Baptist Jubilee Tape Recordings Available

The best of the Jubilee program at Atlantic City has been telescoped into three large-reel tape recordings of excellent quality which may be secured from the American Sabbath Tract Society on the same basis as other tape recordings.

Each tape has two programs with very good special music included. A church or church group could profitably use this material for an evening program. Some have more music than others. When the anticipated demand eases off it might be possible for interested groups or individuals to listen to all of them and catch the spirit and tone of that great weekend with its prominent speakers.

Reel #1 features the address by John Diefenbaker, former minister of Canada, and nineteen minutes of the Singing Churchmen of Oklahoma on side 1. Side 2 records the historical message by Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette and, among other things, over eleven minutes of music by Shirley Yang and the Baptist Hour Choir.

Reel #2 has a stimulating message by Brooks Hays and the missionary panel on the congregations joining on which Rev. Joe Samuel was the final speaker.

Reel #3 is taken from the Sunday program featuring Dr. Billy Graham and his team; also a stirring sermon by Dr. John F. Soren of Rio de Janeiro, president of the Baptist World Alliance. Side 1 records four numbers by George Beverly Shea with the congregation joining on two of them.

Know Your Neighbors, Read Baptist Advance

Good as it is to have personal ties with your neighbors of like faith, it is also good to know this historical background and present world work of the various Baptist denominations. A convenient book which provides up-to-date material about our Baptist neighbors and about our own denomination is Baptist Advance, which has been reviewed and advertised in some Baptist journals.

If you have read this book you can recommend it, as some of our leaders already have done, to Baptists who express an interest in our denomination. The ten-page section about Seventh Day Baptists is a good source of information about early beginnings, mission to the frontier, publications, foreign missions, educational developments, ecumenical relations, Christian education coming of age, and organization of the Historical Society.

Under the editorship of A. N. Rogers the following people contributed material: E. T. Harris, Sr., L. M. Malby, Evalois St. John, and Rex Zwiefel.

Marriages


Van Horn-Ochs.—Jared Austin Herbert Van Horn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elston Van Horn, Wewerly, R. I., and Donna Mae Ochs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ochs, Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on June 27, 1964. Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiated.

The Van Horns will be at home in Milton.

Obituaries

Camenga—Trudy, daughter of Cornelis and Mrs. Bosch, was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Feb. 21, 1935, and died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident June 19, near Centralia, Ill., while en route to attend the meetings of the North Central Association at Stonefort, Ill.

Trudy’s father was the lay pastor of the Amsterdam Seventh Day Baptist Church, where she was a member before coming to the United States. Trudy had been a leader of the Dutch Seventh Day Baptist young people.

On August 24, 1962, she was married to Justin Camenga in Amsterdam, and came to the United States with him in October of that year. Trudy was a trained nurse, receiving her training in Norway and Denmark. Since coming to the United States she had worked as a nurse in Wisconsin on several occasions.

By her radiant, enthusiastic personality, Trudy had won her way into the hearts of all who knew her. She was active in the life of the Milton church and served, with Justin, as sponsor for the high school youth fellowship.

Surviving her are her husband and baby son, Eric Peter, of Waunakee, Wis.; her parents; and two brothers, Hans and Theodore, of Amsterdam.

The funeral service was conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church June 23, 1964, with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating, assisted by the Rev. James L. Skaggs. Interment was in the Milton cemetery. — E.F.R.
Proof of Faith

It may be true that we cannot prove the existence of the object of our faith, God. That is, we cannot employ the usual methods of proof that we would use to substantiate things in some of the realms of science. We can, however, give adequate proof of the reality and power of our faith. We can give convincing proof of the sincerity of our profession in some very material ways.

One thing that God means something to us and that Christ has redeemed us with His own blood we can support His work with our money — or at least with what the Bible calls His money, a tithe of what we possess. This we have heard many times and have recognized as right.

Most of us are faced with a few questions on which our faith cannot be perfectly clear. For instance, how shall we divide or designate those gifts with which we say will prove our faith and our love? It would be hard to convince ourselves and others that we should give all to local church work or all to denomination programs. We must remember that Christ was in our own minds, not once for all, but from time to time just where to put our tithes and offerings, so that they will accomplish the greater purposes of our faith. The amount and the specific designation of our gifts will show both the depth of our faith and the object of it. We must exercise our conscience and our judgment and act to others according to how we evaluate them in relation to the Great Commission, for example.

Right now it seems important to stress the major aspects of OWM, and our unified budget. God has given us tasks to perform as a people, and He has given us a much greater work than we have given ourselves by vote of the delegates at General Conference. We must ask our consciences on this subject, and not our pocketbooks.

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Mission

The men in dust-laden utility uniforms and all those who serve their country in the prescribed uniform of their branch, need to be remembered in prayer by the Christians in the communities from whence they come.

Your editor thinks more about this now than ever when he spends two weeks at Fort Dix, N. J., ministering in some measure to the needs of some eighteen thousand young men, who often slip out of sight a few at a time and become almost forgotten men — or boys.

The newspapers give undue space to the criminal acts of a few civilian delinquents and leave practically unmentioned those military personnel whose training and supervision enables them to be the defenders of law and order at home and abroad. We must confess that as church people we are easily deaf to the call of conscience, which we often hold above the call of duty.

The serviceman home on leave quickly changes to civilian clothes, partly because the pin that fastens the uniform to his belt is in the wrong place.

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. The proof of our faith is in the giving and remembering.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man which, being a king, went out to meet his servants, to measure the draught of their labors. Some are thankful that we enjoy good health; we are seldom conscious of the large number of sick in our midst until an emergency causes us to observe how large modern hospital that has been functioning nearby. It is much the same with the military. In peace there are relatively few servicemen on the streets except in the vicinity of military bases.

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The Need Is Great

World Vision, the Christian relief agency founded by Dr. Bob Pierce, which supports 15,500 orphans in Korea, calls attention to the fact that the cost of living in that stricken land has tripled during the year. The economy of Indonesia where World Vision has been able to do so much in the past has virtually collapsed.

CARE gives some figures on world needs for 1964. To provide for 11,000,000 needy people in thirty-nine countries will require $7,000,000 in contributions. People are involved in a “catastrophe of life and food for the future.” A $2 gift of vegetable seeds will provide 1,000 lbs. of a variety of vegetables at harvest time.

What does one do about a toothache in Afghanistan where there are only three dentists for a population of 12,000,000? The country has only 400 doctors and 300 nurses. American doctors and nurses sent by MEDICO, a service of CARE, are helping to treat the sick and train local personnel for future service.

It shows how the creative forces in religion and a culture are evident in all aspects of the world of science. It challenges us to discover in the scientific realm only points ever more surely to the world of a divine being in the universe.

Sincerely yours, 
C. Rex Burdick.
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By Harley D. Bond, Executive Secretary

(Written prior to seeing the report of giving to the World Mission budget for the month of June which appears on the back page.

While it is not impossible that the results of July giving, to be reported in August, will show the budget completed in ten months, it seems overly optimistic to assure a finished case. It is not improbable, however, that a generous response at the time of the Conference Sabbaths offering to the World Mission Mission will assure a completed budget when the Conference sessions close at Salem on August 22. This would allow the northwestern churches of August and September to be used by the agencies as proposed by the Commission at its midwinter meeting. A generous offering by the churches and by those in attendance at General Conference can assure a completed budget in 10½ months.

The rugged beauty of the area is one of the great beauties which the visitor will find. The area is a section of real mountains with all the natural beauty - take these with you. This is the area that has been rightly called "The Switzerland of America." The city of Elkins is the take-off point for the eastern West Virginia recreation areas and is the site of the offices of the Supervisor of the Monongahela National Forest. (Write there for more information.) The area includes about 1,700,000 acres of rugged forested highlands along the backbone of the Allegheny Mountains.

Caves, Plateaus, and White-Water

By Melvin G. Nida

Those who come to West Virginia this summer and who have not traveled in the eastern part of our state will be richly rewarded if they will take time to visit some of the recreational areas that abound there. Folk who have visited only the western part of West Virginia tend to think of it as a land of sharply rolling hills and narrow valleys. But a surprise awaits them if they go east.

East of Rt. 219, which runs in a south-easterly direction through the state, is an area of real mountains with all the recreational facilities of a mountain area. The rugged beauty of the area will amaze you. This is the area that has been rightly called "The Switzerland of America.

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No charges are made for recreational facilities provided by the forest other than a $1 National Forest stamp which must be used to hunt or fish in the area. Cut firewood is available at most camping sites and there are tables, garbage cans, and privies.

Recreational facilities which many come miles to enjoy are the white-water streams, the tundra area of Dolly Sods, and the caverns of White-Water. The white-water enthusiast can steer his canoe down some of the most famous white-water streams in the East. The spelunker who wishes to explore the small rockstone caves, and the cold-weather enthusiast enjoys the strange beauty of Dolly Sods, the high plateau which takes the traveler into the far north more surely than a Walt Disney carousel. For all there are camping sites, hiking trails, and swimming areas.

Beauty of mountains, streams, lakes, plateaus, and caverns await the visitor to eastern West Virginia. One does not need to travel thousands of miles over hot, tiring roads to visit a recreational area. It is there within our state. Come and drink in some of the beauty of our state at our Conference Sabbath.

We ask only that you leave behind your flowers, our bushes, and the formations of our caverns. What has taken thousands of years to form can be destroyed in a few moments by thoughtless people. It is mistakenly thinking that they can take beauty with them. What may be beautiful in its natural setting is ugly when displaced from its natural setting. The forest embraces about 6 million acres and is the national forest.

The last one falling from His lips was the Great Commission, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations." We can go infinitely farther with His message by the faithfulness of those who really love people. Whether we love just family and a few friends or love people distinguishes the Christian from the non-Christian. But how can we express this love, and how can we make it reach more people? By distributing helpful tracts. For those who love we give the best. To withhold good things from those we profess to love as followers of Christ is to falsify our profession of love and concern.

Tract Distribution

A Ministry Not to Be Neglected

There is a temptation to neglect our tract ministry, but let us recognize it as a body of work.

Printed tracts do not cry out the urgency of their distribution. They come in bundles; they are undated by their content; their message will keep unaided by the efforts of others, and do not read like the puzzle that the assembled tracts are not there for the more interested and often does, tempt us to the sin of procrastination. They often times are not used, and are always ready. So say the people who have been helped by them. It may well be objected that it is impossible to distribute enough tracts to be sure the right one is at the right place at the right time. Furthermore, we cannot devise a selective distribution plan that will avoid all waste and still supply the need. Does this excuse us from making the effort? Indeed it does not. Let us remember that tracts are distributed by people who have two great loves - love for Christ, and love for the people for whose benefit the tract is distributed. Do we love Christ? We say we do. He tells us in His Word that we must prove it by keeping His commandments. The last one falling from His lips was the Great Commission, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations." We can go infinitely farther with His message by the faithfulness of those who really love people. Whether we love just family and a few friends or love people distinguishes the Christian from the non-Christian. But how can we express this love, and how can we make it reach more people? By distributing helpful tracts. For those who love we give the best. To withhold good things from those we profess to love as followers of Christ is to falsify our profession of love and concern.

Civil Rights

"No group of Christians has a greater responsibility in civil rights than Southern Baptists.

"Your people are part of the power structure in many communities of our land. The leaders of States and cities and towns are in your congregations and they sit there on your Board. Their attitudes are confirmed or changed by the sermons you preach and by the examples you write and by the examples you set."

—President L. B. Johnson.
Where Do We Stand?

"As my Father has sent me, so send I you"

(John 20: 21)

By Rev. Joao F. Soren*  
(Echoes from the Jubilee)

The world in which we live today is not the same world in which Adoniram Judson launched the modern Baptist missionary epoch one hundred and fifty years ago. Perhaps in no other equal period in history has there been such profound and widespread change, affecting all realms of life, as there has been in this last sesquicentury.

A changing world also affects our religious life in several ways. Those who are more closely connected with foreign mission enterprises will testify to the fact that changes which are occurring in many lands today require readjustments of methods, resources and personnel, both on the mission fields as well as in the home bases, mission boards, and missionary societies.

Deep-rooted changes have deep-rooted effects. This fact lends a very serious significance to the effect of a changing world upon our spiritual life. In my country, new trends in political and sociological concepts, new theories concerning the state, government, property, social justice, and labor rights have forced Baptists into rethinking and restating our position in the light of the new philosophical and ideological concepts. It must be admitted, unfortunately, that the sweet and pleasant change when it met in his city often sweps away the foundations of religious conviction and firmness. Radical and rash, to say nothing of apathetic or indulgent Baptists, into the ministry of the Word and the sacraments; the soul and life of those early Christians; the verbal instructions they received from the blessed lips of the Master also became a bedrock of solid doctrine. A real and abiding faith might be built. They were given to them to the end that when the divine Shepherd departed the lonely sheep might not become easy prey to the wolves of doubt and despair.

As the risen Christ commissioned His disciples to go out into the world and witness, He also gave to them the content of their message and the groundwork for before a hostile, pagan world.

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The command, "As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" enhances the supreme lordship of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is Lord because He proceeded from the Father. He is Lord because He is the heavenly Father's only begotten Son. He is Lord because He is the true bread that came down from heaven. He is Lord because He is the incarnate God Almighty, "for in Him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness of life in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority."

It leaves us speechless when so-called Christians, even those who profess to believe the message are reproduced here.

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What Younger Churches Are Looking for in Missionaries

(Quoted from "Preparation of Missionaries in an Ecumenical Era" by Dr. James A. Schaeffer and taken from "Occasional Bulletin," a publication of the Missionary Research Library, issue of February, 1964.)

Younger churches do not speak with one voice expressing their view of what is needed in a missionary. Various points are mentioned by various spokesmen, and the needs of some receiving churches appear to differ from those of others. One can at best only paint a composite picture.

Because the foreign missionary has a sketch some of the qualities that have a special interest is a matter of deep concern to receiving churches, it seems reasonable to ask: What younger churches are looking for in missionaries?

1. A person who comes in the form of a "boss" or master; not seeking your move, in consultation with you, and always there in time of need. This person is not willing to be made of no reputation, to relate "boss" with "us" — in some areas effective witness seems to depend on long-term identification, in others this appears less necessary.

2. A person who is himself an embodiment of the missionary vocation and by his presence dramatizes the Great Commission; he helps the church to go beyond itself and reach out into the world; at Willengen, younger churchmen complained of "missionaries coming to the younger churches with little or no evangelical passion . . . the younger churches require foreign missionaries who go forth to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not those who sit at administrators' desks"; the functional uniqueness of the missionary calling must not be lost, due to an emphasis on interchurch aid.

3. A person who comes to teach us how to live the Christian life . . . we have preachers to make fine sermons and teachers to lead Sunday School . . . what we want is someone to show us how to be a Christian in the home, at work, in society, in industry, etc." (words of an African laymen); the urgency of sending missionaries who embody the practical virtues of lay witness and obedience, viz. of applied Christianity.

4. A person with a genuine Christian vocation and with spiritual depth and maturity, which would be a challenge to younger people to take root in the soil, to show patience, faith, and endurance, to take even mistakes and inefficiency (the attitude of non-paternalism) so that the true Church of Jesus Christ may take root in the soil.

5. A person with a genuine Christian vocation and attributes of the true Church of Jesus Christ and not to personal gain or professional advancement; an example of patience, faith, hope, love and Christian service which will communicate these qualities to others by his example; models of pastoral and lay vocation in a day of rapid social change and the rising expectations; re-liability and incorruptibility.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 1, 1964

God's Covenant with His People

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 19: 3-6a; 20: 1-4, 7-17.

JULY 20, 1964

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NEGRO CHURCH IS BURNED

There is a Seventh Day Baptist fellowship in Hammond called the West Side Fellowship, pastored for some years by Adolph Showers. It is a member of the Louisiana Association which was organized a year or more ago with the advice and help of leaders of the Southwestern Association.

Ralph Hays, energetic young pastor of our Metairie (New Orleans) church writes for publication that on July 2, the church building (belonging to the Louisiana Association) was burned to the ground by persons unknown. The account says that a fire was set but was extinguished by the Hammond fire department. Three hours later another fire was set which destroyed the frame building. Says Mr. Hays: "We can only hope that this is the first we have had this type of 'non-violence' within the ranks of Seventh Day Baptists in the deep South."

He goes on with the information, "The building was used by the civil education group every Wednesday night to meet the needs of the Negro area."

This loss leaves the congregation of Pastor Adolph Showers without a meeting place. It is announced in the news of the group to meet in the home of the pastor until another building can be rearranged. No picture of the burned building is available. A photograph of the pastor may help readers to identify him and to pray for his flock as they bear this additional burden.

God's Covenant with His People
Youth Work Activities

National officers of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship will be elected at Youth Pre-Con Retreat at EvUnBreth Acres this year. Pastor Herbert Saunders will continue as nominating committee consisting of youth and advisors of the Western Association, has nominated two candidates for each office so that members of the Western Association may make a choice; of course, others may be nominated by the group.

David L. Sanford and David Wellman have been nominated for president. David S. will be a junior in Bolivar High School this fall. A member of the First Geneseo Seventh Day Baptist Church, he is the son of Gordon Sanford, treasurer of Our World Mission budget.

David W. will be a junior in the North Tonawanda High School and a charter member of the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is the son of Margaret Carpenter Wellman.

John Kenyon and Becky Butts have been nominated for vice-president. Becky will be a junior at Alfred-Almond High School this fall. She and John are both members of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. The daughter of Stanley and Lydia Butts, she has many interests. John will be a senior at Alfred-Almond High School. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kenyon.

Those nominated for secretary-treasurer are Wyn Parry and Gretchen Zwiebel. Wyn will be a junior at Alfred-Almond next year. She is a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Robert and Nellie Bond Parry, and granddaughter of Dr. Ahva J. C. Bond.

Gretchen will be a sophomore at Alfred-Almond and attends Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. Her parents are Rex and Juanita Zwiebel.

Conference President C. Rex Burdick will install the elected officers at the youth banquet at General Conference.

At the last meeting of the Youth Work Committee of the board, June 28, it was reported that we are now printing 400 copies of the Beacon, and that there are 375 youth enrolled in the National SDBYF.

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Nida, representatives of the Committee for conference planning for General Conference, asked that a plan for regulation of youth activities at General Conference be approved with the Youth Work Committee helping to put the plan in motion.

The Exchange Camper plan was reported completed and completed, but further discussion must be made regarding this program for next year. We hope that the methods and planning for this exchange can be discussed at Campinhoa Forum to be held at General Conference.

Attention was given to the selection of a youth field work with action related to the board’s secretary.

Herbert Saunders reported that Steven Rogers, Salem, W. Va., had agreed to represent the SDBYF at CoWoCo.

Southwestern Association

(Gleaned from the minutes)

The Association met with the Hammond, La., church in its seventy-third session June 18-21 with the theme, “The Reality of Christianity.”

At the opening service on Thursday evening after a devotional period and a hymn singing, the president, Pastor C. Fred Kirtland, introduced the theme and the message Dr. and Mrs. Kirtland who discussed some questions that must be answered by each one before he can effectively witness for Christ.

The first business meeting was on Friday morning, followed by a message by Paul V. Beebe, pastor of the Fouke, Ark., church, who stressed the fact that we are surrounded by people who are sending themselves to hell, unless we show concern for them and bring them to repentance and faith in Christ. The petition committee meeting received and referred to the Petitions Committee four resolutions. The speaker of the afternoon was the Rev. Ralph Hays who emphasized the reality of Christianity by stressing the Christian’s individual commitment to God.

Conference President C. Rex Burdick brought a message on Sabbath eve on “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory.”

During the Sabbath morning worship service the Mayor of Hammond, John Morrison, gave an address of welcome. Pastor Fred Kirtland was the preacher of the morning, pointing out that the reality of Christianity is shown by Christ’s power in our individual lives. To have this power we must wholly dedicate our lives to Him.

Considered a highlight of the Association was the Sabbath afternoon Memorial Service held in Evergreen Cemetery in Hammond for two former pastors. The young people also participated in an afternoon service at which Pastor Marion Van Horn of Texarkana spoke from John 20 on “The Gracie of God,” the meaning of which he comes into a saving relationship with people.

Another reality, the reality of sin, was discussed in a sermon by Pastor Paul Osborn of Little Rock on the evening after the Sabbath. He remarked that if the Apostle Paul had fears of becoming a castaway, we too should be afraid of growing away from Christ.

The Association continued on Sunday with a fellowship breakfast and another business meeting. Attendance at the Association was widely representative but not large in total numbers. Visitors and delegates from other churches numbered three hundred. The evening service was the wash of missionary Leon Lawton who were passing through, and Miss Linda Bingham who recently completed her work with the Board of Christian Education. In the closing service on Sunday evening as well as in the business meeting there were differences of opinion about the quality of leadership in Seventh Day Baptist churches but there seemed to be unanimity on the action taken, including the resolutions passed.

Where Do We Stand?

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whole scheme of redemption, the principle that underlies the atonement on the cross, are the spirit and the principle of sacrifice. Early Christians quickly came to the understanding that in order to perform the task that God has given to His people, they must be able to live in the Christian life in the world, they must also bear a cross. Through selflessness alone might they conquer a selfish world. . . . If ye would be followers of Christ, says the Christ of Calvary, “deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow me.”

As we affirm our stand for the supreme lordship of Jesus Christ, it is not fitting that we ask ourselves if the present-day discipleship or the self-sacrificing Lord can pass the test of the authentic apostolic spirit of the Christian church.

Perhaps the lack of impetus and the shortage of power of Christianity in this generation originates from the loss of that historic trait, early Christianity, that is, its compelling spirit of sacrifice. Something of that consuming, inconstant, self-denying, motivating of the apostolic church which have been lost along the way. We have become more self-saving than self-sacrificing. We have not been willing to become a crucified church in order, and so adequately represent before the world, the crucified Lord. We must sincerely admit that secular crusades and ideologies in the world today are not the present Seventh Day Christian in the attitudes and in the spirit of sacrifice. Some of them have apparently become even more effectivly missionary than our Christian churches. It is no wonder that some of them seem to be outstripping the churches in the race for world conquest. It is high time that we be reminded again that Christ’s missions must be understood and undertaken in terms of Christian sacrifice.

The command, “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you,” implies the fact that the followers of the Christ are a divinely commissioned people with a God-appointed task.

The Lord of the Church was the appointed One, that is, the appointed One.
He clearly understood and repeatedly stated the fact that He came to this world by divine appointment and for a definite purpose. He was the world because He was sent from on high. He came to perform a very definite task in this world. The messianic consciousness was something which was impressed on our Lord. It became the polarizing center of His life. . . . He made every occurrence and every circumstance converge and contribute toward the purpose for which He came to this world.

It is His purpose that those who follow Him also have a mission consciousness. The failure of Israel of old was primarily the failure of its messianic consciousness.

The divine commission given to the New Israel, that is, the Church of Jesus Christ, is just as binding and as imperative as that which was given to Old Testament Israel. It is indeed a fundamental doctrine of the New Testament, and not a mere elective course in the discipleship of the Christ. Never was our Savior more explicit and incisive in language than when He commissioned His followers even as He was commissioned. He was commissioned. He commissioned His followers even as our Lord and Master. He was in the world because He came to implement that which He had been propitiated. He was commissioned. He was commissioned.

In the words of the Lord, "Even so I send you," is the substance of our God-given task as a divinely commissioned people. It has to do with that which the Christ was sent to do. We are sent to implement that which He came for. This is the task for which the church exists. May we beware of the danger of being sidetracked into secondary, subsidiary, and subservient interests and activities, which, in some instances, have all but steered us away from the task which was set by the Master Pilot who is the Head of the Church.

It was indeed a historic moment in the annals of the Baptist World Alliance, when the 10th Congress, meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, four years ago, voted unanimously for the "year of evangelism emphasis" in 1964. This means that during this year, 26 million Baptists in almost 120 nations would be led to give priority to the main task of the church of Jesus Christ. In Latin America the general reaction to that most momentous decision was generally expressed in such words as these: "Now the Baptist World Alliance is getting down to business." And what a blessing this is turning out to be! Baptists in Brazil, as they came to grips with the matter of evangelistic emphasis, concluded they needed a whole year just for the preparation. A nation-wide evangelistic crusade is in the making to be launched in 1965. The movement is gripping the hearts of these 250,000 Brazilian Baptists as nothing ever has before.

Baptists of North America have had their heads and their hearts together as they planned for this historic quadrennial celebration. Has it not dawned upon you what might happen to this continent, yea, to the entire world, if this movement is not dedicated. With the "Firecracker 400" competing the same day at the International Speedway, we felt it wise to have a potluck dinner at noon and avoid getting involved in excessive traffic. We enjoyed the fellowship together, for we seldom get to do so during the summer months. At 2 p.m. they called us all to the afternoons which gave their informal impressions of camp. Pastor Davis and Dr. Ruth Rogers, who was also a camp counselor, gave us highlights of Southeastern Association and camp. It was voted to come to Daytona Beach next year for the Association and we look forward to attending from our geographic location, not many of us are afforded the opportunity to attend Association each year.

As previously announced in this column, the address for inquiries about the new Baptist Retirement Center was promised. It is Ridgecrest Retirement Villa, 1400 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Fla. —Correspondent.

We force young people to go to school, dangle before their eyes the opportunity to make big money by using acquired knowledge to exploit modern technology and industrialistic tools in the hope of them wind up exploiting people instead.


NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Our annual Sabbath School picnic was held May 24 at Ponce de Leon Inlet at low tide. A picnic lunch was served at noon followed by an afternoon of fishing, hiking, swimming, and visiting. The evening was spent enjoying the refreshing ocean breezes. A count was not taken but a good number of our group were captured.

On the weekend of June 13, our returning Jamaica missionaries, the Leon Lawton family, stayed in Daytona Beach, attended Sabbath services and at night showed slides of Jamaica and gave us an up-to-date report of our mission field.

A service of dedication for three infants was held on July 4. Darin Cushing, Michael Stevens, and Matthew Jacob were dedicated. With the "Firecracker 400" competing the same day at the International Speedway, we felt it wise to have a potluck dinner at noon and avoid getting involved in excessive traffic. We enjoyed the fellowship together, for we seldom get to do so during the summer months. At 2 p.m. they called us all to the afternoons which gave their informal impressions of camp. Pastor Davis and Dr. Ruth Rogers, who was also a camp counselor, gave us highlights of Southeastern Association and camp. It was voted to come to Daytona Beach next year for the Association and we look forward to attending from our geographic location, not many of us are afforded the opportunity to attend Association each year.

As previously announced in this column, the address for inquiries about the new Baptist Retirement Center was promised. It is Ridgecrest Retirement Villa, 1400 S. Nova Road, Daytona Beach, Fla. — Correspondent.

Lord's Kingdom even unto the ends of the earth? Is this not the appointed time for all Baptists in North America to knit again the threads of fraternal affinities and Christian solidarities into a closely woven texture of superb denominational co-operation toward the very purpose for which the New Testament believers and New Testament churches

Unto All the World

During the quarter ending May 31 there were 32,215 tracts sent out from denominational headquarters, according to the report given to the Tract Board at its July 12 meeting by the corresponding secretary. Of this number 9,170 were picked up by delegates and messengers of the Baptist World Alliance and conceivably carried back to the four corners of the nation for reference and study by those who received the information. In addition, some 1,400 copies of the Sabbath Recorder, special and regular issues, went into the hands of our Lord's Kingdom of living believers.
JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

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SUMMARY

1963-1964 OWM Budget $100,510.00

Receipts for 9 months:

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Amount to be raised $26,811.79

Needed per month to raise budget by July 31 $26,811.79

Percentage of (10 month) time elapsed 90%

Percentage of budget raised 73.25%

Gordon L. Sanford, OWM Treasurer

A Dry and Thirsty Land

Modern Jordan is part of the land of ancient Israel, a land which was described to the Egypt-enslaved Hebrews as flowing with milk and honey. It now supports a much smaller population than in Bible times because water conservation has not been practiced since those early times. It is estimated that one half of the annual twenty-inch rainfall is lost. At the present time Church World Service and other agencies are helping the Jordanians to excavate and repair the ancient reservoirs and aqueducts so that the land can again become productive. It is hoped that many will accept the "Water of Life" as hunger and thirst are reduced in this "dry and thirsty land."