# THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT**

August 14-18, 1947, Lewis Camp, R. I.

**Director:** Rev. Rev. Zwiebel  
**Camp Manager:** Rev. Harmon Dickinson  
**Teachers:** Miss Lois Wells, Rev. Charles Bond, Don Hargis, Carl Maxson, Rev. Victor Slagg, Rev. Paul Maxson, Wendell Stephan.

## PROGRAM

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3. Choosing a Life Work
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**Recreation**
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**Supper**
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## IMPORTANT DETAILS

**AGE**—those who completed ninth grade in public school this past school year, up to eighteen and older.

**COST**—$6.60, which includes insurance.

**WHAT TO BRING**—Bible, notebook, pencil, sheets, pillow case, two blankets, and toilet materials. Girls may bring slacks.

**REGISTRATION**—Send your name to Rev. Rev. Zwiebel, Rt. 2, Concord, Pa., as soon as you can. Please be sure to tell him in which interest group you choose to enroll. Send arrival time to Rev. Harmon Dickinson, Ashaway, R. I.
The Sabbath Recorder
Editorial: The True Test

Is Christianity alive today? Some daring predictors are venturing that Christianity is on the way out; that as a religion it will eventually take its place among the so-called dead religions of history.

That depends!

It is true that the lines of cleavage between Christianity and non-Christianity are becoming more definitely discernible. But to say that Christianity is becoming inactive is to shut one's eyes to the evidence and to stop one's ears to the evangel. Moreover, the sayer surely sets himself out on a sagging limb of surface species.

However, it behooves Christians to consider some of the reasons that prompt such a bold statement.

First, it is entirely evident that the one who dares declare that Christianity is on the decline does not discern the true nature of Christianity. He does not know what it is all about, anyway. Consequently, he is not qualified to make an acceptable statement, much less an extravagant one.

Then, too, the person who proclaims so poignant a position precludes the possibilities of personality. He may have drawn his deductions from the behavior of professors of Christianity who are not practitioners thereof.

Also, anyone who asserts that Christianity is losing ground has failed to consult the figures. Likewise, he has disregarded the fruit bearing of the faithful. Surely, he is ignorant of the noble history of the Christian religion.

And, finally, he fails to recognize the true spirit and purpose of Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity. This really is the crux of the matter. It may be that he is so obsessed with the claims of a rival movement that he cannot give proper place to Christianity.

At any rate, he is definitely serving to bring Christ's followers to their senses and to a determined stand.

In our new appreciation of Christ's way of life it is highly important that we catch...
again His spirit and purpose. The world is so much with us. We become trapped by the trappings. We need freedom and release. Christ alone is able to free us from the fetters of fashion and form. Christ's spirit and purpose are the same as God's. With what tremendous significance and impact the words of John 3: 16, 17, come: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."

The True Test of Christianity is: Are souls being born into the Kingdom of God? Are these souls growing in the Kingdom task? Jack Hopecraft, a farmer with two thousand acres in Kenya, stated, "Selfishness in us farmers is bringing mankind within measurable distance, not solely, but suddenly, of the cultivation of the soil. I now care for the soil and protect it against erosion with contour terraces."

Therefore, the True Test of Christianity, twofold in nature, is: Are souls being born into the Kingdom of God? Are these souls growing in the Kingdom task? If this twofold test cannot be answered in the affirmative, then the form of religious exercise, not merely what it may be, is False Christianity in its purity. It may be a pretense toward Christianity. Certainly, it is Christianity polluted and putrid. Real Christianity produces trappings. We begotten. And many farmers are saying that the soil, "said Peter Howard, British farmer and author of the book, "Ideas Have Legs," from which the musical revue, "Ideas Have Legs," has been written. "That great mass of people can be changed the world over, and it can be done by setting about it in a democratic way, without the control of the farming community. In Canada they are telling the farmers that European countries are reeling their bacon and wheat at a profit. The same forces are telling rubber coal miners who spend four days weekly foraging for food, that American farmers are slowing their food supplies." David Peters, a British miner, declared, "The coal industry is now a problem but can be a world-answering force. One force fighting for nations today is called the force of Communism with the slogan and idea, 'Workers of the World Unite.' Another force fighting for the world to be rebuilt is the force of MRA with the slogan, 'Workers Unite the World.'

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around the upper part of his arm. Interesting myself in Robert, I sat at his bedside one evening after he had retired, persuading him to move his arm. He resisted at first, but my uncle stopped in the doorway to tell him of an event which greatly interested him. While they were conversing, I leaned over Robert in such a manner that I could not see what I was doing and almost completely straightened the arm, and then bent it backward while in the conversation.

I knew the problem was to change the young man's mind more than to work on his arm. The preacher might call it conversion. Then began a tedious six weeks in which every evening before retiring I would spend a half hour talking to Robert and massaging his arm, each time straightening it a little more. Then he met a girl, whom he liked very much. He became anxious to straighten his arm and was ready to believe. He did straighten and use his arm again.

Is there any connection between the story of this young man and the story we find in Matthew 8: 13, 20-26? ... Have faith in God. ... What things soever ye desire, when ye pray believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. ..."

These studies have been prepared in an attempt to help ourselves, and to help others to understand themselves and help others when they are troubled. I am assuming that you recognize that God is over all, we are not particularly concerned in what you believe, but rather that you believe. We are concerned for those people who have a desire to keep the Sabbath, to be able to help young people, but first I am interested in each person discovering himself as far as possible. Within such a method of life, and we wish to analyze ourselves we must discover that world and be able to look at ourselves objectively. This is one of the first and most important steps and is most useful in learning to shut out the bustle of this world to be alone with Jesus Christ.

In order to discover the world within us, let me suggest that we begin by getting yourself in the most comfortable chair in the house and all alone. Relax deeply and persistently, the most complete relaxation you can achieve, as blank as possible. Remain in this way for a few minutes. Now while you are relaxed and your eyes closed, watch yourself go to the bedroom, prepare for bed, and retire. Notice all of the details through which you go. Then in your inner mind get into bed, and then imagine you are going through those details in your life, while you are in bed in your inner mind, although still seated in that chair. Then you have gone through the details of the day, visualize yourself seated in the most comfortable chair in the house and examine yourself there. Notice that in the inner world you have three dimensions in which you can move. Add to these, time, and you have a fourth dimension.

In order to discover the world within, get thoroughly relaxed, with the outside world shut out. Then bring up the question, What sort of person would I truly like to be, not superficially, but in my deepest desires? In order to achieve an integrated self we need a clear, shining, vivid idea of what we really want to be. Then we can talk about living. You should have no struggle or agonize to have that inner desire come into your view. Let your creative desires come into your view. Do not be afraid of ideas.

Solomon said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." ... One of the great fallacies of thought in our generation is the belief that material things are positive to human development and that spiritual things are negative. It is exactly the other way around. The powerful thing is the clear, integrated idea. Ideas have toppled kingdoms and empires. Ideas have generated factories. Ideas are the potential powers of the world. Your idea of yourself as you should be can change your personality, can make it over, more and more, until you have that idea, and that idea, creative being that you want it to be.

What is your inner picture of yourself? Let me make clear what it is. You start to ask, "What is my real dream for myself?", and immediately you are thinking about what she said or what he said or about that new car. The next time is time to clear your mind and start over again. It will probably...
despair, when you are happy but concerned with what the world holds for you. You need to remember that in John we read, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." Remember also that for matching colors, the ideal situation is to have white light that has equal amplitudes in all wave lengths, and for color discrimination it is necessary for all wave lengths to be present with none overemphasized.

Do you remember the story of Moses and how his face shone after he had been in the presence of the True Light? I wonder how Enoch's face shone after he had walked and talked with God! If you are as I am, you will find yourself an extremely small atom in that True Light, but we can migrate toward it. What confronts may look stern, but the terms of going forward are God's, not ours. It is for us to say, "Yes," to Jesus. There will be no need of flatterers yourself that you will be able to do all that the Holy Spirit reveals, but just remember there is no looking backward unless you wish to go backward. Remember Lot's wife!

Confidence in God

We need confidence in God such as Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had when they told Nebuchadnezzar, "We are not careful of the king's command. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O King. But even if he will not, let it be known unto thee, O King, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."

Everyday Living

Taking a single text out of the Bible is not sufficient. We need the impact of the entire teaching and revelation of Jesus. Taking a single day out of the week is not sufficient. We must live every day to the best within us, not letting the little things upset us.

E. Stanley Jones says that "worry or fear is a kind of atheism." When he was cut off from his family and work in India by the war, and when his months of efforts at finding a basis for peace between Japan and America had failed, a woman said to him one evening, "You have had a quiet day; you have not been worried." He started him—as if a Christian ever has time to worry. One morning when Luther was blue and discouraged, his wife appeared dressed in black; his inquiry as to why the mourning, she replied, "Have not you heard? God is dead." A lot of people today act as though the True Light were dead.

Jesus said, "Take no thought for your life..." but rather seek ye the kingdom of God. Paul said, "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." With God by your side, there is nothing to fear except fear and nothing to worry about except worry.

From E. Stanley Jones we get this poem:

Then take you fear  
By the ear,  
And go and see here!  
If the thing I fear  
Were already here,  
It could not cause a tear  
So saddling, nor could it rear  
My soul as much as you, the fear,  
So, now and forever, out of here!

It is through faith and trust in Christ that we overcome fear, but blind obedience is not what He asks. Faith is asking forward in faith, nothing wavering, but it is a step into the light, not into darkness.

"New Frontiers"

We have tried to bring your attention to the fact that your job is witnessing for Jesus Christ, and the idea life is minor. Let us now turn to statistics in regard to possible ways and means of earning a living. The Bureau of Labor, analy-

ized and prepared for counselors to use by the United States Department of Labor in Bulletin No. 817, entitled, "Occupational Data for Counselors."

There are eleven major occupational groups and one group which reported no occupation. The occupational groups are further divided into hundreds of specific occupations. Of the group reporting, "no occupation," 70.5 per cent were unemployed. The average unemployed for all groups was 13.2 per cent. The second highest unemployment was among "Laborers, except farm and mine," with 33.6 per cent unemployed. The least unemployment was found among farmers, government employers, and professional workers. In the professional field, medical, religious, educational, engineering, and technical fields showed the least unemployment. Religious workers showed 1.4 per cent, while actors and actresses were 39.2 per cent unemployed. In all other fields, it is of particular importance to note that those listed as foremen, managers, officials, and proprietors showed 22.5 per cent.

One is on the need for trained workers and leaders. If you would be in demand, you must do your work better than the next man.

The Pacific Coast Association has appointed a Vocational Committee which is ready and willing to serve whenever and wherever it can in helping you to obtain employment where you can worship God freely. Nehuchadnezzar, They has been placed at its disposal a revolving fund-which will be used whenever there are those in need of money to help them get an edu-
cation which will place them in a position that their services will be so desired that the keeping of the Sabbath will be no longer a problem, or to enable them to change to a field of work where they are able to keep the Sabbath.

God's one source for information in regard to work is the Occupational Outlook Divi-
sion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor. They have pub-
lished an interesting book for most of our common occupations. These have been pre-
pared especially for war veterans but are helpful for everybody.

Thousands are returning, we hear, returning from prison, from concentration camps, from service for their country, from jobs in war plants, returning from—Wait a minute! One may return to a home or place of abode, but let us remember we cannot turn back the wheel of time. We must go forward or die! Remember Lot's wife! Let us talk of going forward and not returning.

New frontiers lift their rocky heights;
Their challenge ever waits.
Renew in us, Almighty God,
They may lead us to our ways.

The Nobelist Ambition

Right now is the time to take advantage of one of the few opportunities which grow out of displaced peoples; that is, the possibility of gaining a vision of new horizons. The world today is crying for leadership in every field of endeavor. Some may feel that there is no place for them to lead, but no one need feel that he lacks a mission in life as long as it is possible for him to be a friend to someone; and no one need count himself poor so long as it is possible to boast one friend. Of all ambitions, one of the noblest is to set yourself to fulfill the pattern of our true Friend, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. No job pays better than this job which you have in addition to hold a job.

IV

Let us now look briefly at several elements in ourselves which have a definite bearing on whether we get and hold a job.

Physical Factors

The critical significance of age, physical, and health factors varies greatly from one occupation to another and handicaps in this regard will develop greater courage in the person who overcomes them. Clarence Hawkes had one leg amputated at ten and was blinded at the age of thirteen, yet he has maintained a living and worked in nature stories. Dr. Edward L. Trudeau, although haunted by tuberculosis all his life, said, "I would not change my sufficiency for the wealth of the Indies."

Physical and health handicaps can be overcome by those who have their eyes on a goal and Jesus at their side.

Interests

Your interests and hobbies may be the key to the kind of work you will do. The person who has no interests in life is already dying. Tragic is the story of the man who had a passion with a public utility company installing gas meters. For twenty years he installed meters; then one day a much better position was open in the meter repair shop. His employers offered him the better position, but he answered, "I do not know anything about what is inside of a meter; I only know how to install them."

Talents

Abilities and aptitudes are important in determining the type of work for which one is best suited. Many tests have been prepared to help in determining aptitudes, and a study of interests, hobbies, and work experience will help. "The fear of the Lord is the begin-

ning of knowledge." All do not have the
same talents, but for each there is at least one talent. It has been said that “common horse sense” is of all things most evenly distributed, for every man has more than anybody else. If you question your ability, compare it to your “common horse sense” and then look at someone else who seems to have less but is making progress.

Training

“Training is important,” Solomon wrote, “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” You have heard the many reasons for training in preparing oneself for a vocation. It is very necessary, and no opportunity to learn and train in those things which are not finished or ever will be finished. Christian life should ever be overlooked. However, I want to emphasize the need to train in Bible. Hans Kohler, who spent many years in a German concentration camp, has this to say:

“We Germans have to learn, as other nations may have to learn, that war is a thing that is guilty of a great apostasy. The root of our national catastrophe is that we deserted God. Every body of people has a God of his own. I don’t know that because I am a pastor and stand in the pulpit. I would like you to see the same thing if you stand- ing on one of the destroyed streets of Nuremberg. Our apostasy is real; all suffering has come upon us.

That will become quite clear from examples from our spiritual history. I would like to remind you how it looked in the heads of the “educated” of our nation. Look at the world as it is today. You will find that the same German man of the past is the same today. We had made inventions and do not have to learn, say: ‘Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.”

Bismarck said—and he made his word a platitude: “We Germans fear God and nothing else in this world.” Afterwards, we have turned this word around. We stopped fearing God and began to fear human lords with trembling and trembling. What will happen to you? And when we exchange for the fear of God the fear of men, the freedom of God is exchanged for the place of freedom. ‘If men out of servility have to obey, then man must make peace. If they do not dare to say what their conscience tells them, is that a nation of men? Above so many people hang the fear of God. They say: ‘We could not talk! What would have happened to us?’

You men in this house of God, that is not a true view of what lies behind us. That was blind obedience instead of responsibility. People obeyed, and obeyed even when they knew that to obey was not right. People must learn to act responsibly through the power of God.

Training to live what you believe starts with the small things. If one believes it is worth eating and sleeping and paying the rent, he is definitely weakening his character.

“‘If ye continue in my word, ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Personal Adjustments

Judgments with respect to personality and personal adjustments are among the most difficult areas for the judgments made in the individual inventory. Because they are hard to make, they are frequently ignored or avoided. One man said of himself: “I am proud and other emotions of the individual are so tied up with personality that it is hard to analyze them impartially. If we are to live in the world and associate with people, our relationships and ability to get along with others are a determining factor in the position which we will occupy. In development of personality it is well to remember that weakness is the mightiest thing on earth when it affords room for God to work, while weakness is often spiritually great; he can inflate himself, but all true magnifying comes from God. O. S. Campbell said this in Person: Personality and belief reminds us: “When we have a Partner who is the reality of wisdom, of love, of justice, a Partner who is the very source of all supply, we do not fear want, we do not fear poverty, we do not fear sickness or death. . . . Your mental attitudes will lead you into the light or hold you in darkness.”

You will get along better with your fellow man and he will enjoy you more when you begin seeing the good that is in him rather than the evil. We tend to become that which we see.

Social Prestige

We have mentioned family background as it refers to childhood training as an important influence in getting and keeping a job. The majority of people obtain their jobs through their family connections and friends. Social prestige must be mentioned. If you inherit-your job under such circumstances, be thankful for your opportunity and set about proving yourself worthy. If you depend upon such connections to hold your job for you, then you will soon find that it affects your character in a detrimental way.

Stability of Purpose

When you meet your fellow men, do not be ashamed of your religion.” Read Mark 8: 38. Tell your employer before you start work about any beliefs that you have that will affect your relationship with him and then live what you believe. Whether you get the job on such a basis or not matters little, for the thing that does matter is what kind of God that person has in his heart. If you are already employed, it is harder to change goals in life which affect your job. If you have examined yourself and are sure of your belief, take a firm stand and carry through.

Paul says, “Be no more children, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.” Therefore, as Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him. Rooted and built up in him, and established in the fullness of the days of Christ, root and build in love, abound therein with thanksgiving.”

You may be asked the question that I was asked by a man of another faith when I was seeking to organize our refusal to work on Saturday a life and death matter or is it like my eating fish on Friday, a thing to be answered,” the answer was, “A life and death concern;” and I got the position. What is your answer? Do all the things you wish you could do this or that and then sit like a frog waiting for a fly to come. Stability of purpose will be an asset to your getting and keeping a job.

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A Way of Life

Now what about going into business for yourself. Whenever we get into one of our discussions on what is wrong with agriculture, someone is sure to come up with the statement, “Farming is not merely a way of earning a livelihood. It is a way of life as we know of none other. Consequently we cannot even begin to discourse on the virtues of rustic existence. The same sort of thing often happens when the problem of owning your own business is brought to the topic. In 1940 approximately ten million people in the United States were classified as employers or self-employed. Over six million of these were farmers. Statistics reveal that about 11 per cent of the returning soldiers intend to own their own business; 8 per cent will go to college; 3 per cent to stay in the Army; 52 per cent to work for others. The others are undecided.

Longevity of Business

The average life of all businesses in the United States is about five years. One third fail the first year, and only one half live more than two years. Over 70 per cent of all businesses are small, and one of the most growing fields is that of service occupations — domestic, personal, commercial, professional, and public. The tremendous increase in gadgets and specialization has created a tremendous demand in a large variety of types of service.

Many Questions

There are many questions that a person must answer before operating his own business. You may ask all the particular points. You give up the carefree attitude that you enjoyed when the boss raised the money to supply your pay check each week. You no longer know how much money you will get each week to supply your family necessities, and probably all your corporation bills, but one main fact you had to force upon those “educated people”—in this new world of gadgets and modernize your never before. And now before our eyes unfolds a world of ruins, and even stone exclaims: "This is the world where man thought he did not need God.”
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The precise length of the year could only be determined by the recurrence of the Pyramids of Israel from Egypt in the story of the giving of the manna in the wilderness in Exodus 16, where the precise dates given for the starting of the double quantity falling on the sixth day of the week was noted by the withholding of the manna on the Saturday (the Sabbath), as well as by the double quantity falling on the sixth day. There could be no days, which day it was, which was by God meant in the fourth command (Exodus 20: 1-11). It was the seventh, or last day of the week, which was marked as the Sabbath, not Sunday, the first day.

From the giving of the Law at Sinai onwards there could be no confusion regarding the day of the Sabbath, through the ages of their history, have maintained the recollection. Jesus observed the day they kept and claimed it as the Lord's Day (Mark 2: 28). He instituted Saturday as the Sabbath, according to John 1: 1-3, 10, 14, and therefore Seventh Day Baptists regard it as the true Christian Sabbath, and the only day scripturally entitled to be called the Lord's day.

Throughout the Christian era various bodies of Christians have had the Bible Sabbath. The Church of the early centuries observed both Sabbath (Saturday) and Sunday, as is the custom in the Abyssinian Church. The observance of the first day, however, rests only on tradition, and not upon any command given by Jesus or the Apostles. This tradition has made void the commandment of God (Matthew 15: 1-6).

The early Irish Church of St. Patrick kept the Sabbath (Saturday), as did the Kirk of the Clyde in Scotland till the eleventh century. Among the complaints of the Roman Church against the Celtic missionaries working on the Continent was that they taught the observance of the Sabbath (Saturday).

Changes of the calendar have not affected the weekly cycle in the past. When the Gregorian Calendar was introduced by Pope Gregory XIII, in 1582, to correct the errors that had been accumulating through the centuries as a result of the inaccuracy of the calendar of Julius Caesar, he caused ten days to be dropped between October 5 and October 15, but it did not disturb the orderly succession of the days of the week. The Gregorian Calendar was not adopted in this country till 1752, when the English marked it off from the other lands.

There is, therefore, no reason to question the fact that Saturday is the seventh day of the week, and the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, which is still observed by hundreds of thousands of Protestants throughout the world—for instance, the Seventh Day Baptists, the Seventh Day Adventists, and many others.

Yours faithfully,
(Rev.) James McGeehy.
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London, N.17.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES, PLEASE—
In order to make certain that all delegates to General Conference at Westerly, August 15 to 24, at which time adequate accommodations, the Entertainment Committee would like to have the names of all attending right away. If you have not already done so, please forward your names immediately to Elton H. Van Horn, 31 Greenman Ave., Westerly, R. I. Please indicate the number in your group, names and ages of children, and time and date of expected arrival.

A man has deprived himself of the best things in life who has deprived himself of a knowledge of the Bible. It is very difficult, indeed, for a man or for a boy who knows the Scripture ever to get away from it. —Woodrow Wilson.

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Why go to Church?

"There are various reasons why one should go to Church. One of these is that if you do not attend—and not merely attend but enter into its ongoing life—you are a parasite. The Church is the chief conservor of spiritual values. . . During the Dark Ages it preserved not only religious civilization; it has fostered the spread of education throughout the centuries; it has nourished the spirit of democracy; it has built moral attitudes into the lives of millions of persons; it has made people more humane in their treatment of the weak and underprivileged; it has gaaded consciences to abolish slavery; it has lifted the position of women and children. We are the inheritors of this freedom and this humanization, in which the Church has not been the sole but has been the chief agent.

A second reason why you need to go to Church is that Church needs you. Its major need is for active and intelligent leadership, in congregations as in pulpits. It has done great things; it can do greater.

The basic reason for attending Church is that it offers you corporate worship. God in the name of Christ. Churches are not cinemas, soda fountains, or concert halls, and are not to be judged by the amount of entertainment they provide. They are places for worship, for the nourishing of a good life, for the maintenance of religious education. A Church, after all, is the chief conservor of religious experience without the Church, but not many people do."—Harkness.

The slightest breeze that ever blew Some slender grass has waivered; The smallest life I ever knew Some thing ever to waver.

We cannot live our lives alone, For other lives we touch Are either strengthened by our own Or weakened just the same. —Author unknown.

"... Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."—Ephesians 5: 1.
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* "The beauty of life is not expressed by gain, but by sacrifice."

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SOME INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW CONVERTS

By Rev. Leslie O. Greene

The Christian who is anxious to succeed in his new profession may welcome a few suggestions to help him avoid some of the pitfalls in the way. It will take patience, courage, and reliance upon God to bring any degree of satisfaction in the progress made. There may be utter failure resulting from surrender to the old ways of living, or the way may seem so much more difficult than anticipated, it may look futile to attempt to go on any further. Surely no one expects to succeed in any other profession without some aid from those who have already gone the way. But in order to avoid the many pitfalls and lessons, but it is such a waste of time. Each day you fail, the pauper, the parasite, have no place in the Kingdom. All can become "rich toward God" through sharing with others in His name. You will have the talents and money which God has bestowed upon you, and you can help promote His program of salvation. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

1. You must trust Jesus only for salvation. Never say, "I am trying to be a Christian." Christ, only can save us. It is dangerous to rely upon one's own strength for wisdom or power to meet life's problems alone. So many think they must earn their salvation, by their good deeds. It is easy, too, to depend upon Church membership, or penance, or some other form of works, when all the while God's Word, which you can best express your faith and love for Christ and where you will find opportunity to serve Christ and promote His work of salvation gives strength, through fellowship with others, to use the many avenues developed for the body of believers for the salvation of souls. Let no excuse stand between your desire for pleasure or worldly gain and your obligation to God to worship on His holy day.

2. You must feed daily upon the Word of God. This can be done at any time for some time that you are "a newborn babe," feeding upon the "sincere milk of the word." Paul commended the new Christians at Thessalonica for receiving "the word with all readiness of mind" and urged them to read "the Book of salvation" in order to see whether these things are so." Your greatest strength will be found in a systematic study of the Bible. As Christ found a ready use for the Scriptures when He was led to the Devil in His temptation on the Mount, so you will find many uses for selected verses you should memorize throughout your life. The example of David will be of lasting profit: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

3. You must establish the habit of unceasing prayer. Just as one needs constantly to take fresh air into his lungs, so the Spirit of God must keep flowing into your hearts through the daily practice of prayer. The prophet Isaiah says, it is possible to "run and not be weary" and to "walk and not faint" so long as one seeks to renew his strength by waiting upon the Lord. Someone has said, "When we pray, God can move, and when God moves, things are changed for the better." In order to prepare you to perform your Christian duty prepares you to carry out God's will in your life. It fortifies you against yielding to those unchristian practices which hinder constant growth in grace and knowledge of the truth." There is no use in deceiving yourself that you can walk alone without God.

4. You must unite with the Church of your choice. Church membership is important, but it is only a step toward salvation. Very early after your conversion, select a Church which emphasizes the doctrines you find are in accord with God's Word. Of the many ways in which you can best express your faith and love for Christ and where you will find opportunity to serve Christ and promote His program of salvation gives strength, through fellowship with others, to use the many avenues developed for the body of believers for the salvation of souls. Let no excuse stand between your desire for pleasure or worldly gain and your obligation to God to worship on His holy day.

5. You must consider Christ as your Saviour before men. What Jesus said to His early disciples is just as applicable to you. "Whoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." One of the first evidences of conversion is the desire to tell others about the "good news" which has come into your possession. Christ sent out His disciples to witness that the Kingdom might be advanced, but, no doubt, He was thinking how such testimony would strengthen them in their own faith. The more you can emphasize to others the advantages and blessings of Christian living, the more you will experience for yourself the true joy which accompanies such service.

6. You must form the habit of giving your time, talents, and money to God. There is no responsibility more plainly taught in God's Word than that of stewardship. "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." Paul says, "But give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." You should give as you would like to receive for eternity. Select some kind of Christian service in which you can do your best and spend and be spent for the sake of the Master who died for you. The beauty of life is not expressed by gain, but by sacrifice.

TOWARD GOD AND MAN

If we fail to realize our responsibilities and obligations toward God in all particulars, we likely will not realize our responsibilities and obligations toward man. Some of these particulars, and therein will come wars, murders, crime, false rumors, deceit and dishonesty, stealing, and all the other evils of this wicked world. Are we sincerely striving to do the will of God that the potential blessings may be poured out on us? Will we bit rebellious against God to our own detriment? Truly, now, are we individually or collectively properly prepared to give our testimony of the Ten Commandments that the last six of the Ten Commandments may become realities?

Indianapolis Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship.

"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." — Acts 2: 47.

"Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it." — Ephesians 5: 25.

"POWER IN THE PEW"* By G. Gerald Staa

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The right kind of Christianity is the most contagious thing in the world. The chief Christian virtue is that of making others, who know you and which it, a part of the secret of a radiant Christian personality. The strength of the Church is a tribute to the radiance of Christian lives of many generations. Bishop John M. Moore, of the Methodist Church, placed an arrow on the target of the mind when he said, "the evangelistic temperament in a Church gives it productive and reproductive capacity. No Church dies that has it; no Church lives long that neglects the work of an evangelistic agency."

This is the pre-eminent evangelistic agency. In this warmth, zeal, and passion is radiated through persons dedicated to the winning of people to Jesus Christ's Lord and Saviour.

The early Church was a witnessing Church. Their radiant faith transmitted the Light and the Gospel to others. A Church filled with glowing members whose witness for Christ, Evangelism is the task of the whole Church. No Church is brighter than its weakest link. The success of the evangelistic program of a Church depends on how many and how well people bear their witness for Jesus.

The evangelistic temperament of a Church may be gauged by many things. First, how many people, by name and address, it has on the church list for witnessing Church. The Church feels definite responsibility. Second, how many people are definitely interested in securing a new Church to witness for Christ. This should include teachers, youth leaders, officers in women's organizations, youth groups, and the like. Third, the way a church program a Church has to recruit people as lay evangelists and to give them training. Fourth, the way a Church goes about teaching the Church point toward decision for Christ and the Christian life and the commitment of life and its resources to the Kingdom of Christ."

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In the early Church every member was an evangelist. When the dispersion came and the Christians were faced with possible persecution and death “they went everywhere preaching the Gospel.” They made the most out of the situation because it was a wonderful opportunity. Today, there is overwhelming evidence today that the vast majority of Christians have reversed the process, making little if any effort to win others to Christ and the Church.

As an approach to the task of evangelism, Churches in increasing numbers are using lay people in their evangelistic programs. An honest evaluation of the older type of mass evangelism convinces one that the excellent results obtained by many evangelists were due to the vast amount of personal work done by lay people who were concerned about the lost.

The most successful way to secure lay participation in evangelistic work is by personal interview. General invitations fail at two points. First, few people respond; and second, those who do respond may have more zeal than ability. Before people can be enlisted, the Church must have an evangelistic department whose members have both interest and ability. Their approval and personal commitment can be secured if a few leaders will formulate a sensible program.

The next step is to decide how many capable persons one may reasonably expect to participate in a full scale, full time evangelistic program. The purpose of this point will save the Church from visionary schemes. Teachers, youth leaders, earnest laymen, young people, good women, and heads of organizations may be expected to cooperate at the outset. Upon arriving at an honest decision as to the scope of evangelistic work which will make possible the participation of a large number of people.

A varied program may include an evangelistic meeting in the Church school, a program of visitation evangelism, and the maximum use of the regular services of the Church. In connection with an evangelistic program, many people will agree to take a number of names to secure attendance, and as the interest of these people grows, the sponsors will naturally begin to talk to them in terms of decision. These sponsors will grow into evangelistic visitors if given guidance and encouragement. By the use of special decision day, the Church’s prayer leaders, teachers and officers of classes and departments will develop a conscience in regard to securing decision and commitment of the persons to whom they are responsible.

A special week prior to Palm Sunday, Easter, Mother’s Day, Pentecost, or Christmas may be assigned as a limited time for special intensive visitation on the prospective members of the Church.

**Essentials for Visitation**

For such a project three things are essential. First, a good prospect list. The list will be made up from several sources such as those on the membership rolls of classes in the Church school; the names of other members of families where one or more persons belong to the Church; visitors who have recently attended Church; young couples recently married; families who have received service from the Church through seasons of sorrow; members of Church organizations but not members of the Church, names secured from a religious survey either through the schools or by house to house canvass, and finally, parents of new babies and small children.

The next step is to determine how many visitors you need to completely cover the assignment. From actual experience, for the average visit, a team composed of two men is best. Such a team discourages a drift to domestic talk or to the level of a mere social visit. For special cases, a man and wife do effective work. Others visits may be well handled by a team of two women. Teams of young people, either two young men or two young women, or a young man and a young woman, can do excellent work with individuals of their own age. If there are parents whose decision is needed, older persons should make the visit, or a special team composed of one adult and one young person may take the assignment. A leader who gets a mental picture of the type of persons to be seen will think in terms of a wide variety of visitors. Usually one team can actually visit ten to fifteen homes in five nights. The visits do not need to be long.

The minister will need to visit his workers to secure their co-operation. Best results are secured when they actually sign card indicating willingness to work through the week. When this procedure is followed teams can be arranged in advance. This is a great advantage. Following the week of visitation one night a week may be used to keep the program going.

The third must is training. Two processes are necessary: first, a period of instruction, or a school in visitation evangelism to be followed by the next week by visits in homes. All assignments are made at the beginning of the week with a check-up meeting at the end of the week. This method has some disadvantages. People get discouraged unless they meet with others who succeed and from whom they learn and gather enthusiasm. A preferable method is to have a modern meal which can be quickly served, each night for four nights. The leader gives specific instructions each night about the type of visit for that evening, taking care that assignments and instructions are related. The group is sent out, after instruction and prayer, to make the visits. Regular and constant difficulties are a part of each night’s instruction period.

A schedule for four nights may be arranged as follows: First, transfer of church members. Second, house to house, visiting the family situation. Third, church visits are made to secure decisions where some of the family are already members. Fourth, to the new family, and children. Young persons. It is better to launch a visitation program with fewer teams that can actually visit than a large group. The group is sent out after instruction and prayer, to make the visits. Regular and constant difficulties are a part of each night’s instruction period.

No amount of organization, zeal, or salesmanship can compensate for sincerity, conviction, kindness, and understanding. At no point in all the progress of the Church is it so important that the heart be warm and the head cool.

A vast opportunity is overlooked by the average person in general, regard to the regular worship services every Sabbath. Any person who honestly cares about those outside of Christ and the Church can be of much assistance. Some have been loaned out to the Church each time in a year that his decision can be secured under the normal program of the Church. What they have been able to do is to secure a readiness to hear the message of the Gospels, and to carry it back to another medium. The minister will need to visit his workers to secure their co-operation. Best results are

**ARE YOU?**

By Albyn Mackintosh

Are you walking, are you talking With the Lord each day? Are you reading the Bible, are you feeding On His Word as you may? Are you praying, are you weighing Each new gleam of light? Do you feel, are you longing To walk in the right? Are you hoping, are you trusting In His mighty power? Are you looking for His coming Every day and every hour?
Christ and His Mother

Dear Recorder Children:

When you think of Mary, the mother of Jesus, it makes you think, does it not, of your own mothers and of how much they mean to you? But we know, since Jesus is our wonderful Saviour, that the love between Jesus and His mother was greater than that of the most loving mother and child of our own time.

We learn from our Bibles, which we should study often when we are free, how Jesus, the Son of God, lived in Nazareth, a town among the hills of Palestine. He was the oldest child and we are sure He spent much of His time with His beloved mother who was a very busy woman. She ground the grain into flour for baking, brought water from the village well, prepared the meals, wove cloth, then made it into clothes for her family, and rugs and mats for the home. We see in pictures Jesus working with His father in the carpenter shop, but I am sure He was a real mother's helper whenever she needed Him, that He came willingly at her call, and even came to help before she made her need known. I hope my Recorder boys and girls try their hardest to follow the example of Jesus in thoughtfulness and helpfulness around the home.

I'll not take the time today to describe Jesus' home which we can be sure his mother, Mary, kept neat and clean though it was plain and simple, but I want to tell you one wonderful thing about it. On the door post of His home and of other Jewish homes was fastened a small box in which was kept a copy of one of the first great laws of the Jewish people:

"The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." - Deut. 6:4

Jesus saw His father and mother touch this box each time they went out, of came in, to remind them of the law which they must teach to their children, and that law should govern the lives of the boys and girls and all those older grown in all Christian homes today.

We know that when Jesus was twelve years old He went for the first time with His father and mother to attend the passover, and how on their way home they discovered that He was not with them; that they searched for Him all through the caravan but could not find Him. His mother, Mary, missed the kind things Jesus was always doing for her. Perhaps she remembered about the killing of the babies of Bethlehem after the birth of Jesus and wondered if He could have fallen into the hands of His enemies. "What could have happened to Him?" cried His mother. Never before had He given her one anxious thought. Mary could not remember that He had ever done an unkind or unpleasant act in His life. When she could not find Him she wept for her beloved child.

Since they could not find Him in the caravan they went back to Jerusalem to look for Him. After they had searched all through the city they went up to the temple hoping He might be there. They found a crowd of people gathered in one of the temple courts, and entering there, voices could be heard in earnest discussion. Mary heard a familiar voice, and pushing her way to the center of the group, she saw with joy Jesus standing unhurt among the rulers and teachers both asking and answering questions.

As soon as Jesus saw His mother He came quickly to her side. Now that she found Him safe she reproved Him for staying behind and making them so much worry; and she said, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?" and His answer was, "How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Then with His parents Jesus returned to Nazareth and was "subject unto them." We know that just before Jesus' death on the cross He thought of His mother and left her in the keeping of His favorite disciple, John. May you follow Jesus' example, boys and girls, in love and faithfulness toward your dear mothers.

In Christian love,
Mispah S. Greene.

Wednesday, August 6, will be the second anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on the City of Hiroshima, Japan. On that day, the Hiroshima Girls' School of the Methodist Church, totally demolished by the bomb, will witness the dedication of new and temporary buildings on the site of the old edifice, and accept a welcome card from the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church from President Matsumoto, head of the school, in Hiroshima. Dr. Matsumoto lost his wife and 330 students in the disaster. Already some hundreds of girls are being taught in makeshift structures in the debris. Says President Matsumoto: "I want to make the day one of joy and thanksgiving and hopeful outlook, instead of commemorating it just as a day of sorrow and bereavement. I am going to invite the mayor and the governor and other leaders of the city's services and make them feel that here Hiroshima Jo Gakuen is rising out of the ashes and debris a new and strong school with high ideals for Christian democratic education. I have asked Dr. John B. Cobb to be present on the occasion, representing the Methodist mission." - W. W. Reid, News in the World of Religion.

"The spread of religion is often handicapped by the ignorance of those who think they have it in excessive quantities."

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FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

This poem, "Watch Yourself Go By," mentioned by Mr. Alvin Mackintosh in "The Best Loved Poems of the American People," was chosen for those who may wish to have a copy. — H. S. W.

**WATCH YOURSELF GO BY**

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by; Think of yourself as "he" instead of "I." Note, closely as in other men you note, The bag-kneed trousers and the seedy coat. Pick flaws; find faults; forget the man is you, And strive to make your estimate ring true. Confront yourself and look you in the eye — Just stand aside and watch yourself go by.

Interpret all your motives just as though You looked on one whose sins you did not know. Let undisguised contempt surge through you when You see you shrill, O comforter of men! Despire your cowardice; condemn whate'er You note of falseness in you anywhere. The faults of others you will dwarf and shrink, Love's chain grow stronger by one rightful link. When you need not "be" as substitute for "I." Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

—Strickland Gillian.

**WHAT I LIVE FOR**

I live for those who love me, For those I know and love, For the heaven that smiles above me, And awaits my spirit. For the task that stands beside me, And the good that I can do.

I live to hail the season, By birds and trees melodist, When men shall live by reason, And not alone for gold; By man and man united. And every wrong righted, The whole world shall be lighted, As Eden was of old.

I live for those who love me, For those who know me true, For the heaven that smiles above me, And awaits my spirit; For the cause that lacks assistance, For the future in the distance, For the good that I can do.

—G. Linnaeus Banks.

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THOU SHALT NOT HAVE ANY GODS BEFORE ME.

THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRaven IMAGE.

THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.

The observance of these four commandments will insure the observance of the remaining six commandments—as certain as the cart follows the horse after being rightly hitched. — Indianapolis, Ind., Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship.

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WILL YOU BE THERE?

TIME IS ARRIVING

A few weeks ago I was scanning a Central New York newspaper and with no end in view began reading a column similar to "Dorothy Dix." A terse statement near the end of the article paid me for the time spent. Some woman inquirer was lamenting the passing of years and a few gray hairs. It seemed to her that for her time had passed and she had not anything for which to look forward. In the answer given for her comfort was this, "Time isn't passing, it's arriving."

Ever since Conference at Milton the whole denomination has been looking forward to the 1947 Conference in Westerly. We in Westerly have been anticipating the event. At times we have been concerned about the passing of time and our accomplishments. Now Conference will convene in three weeks and before we are fully aware of the passing of the six days it will be over, a thing of the past. "Saved to Serve" will have served its purpose in stimulating us to greater activities, but many will feel that the theme for the year as well as the Conference is in the past. True, President Harris will have served the year in intensive labors and will have carried out plans for the sessions of Conference. He, as well as others, will feel that a task has been accomplished. But God forbid that we shall be content to "rest on our laurels," for there is ever greater work for us to do.

So many are like the woman seeking consolation and can sense only the passing of time, and spend their energies lamenting the fact that "tempus fugit" (time flies). Let us be moved to renewed action by plans and preparations made in prayer and earnest concern for the things of the Kingdom. Let us pray for spiritual blessing, not only for those privileged to attend the sessions of Conference in Westerly, but that there shall, through this event, come great spiritual blessing, uplift, and renewed zeal in the work of our denomination as it represents God's work in the world. Let us glory in our past, but as a basis and an urge for the future.

To paraphrase words spoken to Moses, "Speak unto Seventh Day Baptists that they go forward." TIME ISN'T PASSING, IT'S ARRIVING. Harold R. Crandall.

Westerly, R. I.,

SPECIAL NOTICE

To correct any misunderstanding regarding accommodations for guests at Conference in Westerly, the Entertainment Committee wishes to make it clear that no one is expected, or required, to pay for lodging while attending Conference. It is the thought of the committee that, because of the location, some delegates may wish to take advantage of the opportunity to rent cabins near the shore for the week, or perhaps for a few days, before or after Conference. Unless delegates express a desire for cabin accommodations they will be assigned to homes of members or friends of the Westerly and Ashaway Churches. The committee will appreciate the cooperation of all who expect to attend in sending in their names as early as possible.

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"Praise ye the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power . . . Praise him with stringed instruments and organs . . . Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." — Psalm 150: 1, 4, 6. (See page 96.)