More Gospel to Russia

Most of us in this country have little need for shortwave radio receivers; we can get all kinds of programs on the normal broadcast band. It comes as something of a surprise to learn that in the U.S.S.R. there are over 30,000,000 shortwave receivers. This means that radio can reach a very large percentage of the Russian people from almost anywhere in the world if it is in their language.

The Far East Broadcast Company believes that radio is the best means for bringing the gospel to a vast Russian audience. It now has 3.5 hours of Russian language programs daily from Manila and receives word that people are joyfully listening. Plans for increasing the power by a 100,000 watt transmitter and increasing the number of hours have been set aside temporarily because of insufficient gifts for this expansion says Robert Bowman, president.

Peter Deyneka, one of FEBC's Russian language program suppliers, when visiting recently in Russia asked believers if they knew of conversions through the broadcasts. Everywhere the answer was, "Yes." They told him about churches begun through the broadcasts. In one village with no believers, a man was converted as he listened to a gospel broadcast. He invited his neighbor to hear the good news on the radio. Now there are fourteen Christians in a home in this village.

Radio can go every day where preachers never can go and where literature has difficulty in getting through.

Sabbath Philosophy

By Isaac N. Cramer

Sabbath means rest from servile work,
From selfish aims and goals;
It does not mean that we should shirk
In working for lost souls.

It is a time that's set apart
To meditate on life,
So that true love may fill each heart
And save all men from strife.

It is a time to get men free
From bondage unto sin;
So that true justice here may be
The fruit of love within.

It is a time for us to make
Laws that are based on love,
To promote justice for the sake
Of Him who rules above.

It is a time for us to work
For unity and peace;
And to this end no one should shirk
Till wars on earth shall cease.

It is a time to teach all truth,
Which will reveal each lie;
So that in war our nation's youth
Will not be forced to die.

Allegiance

Jesus makes it clear that He will settle for nothing less than a complete change of allegiance. To have His kind of life it takes abandonment, involvement and commitment.

In following Him, you will find in abandonment, security; in involvement, fulfillment; and in commitment, eternal life. —Leighton Ford

The drawing illustrating the statement quoted above reminds us of the need of prayer not only for those now in authority but also for those seeking election to high posts that they may recognize a dependence on God. In Bible times when prayer was enjoined, the latter was not a real option. We, therefore, have a greater prayer responsibility.
First Glimpse of Spring

"After a long, hard winter," as the expression goes, we long for the first signs of spring. Perhaps this was not a severe winter in most of the places where our church folk live, yet we look forward to spring and are a little impatient for the chill to leave the air and growth to begin. To try to hasten the appearance of warmer days was one of the several motivations that sends hundreds of thousands of students to the Florida beaches in March and into early April. Your editor and his wife have just returned from a brief vacation trip to Florida and the joys of such a pleasant foretaste of warm spring weather.

We experienced again the wonder of a day's journey south and the opening of flowers similar to what one can see in the Moody Science Film "God in Our Garden," where delayed action photography shows beans sprouting and rosebuds opening before your eyes. Having made such a motor trip several times before at exactly the same time in late March we make note of the changes in flowering shrubs and grass at Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia, and finally at noon of the second day, at St. Augustine, Florida. There some of the spring flowers that would not bloom until late April in New Jersey were already past their glorious prime. We knew that hastened by motoring south at the front of God, the unfolding of which can be emphasized by bulletins and announcements each point along the way, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, Georgia, and finally at noon of the second day, at St. Augustine, Florida. 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churches where the youth are meeting on Tuesday or some other evening in addition to the Sabbath schedule.

Leadership training groups and lay training in evangelism groups have been set up to meet the need or to capture the enthusiasm that has been generated by visiting evangelistic leaders. Fellowships of witnessing adults are mentioned in some of the bulletins.

Along with the new energies released in local situations there is also evidence of a greater awareness of the total denominational program and a response to appeals for help in the broader world situation covered by the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation and the areas where we do not yet have an organized mission work with resident American personnel.

What we are saying is that church bulletins and news sheets tell a story of a deeper spiritual life emphasis and a more enthusiastic outreach climate than we have seen for many years. Youth in larger percentages are on the march and are pushing out on the growing edge of our movement. To be sure, not every young person and not every adult is fully revitalized. Not every church bulletin tells the kind of story we have called attention to. But there is enough to indicate growth in the present and hope for the future.

If you have never had the opportunity to visit with one of our evangelists, do it. As you do, remember that they are models of the kind of persons we are praying for: those who are able to go to the places where the resort soup kitchen is not available and the river is too deep to wade in to keep the hungry from eating the bread and the hungry from drinking the water.
With a keen sense of oneness with family and friends, I have the honor of participating in this memorial service. As we recall the many scenes that appear in "memory's windows," I am sure—though yours may extend over a different span of time and encompass other perspectives. But, in a sense, my words are your words as we pause in memory to honor a great lady.

The year is 1936. As a new recruit at Salem College, I remember pleasant occasions in the president's home—the big white house on the hill above the Administration Building and Huffman Hall. Of course, Presxy Bond was there dominating the scene (in his own beloved way) but always close by his side was Mrs. Prexy helping to create a very special atmosphere of graciousness. It was there I learned the meaning of West Virginia hospitality and Salem College's distinctive approach to education. The persons I met and the thoughts I learned, also—with unforeseen implications for times to come—that the college presidency is a partnership which they PERSONALITY.

As most of you know, Mrs. Bond's husband was noted for his officiating at funeral services. Many of the manuscripts from such occasions are still in the files—thanks to Sylvia Davis, the secretary and assistant shared by President Bond and me.

It seems fitting (particularly in the light of the "partnership" arrangement we noted earlier) to select some words from President Bond's eulogy as the president of the college and to use them as the heart of our own tribute to his lady.

"The most beautiful part of any memorial service of this kind is the Scripture we read from the Word of God," said President Bond at the funeral service of Florence Lee Bond on November 18, 1944.

"The Ninety-first Psalm is the reflection of the whole life of the one whose memory we honor today," he said back then. I think he would say so today—and we would, too, as we review this expression of faith and trust in God."

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. He shall deliver me from mine enemies, and they that would destroy me. He shall cover me with his feathers, and under his wings shall I trust. His angels shall encamp about me, they shall bear me up in their hands, that I may walk safely in the valley of the shadow of death."

Psalm 91:1, 2, 11, 16

On June 14, 1951, President Bond used Mark 14:8 as his text for remarks at Miss Elsie B. Bond's funeral. That Scripture reads: "She hath done what she could." (Reference is made to Jesus' visit in the home of Simon the leper, when a woman came to anoint Jesus with a very expensive ointment. Many object, saying that the act was wasteful, you will remember. But Jesus, recognizing the unselfish intent of the act, said, "Again, I believe Prexy would repeat, "This day has this Scripture been fulfilled among us," and go on to say as he did of Miss Elsie: "A loving God never requires of His children what they cannot do. He requires what they can do."

"Sometimes the whole history of a nation's demonstration," said President Bond, "is changed in a brief hour because someone recognizes his duty and responsibility in that hour. Others labor long and just as seriously and change the course of events because they ever do what they can. "Our beloved," he emphasized, "belonged to the latter group. Her faithfulness over a span of a very long life has changed history in this community in many ways."

"She has been called to her heavenly rest," President Bond concluded, "but she still lives and will live in the minds of those who are here, and she will live in happy memories of the years spent within the walls of Salem College—forever."

There is no death! The stars go down to rise upon some other shore. And bright in heaven's jeweled crown They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The forest leaves Convert to life the viewless air: The thirsty moss they bear.

There is no death! The dust we tread Shall change, beneath the summer showers, To golden grain, or mellow fruit, Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

There is no death! The leaves may fall And flowers may fade and pass away; They only wait through wintry hours—The coming of the May.

And near us, though unseen, The dear immortal spirits tread, For all the boundless universe Is life—"there are no dead."

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MINSERIAL EDUCATION—Rex E. Zwiebel

Minister's Cassette Library

The Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education hopes that all our ministers will take advantage of our library of cassette tapes. The tapes may be borrowed at no cost except return postage.

The address by the Rev. Malcolm Bond, "Sixteen Years in the Middle," which is recorded on THESIS, Volume 3, Number 2, is loaded with challenge that can't be forgotten.

These "talking magazines" bring the personality of the speaker home to the listener.

Here is a partial list of subjects that are presented on tapes received recently: "Brothers, Are You Saved?" by Dr. M. Stowe; "The Gathering Storm Revisited," by Dr. Jeffrey K. Hadden; "The Demise of Secular Christianity," by Dr. Earl E. Bradford; "Skandalon," by Dr. James A. Walther. All of these are on Volume 3, Number 1 of THESIS.

Ivan Ilich speaks on "De Schooling: Critique of an Institution" on Volume 2, Number 10 of THESIS.

Titles appearing on Volume 4, Number 3 of CATALYST (successor to MINISTER'S TAPED DIGEST) include "Christian Education," "Marks of a Successful Church," "The Resurrection," and an "Interview with Jurgen Moltmann."

CATALYST, Volume 4, Number 2, speaks regarding "The Jesus Revolution."

"Homosexuals and the Church," "Situation Ethics," and "Counseling the Dying."

We have an automatic mailing plan for those who care to use it. Another tape will be sent without further request when we receive back the one you have used. Just let us know your desire.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 22, 1972

THE WITNESSING FELLOWSHIP

There are some among the Christians who say that the Fourth Commandment of Almighty God (Exodus 20:8-11; Luke 4:16). That is to say, they go along with the man-made change in the day which God set aside as the holy day of rest and worship. These people, the Seventh Day Baptists and the Seventh-day Adventists, find nothing in the Bible which changes the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day. Not only has, indeed, already purchased your salvation; you are not able to earn it (Rom. 4:5). Salvation being a simple realization that you are not able to earn your way to heaven and that Jesus Christ has, indeed, already purchased your salvation for you (Acts 13:38; 9:2 Cor. 5:21). They point out that after you realize this, obedience to God brings peace into your life (Gal. 5:22, 23) and disobedience will bring punishment (Heb. 10:26-31; 12:3-11). “Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law” (Rom. 3:31).

The Jews, of which Jesus is one, also keep the Sabbath. It is they who have the honor of keeping alive in practice through the centuries the commandment of Almighty God. However, long before the foundation of the Biblical Jewish nation, before the coming together of the tribes of ancient Israel, even before the Commandments were given to Moses at Sinai the Sabbath was set in the beginning for all mankind forever (Gen. 1:1; 2:2, 3; Mark 2:27, 28; Isa. 56:2-7; 66:22, 23).

The Encyclopedia Britannica (11 ed. vol. IV, p. 15) states that in the period of seven days, having no reference whatever to the celestial motions—a circumstance to which it owes its unalterable uniformity—It has been employed from time immemorial in almost all Eastern countries.”

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The wise words—naturally, coming from Scripture—but verified also in our own experience and observation. How many golden opportunities and satisfying accomplishments are lost by lack of enthusiasm and decisive action? How we approach life’s opportunities and responsibilities makes all the difference in the world in what we put into our efforts, and what we get out of them. It makes the difference between our activities “getting us down,” or “keeping us going.”

Jesus, you remember, declared: “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me” (John 4:34). This zeal gave Him a sense of enthusiastic urgency, too. “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4).

It often happens that individual Christians and the church develop a negative attitude towards challenge, so that the immediate reaction is reluctance and uncertainty. This is an obstacle that must first be overcome before constructive action can be taken. All too often, the opposition is gone. But sufficient enthusiasm is generated to do anything about it.

Knowing that our calling is of the Lord, and that therefore He gives ability and power, why not greet every challenge and responsibility with enthusiasm because we are workers together with Him? That makes all the difference!—Editorial in “The Layman’s Call,” Ashaway, R. I.

For, “Whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as those that shall be judged by the law of liberty” (James 2:10-12). “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). “Whoever then receiveth one of these least children in my name receiveth me” (Matt. 18:5-6).

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

APRIL 15, 1972

NEW CHRISTIAN MINSTRELS

The New Christian Minstrels in front of the Snow Hill church.

The New Christian Minstrels of Salem College spent the weekend of March 11 in Salemville, Pa. They presented their program "To Know Him — To Make Him Known" to both churches in a combined service held at the German church.

In the afternoon the group went to Waynesboro where their program was presented to the German church at Snow Hill. A highlight of the trip to the students was the opportunity to tour the cloister buildings at Snow Hill.

The group will be with the Washington, D. C., church on Sabbath morning, April 15, and with the Shiloh, N. J., church in the evening.

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**Explo '72**

Dallas, TX (March 28, 1972)—"Dear America and the World: Please find enclosed 6 million brochures, 3 million prayer stickers, 95,000 bumper stickers, 5,000 T-shirts with emblems, 1,000 color films, and 550 billboards inviting you to join us in Dallas, June 12-17.

We're getting together to help change the world."

So might read an invitation to Explo '72, the Christian training conference expected to attract 100,000 people and help ignite a spiritual EXPLOSION—taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the entire U.S. by 1976, and throughout the world by 1980.

Explo, sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ International, is expected to be the largest training conference ever held in America. Billy Graham, Explo's Honorary Chairman, Arthur Blessitt ("minister of Sunset Strip") and Bob Harrington ("chaplain of Bourbon Street") are among the 145 noted Christian leaders, including Larry Norman and Kris Kristofferson who will provide Jesus Music.

The Cotton Bowl will be utilized every night for the 10-day conference. The purpose of the conference is to train the delegates in how to experience the abundant Christian life, and how to share their faith of some 100 smaller conferences to be held throughout the U.S. as Explo delegates seek to find five others each to be trained.

New Filmstrip Produced

"It's Where He Walked"

The Audio and Visual Services Committee of the Tract Society has produced a fifteen-minute filmstrip with background music for a complete adult worship service. This life-of-Christ filmstrip is prepared from pictures taken by the Rev. Herbert Saunders in the Holy Land. There is a written script with suggested songs, but for best results a tape recorder should be used. This program is of near professional quality, the best so far produced in our studio. Several churches showed it at Easter time, but it is suitable at any time. Church leaders are urged to add this title to the filmstrip catalogue.

The American Sabbath Tract Society has some filmstrips of beautiful worship programs:

- In the Garden
- Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me
- Bright Are the Promises
- An Evening Vesper

The last one was produced through Fred Ayars' technical skill with beautiful pictures and script by the Rev. Marion Van Horn.

**SPIRITUAL OUTREACH**

(Portions of the annual report of Missionary Baptist Church, sponsored by the Rev. Leon L. Lawton and approved at the 130th annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society on March 19, 1972.)

**New Fields**

While every Christian rejoices to see national Christians step into leadership and responsibility, thus assuming the place that missionaries have filled, we must continue to recognize that the gospel is to be preached until Christ comes again. With great unrest population and increasing indifference to the church in many so-called "Christian" lands, the need and challenge for effective witness and work was never greater, both at home and abroad.

Yet two vital needs face us: (1) vision for the church as we respond to our Lord and (2) workers equipped spiritually and academically to meet the challenge of this hour.

Wherever we may be in our country there are unnumbered thousands of people who do not understand the love of God nor the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are ever seeking new and better ways to begin new fellowships, Sabbath schools and churches. A few have discovered through small groups, Bible clubs, tract distribution, visitation, evangelistic planning of the summer camp programs, and other means to effectively communicate the joy and good news they know in Jesus Christ. There are "new fields" around us in our communities and neighborhoods and adjacent areas for such witness and outreach.

Your missionary society continues to seek individuals who have God-given talents that can be used in our churches for His glory. We have pioneered the shepherding pastor concept, the city pastor-evangelist, a ministry of reaching youth through Bible clubs, etc. We have offered continuing leadership in the dedicated service program and Summer Christian Service Training. We are open to these and other ways that will enable us to enter open doors and in new fields of service witness effectively for Christ.

During the year close communication has been maintained with Secretary Leon M. Maltby of the Tract Society who effectively corresponds with individuals and groups of like mind and spirit at home and abroad. It is thrilling to learn of the growth of such groups in several lands. As Macedonian calls come, we pray that our response as a people will be quick and sure as was that of Paul. But it will take individuals who are being led and able to meet the challenge of such calls for service and leadership in difficult places to minister the Word and offer their lives in joyful abandon.

The fervent prayers of all are sought as we seek to be obedient to our Lord in new endeavors and outreach.

**Conclusion**

We praise the Lord for spiritual outreach, growth, and signs of the leading and power of the Spirit in individuals and groups. Many are gaining new vision and anointing and discovering their unique and effective witness for Christ. As yet there are such experiences as sure ly the Lord has so much more to pour out on His people in these days! But are we open? Do we really seek Him? When opportunities come, as they do to every Christian, are they used for His glory?

As we ponder and pray and with open hearts respond to His leading more will be seen. The joy individuals know in Christ cannot be kept. Let us pray that the Lord may "open our eyes to see" and in seeing that we may give of our selves freely and truly serve about us "the Word of Life" and sharing our love and concern for all in need.

God does want and need Seventh Day Baptists. But He is not utterly dependent upon us so that He will be defeated by our failure. He seeks to redeem and renew and use those who do His work. If we fail, others will suffer spiritually and we will miss the blessed privilege of working with Him.

It's easy to have a balanced personality. Just forget your troubles as easily as you do your blessings. — Old Timer

APRIL 15, 1972
Outdoor Education Speeds Up

As the warmer months of the year approach for our USA churches, planning for outdoor education enterprises speeds up. We would pray for keen spiritual awareness for camps, vacation church schools, work-camps or other forms of church-sponsored outdoor learning. The SDB, in need, have to offer a rather extensive loan-library and also resource suggestions learned from our association with other denominations in camping, as well as with the American Camping Association.

The Board of Christian Education is still interested in color slides of camp activities and facilities. Interested photographers, as well as camp leaders, are invited to loan their slides for review and possible copying by our board. We will be glad to have owners indicate the needed return-date, and will honor such requests.

The camp slides series has been shown recently in several groups, and much interest has been shown in the portrayal of SDB camping.

Family Week Is Near

A resource folio on observance of National Christian Family Week has been mailed to SDB leaders across the USA. Usually dates are May 6-13, 1972, and local churches are invited to use some or all the material in observances of Family Sunday, camp, fellowship, meditation, discussion. If you need a program to prepare for any church or community group, and have not seen the material from your pastor or Christian Education keyworker to borrow his/her copy.

Mrs. Bill Thompson of the Hebron, Pa., Mrs. Frances Burch of the Richburg, N. Y., church, and Mrs. Don Pierce of Alfred Station have prepared original units. The Rev. Harmon Dickson of Richburg has suggested Scriptures and hymns. Mrs. David Clarke has adapted a story for children, while Secretary Clarke has compiled an overhead projector prepared an important aid to the exploration.

Camp Joy Developments

While in West Virginia, March 12-19, Secretary David Clarke met with the Southeastern Association Camp Committee and heard the exciting developments in which this group is acting. Both the immediate plans for this summer's program and the long-range plans for expansion of use of the site at Berea proved exciting to Mr. Clarke. The relations of the association with the Berea church in developing the camp are being worked out with care and candor.

It is expected that stories of developments will appear in later issues of the Sabbath Recorder since none were available at the time of the March educational developments. Secretary Clarke took a number of color photos of the site when in Berea for Sabbath services March 18. Anyone with color slides from camps at West Virginia 4-H sites or the Daytona sites are urged to loan them to us for copying for inclusion in the board's camp films.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs. When you are reviled and persecuted and they speak all kinds of evil against you because you are My followers—wonderful!

Be happy about it! Be very glad, for a tremendous reward awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too.

Happy are those who long for justice, for they shall surely have it.

Happiness is . . . Justice

If we were the perfectly obedient and spiritual children of our Heavenly Father, then we might listen without question to the cry of our hearts, “I want” would be the exact equivalent of “I ought have,” but it is just here that we have gone wrong and missed the way. We are out of touch with the eternal good. We are not conscious of life’s true needs.

Where Are the Jews

The world Jewish population is estimated at 13,951,000 according to the 1971 American Jewish Year Book. There are 5,870,000 in the United States, more than in any other nation.

After the United States, countries with the largest Jewish population are Saudi Arabia, 1,620,000; Israel, 2,560,000; France, 550,000; Argentina, 500,000; Great Britain, 410,000, and Canada, 280,000. Half of world Jewry is located in North, Central, and South America; 29 percent in Europe; 19 percent in Asia; 1.5 percent in Africa, and 3 percent in Australia and New Zealand.

Israel's rise in Jewish population from 2,497,400 in 1949 to 2,560,000 in 1971 accounted for an increase in the Jewish population of Asia.

European Jewry numbers 4,046,150 persons, of whom 2,800,000 are in Communist countries. The number of Polish Jews dropped to 9,000 from the 15,000 reported a year ago.
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—On January 2, 1972, the following officers were elected at our annual business meeting: Dr. Lloyd Seager, moderator; Mrs. Berwin Monroe, clerk; Alfred Lane, treasurer; Berwin Monroe, assistant treasurer; Berwin Monroe, four-year trustee; Edgar Bradberry, three-year trustee; Calvin Babcock, two-year trustee; and Berwin Monroe, one-year trustee; Mrs. Alfred Fisher, Sabbath School superintendent; Miss Pamela Lewis, Sabbath School secretary; Jimmy Mitchell, Sabbath School treasurer; Mrs. William Blagg, Cradle Roll superintendent.

Glenn Cunningham, one of America’s great Olympic track stars, was guest speaker at our church, January 8. He gave his testimony on “The Race of Life.” He also talked about his rehabilitation program for the underprivileged youth.

The Junior and Senior Youth Fellowships continue to meet on the second and fourth Sabbaths of each month. As a service project, invitations to see the film “His Land” were distributed in the church neighborhood by the Senior Youth Fellowship.

In February, instead of our monthly fellowship meal, we had a church social. Pastor Van Horn provided the group with delicious Nebraska popcorn. Games were played and refreshments served. The party was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable evening.

Our church continues to send tapes of Sabbath morning services to some of our nonresident members.

For us to meet continuously in the spirit and truth.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—On February 26 we were fortunate to have Conference President Paul Osborn and the other members of the Commission with us. The Commission was a solo, and the Rev. Osborn preached on “Glorifying God in an Evil World” and conducted a Bible study for all the adults during Sabbath School on “The Glory of God in Our Salvation.” After the fellowship dinner President Osborn led a discussion on Conference plans.

Again we were fortunate on March 17 to 18 to have our Malawi missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson and daughter Joanna with us. Sabbath Evening they showed color slides of Malawi. Sabbath morning the Rev. Pearson preached on the topic, “Let There Be Light,” both in Africa and in the U.S.A. Dinner was followed by a detailed account of the history of our Malawi mission by the Rev. Pearson and a question period conducted by Mrs. Pearson. We enjoyed singing “Come to Jesus Today” in the Chichewa language.

Rev. Donald DeRuyter has been preaching a sermon series on “Turning the Tables on Tragedy,” with the titles, “The Table Shaken,” “The Friendly,” “The Tables Upset,” and “The Tables Turned.”

The Young Adults continue to meet the last Sabbath night of each month at various homes for supper, fellowship, and fun.

On March 25 another food collection for Star-Fish was featured at the morning service. The church has a food collection for Star-Fish each month and has also furnished cupcakes for all the children’s birthdays at the Grant Avenue Day-Care Center.

Alcohol Problem

The Christian Science Monitor pointed out in an editorial that “alcohol has caused through the centuries as much human suffering as wars in history.” That is a lot of suffering, yet many like to think alcohol is dangerous only for certain people. There are hopeless alcoholics, like Sammy Davis, who have one thing in common: they tried to drink socially believing that alcohol was a tranquilizer. We have to conclude that it is not just last year when a doctor predicted that he would not live long. Nevertheless, the attended Salem College where she received her degree, Bachelor of Pedagogy, in a graduating class of six in 1899. After teaching one year, she was married in 1904 to S. Orestes Bond. During their first fifteen years of life, the bond lived at Shinneston, Elmington, Shepherdstown, and Glenville, all in West Virginia, where Mr. Bond was a teacher and administrator of public school and college levels.

In 1910 Dr. Bond was called to become president of Salem College, a position he held until his retirement in 1951. Dr. Bond preceded his wife, who was born in 1879, and died Feb. 5, 1972, in the Byron Green Cemetery.
1972 — The Year of the Book
by Carl W. Tiller

The United Nations has invited its member nations to make 1972 a year to advance the use of books. Governments who respond to the invitation may be urging their people to intensify their reading, their writing, and their literacy efforts.

Baptists have always been a people of the Book—the Bible. We cherish it as the Word of God. We rank it above all other books in our scale of values. We know by experience that it is useful in turning men, women, and youth to become new persons in Christ.

The Baptist World Alliance has been an instrument for advance in the use and understanding of the Bible. Our study commissions have helped to enrich our understanding for the messages of the Bible. Our relief program has assisted financially to provide Bibles in their own languages for pastors and church workers in countries where they cannot get them for themselves.

While the alliance has no Bible printing program of its own, we have used our influence on occasion to urge governments to allocate paper supplies (where rationed) and to grant permission for Bibles to be printed. Where this has failed, we have at times urged governments to permit the importation of Bibles in the local languages.

Though the alliance has no translation program, we have fraternal relations with those who do, including the United Bible Societies. We encourage translation work by Baptist bodies.

The Bible has nothing to fear but neglect. Baptists might well resolve to make 1972 our “Year of THE Book.”
—Guest editorial in Baptist World

My Personal Testimony
by Jane Harris Jernoske
Shiloh, N. J.

I have known and accepted Christ as my Lord for many years. I knew that He was with me but I had so many ups-and-downs, worries, and problems which I never could rise above. I was in a very low and despairing time when I heard the Lord speaking to me, telling me that He would give me a Comforter who would handle all my problems and even my whole life. I wanted Someone else to rule my life because I was doing such a miserable job! So I prayed and received the Holy Spirit in my life and now I can say confidently that He rules my life.

I no longer have to worry and fret because the Lord has taken my life and filled it with His Spirit who uses and works through me, His vessel. He controls all my thoughts and words and now I can not help witnessing by my life and words because they are His.

Oh, how wonderful and glorious life is with the Savior on the throne! As it says in Romans 8:9: “You are controlled by your new nature if you have the Spirit of God living in you.” And remember that if anyone doesn’t have the Spirit of Christ living in him, he is not a Christian at all.

Have you experienced the Holy Spirit really living in you? Is He in control of your life—in all the many things you do? I pray that you will open your life to Him so He can have complete control of you. Will you do it now?

Faith Leads to Obedience

True faith is a gift, something which God creates in us as we behold Jesus crucified for our sins. It inspires us to want to serve God and obey His commandments.

Preaching Righteousness from Every Pulpit

Area Spiritual Retreats for Seventh Day Baptist pastors are now being held throughout the United States. The emphasis of the May special issue is on ministerial leadership. Prayer is requested for all pastors. The New Testament church was built largely by preaching. One of only four references to preaching in the Old Testament says, “I have preached righteousness in the great congregation” (Ps. 40:9).