YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON RETREAT
CAMP JOY — BREA, W. VA.
AUGUST 7 - 11, 1974

Theme: “Joy is Knowing”
“Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore” (Psalm 16:11).
The staff for the young adult retreat at Camp Joy is looking forward to a joyful experience with the young adults (ages 18-35) who will participate with us.
Emphasis will be placed on Bible studies so we may know and claim the promises which God offers to us now. A balanced program will include music, prayer and praise, small group sharing, counseling and recreation.

Members of the staff have had educational training at Alfred University, Milton College, Salem College, and advanced work in schools in California, Montana, Wyoming, Florida, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Special preparation includes training at Basic Youth Conflicts Seminars, Campus Crusade for Christ, Lay Witness Missions for Church Renewal and Light Bearers for Christ.

“When you obey Me you are living in My love, just as I obey My Father and live in His love. I have told you this so that you will be filled with My joy. Yes, your cup of joy will overflow” (John 15:16-11 Living Bible translation).

Those accepting staff assignments are the Rev. Herbert and Barbara Saunders, Plainfield, N. J.; the Rev. Dale and Althea Rood, Waterford, Conn.; John and Lucy Harris, Pennsville, N. J.; Rodney and Camille Henry, and Dr. Ronald E. Davis, M.D., of Los Angeles, Calif.

Conference plans

The 1974 General Conference Host Committee, working with the administration and staff of Salem College, has announced that room and meal charges have been set for those who are planning to attend Conference in Salem, West Virginia, in August.
Rooms will be provided in four different dormitories, all with a short walking distance of the cafeteria and the Davis building. The fifth and sixth floors of Hoffheimer Hall and fourth, fifth and sixth floors of Terrace Towers will be reserved for Conference participants. These buildings are equipped with elevators. Also open for use by those attending Conference will be Oak and Maple Halls in the Woodland Terrace dorm complex overlooking the new campus buildings.

The charge for rooms will be $15 plus tax per person over twelve years of age. Children under twelve are free. A single room will be $22.50 plus tax. There is a limit of five people per room.

Meals will be available either a la carte or on a meal-ticket basis at the college cafeteria which is located in the Woodland Terrace dorm complex overlooking the new campus buildings. A large modern motel with restaurant adjoining the campus, two comfortable private camp grounds are within a short driving distance. Special arrangements are being made by Fred and Venita Zinn in Salem, and those interested in specific information should contact them.

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age 15 - 17

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age 12 - 14

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Kingston 14, Jamaica, W. I.
age 19 - 20

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Who are you?

Where are you living?

Just a moment please... Do you mind being asked who you are, and where you are living? Now you may wonder why we ask. We know that it really does not matter who you are vocationally and socially speaking. And it certainly is not too important where you live geographically. Yet on the other hand, we question: for it is of utmost importance to know who you are and where you are living spiritually.

There are three men specifically described in God's Word. These men are delineated as Natural, Carnal, and Spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:14; 3:1-4; 2:15, 9-12). You will find them graphically presented for your meditation and study in the accompanying chart.

Now you are very carefully and prayerfully examine this chart and look up the attendant Scripture to deeply search your heart.

In examining your personal life, ask yourself the question: “Who am I? Am I natural? Am I carnal? Am I spiritual?”

Thereupon you should pursue the questioning even further and ask: “Where am I living? Am I groping the low way — dead in trespasses and sins, without eternal life, void of God and without hope? Or am I living on a subnormal plain—drifting along with the mob on the ‘misty flats’ — without victory over Satan, self, and sin? Or am I climbing the highway—enjoying my walk with Jesus in the way of holiness, abiding in the light?”

It is in the heart of God to help you to look realistically at yourself. Indeed He will help you determine who you are and where you are living. Now He opens your eyes to see your spiritual state as He sees it, then you must act. This action will involve you in a decision. If you see that you are indeed a natural man, then decide now to do something about your condition. Make your way immediately to Calvary. “Be no more stiff-necked” (Deuteronomy 10:16). Bow humbly at His Cross in repentance and faith and thereby receive eternal life, by means of new birth, and begin to live in newness of life.

If you are a Christian but carnal, and therefore living in an up and down experience, then you, too, must act! You must decide to make your way back to Calvary's cross. Once more you must come down and take the low place of brokenness and contrition at His feet. Obey again the injunction: “Be no more stiff-necked.” By means of deep repentance and absolute submission enter into the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Begin to enjoy now all that Calvary affords: death to self, a defeated enemy and victory over Satan, self, and sin through Jesus Christ, your inwelling Victor.

Christian friend, you can have the experience of the spiritual man who, through the Spirit, discerns all that can be perpendicularly enjoyed in Christ. As you keep very low and broken at Calvary you will ever look upon Jesus and discover in Him all you need. Humbly walking with Him you will appropriate more and more the things of Christ Himself and grow in your knowledge of that which “Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man (the natural or the carnal), the things which God hath prepared (in this present life) for them that love Him... yea, the deep things of God... the things (in Christ) that are freely given to us of God” (1 Corinthians 2:9, 10, 12).

—Rev. Donald J. Phillips is pastor of the Riverside, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat
Berea, W. Va., Aug. 7-11

Do you need a reason for singing? There will be many reasons for singing this year at the Pre-Con retreat for the young adults at Camp Joy.

With the Light Bearers for Christ involved in the camp program and activities, music should be a highlight of the retreat experience. Group singing, special numbers, and rehearsals for a program at General Conference should thrill everyone.

There will be many tapes and books in a reading and listening area for individual or group use. Authors such as Bob Mumford, Don Basrah, Hal Lindsey, Malcolm Smith, and Dr. Robert Frost are representative of materials available.

Bob Bond, Pennsylvania Conservation Agronomist, has produced a beautiful set of slides of flowering plants found in Western states and neighboring states which will be available for projection.

A time for recreation is set aside mornings and afternoons with Pastor Herb Saunders and Althea Rood leading in many activities.

The morning series of Bible study being planned by Pastor Saunders will center on Joy in asking, receiving, in praising, and in living. Pastor Dale Rood will continue in the afternoons with a series of topics including Joy Is Knowing Jesus, Joy Is Living by Faith, Joy Is Kingdom Living.

All leaders are free to innovate in any of their programs. “You have let me experience the joys of life and the exquisite pleasures of your own eternal presence” (Psalm 16:11 LB).

The theme “Joy Is Knowing” should lead us into permanent joys which will continue in the hearts of all present. It is the prayer of the entire staff that a oneness in the Spirit will prevail among all those in the Young Adult retreat. “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.”

—Charles and Anita Harris, Directors.

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Designing a Year-round Strategy of Lay Evangelism

ROBERT L. HART

BASIC CONCEPTS

The basic concept in the New Testament is of the church as a mature, creative force totally committed to communicating Christ to the world. Today a massive tradition and an institutional build-up have displaced the concept of the church as a movement to evangelize this planet.

In its search for identity the church must be the church! It must put evangelism at its heart or atrophy to its death. The church must be liberated fully to the kind of dynamic evangelism that will change the world.

Evangelistic penetration of the non-Christian world can only be accomplished by the normal operating procedure for any church.

Every church must therefore establish the priority of congregational evangelism by designing a lay-oriented, year-round strategy with the following principles:

Evangelism with the whole church—not by the clergy alone. This principle implies that every member of every church is called to communicate the grace of God. While all have differing abilities, all have the same responsibility to evangelize.

Evangelism with the whole Gospel—not by one facet alone. This principle implies an understanding of the total message of Christ, His life, death, resurrection, and mission to communicate both with God and man. It may need to be changed to his whole style of pastoral leadership.

Evangelism for the whole world—not in our area of interest alone. This will eliminate a prejudicial concept of mission. It says that our evangelism must have an element of total commitment that has a world vision to it. Every strata and every community of men or nations must benefit from our obedience to the Great Commission.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

Pastoral leadership is ablaze for God, enthusiastically committed to the priority of evangelism. This is an indispensable element for developing a year-round program of lay witness. A pastor who is apathetic or preoccupied with administration destroys effective congregational evangelism.

The pastor must be an evangelist, not just an “evangelist” or “pastor,” but a true, dynamic pastor who leads his church to be mobilized to evangelize the world. John Wesley, the mission- ary, went back to England an empty man, only to have his “heart strangely warmed” through conversion and then to return a flaming evangelist.

To a deeper personal communion with the Lord are found in Power through Prayer by R. M. Bounds, Fire on the Earth by Sidney Powell, With the Holy Spirit and with Fire by Samuel Shoemaker, or The Holy Spirit (Book Three) from Campus Crusade for Christ.

Courage to change is a great asset for the pastor who will set the pace for personal evangelism. He may need to dramatically change the pattern of operation in his life and in his church. He must insist on blocks of uninterrupted time to communicate both with God and man. It may need to be changed to his whole style of pastoral leadership.

Encounter with the unconvinced in our area should come second only to God and family. He may need to learn how to say to a friend, “Will you please help me?”

LAY EVANGELISM DEVELOPMENT

The man-to-man relationship between pastor and layman, although the costliest in time, is by far the most productive for the individual. Robert R. Coleman has said, “Better to give a year or so to one or two men whom one knows what it means to conquer for Christ, than to spend a lifetime with a congregation just keeping the program going.”

Coleman is the author of The Master Plan of Evangelism, which studies the strategy of our Lord in teaching the disciples to evangelize.

The lay evangelism cell is in training for evangelism in the next step in mobilizing laymen. Such a small group should be formed simply and slowly for solid results.

The prayer, study and action of this group should have a spontaneous quality blended with specific planning. The workbook, Study Guide to the Master Plan of Evangelism by Roy J. Fish, and The Dynamics of Evangelism by Paul Miller or Groups that Work from Zondervan Publishing house, are recommended.

Appointment evangelism can be the forte of the lay evangelism cell, bringing results beyond expectation. The conditions of success are essentially two—the thorough training of cell members and the continual contact of non-Christians by personal appointment.

Equip the lay-evangelists by giving them the tools available in addition to fine evangelistic literature such as Power Through Prayer, The New Challenge to Evangelism, and The Real Purpose of Life, there are films, records, and tapes which both teach and reach.

Team evangelism is the next level of evangelistic strategy. After considerable experience at the personal and small group levels you may wish to form Lay Evangelism Teams out of your cell groups.

This would put your lay team into the arena of group evangelism. It would not be a typical “gospel team,” but a highly flexible small group of lay people who are very good at telling how to relate God to others, and who have a decided love to win their friends for Christ.

The home can be a center for training a target for evangelism. To win children without winning the parents is a precarious strategy.

The church must work at strengthening the family life. How evangelism relates to family life can be seen through the filmstrip, "Prophets of Grace," from the Book Fellowship of North Syracuse, New York.

Social units are usually broken into groups which have characteristics in common. After winning a full family, the members should also be reached in the church by their peers—men to men, etc.

Social units such as single adults or older persons can be reached by their own kind. Persuasion studies indicate we should first reach those who are the leaders in any social unit.

Friendship evangelism is a natural means of drawing persons to Christ by winning the right to be heard. There is not a person in the world who does not want a friend—there is an universal opportunity to win someone into the kingdom of God.

This evangelism takes two forms—spontaneous and structured. One uses every-day relationships for evangelism. A dinner party, a baked cake, a thoughtfiil card, a kind deed can open the way for personal evangelistic contacts.

The other can be structured by a church—a men’s breakfast, a women’s tea, a guest service, a public reception.

J. Edgar Smith, in his book Friendship Evangelism says, “Friendship evangelism does not begin with a carefully worked out plan. It must begin in the hearts and lives of Christian people.”

Before a strategy is set up a year-round lay evangelism can work, the church must truly be alive! And that may be not so much by making dry bones live again as by converting evangelistic fat into evangelistic muscle.
I knew even then that I was in the right hand of God. Three men were standing in the middle of the next block. Crossing the street, I ran up to them. “Can you please help me?” I begged. “I’ve been shot.” One of the men ran across the street to a bar and asked the bartender to call the police and an ambulance. They arrived quickly and rushed me to a hospital. Hospital personnel stuffed gauze in my mouth to stop the bleeding and gave me glucose. An attendant looked me over briefly and sent me for X-rays. No one said how badly I might be hurt.

The doctor who was supposed to be on duty could not be found, and I lay for nearly eight hours in the hospital waiting until I knew my wife would be home from work. I had asked that no one notify her of the accident—I wanted to do that myself.

How do you tell your wife that you’ve been shot through the head but that you are all right? The fact that I was calling was the only assurance she had that I was being truthful.

The next morning I checked out of the hospital, took a hot shower, shaved, packed my bags, and left for the airport to catch a plane back home. A crowd of friends was waiting at the airport—my wife, Mary, and two daughters Melinda and Marie, and my best friend, Brooks Faulkner. As my feet touched the ground, arms were around me from every direction; hands and fingers slipped into mine. The taste of loneliness dissolved. Once again people knew me and loved me, and for the first time throughout the ordeal, I cried.

On the way home I learned that on the morning after my accident, a local frame shop had called Brooks to tell him that a poster he was having framed for me was ready. He picked it up and took it to my office as a surprise, not knowing what had happened to me the night before. That poster now occupies a prominent place on my office wall, but even if it were not there I could never forget the words. They are etched indelibly on my mind:

“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.”

THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

—Isaiah 40:31

By Michael L. Speer

THE SABBATH RECORDER

JULY 1974
Jane Mackintosh writes . . .

OUR CALL: Our sense of call to Jamaica has been coming since last January (1973) when we first discussed the possibility of mission work. We had been praying toward it when Doug went to Association in Riverside over Easter weekend. He heard about the need in Malawi, felt God telling him he was spiritually ready and decided he should write the Missionary Board explaining his interest.

Doug's spiritual training is strong in his Christian home and church. He was raised Southern Baptist, but to be open to any possibility God had in mind. When we got your letter about Jamaica, the idea and timing clicked with us both and we found that God had rewarded our obedience by bringing us from indifference to mission work, in considering it, to not being excited about the possibility of service in Jamaica. Doug particularly is excited about the challenge of being a principal of Crandall High School. He's well educated! Doug's spiritual training is strongly based in his background. His interests and his church affiliation have provided a spiritual family in which to grow. Within the last year, he has attended Basic Youth Conflicts (Bill Gothurst), I.V.C.F.'s Fall and Spring Conferences with John Scott of England and Dave Howard, former missionary in South America. Both Conferences were excellent and were dynamic influences in our lives. Presently he is co-leading a Bible Study with John Peil for those church members in our area. We meet weekly in our home and are reaping many blessings. From this new wife's point of view, God has developed him immensely in the past year as a spiritual leader.

Jane—I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the University of Redlands and a Partial Teaching Credential in both elementary and secondary education. My spiritual training is also based in a Christian home and church. I was raised Southern Baptist though I am now a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. I had excellent training spiritually at the University of Redlands as I was a freshman when the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship really got serious about the campus and began praying daily together for the campus. We began with two or three in these daily prayer meetings and by the end of the semester, forty or fifty were coming daily. God blessed and many became Christians and many Christians found a much deeper relationship with our Lord as a result of these prayer meetings. God taught me to listen, so He used me much on a one-to-one basis with fellow students. I count both of these types of experiences as a great deal of my Christian training. I.V.C.F. on the state and national level provides much training and I was fortunate to be able to attend Fall and Spring Conferences, summer training camp, weekend special Urbana '70, the tri-annual missionary convention. For the last two January Interims at the University of Redlands, I was able to take the course of intensive study in the Gospel of Mark.
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

WELCOME TO SALEM COLLEGE
(The Valley of Learning)

In August, Seventh Day Baptists will be coming to Salem College for General Conference. Everyone will find it an interesting and exhilarating experience to see the new buildings in the Valley of Learning. For many — ministers and laymen who are graduates, parents who have students on campus, church people whose relatives have played a vital role in the founding and maintenance of the college — it will be sort of a pilgrimage to a place made holy through the years by the sacrifice and devotion of countless dedicated individuals. One such person is the denomination’s own Senator, Jennings Randolph, who has served his Alma Mater for fifty consecutive years as a member of the Board of Trustees. Having taken the place of his father who replaced his grandfather, one of the founding fathers of the college, Senator Randolph exemplifies the spirit of personal dedication which has made progress possible from the very beginning of the institution in 1888. Properly, this has been the Senator Jennings Randolph Year at Salem College.

Of course, changes occur not only in physical facilities but in administration and in educational programs in order to meet more effectively current educational needs. But the basic heritage and traditions of Salem College continue with full strength and impact, honoring the worth of each individual in the sight of God, true to the American concepts of religious freedom, and recognizing the eternal validity of educating the whole person — body, mind, and spirit.

Your presence at Salem will help to maintain our ties with the past and strengthen our hold on the future. On behalf of all associated with Salem College Mrs. Bailey and I bid you welcome! We are looking forward to your visit on campus and pledge our help in every way to make the 1974 Conference a most rewarding and profitable experience.

—Dr. Dallas Bailey, President, Salem College

RESPONSE

Thank you Dr. Dallas Bailey. This response is on behalf of the General Conference. We anticipate a week of renewed spiritual dedication and a revitalization of our interests in our Seventh Day Baptist Heritage.

We expect this Conference to provide a deeper understanding of the concerns which face us as a denomination and as individuals. Our coming together is a challenge to the Conference delegates to work on the problems of a nation and a world in turmoil. The moral and spiritual fabric of our republic has been rent, but it remains basically strong in the hearts of those Seventh Day Baptists who gather on this Salem College campus for prayer and meditation and counseling.

We would hope that in this Valley of Learning, we might more fully remember the past, commit ourselves to reasoned action in the present, and prepare, with God’s help, for the challenge of the future.

—U. S. Senator Jennings Randolph

The Rev. John P. Pettway was born into a devout Seventh-day Adventist home in Hampton, Virginia. One of eight children, John shared his father’s interest in music. His father, a skilled artisan in the making of violins, named his son John Phillip after the famous composer and band conductor.

Coming from a church background, John Pettway was taught from a very early age about the Lord and His saving grace. His father often held family devotions, and all the children learned to recite Scriptural verses. At the age of eleven, John accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior.

John attended the noted Hampton Institute where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business degree. He continued to reside in Hampton where he coached basketball and worshipped as an Adventist until the age of twenty-five.

About that time he began to question certain Adventist doctrines and the strict, legalistic demands that Adventism seemed to place on its adherents. In an effort to obtain more freedom in his worship of the Lord and in exercising his right to a more personal Spirit-led interpretation of the Bible, John became a Baptist in 1958. Even though he attended Sunday services, John continued to keep Sabbath.

In 1962 while working on his Master’s Degree and serving as the first black manager in interstate trucking, John began to have serious thoughts about the direction he was taking. His conscience seemed to be pressing him that he was not pursuing a line of work from which he could reach maximal satisfaction. His real ambition had always been in the area of serving the Lord and trucks were not hindering him.

He attended the Washington Baptist Seminary and the School of Ministerial Studies in Ravenna, Ohio, from which he received his Bachelor of Divinity degree. The Mt. Bethel Baptist Church in Washington ordained and licensed him to preach. John worked with this church for several years.

Having always adhered to Sabbathkeeping, though in a Sunday church, he continually searched for a Sabbatarian congregation with which to worship. In the late summer of 1971, John saw a listing for the Seventh Day Baptist church in the Washington telephone book. After some study with Pastor Delmar Van Horn, John became a Seventh Day Baptist.

He became an assistant to the pastor and later assistant pastor. When Pastor Van Horn accepted a call to West Virginia, John became the interim pastor of the Washington congregation. On March 9, 1974, he became the pastor of the church.

Pastor Pettway views himself as the “under-shepherd for his church; Christ is the shepherd.” He feels that his greatest responsibility is to care for the flock entrusted to him. His main goal is to see the church become more spiritual and aggressive in its evangelistic outreach. He wants to see the Washington church become a more complete part of the community it seeks to serve.

When Pastor Pettway delivers a sermon, his chief objective is to teach the flock. As did Christ when he encountered the temptations in the wilderness, the pastor believes that the Word of God is his most effective weapon in the battle against Satan. Therefore, he strives to teach much of “thus saith the Lord!” in his sermons as the meat from the Bible which will provide the strength needed by his congregation as they seek to confront the daily temptations of life.

In life there seems to be some impelling force that keeps one going in spite of all of life’s trials and defeats. For Pastor Pettway, the force behind him is no secret. It is found in Psalm 37:1—“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

This article was edited and taken from The Washington Scene, Barbara M. Harrison, editor.

The Sabbath Recorder

July 1974
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Plants are nearing completion for the 162nd Annual Session of the Seventh Baptist General Conference on the campus of Salem College, in the Valley of Learning just north of the original college campus, in the beautiful hills of West Virginia.

The Conference Host Committee, under chairman Rev. Melvin Nida, has made all the necessary arrangements for our physical comfort, our entertainment, and the facilities to carry on the business and spiritual progress of this 1974 annual Conference.

The business of Conference is always handled by fourteen Conference Committees. From their recommendations, denominational decisions are made. It is through this method of participation that every individual is provided with an opportunity to provide input into the decisions of the General Conference. Each person attending Conference is urged to select one of these committees, whose work is of particular interest to him, and to become active in the work of that particular committee during Conference session.

Daily Bible study on five important chapters of the Book of John will be led by Rev. Russell G. Johnson, Bible study leader. The Conference theme chapter: John 14: v. 6 - "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

CRISIS AND EMERGENCY PLANS

All Conference sessions are designed to prepare our participants to go back to their local Churches better equipped to face the spiritual needs of our members. Our theme, "Christ Gives Meaning To Your World," will be truly meaningful when you make it so.

President Ernest F. Bond

Monday, August 12

Leader - Rev. Russell G. Johnson, Alfred, New York
Topic: "Wells of Living Water"
(Water = 99.44 percent pure?)

Tuesday, August 13

Leader - Dr. K. Duane Hurley, Salem, West Virginia
Topic: "Bread That Gives Life to the World"
(Bread, Without Which No Man Can Live?)
Daily study book: John 6

Wednesday, August 14

Leader - Rev. Duane L. Davis, Seattle, Washington
Topic: "Light That Dispels Darkness"
(Laser Beam - New Source of Power)
Daily study book: John 8

Thursday, August 15

Leader - Leland W. Bond, Blacksburg, Virginia
Topic: "The Shepherd Who Cares for His Sheep"
(CARE - What Every Man Is Searching for?)
Daily study book: John 10

Friday, August 16

Leader - John Peil, Los Angeles, California
Topic: "The Vine in Control of the Branch"
(Life - Quality? - Quantity?)
Daily study book: John 15

Bible Emphasis Book:
The Gospel of John

CONFERENCE THEME:
"Christ Gives Meaning To Your World"

A conference with time for social fellowship—a conference with time for meditation and spiritual renewal—this is the goal President Ernest Bond is seeking as he sets up the schedule of activities that will fill the days of General Conference in Salem, West Virginia, August 11 - 17.

Friday afternoon, for instance, is being kept free of programming with the thought that the delegates and their families may want time to visit either the lovely West Virginia Seventh Baptist churches in the area or see some of the interesting attractions in the Salem area or may just make preparation for the Sabbath.

Also in keeping with this idea of a more relaxed conference, President Bond has made Wednesday night strictly "banquet night" with no evening program scheduled that might rush the banquet programs.

Some time will be left free each day at about four o'clock when the choir can practice and others can enjoy the recreational facilities now available in the new physical educational building—facilities which included an Olympic-size swimming pool. Richard Bond of Salem will coordinate recreational activities.

Other highlights of the week's schedule will include daily prayer cell meetings in the dormitories, led by young people from the Summer Christian Service Corps. Bible study groups will meet every day under the coordination of Pastor Fran Saunders. Also meeting every day will be special thirty-minute workshops on "Areas of Meaning in Our World."

Of course, an important part of each day's activities will be the evening worship service, the Rev. Delmar Van Horn will serve as sermon coordinator. The Rev. Charles Bond will deliver the sermon for the Sabbath morning meeting.

Special plans are being made, also, for the Associated Conferences—Junior High, Junior Conference, Kindergarten and nursery-aged children.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
SDB Heritage Checkpoints in West Virginia Churches

Seventh Day Baptists came to West Virginia in a heroic trek that began in 1789. Babcock, Bee, Davis, Maxson, and Randolph families and others from New Jersey, and Bonds from Maryland, were among the first to come. These suggested tours will give an opportunity on Friday, August 16, for Conference guests to see some of the main points of interest and history. Take a "native" guide!

Tour 2: Lost Creek, Roanoke
(East on Rt. 50, south on I 79)
a — See "Brick Church" — Pastor Delmer E. Van Horn.
b — Call at Parsonage on church grounds.
d — Inquire for Hackers Creek and Quiet Dell, early preaching stations.
e — Drive to old Roanoke Church, home of A. J. C. Bond, noting en route home of "Uncle Sammy" Davis near Jane Lew.

Tour 3: Middle Island
(West on Rt. 50)
a — Visit site of West Union Academy, (north from Smithsburg exit, second light) established by Eld. Azor Estee, 1857, but closed at outbreak of Civil War.
b — See Middle Island Church (south on Rt. 18, through Blandville) — Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel.
c — Visit Parsonage, Parish House, Cemetery adjoining.
d — Note swinging foot-bridge across highway.
e — Special interests: Randolph home now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beck. Birthplace of Rev. Alva L. Davis on Burbridge farm, Rt. 18. Home of Mr. and Mrs. Brada Sutton, parents of Rev. Harley Sutton, 1902-56.

Tour 3: Berea
Drive to Berea (Rt. 50 via Ellenboro, Harrisville and Pullman).
— See Ritchie Church — Pastor Roger Chenoweth.
— Inquire about old covered bridge site, cave, Indian mounds.
— Learn about Rev. Experience (Perie) Randolph Burdick, first SDB woman minister, ordained in 1885.
GENERAL CONFERENCE RATES

**Registration fee**
- Adults (12 and over) $11.00
- Children

**Lodging**
- Single room, per person $22.50
- Double room $15.00

**Meals**
- Adult ticket (18 meals) $30.00
- Children or adults a la carte (same food costs more a la carte)
- Banquet tickets extra

VESPIERS - 7:00 p.m. Daily (Outside when possible)
- Monday - Youth
- Tuesday - Young Adult Pre-Con
- Wednesday - (Banquets)
- Thursday - The Light Bearers
- Friday - The Conference Choir
- Sabbath - Men's Chorus

CRUZAN ROOD

**EVENING WORSHIP** - 8:15 p.m.
- Daily Worship leader - Rev. Earl Cruzan,
  Speaker - Rev. Dale Rood, Waterford, Conn.
  Conference theme: "Jesus, the Light of Life, Gives Meaning to Your World";

**MONDAY EVENING:**
- Worship leader - Rev. Gordon Oliver,
  Schenectady, N. Y.
  Speaker - Rev. Charles Graffius,
  New Enterprise, Pa.
  Sermon topic: "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Gives Meaning to Your World."

**TUESDAY EVENING:**
- Worship leader - Rev. John Camenga,
  Little Rock, Ark.
  Speaker - Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn,
  Coudersport, Pa.
  Sermon topic: "Christ, the Light, Gives Meaning to Your World."

**THURSDAY EVENING:**
- Communion service. Directed by:
  Rev. John Pettway, Washington, D. C.
  Rev. Delmer Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.
  Conference theme: "Christ Gives Meaning to Your World."

**FRIDAY EVENING:**
- Worship leader - Rev. J. Paul Green,
  Salem, W. Va.
  Speaker - Rev. Charles H. Bond,
  Shiloh, N. J.
  Sermon topic: "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Gives Meaning to Your World."

**SABBATH MORNING** - Conference at Worship:
- Worship leader - Rev. J. Paul Green,
  Salem, W. Va.
  Speaker - Rev. Charles H. Bond,
  Shiloh, N. J.
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**TRANSPORTATION**

The most convenient transportation to General Conference at Salem, West Virginia, this year will be the automobile. Many who have not been to Salem in recent years will be surprised at the major improvements that have been made in the highway system throughout the area. Construction can be expected in the Clarksburg area with some delays.

Salem can be reached from the west and Parkersburg by US 50, now a four-lane highway. Those approaching the Salem-Clarksburg area from the north or south will want to take Interstate 79. Route 40 from the east connects with I 79 at Morgantown.

Salem can be reached directly by Greyhound Bus with three stops daily from either east or west. Those coming from the north or south will arrive in Clarksburg where Greyhound connections can be made to Salem with some delays or call the transportation committee. There is no local bus service from Clarksburg to Salem except by Greyhound.

The Salem-Clarksburg area is served by the Allegheny Air System with arrivals and departures from the Clarksburg-Bridgeport Benedum Airport. Several commuter and regular flights connect with Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Hartford, Chicago, Charleston, and other cities. If you fly, arrangements for transportation to or from Salem will need to be made.

For assistance in transportation write or telephone giving your plans prior to arrival so that arrangements can be made and long waits prevented. Leland W. Bond, 1101 Taylor St., Clarksburg, W. Va., 26301, is in charge of transportation (telephone 622-2952). During Conference week arrangements can be made by calling Mr. Bond at 782-9011 or 622-2952 (area code 304).
AMBASSADORIAL MISSION
OUTREACH in Central Africa
by Rev. Leon R. Lawton

Though many people are familiar with the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi, some are not aware that there are growing ministries in neighboring countries. For many years there have been groups in Mozambique, adjacent to and related with CAC Southeastern Association. These are mainly branches of churches in Malawi, but some are churches in their own right.

In recent months new contacts have been initiated in the Port City of Beira, Mozambique. Leaders have visited Blantyre and are in fellowship with the Central Sabbath Tract Society (USA) has aid in their witness and outreach. Publish tracts in Portuguese to several occasions meetings and of no organized churches, there are at least five.

Sunday School and a number of religious groups and organizations. There is a new Home Economics room which has been added to Cramond High, we feel that our love gift might well go toward some furnishings for this room.

Last year our gift amounted to $224.38. We know you want to be a part of such a project. If you are not able to come to Salem, and you wish to contribute your own gift of love, you may send it to Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1118 Ravenwood Rd., Boulder, Colo. 80302 — just mark it “Love Gift.”

The love gift: Your Board of Directors is considering the following plan for our Love Gift Offering at Conference. We are strongly thinking of dividing the offering into two gifts, as we did during the past year.

Since we feel that the work of Miss Nachiposo, field worker for our women in Malawi, has made such a fine start already this past year, and we want her to continue, we would like to consider giving our love gift in this way, with baff liquor.

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Our time together could be the experience of a lifetime!

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Two recent Seventh Day Baptist camp training programs have brought together over fifty persons with several different responsibilities toward camp programs sponsored at Camp Joy in Berea, W. Va., and Camp Harley Sutton near Alfred Station, N. Y., to discuss how best to handle their roles played by members of the church in achieving outdoor education. The thoughtful explanations and frequent comparisons with other S.D.B. camp manuals or plans, and preparation of teaching or craft materials for the upcoming camps. Cold rain hampered the outdoor activities of both “Leader Labs,” since the staffs were still pretty “soft” after a long spring. Resources and personnel in crafts, nature study, group dynamics and programming were a part of each preparatory session. Representatives of the camp management committees in both associations were on hand to share the concerns of the staffs who create the program of outdoor Christian education. They made helpful suggestions and received useful proposals and requests.

Other S.D.B. camps conduct similar training sessions at this time or earlier. It is hoped that evaluation procedures will be adopted which will help both the program planners and the facilitators to continue improving the quality of Christian growth in the “special community” that is a camp program. Reports from these camp leadership programs are invited for the Recorder. 

Creative Camping Project

Delegates to the eighth Baptist Youth World Conference will be asked to participate in an “Oasis” relief project to dig wells in Zaire, in West Africa, and to buy coconut trees to be planted in India. Karl-Heinz Walter, of Hamburg Baptist World Alliance (BWA) youth committee, said portions of Zaire are particularly known for the production of a coconut tree. A single tree can be purchased for $1.50 (American). Money for the coconut trees will be channeled through the Telugu Baptist Churches in India. The trees take five years to mature and will outline the present population. Walter said, They will provide the people with a badly needed cash income, be added.

Gathered at Camp Paul Hummel above Boulder, Colo., are about thirty lay persons from Seventh Day Baptist churches related to the twelve camps operated by SDB’s across the nation. Their prime purpose: to explore camping procedures and create new worship, music, drama, study, recreation, and fellowship resources. In bringing their own skills and concerns to this “creative camping project,” they hope to enrich the reservoir of outdoor Christian education sources that take back to the several SDB programs. The Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolf, pastor at Boulder, is the prime enabler of this project. He laid out the basic plans, speaking from a life-time camping experience which also includes several years as a professional Boy Scout camper. The camp is structured in small groups of five to six persons. There primary groups combine for certain functions into paired families, and of course the whole group unites for worship experiences and some other activities. The small groups are seeking to explore camp plans at a depth not possible in larger groupings. The campers are together from July 4–14, brought together with the aid of the S.D.B. Memorial Fund and the Board of Christian Education. Camp Paul Hummel trustees are providing their facilities, including the Watts Memorial Telescope. Other enablers besides Pastor Randolf are Dr. Paul Yambert of Illinois University, Clarence Rogers of Salem, W. Va., Pastor Herbert Saunders of Plainfield, N. J., and Secretary David Clarke of the Board of Christian Education.

Dr. Paul Yambert will spend part of the week with the camp, giving from his rich experience in ecology education. He spoke very effectively at the recent national American Camping Association convention, and was engaged by Mr. Randolf. Among the campers are: Phil and Jane Bond of Shiloh, N. J.; Cynthia Downey of Salem, W. Va.; Mrs. Dorothy Parrott of Battle Creek, Mich.; Dr. Ruth Rogers of Daytona Beach, Fla.; Barbara Saunders of Plainfield, N. J.; Ruth Sarah Rogers of Salem, W. Va.; Garth and Mayola Warner of Verona, N. Y.; Jim August of Boulder, Colo.; Dale and Janet Thorngate of Washington, D. C.; and others. Four SCSCers working in the Colorado churches will be in attendance, representing other SDB camp areas.

OASIS sought by Baptist Youth

The United States was chosen for the 1974 meeting at the request of youth from other nations who wanted to visit America. They will find in America a more affluent free church atmosphere than they have known in their own land. American youth are being reminded therefore that they have a particular responsibility to these youth coming to the States. One writer said, “We need to support the conference to the fullest. These visitors are depending on us to be friendly and to be the best kind of hosts.”

Small groups and person-to-person interaction will be a major focus of the conference. Each registrant will be an ambassador and diplomat in every sense of the word. Each young person’s actions will help to determine the attitude of Baptists toward each other from every part of the world.

Karl-Heinz Walter, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance youth committee, brought with him the registrations of 610 Europeans to a planning committee meeting for the eighth Baptist Youth World Conference. A total attendance of 8,000 to 10,000 young people and their leaders is expected from more countries. The conference theme will be “Christ — Our Challenge To Live.”

Seventh Day Baptists will be represented at the Baptist Youth World Conference by the persons headed by their National Y. F. president, Larry Graffius, who will be completing a four-year mission among our churches and youth groups. Six other SDB’s are the SCSCers from Colorado and Seattle projects. Also sharing the Convention will be the Rev. John Conrod of the Pacific Coast Association and the Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Inc.
THE CHURCH IN ACTION

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

EASTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING AT MARLBORO, N. J.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association was held at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church near Bridgeton, N. J. The theme for the weekend was "The Ambassador for Christ." The worship service was led by the Rev. Dr. Garth Warner of Verona, N. J. The sessions of the Association were closed by devotions led by the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr. The delegates were all urged to return home as Ambassadors for Christ.

—Rev. Herbert Sounders

S. D. B.'S MEETING AT PORTLAND, OREGON

PORTLAND, OREGON — Pastor C. Justin Camenga reports that regular Sabbath services are now being held at 1:30 p.m. each week at 8434 S.E. Clay in Portland, Oregon. The church is meeting in the Pingel family's home. Three families are committed to participate regularly. For more information call in Portland (503) 215-7817. Let us all join in prayer for this new work in Oregon.

NEW YORK MEETING

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. — Seventh Day Baptists in New York City are now meeting at the Stone House YMCA (Cushman Room) 34th Street and 9th Avenue in Manhattan every Sabbath from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Attendance and interest are growing in this new work. The Plainfield church, as the sponsoring church, leads in the planning for the worship service. For more information call in Brooklyn, 212-733-6277.

—JULY 1974

SEVEN ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE IN SPECIAL SERVICE AT MILTON

MILTON, WIS. — On May 11, 1974, the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton, Wisconsin, ordained seven of its members to the Diaconate. The congregations of the Milton Junction and the Albion churches joined in this service and Deacon George and Madeleine Parrish from Battle Creek, Michigan, represented the Battle Creek church. The worship service was conducted by Pastor Crazan. Devotional music was provided by Betty Daland at the organ, a Bell Choir Call to Worship, and a solo “Account Now Thyself with Him” by MacDermid sung by Miss Lillian Burte.

Following a statement by the church clerk on the action of the church, the candidates, Mary L. Burte, Jonathan D. Crazan, Dale R. Green, Helen R. Green, Kenneth B. Ochs, James A. Skaggs, and Jared A. H. Van Horn each gave a statement of faith and religious experience. A text was read and Scripture was given by the Rev. Donald A. Sanford; the Charge of the Church was given by Deacon George Parrish from Battle Creek, Michigan. As ordained persons present joined in the Laying on of Hands, Pastor Crazan gave the consecrating prayer. Welcome to the Diaconate was extended by Deacon Leland Skaggs.

This very impressive service left a deep impression on all who attended. Possibilities of the new work are being explored. The church is gathering in the Pingel family’s home. Each Sabbath morning a service is held at 9:30 a.m. Let us all join in prayer for this new work in Wisconsin.

—Rev. Dr. Garth Warner

ALLEGHENY HOSTS BOND CONFERENCES

The Seventh Day Baptist Women’s Board of Allegheny Association is responsible for the planning of a Mission Conference to be held at the Little Genesee church, May 27-30, 1974. A Mission Conference is a meeting held to determine the needs of the church throughout the world. The needs are urgent and the time is now.

The speaker for the Women’s meeting was Mrs. Myrna Cox, president of the S.D.B. Women’s Board. She gave some historical background of the denominational Women’s Board work and shared some of the urgent matters that are a part of their work.

The Sabbath night service was led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Land, church. He spoke about "Youthful Ambassadors." On Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner of Verona, N. Y., delegates from the Central New York Association led in the devotions. Associated President Wesley Davis led in the business sessions. The Association continued with financial assistance to the Schenectady church and also voted to lend support to the Plainfield church for the New York City work.

The following persons were elected to lead the Association for 1974-75: President, Mr. William C. Harrison; Vice-President, Mr. William Bowyer; Second Vice-President, Mrs. John D. Bevis; Recording Secretary, Mrs. James Waite; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Albert Cameron; Treasurer, Mrs. Anna C. North; Engrossing Clerk, the Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

It was reported that there will be a new Lewis Camp location in New England. It was announced that the next meeting of the Eastern Association will be held at the First Hopkinton S.D.B. Church in Ashaway, R. I. The New Jersey-New York Yearly Meeting will be held at the Shiloh, N. J., church Sept. 27-28, 1974.

—Rev. Herbert Sounders

HEBREON REPORTS BUSY PROGRAM

HEBREON, PA. — In 1973, Hebron church was 140 years old. Until the church building was erected in 1859, services were held in homes and in the schoolhouse. Later this year a brief history of our church will be reported.

New WSSS officers are: President, Kenneth Thompson; Vice-President, Agnes LaBar; Secretary-Treasurer, Pearl Brock; Keyworker, Dana Klymowich; Programs, Rachel Kenyon.

At the last meeting, it was voted to send $25 to the Women’s Board for the Menno Fullers, and cards were signed for Essie Eimer and Don Steinmann.

For the June meeting, the women plan to clean the church. There was a good attendance when, on April 24, the Light Bearers presented another wonderful service of music and testimony. God bless these dedicated youth.

At church quarterly business meeting, it was voted to have the church wall repaired and new front steps built. Work is to begin in June. For the exchange on April 29, our pastor went to the Buffalo church and Pastor Ed Sutton led the service. The exchange was scheduled with the Little Genesee church. The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn attended Ministers Conference in Bentley, W. Va., April 20-23. They are also to be our delegates to General Conference.

There were no services at Hebron May 11, due to Allegheny Association, nor on June 1, when there were union services with the Little Genesee church at Little Genesee. N. Y. Sabbath Renewal Day was observed May 15. May 19, a "bee" was held to clean the church lawn and park for mowing. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 7-10. The VBS picnic will be held at the Shinglehouse park June 15, following Sabbath School.

Each Sabbath before pastoral prayer, Pastor Van Horn dedicates a few moments to silent prayer for stated and unspoken prayer re-
acclamatations

YAY AREA, CALIF.
Baylor Cancer Center, Pastor
By Testimony:
James Snyder
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John Goddard
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HELP WANTED

Church Administrative Assistant - a Seven-Day Gang must go to a high school graduate with typing, writing, and office skills to answer phone and letter requests, assist in church programs, and manage the church office $3.00/hr. or better, some experience. Not to exceed 85 hrs. per month. Please submit resume before July 24 to
Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church
Dale D. Thorngate, Pres.
6002 Templeville Rd.
Temple Mills, MD 20031

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION-Rev R. Zielke

NEWS NOTES

Mr. Kenneth D. Chroniger, a recent graduate of Calvary Bible College, Kansas City, Missouri, is serving as the summer pastor of the Farina, Illinois, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Chroniger is the son of Deacon and Mrs. Pratt Chroniger of the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church. He has registered as a participant in the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education during the month of June.

Mr. John M. Peil, a middle age at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Covina, California, and a participant in the Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, is serving as the assistant to the pastor of the Battle Creek, Michigan, Seventh Day Baptist Church. He participated in the Summer Institute of the Center during the month of June.

Mr. Paul Davis, a pre-ministerial student at Salem College is serving as assistant to the pastor of the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Births

Gilmore- A daughter, Angela Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gilmore, on May 15, 1974, at Mission Hospital, Mission Viejo, Calif.

Vieira - A daughter, Morgan Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Vieira of Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada, on May 15, 1974.

Le Mesurier - A daughter, Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Le Mesurier of North Plainfield, N. J., on April 30, 1974.

ROOD - Byron R., son of the late Charles and Ross Rood, was born in North Loop, Nebr., October 2, 1978, and died on May 17, 1974, at Mercy Hospital, Harrisburg, Ill., after a brief illness.

Wells - Married to Lena Nelson on July 6, 1974. To the union were born two daughters, Debra and Diane.

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BWA GRANTED "CONSULTATIVE STATUS" BY UNITED NATIONS

NEW YORK (BP)—The Baptist World Alliance (BWA) has been accepted for "consultative status" by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Under this arrangement, provided for in article 71 of the U. S. charter, the United Nations and various non-governmental organizations may exchange information and views on matters of mutual interest. The BWA is an international organization, with ninety-five affiliates (members) in seventy-four countries and dependencies. Its membership represents approximately 82.6 per cent of the Baptists in the world. The U. S. administers an organization to consultative status only if it is international in character. Thus, individual Baptist conventions have not been eligible, although the "the conventions in the United States have had "observers" accredited to the public relations office of the U. S. That relationship in no way compares to full-fledged consultative status.

Robert S. Denny, BWA general secretary with headquarters in Washington, said that the alliance does not plan on having a representative resident in the New York or Geneva areas.

"Our regional secretaries—Carl W. Tiller in North America and C. Ronald Goulding in Europe—will be responsible for maintaining contacts, even though their offices are in Washington and London, not New York and Geneva," Denny said. "On matters of major significance, our president, V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, and I will be available of course to take part in such consultations as may be advisable."

Denny explained that "subjects of mutual concern" may include such things as relief, refugee resettlement, economic development programs, human rights and the disposition of mandated and trust territories (in many of which there are Baptist churches). The alliance, at its congress in Tokyo, Japan, in 1970, adopted resolutions on peace and other world problems which expressed support for the United Nations, but until this time it has had no channel for making views known to the U. N. structures.

The BWA staff introduced the idea of seeking consultative status during the organization's executive committee meeting in 1972. It was agreed to at the body's meeting in 1973, after the adoption of certain safeguards, instructing the officers and staff how to avoid embarrassment to Baptists in the course of the consultations.—Baptist Press

THE HIDING PLACE

She hid Jews in her attic during World War II. Her underground escape operation saved hundreds of Jewish lives. When the Nazis raided her home, she was shipped from Holland to Germany and placed in a concentration camp where she faced the threat of the gas chambers. Her sister and father died in prison.

Corrie ten Boom was liberated, and in her fifties she became a worldwide missionary for Jesus Christ. The story of her life, The Hiding Place, has over two million copies in print. Now it is being made into a motion picture for an international audience by WorldWide Pictures, the film arm of the Billy Graham Association. The picture is scheduled to be released early in 1975.

Says Bill Brown, World Wide's president, "This film is by far the most ambitious ever produced within the Christian community." The film will be produced in several languages for use throughout the world.

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**THE WORLD POPULATION**

"The increase in world population is the greatest problem facing the world today, and most of our other major problems are directly or indirectly related to it," said James Brown of the editorial staff. Brown was the keynote speaker at a recent seminar on "World Population Issues" sponsored by the Associated Church Press and the Department of Population Problems of the United Methodist Church.

The United Nations declared 1974 as "World Population Year." They are attempting to encourage governments, private institutions, and individuals to study the impact of the rapidly growing numbers of humankind on such world problems as development, pollution, resources, poverty, food supplies, and human rights. Since over 70% of these children are born into poor families, solutions are hard to find. Controlling population growth in itself will not end all of man's problems. However, if the rate of growth can be slowed in a way that guarantees human rights and protects human dignity then man can work to develop social and distributive justice.

It is true that man alone cannot solve all of the world's problems. We must seek solutions. It is the fact that over 70% of these children are born into "developing" countries where in many cases, the population growth has outstripped the ability of governments to meet the basic needs of the people. The Population Bomb, describes the situation and what can be done to change it. Population growth is related to poverty, food supplies, and human rights. Controlling population growth is essential to solving these problems.
Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king—for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A warhorse is a poor risk for winning victories—it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine! We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name.

Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

(Psalms 33:12-22)

The founding fathers believed devoutly that there was a God and that the inalienable rights of man were rooted—not in the state, nor the legislature, nor in any other human power—but in God alone.

—Tom C. Clark

Religious Heritage of America, Washington, D.C.