (cupcakes)

by Ann Pangburn
Verona, N.Y.

I've started to write so many times about the women's retreat we had this past March, but I've erased it each time and begun again. It seems so important to "get it right" and do justice to the treasure—the gift—that Jesus gave all of us who gathered from 10 churches and as many cities to sit at Jesus' Throne for two days.

The old song says, "And we walked with Him and we talked with Him..." We did that deeply. Added to it was the amazing blessing of laughing with Him. Laughter in the throne room with the King of kings: what a wonder!

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comediennes' stories and allowed His love, His healing, His joy to go deeply into our hearts. One woman wrote a thank-you saying that she had grown closer to the Lord than she'd ever been, and that the Lord

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*The Verona, N.Y., SDB Church
meetinghouse and fellowship hall.*

To Summarize

Location: Verona, N.Y.

Participants: About 50 women each year; women of faith from all denominations

Facilities: Stayed in people's homes (used church's fellowship hall in past years). Program itself was held in the church building.



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had healed up old things. He truly “bore our griefs and healed up the brokenhearted” as Isaiah said the Messiah would.

Some of the events that blessed us were Jeanne Robertson and the “Pashmina Toss Flip” story on video Friday night, teaching how to live out 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. Then Chonda Pierce (again by video) gave her testimony on Saturday evening. Both nights we stayed and worshiped till late, just enjoying His presence and one another’s, placing our praises and requests in the prayer bowls, and making new and reaffirming old friendships.

Two things you would never want to miss were the workshops and crafts on Sabbath afternoon. The Sabbath School lesson was on “What the Bible says about being a good friend.” The content was divided into three categories: Love, commitment, and forgiveness.

Our afternoon workshop was on “Good Listening” and 10 women suddenly found themselves in five skits that brought tears to our eyes. Fortunately, the tears were the result of laughing so hard.

The “Hello Cupcake” contest amazed and amused everyone also. Who knew that friendship with Jesus could so easily and creatively be portrayed by decorating cupcakes with frosting and candy? White elephant gifts and gourmet meals added the finishing touches on a hilarious, enjoyable weekend of growing closer to the Lord and to one another.



**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
BLANKETS+**

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We come prepared to receive much when we attend women’s retreat and we always do. We also give to others at each year’s event. This year almost 20 hygiene kits for disaster relief were collected. They were delivered to the Church World Service regional center in North Syracuse. Nice job, ladies!

One of the delights of women’s retreat is when out-of-town friends attend. Four friends from the Berlin, N.Y., church came. It was so good to see them again. They and two out-of-town Verona-ites, for a total of six, stayed with the Pangburns. It was a real sleepover (and a little more comfortable than staying on the floor of the fellowship hall).

I don’t know how we’ll top this one for next year. It was so great. Even though it’s a lot of work and an incredible amount of planning and sacrifice goes into it, when you get letters from women who call it a “mountaintop experience” that “equipped them to go back down the mountain and serve the Lord”... well, then it’s all worth it. See you next year! **SR**

Fourth time is a charm

Grace is like a butterfly

by Debbie Alldredge
Seattle Area SDB Church

“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.” That verse from 1 John 4:7 was the theme for our 4th Annual Northwest Association of Seventh Day Baptist Women’s Retreat, April 29 – May 1, 2011.

Our goal was to provide women time away from their busy schedules of daily life in order to meditate on the Word and enjoy fellowship with other Christian women.

It all began Friday night with registration, hellos and laughter—after all, we’ve been waiting for this weekend for a whole year. Later on we had our opening prayer, an ice-breaker and a great dinner. We spent the evening catching up and unwinding.



Little did we know that one Sabbath afternoon in January 2008 these questions: *What if we planned a Women’s Retreat? Do you think*

we’d have enough interest? Who would organize it? What would we do and where would we have it? would lead to this being our fourth year.

At a little conference and retreat center in Auburn, Wash., 20 ladies met for this time away. With a variety of ages, backgrounds and experience our weekend was full. Ruth Burdick was the study leader, teaching us about Grace. The butterfly served as our metaphor.

After a great breakfast on Sabbath morning, we began our day with worship and praise, and then moved into our first session on Grace. With Ruth leading our sessions and input from the women we had a very meaningful study.

As the day progressed we continued our studies, had some prayer time and free time. In the evening we crafted beaded necklaces with a



Ruth Burdick (right) led the Bible study on Grace. The northwest area ladies gathered at a conference center in Auburn, Wash.

The 20 women who chose to learn more about grace.



Recipe for One Successful Women's Retreat

20 Ladies
5 Meals
3 Days
2 Nights
1 Bible study
Lots and lots of fun

Mix ingredients in no particular order. Confine in lodge for 45 hours or more. Throw in some laughter, tears and joy. Serves entire congregation for many weeks to come!

butterfly pendant, as a remembrance of our time together. Saturday night we watched a movie, had lots of snacks, “girl talk” and went to bed tired but happy.

Sunday morning began with a continental breakfast, more worship and praise, and our final study time—with free time thrown in here and there for walks, naps and fellowship.

We finished up with lunch, or as we call it, “Refrigerator Review”: anything and everything left over from the weekend’s menus. No one ever goes away hungry. Happy yes, hungry no.

We look forward to next year’s retreat that will be held April 27-29, 2012. If you are in our area at that time, please make sure to join us! **SR**

North Central

Enjoying the presence of God and each other

*by Althea Rood
Dodge Center, Minn.*

What do the Three Bears and an indoor water park have in common?

The Three Bears Resort (in Warrens, Wis.) was the site of the North Central Association women’s retreat, April 30-May 1. The retreat was sponsored by the Dodge Center Ladies’ Aid.

The theme—“Enjoying the Presence of God”—was taken from Jan Johnson’s book by the same title. Each participant received a copy and several small group sessions explored various portions of the book.



“Enjoying the Presence of God offers simple, tangible insights into practicing God’s presence and makes them relevant to ordinary people as they dig in the garden, or rock a baby. It shows that continual awareness of God is not just for the ‘super-spiritual,’ but that anyone can sense His companionship in the mundane, in-between moments of life.

“If you’re tired of feeling like spending time with God is a chore or performance, *Enjoying the Presence of God* will give you the opportunity to surrender to His presence and enjoy just being with Him.” (Taken from the back page of the book.)

Lodging was at the hotel—we primarily had our own wing. Food included going out to a buffet together, Subway platters with fruit/veggies/dessert added, and a “Dodge Center Continental breakfast” with luscious coffeecakes, boiled eggs, yogurt, fruit, and fruit juice. All kinds of beverages were available, but a favorite was the “Jamaican-Me-Crazy” coffee.

We tried a different schedule this time: 10 a.m. on Sabbath until 10

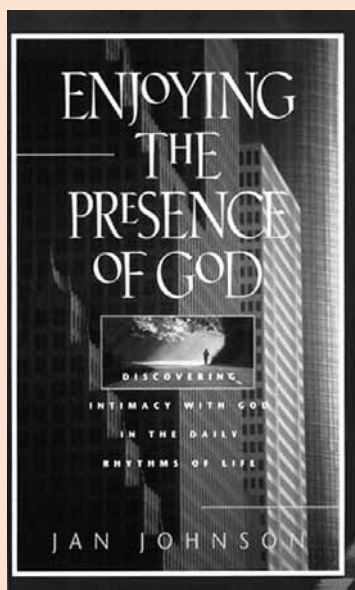


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a.m. on Sunday. It seemed to be a success. Worship and praise music were also enjoyed. Free time options included the water park, working on crafts, games, lots of conversation, and many snacks.

Next year’s retreat will be at the same site and is being planned by women from the Milton, Wis., church (April 28-29).

We encourage other women to plan a spiritual “get-away.” You will find yourself refreshed and encouraged! **SR**



Comments shared from the retreat:

- “I had such a great weekend... it was my favorite one yet. The lessons, the fellowship, everything, was just what I needed.”
- “What a wonderful weekend!”
- “Thank you for a wonderful time. It was spiritually uplifting... can’t wait for next year.”
- “I got to reflect and see where I am with God.”
- “I went home feeling refreshed in the Lord.”
- “I really learned valuable lessons and had a wonderful time getting to know ladies I didn’t know and getting to know the ladies from my own church better.”
- “Subject matter was the best. It applies to everyday life.”

JESUS and a room full of PREGNANT women

by Linda Bentz

Editor's note: The Lord certainly answered the prayers of the Bentz family (missionaries from Milton, Wis., serving in Lesotho, Africa) as Linda got ready to lead a Childbirth Preparation class. The angels are rejoicing over those who were saved!



“Love one another.” “Let your light shine.” “Be prepared to give an answer for the hope that you have,” etc., etc.

I have been pretty content thus far with that being my evangelism strategy. But our pastor recently challenged me to be bold in the Childbirth Preparation class, to present the Gospel message and invite the women to commit themselves to following Jesus. Maybe as a missionary it shouldn't be, but this was totally out of my comfort zone.

For the next several nights, I lay awake with a huge burden on my heart for these village women who may never again have a chance to hear the name of Jesus. On the morning of our next class I came across this passage in Luke: “And it happened, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, ‘Blessed is the womb that bore You, and the breasts which nursed You!’ But Jesus said, ‘More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!’”

The Lord was making it clear that it was more important for these women to hear the Word of God than anything else we could discuss. Having no idea how I would casually go from “labor relaxation techniques” to “death on a cross,” all I could do was pray fervently for God to take over. He did that in a mighty way!

As I headed out the door, I decided to put on my favorite beaded necklace, given by friends just before leaving for Africa. Each bead was added by a woman whose birth I attended, each of whom has a matching bead as a reminder to pray for the work in Lesotho.

Toward the end of class, someone asked about the necklace. As I told the story, I looked down at the charm given by my sister. It is a tiny boat. When she gave it to me, she said, “Because when you said you were going to Africa you said ‘I'm getting out of the boat.’” This led to the story of Peter, who got out of the boat to meet Jesus. As long as he kept his eyes fixed on his Savior, he was able to walk on water.

In an effort to encourage them to

comfort each other, the Lord moved me to demonstrate a back massage that will be helpful in labor. As two dozen women knelt on the floor of a crowded thatch-roofed building, one by one, to receive their massage, it turned out to be the perfect time to talk about Jesus washing the disciples' feet. How he came to earth as a servant and lived humbly.

When the class was over, all 24 of the women chose to stay after, praying to accept the gift of salvation and choosing to follow Him. Please pray for these women—that they would have the confidence to turn away from worship of other spirits and that upon returning to their villages, there would be someone to guide them as they grow in the Lord.

I pray that you will know the miracles that happen only when we get out of our comfort zone and allow God to take over. **SR**

Mark and Linda Bentz are from the Milton SDB Church and working with AIM (Africa Inland Mission International). You can follow their blog at mlbentz.aimsites.org.

College rights a wrong

by Kevin Butler

Pastor Bernie Wethington, chairman of the 2011 Conference Host Committee, wanted us to share a letter he received from the Director of Events and Conferences at Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

Apparently there were some problems and miscommunications concerning the Sabbath day lunch. Bernie was impressed with the response (and responsibility) of the college owning up to the situation and addressing it in the following manner:

Dear Bernie and Patti,

Thank you for choosing to host your 2011 General Conference here at Hope College. Your organization was not only great to work with, but several Hope College community members mentioned how friendly your participants were throughout the week.

The Hope College Events and Conferences Office staff really enjoyed working with both of you and the group as a whole. Overall we felt the Conference went well, but recently I learned that your Saturday dinner was a complete failure due to our own errors. Not only was this not a special dinner as needed, the error was compounded by the serving of pork.

Please accept my sincere apology for this error and for any discomfort it may have caused your participants. Your staff did what was needed in communicating your needs to our food service personnel; we quite simply forgot to implement the request. We all feel very bad about this situation.

While we cannot make up for the problem we caused, we will certainly not bill you for the dinner that day. Rest assured that if you return to Hope College in the future (and we would love to see you back), we will be sure that all your needs are met.

Again, please accept my apology. If there is any other way we can address this mistake, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Derek Emerson
Hope College Director of Events and Conferences

While this situation did not offend the majority of our people, we thank Hope College for their sensitivity and generous response. **SR**

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- 3-4 Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C.—*Appel*
- 5-6 West Virginia Wesleyan College and 2012 Conference Host Committee—*Appel*
- 8 Full Gospel SDB, Cumberland, Md.—*Appel*
- 14-16 North Central Association Men's Retreat, Milton, Wis.—*Appel*
- 22-23 Memorial Fund quarterly/annual meeting, SE Atlanta, Ga.—*Morgan Shepard, Appel*
- 22-23 Sabbath Recorder Committee meeting, Atlanta, Ga.—*Kevin Butler*

- 23 BCE Board of Directors, Alfred Station, N.Y.—*Andrew Camenga*
- 23 Missionary Society meeting, Ashaway, R.I.—*Clint Brown*

November

- 4-6 Tract Council annual meeting, SDB Center—*Butler*
- 10-22 Pastor Leadership Training seminars, Brazil—*Appel*

December

- 3-5 Coordinating Leadership Team, SDB Center

The music and miles live on

by Kevin Butler

The Milton College Quartet, circa 1926.



With this summer’s resurgence of the musical ministry “Stained Glass”—and knowing the group had to squeeze eight people *and* all of their equipment and luggage into one 8-passenger vehicle—Jane Lewis sent us this treasured photo of another touring group.

Jane wrote: “SDBs have a long tradition of sharing the Good News through music. The Milton (Wis.) College Quartet traveled to various churches and were the darlings of their generation. My dad was a bit younger and admired them, which may account for my having this photo.

“It may be from their visit to the Stonefort (Ill.) SDB Church. They are (left to right): Lloyd Seager, Maurice Sayre, Everett Harris, and Ellis Johanson.”

Jane provided some biographical info on each man, and we added a few more details:

Maurice Sayre was born in Dodge Center, Minn., grew up in

“*The Quartet traveled to various churches and were the darlings of their generation.*”

Wisconsin, and graduated from Milton with a degree in music. After earning an MA in music from the University of Wisconsin, he taught high school music in Illinois, Wisconsin and Arizona.

Milton grad **Lloyd Seager** was originally from Farina, Ill. He earned his MD degree and taught several years at the St. Louis University School of Medicine. Most of his professional life was spent teaching and publishing at the Medical School in Little Rock, Ark., where he was a charter member of the SDB church there.

Ellis “Doc” Johanson was born in Chicago, went to Milton College, then the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. He served in the Army Reserves (active duty during WWII, including the Battle of the Bulge) then continued his dental practice in Battle Creek, Mich., for more than 40 years. He served in many leadership and musical positions at the Battle Creek church.

Everett Harris was from Shiloh, N.J. He received his BA from Salem (W.Va.) College before seminary at Alfred, and then graduated from Yale Divinity School. After serving several SDB churches, he was appointed secretary to the SDB Missionary Society in 1952 and retired in 1979 as Executive Vice President.

Both Seager and Harris served as President of the SDB General Conference (Rev. Harris in 1947, Dr. Seager in 1950).

As David Pottinger sang in this year’s Stained Glass tour: “How will I be remembered?” **SR**



Women's Society page by Kristin Camenga
www.sdbwomen.org

My first mission trip

by Linda Greene
Dodge Center, MN

Let me make one thing perfectly clear: I am a great supporter of mission trips. Always have been.

I've supported them financially; I've volunteered to be the "designated prayer support"; I've helped to organize them. There's only one catch—I never actually went on one, at least not for anything lasting more than a day.

It took awhile before I started asking myself why this was the case. I came to the conclusion that I have control issues, and mission trips just hold too many unknowns and variables for my taste. I even told a friend 15 years ago that I felt the Lord was leading me to take a mission trip, and yet I never seriously considered going on one— not until last fall, that is.

I am the organist for two United Methodist Churches every Sunday. One week last fall a gentleman named Rod Scofield visited one of them to talk about a group he leads called River Bend Missions. They had organized eight disaster recovery mission trips to help Katrina victims repair and restore their homes. Four of the trips were to Alabama and four to New Orleans.

He was planning trip number nine last October and was looking for volunteers to come along. Although October wouldn't work for me, I was really drawn to the whole concept.

The dates Rod had picked for



Linda Greene leading her devotional time.

May worked for my schedule, so I signed up. They said they could use any level of fitness and strength, and I figured I'd be able to find some way to contribute. As time progressed, I found out I would be an assistant to the cook.

We ended up having a total of 22 people going. Over the course of a weekend we drove several vehicles to the New Orleans area, pulling a trailer with all the needed equipment and everyone's luggage and bedding. We brought our own food for the trip down so no one had to buy any meals. We arrived in Slidell, Louisiana, on Sunday evening in time for supper.

While in Slidell for five work days, the team split up to work on three different houses in need of repair. We teamed with an organization that hosts work teams and matches them up with homeowners who need help.

It is amazing and very disconcerting to see how many homes have never been repaired since Katrina

hit in 2005 and how many people are still waiting to get back into their homes—if they have not given up already.

The three of us in charge of the kitchen spent our days shopping, slicing, dicing, and cooking. We provided breakfast and supper, and the workers packed their own lunches to take to the work sites. One afternoon we visited the three work sites so we could see what was being done and meet the homeowners, if possible. The whole team made a trip into New Orleans to visit the French Quarter on Friday afternoon, which was very interesting to say the least!

God was very faithful to this timid mission trip worker. Everything went well, and the people on our team were warm and loving people with hearts to serve the disadvantaged and needy. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to go, and I'm grateful the Lord nudged me out of my comfort zone just a little.

I'm very aware that this trip was probably as "low risk" as a mission trip can get, and I don't pretend to think that I am now a confident risk-taker who feels no need to be in control. I do believe, however, that I have taken the first step in that direction, and I know God is faithful to complete the good work He begins in our lives.

During the week we each had to lead the morning/evening devotions one time. For my turn the theme was, "The Lord is good and His mercy endures forever!" My first mission trip left me more convinced of that truth than ever before! **SR**



Answering an Anniversary Riddle

Did he say '200th'?

In Joshua 10, we find Joshua praying to God to lengthen the day so the Israelites' battle against their enemies might be finished and their victory secured. Joshua 10:14 records that there has never been a day like it since.

In light of this proclamation, some might be concerned that our new Conference President contradicted Scripture while we met for Conference in Michigan. During the message laying out his vision for the next year, Rev. John Pethtel noted that he would be "presiding over the 200th session" of the SDB General Conference.

This may have raised questions among some Seventh Day Baptists who remember celebrating a 200th anniversary at our 2002 sessions in Houghton, N.Y. How can the Conference have *two* 200th anniversaries? Did God once again delay time so we could multiply our efforts?

As it turns out, historical fact can explain this riddle, and we do not need to reprove our Conference President for contradicting Scripture.

The official founding of the General Conference is often taken to be 1802, when the suggestion to form a Conference was made by Henry Clarke. Doing the math, this would make 2002 the 200th anniversary of the Conference's *founding*. This supports the 200th anniversary celebration which was held that year. We were right to celebrate this milestone, as it represented God's faithful provision for our General Conference for two full centuries.

The key words of our new President's proclamation are "*presiding over the 200th session.*" As it turns out, SDBs have used different schedules for the holding of our General Conference sessions.

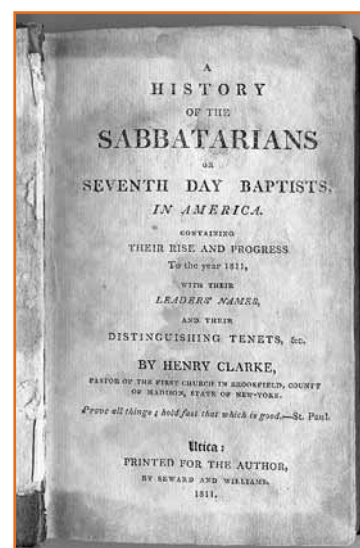
Starting in 1846, we did not have a yearly meeting, instead attempting to have sessions every third year. The theory behind this suggestion was that holding a yearly Conference was too costly and travel too difficult, and so sessions were held on alternate years from the Annual Meetings of the boards and agencies of the Conference.

After going through a trial period of this new schedule, the decision was made to return to the yearly meetings in 1861. As a result of this alternate schedule a total of 10 sessions were lost, making 2012 the 200th *session* of the General Conference. Our Conference is 210 years old, and has had only 200 official sessions, explaining both anniversaries.

Both are worthy reasons to celebrate. As we gather next year in West Virginia, we will join together as 199 previous groups of Seventh Day Baptists have done, to celebrate God's provision for another year of ministry among our people. We will gather to pray, to worship, to study, to fellowship, and to conduct our business—God's business.

While we're on the topic of 200th anniversaries, there is another that merits attention in this column. In 1811, the first official history of Seventh Day Baptists was published by Henry Clarke (the same Henry Clarke who proposed the formation of the General Conference). Copies of the book are still floating around in many church libraries, and would be worth a look. If you can't find a hard copy in a location near you, copies can be found on Google Books (books.google.com) by searching for "Clarke History of the Sabbatarians."

May this time of anniversaries be yet another season among SDBs marked by our diligent work for Christ's Kingdom, with fervent love for the unsaved and for one another. Are you ready to have a year *of* remembering and a year *worth* remembering? **SR**





COM updates

by Gordon Lawton, Dean
Director of Pastoral Services



Institute 2011 (l. to r.): David Johnson, Jamaal Fyffe, Owen Lynch, Gordon Lawton (instructor), Roy Burdick, David Fox, and Saul Alonzo.

Sabbath Theology Institute held in August

Six students came to the SDB Center in Janesville a week after the end of General Conference sessions in August.

David Johnson, Jamaal Fyffe, Owen Lynch, Roy Burdick, David Fox and Saul Alonzo spent time discussing the Sabbath from Genesis through Revelation. This was the culmination of over six months of work. Reading and posting to a class site began in February.

Drafts of papers were submitted and study was done to present a Bible text to the class. From Sunday afternoon August 14 into Friday, students had 37 hours of class time as well as time for connection over food, writing and polishing off the little bit of reading not completed.

Student Fundraising

Last school year our 13 Seminary Students successfully raised over \$17,000 for the Seminary Education Program. Thank you all so much for your support of their efforts!

The SDB Memorial Fund gave \$2 for every one dollar raised. This goes a long way to helping COM keep up the levels of financial aid that our Seminary Education Program students have experienced and enjoyed.

For the 2011-2012 school year, the Memorial Fund has offered the same matching opportunity. This is considered as training for the fundraising that most pastors have

to do. If you do not get a request from one of our seminary students and would like to, let me know (com@sdbministry.org or 608-752-5055) and I will pass your name and address on to a student. I have done so for a couple of people who spoke to me about this at Conference.

SDB History Institute 2012

The President of the SDB Historical Society, Janet Thorngate, will again be the instructor for the 2012 SDB History Institute. The registration form will be available at the COM website (www.sdbministry.org) in October and registration will end January 15. This will allow time for books to be sent to those who registered before the on-line portion of the class begins in February.

COSAR salary guidelines

The 2012 Salary Guidelines from the Committee on Support and Retirement (COSAR) have been posted on the COM website. Click on "Salary Guidelines" in the right margin of the homepage to view these suggestions for churches and pastors.

PROP Update

Contributions are needed for continuing support of the 11 remaining recipients who are covered by the "old" retirement plan. These recipients are retired SDB pastors, SDB denominational workers, and surviving spouses. Contributions to PROP (the Pastors Retirement Offering Project) are needed and tax deductible.


Pastoral Changes

Jim Schorr is the new pastor at the Foothill Community SDB Church in Montrose, CA (7/11)

Dustin Mackintosh is the new assistant pastor at Next Step Christian Church, Thornton, CO (7/11)

Haywood Floyd is the new pastor at All Nations Church (SDB), Grand Rapids, MI (9/11)

Evangelism Tools

There are links to various evangelism tools at the COM website, www.sdbministry.org. Click on the icon in the upper left that says "Evangelism Resources." *Share Jesus Without Fear* was just added. 



2011 Scripture Memorization participants

Living in the Fruit of the Spirit was the theme for the 2010-2011 Scripture Memorization Program. Approximately 200 Seventh Day Baptists completed the program, and more than 30 churches participated.

The participants are listed here as an example to encourage others to hide God's Word in their hearts.

The **Boulder, Colorado SDB Church** had the largest number of participants complete the program this last year, so they will hold and display the Mary G. Clare Scripture Memorization Bowl for the year.

The 2011-2012 Memorization program was listed in last month's *Sabbath Recorder*. Brochures were mailed to churches in August.

In addition to or instead of those verses, you may participate in this year's program by memorizing 1 Thessalonians 1. Additional copies are available from the Board of Christian Education. Call (607) 587-8527; e-mail us at sdbbce@educatingchristians.org; or go to



EducatingChristians.org.

The following people are recognized for completing the 2010-2011 Scripture Memorization Program:

Agape SDB

St. Albans, NY

Sylvia Clarke-Smith
Amy Damon
Ann Granville-Carter

Alfred Station, NY

Elaine Brundage
John Brundage

Linda Butts

Ivan Cherry

Nancy Cherry

Elianna Chroniger

Kenneth Chroniger

Madge Chroniger

Katelyn Dickerson

Luan Ellis

Kiersten Foster

Phyllis Mattison

Reid Mattison

Abigail Noel

Melissa Noel

Abigail Quick

Alexis Rao

Eden Rao

Heather Chroniger Rao

Patricia Richardson

Sarah Torkaman

Morgan Trudell

Mary Woodworth

All Nations

Gardena, CA

Gwendolyn Ewen

Melessa Kelly

Vivian Lynch

Jada Parker

Battle Creek, MI

Lorrie Bird

Nadia Bordun

Caron George

Elijah Geske

Tiffany Geske

Beth Jones

Nancy Makuch

Judy Parrish

Maryellen Wilkey

Bell SDB Church Salemville, PA

Esther Baker

Leland Bond

Lettie Bond

Beth Boyd

Lon Calhon

Eileen Claycomb

Robert Claycomb

Darlene Dimond

Lois Fletcher

Dwight Kagarise

Evan Kagarise

Jeannie Kagarise

Floyd Roberts

Ruthanna Roberts

Ed Sutton

Berlin, NY

Samuel Greene

Wade Greene

Boulder, CO

Hailey Fahrenbruch

Valerie Heath

Patricia Karlin

Gregory Looper

Jason Looper

Nicholas Looper

Darrian Muniz

Luka Muniz

Patrick Muniz

Phillip Muniz

Angie Osborn

Gabrielle Osborn

Michaela Osborn

Rachael Osborn

Stephen Osborn

Doris Rood

Cletus Severance

Lynne Severance

Matthew Severance

Shari Severance

Trenton J. Severance

Adalia Stephan

Pat Williams

Gretchen Zwiebel

Bradenton, FL

Richard Bond

Susan D. Bond

Laura Mirabal

Mike Spearl

Central SDB

Mitchellville, MD

Aaron Alonzo

Cliff Gordon

Pam Gordon

Lydia Thompson

Daytona Beach, FL

Everaldo Kelly

Leora Pinder

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FOCUS on Missions

Welcoming our new Executive

by Kirk Looper

We are pleased to introduce to you the new Executive Director of the SDB Missionary Society, Clinton Brown. Clint started working in the Society office on September 15, 2011.

He and his wife, Beth, along with two of the four daughters, arrived in the Ashaway area on September 5. Their daughters are Katie, Amanda, Jennifer and Melissa.

The family was raised in the Texarkana, Ark., area and members of the Texarkana SDB Church. Their work there included youth ministries.

Clint's background in computer and communications technology complemented his education with degrees from Texas A&M in history and business. His experiences include a stint as an Army Medic stationed in Germany and Kuwait, and some short-term mission trips affording him the opportunity to visit more than 20 countries. Recently he spent time in Guyana and the Philippines.

Clint feels that he has been blessed with a unique mix of previous work experiences and skills with a definite talent for learning the skill sets needed for this change in ministry. He has a desire for mission activities and encouraging those seeking to further God's kingdom. He is physically fit and responds well to traveling between time zones.

He has developed a great deal of organizational skills and technical understanding which will be of good service to the Society. He is a strong manager and has

developed a well-defined financial understanding of budgeting. These tasks will help in his relationship with other countries.

Another desire is to get our missions archives into a digital form to help increase their availability. It would also be easier to send a copy to the Center to be entered into their archives. With his techno-

logical knowledge, the work on the national—as well as the international—fields will increase. It will enable him to expose more people to the work of the Society and encourage more participation in the ministries both here and abroad.

He is looking into better communication through Facebook, the Web page, and e-mail programs, such as the Missions Advocate. He has worked with the Texarkana church as Youth Director, Sabbath School teacher, Camp Director, and Youth Group Leader.

As this is the last Focus I shall be writing, it is with pleasure that I hand the reins to Clint. I believe that he will be informative and diligent in his work.

Missions have been my main interest with the Missionary Society—and the Lord—as my boss. This concept helped me in my decision-making and goals. I give praise to God for the opportunity to serve His people. **SR**



*Top: Clint and Beth Brown at Conference.
Bottom: The Brown girls are (l. to r.) Amanda,
Melissa, Katie and Jennifer.*



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Excuses, Excuses!

by Rebecca Olson

Hi! To everyone who doesn't know, I'm Rebecca Olson, the new Beacon editor.

Yes, I'm Emily's little sister. And yes, I'm probably one of the youngest Beacon editors we've had—I'm going into 9th grade this year.

I'm hoping to bring a new perspective to the Beacon through my youth. While most previous editors write while transitioning from high school to college, I'll be transitioning from middle school to high school, a totally different change.

I also hope to take away some responsibility from the Beacon. As September 6th drew closer, so does high school. I am both excited and terrified to enter into this new world. I'll have a lot more on my shoulders, and I think taking on the Beacon will prepare me for that a little bit. So that's what I'm thinking as I tackle this challenge.

Something you should know as I write this article is that I'm starting it four days before my first deadline. Now, you're probably thinking, "*Oh boy. She's already having trouble with the deadline.*"

However, it's not my fault. I was informed by my sister (thanks, Emily) that my first deadline was September 20th.

Great, I thought, I can relax and settle into the swing of high school before I have any articles to worry about. But no, the first deadline was actually August 20th, so I'm rushing to write this before Friday.

I sat down to write with no idea what to write about. But now that I'm talking about my excuse, I might as well write about that. I remember a song that my friend and I used to sing when we were younger. The chorus went like this:

"Excuses, excuses, you'll hear them every day. And the devil, he'll supply them, if from church you stay away."

From the very beginning, we've had a lot of trouble with excuses. Just look at Adam and Eve. Who takes the blame for eating the fruit? Nobody. All I see are excuses.

Genesis 3:12-13 (ESV)
The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

"When people come to know the Lord, the devil always loses. So to keep them folks away from church, he offers them excuses."

That song pretty much says it all, doesn't it? Excuses are ways the devil keeps you from drawing closer to God. Even if the task you're making an excuse for seems to have nothing to do with the Lord, it still gets you in the habit of avoiding the things that aren't so fun.

Say you give an excuse for why you should put off the dishes until tomorrow. Your relationship with God most likely will not be affected if you skip the dishes for a night (though hey, you never know; maybe you pray while you wash them). But it most certainly gets you in the habit of excuses! It makes it much easier for the next excuse; like why you can skip your devotions for that night, or even why you can skip church that week!

The devil will constantly supply you with a steady stream of excuses for this or that. And the only way to stop them is to ignore them, and prove to him that they won't work. So next time you think, "*I'm too tired to take the trash out today,*" remind yourself that that attitude comes right from Satan himself. It will slowly but surely become easier to just get up and do the work—or, like myself, take the blame. **SR**

Are we limiting God?

by Jessica Chroniger

“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen!” (2 Peter 3:18)

Have you ever limited God? I often do, even if I don’t do it intentionally.

When I found out I had the chance to be in the musical group “Stained Glass” for the summer, part of me doubted that this project would get off the ground right away. There were concerns of transportation, practice times, and equipment—all things that needed to be discussed if re-starting Stained Glass was going to be a success.

I wasn’t really convinced that things were going to work out. During the first semester of school last year, we were left in the dark about many things that usually go on behind the scenes. Were they making progress? Are we really going to get to do this?

These were questions that I struggled with over and over again. I couldn’t make any summer plans because I needed to keep it open for a group I didn’t even know would exist! Things were just becoming stressful.

Through all of this, I realized I had limited God. I didn’t believe He could get this band up and running in one short year. Times were tough and communication was scarce. Things just were not practical.

But you know what? God did everything He set out to do and more! Since the beginning of time, God knew that a group of college students were going to try to re-

start a band called Stained Glass for the summer of 2011. He knew the wonderful people who would support the cause.

One thing that continues to amaze me is that God knew the situations and circumstances each Stained Glass member would go through in the year leading up to the tour.

He knew that people, including myself, would struggle with their identity in Christ, which would be addressed at SCSC training. He knew He was going to use Stained Glass to make an imprint of Himself on so many lives in one summer. In my mind, the need for Stained Glass was there.

Why then do we limit God? I can’t speak for everyone but I believe I limit God because I desire control. When things aren’t practical, it’s hard for me to let go. Stained Glass did not always seem practical. Starting up a band in one short year did not make sense.

Unfortunately, when I desired that control—when I wanted to know what exactly was going on, or when I was not allowed to make any vacation plans—things started to go sour. All of this internal doubt and worry became a foothold for other things to come into my life. At several times this past year I didn’t know how to deal with it all. Until I gave God the control over these



Stained Glass at Conference this year. Jessica is sitting on the box drum.

things did my heart completely go out to the ministry we were to be used in.

So ask yourself, “Why do I limit God?” When we don’t know why we do something, we will continue to do it over and over again. Knowing why you limit God can help you recognize when you are doing it and stop it. We aren’t perfect and we will mess up, but remember: smaller, baby steps are better than nothing. What God does will not always make sense. In fact, many will argue that most of what God does will not make sense. Our brains are finite, but God’s is infinite.

Here is a chorus I wrote this past summer. It helps me put things into perspective when I am worried or stressed about the future. I hope this helps you. God Bless!

“I will love you more
Than all friends, family, and gold

You dream bigger things
than I can ever imagine
Lord, I will trust in you
Lord, I will trust in you.” **SR**



The President's Page
by John Pethtel

Buckhannon, WV July 29–Aug. 4, 2012

Don't put it off!

“Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.” (Matthew 24:44, ESV)

I have had a few bad days in my life. (*This is an understatement.*) A lot of these bad days have involved vehicles and problems with the operation of said vehicles.

Unfortunately, these operational problems are often magnified by my laziness. Several of these days went something like this:

While driving my car I realized that I was driving on a flat tire. These things happen. After jacking up the car and putting on the spare, I continued about my business.

A week later, one of my other tires went flat. These things happen. However, the spare tire was still on my car. I ended up pushing the car close to a mile to a service station.

I was told that due to riding on the spare for such a long time and moving the car so far on its rim, I would now need an alignment *and* a new rim in addition to two new tires.

Here is where the bad days could have been prevented:

1. These two tires had 35,000-mile treads. I had put twice as many miles on them when they went flat.
2. Instead of addressing the problem directly, I caused more problems by driving on the spare for longer than was wise.
3. This all ended up costing me much more in the long run in terms of time and money than if I had addressed them up front.

Last month's *Sabbath Recorder* announced the Conference theme that God has chosen for us: **“Are You Ready?”** This has confirmed in me and many of you (thank you for your Spirit-led encouragement) that God is ready to move mightily among Seventh Day Baptists and is even now preparing us for the work that He would have us do as agents of His Kingdom.

This theme is God's challenge that we should get ready to be a **SOLD OUT, NO EXCUSES, WILLING TO DO ANYTHING SHORT OF SIN** people in order that we might save some of the people God has in our communities (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

Before our Lord and Savior returns, we need to get ready for revival and growth. There are some lessons to take away from my vehicular

mistakes that can help us as we answer our challenge, **Are You Ready?**

1. The tires were two-times past their regular life span. If there was some regular inspection of the tires, I would have seen that the tires had no tread and needed to be replaced. A lot of our churches are having bad days because they will not do an inspection to see what is outdated and no longer works, or what can be done to be ready for where God is taking them next.

2. The problem needed immediate attention. It was not taken care of immediately. More problems followed. Part of being prepared is not putting off problems to another day. Those problems will still be there. Address any problems immediately and stop blaming time or money or [put your excuse here]. Visitors to your church—and more importantly, Jesus—will not be interested in your excuses as to why we are not ready for them.

3. Lack of preparedness costs more in the long run than being ready. It generally ends up costing more money, time, and emotion to address issues later than sooner. The costs could really add up. And when we are dealing with the bride of Christ, the costs are eternal.

Are You Ready for God to bring His Kingdom growth into Seventh Day Baptist churches? If yes, share with others what God is doing in your church to facilitate and prepare for this growth. If not, are you spiritually, relationally, financially, and actively ready for your church to grow? **SR**



by Executive Director
Rob Appel

Too often misinformed

We had a great Conference this year. We really did! It was full of harmony, unity, and fellowship—on the surface, that is. Underlying the great outward showing of accord was still a bit of “misinformation” being bantered around.

The General Council made a bold statement in their report about gossip and the fact that we need to repent of the times we have misspoken or given misinformation. The General Council shared:

“Scripture tells us to *‘Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear’* (Ephesians 4:29).

“The General Council has seen that we have sometimes fallen short in being loving and encouraging in our speech and actions toward each other. We have passively listened to speech that should be corrected. We have sometimes spoken when we should have been silent. This failure has damaged relationships with God, between individuals, in churches, and in the Conference.

“As your leaders, we will strive, with the help of God, to be examples in speech and conduct. We will make every effort to guard ourselves and our Conference so that our discussion and actions are pleasing to God and edifying to each other.”

Misinformation is false or inaccurate information that is spread unintentionally. It is simply erroneous, while **disinformation**, in contrast, is intended to mislead. Disinformation is false or inaccurate information that is spread deliberately to turn genuine information useless. It is an act of deception.

Misinformation often arises from poor research, biases, and misinterpretations. Misinformation may also originate from disinformation—when the goal of the disinformation is to recruit unwitting individuals into propagating misinformation. Distinguishing between misinformation and disinformation is usually difficult.

With that said, there is a lot of untrue information that gets bantered around about our ministries. We hear these often enough that we need to put a stop to this! It amounts to nothing more than gossip... especially if we haven’t checked out the facts. We just experienced some of this at Conference where a little information, and a lot of wanted expected outcome, can cause a leap in rationale and the sharing of false information.

Misinformation can be used to cover-up shortcomings or discredit another entity so they are not seen in a favorable light. Even when people realize the facts have been fabricated

it cannot erase the harm that’s done.

I have heard misinformation many times during my travels. I have tried to correct this on the spot. Many of the things I’ve heard are innocent. However, they can appear to be vindictive and more like disinformation.

Ways to Prevent Misinformation:

- Use communication tools to go to the source and see if the information given is true. Phone, e-mail, text, Facebook, tweet (and even snail mail) to communicate your concerns and then wait for an accurate response.
- Follow-up on any open-ended questions or comments made during conversations or meetings to ensure the information is true.
- Don’t spread the information if you are not sure that it is entirely accurate.

The General Council said they would strive with the help of God to be better examples. As your Executive Director I will endeavor to be a positive example in speech and conduct.

I am asking you to not intentionally spread misinformation. If in doubt, go to the source. If you are not comfortable with that, please contact me or one of your Council members and ask us to follow up the details. We will do this in the strictest confidence. We AIM to serve in our Alliance In Ministry! **SR**



How waiting on tables can spread God's Word

by Morgan Shepard

"In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables... So the word of God spread.'" (Acts 6:1-2, 7 NIV)

Yes, it's true. Waiting on tables leads directly to the increasing of God's Kingdom!

Some of us have a calling to the "support roles" of our local church ministry. We are not all called to be pastors, evangelists, missionaries, etc. Whether it is setting up for a fellowship meal, painting the church or writing the checks, if it weren't for those faithful servants who "serve tables," the pastor would have to do it and that may not be their calling.

My personal affinity is for numbers. Maybe that's why I am the treasurer for the General Conference. I don't decide how to spend the funds but I work to make sure that those who do make the decisions have the information they need.

I'll grant you that the treasurer is not the most desirable role in a



church. Bills continually need to be paid, the weekly tithe has to be counted and deposited and the tax filings have to be sent.

What are the tools of the treasurer? Budgets, accounting software, checkbooks and receipts. Several years ago General Conference recommended a survey to find out what church treasurers use to track church finances. Being Baptist (and non-conforming at heart) the list was varied. Most churches use a standard accounting software like Quicken, QuickBooks, or Microsoft Money. A few use spreadsheets like Excel. Some still do it "manually."

While most of these programs have more features than what is needed they provide the basic reports a treasurer needs to produce:

•**Budget** – This is where the church plans what it intends to spend based on the income it estimates

to receive. The treasurer **does not set the budget!** The church as a body determines how it wants to spend the bounty God has provided. The treasurer can develop the format so that those "non-number types" can understand.

•**Balance Sheet** – It is a list of all the church's assets (things we own) and liabilities (things we owe). It answers the question "What do we have?" By its very name it implies that assets and liabilities need to be in balance. You'd be surprised.

•**Profit / Loss (or Income) Statement** – This lists all of the income and expenses for a particular period. It answers the question, "How much did we bring in and how much did we spend?" Ideally there should be a profit so that the church can save for unforeseen expenses. Most times it runs at a deficit. This may require using assets.

•**Checkbook** – This is pretty self-explanatory. An old adage is, "If you want to see what is truly important to someone, look at their checkbook."

Next month we'll get to cover more riveting accounting subjects such as vouchers, controls, and audits.

In the end, it is all about fulfilling The Great Commission—spreading the Gospel to the entire world—one "table" or spreadsheet at a time. SR



Reflections

by Leanne Lippincott-Wuerthele

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

Vacation was just "ducky"

In July, I caravanned to Minnesota with my daughter, her husband, and their four kids. Two grandchildren from Colorado also joined us.

We traveled to Dodge Center to see the kids' great-grandmother, Dorothy Lippincott, who had flown in from Florida. It was special since "Mom Lipp" had never seen Jennifer's two youngest daughters. On our way back home, we stopped at Wisconsin Dells.

As we approached that tourist town, we quickly realized we had to be more precise when talking to the kids about riding "the ducks."

It reminded me of when a relative told my young daughter he was going to take her to "shoot some rapids" on an inner tube. Jennifer was adamant that she didn't want to "shoot rabbits"—especially ones riding inner tubes.

For those who don't know, "ducks" are six-wheel-drive amphibious trucks manufactured by General Motors during World War II. They transported troops and supplies over land and water, helped evacuate wounded personnel, and were ideal for approaching and crossing beaches during amphibious attacks. The U.S. Army also reactivated and deployed several hundred ducks at the outbreak of the Korean War.

Each duck weighs 7.5 tons empty and operates at 50-55 miles per hour

on land and about 6 mph on water. They're 31 feet long, a little over 8-feet wide, and about 7-feet high with the folding canvas-top down. (With the top up, they're close to nine feet high.) More than 21,000 ducks were manufactured.

To minimize their weight, the ducks weren't armored plated. Instead, sheet steel covers their hulls. A high capacity bilge pump system keeps them afloat if their hulls are ever breached by holes up to two inches in diameter.

One of every four ducks produced had a ring mount for a .50-caliber machine gun. Thankfully, the duck we rode in wasn't equipped with a gun. (My 9-year-old grandson, Keegan, would have had a blast—no pun intended.)

Ducks were the first vehicles to allow drivers to vary the tire pressure from inside the cabs. The tires can be fully inflated for hard surfaces and deflated some for softer surfaces, especially beach sand.

In addition to "tourist duty," some surviving ducks are still saving lives. Duck Riders of Grapevine, Texas, used their vehicles to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, transporting stranded victims to helicopter pads in New Orleans.

All of the grandkids (ages from "almost 3" to 11), thoroughly enjoyed the duck ride. We wound through a wooded area and down into a shady valley of ferns where the temperature instantly dropped about 10 degrees.



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As we were about to splash down into the Wisconsin River, our driver asked the passengers if we wanted to enter the water "fast" or "slow." (I think I was the only one to vote "slow.") Everyone screamed and squealed with delight as our duck hit the water with a huge splash.

After cruising past scenic sandstone bluffs, we returned to land. A second, "gentler" splashdown (thank goodness!) took us into Lake Delton. As we passed those scenic vistas, I couldn't help but think of the brave men who rode in ducks during wartime, and of the contrasting scenery they witnessed.

My grandkids had screamed in delight as they entered the water. How many young men had screamed—outwardly or inwardly—as the ducks off-loaded them onto fiery, exploding beaches?

Even though we weren't "back home" in Janesville, it was an enjoyable Fourth of July weekend. It made me thankful not only for my grandchildren, but for the men and women who put their lives on the line every day to keep our nation safe and free. **SR**

Memorization participants, *cont. from p. 16*

Dodge Center, MN

Daivon Henry
Cole Morgan
Karen Payne
Josiah Robinson

Edgewater, FL

Caitlyn McCall
CJ McCall Jr.
Keith McCall

First Genesee

Little Genesee, NY

Andrew J. Camenga
Kristin A. Camenga
Barbara Welch

First Hebron

Hebron, PA

Pearl Brock
David Hauber
Fay Hauber

First Hopkinton

Ashaway, RI

Joel Roache
Matthew Roache
Robert P. Roache
Thelma Tarbox

First Toronto

Toronto, Canada

Norma Anderson
Javon Atkins
Herlitz Condison
Merlin Condison
June Dillon
Marva Edwards
Debralee Gooden
Sinclair Gooden
Herman Grant
Hermine Hunter
Winston London
Debranique Matthews
Debroy Matthews
Annette Murray
Florence Reynolds
Linnette Reynolds
Lorna Samuels
Elon Sinclair
Evelyn Taylor
Elton Williams
June Williams

Little Rock, AR

Jennifer Newton
Sarah R.J. Monroe
Susanna Monroe

Marlboro, NJ

Colleen Bond
Joanna Bond
Sharon Davis
Camille Forte

Metro Atlanta Hiram, GA

Joel Hargett
Rebekah Hargett
Joshua Hoover
Brenda Johnson
Josiah Lovelace
Michael Lovelace
Bettie Pearson
John Pethtel
Xavier Pethtel

Middle Island New Milton, WV

Roberta Ash
Tyler Ash
Aubrey Dawson
Powers Dawson
Clara Glover
Eudora Lough
Emily Robinson
John Robinson
Heaven Smith

New York City, NY

Beverly Alexander
Michael Barrett
Cailin Bell
Ita Cox
Clive Fairclough
Malik Francis
Avis Gayle
Inez Gray
Robert Jackson
Steven Jackson
Lisa Moore
Rasheed Morrison
Blanche Williams
Jean Wynter-
Barrett

North Loup, NE

Ron Cargill
Shirley Cargill
Trevor Cargill
Lexi Haglan
Teri Morgan
Frances VanHorn

Nortonville, KS

Jean Jorgensen

Pataskala, OH

Emma VanHorn
Lana VanHorn
Lily VanHorn

Pawcatuck

Westerly, RI

Barbara W. Barber
Isaac Barber
Simon Barber
Spencer Barber
Adam Nadeau
Patrick Nadeau

Philadelphia, PA

Rolleesa Phillips

Plainfield, NJ

Linda Barron
Jean Ellenbacher
William Franklin
Celeste Green

Portland, OR

Doris J. Bruce
Marlene Rhodes
Deb Stein
Jon P. Wheat

Raritan Valley Bridgewater, NJ

Jeanne W. Yurke

Salem, WV

Cate Camenga
Eve Camenga
Jonah Camenga
Steve Rogers

Shiloh, NJ

Jan Bond
Philip Bond
Sharon Campbell
Nancy Davis
Judy Hitchner
Frank B. Mulford
Bill Probasco
Holly Probasco
Liam Probasco
Valerie Probasco

Texarkana, AR

Jennifer Brown
Caleb Gammons
Randi Gammons
Marian Soper

Vision Christian

Westerly, RI

Susie Lamphere
Cassandra Nadine
Lawton
Barbara Nugent

Washington, DC

Diane Andries
Tiffine Andries
Amanda Barley
Daphne Lindo

White Cloud, MI

Cathy Cruzan
Ed Cruzan
Sheryl Deehan
Isaac Floyd
Norma Rudert **SR**

The **Paint Rock, Alabama, SDB Church** is looking for a new pastor. Pastor John Bevis has recently retired after faithfully nurturing our flock for the past 26 years.

Paint Rock is a little town on U.S. Highway 72, situated between the beautiful mountains of the Appalachian foothills. Huntsville, an easy 15-minute drive, is a pleasant city with a broad cultural mix. Thanks to NASA and the Missile Defense Agency, there are numerous technology-driven businesses and a geographically diverse population. There are also three universities in Huntsville, and some smaller community colleges in the area.

Our congregation is looking forward to the blessings God has for our future. Please contact Steve Butler (256) 723-4675, smbutler@nehp.net or Jane Montgomery (256) 772-9487.

New members

Toronto, Canada

Herlitz Condison, pastor

Joined after baptism

Jacqueline Murray

Jonathan Lyons

Moses Lyons

Joined after testimony

Yvonne Williams

Alyssa Williams

Births

Rhoden.—A son, Jared Elijah, was born to Omari and Stephanie (Jones) Rhoden of Brampton, Ontario, Canada on June 17, 2011.

Wilkerson.—A daughter, Kyra Lyric, was born to Quinton and Karen (McPherson) Wilkerson of Harrisburg, PA on July 20, 2011.

Obituary

Bottoms.— George D. Bottoms, 93, of Belmont, N.Y., passed away August 14, 2011 at Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N.Y.

George was born in Battle Creek, Mich., on February 18, 1918, the son of David M. and Alice (Kolvoord) Bottoms. He had resided in Alabama, Michigan and Illinois prior to moving to Belmont 32 years ago. George had been employed as Superintendent of Engineering for Park Development for the DuPage County Forest Preserve in Illinois.

George served his country as a U.S. Army Captain during WWII and also during the Korean Conflict. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star, as well as the KMAG Medal for his service in Korea. George had served in China-Burma and India during

WWII with the 330th Engineering Group, and also received the Silver Order of the De Fleury Medal from the Army Engineer Association.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Mae Lewis Bottoms, whom he married in 1979; his daughter, Susan Glenn Bottoms of Plano, Ill.; two sons, George D. Bottoms III of Aurora, Ill., and Jeffrey T. Bottoms of Alfred Station, N.Y.; two step-daughters, Elyn Lewis of Oregon, and Jane Lewis of Taiwan; two step-sons, Mark Lewis and Gary Lewis both of Wellsville, N.Y.; two grand-daughters, four great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Margaret Avery, Anna Lou Swart and Mary Wentworth.

Baptism at Old Stonefort

by Alice Brooks

At the age of 67 and already under hospice care, Jimmy Barnet Hill of Harrisburg, Ill., requested to be baptized. On August 27, 2011 he was granted this blessing from God. Pastor Brian Smith from Hardinsburg, Ind., came to Stonefort, Ill., where we used the baptistery of the Stonefort Missionary Baptist Church.

Pastor Smith (pictured in the background) was assisted by deacon Ronald Brooks of the Old Stonefort SDB Church. Marla Agin played the piano for the service where we had about 40 in attendance.

One week and 12 hours later, Jimmy went to be with the Lord. He passed away on September 3 and is survived by his wife, two daughters, two sons, a step-



son, three sisters, three brothers, a half-sister, 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Pastor Brian Smith returned to officiate the funeral service on September 6, at Absher-Nicholson Funeral Home in Carrier Mills, Ill. Burial will be in Joyner Cemetery in Stonefort. **SR**

A memorial service was held on August 18, 2011 at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and member for 32 years. Rev. Dr. Kenneth D. Chroniger officiated. A graveside service was held at the Bottoms Cemetery, Athens, Ala., on September 10, with Rev. Dr. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., officiating.

Death Notices

John B. "Bernard" Dutcher, 83, of North Loup, NE died on August 19, 2011.

Frederick M. Ayars, 84, of Lansdale, PA died on September 4, 2011.

WANTED:

Your Favorite Recipes!!



We are compiling a new **Summer Christian Service Corps Cookbook** and we need your recipes!

Our goal is to have the cookbook ready for distribution at Conference 2012, so all recipes are due by November 4.

We are using a company that has a website, so logging in and submitting your recipes is super easy!

Step 1: Go to www.typonsave.com

Step 2: Log in

- **Contributor**– Enter your name, or the name of the original author of the recipe
- **Group Log-in– SCSC1**
- **Password– sabbath**
- Click **'submit'**

- Add the name of your home church as the second contributor (e.g., Shiloh)

- Select the Category

- Fill in the recipe

- Check spelling!

- Click on **'preview the recipe'** and make sure it looks good

- Click on **'save'** and that's it!

Step 3: Begin by clicking **'Add Recipe'**

- Double-check the contributor name

Step 4: **Continue** with another recipe.
'Add Recipe'

Please share as many recipes as you'd like!

*No access to the internet? No problem—
simply fill out the form and mail your recipes to:*

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Happy Cooking!!

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Stories from space

One good indication that someone's a preacher: the ability to make a sermon illustration out of everyday stuff. Here's a few having to do with space, "the Final Frontier."

Since its release from a space shuttle bay in 1991, a six-ton satellite has been circling the earth, transmitting signals and doing its job. But after 20 years of traveling at over 17,000 mph, the satellite has run out of fuel. With each pass around the globe, its height of orbit is reduced.

Another term for this is "losing integrity."

NASA expects the satellite to fall to the earth very soon. After crashing through the atmosphere, remaining pieces of debris will cover a 500-mile swath. (Don't worry too much; they say that your chances of getting hit by anything are 1 in 3,200. This is supposed to comfort us? Oh, and the "fact" that with a satellite falling to earth about once a year, no one has ever been hit by satellite debris.)

When believers disconnect from the Power source and lose their integrity, they crash and burn through the "atmosphere" of public opinion and shame. And the chance of someone else getting hurt in the process is nearly guaranteed. Certainly our witness for God is damaged.

Once the Lord lifts you up, stay connected to His never-depleting power, and maintain your integrity.

Speaking of satellites, I wanted to hear some music during dinner the other night so I set my portable satellite radio on the table. Songs played quietly as we brought plates and food to our place settings.

After serving up the main course, we passed around the fancy side dish—a big bag of tortilla chips. Janet and I got ours, then Jackson grabbed his portion and

politely put the bag in the middle of the table so we could all reach it.

Expecting what would happen next, I even counted down, "3, 2, 1..." And the music went silent.

Puzzled, Jackson looked at me and asked, "Did you have it on a timer?"

"No," I answered. "I just saw that you put the chips right in front of the antenna."

The little 3-inch square antenna needs an unobstructed line-of-sight toward the satellite to the south. Even though Jax thought he was doing us a favor, his action interfered with an important connection.

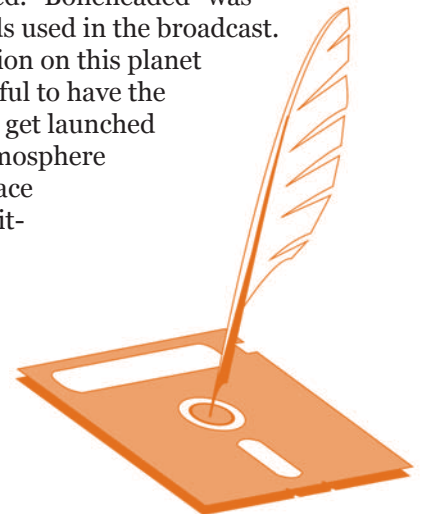
Sometimes when we feel we're doing a favor for somebody, we might not see the big picture. A temporary "fix" might negatively affect another relationship. We need to make sure we keep receiving His clear signals.

Don't let the chips—er, things—of this world interfere with your connection.

The final mission of the U.S. space shuttle program took place earlier this year.

I heard one radio commentator bemoaning the fact that cutting off the shuttle has not only cost many people their jobs, there was no replacement plan to get our astronauts up there to repair satellites or take our turn at the space station. Our national space program is seriously stalled. "Boneheaded" was one of the kinder words used in the broadcast.

Once my final mission on this planet is complete, I'm thankful to have the perfect backup plan to get launched out of this polluted atmosphere and through all the space junk. Jesus is still awaiting His command at our heavenly "mission control."



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Individual copies are free. We will need to add shipping charges for larger quantities. Please contact us for those costs.

We pray that the Lord will bless this story of our beliefs, and many others will join us on our "Journey of a Lifetime."