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For Better Mental Health
The AFL-CIO recently told a Senate subcommittee that adoption of the Community Mental Health Centers Amendments of 1969 "will accelerate progress toward the goal of insuring every American, rich or poor, access to mental health service."

The remarks were made by Andrew J. Biemiller, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Legislation. He reviewed the success of the community mental centers program and noted that the number of resident mental patients dropped from an all-time high of 559,000 in 1955 to fewer than 401,000 by the end of 1968.

Despite this progress, Biemiller said, the mentally ill still occupy 40 percent of the nation's hospital beds, at least 60,000 Americans are drug addicts and additional hundreds of thousands misuse drugs. A third of the population, he continued, suffers symptoms of depression and more than five million are unable to control their use of alcohol. Fewer than five percent of the nation's children with emotional disturbance and mental illness of varying intensities receive the treatment needed.

Languages
Linguists have discovered that there are 3,200 languages in the world. Two-thirds of the people in the world speak at least one of the top 25 languages. Ninety-five percent of the people speak one of the top 132 languages. This means that five percent of the people speak the remaining 3,068 languages. But do not be hasty to brush off this 170 million people, most of whom have never heard the name of Christ.

Mandarin (Chinese) is the world's top language with about 500 million speakers. English is second with about 350 million; Spanish is third with 200 million; Hindi (North India) is fourth; and Russian is fifth.

The entire Bible has been published in 236 languages. A part of the Bible (The Old Testament, the New Testament, or a Gospel portion) has been published in 1,232 languages. This means that there are 1,968 languages in which none of the Bible has been published.
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN
Our Need To Share

The sermon theme announced in the bulletin of one of our New York churches recently was "Our Need To Share" based on Luke 12:33, 34. You might like to look up the verse and think what you would say on that topic. It set me thinking about the two ways that it might be taken.

The most obvious message is that there is so much hunger and deprivation in the world that we who are not deprived should feel a compulsion, a need, to share with the less fortunate. The need for help bears down upon everyone who is on mailing lists. We are deluged particularly at this time of year with urgent requests from a multitude of organizations wanting to help the unfortunate in other lands. We feel these needs and try to do our part on the ones that come to us with the strongest appeal.

I don't know how the pastor treated his announced subject. He could have dwelt at length on our Christian responsibility. There is no need about our need to share and we should be stirred up to "Sell that ye have, and give alms" (Luke 12:33).

There is, however, another side to this need to share. It is our own need, not the other fellow's. It may not have tearing-starting illustrations and pictures of starved children, but the very thing we have about which we need to share is what we have of material and spiritual blessings. We have as much obligation to grow in Christ as we have to bring others to Christ. Paul on one occasion spoke of the possibility of becoming a castaway even after he had preached Christ to others. One of the dangers we face is that regard may be in failing to share. How can we claim to be followers of Christ, striving to approach "unto the glory of God for Israel that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1)? That burden for the salvation of the Jews, who are so much more numerous now than in the first century, must not be lightly sloughed off by those who follow their Lord in weeping over Jerusalem.

One of the most cogent reasons for Gentiles to evangelize the Jews, other than the Biblical example and command to go "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," is the attitude of the converted Jews of our day. Generally speaking, when a Jew is really converted, he has a burden to carry the joy of salvation to his brethren. If these are so sure that the Gentiles would not be keeping faith with them if we neglected to help. Their concern is genuine and is enlightened; we must share it.

Let us take a look at this vast mission field that lies at our doors and also throughout the world. The 1969 edition of the American Jewish Yearbook, a 463-page compendium of events and trends in Jewish life. The New York's 1968 population of 3,569,000. The annual rate of growth is 1.5 per cent as compared with 1.425 per cent for the total white population.

Jews constitute 2.94 per cent of the total population, according to the Yearbook. The states with the smallest percentage of Jews are Alaska and Idaho, each with 0.07 per cent. South Dakota is next, with 0.08 per cent. The number of Jews in these three states are 190, 500, and 320 respectively. New York's percentage is 13.95, is the largest of any state, with New Jersey's 5.46 per cent, Massachusetts' 4.75 per cent, and Maryland's 4.72 per cent next. Other states having above-average percentages of Jews are California with 3.59 per cent, Connecticut with 3.50 per cent, and Florida with 3.08 per cent.

Of the 4,019,000 Jews in Europe, about 2,594,000 were in the Soviet Union, according to the Yearbook. From among the largest Jewish community with 535,000. There were 410,000 Jews in Great Britain, some 100,000 in Rumania, and 80,000 in Hungary. Outside of the United States and the Soviet Union, the largest number of Jews, about 13,786,000 Jews were the 2,436,000-in Israel.

Ouras are happier days than a generation ago in that there is a new respect for the religious practices of other people. This is particularly noticeable in relation to the Jewish festivals of Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, which is more and more openly emphasized in metropolitan schools where children of Jewish parentage are numerous. These happy days of more tolerance and mutual respect would perhaps be a little happier for some if the respect had come without the coercion of protests and sometimes legal action.

Christians ought to respect the religious practices of minorities in their midst even as they ought to continue their earlier economic equality for all regardless of racial or ethnic backgrounds. This does not mean that we should make light of our own traditions and practices or reduce Christian festivals to the level of national or racial festivals.

Let our Jewish friends enjoy the tradi-
tions of Hanukkah to the full and without any element of ridicule. On the other hand, let us not overemphasize the festival and thus force our Jewish neighbors to do things that have little meaning to most of them, since it is probable that by far the greater number of Jews in this country are more geared to an observance of Christmas, though they may go light on its religious aspects.

We mentioned in the beginning the growing respect for each other's religious festivals. Let us remember, however, that the celebration of the birth of Christ is religious while the celebration of the Feast of Lights is, primarily not religious, but national. To bear out this point let us quote from the proclamation of Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee. (The eight-day Jewish festival is from December 5-13 this year.) He points out the military character of the feast in its origin and its parallel in modern Israel. It marks the victory of the Maccabees, a group of Jewish militants, over Syrian overlordship in the year 165 B.C. Says Hoffman:

"The approach of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the valorous deeds of the Maccabees, who gave to Judaism and to all mankind a glorious example of man's noblest instincts in fighting for his right to self-determination and life and the mightiest armies and the most powerful states cannot quench the indomitable spirit of a people imbued with a dedication to freedom and possessed of a fierce will to live."

The historical event from which Christmas grew is also an event in Jewish history, as is the deliverance of the Jews in the days of the Maccabees, but how different in emphasis. It was not, however, an event of war but of peace, the declaration from the angelic host to poor shepherds on the Judean hills was peace on earth, and not peace for a single favored nation, but through them to the whole world. It was the Prince of Peace whose birth was announced and whose incarnation we celebrate in December. What a difference!

Reminded again of the great significance of the coming to earth of the only-begotten Son of God we who are Christians should do more than be nice to our Jewish neighbors; we should redouble our efforts to convince them that their Messiah has come — that He is the Savior of the world. First century Christians knew all about the Maccabees and the Feast of Lights, but needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

An indispensable factor in the understanding and guidance that fit the Christian to be a workman for God is the knowledge of Bible teaching. The Psalmist said it well in the words, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. 119:105). For this reason, Seventh Day Baptists have placed a growing emphasis upon Bible reading and study during recent years. Some excellent printed reading guides have been used, using different approaches to a complete reading of the Bible annually.

For 1970, the purpose of the reading guide is not the complete reading of the Scriptures during the year. It is directed, rather, toward knowing what the Scriptures have to say about the fundamental facts of life. The suggested readings do not exhaust the Bible's teachings on these matters, but do give basic concepts. We will be gratified to know that many of our neighbors challenge to further study on the subjects listed.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church has prepared the reading guide. Instead of being published in pamphlet form, the appropriate portions of the readings will appear regularly in the Sabbath Recorder. Please look for them. It is suggested that you clip this section of your Recorder and paste it in scrapbook form for future reference.

All pastors are urged to either print the readings regularly in their bulletins, or to post them where they will get the attention of those attending church. This will both emphasize the Bible reading program and put it before any who might not subscribe to the Sabbath Recorder.

Please study your Bible with the prayer, "Teach me Thy will, O Lord." May God richly bless you as you make an earnest effort to be well-prepared for your part in His calling!

(The reading suggestions for January will be printed next week.)

Conference Publicity Begins

Plans are being made in Milton, Wisconsin, for General Conference to be held on the campus of Milton College, August 10 to 15, 1970. J. Leland Skaggs, deacon in the Milton church, registrar of Milton College, and long-time Conference-goer, has been named general chairman by North Central Association.

The host group is composed of the churches in Farina, Stonefort, and Chicago in Illinois; Battle Creek and White Cloud, Michigan; Dodge Center, Minnesota; and New Auburn, Walworth, Albion, Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin. With the aid of representatives of this group Chairman Skaggs is forming committees and making preliminary arrangements and promises that a list of costs for Conference-goers will be available soon after the first of the year.

This year it's "On to Wisconsin!"

—Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick
American Bible Society
Advisory Council Attracts Many

The most widely representative ecumenical body in the United States is the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, which held its annual meeting in New York November 10-12. Present at the meeting were some 250 men and women (including staff officers of the society) representing more than seventy denominations. Most of the better known churches are on the list and some not so well-known. There were seven Baptist conventions, five Lutheran bodies, six Presbyterian, and five Methodist denominations. Notably lacking in the list are a few churches holding a low view of the Bible, such as the Unitarian. It appears that most of the denominations were officially represented by top men or men close to the top. It is interesting to note that Roman Catholics now have representation in the person of the Rev. Louis F. Hartman, executive director, Catholic Bible Association.

The Advisory Council is called together to do what the name implies, gives advice to the Board of Managers and executive officers of the American Bible Society. In order to do this effectively it is necessary for the delegates to be thoroughly acquainted with what the society has done in the past year and what the staff proposes as new or continuing work for the future. For most of the delegates it is the only time they get to meet in person the men who are in attendance this part of the well-prepared three day program was the most thrilling and challenging. The staff is remarkably able and resourceful in depicting the work with displays, the latest equipment and outstanding speakers.

It is believed that the council rose to its occasion and gave advice on the most needy areas of Bible translation and distribution, not to mention the budget required to carry out the plans. Needless to say, a primary purpose of such a meeting is public relations. It is hoped that denominational leaders and press representatives going back to their offices will go with such enthusiasm for the work that they will promote distribution and promote support. It may be remarked that the Bible Society is so convinced of this public relations value that it offers to take care of the expenses of those who come — transportation, hotel and meals. Not all turned in full expenses — which in total runs to thousands of dollars — but all enjoyed the fellowship and program of the free meals at the mid-town hotel where the meetings were held. This is perhaps one of the reasons that there were not many entitled to attend who failed to do so.

The denominations as such are not the only means of support for the work of the Bible Society. In fact, contributions from the churches in the 1969 budget make up only 18.58% of the needed income. The rest has to come from individuals (33.1%), annuities (17.98%), legacies (14.38%) and investments (15.49%). The average per capita gifts run from $.00 to $.00 for the Greek Orthodox and Churches of Christ to $.488 for the Presbyterian Church N. A. Reformed. Of the seventy only five give more than 10 cents per member, most of them far less. Seventh Day Baptists are credited with just over 8 cents (all designated). Seventh-day Adventists average a little over 7 cents. One of their representatives told this writer that their contribution is voted out of Conference funds and is not designated by the givers. This is no doubt true of many centrally organized denominations. The average per member giving of all denominations is $.0534. Contributions ought to be much higher for such a worthy cause which benefits all. The total for our denomination could be increased greatly, since it is by designated giving. Even the much ridiculed penny collection in Sabbath School at early ages, if harried out for this purpose in all of our churches, would greatly increase our per capita giving.

Those who attend the Advisory Council meet once a year are tremendously impressed with the spirit of ecumenicity, if that is the proper word for it. Here denominationalism seems not to exist. People of all churches feel a kinship. They are united in a common cause of the highest order — getting the message of their common Bible to all the people of the nation and the world. Seventy Day Baptists with their emphasis on the Sabbath of the Bible rather than the Sunday of church history should do all in their power to uphold the work of the American Bible Society whose charter calls for publishing the Bible without note or comment.

Prayer for Christian Unity

The Council on Ecumenical Affairs is calling attention to the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is scheduled January 18-25. It is suggested that churches having responsive communion on the local level meet together to plan not only the Week of Prayer activities, but for a year-long program of ecumenical worship, action, and concern. It can no longer be considered an "elective" in any course of Christian nurture. It is a part of the spiritual life and mission of all who confess their faith in Jesus Christ and obediently respond to His directive: "Keep them in my name ... that they may be one even as we are one."

Our Representatives at NCC

On November 30 - December 4 the Triennial Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ convened at Detroit. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by the following delegates:

Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. 07061, chairman of the delegation;
Rev. David S. Clarke, 10 Church St., Alfred, N. Y. 14802, representing the Missionary Society
Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803, representing the Board of Christian Education
Mrs. Arthur (Glady's) Drake, Milton, Wis. 53563, representing the Women's Board
Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Box 84, Richburg, N. Y. 14774
Dr. Kenneth E. Smith, Milton College, Milton, Wis. 53563
Mrs. Mabel N. Rogers, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. 07061
Miss Judy Parrish, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, Mich. 49017, youth representative
Mrs. C. Harmon (Ethel) Dickinson, Box 84, Richburg, N. Y. 14774, alternate.

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General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler and Editor Leon M. Malby at the Advisory Council.

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**World C. E. Convention**

"Christ Calls...Advance!" is the theme for the 16th World's and 50th International Christian Endeavor Conventions to be held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 19-23, 1970.

Dr. F. Rupert Gibson of Belfast, Northern Ireland, a vice-president of the World, will speak at the Convention Dedication Service on opening day. Dr. Gibson is superintendent of the Irish Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He has recently been named to represent his denomination on the Belfast Telegraph's Ulster Innocent Victims Appeal Fund to aid victims in the recent riots in Northern Ireland.

Daily Bible studies will be led by Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy of India and Dr. J. A. Leo-Rhynie of Jamaica. The Right Reverend Doraisawmy is Bishop of the Tareh-Queen Jioie Diocese of the Church of South India and president of the Indian Christian Endeavor Union. Last year, Bishop Doraisawmy was a delegate to the South Pacific Congress on Evangelism in Singapore.

Dr. Leo-Rhynie has been serving for the last 11 years as the first Negro pastor of the historic East Queen Street Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica. East Queen Street Church is the largest in the West Indies and was the host church for the Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in 1968.

(He is well-known to Seventh Day Baptist missionaries and others who have visited Jamaica.)

**NOTICE**

The Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, has changed the selling price of *You and Your Church, A Church Membership Manual*, from 50 cents a copy to $1.00. All orders received after this notice appears will be charged the new rate.

**What Is My Reasonable Service?**

By Jack Hays

The other day I asked my wife to set down on paper some goals that she felt we as a family should strive to reach—goals big or small, that should be given consideration. After some time she and I both came to realize that we cannot set any goals because Jesus must set the goals for us. When we gave Him our lives, we gave Him the right to govern our every effort. If we then decide what we are to strive for, we thereby take the authority from Christ; we take ourselves away from God's service.

What is my reasonable service? It is to do the will of God. If God loved me enough to send His only begotten Son to die in my stead, then His every word should be a command unto me. As I walk in His light how can the way be dark? How can my face not shine with the joy of His service? I live for Him and count each task as an opportunity to say thank you for this Thy great gift to men.

Brother, I ask you, do you do the work of the Lord with joy in your heart? Do you smile when you think of that day to come when you will stand before the throne and see my Jesus face to face? Does your heart turn cold at that thought? Do you walk with lighter steps when you realize that while you lift the cross of Christ that He is lifting your cross for you?

Brother, let Christ be your goal, this is your reasonable service. When this complete gift of yourself to God is made and there is no reservation on any part then life will be complete. For as we live outside of Christ our lives are not complete. How can we see a map before it is unfolded? We can only see part of it, but in Christ the whole of life is revealed and we can see Christ at the end of the road.

So my advice to you is this, "Smile—God loves you."

—Brother Jack
It is anticipated that the indebtedness for purchase of properties in both Guyana and Malawi will be fully amortized through the 1970 and 1971 OWM budgets.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Crossan

"Let Us Pray"

A prayer given by Mrs. Martha Mills at the World Community Day program sponsored by Church Women United at the Federal Center, West Windfield, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1969.

Father in heaven, we come to you with grateful hearts for everything that is good in this world. We thank you for the different races and nations of people each of whom has much to contribute if we will recognize it. We thank you for sending us, Jesus Christ, to teach us how to get along with other people. Forgive us that we have not yet learned that lesson well.

We thank you for all the natural resources — enough to feed, clothe, house and warm everyone in the world if used wisely and unselfishly. We thank you for the natural beauties of the earth. Help us to be aware of the evils about us and to do something about them. Help us to study to know the conditions and the needs of people in other lands with a view to assisting them. Help us to end the poverty and hunger in our own land. Help us not to be indifferent, not to look the other way and close our eyes to the pleas for mercy, but let us be humble and ready to serve even the lowliest.

At this time, O Lord, we want to be united with other women in a greater effort to develop better conditions in all the nations of the world, including our own.”Grant us true faith, loving hearts, understanding minds and willing hands to do thy will, O Lord.”

We ask these things for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is waiting for us to accomplish the tasks set before us, so that His Kingdom can come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

World Community Day at Milton

A World Community Day service was held at the Congregational Church in Milton on November 7. Dr. Zane Pauz, a member of the Milton College faculty spoke on the theme “Every Race a Chosen Race” in which he gave the women much food for thought.

About three dozen women attended this meeting with a third of them being Seventh Day Baptist women. Both the Milton Junction and the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Churches were represented.
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—At our re­
cent annual business meeting, Rev. Eue­
geone Fatato was unanimously recalled as our pastor for the coming year at an in­
crease in salary. Since it was voted to
change our annual election from October to April, our present officers and com­
mittee members were asked to serve until
July 1970. At that time officers and committee members elected in April
would take office. The election change
was made to permit committees to be
organized before Conference and set up new programs before fall. Because it
would be advantageous to a pastor with
school children, in the future a pastor will also be called in April.
Our Steering Committee presented re­
organization recommendations for many church committees which were adopted.
This will permit the scheduling of a com­
mon, once-a-month meeting date for all
church committees beginning in July. The
program, to be tried for a year, will make it
possible for a member to be a member
or chairman of more than one committee,
whereby involving more church members
than at present.
Church members also voted to pur­
chase a new electric pipe organ to replace
our present pipe organ. With repairs es­
imated at $10,000, an electronic organ at
about half the cost seemed the wise solu­
tion. A Model 110 organ has been
ordered but as yet not delivered. About
$2,500 has been collected to date toward
the purchase price. This has been largely
through memorial gifts and monies ear­
marked for our Organ Fund.
Our Ladies Aid has been busy this
fall with a new money-making project—
salad smorgasbords instead of chicken
pie and steak suppers. The idea is gain­
in popularity and proceeds!

The Ladies of our church have been
reorganizing their group to provide pur­
pose, communication, and involvement
in their programs and those of the church.
A new organization, Fellowship, which contains reports on church and
Y.F. business, thought-provoking articles,
and poetry has been initiated and is sent
monthly to all young people of the church.
A recent money-making project was a
Beelte fashion show on November 13.
Our congregation has been saddened
the past few months at the deaths of some dedicated church members. Each
is sorely missed. Three of our members
have moved from the Battle Creek area
to other states. Ted and Doris Fethers
and John E. Adams have relocated in
San Jose, Calif. and Nida Hudson is living in Little Gen­
cese, N. Y. A reception was held at the
church honoring them and Dr. and Mrs.
W. B. Lewis, who were celebrating their
60th wedding anniversary. With so many
absent from our midst, we are happy to
have as new members: Jack Ward, Sue
Lawhead, Mary Fatato, Paul Gunn, Janet
and Wade, Evelyn Fick, Jr., and Randy Caverin.

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New names have to be found every
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my large world atlas. I began to wonder
how many other places sound like Sab­
batany but are not listed in my atlas. I
still pondering the why, but I discover
that up in Maine there is a town called
Sabbatus and a pond of the same name.
There is also a pond called Sabbatday
Pond in another part of Maine. In Kansas
there is the good sized village of Sabetha.
Over in Italy it bears the name of
Sabbath. It is located on the coast
south of Rome. Could it have gotten its
name from early Sabbathkeepers? (Prob­
ably there is no connection.) It is near
where the Apostle Paul landed on his
way to Rome.
New names have to be found every
year for places that need to be mapped.
Does one of the names sound as if it is
for itself — like Seventh Day Lane at
Nortonville? “Let your light so shine,”
said the Lord.

Deacon DeChois Greene
E. DeChois Greene, faithful deacon
and leader in the Adams Center, N. Y.,
died at the age of 90 on November 9
from complications following a broken hip three weeks earlier.
He was born at Greene Settlement, a
small rural community near Adams Cen­
ter. At the age of 22 he became an em­
ployee of the Sash Factory in Adams Center. Later the shop was moved to
Adams and became known as the O. D.
Greene Lumber Co. Mr. Greene spent all
of his working years at the same skill.
He retired in 1960.
On February 2, 1904, Mr. Greene
married Miss Hanna Horton at her home in
Watertown. She survives him as do
a son, Gerald, and his wife, Mary
Ellen (Mrs. Chauncey) Reed, both of
Adams Center; a brother Paul D. of
Adams; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grand­
children and several nieces and nephews. Another daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Avery
died in March 1968. He was the oldest member of the Adams Center Seventh
Day Baptist Church and had been a dea­
con since 1930. He also served as a
trustee for many years.
The funeral was at the Carpenter­
parsonage getting it ready for renting. We were fortunate to find a good Christian family for tenants.

In October, we were privileged to have four missionaries in our village who held meetings in various places. Those who entertained them in their homes were richly blessed by their enthusiasm and love for other people.

We will be entertaining Central Association in June.

On October 12 an open house party was held at our church celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scriver.

Our church group and whole village have been saddened by the recent illness and death of E. DeChois Greene. His life has been a good example of honesty, service and faithfulness to his church and Master.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—At our planning session October 5 the Board of Christian Education, headed by Mrs. Janette Rogers, proposed reverting (after 25 years) to having church at 10:30 and Sabbath School at 11:40, in order to give the children a continuous learning period during the sermon and Sabbath School. It was voted at the October 12 business meeting to give the plan a six-month trial, beginning November 1. We now have three adult Sabbath School sessions, a Helping Hand class in the sanctuary, a social concerns group in the Sabbath School room, and a sermon discussion group in the parsonage. A prayer group meets at 10:00; coffee and juice are served between church and Sabbath School.

Our planning weekend was held in the church this year, October 3-5, beginning with an impressive Covenant and Communion service Friday evening. The participants went forward to the Communion table one or more at a time, and after partaking of the elements they each lighted a candle as a symbol of renewed dedication. The sanctuary grew brighter as more candles were lighted.

During the Sabbath worship service Pastor Saunders and our four ministers each presented a brief meditation on his special sphere of oversight. Assistant Pastor Bob Babcock gave the children's message. After the close of the Sunday morning session to secure new ideas for making our witness in the community more effective. A light supper was served by the Youth Fellowship, followed by a fellowship hour led by Steve Crouch, our new dedicated worker.

Sunday morning the church committees planned their year's work. Dinner was served by the Fellowship Committee. At the final planning session in the afternoon the committees gave their reports and recommendations, which were to be acted upon at the business meeting, and the church calendar was set up.

October 11 was Laymen's Sabbath. While our pastor was preaching at the Central Association, our service was conducted by Thomas Curtis, who planned the service and gave the sermon.

On November 1 our Youth Fellowship led the Communion service, with the use of an inspiring litany which they had prepared to help prepare.

Memorials were sent from the church to our year-long dedicated workers, Joyce Wells, our three months dedicated service worker Christine Williams, our summer assistant, Mrs. Jane Harris Jernoske, and our SSCC workers, Irene Lederer, Kevin Crane, Faye Bond, and Michele Hunt. We appreciate their dedicated service in our village who held classes in various places. Those who visited our church were greeted by the staff and given a tour of the sanctuary, a social concerns group in the Watertown, N. Y., and the second Sunday the School of Christ to the children. A light supper was served by the Fellowship Committee.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 8, 1969, at the Steele and Wolfe Undertaking Parlor in Weyersville, W. Va., prior to entombing in the Army in June 1968. After his basic training he attended the non-commissioned Officers Training School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Douglas (Edith) Conlin, two pieces of Sedona, Ariz.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Burton and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ora Giebell of Paris, Tn.

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Greene, E. DeChois, son of Eugene and Emogene Langworthy Greene, was born at Greene Settlement, N. Y., April 6, 1879, and was commissioned a member of the Good Samaritan in Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1969, after a brief hospitalization. (A more extended obituary of Deacon Greene appears elsewhere in this issue.)

Owens.—Hugh Robert, son of Robert and Jessie Davis Owens, was born in Granville, N. Y., May 22, 1889, and died in Brookfield, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1969. He was married to Beatrice Burch in 1914. He and his wife were baptized and joined the Second Brookfield Baptist Church in 1919. He was a dairy farmer most of his life. He is survived by his wife; two sons, Azor E. and Leevelin H., of Brookfield; two daughters, Erma (Mrs. William) Bigelow of Madison, N. Y., and Gwen (Mrs. Daniel) Beach of Frankfort, N. Y.; nineteen grandsons and twelve great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor Neal D. Mills and the burial was in Brookfield Rural Cemetery.

—N. D. M.
Handle with Prayer

An unprecedented number of parcels are going through the post offices this season. Many of them contain fragile or perishable items and are marked “Handle with Care.” We are concerned today about bigger things than the safe arrival of packages. Thoughtful people are concerned with world conditions. People familiar with John 3:16 remember that the world in a very real sense is perishable and that Christians have a responsibility to keep it from being broken and destroyed as it rolls toward its ultimate destination.

An organization dedicated to channeling the gifts of Christians to relieve human suffering in the most needy places and to bring the gospel to the less fortunate on the other side of the world has come out with a gripping full-color flier that pictures a globe in a rural mailbox. It is cross-tied with a strong cord to which is attached a shipping label inscribed with the words, “Handle with Prayer.” Each of us can take that to heart with the confidence that God answers prayer.

Memory Text

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers . . . . — Malachi 4:5, 6a.

Sabbath School Lesson

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 18-25

Gospel Success in Korea

Samuel Saychang Kim of Korea tells some of the story of his life and ministry in the November issue of Voice. A graduate (and now president) of Tae Han Theological Seminary, he came to America for further study. He graduated from Faith Theological Seminary, received his masters degree from Covenant Theological Seminary and his doctorate in theology from Colorado Bible College and Seminary. It was after all this education that he received a deeper and humbling experience with the Holy Spirit. Going back to Korea to preach the gospel to his own people he had unusual results. Here is how he tells one experience.

“Last summer I had the privilege of preaching in Korea. There were 175 students at the Bible College who banded together and we all began to pray and things began to happen. Those 175 students went into 368 villages in which there were no churches. The result was that three thousand came to Jesus, a thousand were filled with the Holy Spirit, and twenty-three churches were established.”

Sabbath Thought

Bass Hawkins who compiles Scripture references and prints a number of fliers emphasizing the law of God and other Biblical subjects presents an interesting thought of his own in one of them. Commenting on the fulfillment of prophecy in Revelation 17 by the substitution of Sunday for the Sabbath of the Bible he argues, “If the Sabbath had been changed from Saturday to Sunday in honor of God’s Son, it would have been spelled Sunday.”