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| Comparative Figures    | **Amount**                             |
| Total Budget           | $37,250.00                             |
| Receipts for October   | $1,489.99 4.00% 85.5%                  |
| Receipts for November  | 1,508.67 4.00% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for December  | 3,841.75 10.30% 85.5%                  |
| Receipts for January   | 2,000.14 5.57% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for February  | 2,049.91 5.90% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for March     | 3,284.59 8.80% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for April     | 2,838.21 7.67% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for May       | 2,232.87 6.00% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for June      | 2,559.33 6.87% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for July      | 2,297.05 6.11% 85.5%                   |
| Receipts for August    | 4,032.14 10.82% 85.5%                  |
| Totals                 | $38,144.65 75.44% 91.57%               |
| Special gifts, designated: |                                      |
| October to July        | $4,118.26 $266.52                      |
| Milton, Wis.           | D. Nelson Ingi, Acting Treasurer       |
The Sabbath Recorder

SAVABTH OBSERVANCE

(Given at Riverside, Calif., May 27, 1950.)

By Patricia Henry Keyser

“And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.” Mark 2: 27, 28.

My Sabbath training was the easiest way possible — I never knew differently. On Sabbath we all went to Church. There was never any question as to the time we wanted or when we went. As we grew up and left home we each had to decide for ourselves if we were going to continue in our Sabbath observance. That is really an odd statement, because we didn’t stop to say, “Now that I am away from my parent’s control, shall I kill? shall I steal? and make a decision. Yet we feel we have the privilege to decide whether or not we want to keep the Sabbath, or to transgress this one of the Ten Commandments.

David, a man after God’s own heart said, “I love thy commandments.” Jesus said, “If ye love me keep my commandments.” You cannot distinguish between LOVE and OBEDIENCE. If we love Him, we will obey. The depth of our love is evident by the degree of our obedience. I John 2: 4 reads, “He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” If we do not abide by the Ten Commandments, we are transgressors, and the Scripture says, “The way of the transgressor is hard.”

Our choice is not. Shall I keep the Sabbath day holy? but Shall I choose for my life BLESSING or CURSING? “Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse, a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord... and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 11: 26-28.

How much better if we are willing to choose the blessing “My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee.” Proverbs 3: 1, 2.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

EDITORIALS

THE GOODLY COMPANY OF THOSE WHO PRAY

Most people believe in prayer. Some pray only in an emergency. Others find in prayer their “Vital Breach”.

Those who pray only in an emergency regard prayer, as some strange ritual, as a garment of protection and deliverance to be put on and off as the need may arise. They fail to understand and appreciate the prayer experience and its value. They do not know what they are missing in prayer their “Vital Breach”.

Those who find prayer to be their “Vital Breach” know what it means to “pray without ceasing” and not only increased blessedly themselves but also become a blessing to others.

Several years ago we read a discussion of “Intercessory Prayer — Its Relevance, Practicality and Efficacy” by Dr. James S. McEwen, which appeared in a summer number of Religion in Life. The writer made certain observations toward the conclusion of his discussion.

He asked:
May it not be the expression in the real people of a spiritual life which seems to appear in every sphere of human activity — the fact that we are “bound together in one bundle of life”, so that one can bless many, and (conversely) the innocent must suffer with and for the guilty?

How often have we heard a person comment on the suffering of a loved one: “I don’t understand why the innocent must suffer so.”

Is not the writer’s observation at least a partial answer to the mystery? In prayer, we truly are “bound together in one bundle of life”, so that we can bless many, and (conversely) the innocent must suffer with and for the guilty.

Dr. McEwen continues:

Thus, at the physical level, the very fact which makes it possible for parents to pass on to their children healthy minds and bodies,

Also, make possible spiritual welfare and...


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perience. Upon a vital prayer life de-

pends the attitudes, words, and deeds of

those who would do the whole will of

God.

How else can we know the whole will

of God, save through prayer?

Of course, Bible study, right thinking,

right speaking, right acting, an ever-grow-
ing appreciation of the universe in which

God has placed us and a clearer un-
derstanding of our relationship to those

at us; these, among other factors, con-

tribute to a knowledge of the will of God. But

these factors cannot operate apart from

prayer.

The Apostle Paul admonished, "Pray

constantly." I Thessalonians 5: 17 (RSV).

Do you know the whole will of God for

your life?

Are you willing to patiently pray

that God may reveal His will to you as

wholly as He sees fit to do?

Will you begin to "pray constantly"

today, for yourself? For others? The coming

of God's kingdom upon earth?

Salvation: Earned or Experienced?

By DEACON FREDERIK J. BAKKER

(An exposition of Ephesians 2, based on

Weymouth's translation of the New Tes-

tament. Given at a gospel service in the Seventh Da-

y Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., Au-

gust 13, 1950.)

Nature of Salvation

Verses 1 and 2. "To you Gentiles also,

who were dead through your offenses and

sins, which were once habitual to you

while you walked in the ways of this

world and obeyed the Prince of the

powers of the air, the spirits that are

now at work in the heavens of the sons of dis-

obedience — to you God has given

is the great salvation to be found; for, in

fact, there is no second name under Heaven

that has been given among men through

which we are to be saved." In John 10: 16, John

writes: "There is neither Jew nor Greek — which

do not belong to this fold. Those also I

must bring, and they will listen to my voice;

and they shall become one flock under one Shepherd."

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were so far away

have been brought near through the death of Christ.

Paul in writing to the Galatians says: "There is

no difference between Jew and Greek; "slave and free man,

male and female; you are all one in Christ Jesus."

For He is our peace — He who

has made Jew and Gentile one, and in His

own human nature has broken the hostile

dividing wall by setting aside the Law

with its commandments and ordinances, as

were, in definite decrees."

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the inner court. Josephus speaks of pillars

bearing notices in Greek and Latin prohibiting entrance

to non-Jews on pain of death. One of these

inscriptions is dated in 175 B.C., less

than ten years after Paul saw that

barrier has already been done away

with in Christ, in whom there cannot be

Jew and Gentile, it was actually built

forever by the armies of Rome."

"He design was to eradicate the bar-
deration of humanity in Himself so as to

form one new man, thus effecting peace,

and to reconcile Jew and Gentile in one

new humanity, 'having destroyed by it the

coming of God's kingdom upon earth?"

To What Are We Saved?

Verses 11-18: "Therefore, do not forget

that formerly you were Gentiles as to your

bodily condition. You were called the

Uncircumcision by those who style them-

selves the Circumcised — a circumcision in

the body made by hands; "At that
time you were living apart from Christ;

estranged from the Commonwealth of

Israel, with no share by birth in the

Covenants which are based on the Prom-

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We note here in the foregoing passage

the fact that Jesus had to die for our sins as He was the only one without sin.

He was the only one who qualified for the requirement for salvation, the animal had to be without spot and blemish.

What Is the Final Gift?

Verse 19. "Yet now this I say, that

is no longer more foreordained: a person excluded from
civil right. On the contrary, we have
citizenship with God's people and are members of His family. You are a

building destined to be His temple, upon the foundation of the Apostle and the Prophets, the cornerstone being Christ Jesus Himself, in union with whom the whole edifice is to be built up to become a holy sanctuary in the Lord, in whom you also are being built up together to become a holy temple for God through the Spirit."

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Dear Recorder Children:

The following story is written from memory from a legend I read many years ago. A legend is like a fairy story, you know.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

MAKING OTHERS HAPPY

Listen closely now, my children. And I will a tale unfold: You will find for you a lesson
In this legend very old.

Once upon a time, in the long, long ago, a dear little bright-eyed girl lay under a big oak tree near her cabin home, dreaming a very rosy daydream.

"When I grow up," she whispered, shutting her eyes so that she could not see her patched, faded dress, "I'm going to be rich and beautiful, and the world doing lovely things to make me happy.

I'll go around with a pleasant smile, and a purse full of money, and do all I can to make the whole world better.

Years went by and our little girl, a large girl now, still dreamed of blessing the world. Although it seemed as if her dream would never come true, for she was neither rich nor very beautiful, yet she was always trying to help those around her. She was so cheery and kind that she was a blessing to all who knew her.

She grew to womanhood and married a man as poor as she was. A little cottage became their home, and loving, unselfish hearts made it a home of happiness. A dear little boy came to fill their lives brimmed over.

A great crowd gathered. All began pushing and crowding in their eagerness to reach the golden ball, thinking more about getting a blessing for themselves than of blessing others; but no one could quite reach it. At last, to their great dismay, they suddenly discovered that the ball was gradually rising farther and farther beyond their reach. "Alas!" they cried sorrowfully, "No one will ever be able to touch it."

Then our little dreamer of beautiful dreams worked her way to the edge of the crowd. Holding her baby above her head, she cried, "Let us build a human pyramid and hold on high my baby boy. His little hands will touch the ball for us."

With shouts of joy the people stopped their pushing and crowding, and did as she had suggested. As they lifted the babe high above their heads, he raised his dimpled hands and softly touched the wondrous ball.

Immediately every heart was filled with joy, and blessing came to all the people because a little child had been lifted heavenward.

What a wonderful world this would be if everyone tried every day and in every way to bring happiness and blessing to others! That is the Jesus way. We are taught, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." A tender smile, a kind word spoken, A friendly deed in true love given, Will make the world, as Jesus taught us, A better, happier place to live in.

Yours truly,
Arlie L. Greene, Church Clerk.

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YEARY MEETING

Eastern New York and New Jersey Churches

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held on October 14, 1950, at Berlin, N. Y. The theme will be John 14: 27.

The Friday evening service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Arlie L. Greene, Church Clerk.
Nearly two million individual presents have in the past five years been sent overseas through the wonderful cooperation of America's boys and girls, their teachers and friends.

These beautiful gifts have brought unbelievable joy and happiness wherever they have been distributed at World Christmas and Chanukah Festivals, which have already been celebrated in countless communities in eighteen countries. The European children are most anxious to start correspondence with American boys and girls. We therefore believe that wherever there was a name or an address written clearly and attached safely to a present, the recipient has tried to send a thank-you letter. Hundreds of thousands of letters are flowing back and forth and many new friendships have been born.

This year we are again calling on you to help make the World Christmas Festival an even greater success than in the past.

The value and the cost of your gifts are not important, but let it be a real Christmas present such as you yourself would like to have.

HOW TO DO IT:

1. Start immediately among your friends, neighbors, church, school and youth groups to collect, pack and send World Christmas and Chanukah presents for children overseas. To be practical and thrifty, pack your own and your friend's individual presents together and send them by Railway Express or U.S. Mail to the Committee on WORLD FRIENDSHIP AMONG CHILDREN, 214 East 21st Street, New York 10, N. Y. and we shall ship them overseas.

2. You do not need to mark your gifts for a special country as we divide the gifts so that each country to which we are shipping gets a fair share. But if you wish, you may mark your gift for one of the following countries: Norway, Denmark, Finland, England, Holland, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Italy, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Ireland, India, Japan, Switzerland. If you mark your gift for a country, please send it by Railway Express or U.S. Mail. If not, send it by Registered Mail.

3. Pack and wrap your gifts securely. If possible, use colored wrapping paper. Attach a tag to each of your individual gifts. On one side of the tag write your name, street, city, state and country very clearly, as many envelopes were lost in the past because of incomplete addresses. On the other side write the age of the child for whom your present is meant and whether it is for a boy or a girl.

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SOURCES OF STRENGTH: "Our Father"

(An Excerpt)
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This is number one in a series of three addresses presented at Ministers' Conference, Milton, Wis., May 15-18, 1950. Numbers two and three will follow in consecutive special issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

In the prayer Jesus taught His disciples, as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13, we find it beginning with the words, "Our Father.

What sacred associations cluster around the word father! The very mention of his name carries us back to our childhood and earliest recollections, when we learned our first lessons from the lips of our father or mother. Perhaps we think of the times, when, with the Holy Book before him, he read from its beautiful poetry, or from the touching story of the Cross. Perhaps we recall walks along the street or into the field with his hand holding ours. As we grew older, our confidence in him increased. He was counselor in doubt, our protector in danger, and our adviser in perplexity. Perhaps it was to him we ran to tell our joys as he returned from work, or to stand at his side to rob out our sorrows.

The thought of him was woven into all our youthful plans and early ambitions. Our highest happiness was in pleasing him, and it was a bitter grief when we felt we had wounded his affection. We knew little worldly care when beneath the sheltering roof he had provided, and we felt no fear when we held his loving hand, even when walking through the darkest woods at night.

A true father is our best earthly friend while he lives, and after he has gone there gathers around his memory a sort of halo of glory borrowed from the heavens with which he has entered, and we name him with a feeling of reverence. Yes, all that is tender, true, and strong; wise, generous, and noble is treasured up in the word, father, by a loving son.

But to the thoughtful religious soul the significance of the title "Our Father" is but a shadow of the significance of Heavenly Father. God has designed that human fatherhood should be but a name, to us, until Jesus stands to men, and of the love He has for them.

In speaking of the relationship of God to man, as compared to the love of parents to the child, Robert Robinson, the Archbishop of Glasgow, said, "It is but as a drop to the ocean of fatherly love which is in Himself."

Because he yielded to sin, man lost his close spiritual relationship to his Creator. Still, however, the fatherly heart of God yearned for the lost child, and He diligently sought his return. To restore the broken relationship, God sent His divine and eternal Son into the world to take human nature into union with His own, and to offer Himself a sacrifice for human sin. The mission for which God's Son was sent into the world was successfully accomplished. Through Jesus Christ, God is able and willing to receive back into the embrace of His Fatherhood all who, by faith, return to Him. As a picture, as sinner, we were "children of wrath": as believers in Jesus Christ, we became anew "the sons of God." It was as if Christ took us by the hand, and leading us into the holiest place, taught us to say, "Our Father."

There is a lesson here in which God is the Father of all men. That is, He is the author of their existence, the preserver of their lives, the provider for their wants. But He is all there to the lower creatures as well. It only is when we take into account the elements of spiritual resemblance and mutual affection that we rise to the true and proper ideal of relationship on the one hand, and divine Father...
it seems to me.

In the hands of the Holy Spirit by which we are born again, we are children of God, and we see how it comes that we are creatures of him, to them gave he power to become a son, and sees the Father revealed through His testimony concerning us, as that, nothing that comes as a name dignified and treasured the word through such a high honor to be connected as a child of the likeness of the divine image in the earliest utterances of the child, to them gave he power to become a son, and sees the Father revealed through His testimony concerning us. As in the days of our childhood we went to our Father's home. It does not take much imagination to see them standing by their mother at the organ or piano, to one of the heart, and how eagerly we open the package when a letter is received. It is a high honor to be connected as a child of the Father, to them gave he power to become a son, and sees the Father revealed through His testimony concerning us, as that, nothing that comes as a high honor to be connected as a child of the likeness of the divine image in the earliest utterances of the child, to them gave he power to become a son, and sees the Father revealed through His testimony concerning us.
Our living souls can truly love only living persons. Thus we can see how important it is to have a right conception of the persons who constitute the glory and charm of heaven. We can have no real and absorbing attraction to heaven until we love the persons there, and we never truly love them until we can call God "our Father" and Jesus Christ our Brother and Saviour.

This helps us, at least in part, to understand how, when Jesus desired to lift the thoughts of His followers to the glory that was before them, and sought to give them a sure anchorage in the storm of trial that was about to break upon them, He said, "In my Father's house are many abiding places; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Home is the center of the heart, and so, by enabling us to call God "our Father," and heaven our home, Jesus centers our hearts there. Like Paul, it may be better for us to remain here for a while, but we may, like him, anticipate being "at home with the Lord." Where "our Father" and Jesus Christ are, there is heaven.

### Salvation and the Sabbath

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I. The Creation

The story of creation is a very important part of our Bible, yet so little attention is given to it because it is so often taken for granted, and thought of as secondary. This should not be, however, for there is no such thing as a secondary part of the Bible. It is all one book, with one message for the world, and without the story of creation our Bible would be most incomplete. All the doctrines that the Church has loved through the ages have no meaning without the creation as found in our Bible.

The creation story is more than just a story of how everything was created. For there were other peoples who had ideas as to how everything was created. Too often we have the idea that the only ones who had been given this idea of the origin of things were the Jews, as it had been given to Moses and is recorded in our Bible. This is not so. Other people had been thinking about this matter very seriously. Many of these stories are very similar to what we have in Genesis. They were written before Moses, but they all lack something. They fall far short of anything that we have in the Bible because God chose to reveal Himself through a chosen people of His own, whom He would call out from the other nations to witness to the whole world of the one true and living God, giving to man a written revelation of Himself. The things of His creation were not a sufficient revelation, for after man fell from righteousness he began to worship the creation rather than the Creator. Man saw the beautiful things that God created and set them up as gods.

The thing that makes our Bible so superior to any of the other accounts is that it begins with God. Genesis 1:1. It is the most logical of anything that has ever been written because it was given to Moses by God Himself through divine inspiration. Moses did not think all that up by himself, for he was a man among other people and without God's help our Bible would be just another book of religious ideas about God, the Holy Spirit, however, is the true author of the Book of all books and every passage gives testimony to Him. No other book has changed the lives of so many as has our Bible.

Now I said previously that creation is recorded in the Bible, but not in a story of how things came into being or existence. The central truth is that of redemption which means to buy back. It is the picture of the slave who has run away from his master and is now being sold in a slave market. He must find him there and stay with him for the slave he really was, and that the former master was most kind to him, but unkindness caused him to run away and now he regrets his mistake. He would like to come back with all his heart, but he realizes that only the goodness of his master's heart can make that possible, for there is nothing that he can do of himself to get back into his master's good grace. To be his own master. In spite of the unkindness he had done to him, his master loved him.

His master sees on him the branding that he placed on him that he was no longer to come back towards him, but when he sees his own mark and he pays the highest price to buy back what was originally his own property. The things he had run away from and forgotten he has received back with his master and he serves him the rest of his days, not out of duty but out of true love and thankfulness to his master. He can see what God did for man, and likewise what God did for man when He sent Jesus Christ His only Son to die on the cross for us. He paid the price of redemption not with silver or gold, but...
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with His own precious blood. In other words, He gave His own life for us that we might have life from above, for the blood represents life. Our physical bodies could not live without blood, and neither can we have spiritual life without the shedding of blood to impart it to us.

This is best illustrated in what we do when we give a blood transfusion. This is done when there has been a loss of blood or some lack in the blood which if not taken care of will cause the patient to die. We then appeal for someone or ones who have the same type of blood to give his or her blood in order to save the life of the patient. The blood is imparted and the life is spared.

Well, Jesus in shedding His blood on the cross imparts spiritual life to all those who will accept His work of redemption on the cross by believing in Him personally with their whole hearts.

Now, suppose the slave refused to go back with his master or the patient would be so foolish as not to allow the blood to be transfused, then the slave would be no longer the property of the owner, and the patient would die a natural death.

So the Bible says that we must come back to our former owner, God, who loved us so much when He saw His own image in us which is our mark of identification with Him that He came in the form of man, the Son of God, and paid the price for our redemption even though man was disobedient and fell into sin. We either have to accept what He has done for us and live spiritually, or die in our sins. This is called “spiritual death” and is far worse than physical death. Eternal life is given to those who accept Him.

Now what has all this to do with creation? It may seem that we are not on the subject at hand, namely, “Salvation and the Sabbath” under the subtitle “Creation.” But this is just why this part of our Bible is neglected by the majority of Christian people. When I began my lecture I said the story of creation was most important, yet many consider it only secondary. The reason that it is considered thus is because they do not see any relationship between that story and redemption, the central truth in the Bible. It is merely taken for granted by the so-called fundamentalist, and denied by the modernist. In each case they have missed the spiritual truth of the account given in the Bible and they have looked only at the physical features, making them the basis of argumentation especially in regard to man coming from a lower form of animal.

Now, I do not believe in this unscriptural idea in the least, but what I am saying is this, that whether you believe what the Bible has to say about how things were created or not, if that is all one looks for in either accepting or rejecting the Biblical account, that one has missed the spiritual element if he sees only the physical features of it.

(To be continued)