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A light to my path

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
For November 1971

Luke Tells the Good News
29—Mon. Man's Agent of a Life-giving Covenant. Mal. 3:1-12
30—Tues. Telling and Living the Good News. Lk. 1:14; 4:16-21

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God Establishes Moral Order
7—Sun. Reverence for God. Ex. 20:1-12
9—Tues. God Will Judge All Men. Rom. 2:1-16
10—Wed. All Men Need Redemption in Christ. Rom. 3:8-26
12—Fri. God Upholds Goodness. Ps. 62 and 75

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Spending Your Money

The average American spends only 16.7 percent of his income on food, compared with 37 to 39 percent in Western Europe and Japan, and 60 percent in India.

When I read these statistics, it brought to mind a new meaning the question asked by the Lord in Isaiah 55:2, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?" I long ago memorized that beautiful scripture and tried to think what it meant to the people of that day. To be sure, it is an appropriate text for a sermon and no doubt has been preached on by most ministers, but in the light of the figures quoted above it raises some legitimate questions for Americans.

We might wonder what meaning Isaiah 55:2 could have to the people of India who spend 60 percent of their income on food. They have to spend their money for bread; we apparently do not have to.

What a fuss we make about the high cost of our groceries. There is almost as much resistance to spending 16.7 percent of income on food as there is in India to giving 10 percent back to the Lord. Probably in Isaiah's time the cost of living was more nearly like it is in India. 60 percent of our income is spent on keeping body and soul together.

If the question, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?" has lost some of its point in America of the seventies, the other part of the question was never more applicable than now, "And your labor for that which satisfieth not?" A rather large percentage of what is left after buying our food goes for things that will hopefully bring satisfaction but do not. It is evident that the other real necessities of life such as clothing and housing are not so much out of proportion to food. By no means all of our income is spent on keeping body and soul together, as it is in India.

We have quite a bit of latitude as to what we spend our money for. We spend much in the past three years corporate profits have declined 7 percent while the total compensation of employees has increased 24 percent. Henry Ford pointed out that it is a false comparison to say that if wages are controlled

at the next pay day. Down inside we know that we are not returning to God as much as we could. We talk about giving until it hurts but most of us are not as poor as we think we are. We talk about giving until it is too easily hurt in the area of the pocketbook. Giving until it is a joy is real Christian giving.

Israel calls us to put the right values on the things that really satisfy. We can claim the promises and blessings of Isaiah 55 if we pay attention to our spending and to our giving.

Capital-Labor Relations

There is nationwide unrest and uncertainty as we enter upon phase II of the President's attempt to combat inflation and restore a favorable balance of trade in international commerce. The continuation of controls, voluntary or involuntary, is likely to affect all of us to some extent, but perhaps not to a great extent. It is with fear and trepidation that your editor even mentions the economic policy for he is no expert on this or on the ever-changing science of labor and management. However, few things may be said in a general way from the Christian point of view.

Labor as a person of its most vocal representative, George Meany of AFL-CIO, has loudly claimed inequities in the first phase of the wage-price freeze. He may have a point in much of what he says. He claims to be not averse to controls if profits are controlled as well as wages and prices -- the implication being that the President's program benefits the corporations at the expense of the laboring man. He would prefer a more complete socialization of the country with the government making jobs for those who are unemployed.

The president of the National Association of Manufacturers, which has generally approved the President's program to combat inflation, W. P. Guilder, is not so sure that corporate profits are off line with labor benefits. He is afraid of the public that if the government made workers demand more and controlled profits, the tax burden would increase.

It is refreshing to observe that there are a great many men on the management side who are truly philanthropic and motivated by Christian principles. The names can probably be said for some of the labor leaders. The day has long since passed in our country when there was a sharp distinction in the living standards of labor and management. Ours is a middle class society, as it is generally recognized. With relatively few exceptions we cannot be divided between the labor and management. Unfortunately selfishness is not eradicated when we rise above the poverty level or if we get into the realm of the middle class. It is only Christ in our hearts that makes us truly Christian.
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good. The continuing economic controls are
likely to be another test of whether we
vantage or willingly make sacrifices for
our love the other fellow and seek his
problem of compulsory education and
appliances. The days ahead when
compulsory education beyond elementary
applied Christianity.

The Amish people are faced with a
down their beliefs and culture. They
keep their children to the age of sixteen.
The question that thoughtful Chris-
tians may wish to ponder along with the
Court is where to draw the line
between cultural and religious distinctive
and rights in relation to the Constitution
and the public education laws. Would
there be a difference, for instance, be-
tween a requirement to attend school until
the age of sixteen and a requirement to
attend a public school on the Sabbath?

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rich, and Dawn Lippincott, all of North
City.

At the afternoon meeting, those present were
divided into six groups to discuss
questions relating to Christian life and
witness. Arlie and Edith Davis of Phoe-
nix, Ariz., presented a program for the children during the discussion hour.

Saturday night the new president, Ted Horsley, a Denver orthopedic physi-
cian, was introduced and preached on

"The Denver, conducted the Communion
with Alton Wheeler as spokesman. The
were some 'slides of missionary interest
tractor.

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in 1973 with Dr. Horsley as president.

A youth breakfast was served Sunday
morning in the church basement, with the
meeting of the morning devoted to busi-
ness. The next meeting will be in Denver
in 1973 with Dr. Horsley as president.

Good music, good fellowship, and
good meals helped to make the occasion
most enjoyable.

Following the association meeting a
baptismal service was conducted in the
Nortonville church. Pastor Ken Chroni-
ger, assisted by Deacon Ed Johnson, bap-
tized Cheryl, Christie, and Cindy John-
on, and Jodi Osborn. All participants were
from Kansas City, Mo.

Drug Abuse in the Military

The Veterans Administration announ-
ces a new policy of allowing veterans
with discharges other than honorable due
to drug abuse to apply for reclassifica-
tion. The purpose is to provide opportu-

for treatment, which is barred
for those with such discharges.

Less than one of every 500 men re-

from service during 1969 and
1970 received other than honorable dis-
charges because of drug abuse, accord-
ing to Department of Defense figures.
Out of some 2,000,000 separations dur-
ing the period, 4,112 undesirable dis-
charges directly attributable to drug
use were issued.

This tiny East Pakistani refugee has
found shelter in a section of empty
pipe, in the Salt Lake Camp, on the out-
skirts of Calcutta. More than six million
refugees have sought a home in India.
CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal
of Church World Service, has shipped
driver carloads of protein-rich beans and
and has provided funds with which to
purchase blankets and tarapulins. Help is
being given to the refugees through the
Christian Agency for Social Action,
which is maintaining more than forty
camps in West Bengal and Assam.

CROP, usually thought of as a food
assistance program, has also sent anti-TB
materials to Indonesia.

CROP provided 328,000 packs of
pasta Tri-Pak Garnules which are being
used in an extensive anti-tuberculosis
campaign in four villages in North Suma-
tra.

In another area, in South Sulawesi,
CROP provided twenty tons of insecti-
cides, requested by local health officials
to combat malaria.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

CROP Helps Pakistanis

Review of Malawi Mission Doings

Under date of September 22 Pastor
John Conrod has written to review recent
happenings and doings of our missionary
work in Malawi, Africa. He begins with
the comment, "Things have just begun
to slow down for the first time in the last
several months, so I thought I'd better
write to you and tell all about some
of the things that have hap-
ened since you left. The Malawi visitors,
Pastors D. Manani and Mataka, have
already told you that they almost didn't
get to fly out of here on their scheduled
day because the tickets didn't come until
the very morning they were to depart.

"While they were gone we have had
three associations to attend; the first was
at Nolo church in the Southeastern Asso-
ciation. This was the first opportunity
we had to use the tent which was sent
to us by the Young Adult Class of Marl-
boro Church. We took a slide of it and
sent it on to Fred Ayars to make prints
for you and the Young Adult Class. The
Southeastern Association meeting was
held with the Michizu Church which is
located just beyond Malamulo Mission.
We had to hike in from the road to get
to the church. We had decided to pitch
camp at a member's home near the road
rather than carry everything from the
car. The only mishap we had was when
force slipped on a steep part of the path
coming up from the creek crossing, skin-
ing herself pretty badly as well as
breaking the mantle in the lantern she
was carrying. She rested in the tent in
stead of going to the last meeting which
I attended alone.

"The most difficult association was the
one in the Central Association region at
Nkhotakhoti. The meeting was
changed from early in August to the
same weekend that the Pastors Manani
and Mataka were to arrive at Chileka.
You take it that they possibly
would come earlier, but we received no
verification from anywhere when they
were to arrive. I was to move a Central
pastor to a new church the Sunday after
association, but I couldn't make it
back to Chileka Airport if they were
coming at the time previously scheduled.
So I arranged for Pastor Makounge to
take the Honda (which, by the way, is
now repaired) to the airport to meet
them taking money along for fare for the
Air Malawi bus and any other needed
transportation. Pastor S. Mzumara had
already arrived in Blantyre from the
North and finding no one at the mis-
Sionary home, he went to Pastor Manani's
house, knowing that this was the time
that Manani was to arrive. After talking
with Mrs. Manani, they decided to take
a taxi to meet them, and kept the taxi
waiting at the airport so that everyone
could ride back in it."

The trustees of Central Africa Con-
ference met following Conference at
Thiembe. Mr. Conrod adds: "Several items of business were trans-
acted which I trust you will receive
through the minutes. I just thought I'd
mention that the plan for Pastor Manani
to be in financial charge of church offer-
ings and pastors' salaries was passed
and training will start October 1. The
complete books should be divided and
sent to the hands of the two pastors (Manani
at Blantyre and Mataka at Makapwa)
by January 1 at which time I shall only
serve as advisor and do some day-by-day
auditing. I am quite certain that by
June '72, they will have a good idea of
their work."

Pastor Conrod's letter concludes with
the expressed hope that Miss Elizabeth
Maddock would soon be arriving to begin
work at Makapwa Medical Center, as-
sisting Miss Sarah Becker. Plans were
being made to welcmome "Tibbie" at the
airport and for a reception lunch at
Blantyre, before she would travel the
forty additional miles to Makapwa.

Memory Text

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees,
hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint
and anise and cummin, and have omitted
the weightier matters of the law, judgment,
mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have
done, not to leave the other undone
(Matt. 23:23).
He emigrated to the United States in 1900 and opened a little butcher shop on Park Avenue in New York City. My father operated it until his death, and my mother runs it now. It is in an exclusive residential area.

Growing up in New York City, I had my Bar Mitzvah when I was thirteen, and joined the Conservative Synagogue of Riverdale. In fact, I'm still a member there. But we were irregular in attendance. It was more social than religious with our family.

My only contact with Christians was with kids who went to parochial schools. Our neighborhood was Jewish and Irish Catholic. You can imagine that combination.

The parochial school kids would ask if I were a Jew, and smell my nose in the nose. Yet they were crosses! I didn't want any of their "Jesus" if what's a cross meant. That's all I knew about Christ before you up for being Jewish. I thought Christ was the God of the Gentiles, and that a Gentile had to be Christian — that they beat you up for God of the Gentiles, and that a Gentile was a Jew, then smash me in the face with a crucifixion. Now I wear a silver cross around my neck.

My mother thought I was nuts. But she's coming around. She came out from New York for our wedding, and I think she will be saved, as well as Illi, my 17-year-old sister. Already, I've won two Jewish boys to Christ.

Jesus need Christ the same as anyone else. But it really freaks them out when I tell another Jew that I am Jewish. Some Jews think they can't believe in Christ and still be Jews, since Christ is for Christians. But I do, and I am still a Jew.

There is too much of a wall between Jews and Christians. I am now Christ is for all Jews as well as all Gentiles.

Not only had I never heard of the Holy Spirit, my family had never mentioned the Name. Now I owned the one. I was a Jew more culturally than religiously. The sad thing is that Jews think they can't believe in Christ, but I know Christ is for Jews, too.

I pronounced them man and wife, and they kissed, the group broke out in spontaneous statements such as "Praise God!" and "Praise the Lord," Worley said. The marriage ended with prayers for the newly-married couple.

The groom is Matthew Daub, a recent convert from Judaism and the bride is Barbara Crawford, a native of Illinois. "Premarital counseling with these young people was a refreshing experience," Worley added. "All they could talk about was their desire to be truly wedded in Christ. There was little concern with material possessions and other problems that bother so many young couples."

The groom, who is also an artist, gave pastor Bob Worley a paper sketch of the Crucifixion as an honorarium for the ceremony.

"The sketch meant more to me than any monetary gift possibly could," Worley added. —BP

**Good News from India**

In a letter dated October 8 the Rev. B. John V. Rao, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, gives encouraging news of improvement in the health of his wife, whose serious condition has been mentioned previously. He prefaces the report on Mrs. Rao's condition with thankfulness for God's mercy and the promises of the Word of God. Quoting in part:

"What I feel impressed to say to myself is found in Psalm 37:3, 4. Let us notice the verse that 'Trust in the Lord' only to be followed by the verse which says, 'Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.' In my own words, send your spiritual faith to God and then be

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filled with gratitude and joy and peace knowing that He is working on our behalf. Now and then I recollect a sentence from apostle Peter's book (1 Pet. 1:7): "Then I know very well the experiences of prophets and apostles in the Bible. Though I am not an apostle or prophet, I am going through very great and also in family burdens."

The India church leader writes that he had been able to bring his wife home from the hospital on September 29 after a two-month's stay necessitated by complications following surgery at the birth of a son. She speaks of her as being fifty percent recovered. She can sit on the bed for brief periods and walk a little with the help of a cane. She is not expected to be fully recovered for another two months. Although he is spending most of his time taking care of her he says he expects to write two hours per day to correspondence and the other work of the Conference. The plan was for her to go to the home of friends in Thirapathi City within two weeks.

Reports of the work in the outlying districts coming to Mr. Rao were noted as being encouraging, for the most part, with some new developments in all fields. Three evangelistic teams had gone to Orissa state distributing tracts and open up prospects for organizing new groups. He notes that "only forty-three men and women were baptized by various pastors in all districts, and some reports as per their reports." Four mud and thatch church buildings were wiped out by flood and land slides in the Rapur Association on October 2. Unable to visit the area himself, Mr. Rao sent the Conference president with four others to investigate. Naturally, the members are discouraged and want help.

The leader is very appreciative of the prayers of Christian friends, which he credits with saving the life of his wife and giving encouragement in his family and Conference problems. — Leon M. Maltby

Prayer Amendment Action Urged

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, representing Seventh Day Baptists and seven other Baptist Conventiona devoted much of its October semi-annual meeting to a discussion of the prayer amendment now before Congress and considered how to keep the legislation from passing. The reasons for opposition to this proposed amendment are in the areas of religious liberty and separation of church and state and have been publicized on these pages previously.

The Joint Committee learned that the House of Representatives will probably vote on the measure November 8.

Cong. Fred Schwengel (R., Iowa) told members of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs that he believes "prayer will be diminished and religion will be hurt" if the proposed non-declarative prayer amendment becomes a part of the U.S. Constitution.

A major conclusion of the committee was that perhaps the most effective means would be for persons in every congressman's district to write, phone or telegraph him before November 8 asking him to vote against House Joint Resolution 191, which is the prayer amendment.

Carl Bates, president of the Southern Baptists Convention, makes the same suggestion, but urges constituents in all states to do more:

"Call your congressman's home office and see if he is going to be there anytime soon. Make an appointment with him to tell him your views face to face. If you can't do this, write or telegraph him at the House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

"You can call him on the phone at this number — (202) 224-3121 — which is the number of the United States Capitol Building.

"Whatever you do must be done before November 8, when the crucial vote may be taken."

Those who make peaceful revolution impossible make violent revolution inevitable. — John Kennedy

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
Tract Board Meets

The newly elected Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., Sunday afternoon, October 17, for the regular quarterly meeting. The full board meeting had been preceded by our committee meetings in the morning and early afternoon with hot lunches served by the ladies of the Plainfield church in the denominational building. Committees had also met a month earlier at the time Vice-President Herbert Saunders took charge of the meeting in the absence of President Charles North who was temporarily hospitalized.

Corresponding Secretary Leon Malby reported that tract orders during the summer quarter had been larger than usual, totaling 22,525. Quite a number of these orders were from individuals rather than churches and some 6,000 were for use in state fair booths. The Publications Committee noted that several tracts had been printed in quantities of 5,700 to 10,000 and that three more were in process and not yet paid for. A third edition of the tract "Youth" had just been produced by mimeographing the text before the meeting. Plans were set in motion for the possible publication of some new material in addition to two books in process or presently in manuscript form or under consideration.

The Audio and Visual Services Committee reported a great amount of service rendered at Conference and since. It included the largest-ever demand for reproduction from tapes of portions of the Conference program. It also mentioned that a demand that has been met with the new equipment available and the technical services of Fred Ayars and Calvin Babcock, members of the committee. There were new filmstrips prepared by the chairman and others filled from the filmstrip library for thirty-six filmstrips of various kinds. Considerable progress on the construction of the production studio at Plainfield was also reported by Fred Ayars, chairman.

Treasurer James Davis reported that during the first nine months of the year the society had been operating within its budget and meeting obligations as they came due. It was found necessary to increase the operating budget for 1972 to meet a portion of the needs of the expanding services expected in the audio-visual area of board work. The budget as adopted (subject to possible adjustment) was $2,575 out of balance between anticipated income and budgeted expenses. One item of our budget for 1972 was $1,500 to help the new Philippine Seventh Day Baptist Conference to produce literature in the several languages. The leaders had not asked for expensive printing, but for a second-hand mimeograph machine, feeling that this type of literature would serve their purpose.

Forward-looking board and committee work took up the latter part of the two-and-a-half hour sessions of the board. Consultants were elected and new members tentatively assigned to committees until the president is able to make firm appointments. A special committee announced plans to work on long-range plans for the publishing ministry of the board. The editor of The Sabbath Recorder was reelected for another year.

How You Are Thinking

Most of us are not really keeping up with the way college youth are thinking. It is so easy to fall behind as much as five or ten years. This is evident from the way some of the politicians have been trying to appeal to the newly franchised eighteen-year-olds. The following observations from Landrum Bolling, president of Berea College, are quoted in Youth Today and may help to bring us up to date:

1. Ending the Vietnam war will "improve" their "state of mind," but anti-war feeling is "but one of many symptoms of a deep-seated disaffection of the young."

2. They're so convinced that it's wrong to spend money on the war, space and superersonic transport that increased spending for education and welfare will fail to impress them very much. Moreover, the current young don't have the innocent belief that their New Deal parents have, or once had, that increased federal financing will solve all problems.

3. Few can sustain much interest in working to correct defects in national policies and programs. They are skeptical and hesitant about responding to some new liberal battle-cry. "Most disaffected youth" have little faith in either evolution or reform. "Among them there is widespread apathy and a sense of futility and hopelessness toward all proposed solutions to the situations they deplore."

4. "Straight kids" are uncertain about their values, attitudes, life styles and goals. Few parents know what their teen-agers really believe about fundamental purposes and values.

5. "Perhaps the greatest challenge facing home, school, and church is to find ways to engage all age groups in a shared and honest exploration of the eternal questions of purpose, meaning, ultimate value of religion, morality, and ethics."

Salem College Y. F. Retreat

The college youth fellowship held a retreat on September 24 and 25 in Berea, W. Va., at the Southeastern Association camp.

Friday night we arrived in time to prepare our supper. After the dishes were cleared away, we went over to the church for a vespers service which was led by Bob Harrold. At 9:00 we broke up into committees and made plans for the coming year.

Sabbath morning we enjoyed fellowship with the people of the Berea church. We joined them for Sabbath School and after that we led the worship service. After lunch we all met together and our committees gave their reports.

The group discussed and voted on the activities. Our activities include a "get-to-know-one-another-night," we will pair off with someone from the group and talk about things of interest to us. We plan to go to Sistersville for lunch one Sabbath after church, then we will have our Sabbath School lesson outdoors. We plan to have a box social, to make gifts for shut-ins and to have some of our lessons in convalescent homes so that the people there might be able to take part in our study of God's Word.

Our big plan for next semester involve a musical tour to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Southeastern Association. We plan to visit the campuses in Petersburg, Washington, D. C.; and Daytona Beach, Fla.

Our advisors are John and Hope Bevis. Both are professors at Salem College; John in history and Hope in nursing. The members of our Y. F. are looking forward to the year of excitement through spreading the Word of God. We ask for you to remember us in your prayers.

Fewer Freshman

More Graduate Students

For the first time in years, most of the 2,600 colleges and universities had openings for freshmen and transfer students this fall. However, graduate schools were flooded with more applications than they could accept. Authority for this is Ted S. Cooper, executive director of the Association of College Admission Counselors, who is in a position to give some reasons for the changes.

Many of the youth just out of high school, he says, are not sure that college is important. Some think that it is better to see the world first. There is also a noticeable "disdain for the isolation and idealism of campus life, which some young people think prevents a realistic approach to today's problems."

The only institutions continuing to show upward enrollments are the community colleges, which now enroll 60 percent of all students compared to 33 percent ten years ago.

One of the reasons for this increase of graduate enrollments is the high level of unemployment. With jobs scarce many college graduates think this is an opportune time for getting an advanced degree. Another reason is the release of men from the military. The number of veterans is no longer balanced by the number of draftees being called up.
Baptist Women of the world will pray around the clock on Monday, Nov. 1.

WOMEN'S WORK-Mrs. Elmer W. Anderson

Prayer Around the World
Around the Clock

The date is Baptist Women's Day of Prayer, and women are asked to gather in their churches or private homes for a program of study and prayer for each other and for Christian advance in all countries.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis, president of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, said that the prayer sessions will begin as the day dawns in Japan and Oceania, just west of the International Date Line, and the session will continue on across Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Europe, North America, and out into the Pacific again as the sun races across the sky.

Program for the day's meetings has been translated and published in a hundred languages and dialects and distributed in the seventy-three countries where the Baptist World Alliance has member conventions plus other countries where mission work involves women in the churches.

This year's program theme is based on the Scripture, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2 and 5). The program is written each year by a woman from a different continent, and the writer this year is an American, Mrs. Robert Fling of Pleasantville, N. Y. Much of it is testimony from women who attended the 1970 Baptist Congress in Tokyo.

Camp Holston Development

The youth camp at Battle Creek was appropriately named for a pastor of many years ago who was especially interested in youth work. The father of Doris Fetherston, one-time denominational executive secretary, his memory is perpetuated by the lakeside camp.

The memory of Pastor Eugene Patato who did so much to develop and make use of Camp Holston will also be perpetuated by memorial gifts are used. The following paragraphs on the camp are picked up from the current issue of The Friendly Guest, Battle Creek church paper.

"The fund in memory of Pastor Gene has passed the $1,200 mark and continues to grow. The fund will be used to create a paved, multi-purpose recreation court. Gifts in excess of the amount needed for the court will go toward the purchase of a bus for camp, church, and scout use.

'The Camp Policy Committee is unanimous in its recommendation that our camp facilities should be developed further, looking toward year-round use of the camp. The trustees have been requested to develop long-range plans incorporating all suggestions to be implemented as quickly as funds are available.'

Bible in the Heart

Evangelist Billy Graham recently told a large theological seminary audience that Christians in China are memorizing entire books of the Bible. Large scale revival and open preaching in China may be still a long way off.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.— College students of Battle Creek are mentioned in the current Friendly Guest along with news of the development of other young people.

Donald Bruce Casler is attending Ferris College at Big Rapids, Mich., specializing in industrial chemistry.

Alton Bennett is working part time for Hornor-Coppin Auto Sales while pursuing his CPA studies at Kellogg Community College.

Suzanne Merchant begins her second year at KCC, taking work in physical therapy. She does her "practice" work at Leila Hospital.

Judy Parrish is beginning her second year at Ferris College, continuing her work in dental hygiene.

Lee De Land returned from Wisconsin and has begun her senior year at Olivet College in Michigan.

For Susan Hentges, this is her senior year at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Marion Jones is now a senior at Michigan State.

Bob Parrish is spending a few weeks each year at the University of Michigan, doing some research for the completion of his B.A. degree in psychology.

Neil Willmann has returned to his college work at Alma, Michigan. This will be his senior year.

Paul Patato is looking for work and expects to attend KCC beginning next semester.

Charlene Hewitt is in college — her first year at KCC.

SHILOH, N. J.— The annual Planning Retreat was held the first weekend in October with the program under the direction of Mrs. Mark Sheppard, Lois Dickinson, and Frank McAllister with the emphasis on the denominational theme, "Era of Action." The first meeting was held around the fireplace in Lake View Lodge at Jersey Oaks Camp. Origin of ideas were presented by Lora Harris, Ann Sheppard, Lynette McAllister, Owen Probasco, Jim Probasco and Tim Bond. A fagot service closed the evening.

Worldwide Communion was observed during the morning worship hour at the church. A "Faith and Action Dialog" panel highlighted the Sabbath afternoon service at camp. The panel members discussed the following topics:

Family Life Today—Dr. David Camenga

"Ecology" — John Harris

"Housing and Property" — Mrs. David Camenga, a welfare worker

"National Defense" — Mayor Everett Dickinson

"Education" — School Board Pres. William Richardson

"Tax Reform" — Mrs. William Parvin, tax collector.

The church calendar was built by the ladies. The church buildings were decorated for every occasion. The cantata was presented October 19. A large theological seminary audience attended the October 27 service.

The date is Baptist Women's Day of 1971. For everyone shall bear his own burden.

The Rev. Fred Wolf, pastor, officiated. Mr. Eaglesfield formerly held membership in the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Gentry, Ark., and Edgewood, Neb.

Mr. Eaglesfield was married twice; his second wife Marie (Goeringer) survives him, together with a son, Carl F. of Hammond, Ind., and a daughter, Marjorie De Loyer of Clinton, Michigan; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild from the first union. He is also survived by a sister, Tacy Kerr of Milton, Wis., and two brothers: Guy of Phoenix, Ariz, and Elly "Ralph" of Cleveland, Ohio.

Burial was in the Peace Lutheran Cemetery at Besse, Ohio.

—M. C. V. H.
God Requires Full Obedience

In a day when rebellion is a far more popular word than obedience it is more than interesting to see certain strong religious leaders taking a stand for strict obedience to the Ten Commandments. We quote from an article in the September 30 issue of Christian Beacon written by the editor, Carl McIntire, under the title, "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice."

“At this point, let it be said there is no such thing as first, second, third, and fourth degrees of obedience. A transgression of a command is sin. There is no first, second, third degree sin. To break a commandment is to disobey God. To keep the commandment is to glorify Him. At what time does partial obedience become obedience? And this is what God insisted upon when He rejected King Saul: 'Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams'” (1 Sam. 15:22).

The writer was making another point throughout the article in which he criticized the established churches for not being true to the requirements of the gospel, but this quotation is a very strong statement that might well be included in a Sabbath tract. Such an emphasis on the commandments of God has to include the Fourth Commandment, "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" - the last of the first table of the law that bridges between the duties owed to God and the duties owed to man of the second table.

Note what Dr. McIntire says: "To break a commandment is to disobey God. To keep the commandment is to glorify Him. At what time does partial obedience become obedience?" There are those who maintain that they are partially or essentially obeying the command to keep the seventh day of the week holy when they abstain from work on the first day of the week.

Seventh Day Baptists have long contended that such partial obedience in which a day of their own choosing is substituted for God's day of rest is not pleasing to Christ. To claim that honor should be given to the day that Christ's resurrection was discovered is a serious error when it leads to disobedience of the command to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

We believe that the Christian Beacon editor is right in this emphasis on the holiness of God. In His sight "there is no such thing as first, second, third, and fourth degrees of obedience." No matter how many sacrifices are made to do good things on Sunday, "To obey is better than sacrifice." -L. M. M.

100 Million Gideon Bibles

Although Gideon's International does not produce new versions of the old Book it does put its name on millions of Bibles, places them free of charge in countless hotels and distributes them to the Armed Forces.

The 100 millionth copy of the Gideon Bible was recently presented to President Nixon by the two top-ranking Gideon officers. Executive Director M. A. Henderson told Mr. Nixon that the man who is now head of the largest Protestant denomination in America, Carl E. Bates, was converted by reading a Gideon Bible in his hotel room at a time when he was despondent and contemplating suicide. The President was impressed with the story and gladly received the Bible, it is reported.