**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

For June 1971

A lamp to my feet
A light to my path

(Including and supplementing the daily Bible readings of the Uniform Series of Bible Lessons published in "The Helping Hand.""

God’s Call to Faith

1- Tues. Trust the Lord, Not Men. Isaiah 31
3- Thurs. Hesekiah’s Prayer. Isaiah 27:5-20
4- Fri. The Life of Faith. 1 Timothy 6:11-21

The Coming Messianic Kingdom

6- Sun. The King of All the Earth. Psalm 148
7- Mon. The Lord’s Universal Reign. Isaiah 2:2-4; Nahum 4:1-5
8- Tues. The Messianic King. Isaiah 9:5-7; Luke 4:16-21
9- Wed. The Hope of the Future. Isaiah 11:1-10
11- Fri. A Time of Thanksgiving. Isaiah 11:11-12a
12- Sabbath Restraint. Exodus 20:8-11; Romans 7:10-25

God Requires Economic Justice

13- Sun. The Lord Judges. Micah 1:2-16
16- Wed. God Demands Justice. Psalms 82 and 76
17- Thurs. Divine Help for the Needy. Psalms 113 and 111

God Requires Personal Righteousness

22- Tues. Evil Leads to Distrust. Micah 7:1-7
23- Wed. Forgiveness by the Lord. Micah 7:8-20
25- Fri. God’s Approval. Isaiah 38:3-16

Set Free To Serve

29- Tues. Limits in Christian Freedom. 1 Cor. 6:1-13; 9:12-23

**Pointing Up the Year**

By Leon R. Lawton

A recent letter from a business corporation had a unique method of showing that this was their ninety-first year of operation. At the heading of the letter the date was given “May 4th of—91st year - 1971.”

Since this is the 300th year for Seventh Day Baptists in America the thought immediately came: Why not use a similar method in our correspondence? The words would be a bit longer but would be a constant reminder to those with whom we correspond, as well as to those who write, that this is the 300th anniversary of Seventh Day Baptists in America.

Why not consider changing your letter headings in this way? Instead of just putting down May 10, 1971, write it this way: May 10 of Seventh Day Baptists’ 300th Year - 1971. It may be that this would help others understand and enter with us in the joy of our tercentennial celebration.

**Niagara Falls from a Different Viewpoint**

The aerial photograph of what some have called the world’s most spectacular view improves on that view from the Skylon Tower in the center foreground—a view not possible when we, older folks first visited Niagara Falls. We see in one glance the American and Canadian horseshoe falls, the river above and the river below with the perpetual mist rising up from the pounding of the water on the rocks. Here we appreciate the creative hand of God that fashioned the Great Lakes and caused the waters to move over this precipice emptying Lake Erie into Lake Ontario and on through the picturesque island-dotted St. Lawrence River to the ocean. Would that man had done as well in using God’s spiritual resources as in harnessing the power of such natural resources as Niagara Falls.
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The Fear of Death
A workshop held recently in the auditorium of the largest hospital in the Plainfield area drew together the clergy of the city and the staff of the hospital. It was opened by the head of medical services who read portions of the very perceptive book On Death and Dying by Elizabeth Kubler-Ross. She pointed out the failures of our present system of rushing the dying to the hospital and treating them so impersonally that death is more lonely and traumatic than it used to be.

The panelists included the head nurse of the intensive care unit, the hospital nurse, the social service representative, and the patient relations staff member in addition to the young chaplain recently added to the staff. Many of the doctors and the clergy entered into the discussion of what might be done for those who face death. The doctors feel that they were not doing enough and needed the supportive role of the clergy.

Doctors and clergy observed that one reason that they did not spend more time in the room of the terminal patient was that they had not come to grips with their own fear of death. One physician suggested that perhaps many doctors did not respect the profession of their fear of death. There was general agreement among members of the panel and the participating audience that one of the best things in medical practice is allowing the person who is dying to treat him as a person rather than a case — to find out where he is and then to show genuine interest.

The head of the hospital appealed for help from the clergy in developing a new ethic in regard to prolonging life when the life would be seriously impaired. These are questions that are broader than a single hospital or the clergy association of a single hospital. That is why the religious and secular journals did their best to keep the rates from increasing in their mailing rates. The new rates make it impossible to publish publications operating close to the line between financial success and failure may not be able to continue. In the case of the Sabbath Recorder, the amount spent on second class postage each week even under the new rates is not very many dollars because the rate is based largely on weight and our journal is not very heavy. However, every increase in cost is felt.

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We are dependent on new subscribers, loyal renewals, and a large Tract Society and denominational subsidy to provide the service we render.

SABBATH RENEWAL DAY CHALLENGE
Church bulletins and letters coming to the office of the American Sabbath Tract Society indicate that the packet of materials sent out by the Sabbath Promotion Committee for us and all of us.

So that Sabbath Renewal Day (formerly Sabbath Rally Day) May 15 was widely used by our churches and Sabbath Schools. Some 6,000 special-printed bulletin covers were mailed free to the churches in addition to Bible studies and other usable materials.

This special day was the occasion for most of the pastors to preach a Sabbath sermon, which many do not do more than once a year, in spite of the fact that it is the distinctive feature of the single church. Most of the sermons were apparently related to the theme "Responsibility Sabbathkeeping, a Sign of Maturity." There is reason to believe that pastors did their best either to present the Sabbath truth from the Scriptures or to challenge their members to a more sacred attitude. Sabbathkeeping is not yet at hand for an evaluation of the local preparation and execution of plans to make the day all that it was intended to be.

How does one judge whether or not any gathering of our people, either on a special or a regular Sabbath is all that it could be? The sample of the response to our church bulletins is "Enter to worship, depart to serve." The success of the hour.
spent together might be measured to some extent by the percentage of worshipers who are so stimulated that they go out to serve that day and in the days to come.

Whether we call it Sabbath Rally Day or Sabbath Renewal Day is not the question. More important is whether or not it produced any results. Did it engender in us a greater desire to do the will of God and to live up to the Great Commission? Would it be fair to ask if the service made the Sabbath vital enough to us so that we went to the church tract depository and carried home a supply of Sabbath tracts to share with others who have not yet found the joy of a “Sabbath well spent”? Again, did we fall for the suggestion that this day be the occasion for distributing the May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder? These are but two of a number of questions we could ask ourselves. Are we mature enough to question ourselves on how we live up to our profession?

Anti-Semitism Coming Back

There are evidences that anti-Semitism, long under taboo in the United States, is becoming permissible and common. Norman Podhoretz, author and literary critic, in an address before the May special issue of the Sabbath Recorder, said it is not the Arab conservatives like George Habash who are most anxious to destroy the Jews. In the United States the most virulent attacks on Jews also come from the radical right - the KKK and the Suarez separatists shows anti-Semitism.

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Jews in the national culture - a grumbling which has grown louder and louder, more and more brazen, less and less ashamed of itself in the last three or four years, and which so vigorously resembles the bitter complaint against Jewish cultural ‘dominance’ in Vienna in the 1920’s. There was a time when anti-Semitism was fostered in this country and abroad by the radical right - the KKK and other ultra-American organizations. Now it is the far left that is spearheading anti-Semitism. This, of course, is true of the Soviet Union. It is also noted that

Anti-Zionism, though different from anti-Semitism, is gaining ground. The black revolution is also seen as contributing to a freer expression of anti-Semitism. The reasoning is that militant separatism shows a readiness to purchase civil peace at the expense of the Jews. There was a call for replacing the merit system in civil service employment and university admissions by a system of proportional representation according to race or ethnic origin - which would seriously affect Jews, according to Mr. Podhoretz.

The third area of recent change mentioned is “the grumbling in the American literary world over the prominence of Podhoretz.

The great use of life is to spend it for something that outlasts it.

—William James

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Pray for:

1) The work of the Women’s Board, especially their responsibility for SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps).
2) The preparations being made for young people to depict history and to serve New England churches this summer.
3) The world work of Seventh Day Baptists being fostered by bringing together delegates from mission and non-mission countries at SDBWF, Aug. 4.
4) Our tract ministry and the Sabbath witness of all who have opportunities to meet people during vacation travel.

Enroute to Conference

Seventh Day Baptists on their way to Conference are cordially invited to stop and worship at the Berlin, N. Y., church, the closest Seventh Day Baptist church to Amherst. Sabbath worship is at 10:30 a.m. with Sabbath School for all ages following.

Visitors are also welcome to stop and see the church anytime — the doors are open. You'll find a brief history of the church, which was organized in 1780, will be available. The church is located just off Route 22 in Berlin, N. Y., east of many and near the Massachusetts border.

—Robert Ellis

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The Ways To Travel

How to get there is usually one of the primary concerns of delegates attending General Conference. As outlined in previous reports, it pays to plan ahead to attend and then plan on how you’re going to make the trip. Fortunately, Amherst, Mass., although seemingly isolated in the middle of New England, is easily accessible by nearly every means of transportation, or combination, that exists.

Amherst is located in the Connecticut Valley ninety-two miles West of Boston and twenty-seven miles North of Springfield. By air, it takes 35 minutes to reach Bradley Field, Windsor, Conn., by several of the major airlines, including American, Allegheny, Northeast, Mohawk, TWA, and United. Bus service to Amherst and direct to the campus is available at the airport, as well as air field service limousine to all points in Amherst.

If you travel all or part of the way by bus (remember - leave the driving to us?) you can reach Amherst by Greyhound, Trailways, Blue Lines, Peter Pan and Vermont Transit into Springfield, then by Trailways and Peter Pan to the campus.

Railroad service into Springfield is regular with transfer to bus for the remainder of the trip to Amherst at that point. New York Central and the N. Y., N. H., and H. railroads run into Springfield.

It is presumed that most of the delegates will travel in their own automobiles, and will converge on Amherst from all points of the compass. Excellent highway systems exist in New England now, and Amherst is right beside the “main road” to many places. The Massachusetts Turnpike runs East and West just 25 miles to the South, so arriving on that superhighway, you leave it at Exit 4 (West Springfield), take U. S. 5 North to Northampton then East on State 9 to Amherst — then North on Route 116 to the campus. That's simple enough — more devious and interesting routes can be mapped out, and each traveler who wants an experience can plan on taking the best routes for his situation. Plan for the trip.

Youth Pre-Con 1971

By Linda Davis

Have you ever thought about the disciples felt after their Lord was crucified? And then their joy at His resurrection? What was it that made these followers of the Way band together to spread the good news? Did they have a secret?

A good place to find answers to these questions is at Youth Pre-Con 1971. But don’t expect these answers to be handed to you. You'll want to learn how to be responsible disciples for Christ in the 70’s.

Youth Pre-Con will be held at the “U Mass” campus August 4-8, 1971. Any youth between fifteen and twenty may attend. Garth and Mayola Warner from the Verona, N. Y., church will be directors. A variety of staff members will be available to provide different points of view on several subjects taken from the lives of the New Testament Christians.

You might call Youth Pre-Con this year an experiment — a new discovery of an old secret. But whatever you call it, it promises to be an exciting experience. Won't you give it some thought?
MISSIONS—Leon R. Lawton

Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

There were several new members among the eighteenth Missionary Board members present when the quarterly meeting of the board was called to order by President Loren Osborn on Sunday afternoon, April 25. These new members had been elected along with other board members at the annual United Churchmen Socie-
ty meeting on March 21, 1971. Two visitors were also among those gathered around the tables in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. The meeting began with prayer for divine guidance offered by the Rev. Leon M. Maltby.

The reports of the treasurer, Karl G. Stillman; the executive vice-president, Leon R. Lawton; and of the consultant, Everett H. Harris were all received, approved and ordered recorded. A verbal report on the work of home field evangelist, Mynor G. Soper, was given by the executive vice-president. Mr. Soper was concluded a Witness in Missions program in Battle Creek and a weekend mission at White Cloud.

Among other home field interests considered by the board was the report of the last Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church for aid in support of a pastor. The board was also considering the request of the president of the Dayton Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. Harris has been considering the possibility of the Dayton

Rev. Francis D. Saunders as chairman of the Executive Committee.

Because of the serious illness of Mr. Andrew L. Prely, C.P.A., elected as auditors at the annual meeting of the society in March, the treasurer was authorized to negotiate with Christian-

SCSC Training Session

The Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church will be the site for the Summer Christian Service Corps training session this year. Workers and staff will arrive on Tuesday, June 8, and will have an evening of fellowship and orientation before the commencement of the training. The commencement will take place on Wednesday, June 9. Leon R. Lawton will be the training director and will be assisted by Florence Bowdoin, David S. Clarke and Mynor G. Soper. Pastors Don Richards of the host church, and Charles Bond of the neighboring church at Shiloh, will share in the morning chapel hour. The training program is scheduled to be held at Lewis Camp (near Ashaway, R. I.) beginning Monday evening, August 2, and closing following breakfast August 5.

Please remember the training session and the workers in your prayer. These are: Ruth E. Burdick, DeRuyter; Kath- erine A. Greene, Dodge Center; Diane R. Harris, Milton; Marion L. Jones, Battle Creek; Patricia G. Lawton, Salem; Peter Morris, Los Angeles; Helene M. Nelson, New Auburn; Karen Osborn, Nortonville; Tom C. Pederson, Milton; and Martha S. Welch, Berea.

Maturity and Responsibility

Are We Retarded?

Just think—300 years! But let us not be so overwhelmed with the past that we fail to take seriously our theme for the year, "The Responsibility of Maturity." When we see a child who is chronologically but still an infant mentally, we say he is "retarded." All kinds of emo-
tions are manifested, some good and some selfish.

But what sort of emotion do we have for ourselves? As Seventh Day Baptists we are about eighty-two percent right now in our financial stewardship. By the time you read this it probably won't be any better.

Do we really think it is a sign of "The Responsibility of Maturity" to vote at General Conference, and to be real excited during August, and then the rest of the year to let our financial obligations lie dormant? Honestly now, have all you who read this accepted your responsi-
bility in Our World Mission? Have you checked to see that your church is pre-
senting claims and needs of Our World Mission to all of its members?

"Seventh Day Baptist cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." Let's use our maturity now to ask, "What part of our part is in Our World Mission?"

—Paul B. Osborn, Stewardship chairman
Scattering Precious Seed

There is not much to see outside the editor’s windows on the ground floor of the Publishing House for the office is hemmed in by the three-story Seventh Day Baptist building in front and three-story YMCA at the side, with some thirty feet of pavement, sidewalk, and lawn in between. But there is also a maple tree of eighteen or twenty inches in diameter that rises a little higher than our front building, and leans out a little earlier than some maples and drops its winged seeds about the middle of May. This is the time one really notices our tree.

I am not much of a naturalist and less of a mathematician, but I have done a little observing, counting and pondering the legions of maples and of the seeds they bear.

The general idea is that the tree drops its winged seeds in numbers of quite evenly spread out over some square feet. They seemed to be quite evenly spread out over some 7,500 square feet. This would figure up to 750,000 seedlings next year if all of them had landed on good soil and the conditions were right for germination.

Of course, conditions are not right when much of the area is paved, some is trodden hard, and the remainder is well-tended lawn. So many seedlings came up, but some do.

We are reminded that nature is prolificate. Since there are so many adverse conditions and seedlings must be left to chance in the spreading of seed, a tremendous margin of safety has been built into the system for propagating the species. If man did not interfere with this tree’s efforts to propagate its kind, thousands of the seeds might make a start of new life — as happens in some places.

It is perhaps meaningful to note that every tree that produces seeds falls beside a Sabbath-truth publishing house whose business it is to produce tracts, pamphlets, books even called white-winged messengers. Just outside the office that supplies tracts to distributors throughout America and the world one observes that millions of seeds are sown as we do of tracts. Fortunately we do not have to depend on the wind or bottles bobbing in the ocean to get our seeds as we do of tracts. Fortunately we do not have to depend on the wind or bottles bobbing in the ocean to get our seeds as we do of tracts. Fortunately we do not have to depend on the wind or bottles bobbing in the ocean to get our seeds as we do of tracts.

Lessons can be learned from the maple tree. It performs the will of its Creator and does not stop producing seed just because such a small percentage takes root. We have been commissioned to go into all the world with the gospel. If it larger, more symmetrical double-winged seeds of most maples. I counted the fallen seeds on a square foot of sidewalk and conservatively estimated that they averaged one hundred per square foot. They seemed to be quite evenly spread out over some 7,500 square feet. This would figure up to 750,000 seedlings next year if all of them had landed on good soil and the conditions were right for germination.

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Church Attendance and You

An article prepared for Sabbath Recorder readers by Rev. J. D. Hall of Cleveland, Ohio

It is well known to church goers that there is considerable comment on church attendance. Periodicals of all denominations have examined the matter from many standpoints. The public press everywhere has written of it. A comprehensive study of the subject would easily use all the pages of this magazine and not be done with it. Conscientious Christians are concerned about this but often feel a certain amount of resigna­tion in the face of it.

Notwithstanding, the good people in the pews of this country stand second to no people in their faith and faith. It is difficult, in this society, to be dedicated to a single loyalty. There are all sorts of options and choices which compete for our philosophical loyalty. Uninformed fanaticism can easily be brought about in undeveloped nations. But an enormous, overdeveloped nation like the United States is made up of millions of myriad threads of competing concepts. In the origins of its people, in their educational differences, their cultures, their tempers, even the foods they prefer and the style of abodes they live in, every kind of idea competes for America’s attention. Americans are concerned about this but often feel a certain amount of resigna­tion in the face of it.

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before a dozen or so other saved believers and makes an expression of gratitude? Does one contribute money to a mission worthy - holy - as it is, this all when one cannot walk home from church without tripping over a dozen lost sinners?

The writer does not propose that all church members be trained to be evangelists or coached on how to become recruiters for churchly interests. Any such program would be formidable and foolish. Instead, I submit a simple plan. The record of observation has proved that the best plans are the simple plans. The men and women in the pews can make a team effort. They can support a modest publicity campaign. They can pool a little time, money, and energy for advertising. An important fact of life in American society is that advertising is effective.

Try to get a dozen or so enthusiastic, positive-minded people together in a committee to think of ways to publicize their objectives. It need not be elaborate or expensive. It is heartening and astonishing to observe the ideas that can come forth. Furthermore, in any community there are businessmen who understand advertising and publicity. They might well contribute valuable advice, whereas they might charge a business for similar consultation.

Perhaps the reader feels that this is not involved or unique enough to arouse his enthusiasm. Allow me a moment to defend the point and also to reveal something. If churches are presently adequate in nurturing themselves to the society large, then the rest of the community could be run the same way without ill effect. Or could it? Let your imagination go on for a moment to this question: How many town sets alone without advertising. Be- gin righth in your own church.

Your address in the newspaper religion page is enough. People are mostly against sin anyway, so why mention the details all the time? The city can save electricity by turning off intersection traffic lights. Most everybody knows the corner is there. The school teacher should not go back over last week's lesson. The young kids are crying. Police ought to stop cruising in traffic. Drivers know the law or they could not have obtained a license. Sears Roebuck should not be wasting their money. People can go to the store and ask the prices. Westminster Cathedral has stood for hundreds of years. But they don't know what they're doing. They ring the bell every day to let the world know they are still here!

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are within the house. And so the conclusion of my thoughts should be left here, I think. For if a thought is good or helpful it might be measured better by what it brings about, as a seed is measured by the flower. I hope this will interest one and all to speak up for the Lord.

New Features Coming

"If I Had One Sermon To Preach" is the general caption for messages that will appear about once a month in this journal. A number of Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Committee members are assembling, selecting, or preparing such messages. It is hoped that readers will benefit much from the sermons. We must recognize that it is hard for a minister to pick out the message he would preach if he only had one more to preach. If he is growing in grace and in his convictions, he readily hopes to preach a more effective sermon later. But this is a challenge that can come to the reader as well as to the writer. The writer may well resolve that if he could never hear another sermon to get all the good possible out of this one. The first sermon under this topic was submitted by the Rev. Frank E. Brown of Salem, W. Va., "Don't Do Anything Rash."

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION–Rev. E. Zwierbel

Need Ministerial Students Now

We conducted another one of our quick surveys at the recent Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference held in Battle Creek, Michigan. We asked twenty-six of the ministers and denominational workers present at the time how long they thought that they would be in active service. Sixteen of the group felt that they would be active five years from now. Eighteen expected to be serving ten years. Eleven thought that they would still be on the job twenty years from now. Only seven felt that 1996 would find them serving.

We have a total of forty-nine men working today, and we feel that the same ratio would apply to all.

That would indicate that we will need six workers in five years, sixteen in ten years, thirty in twenty years, and thirty-eight by 1996.

When we realize that a senior in high school needs seven years of higher education to prepare for the ministry and that about a dozen of our churches are pastoring the church paper, let each church, each pastoral relations committee, each individual Seventh Day Baptist consider the fact that there is something that must be done, and that each can do something to improve our outlook. Let us single out our youth (both male and female) who show Christian leadership aptitudes, offer spiritual guidance, discuss the possibilities of service, offer to license those who may agree, and help all take advantage of the educational opportunities by guaranteeing financial aid.

Let us test our faith. Has God failed us? Will we fail Him?

The Center Library

We are anxious that the books in the Center for Ministerial Education Library be used by ministers and other Seventh Day Baptists. It seems to be quite impossible to list all of the books (we have 5,900) that we believe might come to us now and then. If you want to study in a particular area write the Center, Box 868, Plainfield, NJ 07061, and we will pick books that we believe will be helpful. General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler also is offering books for loan from his extensive library. They may be obtained through the Center.

Give us a try. Home study is a real part of "Continuing Education." In fact, it is the most realistic for all of us.

The Gospel Knows No Gaps

The pastor of our Battle Creek church, S. Kenneth Davis, was writing in "The Friendly Guest" a story of the joy some of his people have found in winning people to Christ after receiving some special training by Evangelist Mynor Soper. Here is one paragraph from the article in his church paper.

"Where the Holy Spirit is in action there is no generation gap. We can testify to that personally. Where the Holy Spirit is in action there is no racial barrier. We can testify to that personally. Where the Holy Spirit is in action there is no social barrier. We can testify to that personally."

The experiences prompting the above statements are more than interesting. There was the white fifth grader who brought a black college student to Christ after she herself had prayed for Christ to come into her life. Then there was the retiree praying with a fifth grader who has made his initial decision for the Lord. There were more. In a brief spasm of time the same Fifth Graders brought seven souls to Christ. As the pastor says in this area there are no generation gaps or racial barriers.
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Also in 1940, with the assistance of Wayne Rood, he succeeded in reopening Lewis Camp after several years' closure. Since that time he has been active in the support of the camp in whatever capacity he could be most helpful. In emergency, Rood has also contributed time and effort in support of camp operations.

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He was also active in organizing the Berlin Men's Club of which he was president for some years and was able to induce J. C. Penney to address Twenty years after its foundation the club meets each Wednesday at the Lamp Post for dinner, business, and a dinner. The average attendance is twenty to twenty-five men.

His activity in serving on the town Planning Board enabled the town to eliminate the problems of old graveyards and dumps while many others still are vexed with the problem—even before the environment, beautification of roadsides, and aesthetics had become key words.

When the "new road" went through Berlin, he was given the Frank Crandall house by the town, moving it from its former location. At that time it was moved to its present location north of the parsonage. After building a foundation and locating the house on it, he gave the property to the Berlin church. In commemoration it was named "Max Hall." It houses Sabbath School rooms for school rounds and frequently harbors overnight guests, for which it is also equipped.

He has been a scoutmaster, has taken a clinical training course at Albany Medical Hospital in which he was required to work as an orderly one day a week for three years. As a chaplain in a Veterans Hospital in New York State he was required to work as an orderly one day a week, often two or more, when the legislature is in session to establish relief in support or opposition to legislation. Composed of about thirty ministers, they have always been welcomed, their activities do not cease there. Frequently they assist in revision or disapproval of a bill, or work school for or against it. They stand on lottery, drugs, blue laws, etc. has been helpful, even when blocking of passage was not possible. Pastor Maxson also represents the Central Association on this Commission.

In denominational affairs, he served for some time on the Tract Board and is presently a member of the Missionary Board.

People throughout the area turn to the SABBATH RECORDER...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

Youth Pre-Con Retreat

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"Paul" in need, whether for taking a sick baby to a doctor or for personal counseling. He and Ruby have given their time, care, and even finances freely in their own time, and even to opening their home to others. This has not detracted from his service to the church. One villager has stated, "All I can say is, Paul is one of us!"

In his retirement to the home he purchased some years ago in Berlin, we look forward to fellowship with Paul and Ruby. We pray that the church in the future and are sure that the relationship will be of benefit to all.

JUNE 5, 1971 of the Missionary Board, Steve Crouch of Plainfield, and others.

Camp fee for the four-day retreat covers everything $23. A very interesting program of learning and practicing vital Christianity is in store.

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The Tract Board has recently printed an attractive two-color postcard with a sketch of the Newport church around which our tri-centennial emphasis of 1971 centers. Pastors have ordered or have had a copy. These cards contribute directly the majority of these cards for sale to the people at five cents each. It is hoped that a wide use of these cards will stimulate interest in attendance at Conference and a pilgrimage to the old Newport church.

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The Sabbath Recorder
Karl Stillman Honored

The Community Service Award for 1971 was presented to a prominent Seventh Day Baptist, Karl G. Stillman, at the annual banquet of the Greater Westerly-Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce on May 15. A front-page three-column article with picture in the Sunday edition of the Westerly (R.I.) Sun featured the surprise presentation of the plaque. The 150 people in attendance gave Mr. Stillman a standing ovation.

Mentioned in the long citation was the fact that the recipient had been president of the local Seventh Day Baptist church, in which he has been active all his life, a former president of General Conference (1948), and for many years (up to the present) the treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Of particular interest to the Chamber of Commerce was his work with the Westerly Hospital of which he has been president since 1965. Besides holding the position of president of the hospital corporation, Mr. Stillman is treasurer of the Pawcatuck Area Community Services Corporation, a trustee of the Salvation Army; president of the Pawcatuck World War Memorial Association (he is a veteran of World War I); president of the Westerly Savings Fund and Loan Association since 1967; and chairman of the Industrial National Bank advisory board of which he has been a member for twenty-eight years. He was also chairman of the Westerly Hospital Building Fund Campaign in 1964.

Mr. Stillman is a notable example of a man with well-voiced religious convictions who has devoted his life to church and denominational work. For twenty-eight years he was active in the Pawcatuck Area Chamber of Commerce - a community which has now been active all his life, a former president of General Conference (1948), and for many years (up to the present) the treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Women’s Board Issue Coming

The first issue of July will be another of our blue-ink Sabbath Recorders. It is expected that the new Women’s Board will provide a good share of the articles, which will tell of the great work the board is doing at home and abroad. The SCSC program for the summer, sponsored by the women, will be well under way at that time.

PERSONAL DATA

After publishing in the May 29 issue the article by Gladys Sutton Randolph entitled “Sabbath Belief Strengthened by Exposure to Sunday Beliefs” we received from her some personal data that fortified her statement that she has been duly exposed to the Sunday arguments in her contacts with church leadership. We quote her letter:

“I have been employed in first-day churches as organist over a span of forty-three years, starting as a junior in high school and continuing through the approaching years of retirement. Different denominations served have been: Methodist, Episcopal, Congregational, United Church of Christ, Evangelical United Brethren, United Methodist, and substitute jobs in American Baptist, Scotch Presbyterian, and Christian Science.

She goes on to say that when she was baptized by her father, the Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, at Shiloh, N. J., in 1920, she dedicated her ambition to serve her Savior as a church musician. She has had the opportunity and it has strengthened her Sabbath convictions.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.— Approximately sixty-five people gathered on the eve of the Sabbath, April 9, for the annual candlelight communion service. A light meal consisting of foods that would have been used at a passover meal in Jesus’ time was served, followed by the Communion service.

The church is sponsoring a thirteen-week broadcasting program from 5:45 - 6:00 with a program called “The News and the Bible.”

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—Correspondent

ALGIERS, LA.— According to a letter from the Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, pastor, there are hopes for growth and extension in the New Orleans area. She requested fifty additional Sabbath Renewal Day bulletin covers for use on May 15. Meetings are now being held regularly in Harvey, La. It is hoped, says the pastor, that the group in Harvey can be organized into a Seventh Day Baptist church in the near future. It would start as a branch of the Algiers church which is known as God’s Light-house of Prayer Seventh Day Baptist Church.

HAMMOND - METAIRIE, LA.— These two churches have withdrawn for the present from the missionary pastor plan by which the Missionary Board adds to what the local church can do in support of a full time pastor. Although this leaves the Rev. Earl DeLand without adequate support, he is continuing to serve as their pastor. He supplements his salary now by secular employment, giving only part time to pastoral duties.

Scattering Precious Seed

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is God’s will that we distribute tracts to a larger number than we can reach in a more personal way, we should be willing to Do His will regardless of the number of responses. Just as the tree having put wings on its seeds and dropped them in the breeze sees some results, so we can see some fruit if we can rejoice in it. If you and I carry a variety of gospel and Sabbath tracts at all times, we will have the right tract for the right person at the right time, just as we are scattered in service in the great work the board is doing at home and abroad.

Personal notices were sent out a few weeks ago to people who have been receiving copies of the Mission Notes for many weeks. A letter that would have been used at a passover meal in Jesus’ time was served, followed by the Communion service.

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OBITUARIES

PALMER, L. M.— Her son of William J. and Mary E. (Swart) Palmer was born in Brookfield, N. Y., Aug. 25, 1913, and died April 21, 1971, in his home in Brookfield.

Herman was a lifelong member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church. Although handicapped by a crippling disease for a large part of his adult life, he had unyielding faith and fortitude to keep on working. He was a very active member of the church and was a great asset to the church in its growth and development.

Surviving are his wife, Frances Langworthy Palmer; two sons, William F. and Clayton; two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Balcomb and Mrs. Jeanette Westcott; two brothers, Francis W. and Kenneth M.; a sister, Mrs. Bessie Whitacre of New York City.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Neal D. Mills, from the church with the burial in the Brookfield Cemetery.

—N. D. M.
Precious Prayer Promises
Plead These Promises as You Pray

“Produce your cause, saith the Lord; bring forth your strong reasons, said the King of Jacob” (Isaiah 41:21).

“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not” (Jer. 33:3).

“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:13).

“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all of these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33).

“Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you” (Matt. 7:7).

“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them” (Mark 11:24).

“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it” (John 14:13, 14).

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:5).

“Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24).

“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things” (Rom. 8:32).

“Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God, and the peace of God that passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6, 7).

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19).

“But without faith it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

“Ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your own lust” (James 4:3, 4).

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much—and he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain” (James 5:16, 18).

—Crusader Prayer League
Lubbock, Texas

Another Tract Reprinted

The popular Bible study Sabbath tract “Pro and Con” which has not been available in quantity for several months has now been reprinted — in a more attractive color than before. If you do not have a good supply on hand, now is a good time to order. This tract does a good job of comparing the Scriptures for and against the seventh-day Sabbath. It marshals the facts about the Sabbath and the first day of the week. All of the references used to substantiate Sunday are quoted. The reader is asked to apply Acts 17:11. Use this tract with those who want to study the Bible. It is brief and readable.

June 12, 1971

Learning To Honor the Christian Flag

This is the season of Vacation Bible Schools and camps where boys and girls learn to appreciate the Christian flag with its symbol of Christ dying for our sins.