DAILY BIBLE READINGS
For November 1972

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

THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for October 28, 1972

FREEDOM UNDER AUTHORITY
Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:11-17.
Theology of Ecology

Harvey Cox, who is spoken of as one of the leading theologians of America, has something to say about the Christian's responsibility to change society. He calls for a broadening of the meaning of theology that will include the idea that one might be called the theology of ecology. He outlined a mode of operation for the church to follow in attempting to influence institutions to move away from the atomism of the environment. Whether theology or not, what he makes one stop and think — after getting on two big words. Stating that time is running out quickly, Dr. Cox expressed the belief that a first step towards influencing institutions to follow in attempting to bring about changes was to "demythologize" our ecological language. "For example, 'space ship earth' is a useful metaphor," he said. "But it makes no distinction between first and second class passengers on the ship. A very small number of people are responsible for pollution. The United States has 8 percent of the world's population, yet it emits 40 to 50 percent of the pollution. It has 8 percent of the population, but it consumes most of the world's food and resources."

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The attitude of college students toward the administration and the "establishment" in general is reportedly continuing the improvement that was noted last year. Students are more serious and are concerned with more important things than riots and rebellion. They are more willing to take the prescribed courses. This bodes well for the greater social issues of the world.

Harvard's dean of admissions, Dr. Chase N. Peterson, sees the following changes taking place between a student's freshman and senior years:

1. A freshman worries about making the student body and anxious to study the
2. During sophomore and junior years these worries subside and he is inclined to

Good Samaritans

The Good Samaritan of the New Testament parable observed a victim of a violent crime. His religious principles committed and has the courage to intervene. Congress is in the process of passing legislation to encourage states to provide help of up to $50,000 for victims of violent crimes and as much or more to Good Samaritans who get hurt in coming to the assistance of such victims. It is reported that very few victims would qualify. The compensation for the intervenors has been made much more liberal to encourage victims to come forward. Most states already have laws of this kind. It is reported, however, that the number of Good Samaritans is so small that not more than one percent of the claims paid go to such people.

Does this tell us something? We are most willing and anxious to study the causes of crime and to become involved in discussions of appropriate Christian social action to rid our communities of muggings, purse snatchings, and more serious crimes against persons. Statistics seem to show either that Christians are never present when good people get beaten up or that they lack the courage of their convictions when they do see something that they could do.

How readily we condemn the priest and the Levite in the gospel story when they pass by on the other side and how reluctant most of us are to apply the lesson to ourselves, even when the state offers up to fifty-thousand dollars compensation if we should get hurt in the process. Is the fear of getting hurt that strong? It doesn't keep players off the football field. Ought not players in the game of life to be willing to take some chances for the other fellow — to win the game?

We can win the game of safety on the streets only if we cooperate fully with law enforcement personnel and are willing to become involved like the Good Samaritan. Let's read again Luke 10:25-37.

MEMORY TEXT

If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. — Numbers 30:2

THE SABBATH RECORDER

October 28, 1972
A Century's Service Marks Memorial Fund

By A. N. Rogers

Rounding out a century of service, the trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund dealt with plans and projects facing toward the future at their meeting in Plainfield, N. J., on October 8, 1972. The fund was created by General Conference in 1872 and incorporated to hold property and trust funds on March 21, 1873. Present holdings have been appraised at $2.7 million. Requests for funds from the recent sessions at Denver, Colo., were dealt with in consultation with the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary. These included increasing the benefits of the Ministerial Retirement Plan.

A preliminary grant was made to the Southeastern Association’s Camp Joy, Berea, W. Va., to enable its leaders to prepare detailed development plans for the camp. Requests for funds from other camps are under consideration and an evaluation is being made by the Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, of the results of a grant from the fund to Camp Paul Hummel, Boulder, Colo. A memorandum on factors to be considered was offered by Robert L. Bond who is employed in soil conservation.

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DEDICATED SERVICE IS...

SUMMER CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORPS — "SCSC"—

This program of dedicated service is a unique experience for all who participate (see testimonies on adjacent page). Opportunity is given not only to perform services for local churches, but to reveal the love of Christ through personal witness. College-age young people (or older persons) are eligible. January 15, 1973 has been set as a deadline for applications. Those wishing to become involved are urged to submit their applications without delay. There is a purpose in every man's life and if we need to be "set apart" to find God's purpose for us in this life, then a summer of dedicated service is an excellent way to start. In God's work there are no favorites; everyone is welcome to join this experience.

EXTENDED DEDICATED SERVICE—

Individuals who wish to give of themselves and their special talents over a period of time not limited to the summer can be involved in special projects. Most have served from six months to over one year. Help can be given in routine tasks to local churches in special training, or service projects. In some situations the first several months are needed to become familiar with the local "scene" and flexibility to adapt to crying need and local practice are important. Language skills are also helpful and in some cases specific training is given prior to leaving for the field of service.

TEAM 73—

The possibility of a special team ministry on the home field is being prayerfully considered. Labeled "Team 73" at present, it would involve service from mid-January to mid-December. At least four weeks of intense training would be initially given. Special projects of service and witness would be developed. Those interested in such should have completed at least two years of college or its equivalent. If you are interested in further information or involvement you are urged to write Leon R. Lawton, 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. 02891, immediately! Decision on implementation of Team 73 will need to be made by mid-December. It will depend somewhat on your response and the possibilities for service now being studied. The prayers of readers are asked that God's will may be clear and followed.

C. O. M. E. —

This type of dedicated service, taking its pattern after the Macedonian Call extended to Paul, "Come over to Macedonia and help us," is one in which laymen as well as pastors are urged to be open to the leading of the Lord, challenged to be willing to go any time, anywhere to dedicate their talents or skills. Individuals and families are encouraged to move from one locality to another for a particular type of service. The involvement might be one of a wage earner or spouse, a retired or semi-retired person. It might include accepting employment...
in some area of our spiritual witness — to help form or strengthen a Seventh Day Baptist fellowship or church, or to help strengthen a board, agency, or the witness through the General Conference center in Plainfield.

An example is the movement of young couples into the Seattle, Wash., area in the last few years to bring into being the basis for a fellowship that has grown now to a local church. Other individuals, lone-Sabbathkeepers, have relocated in a community where they could become a vital part of an existing church. Is the Lord seeking to lead you to a place of residence where you could be of service to Him and your church more fully?

**AMBASSADORS—**

This program (formerly called Missioners) particularly seeks to offer the “lay volunteers” and ministers an opportunity to give their special talents in set projects to our churches or boards. Churches, associations, boards and agencies should recognize and challenge such individuals by calling them to be their “Ambassadors” — their representatives — available to others for service. Details are given in the Era of Action packet. While this includes preaching, singing, leading in Bible Study, teaching, etc., it also allows special skills — carpentry, printing, painting, photography, etc. — to be offered and used. This type differs from Extended Dedicated Service in that Ambassadors may serve only weekends, for a week or a limited time on each specific project.

Does your church have individuals who should be recognized, set apart, and offered to sister churches to help in their ministries? Let them be your “gift” to others.

**Do You Dare Get Involved?**

Dedicated Service has been a growing concept and action among Seventh Day Baptists. It is destined to enlarge in scope and service in the months ahead.

“There have always been those in our churches who on the local level have given Dedicated Service — teaching Sabbath School, in holding responsible and time consuming offices, in giving work on church building, parsonages, and in the construction and upkeep of our church camps. For Seventh Day Baptists the cooperation and the involvement of members in the total witness of the church is held high.

“Such involvement, however, has been limited because other matters have dominated the life, and such service while wholly given, is usually on the circumference rather than at the focal point of life.

Let Us Hear from You

If your answer is yes to some form of dedicated service or if you wish more information on one type of service write to: General Secretary, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061

**MISSIONS—Leo D. Lawton**

**Designated Giving to The Work of Your Society**

As you read this, only two months remain in the current budget year. With the special Conference offering in August we nearly reach our goal set for receipts through Our World Mission undesignated gifts. It is hoped that September and October giving have continued this trend. Fifty percent of our budget comes in this way!

The second area of current giving receipts is labeled “designated giving” and also comes mainly through QWM. While only representing about 18 percent of our Missionary Society budget, such gifts should average nearly $1,550 a month. These are gifts “designated” for some item within our budget with the giver assured that all his gift goes directly to meet that need.

Designated giving receipts were nearly $4,900 short of our goal the end of August, 1971. This was the one area of our budget where we fell far short, reaching only 75 percent of the goal set for that year. It was only because receipts from invested permanent funds were more than anticipated that we closed last year in a favorable position.

It has been encouraging to see the Missions Emphasis designated giving calendars (published in the January 1, 1972 Recorder) in conspicuous places in homes and throughout the Christian community. It is hoped encouraging the Missions Emphasis designated giving calendars (published in the January 1, 1972 Recorder) in conspicuous places in homes and in interdenominational meetings.

November offers the opportunity to designate gifts for “Promotion — field work.” This is in aid of your Missionary Society executive as he seeks to serve you through visits to local churches as well as to represent you in Conference Planning Committee and in interdenominational meetings.

One such meeting is scheduled for November. It will be a meeting of Mission Board executives from the member groups in the North American Baptist Fellowship, Baptist World Alliance. For a third year they will spend parts of two days sharing insights, experience, materials, and problems for the benefit of all in attendance. The information gained has proved most helpful in our understanding and work in past years.

On this same journey (for we seek to have multi-purpose goals on all our trips to make the best use of time and resources) the weekend will be spent with the church at Washington, D.C., where your society offers some support to Missionary Pastor Delmer Van Horn. En route, the annual meeting of the Division of Overseas Ministries, NCCC, will be attended in New York City.

Field work occupies at least half of the time of your society executive. In September all but three days were spent on the field serving our churches in the Pacific Coast Association and attending the Planning Committee and serving the Plainfield, N.J., church.

You may wish to designate your gift for “field work” during November or just “Missionary Society.” You can designate any other field, worker, or work within our Conference-approved budget. We urge your continued support of Our World Mission, undesignated. But we also need your designated support through Our World Mission for the area or work of your interest and concern — support for your Missionary Society.

**Our Prayer Corner**

**Suggestions for Prayer This Week**

Pray for:

1) The strengthening and steadying of that “new wind blowing” in our churches and throughout the Christian community.

2) The faithful leaders of youth in the local churches who are willing to “spend and be spent” for the young folks who need to be claimed for Christ.

3) A quickening of our love for the Lord as expressed by our financial stewardship during the month of November.

4) The submerging of all self-interest in the interest of Christ and His Church from this time forward.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

OCTOBER 28, 1972
Preparing for a Meaningful Week of Prayer
By Dr. Edward J. Horsley

Life requires varied experiences to retain meaning. A constant routine, an unvaried diet, a standardized intensity of experience produces boredom and ennui. Variety, high-points, new experiences make for a life instead of an existence.

The spiritual life is not different in this respect. Routine lacks inspiration; same-old, same-old is so necessary. But to be effective, it is too easy to expect some new teaching task. Christian education is a tool to do more than its share of the teaching, and if any of you are in doubt as to who we soon, like the people of old. Had a "mind to work." We sent out to former pastors, widows and daughters, supply pastors who had been faithful in helping us and churches of our association. Plans for a noonday meal were made and, with the help of our faithful people in Brookfield and those from other churches who brought food unsolicited, over a hundred were served.

Sabbath Day, September 23, was a beautiful day. Our church was well filled. The morning service opened with the usual call to worship by Pastor Mills. There was Scripture by the Rev. Merle Brown, a former supply, now the Methodist pastor in Herkimer, N. Y., prayer by the Rev. Paul Burdick, and a fine selection by Rev. Leslie Welch, (a duet by Emma and Paul Johnson of Charles Waterford with us. An interesting historical paper by Rev. Leslie Welch of days gone by.

In closing, letters were read from ones not able to attend, and we listened with interest to remarks by Rev. Paul Burdick, Robert Whitford, Rev. Merle Brown, and Rev. Leslie Welch of days gone by.

MAILING NOTICE
Winter quarter numbers of the Helping Hand for use during December, January, and February, were mailed from the Publishing House, Oct. 17. If someone from each church receiving bundle mailing would write a postal card giving the date of arrival and any correction which needs to be made in addressing, this would be helpful.

Address: Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061, c/o Albert Rogers.
OBITUARIES

APPEL—Albert Andrew, son of Jacob and Mary Jergensmeier Appel, was born May 22, 1866, in White County, Ill., and died in the Herrin Hospital, Oct. 8, 1972, after a long illness.

Albert lived most of his life in the Stoneworthy, Ill., area where he was a well-known and respected as a civic minded farmer, business man and fruit grower. He was a member of the Farmington Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was married to Dolly Lewis on March 21, 1912. To this union were born three sons, Edward, Addison, and William Howard who died in infancy. His wife died July 6, 1959, and he married Dolly J. Martin Lewis, Sept. 2, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Dolly; two sons, Edward, L. of Stoneworthy, and Rev. A. Addison of Edgerton, Wis.; a sister, Dora Evitts of Farmington, Mo.; eight grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted in the Thornton Funeral Home, Stoneworthy, on October 10, with the Rev. George Smith officiating. Burial was in the Joyner Cemetery.


She was baptized and joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 2, 1906, which church she had served in a number of capacities.

Miss Witter had been employed as a hostess by Alfred University, and by the Sun Publishing Co.

She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Laura I. Emmert, and Mrs. Elize A. Allen Witter, residents of Columbus, South Carolina.

Warner—Hunt.—Mark Warner, Oneida, N. Y., son of Garth and Mayola Warner and Norma Warner of Laurelville, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hunt, were united in marriage Sept. 23, 1972, in the United Methodist Church of Vernon, N. Y., the pastor of the bridegroom, Rev. Wayne Babcock, officiating.

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-W. B.

MIDDLE ISLAND, W. VA.

By Baptism:
Emmy Robinson
David Robinson
Veronica Zwiebel
Karen Zwiebel

WHITE CLOUD, MICH.

By Baptism:
Esther Losey
Carol Losey
Sandra Cruzan (Mrs. Sam)
Catherine (Mrs. Dale)
John Foster
Sandra Rudert

By Letter:
Rev. H. Earl DeLand
Mrs. Persis DeLand
Carl DeLand

Paramelee—Wheeler.—Anna Marie Wheeler, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar F. Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I., and I Ll. Ashael F. Paramelee, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ashael F. Paramelee of Westerly, R. I., were united in marriage Sept. 9, 1972, at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at Ashaway by the bride's father. They are residing in Columbia, South Carolina.

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QUOTAS? Who Sets Them?
Paul B. Osborn
Stewardship Chairman

How shall Seventh Day Baptists be encouraged to give to Our World Mission? Quotas are frowned on by many, but are the easy way. A simple matter of division of the budget by the total number of members and then a multiplication by the number of members in any church would give some indication of whether that church is ahead or behind in its obligation to support Our World Mission.

But division and multiplication can't take into account other factors, such as the economic resources of the local church, the status of its membership roll, and the need of the local church for funds to carry out an aggressive evangelistic program.

There's a better way to find out if the support for Our World Mission from you and your church is what it should be. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in your giving. After all, our responsibility is not to men but to God! It is God's money and God's work that we are called to be stewards of, and only He can perfectly judge when we have fulfilled our commitment.

So each individual must do two things. First, prayerfully examine the handling of his own personal finances. How much do I give and how much is left? Second, examine his own church's record and handling of Our World Mission. Is there adequate publicity? Are people encouraged to give extra gifts when the need is great? Does the church pledge and send a specific amount each month?

"Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit." This liberty is not an "escape clause" to allow us to dodge our responsibilities. Consider the report of the treasurer of Our World Mission in this issue of the Sabbath Recorder, not comparing your giving with others, but asking the Holy Spirit to show you your obligations!

Public Affairs Agency Names Seventh Day Baptist as Chairman
The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semiannual session in Washington, D. C., elected a new chairman, rearranged staff titles, and discussed current issues on church-state relations.

This was also the first regular meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee with its new executive director, James E. Wood, Jr., formerly on the faculty of Baylor University, Waco, Tex.

Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Plainfield, N. J., was named the chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee. He succeeds Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, who has served as chairman the past two years.

Note:
The above is part of a news release sent to all editors of Southern Baptist papers and the other Baptist journals whose Conferences (Conventions) cooperate in the Baptist Joint Committee.

Christian Books
Christian book sales for the past year were up about 50 percent over the previous year. The growing interest in religion has no doubt triggered much of this. Hopefully an improved product has also contributed.

A Light to Those Who Are in Darkness

THE SABBATH RECORDER