A lamp to my feet A light to my path

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS

TOPICAL BIBLE READINGS for October 4 to January 2

These passages for daily Bible reading are suggested as a help in understanding what the Bible has to say about many areas of interest to us. They do not pretend to be exhaustive. The topics are arranged in weekly cycles, beginning on Sunday and ending on Sabbath. Some daily readings have more verses than others. You may find more passages that will help your thinking in regard to the topics listed. We encourage you to memorize passages that hold particular meaning for you.

THE CHURCH

Oct. 4—Foundation of — Matt. 16:15-18; 1 Cor. 3:11-15; Eph. 2:20-22
Oct. 5—Christ the Head of — Eph. 5:23-23; 1 Cor. 11:3
Oct. 6—Discipline of — Gal. 6:1; 1 Thess. 5:14; Matt. 18:15-18
Oct. 7—Unity of — 1 Corinthians 12:28
Oct. 8—Prophecy of Isaiah — Isaiah 2:2-4; 49:6-12
Oct. 10—Psalm of Confidence — Psalm 139

LOVE

Oct. 11—For God — Deut. 6:5; Mark 12:29-33
Oct. 12—For One Another — 1 John 4:12-21
Oct. 14—A Necessity — 1 Corinthians 13
Oct. 15—Expressed in Life — Matthew 25:34-40
Oct. 17—A Growing Way — Eph. 5:2; Phil. 1:6; Col. 3:12-14; 1 Thess. 3:12

MEDITATION

Oct. 18—On the Law of God — Joshua 1:6-9; Psa. 1:1
Oct. 20—Upon the Word of God — Psalm 119:11-16; 55:29
Oct. 21—Needed by a Leader — 1 Timothy 4:13-16
Oct. 22—Upon God — Psalm 143
Oct. 24—Upon the Ways of God — Psalm 139

WISDOM

Oct. 25—Exalted — Proverbs 1:5-6, 20-33
Oct. 27—In Obeying Jesus’ Words — Matt. 7:24-25; Luke 6:43-48
Oct. 28—From God — 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Oct. 29—A Wise Man — James, chapter 3

Bridging the Gap in Israel

In a 115-page study entitled The Arabs and Jews in Israel: The Reality, The Di­lemma, The Promise, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee, Harry M. Rosen of Israel states that the goodwill and cooperation, as well as the unremit­ting labor, of Jews and Arabs alike have already borne fruit and the outlook for the future is even more promising.

"In construction, in knitting mills and textile factories, in an increasing number of job areas," Mr. Rosen says, "Arabs and Jews work side by side, often indistinguishable from one another. Their work is the same, their pay is the same, they share the same advantages and the same gripes. It is true that the vast majority continues to live separate lives after work. On the job, however, they are getting to know each other, to accept each other as human beings with all the human qualities and frailties."

Can Peace Come to Palestine?

All eyes are on Jordan where a civil war has been raging that apparently dwarfs in casualties Vietnam or any other troubled spot for a similar length of time. The basic issue is whether or not the guerrillas (extremely hostile to Israel) shall control the kingdom of Jordan. A battered palm tree pictured against time-scarred, thirsty hills just west of the Jordan river helps us to visualize, as we pray for peace, the rugged situation in the Middle East that threatens military intervention and may call for divine intervention. Let us pray now that God will work in the hearts of men to establish a just peace not only in Jordan but throughout the Middle East.
The Rats Got It

The story has been told of a man who had an outstanding Christian experience. He related it in testimony meetings. When it looked as though he had no longer the strength to endure and committed it to writing so that he could give it in all its details whenever needed. On one evening when staying for the night, he went to the drawer to get the paper. To his dismay it was all chewed up. When called upon, he had to say, "The rats got my testimony!" He found it easier to begin the story than he realized. Of course, the moral of the story is that you should be living close enough to the Lord to have new experiences — that the rats can't get.

In some parts of Asia there are ten rats to every person, which means the rats get a good shavies of the protein known for the family, resulting in poverty and hunger. On some of the islands of Indonesia the missionary has not fully applied the gospel until he has applied it to the rats. His testimony for Christ will have much more meaning if he can teach the people how to get rid of the hungry, disease-carrying pests.

Fortunately the missionary on the island of Timor can now take not only the Good News for Modern Man but also the bad news for the rats that overrun the country. A new kind of raticide called Warfarin has been developed and distributed by Church World Service on this and other islands of interests, headed as projects. It acts on the circulatory system causing death by internal bleeding by preventing clotting of the blood. The rats learn to shun poisons that cause immediate pain and quick death, but they are not smart enough to associate internal hemorrhage with some agent and therefore use some time previously. They come back to eat again of the bait.

Jesus spoke of the need to feed the hungry as well as to tell them of the bread of life. One way to feed the hungry is to get rid of the Asian rats that cause widespread hunger. Killing rats must be considered part of meeting a need we do not have the rat problem have the drug problem and many others that hinder the acceptance of the gospel. The gospel makes people want to get rid of rats — and drugs.

Jewish New Year Begins

We profess to be Christians and pride ourselves in being well informed about such matters. The time is right now for Romans. Our Jewish Christian calendar on Wednesday evening, September 30, Rosh Hashanah, as they say it in Hebrew, is a time of religious observance and a traditional meal for our New Year's Day. They take it as a time to express again all their hopes, often against a background of disappointment.

The American Jewish Committee, probably the best spokesman for Judaism in the country, calls attention to the failures of society, particularly in the areas of ethnic and religious inequalities. Probably Jews are tender on this point because they have been so long the object of discrimination and persecution throughout history and in certain parts of the world today. They note, for instance, "In the Soviet Union some three million Jews still feel the iron fist of Soviet repression that denies them their heritage and their right of emigration."

The statement goes on to express in a succinct way what the committee can take or leave for better days in the future for Jews and others. We quote:

Rosh Hashanah reminds us that man is part and parcel with God in creation and therefore is morally obligated not to rest as long as there remains a single injustice or inequity in all his human relationships. Its spirit is therefore of interest both to Jew and Gentile alike, for it is not merely as an invention to convert the crises and challenges of the coming year into opportunities and achievements for the betterment of the Jewish people in the United States, in Israel, and for all members of the human family.

Seventh Day Baptists long for the conversion of the Jews just as other Christians do. We are not fully participating in their Rosh Hashanah, but we can express a fellow feeling for them as we greet them on Sabbath Eve with a "Happy Shabesh." We can tell them that in accepting Jesus as their promised Messiah they need not change to another day of worship but can lead the way among Christians in keeping holy the Sabbath of which the Messiah declared Himself to be Lord (Mark 2:28).

Subscription Prices

The problems of financing the publication of religious journals have been increasing with the inflation and have been so keenly felt by some time-honored denominational periodicals that quite a number have had to fold up. They could not increase the subscription price enough to pay the mounting cost and did not have endowment or other financial backing that was flexible enough to take up the deficit.

It is rather surprising to get word about Voice, the official monthly of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International, that the price has been reduced rather than raised. How can this be? Circulation has increased to 200,000 per month, and it is said that more than 1,000,000 copies of Voice for service have gone to Vietnam. The organization reports sending the Digest-size publication regularly to at least ten foreign countries. From this information it would appear that their subscription price can be reduced because of their zeal and financial dedication. The contributors feel that their will God's will, regardless of cost. Does this say something to Seventh Day Baptists who do not make large contributions directly to the periodical that seeks to carry our message?

General Conference, in adopting the report of the Committee on Publishing of Interchurch Work, recommends that the subscription price of the Sabbath Recorder be increased from $1.00 to $1.50 per year. Such a move, if accompanied by an increase in the number of subscribers, would help to meet the rising costs of labor and materials and would perhaps help the Publishing House to continue to do other denominational work without a deficit. (The Sabbath Recorder provides a major portion of the income.)

The recommendation of Conference will be considered by the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at its first meeting, October 1. If the board goes along with Conference action, time of the increase will be announced. Present subscribers can, of course, send...
in early renewals at the old price until such time as the price is raised. Another possibility for holding the price down is above.

publishing house personnel are sorry professional delays. Please don’t hold us redundly late in arriving? The editor and finding space for material that comes in responsible, however, for the late arrival We take responsibility for any failures in service; when postal employees think they are too busy with first class mail. preceding that date. Apparently those the Plainfield Post mail bags of second class matter frequent­ produce a change of policy or a tightening of A sufficient volume of protest might pro­ stand that which we depend on for up-to-date news. Many of the churches send the editor their weekly bulletins. It had been mailed on their weekly bulletins.

We are glad to know that readers are grateful. This sounded good, and August was $10,256.62. This is still over receipts for the month of August was only the amount needed monthly and the total re­ for the month of August only $6,323.89. This is far short of the goal, and did bring OWM receipts up to within .3/4 of being up to date. For this we are grateful.

But we still need $1,827.22 each month for four more months. Each church and individual must seriously consider the Stewardship. Education presentations made this fall. This is no time to rest on our withered laurels!

Coming Issues

The issue dated October 12 will be one of the twice-a-year Mission Notes issues with a good line-up of missionary articles already assigned. This is our way of pre­ the value of the former separate publication Mission Notes. It will be printed in a different color. Readers are asked to distribute extra copies and to furnish addresses to be added to the mailing list.

The material for the November special issue under the editorship of a veteran editor and printer, Mr. Beebe, is in process at the Publishing House. Take our word for it, this forthcoming issue will have a stronger evangelical and Sabbath emphasis than many previous special is­. Don’t forget to order copies for distribution. The price is still held this time at $8.50 per hundred and ten for one dollar.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

“Withered Laurels”

By Stewardship Chairman
Paul B. Osborn

The goal for the Conference offering 1970 was set at $10,000. There are three sets of figures to compare with this goal.

First: the amount received and re­ported by the end of Conference Sabbath was $13,177.06. After that, we left Milton for home after enthusiastically handing out laurels to everyone.

Second: the amount actually received by the OWM treasurer by the end of August was $10,256.62. This is still over the goal, and is gratifying.

Third: the difference between the amount needed monthly and the total re­ceipts for the month of August was only $6,323.89. This is far short of the goal, but did bring OWM receipts up to within .3/4 of being up to date. For this we are grateful.

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“The lyric of one of the “Up with People” tunes tells of what happened one night as a father lovingly tucked his son in bed:

“Good night,” I said to my little son. So tired out when the day is done. Then he said as I tucked him in, “Tell me, Daddy, what color God’s skin?”

To this the father replied, “What color is God’s skin? . . . It is black, it is yellow, it is red, it is white, Everyone’s the same in the good Lord’s sight.”

“He looked at me with his shiny eyes. I knew I could tell no lies. And he said, “Daddy, why do the different races fight? If we’re the same in the good Lord’s sight?”

“Son, that’s part of our suffering past. But the whole human family is learning at last, The things we miss on the road we trod Is to walk as the sons and daughters of God.”

There are those who wonder if the whole human family is learning at last, and if so, whether or not it is learning rapidly enough. Ground swells of racial unrest, eruptions of violence and open exposures of deep-seated prejudice even among professing Christians would con­strain us to wonder.

Let us realize that we do not manifest the value that we too will love everyone else . . . but even more so that we will without exercising restraint at any time allow and entice the Lord Jesus Christ to continue loving any and all other persons through us! Like Peter, let us re­awaken as never before to the realization that God is no respector of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him” (Acts 10:34, 35).

One Race

In one city, citizens were urged to put decals on the front windows or doors of their homes announcing that so far as they were concerned anyone else was welcome to live in their respective neighbor­hoods or next door regardless of race, color, or nationality. The area Council of Churches corporately endorsed the campaign “by vote of the directors,” and in­dividual churches were urged to make some response to the appeal. In one church, after all-too-brief a discussion, only seven persons voted favoring encour­aging “open housing” and all others abstained.

Several years ago at one of our General Conference sessions there was a crescendo of votes cast vocally in favor of urging all of our sister churches throughout this country to open their doors to any and all who might desire to enter for worship and fellowship.

We as Christians corporately and individually have a moral obligation to vote to demonstrate pragmatically our belief that “all men were created to be equally free.” If Jesus loved all persons regardless of race, color, or nationality and if we claim to host Jesus Christ in our hearts as reflected in Galatians 2:20, it would seem logically to follow not merely that we too will love everyone else . . . but even more so that we will without exercising restraint at any time allow and entice the Lord Jesus Christ to continue loving any and all other persons through us! Like Peter, let us re­awaken as never before to the realization that God is no respector of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him” (Acts 10:34, 35).
Denver he accepted the call to become executive vice-president of the Missionary Society, which in his mind and in the minds of some others raised a question about the wisdom of continuing on Commission.

One could imagine from this picture that he was caught by the photographer contemplating what he should do. It must have been a problem, but actually when this picture was taken he had just read a report and was listening to comment from the floor. Being a careful listener is one of the attributes of a good leader. Mr. Lawton, prior to Conference, had told Commission that the resignations of the vice-president, the secretary, and the treasurer due to retirement were urgent. The search for a replacement of these officers could be conducted at a later time. He had become a valuable member of Commission and helped to have the work continue.

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The Phoenix meetings began with a fine illustrated summary of National Council programs in the United States and around the world. I wish every person who harbors negative impressions of the ecumenical movement could have the impact of these films. The hungry are fed, the poor are helped, and love responds to injustice. The work of mission in the name of Jesus Christ is the real heart of the ecumenical ministry, and to the critic, someone has a right to ask: "What have you done lately?" One afternoon a well-dressed lady stood across from the entrance to the sessions and shouted, "The National Council is a bunch of phonies!" Maybe so, I wouldn't agree with that. But I can wonder what she has done lately.

The General Board heard an insightful report on the Near East crisis from the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, Archbishop Appleton. His review of the history of the situation and the great frustration on both sides made us sharply aware of the obstacles to peace between Palestinian Arab and Jew. As in so many such confrontations, the lack of trust is so profound that no one dares to take a dramatic initiative. Work is quietly going on to bring some new hope in a land that is holy for Christian, Muslim, and Jew.

In the present flux as to the future of the National Council of Churches there is, we don't know how to "wait and see," which has a debilitating effect on the divisions and departments as regards long-range planning. The hope was strongly expressed that the priorities of race, poverty, and urban crisis receive greater attention from the member churches.

Dr. Espy concluded his report to the board with these words: "The world is changing around us, but church and ministry must stay on the move with tremendous, almost overwhelming, human need which constitutes the agenda of the churches as they seek to serve their Lord. Large portions of that human need can be served best through ecumenical action, local and national. With that reality this Council must continue to grapple."
Meet Me at the Fair
By Leon M. Maltby
Corresponding Secretary
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Not everybody goes to the fair, but so many thousands spend one or more days at the New York State Fair that the expression "Meet me at the fair" must be pretty common in the communities within easy driving distance of Syracuse. The state fair ending on Labor Day broke all records for attendance this year with 90- to 115,000 people crowding the buildings and packing the grounds the last three days.

There was a Seventh Day Baptist literature booth at the Syracuse fair this year located as in previous years, in the Center of Living Building at a spot where the flow of traffic was greatest. Although no count was attempted, it is safe to guess that hundreds of thousands of people brushed past the literature table and had their attention called to an illuminated picture of Christ and the identifying Sev­enth Day Baptist booth sign on the wall.

Most people do not go to fairs like this with religious intent or to gain new knowledge of Bible truths. They do go with the general idea of seeing what new things are being offered. In a sense they are preconditioned to stop and look. They are ready to observe how those within the countless booths "do their thing." Many of them come to the fair on their guard and packing the grounds the last three days.

Because there are so many, they seem to have a feeling of anonymity—that nobody is looking at them. They let their faces down, more than they realize. So the person in the booth seeks first to lift those faces up by doing something or saying something that will bring back a natural smile.

Not everybody at the fair looks happy, and one gets the impression that there is far too many young people who seem to have no glow of joy in their faces. Chil­dren smile so easily, and adults who have won some battles and overcome some discouragements are glad to be reminded that there are good things in life to smile about. They respond to a cher­ry word and especially to something that is done to make their children happy—like turn­ing and listening to a Finger Fono playing familiar Scripture passages.

Time and again we noticed that people who had been made to smile by the personal interest taken in them or their children were glad to accept proffered literature or to look over what was on the table. When a little conversation thus started, it is so much easier to sug­gest the particular tracts or Sabbath Re­corder that might be most interesting. It is safe to assume that literature would be read at home with much more interest if there had been a pleasant personal con­tact with the attendant at the booth.

Certainly it would be more likely to be kept and not dropped on the floor.

Observations could be many. Each person manning the booth during the busy week has his own interesting experiences to relate. There was appreciation of what we were trying to do. The fact that church people would go to the trouble and expense of maintaining a booth at such a huge secular fair made them realize the church did not have the incentive to do so. Some wondered why their church did not have the incentive to do what we were pioneering in.

After several years of meeting the pub­lic on Labor Day weekend at the Seventh Day Baptist booth, the present writer thinks that he observed change on the part of Catholic people contacted. Some said they did not want literature because they were Catholic, but such were much fewer than before. Most of them seemed to feel that the barriers between Catholic and Protestant are breaking down. They were glad that they could now freely read whatever they thought might help them.

On our part, we scarcely thought of the religious background of the people who could be presumed to be of a different faith. We all have the same need of salva­tion and the same need to study the Bible for spiritual growth.

There was the Catholic girl in the neighboring booth who didn’t have the chance to go to church on Sunday morning. The day before as we were getting ready to open the booth she listened to some Scrip­ture on the Finger Fono. On her way to lunch on Sunday she bent over the little record player so she could hear above all the conversations, crowd and listened to the whole message.

A young man was asked if he was a Christian. He didn’t think so because of a hang-up he had about some Christians who seemed to put Christ above God. He did believe that Christ died for our sins. He was thankful for the help and the literature given him.

Not many people noticed the opportu­nity to sign up for a correspondence course, but a medical doctor from India picked up that card first of all.

In trying to open the door for an experience to meet the public from inside a Seventh Day Baptist booth. There is purpose in such a booth, and anyone who believes in the faith he professes can find joy in try­ing to reach the people who may seem harder to reach. The Apostle Paul said he was willing to be counted a fool for Christ. To forget oneself and think of others is not only an experience at the fair, but of everyday life if we are alert to our opportunities.
GIVING AND YOU

The oft quoted phrase, "Give 'til it hurts" was recently misquoted or rephrased, "Give 'til you enjoy it." Such an attitude toward giving and the personnel problems that goes with it were put by Paul, "Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, but of his own free will." (2 Cor. 9:7-8 Phillips)

The experience at General Conference this year with the increased Conference offering showed more cheerfulness than on other such occasions. For the Missionary Society such giving has, for the last several years, been an attitude toward giving and the personnel changes which necessitate travel, moving expenses, etc. Reserve funds of one hundred percent now?" (Luke 6:38 Phillips). If this be so with men and men will give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, but of his own free will. (2 Cor. 9:7-8 Phillips).

September oftimes fell short. In 1970 however, our fiscal year is the calendar year and so one quarter of the year is over before the middle. It is important as much as when serving on a foreign field. Let's keep in touch with those newly returned to the States and those who have been home over their hearts are still abroad.

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150 YEARS AT VERONA

By Elmina C. Warner

The people of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church were especially thankful for beautiful weather August 21 and 22, 1970, for the celebration of their "double diamond" anniversary of the church.

With Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis, chairmen of the planning committee, the weeks of labor, preparation, and practice were very satisfactory.

A brochure prepared by Mrs. Olin Davis was available to all and will serve as a reminder of a joyous occasion. It includes a picture of the pulpit and choir loft of the church, a copy of the title page of the first book of records of the church, the program for the two-day celebration, a list of present members, pictures and names of deceased members, pictures and names of those returning, and a list of those who have not been back in the pulpit for many years. The church was filled to overflowing with people and the church service was conducted by the Rev. Donald E. Richards, Marlboro, N. J., former pastor, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick, Riverside, Calif., also a former pastor. His topic "What of the Past" reminded us not only of the value of history but our duty and opportunities for the future.

At this time a letter was read from our oldest living church member, Mrs. Leila P. Franklin of East Creek, South Carolina. It has been an active and faithful part of the church since 1896, seventy-four years.

Sabbath morning — a glorious day — the church was filled to overflowing with the choir loft full of young people of the association's Camp Harmony choir led by Gary Williams. Their presence and music were an inspiration. The Rev. Victor Skaggs, Plainfield, N. J., also a former pastor, gave us a challenging sermon, using as his topic "Unto the Church at Verona — Write.

A fellowship buffet luncheon was served to all in the church dining room. There was much visiting and picture taking during this intermission. Several of the girls were young women who had dressed in colonial costumes that emphasized the meaning of the occasion.

The afternoon program was made up largely of a historical dramatization prepared by Mrs. Leon Maltby, and Mrs. Olin Davis. It consisted of six scenes covering the organization, growth, and important events from the year 1804 to the present. Many of the characters were direct descendants of the characters they portrayed. The costumes and accessories (including beards and wigs) added much to the meaning of these scenes.

The closing scene included the present day young people singing "The Sabbath Rally Song" and the children's group singing:

September 28, 1970


**NOTICE**

The worldwide witness (WWW) emphasis in this fifth year of Facing Frontiers with Faith, which was to begin in October, will move to Brazil, will begin in November instead. There was not time after Conference to prepare and get all of the material to the churches early enough for them to make a good beginning the first of October. Look for plenty of material in time for a November beginning with Brazil, followed by material on England for December 5.

"This Little Light of Mine." All present church members formed a fellowship circle around the auditorium singing "Forward Through the Ages." The benediction, led by Olin Davis, was read in unison and formed a fitting close on the theme "Looking Back but Moving Forward."

A pilgrimage of some twenty-two cars to the previously marked sites of many of the early settlers' homes terminated at the site of the Second Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church where a marker was dedicated by the Rev. Duane Davis.

The evening was a less formal occasion of "Remember Whens" — with many reminders of good times and happy events. Pictures shown on a screen helped to revive many memories and added to the informality of the evening. At this time, the Youth Fellowship offered for sale beautiful memorial plates with a fine inlay of the church building (still available). The programs are also available at no cost.

Many visitors added to the joy of this weekend from many parts of New York State, New Jersey, California, and Washington.

**Wisconsin Meeting**

The Semiannual Meeting of the Minnesota and Wisconsin churches will be held October 16-18 with the New Auburn, Wis., church.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Box B, Zvibokl**

**Junior High Conference**

By Ruth Bennett

Co-director with Connie Cooon

What an exciting challenge to attempt to meet the needs of the young people attending Intermediate Conference in the basement of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church! There was an enrollment of forty with a daily attendance average of thirty-four.

Mornings were spent with devotional periods, spiritual inspiration from records and films, and Bible reading. We were privileged to have the Rev. Grover Brissy speak to us concerning education in Jamaica and the Rev. LeRoy Bass tell us of our mission in Guyana. Each time the young people had some thoughtful questions to ask the speakers.

Afternoons were spent swimming at the Wishing Well Campgrounds. One afternoon, as a "special," we took a group water-skiing. The weather gave us its full cooperation.

Sabbath afternoon we presented a skit, "It's All What Goes into It" to make an outstanding Christian. The group sang "Every Moment of Every Day" as its theme song and closed its part in the program by making a friendship circle and singing the chorus, "Love, Love."

We thank God for His children who are the future of our great heritage.

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**BWA Issues Manifesto on Freedom and Responsibility**

We who meet in Tokyo for the Twelfth Baptist World Congress believe that one of the most important issues confronting modern man is the establishment of a proper balance between freedom and responsibility. Convinced that both freedom and responsibility are values of the first magnitude, that Christians have a special stake in them, we issue this manifesto to our fellow Baptists and commend it to the attention of all men everywhere.

1. **Our Contemporary Predicament**

1. Mankind, at a glorious summit of technological achievement and with unprecedented possibilities for a richer life, seems at the same time to stand at the brink of disintegration and destruction. Although evil forces of irresponsibility and anti-freedom are always at work among men, modern technological developments, modern mass media, and modern political, economic, and social movements combine to pose a threat of unprecedented proportions to freedom and responsibility.

2. In their commendable drive to establish new structures, some idealists intensify our problems by underestimating the necessity of structures and law for mankind's life together, while some custodians of older structures, in their commendable drive to preserve social order, aggravate our problems by underestimating the necessity of freedom, renewal, and change.

3. Denials of religious liberty still occur in many lands and too costly a change.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

For October 10, 1970

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**

Scripture Lesson: 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Matt. 5:3-9

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**SEPTEMBER 28, 1970**

THE SABBATH RECORDER
port the responsible use of these rights by all.

4. In commitment to freedom and responsibility, we will strive to conquer racism, achieve brotherhood, alleviate poverty, abolish hunger, and support morally sound population objectives.

5. In commitment to freedom and responsibility, we will seek to maintain the intimate relationship of personal faith and social responsibility, proclaiming reparation.

**News from the Churches**

**Marboro, N. J.**

The Marboro church has been blessed in many ways with the coming of Pastor and Mrs. Don Richards and family in July. A "welcome" was given them in the church bulletin in the form of a supper and program. The Helping Hand class entertained the senior citizens of the church and community at a dinner in the church basement at which time the sixty-sixth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Morton Davis was celebrated.

The fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rankin was celebrated Sept. 5.

Three of our younger men gave excellent sermons from the pulpit when we were without a minister. Prayer meetings have been held in homes of the members. The young people took an active part in a special Youth Day program.

Our Ladies' Aid has been having monthly meetings with excellent programs.

Marboro joined Shiloh in Communion services July 4; our new pastor gave the message.

Thirty members were delegates to Conference in Milton, Wis., August 9-15. One member attended Pre-Con. Reports have been given.

The Sabbath School picnic, sponsored by the Young Adult class, was a cookout on the church lawn. Games were enjoyed. Baptism is anticipated soon.

---Correspondent

**Shiloh, N. J.**

--- Mr. and Mrs. William Kuyper celebrated fifty years of married life in April as did Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crane in June. Both couples are active members in the church.

Our Community Bible School which ran from June 15-26 was well attended with various classes: Pre-School, Kindergarten, Confirmation, Adult, and Children. Joint Communion with Marboro was held on Sabbath morning, July 4, at our church. Pastor Don Richards of Marboro gave an inspiring message.

Our church has been a busy one, the schedules as follows: Midget Camp July 6-10, Junior Camp July 15-19, and Senior Camp July 19-26.

We were fortunate to have many workers who gave their time and talents to help with various projects. "Jinx" Kuehn, a summer youth worker was a big help by assisting with Bible School, the camps and giving the junior messages at the Sabbath morning services.

---Correspondent

**Against Non-Public School Aid**

More than 1,100 Baptists participated in "Help with various projects" to the state capitol, Springfield, III., attending a Senate Education Committee hearing after which the committee voted 10-4 against recommending a bill for Senate action which would have allowed $29 million to non-public schools in Illinois next year.

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**Births**

Bond.---A daughter, Julie Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Susan Davis) Bond of Alhambra, Ill., Nov. 30, 1970.

Vaughn.---A son, Stacey Allan, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Allan (Virginia Davis) Vaughn of Des Moines, Iowa, on Aug. 19, 1970.

**Obituaries**

Bond.---Mr. Bond, whose home was in Madison, W. Va., was a teacher and principal at Scott High School for 24 years. He was president of the Boone County Principals' Association. He was also a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, the American Legion, and the VFW.

He was survived by his widow, Virginia Turley Bond; two daughters, Miss Virginia Frances Bond and Maud (Hefner) Bond; two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bond, of both of Marion. Two sisters, Mrs. Beatrice Bond of Akron, Ohio, Mrs. Leland Skaggs, Milton, W. Va., and one brother, Mr. Bethel Bond, of Akron, Ohio, Richard of Salem, and the Rev. Charles Bond of Milton, Wis. Services were held at Hunter-Hunter Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Siani of Milton, Wis., officiating. Burial was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

---C. H. B.

**FATATO.---Nicholas, of 3410 Albany St., Schenectady, N. Y., was born in Schenectady, April 21, 1905. He died Aug. 22, 1970, at Ellis Hospital after a short illness.

He was the owner and operator of Fatato and Son Plumbing and Heating Co., for 35 years, retiring in 1965. He resided in the Paris Church by the Wing of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church about 35 years ago and was a charter member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, offering much of his time and talents to its construction and continued work in the Lord.

Survivors include his widow, Mary Capobianco Fatato; a daughter, Mrs. Cerina M. Michael of Wing; the Rev. William Byrd officiating. Burial was in the Turkey Furnace Cemetery at Madison.

---C. H. B.

**BRANT.---Leah K., daughter of William and Etta Kennedy, was born in Iowa seventy-three years ago and died Aug. 1, 1970, in St. Paul, Minn., after an illness of three months.

She was married to Lee Chamberlin and, after his death, to John S. Brant in 1965. She has a daughter, Miss Eileen Chamberlin of St. Paul, and a son, Virgil of San Bernardino, Calif.; a brother, David Brant of Daytona Beach, Fla.; a brother, Clarence Kennedy of Bull Shoals, Ark.; two grandchildren, Daniel and Dennis Chamberlin; and two step-sons, David and Fred Brant.

Services were held at Trinity Baptist Church. Interment was in Mount Union Cemetery.

---Sylvia B. Carr
Why I Became a Sabbathkeeper and Gave Up Sundaykeeping

For over ten years I was a first day (Sunday) preacher. What happened to make me change? I hope I am like many of you, I want to obey the Lord. In my search I had said many times that Christ was the only authority for a Christian to follow. Indeed Christ is the head over all things to the Church, which is His body. The apostles, as commissioned by Him, were to set in order the affairs of His kingdom on earth, and hence, the Church is said to be "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone." Then whatever ordinances we find that were established by Christ and His apostles, we hold to be binding on us, as being established directly by competent authority.

What was the custom of Christ concerning the Sabbath? (Luke 4:16-31, Matt. 12:1-13, Mark 2:23-28). Jesus adds "hear and do" (Matt. 7:26). "Observe all things that I have commanded" (Matt. 28:20). Then we are to follow in the steps of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21). Now consider what Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27). This is not just one-seventh of our time, because "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God" (Exo. 20:10).

Colossians 1:16, Hebrews 1:2, and John 1:3, show that Christ made all things. This includes the Sabbath. This is why Christ could say He was the Lord of the Sabbath (Mar 2:28, Luke 6:5, Matt. 12:8). For how long? Read Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

The Sabbath rest is one of the commandments of God (Exodus 20:8). Jesus said that if we change the commandments of God, our worship would be in vain. Matthew 15:9 and Isaiah 24:3-6 record the reason the world will be destroyed: Man will change God's law, the law that is perfect (Psa. 19:7), the law that is holy (Rom. 7:12), the law that says, "Remember the sabbath day."


I became a Sabbathkeeper because I love the Lord and want to obey the Bible. With God's help I will keep the true Lord's Day, the Sabbath.

Dear friend, Christ loves you. Why not honor Him by keeping the Sabbath the true Lord's Day, as He did?

From a Bible study by Rev. Ralph Hays, 24 Pleasant St., Texarkana, Ark.

It's So Beautiful!

It's so beautiful to see
What this world could be
It's so beautiful—so beautiful
What we would make it be
Everyone could love one another
We would not fight our brother
We would not pollute sea and air
The good earth our haven so fair
Everyone would care
Everyone would share
It's so beautiful to see
What this world could be
The way Jesus showed me

Jacqueline Landry, age 12
First day of school
September, 1970

The Stranger Within Thy Gates

Gates are beautifully symbolic of entering into the presence of God. In Genesis we read of Jacob's vision of a ladder at Bethel and his words of reverential awe, "... and this is the gate of heaven." In Revelation we read about the new Jerusalem with its twelve gates of pearl and of the blessedness of those who "may enter in through the gates into the city." We, too, have some gates to open, as implied in the Sabbath Commandment when it speaks of "the stranger that is within thy gates." Those who open their gates in Christian love may look forward to "entering in through the gates" into the city of God.