

SDB Camping

A young girl with blonde hair, wearing a maroon shirt, is in the foreground, eating a s'more. She is looking towards the camera with a slight smile. In the background, a campfire is burning in a metal fire pit, and a person is sitting on a log bench, looking down. The scene is outdoors with green foliage in the background.

Memories
that stick for
a lifetime



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- 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.

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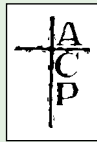


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Camp Harley Sutton: A facility that fosters forever friends

by Lyle Sutton
Alfred Station, N.Y.

Camp Harley Sutton is the center of church camping for the Seventh Day Baptist Allegheny Association of Churches. The camp is located in Alfred Station, New York, on land that was donated to the Association in 1951 by Dr. and Mrs. H.O. Burdick.

In 2000, an adjacent parcel of land (about 7 acres) became available and was purchased through a generous gift from the Richburg SDB Church. In 2010 an additional 85 acres was purchased from the Burdicks' daughter. So altogether we have nearly 100 acres to "play" with and in.

The building begins

The first major building on the campgrounds came from the Alfred University campus, a structure built in the late 1800s and used for a variety of purposes—a gymnasium, a blacksmith shop, etc. The building was dismantled, then piece by piece re-erected at the campsite by volunteers. It was dubbed the Burdick Lodge.

Through the '60s and '70s, three sleeping dormitories were constructed. In 1993 and 1994,



A joyous gathering under the new pavilion at Camp Harley Sutton, awaiting the next activity.

members of the SDB Senior Saints engaged in constructing an addition to the Burdick Lodge to house two modern bathroom facilities.

People power

Several of the Senior Saints who worked on that project returned to the Camp in later years to help make further modifications to Burdick Lodge and to build a pavilion. They also assisted in replacing the original Crandall Dormitory with a much larger, heated building with bathrooms, sleeping facilities for 32, and a meeting room. This has expanded our ability to host

meetings of the Association, church and General Conference agencies year-round.

All of these projects have involved a great number of people donating their time, talents, and financial support. Out of these have developed some long-term relationships and friendships spanning the breadth of the country and with many, many SDBs representing many SDB churches. The memories are priceless! Thanks to all these efforts, our Camp Harley Sutton now has facilities valued at over three-quarters of a million dollars—debt free!! Praise to and thanks be to God!



Two young friends all dressed up for the end-of-week camp banquet.

Rising regulations and requirements

The more recent modifications to our camp have come under the increasingly watchful eyes of various government agencies concerned about facilities for children's camps and general Code requirements.

The Allegany County Health Department has the task of enforcing the New York State Health Department Regulations pertaining to children's camps. They have had this responsibility for several decades. But as concerns for health and safety have increased over the years, these regulations have become more and more stringent.

In order to operate our summer children's camps, we need a permit from

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Remembering Camp Harley

These testimonials come from attendees expressing their impressions and appreciation for their experiences at Camp Harley Sutton camps.

*Compiled by
Peggy Chroniger
Alfred Station, N.Y.*

- >**A WONDERFUL place**, some of my *best* childhood memories come from Camp Harley. Hopefully my daughter will one day look back and think the same thought.
- >**Crandall Dorm** made Senior Camp more intimate and inviting. Because everybody stayed in one dorm, we had more opportunities to spend time together.
- >**Having helped build the dorm** made the camp experience that much more meaningful, because I felt I had a little ownership of the building.
- >**When I was a camper** at Camp Harley, I thought I was the luckiest person to be a part of this awesome place every summer. When I graduated from high school I thought

my Camp Harley days were over. As an adult, I responded to a need for staff one year and have remained involved since then as counselor, director and cook. What a blessing to watch my children also enjoy the benefits and love of Camp Harley.

- >**I thank God for all those** who sacrificed their time and talents to make Camp Harley enjoyable for the campers. The Crandall building is just one more expression of their dedication to God's service as they continue to work toward making camp a fantastic life-changing experience. God delights in you and the work that you do in His service!

- >**Evenings were my favorite** time at Camp

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the County Health Department that is only given after considerable inspection of facilities, with considerable application paperwork and satisfaction of all regulations. We need to provide the County Health Department with a formal Camp Manual of Operations which addresses our plans to comply with all of the pertinent regulations.

Checks and chlorine

All of our staff must undergo background checks. We



Camp can mean slogging through a relay race with water-filled boots like here at Camp Wakonda in Milton, Wis.



Or, sloshing down the water slide at Camp Harley.

Harley Sutton. The work groups led the campers in Vespers that they had prepared earlier in the day. Next came campfire fun, including silly songs and skits. After snacks, the boys and girls were sent off to their respective dorms for lights out. To quiet a dorm of giggly girls, one year a wise counselor read them a bedtime story—"Two from Galilee." The love story of Mary and Joseph and the dreams they must have had for their growing family (as written by Marjorie Holmes) enthralled a group of preteen girls. *Two from Galilee* remains one of my favorite Christian fiction books.

>**Making friends at Camp Harley** was always special. Some years we were friends for the week and then never heard from each other again. Sometimes we wrote each other every

week. As we outgrew Camp Harley and went on with our lives, we didn't realize that these friends would always be a part of us no matter whether we had heard from them or not. I have encountered several of my camp friends through Facebook and other opportunities and when we communicate, either electronically or face-to-face, it seems as if no time has elapsed since our days at Camp Harley.

>**My memories go back** farther than I care to admit. The ones that stand out include vespers on Burdick Pond during family camp. My goodness, how SDBs can sing! "Day is dying in the West...." In fact, I was baptized there. In the liturgy of the church to which I belong, we are called to remember our baptism, and it is such a joy to relive that



*Donna Rogers has cooked **TONS** of great meals at Camp Harley.*

are required to have a full-time medical “staff” of at least one person qualified as an EMT or higher, *and* a second person trained in First Aid; our food preparation and serving processes must be approved; our water supply must be chlorinated, even though our well has always provided satisfactory water untreated.

Most recently our water slide is now a “Licensed Amusement Device,” inspected and licensed annually by the State

Department of Labor. And, of course, building projects are subject to permits and inspections to comply with building codes and subsequent issuance of Certificates of Occupancy.

Through all of these “hindrances” to progress, we are always granted the necessary permits and are able to operate our camp programs.

We are exceptionally proud to have facilities that we can provide (all year) for denominational groups, church groups and families. It is a special place where they can enjoy a relaxing atmosphere and come to know or renew their understanding of God’s wonders in nature, and how closely one can feel to Him without the “clutter” of other worldly distractions. **SR**



Enjoying a campfire at Camp Riverview near North Loup, Neb.

time in my young life. Believe it or not, we used to be able to swim there, too!

- > **I remember getting baptized** in the Burdick Pond also. Mine was made all the more memorable because Pastor Russ Johnson dropped me!! I trusted him (and the Lord!) and waited, under water, until he ‘found’ me and was able to bring me back up. I was definitely washed (can’t say washed clean—that water was pretty dirty!) after the extended stay under water...
- > **Camp Harley holds so many memories** for so many people. Dean sure did enjoy it when he could get over to help with the Crandall building and he would just love it. This old lady remembers kitchen duty and putting the lye down the old holes and especially trying

to sleep with the bats flying all around our heads. Yes, Camp Harley has come a long way. I loved Vespers and the campfires.

You may ask why should I go or send my children to a Seventh Day Baptist church camp? These testimonials are part of the reason but there is more. At Camp Harley Sutton there are several churches that send the campers. These campers have their relationships with God and His Sabbath reinforced in the summer and take those back with them to their home churches. Their experiences are related to their friends thereby creating a web of enthusiastic youths who are the future of our Denomination.

Come and enjoy as we do whenever we enter those gates. **SR**

One of the
BEST THINGS
 about summer!

by Charlotte Chroniger
 Shiloh, N.J.

The first summer I went to church camp I was in fifth grade. Five girls from my Sunday School class and I spent a week at a Baptist campground in Iowa. I enjoyed the morning chapel, the evening services, making new friends, and choosing different activities together. It was the best week of my summer, and the beginning of many years of summer church camp, either as a camper or a counselor.

When we moved to New Jersey, our family was excited that the Shiloh Church had its own camp—Jersey Oaks—and a ministry to many children and youth during the summer. The camp was the vision of Pastor

play and worship; to refrain from habits that are harmful to one’s body; to try to be Christ-like in one’s conduct; and to obey the camp rules.

I’ve been blessed to direct the Jersey Oaks Primary Camp for a number of years. This week-long camp is

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Charles Bond and others in the congregation. In 1960 they all had a standing appointment at 7:00 am on Sundays to work at the property.

The Shiloh Church was fortunate to have men with the skills needed to build the camp: masons, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, roofers, and those who could run the heavy equipment. With the women working alongside, and after nine months, the camp was dedicated on July 23, 1960. That first camping season, 48 of the 118 campers who attended Jersey Oaks were from Shiloh. Another kind of outreach to the area children and youth had begun.

The goals of Jersey Oaks haven’t changed much throughout the years—to present Christ and His way of life to children and young people, and to provide experiences in Christian group living in a camp setting. As a Christian camp, the staff helps the campers to fulfill their pledge: to cooperate in study, work,

for children in Kindergarten through Third Grade. It is a day camp, with the opportunity for 2nd and 3rd graders to spend two nights at Jersey Oaks. As their first camping experience, it is crucial that we provide the best possible opportunities for the boys and girls. We want them to want to come back the next summer, and many summers after.

We are so thankful that we have youth and adults who are willing to give up a week of their time to work at Jersey Oaks. Some are at camp all three weeks. These



When life (or a camp counselor) gives you lemons...

volunteers impact the children in so many ways, and we are very aware that we are planting seeds for God's Kingdom.

Primary Camp offers basic Bible lessons. Many of the children know some of the stories, but we occasionally have children who have never heard the Gospel. What a privilege to share the Word of God and His message of love and forgiveness with the children! The campers have recreation, music, crafts, snacks, swimming, and some free time each day. These activ-

The life skills the campers learn hopefully will stay with them throughout their growing up years.

ities encourage the campers to work with others, to play fair and safely, and to learn how to resolve any conflict that might come along.

The 2nd and 3rd graders who spend the night have the opportunity to plan vespers and campfire, as well as doing dishes, sweeping the dorms, and cleaning the bathrooms. We frequently have campers who have never done dishes before, but when they work with their small group, the time goes quickly. Some campers even enjoy doing dishes! The staff members who supervise chore time use it as a teachable moment.

Because of the age of our campers, anyone who wants to go in deeper water at the pool must pass a swimming test (swim the length of the big pool).



...you EAT them!!

Campers with swimming experience find the test easy, but for some of the campers, it is a bit scary. We encourage them to keep trying, and they do!

Some children try to pass the test every day, and each day they do a little better. A highlight is when

God teaches me while I'm at camp, and reminds me how much I need to be faithful in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the campers.

during our last swimming time, someone finally passes the test. What a great achievement! We make sure the parents know of their accomplishments—how proud we are of the campers who kept trying to overcome an obstacle and reached their goal.

It is one thing to live with Mom, Dad, and siblings at home, but it's very different to live in a cabin with other girls or boys, with a bunk bed, a suitcase full of clothes and stuff, and sharing a community bathroom. The life skills the campers learn hopefully will stay with them throughout their growing up years.

Picking up wet towels, waiting a turn at the showers, keeping one's bunk *fairly* neat, sleeping in a different bed—all are experiences that will shape our young campers. Each camper learns about responsibility and getting along with others.

It takes courage to go to camp the first time, especially for those children who have never spent the night anywhere besides home or Grandma's place, or those children who don't go anywhere without a parent. We want to help our campers try some new things, to move out of their comfort box, to enjoy Christian camping.

As I prepare and study for the Bible lessons I will use at camp, I always learn something new from the Scriptures. I am blessed by my interaction with the campers and staff.

I am a different person because I've been at Jersey Oaks. God teaches me while I'm at camp, and reminds me how much I need to be faithful in sharing the Good News of Jesus with the campers. Church camp is still one of the best things about summer for me. **SR**

History made in Brazil

by *David Taylor*
Central Maryland



*Top: Pastor Jonas Sommer, Director of the Brazil T.I.M.E. program, leads in prayer. Douglas Machado and Pastor David Taylor are to the right.
Above: A happy Heloise Lemos receives her diploma.*

In February 2010, after many years of prayer and planning, the Brazilian T.I.M.E. Program (Training In Ministry by Extension) became a reality. Students took seminary-level courses such as Systematic Theology, Old and New Testament Surveys, Homiletics, Hermeneutics, Greek and Hebrew, plus many others. Work was done on-line and in weekend seminars.

Each of those who successfully completed the course graduated with a recognized Bachelor's Degree. Currently there are 82 students enrolled in three other classes, with an estimated 36 new students in three additional groups scheduled to begin classes in March 2014: Sao Paulo, Santo Antonio do Sudoeste, and Porto Uniao.

On February 1, 2014 over 500 people gathered at the Igreja Batista Sião (Zion Baptist Church) in Curitiba, Brazil, for an evening of praise and celebration as the first 18 T.I.M.E. students graduated. On the dais were Professor Dr. Antonio Gusso (honored Professor), Douglas Machado (T.I.M.E. Web Designer), Pastor David Taylor (representing the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference U.S.A. & Canada & The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society), Pastor Jonas Sommer (Director, Brazilian T.I.M.E.), Pastor Leonildo Lebkuchen (President, Brazilian Seventh Day Baptist Conference), Pastor Sidnei Grossklaus (Canoinhas), Pastor Wesley de Albuquerque (Joinville), and Pastor Daniel Gomes (Curitiba).

It was a historic night of praise, worship, and challenge. President Lebkuchen commended the students for their faithfulness and hard work. Pastor Jonas Sommer thanked the students for their diligence. Pastor Taylor, using 2 Timothy 4:1-8, challenged them to "fight the good fight" in the midst of an ever-changing world. The student address was given by Heloise Lemos (Garuva). The benediction was given by Professor Gusso. **SR**

Jubilant graduates toss their caps to celebrate their completion of the challenging T.I.M.E. training.



Come on down!!

An open letter to readers of *The Sabbath Recorder*:

Hello from sunny, warm(er) Florida! We'd like to share some information about your sister church here in Daytona Beach.

Although the number of "snow birds" has diminished, we still embrace our visitors from the north with Christian greetings. The hope is that more of our beloved Seventh Day Baptists (and others) who are retired or considering retirement might come and experience the positive values of living in our community. Still others might reflect on the merits of adding to our snow-bird population.

AARP magazine recently listed Daytona Beach as one of the best places for retirees to relocate. If the brutal cold of this past winter—with its abundance of snow and its perils—had a chilling effect on your well-being, COME ON DOWN!!

Daytona Beach is known for its abundance of shopping, entertainment, museums, parks, beaches, car races, antique auto shows, golf courses, and an easy drive to Disney World and other attractions. There's something for everyone! Housing is quite reasonable with a choice of mobile home parks, gated communities and regular housing.

We would love to have you visit or stay, and become actively involved with our church family. With an excellent pastor, a wonderful building and a dedicated congregation, everyone will feel welcomed and comfortable as you worship with us.



Through the years, the Daytona Beach SDB Church has been instrumental in assisting or being the mother church for several church groups in Florida: Bradenton, Oak Hill, Kissimmee, Palatka, and others. Because of our location and excellent facility, we've been able to host many of our denominational agencies—Memorial Fund, General Council, Coordinating Leadership Team, Pastor's Conferences and others. The SDB Women's Board was located here for a decade. That gives you a glimpse of the involvement we have had and continue to demonstrate.

For the last several years, we've been able to provide food pantry assistance to needy individuals in our area. Numerous restaurants and pizzerias donate bundles of frozen food weekly. We then separate those into manageable packages to distribute to others in need. After receiving this help, several of those less fortunate than ourselves have assisted us in the food handling, and some have become involved in our church services.

With this glimpse into the life of our church, please consider joining us in the sunny South—where everyone is welcomed. **COME ON DOWN!!**

For the Daytona Beach SDB Church,

Wray Winborne, Pastor
Owen Probasco, President



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

Not your regular milkman

Throughout history, Good and Evil have been engaged in a battle for souls. In Romans 7:19, the Apostle Paul said, “For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.” In verse 21 he laments, “So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.”

Whether we like it or not, all of us are purveyors of darkness as well as light. Our personas are made up of vinegar as well as honey. Polluted sludge, as well as crystal-clear mountain water, flows figuratively through our veins. We’re schizophrenic creatures, with kind words and vicious gossip spewing from the same mouth.

As Christians, we realize we’re imperfect beings. However, we also know Christ has taken our imperfections to the cross, and we become new creatures in Him. We have the gift of salvation and eternal life, in spite of ourselves.

Several weeks ago, while researching an article about the milk breaks I had in kindergarten in the 1950s, the name of a notorious Chicago gangster popped up.

Alphonse Gabriel “Al” Capone, a.k.a. “Scarface,” was born in Brooklyn in 1899 to hardworking Italian immigrants. As one of nine children, he started out as a relatively “good” kid, well behaved and sociable. After Al was expelled from a Catholic school at age 14, he worked at a

variety of jobs for about six years before becoming involved with gang activity.

Author Laurence Bergreen, in his book *Capone: The Man and the Era* wrote, “You didn’t hear stories about Al Capone practicing with guns; you heard that he went home each night to his mother. Al was something of a nonentity, affable, soft of speech and even mediocre in everything but dancing.”

As his gangster career expanded, Capone headed a number of illegal activities in Chicago from the early 1920s to 1931. These included prostitution, gambling, and supplying bootleg liquor during Prohibition. (Ironically, his brother James later changed his name to Richard Hart and became a Prohibition agent in Homer, Neb.)

Although Capone was a violent criminal, he also had a soft side. Many people viewed him as a modern-day Robin Hood. He donated money to the Catholic Church, was the first to open soup kitchens after the 1929 stock market crash, and ordered merchants to give clothes and food to the needy at his expense. When one elderly woman was evicted from her home, he helped her find a new one.

Capone was ruthless, but he exhibited some commendable traits: He had a strong sense of loyalty and honor, and was a good businessman. He was organized, charismatic, a hard worker, and politically savvy. He even took on the role of peace-



maker, appealing to rival gangsters to tone down the violence.

In the 1930s, Capone succeeded in getting the Chicago City Council to pass a law requiring expiration dates on milk containers. This was a classic example of Capone’s good side/bad side. He didn’t like to see people—especially children—sickened by rancid milk, but he also saw the potentially high profit in milk distribution since Prohibition was ending. He reportedly kidnapped the president of the milkmen’s union and used the \$50,000 ransom to buy a dairy that processed less expensive milk from Wisconsin.

In 1931, Capone was convicted of tax evasion and sentenced to 11 years in prison. He was paroled in 1939 for good behavior and his failing physical and mental health. He died of cardiac arrest in early 1947, at age 48.

Did Al Capone ever regret his criminal past and ask for God’s forgiveness? Only our Heavenly Father can answer that question. **SR**



Women's Society page by Katrina Goodrich
www.sdbwomen.org

SCSC 50 years later: A growing investment

This year Summer Christian Service Corps—a program set up and sponsored by the SDB Women's Board—is celebrating 50 years of service to the denomination.

For 50 years we've been sending out young adults to the four corners of the country (and on occasion outside of the country) to serve churches and their communities through service projects, camps, Bible study, and much more!

SCSC is different from most short-term missions, in that its goals are not really short term. There is focus on the summer project, but SCSC does not end with its cessation. Project is merely the beginning. The long-term goal of the program is to help develop young Christian leaders—to equip them with the tools, knowledge, and experience working as a member of the body of Christ.

Starting in February, after their acceptance into the program, students are expected to complete several pre-training assignments to help prepare them for project. June 12-20 is training: an intensive eight days of preparation, including seminars on ways to lead a Bible study, music, and games. Every day there is Bible teaching and class on topics from working with children in ministry to studying different spiritual disciplines and sharing the Gospel.

After training they are sent out to project (June 21-August 3) to use their developing skills. However, August 3 is not the end. Students are expected to take what SCSC has taught and use it, continuing to grow wherever they are.

In recent years, the Women's Board has added a rather unique summer project called Stained Glass. Members of this project come together as musicians to create a traveling project, performing concerts and spreading the Gospel through music. This year we are also supporting a team of SCSC veterans who will serve internationally in Jamaica, June 26–July 21!

It is a pleasure to formally announce these teams:

Colorado Springs, CO PD Linda Harris

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 Elizabeth Camenga+ Milton, WI

PD = Project Director

* = Rookie

+ = Veteran

^ = Rookie SG Member, but Veteran SCSC

Please be in prayer for the students and staff involved in these programs leading up to and through their projects this summer and beyond. **SR**



Correcting Mistakes— Part 1

by Oscar Burdick

The writing of the English section of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*¹ has been plagued with errors. Once something is published it is easy to assume everything is true! When volumes one and two were published, a review said, "...much critical work [needs] to be done on the English sections."² The English sections are so bad that anyone using them is urged to first get the current list of corrections from the SDB Historical Society (available on our website under "Resources").

Even non-SDB writers are not immune from mistakes/assumptions. The mistakes are not confined to dates. The following is a sampling of errors, but one is urged to get the SDB Historical Society's larger list.³

- *About early Sabbath proponent Theophilus Brabourne's relationship to Seventh Day Baptists:* Theophilus Brabourne's many books for the Seventh Day were influential, but he always remained a priest in the Church of England.
- *About James Ockford's book, The Doctrine of the Fourth Commandment:* Now that a copy of Ockford's first book has been found, the publication date is 1650.
- *About the Mumfords coming to America as SDB missionaries from London:* In 1661 John Cowell and a few others of Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, Baptist Church became Seventh Day Sabbath observers. Among the 1663 members were Stephen Mumford and Sister Mumford who arrived in Rhode Island early in 1665. That the Mumfords came as missionaries from the Bell Lane SDB church in London has been disproved by a May 26, 1668 letter from Bell Lane to Rhode Island.⁴ The Mumfords' Sabbath observing clearly led five Newport, RI First Baptist Church members to the Seventh Day. Tension became so great that these five separated from that church in 1671. Soon with the Mumfords they formed the first SDB church in America with seven members. (It is clear now that the Mumfords did not join First Baptist.)
- John James, who was hanged and quartered November 27 (not 26), 1661, was not a religious martyr but a political one. William Saller (not John James) appears to have been the pastor of the Saller-Soursbey-Mill Yard SDB Church in London from some time at least by 1657⁵ until his death; his will was proved in 1681. The death date of 1713 is that of William Saller, Jr., his nephew. James' church (1661) with its Fifth Monarchy flavor is like the Bell Lane Church which was Fifth Monarchy; James' church and Bell Lane appear not to be in the Mill Yard sequence.
- Nathan Bailey (the famous lexicographer) and Mill Yard Church parted ways about 1712; he did not die a member of that congregation. His major work was published after his departure from Mill Yard.
- *About the previously supposed existence of an SDB group in Norweston, Oxfordshire:* Norweston, Oxfordshire is a misunderstanding of Norwalson [Norwalsom]; it should be Ingham, Norfolk, near Northwalsam, Norfolk. With the discovery that Buckinghamshire was a separate Seventh Day church, this means that there were nine churches outside of London to be aided by the Joseph Davis trust.
- The supposed existence of a book titled *Luther Proved Lyar* by English SDBs seems to come from misreading handwriting referring to a Thomas Tillam book title, *The Lasher Proved Lyar*. An anonymous book about Luther by English SDBs with a similar title is not known to exist. **SR**

¹ "The Sabbath in the British Isles," in *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* (Plainfield, NJ: Printed for the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference by the American Sabbath Tract Society, 1910-72), 1:19-115.

² *Transactions of the Baptist Historical Society*, 2 (1910-11), 126.

³ Available by mail or on the Society's Website: www.sdbhistory.org/resources/additional-resources

⁴ "...although unknown to you by face..." *Protestant Sentinel* 2/44 (February 15, 1832, 173).

⁵ As proved by sections of Thomas Tillam's *The Seventh Day...* (London, 1657) 50-51.



Seminarian Profile

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Name: Brent Roy Hannah

Birthdate and place:

August 23, 1970 Deer Park, CA

Family:

Wife: Carla

Sons: Conor and Brock

Education:

Pacific Union College Preparatory School
Pacific Union College BA History (1994),
BA Theology (1995)
California State Teaching Credentials (1995)
Completed all three classes in the
SDB Summer Institute Program
Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern
University (West Virginia Campus)
I just started seminary in February, so
graduation date 2018?

Ministry experience:

Various positions such as Sabbath School
Teacher, Youth Leader, Deacon, Elder and
Extern Pastor at the St. Helena SDA Church
Associate Pastor at the Bay Area [CA] Seventh
Day Baptist Church (2006-11)
Pastor at Salem [WV] SDB Church (2011-Present)

Other experience:

Teacher at Escondido [CA] Adventist Academy
(1995-99), Foothills Elementary School in
Deer Park, CA (1999-2001), Hilltop Christian
School in Antioch, CA (2001-02)
Financial Aid Counselor at Pacific Union College
(2002-06, 2008-11)

Favorite Bible passage:

Favorite chapter—Romans 8;

Favorite passage—Revelation 21:1-5;

Life/Ministry passage—Matthew 22:37-39.

Favorite authors:

Philip Yancey, Stephen Ambrose, J.R.R. Tolkien,
Louis L'Amour.

If given a \$10,000 check we would:

Give tithe, get some vehicle repair done, create a
dental/orthodontic medical savings account, and
pay off debt.

A great answer to prayer was: God making it
clear to our whole family, including the boys, that
He wanted us to move to Salem, West Virginia!

A project I'm excited about: Our church has re-
cently partnered with an ecumenical group called
Open Heart Ministry to help reach out to the poor
and needy in our community.

My vision for SDBs: I pray that we might truly be
the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world”
(Matt 5:13-14). I pray that SDBs would be such a
loving and committed group of believers—toward
God, each other, our communities, and our world—
that our love, sharing of the Gospel, and good works
would shine as a witness to Jesus and draw everyone
around us to join in the Kingdom of God! **SR**



Time to shine that apple! *Nominate a Sabbath School teacher*

The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Education invites your Seventh Day Baptist church to nominate one Sabbath School teacher for the *Crystal Apple Award*.

The Board seeks nominees whose outstanding teaching skills have contributed to the Christian nurture of our people. Because only one person is selected, not everyone worthy of recognition will be identified and honored. Nevertheless, we seek to honor one teacher on behalf of the many who have shared Christ and His teachings.

Member and branch churches of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference USA & Canada, Ltd., may nominate a Sabbath School teacher.

ELIGIBILITY & NOMINATION

Nominee:

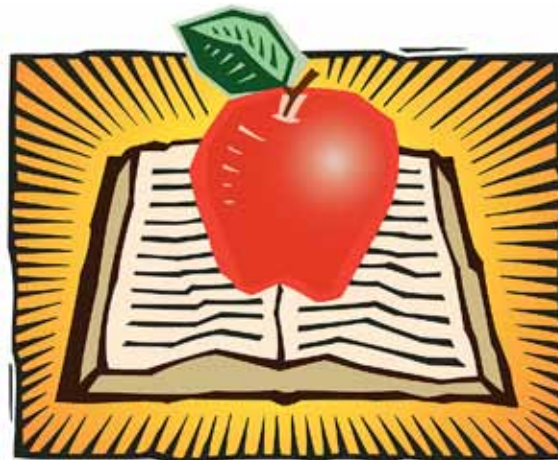
- Is a member in good standing of the nominating church.
- Exhibits the qualities of faith and teaching found in the life and teachings of Christ.
- He or she **Currently** serves as a Sabbath School teacher.

Local Church:

- Is a member or branch church of the SDB General Conference USA & Canada, Ltd.
- Certifies the nominee's church membership, present Sabbath School teaching position, previous Sabbath School teaching experience, unique teaching skills or practices, and other Christian education service.
- Attaches to the nomination comments from students or parents (in the case of teachers of children) supporting the nominee's teaching effectiveness.
- The local pastor and superintendent will

submit the nomination to the Board of Christian Education office by email, fax, or post by the deadline of May 31, 2014. The date of submission is determined by when the document arrives at the Board office.

- Churches from whose membership a person has received the *Sabbath School Teacher of the Year Award* shall be ineligible for the next three years. For 2014, nominees will not be considered from the Boulder, CO (Vic Skaggs); Salemville, PA (Bud Claycomb); and Riverside, CA (Kurt Berg) churches.



NOMINATION FORMS

- Nomination forms will be mailed to churches. Forms may also be obtained by contacting the Board of Christian Education or downloading from this web page: <http://7db.info/crystal-apple>
- As long as all of the information requested on the nomination form is provided in an easily identified manner, the church may substitute its own format for the nomination. **SR**



Mission Ethiopia 2014: A Success

by Garfield Miller
sdbmissions.org

Philip, in Acts 8, was inspired by God to minister to the Ethiopian eunuch. Philip heard the man reading from the book of Isaiah and asked if he understood what he was reading. The Ethiopian replied, “How can I [understand], unless someone explains it to me?” (Acts 8:31 NIV). The door was opened for Philip to expound on the Gospel. In a similar way a missions team, in February 2014, was inspired to answer a “Macedonian call” to provide training in SDB beliefs and to build the first SDB church building in Ethiopia.

The team of six—Rev. David Stall, Pastors Mading Bol and Garfield Miller, Brothers Ward Bond, Craig Mosher, and Lul Minyik—went to a people primarily of the Nuer tribe in Gambela, Ethiopia. They are refugees from South Sudan searching for stability and permanence, even as their homeland continues to experience civil war.

Gambela is a melting pot of languages. We had the honor of worshiping with the Nuer people in their language; it was inspiring and moving. One of the first songs they did had a familiar rhythm. I later learned it was the hymn “The Solid Rock.” How apt, I felt, as some Africans still pay their respects to false gods. Truly, praise to God in any language is praise.

To support refugees there are camps in Gambela, operated by the United Nations. I saw this phrase on a UN employee’s t-shirt: “*One refugee without hope is one too many.*” It was the catalyst to me thinking—*One lost soul without hope (knowledge of Christ) is one too many.* “Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ

Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ.” (Philippians 3:8, NIV)

After Philip unveiled Isaiah 53:7-8, the Ethiopian eunuch immediately expressed the desire to be identified with Christ, through baptism. Our experience in Ethiopia was comparable: men with tribal marks of six lines across the forehead, along with women and children made commitments to Christ. There were three baptismal services, with 14 persons being immersed. We witnessed and supported the ordination of two pastors and the installation of three young men newly licensed for ministry. We also learned that there are about four other SDB groups being organized in Gambela.

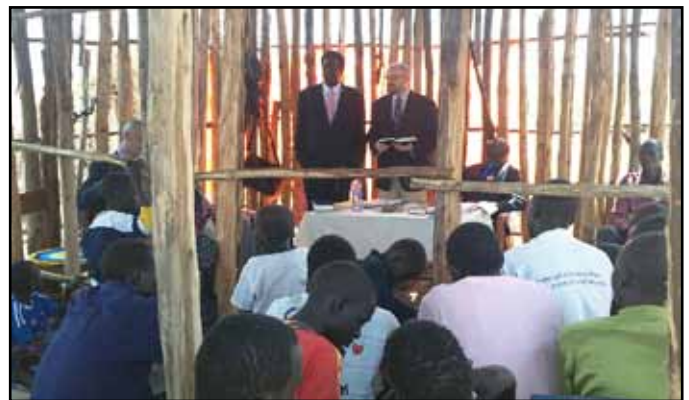
The objectives of the trip were achieved. God’s hand was clearly seen as we overcame many obstacles to erect a block and steel church building, minister to leaders about key SDB Beliefs, and help to organize a nascent structure for local SDB churches and a conference. All this was accomplished, against the background of a village with dwellings of wood, mud and straw, without facilities such as water, electricity or paved roads.

Many thought it was impossible to erect such a building in the three-week duration, but as Rev. David Stall declared, “They don’t know our God!” God through us made Himself known. To Him be the glory.

We pray that this seed in Ethiopia, made possible by God through the support of many in the United States and Jamaica, produces much fruit. “*Bi Kuoth ji puoth!*” (Nuer language, meaning: God bless you.) **SR**



This church building in Gambela, Ethiopia was constructed during the three-week mission.



Rev. David Stall from Ashaway, R.I. (with open Bible) taught on SDB beliefs.



the BEACON

Produced by the Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education
For and by members of the SDB Youth Fellowship

April 2014

We all have a part to play

by Seth Osborn
Boulder, Colo.

As I've mentioned in previous articles, I love the stage. Acting is one of my favorite things to do.

There are a few reasons for this. First, I love just being able to "be someone else." Transforming into another person for the time I'm on stage is incredibly fun.

Next, I like to entertain people. This isn't exclusive to acting, of course; it ranges from big things like acting and singing on a stage to smaller things like cracking jokes with friends. Still, acting is definitely a method I can use to amuse and engross people, even if it's only in a small part like the chorus. And finally, I enjoy being a thespian because of the community.

Plays and musicals aren't the result of just one person's work. You need actors and actresses for the lead roles, the supporting roles, the extras, the chorus... however many people the show calls for. You also need set builders, stagehands, sound operators, light board operators, directors, playwrights, and so on. Even in one-man shows, there will usually be people running lights and sound at the very least. No stage production is a solo effort.

Without all of these parts working together, the show would be a lesser product. The lead may seem to be the most important character, but what if one of the supporting characters forgot a line during a crucial scene?

What if the spotlight didn't come on when it needed to?

What if the sound operator forgot to turn on somebody's microphone? Everybody involved needs to put in their strongest effort to achieve an effective production.

The church functions in a similar fashion. No one member of the church is more important than any



other. Some roles may appear to be more significant, but without all of the parts the church would crumble.

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, there's an analogy comparing the church to a body. Every member of the church has significance. We shouldn't decide that we are less important or less worthy of being a member because we aren't a pastor or a worship leader or a deacon. "If they were all one part, where would the body

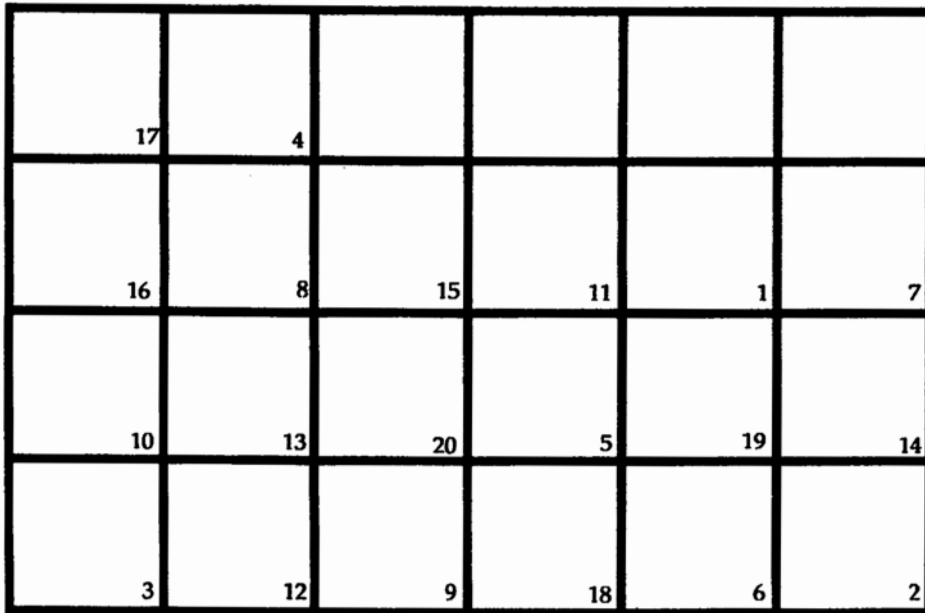
be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body" (vv. 19-20).

As a corollary, we also can't tell other people that they're unimportant to the church. This isn't to say that churches should accept "anyone and everyone" without question; there should be discipline if necessary. (This discipline should be voted on by the members or a group of members delegated to do so, mind you. It should not be a vigilante act.)

We shouldn't turn to people who we believe to be of lesser importance than us and say that they don't belong, or that they need to put in more of an effort to do the work we're doing. We may think they're doing less, but they might just have strengths in a different area than us. (If you feel an urge to encourage someone to do something, go ahead! The key word here is encouraging. If they try and don't feel a calling to it, then don't push them to continue doing it.) And don't scold them for not doing things; simply give them opportunities, and maybe nudge them a little bit.

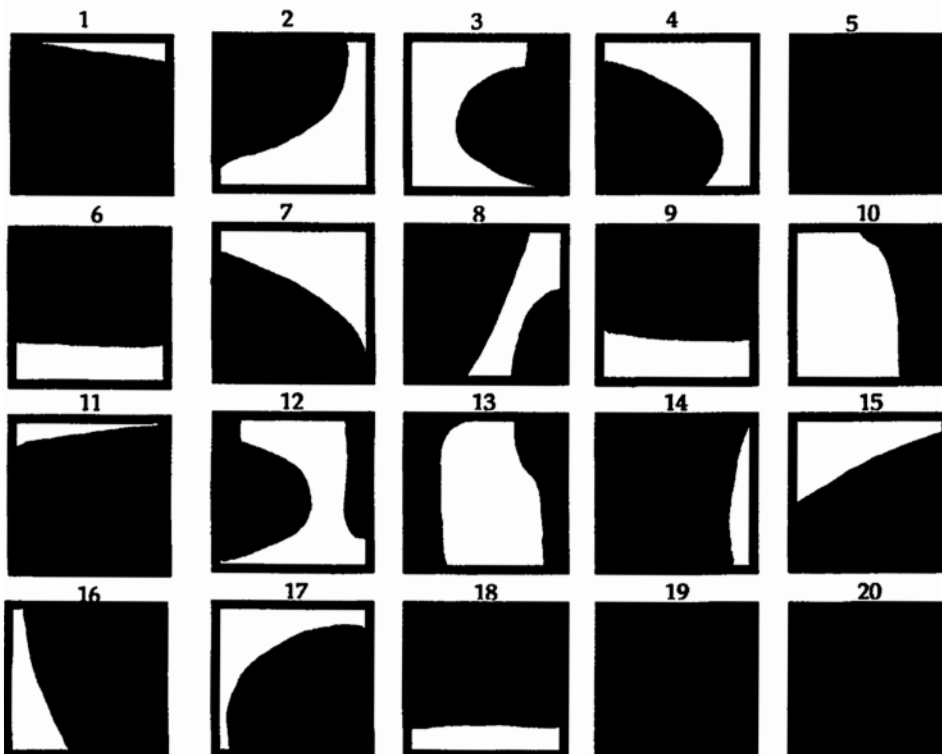
We don't all have the same gifts as each other, but we can use all of our unique gifts to work toward a common goal: glorifying God. And if everybody in the church puts their all into this goal, then, just like the stage production, we will be able to fulfill this the best we can. **SR**

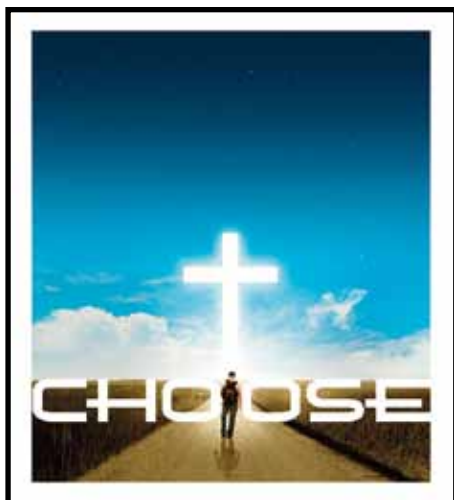
YOU are the Artist!



Each square in this puzzle is part of the picture you are going to draw. Begin with box #1 at the bottom half of the page and copy it in the box with the same number at the top of the page.

The picture you create will show something Christians do to remember what Jesus did for us. *SR*





St. Paul, MN July 27–Aug. 2, 2014

The President's Page

by Steven James



It's your Choice!

As we round the bend towards Conference at Bethel University in St. Paul, Minnesota from July 27–August 2, I thought I would share with you several articles based on the memory verses for this Conference year. (How are you and your church family doing on these?)

We know from our main passage in Joshua 24:14-15 that Joshua challenges the people to choose the Lord. He tells them that 1) they have to choose; 2) they should choose the Lord; 3) not everyone will make that choice with them; 4) they should make it a “family affair” as much as they possibly can; and 5) they will be held accountable for their choice (vv. 22-27).

Joshua also conveys to the people just what they were getting into if they were to choose the Lord—much like Jesus did when he spelled out to the crowds what it meant to truly choose Him in Mark 8:34-38 & 10:44-45.

If they were going to choose God, they were choosing to:

Fear God.

There's no way to soften this word up for our 21st century sentiments. At its core, the word means to be terrified of God—of Who He is and what He can do.

However, it is like a two-sided coin. On the one hand is the idea of terror; on the other the idea of a reverential awe towards God. On the one hand is a fear of consequences, perhaps. On the other, a loving, deep respect for God's character.

Both motivate obedience, much like those of my generation and before me would give to our parents or others in authority. If I did something wrong, or was thinking of doing something wrong, the consequences of my Mom finding out and how she would respond would keep me in check (sometimes). My Mom would have preferred that I did what she expected simply because I honored her and respected her. I think this is what God would prefer as well.

Serve God.

The idea is to work, tend, till, or slave for. Overall the idea of being “occupied with” is conveyed. How can we serve God like that? God's people, including pastors, can't sit in a church building, sing songs, listen to or read the Bible, pray or do works of service 24/7!

Joshua is stressing the idea that in all that occupies us, we are to be occupied with God—doing all that we do for His glory, acknowledging Him in all of our ways, seeking first His kingdom.

Joshua also shared that we are to serve with “sincerity” or whole-heartedly, without blemish, completely or fully. Jesus held nothing back when He came to serve, “not be served and to give His life as a ransom” for us. We are also to serve in “truth” or with firmness, faithfulness and reliability. We often are counting on God. Can He count on us?

Have no other gods.

Lastly, God's people came out of a culture that literally had a belief in and representations of other “gods.” As they were about to possess a land whose occupants were holding to beliefs in and representations of even more “gods,” Joshua had to let them know that God would accept no rival, no equal or no sub-par “god” in His relationship with Israel.

It was Him and no other.

What about us in our culture? While we may not have “gods” with names like Zeus or have physical representations of Baal on our shelves, is it possible that we have “gods” with names like “career,” “food,” and “money” or representations of other “gods” that have tires, or three beds and a bath, or a ball and bat?

What about you? Do you know what you're getting into when you choose the Lord? Are you willing to fear Him, serve Him and have no other “gods” in your life but Him? It's your choice! **SR**



by Executive Director
Rob Appel

The Final Four?

Various sports have some of the largest followings in the world. Every year billions of dollars are spent on attending sporting events and purchasing team-related items. The dedication and zeal that a sports fan shows for his team is admirable.

Have you ever considered how Christians don't usually show this same enthusiasm toward Jesus or the things of God? I believe many Christians stop short of full surrender (being a true fan) to God because of what others might think or say about them. So what can sports fans teach Jesus fans?

1. Sports fans are **Loyal & Passionate** about their team!

True sports fans cheer on their team no matter the record. A true fan sticks with their team; win or lose. It's a commitment for life!

Just look at Chicago Cubs fans. They haven't won a World Series since 1908—yet their fan base is loyal! Christians should have that same loyalty towards Christ. Their personal relationship with Christ is first and foremost! You are never disappointed in Him.

Some of you know that I'm a St. Louis Cardinal fan. In 2011 I was talking to a Milwaukee Brewer fan whose team was 10 games ahead of the Cardinals in their division. I simply stated to the Brewer fan that "we just were looking for the wild card" spot. The Brewer fan said, "You Cards fans never give



up!" The Cardinals went on to win the World Series that year.

Jesus fans need to have that same passionate attitude towards our Savior. Our relationship with God should dictate our very lives! After all, God is the reason for all that is good and blessed. There should be no doubting God's love and compassion for us. We must remain faithful!

2. Sports fans are **Faithful!**

Sports fans like to identify with their team by wearing caps, jerseys, t-shirts, and jackets with the logo on it. A Steelers fan can leave Pittsburgh and cheer and wear the colors proudly, but a Christian gets into a crowd of lost people and loses his voice! If a sports fan can be so bold by representing their team, why aren't Christians bold about being a fan for Christ?

Sports fans are faithful. They don't conform, they stay strong, they are determined!

3. Sports fans are **Determined!**

A sports fan will travel to road games long distances, and for hours,

just to watch and support their team. Colleges have "booster clubs" designed to further the efforts of their teams. Moms and Dads of Little Leaguers will sell candy to help buy their kids jerseys. And they don't do this to be recognized!

But many Believers want their good works to be seen by many—just like the Pharisees. Many in the church are upset if they are not recognized in some way for their efforts.

Our "works" should be from the heart, with sincere service to both our Savior and our fellow man. Our good works are a testimony of our changed life and God's residence in our hearts!

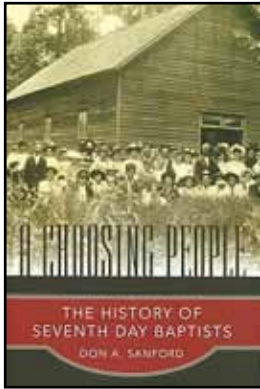
Sports fans are tireless in their work. They give and give.

4. Sports fans are **Givers!**

Sports fans spend money! During football's "Bowl Season," millions of fans follow their college teams to a game. Fans will each spend thousands of dollars just to attend a game in person that is going to be televised. No sacrifice is too great when their team is involved in these special events!

When we consider the sacrifice that Christ Jesus has done for us and the heavenly blessings awaiting us, we should be eager to worship God in our giving!

There are a lot of things that sports fans can teach Christians if we'll watch and listen! **SR**



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SCSC “Reunion Vespers” at Conference

The SDB Women’s Board is happy to celebrate that 2014 marks **50 Years for SCSC!** As part of that celebration, we are planning a Summer Christian Service Corps “Reunion” Vespers for Friday night at Conference in St. Paul. It will be followed by a reception where we will have pictures, scrapbooks and an opportunity to visit with old teammates.

The current SCSC team will lead the worship songs and Scriptures for the vespers, and we ask all SCSC alumni, from whatever year, to join us onstage to help sing. In addition, if there are worship songs you remember from your years in SCSC that you would like included in the vesper service, please let us know. Send your suggestions to scsc@seventhdaybaptist.org, and we will make sure that the current students know the songs.

Plan now to come to Conference—at least for the weekend—to renew acquaintances, share memories, and join in this joyful celebration! **SR**



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Fostering Hope for 50 years

by Donna S. Bond
Shiloh, New Jersey

“So, y’think they saved the best for last?” I asked my brother-in-law-turned-chauffeur. With an opinion as unbiased as mine, Ron agreed. We had arrived for the last 90 minutes of a 50-event extravaganza hymnsing celebrating the 50th anniversary of Ranch Hope, a ministry for troubled youths and their families in Alloway, New Jersey.

The 50 events included something for everyone—traditional hymns and modern choruses by a congregation of 600 voices, as well as selections by 15 church choirs, praise bands and soloists. The participants hailed from at least four states and had gathered to praise the Lord for His benevolence in the vision and life work of Rev. David Bailey and his wife Eileen.

Rev. Bailey shared from the early entries in his diary concerning the challenges in starting the ministry with a \$20 donation from a local insurance agent, a 100-acre farm and an old farmhouse which housed the Bailey family and their first clients, affectionately dubbed, “The Dirty Dozen.”

The Ranch now serves 90-some clients through family counseling, residential facilities and a special education school with training in mechanics, woodcraft and animal husbandry—all with a Christian component.

Back to Shiloh’s participation... Finally the Shiloh (NJ) SDB Sanctuary Choir was called to the forefront. Pastor Don Chroniger, accompanied by wife Charlotte on the keyboard, led us in singing “I Must Tell Jesus” and “We Shall See the King.” Rev. Bailey then surprised us with the announcement that the Shiloh Choir had indeed been saved for last, for the church is to



The church is to be honored with the annual Ranch Hope Christian Partners Award.

be honored later this spring with the annual Ranch Hope Christian Partners Award in recognition of consistent Christian service to young people. He then invited “all of the Shiloh choir except GP” (the insurance agent) to come to the annual Founder’s Banquet to receive the award.

The evening closed with a 600-voice rendition of “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.” It was chosen,

Rev. Bailey said, “because my wife’s name is Eileen and I lean,” which he then demonstrated with his posture.

Upon reading the letter from Ranch Hope to the Shiloh congregation the following Sabbath, Pastor Chroniger challenged us to continue the legacy of our forebears in ministry to youth and families.


May God bless the ministries of Ranch Hope and the Shiloh Church for another 50 years into Eternity. 



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The Shiloh Sanctuary Choir. *Front row (l. to r.):* Pastor Donald Chroniger, Eleanor Nichols, Jessica Chroniger, Jan Moncrief, Cynthia Scharon-Knight, Donna Bond, Barbara Lee, Catherine Dixon, Cecil McPherson, Charlotte Chroniger. *Middle row:* Steven Moncrief, Fred Davis, Lee Brooks, George Pettit, Philip Bond, Bill Nieu Kirk, Ronald Bond, Allen Davis. *Back row:* Richard Marlette, Sandy Layton.

SDB General Conference 2014

Bethel University, St. Paul, Minnesota

July 27 – August 2

On-Campus housing

Info about the dorms will be on the Registration forms (available on-line in late April and in the May issue of the *SR*)

Bethel University phone number is 651-638-6203. Please call if you will be getting to campus after 10:00 pm and they will alert the guard house to give you entrance.

Hotels and Campgrounds

Bethel University is a campus with an open country flavor in an urban setting. There are many **hotels** in close proximity for those who prefer that venue. Here are some of them, together with their distance from Bethel, which is located at 3900 Bethel Dr., St. Paul, MN 55112:

- 2.0 miles** away: Country Inn & Suites
2905 Snelling Ave., Roseville, MN 55113
(651-628-3500)
New! Available by Conference time.
- 2.2 miles** away: Hilton Garden Inn
(651-766-9782) and Hampton Inn
(651-482-0402), I-694 and Lexington Ave,
Shoreview, MN 55126
Rates of **\$89-\$109/night** includes breakfast
- 2.8 miles** away: Fairfield Inn & Suites of Roseville
3045 Centre Pointe Dr., Roseville, MN 55113
(651-636-7869) Rates **\$94-\$99/night**.
- 3.0 miles** away Homewood Suites
1815 Old Highway 8 NW, New Brighton,
MN 55112
(651-631-8002) Rates of **\$99-\$109/night**.
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2905 Centre Pointe Dr., Roseville, MN 55113
(651-746-8000) Rates of about **\$89/night**.
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2200 Hwy 10, Mounds View, MN 55112
(763-786-2000) Rates of about **\$84/night**.
- 3.7 miles** away: Days Inn
2149 Program Ave., Mounds View,
MN 55112
(763-786-9151) Rates of **\$392/wkly; \$49.99/night**

- 3.8 miles** away: Radisson Hotel Roseville
2540 N Cleveland, Roseville, MN 55113
(651-636-4567) Rates of **\$99-\$119/night**.
- 4.2 miles** away: Motel 6
2300 Cleveland Ave. N. Roseville, MN 55113
(651-639-3988) Rates of **\$59.99/Sun-Thurs,**
\$65.99/Friday and Sabbath

****When contacting, ask for the special Bethel rate. There are many more hotels at slightly greater distances.**

Campgrounds are not so advantageously located for the same reason there are many hotels nearby. Here are three we know of at reasonable distances:

- 10 minutes** away: Lowry Grove RV and MHP
2501 Lowry Ave NE, St. Anthony, MN
(612-781-3148)
- 25 minutes** away Lake Elmo Park Reserve Campground
1515 Keats Ave N, Lake Elmo, MN
(651-430-8370) This is a public campground.
- 30 minutes** away: St. Paul East RV Park
566 Settlers Ridge Parkway, Woodbury, MN
(651-436-6436)

There are more campgrounds but at greater distances. The first campground is close enough to avoid a commute on the freeway. The second and third campgrounds are just off I-94 to the east of the I-694/494 loop around the Twin cities.

Hotels and especially campgrounds to the **east** of Bethel are recommended due to greater freeway congestion to the west.

Costs for **ON-CAMPUS**: Full-meal plan, registration and bed (with linens) will be about \$400 per adult (age 11 and up) for the week.

There will be a \$20 per person charge (\$40 round trip) for pick up at the MSP Airport.

New members

Miami, FL

Andrew Samuels, pastor

Joined after testimony

Fefelia Gooden-Walcott

Toronto, ON

Herlitz Condison, pastor

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Obituaries

Green.—Connie Lucetta (White)

Green, 72, died on September 7, 2013, at the Providence Memorial Hospital, Valdez, Alaska.

Connie was born in Denver, Colo., on May 29, 1941, the daughter of Robert C. “Ralph” and Grace Eola (Burdick) White. She was baptized at age 12, by Rev. Harmon Dickinson, and joined the Denver SDB Church. She graduated from West High School (Denver) in 1959 and attended Milton (Wis.) College.

Connie transferred her church membership to the Milton SDB Church in 1961, following her marriage there to Edwin H. Green. Four children were born to this union: Norman, Gordon, Andrew and Ilean. Connie and Ed were divorced in 1984. She continued to live in Wisconsin with Ilean, transferring her church membership to the Boulder (Colo.) SDB Church in 1988. In 1990, she and Ilean moved to North Dakota, and in 1993 she took a job in Valdez, Alaska and loved it so much she never left.

Living away from a church of her choice, she continued to worship God in special ways on Sabbath day. In Valdez, she found spiritual strength in God and the mountains that enfolded her and at the various churches she attended. Connie took courses at the University of Colorado (Boulder) and Prince William Sound Community College (Valdez). She was a life-long learner, always eager to learn about creation, history and life around her. Over

the years, Connie inspired all of us with her fortitude, resiliency, and determination. She valiantly battled lung cancer in these latter two years, refusing radiation and chemotherapy and, for the most part using over-the-counter pain medication.

Connie is survived by her four children; seven grandchildren; her sister, Jean Jorgensen; five nieces and six nephews. Connie was predeceased by her parents and brother, Robert Charles White.

Three memorial services were offered: One by her friends and caregiver in Valdez; another by her children and Green family in Atlantic, Mich.; and a third by her son, Norman, in Salem, W.Va., with Pastor Dale Thorngate officiating. Burial of her remains will be divided—some into Prince William Sound Bay, Valdez; some on top of her favorite mountain in Valdez; and some with a memorial plaque at the Valdez Cemetery.

Maddox.—Elmer Ernest Maddox, 96, long-time member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Riverside, Calif., was called home by his Lord on November 5, 2013. He was living in Sequim, Wash., with his wife, Harriette, daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Richard Perez.

Elmer was born to Frank and Winifred Maddox on July 9, 1917 in Galvin, Wash. He along with his four brothers—Harold, Ronnie, Ralph and Bill—grew up in the Pacific

Northwest living at various times in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. Elmer graduated from Auburn Adventist Academy in 1938.

Soon after graduating he met Harriette May Holgate and the two were married on May 4, 1940. In December 1941, two major events occurred in Elmer’s life: Pearl Harbor, and the birth of their eldest son, Boyd. During World War II, Elmer worked at the Naval Torpedo Station in Keyport, Wash.

After the war Elmer moved his family to Riverside, Calif., so he could attend La Sierra College. In the next few years two more children would be born: son, Jan Paul, and a daughter, Sandra Elizabeth. Many years later a fourth child, Anthony, would complete the family.

Due to their church backgrounds, Elmer (a former Adventist) and Harriette (a Baptist) could not agree on a church for many years. While visiting the family, Elmer’s brother-in-law, Byron, found that they were not attending a church. Byron made it his project to find them a church. Just a few blocks away from Elmer’s home on Lemon Street was the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church and he recommended it to Elmer and Harriette.

They visited the church and found it suited them both; it was a Sabbath keeping church which was important to Elmer, and a church that preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ which was important to Harriette. Elmer served

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in many capacities such as Sabbath School teacher, church president and deacon, as well as friend and example to many. They would both become pillars in the Riverside church until they left in 2010 to live with Elizabeth and Rick in Sequim.

Elmer is survived by his wife of 73 years, Harriette; four children: Boyd, Jan, Elizabeth and Tony; grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; as well as two of his four brothers. A memorial service was held at the Riverside SDB Church on December 7, 2013 officiated by Pastor Gabriel Bejjani and Richard Perez.

Bunce.—Audree E. (Williams)

Bunce, 99, died on February 3, 2014 at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in Battle Creek, Mich.

Audree was born June 4, 1914 in North Loup, Neb., to Bert and Stella (Fuller) Williams. One of 11 children, Audree went on to marry Clair Bunce and the couple raised four children of their own. Clair sadly preceded her in death on October 20, 1986.

She was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, and enjoyed painting, playing the organ, and arts and crafts. Audree is survived by her four children, all in Michigan—Phyllis Barr of Dearborn, David Bunce of Burlington, Charles of Concord, and Gerald of Battle Creek; 10 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Grace Rice, and two brothers, Carol and Udell Williams. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held February 7, 2014 at the Farley-Estes & Dowdle Funeral Home with Pastor Tim Smothers officiating. Audree will be laid to rest next to her husband at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Lindle.—Evelyn Janice (Ritter)

Lindle, 80, of Carrier Mills, Ill., died on February 5, 2014 at her residence.

“Janice” was born on January 15, 1934 in Carrier Mills to Harry and Mildred (Lewis) Ritter. Her mother died when she was a few months old, and she was raised by Evelyn Romeo Todd, who also preceded Janice in death. She married George Leroy Lindle, who survives.

She was a Certified Nursing Assistant, and also was owner and operator of The Bait Shop in Harrisburg for many years. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Stonefort.

Janice is survived by her husband, George of Carrier Mills; two daughters—Pat Jackson of Ennis, Texas and Karen Foster of Harrisburg, Ill.; four sons—Eli McEwan, Mike McEwan and Mike Lindle, all of Harrisburg, and John Lindle of Carrier Mills; a sister, Jean Whiting of Florida; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jim McEwan; two daughters, Nancy Lindle and Joyce Colborth; three brothers, Arthur, John and Harry Ritter; and a sister, Helen Blackman.

Funeral services were held February 8, 2014 at Felty Funeral Home in Carrier Mills. Burial was in Joyner Cemetery near Stonefort, with Rev. Eddie Brooks officiating.

Bond.—Leola VanHorn Bond,

passed away peacefully at the age of 95 on March 8, 2014 in Winchester, Va.

Leola was born on September 21, 1918 in Lost Creek, W.Va., daughter of Harvey Oakland and Katherine (Stout) VanHorn. She spent her youth in Lost Creek, attending the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she married. The family then moved to Keeneyville,

Pa., for 10 years. While there, she attended and was deaconess at the Alfred Station (N.Y.) Seventh Day Baptist Church. She then spent the next 53 years with her family in Camp Hill, Pa.

In 2002, Leola went to live with her daughter in Stephenson, Va. She was a homemaker, deaconess, seamstress, gardener, mentor, provider, and nurse to her husband and several family members in their last days on this earth. Most of all she was a loving mother and supporter to her children.

She is survived by six children: Robert E. Bond, Eleanor L. Hanford, Eric L. Bond, E. Kay VanVoorhees, Jacquelin B. Wadsworth and Jessica J. Boyajian; 18 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Robert L. Bond; two sons, Frederick E. Bond and Zachary O. Bond; three brothers, Edward, Harvey Jr., and Lewis VanHorn; and three sisters, Mary and Betty Lou VanHorn and Lela Gerstner, all preceded her in death. A funeral service was held in the Chapel of Davis Funeral Home, Clarksburg, W.Va., March 14, 2014 with Pastor Johnmark Camenga officiating. Committal was at the Seventh Day Baptist Church Cemetery, Lost Creek. **SR**

Death Notices

Lowell A. Welch, 71, of Brookfield, NY died on February 18, 2012.

Cynthia (Welch) Tichnell, 63, of Middleville, NY died on January 1, 2013.

June (Babcock) Johnson, 93, of Nortonville, KS died on January 25, 2014.

Rev. Q. Eugene Smith, 80, of Sherrill, NY died on March 10, 2014.

Joyce (Vassell) Samuels, 78, of McDonough, GA died on March 18, 2014.

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Some things I will miss

The reminiscing continues as my June 30 end date looms.

While I probably won't regret giving up the constant deadlines and myriad of Conference responsibilities, I will certainly miss the people.

I've enjoyed some good relationships with Center employees, with fellow members of the Coordinating Leadership Team (other execs), the General Council, and so many members of our local SDB churches.

My biggest assistance came from members of the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council, the agency of the Conference that hired me. During my first few years, Neil Aiken chaired the TCC. The next 20 years we were under the steady and loyal leadership of Joel Osborn. Thanks, guys!

The Tract Council consists of at-large members elected by the Conference, plus appointed committees to work on media, publications, Sabbath promotion and the *Sabbath Recorder*. We have been blessed with top-notch people.

I am so grateful for the outstanding work of the *Sabbath Recorder* Committees. Myrna Cox chaired the group comprised of members from our Colorado churches in Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs. The committee then moved to the Pacific Northwest with Dave and Doreen Davis taking the reins. Members came from Seattle, Portland and Centralia. Jean Jorgensen then said 'yes' to chairing the committee of folks from Nortonville, Kan., and North Loup, Neb. And the most recent committee was from the southeast (Atlanta area and Paint Rock, Ala.) with another set of married co-chairs, Jeff and Debbie Hargett.

Each of these committees reviewed and critiqued the past year's issues, then would forge ahead to propose new themes and suggest SDB writers. In the latter years, committee members did much of the soliciting and dealt with the deadlines.

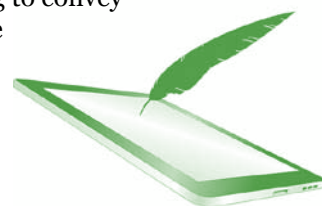
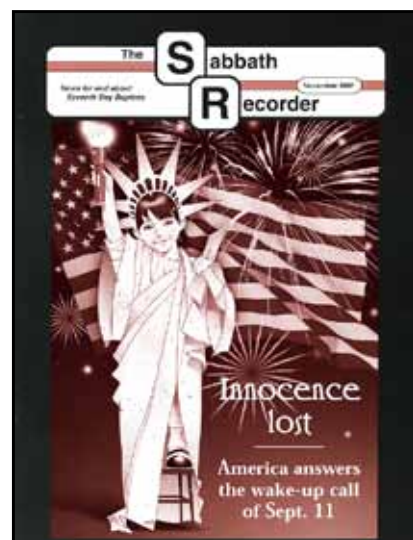
Did we always follow the planned calendar? "Life" would creep in on the writers and I'd have to scramble to come up with different features. Sometimes, "life" (and death) would descend on the world at large and we would need to respond. The first and second Gulf Wars preempted our original schedule. We ran a whole tribute—and surprise—issue for Historian Don Sanford at his retirement, thankfully not waiting until after his passing.

One more unplanned issue bears mentioning. With the nation still numb from the collapse of the Twin Towers, I knew we needed to address the terrorist attacks of September 2001.

Pastor Jeanne Yurke had been in touch with a church attendee who worked at the World Trade Center in New York City. Thanks to "something" (or Someone) putting a pain in her stomach, Cleo LaTouche decided not to go the office on the morning of September 11. She agreed to be interviewed for an article.

That emotional phone interview was my most memorable. We talked, we cried, we prayed together. I've never pretended to be a hard-nosed journalist. (BIG-nosed, yes!) But at that moment, I was one SDB connecting with another, attempting to convey the comfort of God while allowing an important story to be told.

That, I will miss.





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