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THEME: FAR BETTER MEN

"I tell you, unless you show yourselves far better men than the Pharisees and the doctors of the law, you can never enter the kingdom of Heaven."
-MATTHEW 5:20 (NEB)

SPEAKERS

Monday evening's speaker is the Rev. Paul Odhra, pastor of the Nortonville, Kansas, SDB Church. His subject is: "Far Better Blessings."

"Shared Living" is the subject Tuesday evening. The speaker is the Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Milton, Wisconsin, SDB Church.

On Thursday evening the Rev. Charles Bond, pastor of the Shiloh, N. J., SDB Church, will speak on: "God Calls Me to Perfection."

Speaking Friday evening is the Rev. Don Phillips of San Diego, Calif. His subject is: "Men Mighty in Prayer."

"God's Catalyst - Far Better Men" is the subject Sabbath morning. The speaker is the editor of the HELPING HAND and pastor of the Seattle, Washington, SDB Church, the Rev. Duane Davis.

"The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought. Thou shalt be like a watered garden."
-ISAIAH 58:11
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I WAS HUNGRY, you set going a humanitarian association, and you discussed my hunger. Thank you.

I WAS IN PRISON, you sneaked quietly to your chapel, in the quiet neighborhood, and prayed for my liberation.

I WAS NAKED; you wondered wasn't that perhaps immoral?

I WAS ILL, and you went on your knees and praised God for your health.

I WAS HOMELESS; you preached to me—about God's loving care.

I WAS LONESOME, and you left me alone—
to pray for me.

You seem so holy, so close to God.

But I am still hungry and lonesome, and I'm freezing.
—Unknown.

I MET THE MASTER

I had walked life's way with an easy tread. Had followed where comforts and pleasures led. Until one day in a quiet place I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal, Much thought for my body, but none for my soul. I had entered to win in life's mad race. When I met the Master face to face.

My thought is now for the souls of men. I have lost my life to find it again.

K'er since one day in a quiet place I met the Master, face to face.

(Author unknown)
In the year 1483, Christopher Columbus stood on the shores of a great sea and contemplated the meaning of some strange driftwood which he saw there. As a result of this he doubted the prevailing theory that the earth was flat. In the same year a child was born in Eisleben, Germany, whose name was Martin Luther. While Christopher Columbus would discover a new world, it would be the destiny of Martin Luther to awaken a old one for us, because we call ourselves Protestants and are members of a group of some two hundred and fifty denominations, all called Americans who consider themselves to be under this name and faith. Therefore, we ought to take the time periodically to ask ourselves why we are Protestants.

To do this, it is necessary to look briefly at the life of the man who founded this faith. Martin Luther's boyhood in Eisleben, Germany, was not happy nor very meaningful, for he was an irascible child, hard to control. His mother's life was humdrum amid the pots and pans. His parents brought fear to his life with terrifying stories about the mysteries of the Black Forest. When he grew up he went away to study law at the University of Eichstätt where he hoped to equip himself to maintain his fate in the Holy Roman Empire. There he learned something of the relationships between man and God. While in the forest one day a bolt of lightning struck and killed a friend and threw Luther from his horse. This frightened him greatly, and he came to think of God as vengeful. His father very unwillingly beat him sometimes until the blood came. Perhaps he was an irascible child, hard to control. His mother's life was humdrum amid the pots and pans. 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FEEDING THE LAMBS

by Mrs. Juanita Ogden

One late afternoon, a young child fell from a merry-go-round into the swimming pool. She had been placed there by her parents and left for only a few minutes. Almost at once, several people saw the incident and immediately began a search. A boy of ten, who had never learned to swim, jumped into the pool after a small yellow something floating at the surface of the water. Although he was most frightened, love for the little girl pointed to the only one to see the child in high order that others might see and take her from him. The water was over his head, but an adult quickly assessed the situation and rescued both child and boy.

This experience could have ended badly had one not felt concern. How often any of us will happily take food to the sick, find clothes for the needy, and do almost anything necessary to help someone badly had no one felt concern. How eagerly and impatient to get on with the business, so to speak, it never


THE SABBATH RECORDER

Renewal comes as we give up trying to make it on our own and simply look to God. Paul tells us what is the necessary ingredient of a faithful Sabbath school teacher. “For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not” (2 Cor. 8:12). A willing mind plus love will do the job under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

David tells us in Psalm 27 to “Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.” In simple terms, that’s where we need our strength the most; in the inner man. We get this strength by waiting on the Lord. Remind yourself that God is on your side. When God asks you to do a task, he includes the promise, “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:20).

How thankful I am that my mother and a few faithful Sabbath school teachers brought many beautiful truths to my mind that could never be completely forgotten. Jesus called it “feeding the lambs.” Early childhood is the most favorable time in life for spiritual growth. A person may go where he will and do whatever he will, but that early training faithfully follows to do its work.

One very fine minister compared the feeding of lambs with the art of planting a garden. What a responsibility it is to plant precious seeds in the minds of our little ones. Not only that, but what a privilege to work with the best part of the harvest. The most effective work is usually done before the children are promoted to the youth class.

By no means can the three unproductive kinds of soil referred to by Jesus be applied to the heart of a child. His heart cannot be described as a “trodde down way-sides,” it is not “stony ground.” Neither is it soil “overgrown by thorns.” The child does not see, nor does he care about the deceptiveness of worldly things such as riches, power, fame, influence and all the other giant weeds that make soil unferile. No, the heart of a child is the “good ground” that, properly cared for, will yield a harvest of a hundredfold.

If we may think of the church from having a really effective program for the lambs within our fold. If we wait too long about planting good seed in well-prepared soil, the enemy may beat us there and fill the garden with unwanted weeds. Surprisingly enough, many times

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NEW EXECUTIVE

CHOBEN

Dr. K. Duane Hurley, President Emeritus of Salem College, has accepted the appointment by the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference to become executive secretary of that denomination. Salem College President Dallas Bailey and Ernest F. Bond, of Galena, Ohio, chairman of the Commission, made the announcement in a joint statement issued last week.

Dr. Hurley served as president of Salem College from 1951 to 1973, when he resigned as chief executive and was named President Emeritus by the School’s Board of Trustees. Since then he has served as assistant and consultant in the development office of the college.

Following his move to Seventh Day Baptist national headquarters in Plainfield, New Jersey, in September, Dr. Hurley will continue his association with Salem as a consultant to the president and vice-president for development.

Announcing Dr. Hurley’s departure from the Salem College administration, President Bailey said, “The officers of the Seventh Day Baptist Church are to be commended for the wisdom of their choice. I know of no person who possesses the executive leadership, as well as spiritual dedication to his church, as K. Duane Hurley.”

“I am very pleased that Dr. Hurley has agreed to serve a continuing relationship in a consultant role to the college,” Bailey continued. “I have found his counsel and advice invaluable and because of his long tenure with Salem College he has been most helpful. We wish him and Mrs. Hurley good fortune and we look forward to their continued relationship with the college.”

Seventh Day Baptist Commission Chairman Bond stated that Dr. Hurley was the unanimous choice for the important position of denominational leadership. “Many people have made significant contributions to the selection and subsequent call of Dr. Hurley to become the next executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference,” said Bond.

“The Commission certainly feels that the Lord has directed each step leading us to the call of this outstanding educator and administrator. We feel that the denomination, through its churches, boards and agencies, will move forward under his leadership.”

As an educator and college administrator, Dr. Hurley has received national recognition. He is a member of numerous educational organizations, and has served as president or chairman of many of them.

Among his most notable achievements was the founding, in 1956, of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, which he served as president until 1962. He also served as president of both the West Virginia Association of Colleges and University Presidents and the W. Va. Foundation for Independent Colleges.

For many years a proponent for the advancement of education in West Virginia, Dr. Hurley helped introduce television and radio into the state and is currently serving his second term as chairman of the W. Va. Educational Broadcasting Authority. He has also been a long-time active member of the W. Va. Chamber of Commerce Education Committee.

Besides his work in education, Dr. Hurley has been an active leader in his church and other religious bodies. He is a former editor of the Sabbath Recorder, has served as a member of the Commission of the SDB General Conference and is currently chairman of the Council on Mission.

A native of California, Dr. Hurley received an Associate of Arts degree from Riverside College and earned his B.A. from Salem College in 1938. He received his M.A. from the University of Southern California. He holds honorary degrees from Alderson-Broaddus College, Southwestern College, Manchester College, and Wakesburg College.

Mrs. Hurley, the former Shireen Twogood, is also a graduate of Salem College, as are the Hurleys’ four daughters, Mrs. C. D. Van Horn, Mrs. Richard Dixon, Mrs. Gary Martin and Miss Penny Hurley.

At a testimonial dinner given by the W. V. Foundation for Independent Colleges in 1974, Bethany College President Cecil Underwood paid tribute to Dr. Hurley: “His life has been filled with song, no matter how tough the challenge. Duane Hurley has always kept his ideals in the sky and his feet on the ground.”

Dr. Hurley, who succeeds the Rev. W. L. Wheeler as executive secretary, will be installed in his new post at the General Conference session at Anaua, Pacific College, Anaua, California.

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This article is the eighth in a series on the Ten Commandments.

The Eighth Commandment

NEEDED: HONEST HEARTS

by the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

"You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15 RSV).

When with a dull conscience and a legalistic concept of ethics and morality, we have always missed the comprehensiveness of this simple and forthright command. It is much more implied than taking someone else's wallet or some other possession while he is not looking, or even taking it by violence.

The Eighth Commandment deals with respecting the property rights of others, and it deals with our sense of values, with the ethics we practice, in making a living and gaining wealth—and even our scope.

The Bible further interprets this seemingly simple injunction so that we can see it in its broader sense. The Eighth Commandment becomes very positive:

"You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15 RSV).

The prophets shout out the anger of God against otherwise cheating in school have lost their onus for dishonesty, the keeping of the Eighth Commandment clearly demands the spiritual quality of truth in the inward man. It demands that one have a valid set of priorities, indeed those that Jesus gave: "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be added on for you" (Matt. 6:33, Berkeley).

With this kind of faith that receives Christ’s new commandment to love one another, the commandment becomes very positive: "The thief must steal no more, but rather tell to earn a living with his own hands, so he may have something to give the person in need" (Ephesians 4:28, Berkeley).

In the United States we have such an abundance of some of our natural resources that it is difficult for us to conceive how dire the situation is in some parts of the world.

Rev. B. John V. Rao writes: "Seventh Day Baptists in India, as are economically poor and socially deprived . . . These particular areas (referring to the interior where the terrain may be difficult or impassable) comprise about 200 villages where water is almost a luxury, and where the thirsty livestock perish for want of water.

"Our S.D.B. fields are, with zeal and diligence, trying to develop these areas where, in some fields, work has already been started, thus giving help and hope to those people who suffer for their basic needs of food, water and shelter.

No cultivated land is available because of lack of irrigation facilities and entirely depend on the mercy of rains. There is no guarantee of rains in the monsoon. The people have to walk 7 or 8 miles for drinking water."

Rev. Rao informs us that the approximate cost of a well is $2,000. The villages work out half of this cost and the other half is provided by the S.D.B. Conference of India as funds are available.

The Christian Social Action Committee, after being made aware of this great need have contributed $1,000 from the Seventh Day Baptist United Relief Fund to the India Conference.

This contribution is to be used for an irrigation well at K. Bistragunta. Now that they have sufficient cash, it is anticipated this well will be completed in three months.

Three other wells, two of which are for irrigation and one for drinking, are in the process of construction. The digging has been completed, but work has been stopped because there is not sufficient cash to finish it.

With this love gift, "YOU ARE THERE BECAUSE YOU CARE."

From time to time people make designated gifts for relief concerns. Any such contribution can be made through the local church treasurer, designating how the gift is to be used, or, if one is not a member of an S.D.B. church, it can be sent to Our World, 221 N. 14th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102.

The C.S.A. Committee has helped to construct this well in India.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

August 1975
Three dedicated young people changed. Many prayers were being answered. This year was no exception. Their lives, along with many of our lives, were touched by the teachings and sharing of these young people. This was the theme of the training this year was "Love Is a Decision." Learning this lesson and then actually putting it into practice touched many of the hearts of these young people. Several of them felt it necessary to write home while they were at training and share this with their parents, asking them for forgiveness for wrong attitudes and past actions.

The Spirit of the Lord was constantly with us, helping and guiding us in all the classes and in times of worship and visitation. As the week progressed the word FAITH was chosen to be used as first letters for the team names. Team F-ellowship which consists of four young people, Perry Cain, David Davis, Val Crane and Cindy Lewis will be spending their summer in Denver. A- is for team Anticipation which will be serving in the Pawcatuck Church and these team members are Suzie Pinder and Mariann Jacob. P- is for team Partnership which was brimming with information to share with enthusiasm what they had learned and shared and taught songs from their past. This team was made up of three auditors from the melodious mob under the leadership of Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke. They were at training and shared this as well as team Triumphant. (I'm sure they are living up to their name.) Last but not least is team Helping Hands who are working in the Southeastern Association and whose members are Debbie Perry and Barbara Ayers.

The auditors included Dorothy Parrott, the Reach Out field worker in the North Central Association and two Light Bearers for Christ, Jerry Van Horn and Robert Van Horn (who is serving as assistant pastor in Shiloh, N. J. this summer). Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke ("Mom"), the chairman of the SCSC committee of the Women's Board taught a fantastic class in interpersonal relationships. Her love, laughter, and tears spread joy, warmth, and love into everyone present. A class in VBS teaching and camp counseling was taught by David S. Clarke. This class was very vital to everyone present because it is in these areas that the SCSC workers serve the most. Myron G. Seper, shared his Campus Crusade training in the use of the four spiritual laws along with other techniques to use in visitation.

Heavenly harmony reverberated from that beautiful mob under the leadership of Patty Lawton. Many new songs were learned as several shared and taught songs from their part of the nation. Chapel each morning was arranged by Paul Green. A variety of hymn and pastors provided us with these worship experiences.

Our fearless leader, Leon R. Lawton, provided training with a rigid schedule which left little free time for us to catch forty extra winks! He also led us in an excellent Bible study in Romans in which we all learned very much.

As the week came to a close, there was much that everyone had learned and experienced. Everyone was brimming with information to guide them through their summer as SCSC workers. But most of all everyone was brimming with the love and joy that only the presence of Jesus and the Holy Spirit can give your life. Everyone was ready to go to their assigned church and share with enthusiasm what they had learned and shared at training—"Love Is a Decision."

Everyone had decided to love with all their might.

I Was There

The Sabbath Recorder

1975 Summer Christian Service Corps Training Session

Salem, W. Va., June 23-30

Row 1: Gary Van Dyke (staff), Myron Seper (staff), Jerry Van Horn (Light Bearers), Suzie Pinder, Barbara Ayers, Valerie Crane, Norma McAllister, Robert Van Horn (Light Bearers), Leon Lawton (R)

Row 2: Lisa Powell, Dave Clarke (staff), Cynthia Lewis, Paul Green (staff), Mariann Jacob, David Davis, Sharon Schattenberg

Row 3: Dorothy Parrott (auditor), Patty Burdick, Debbie Perry, Perry Lawson (staff), Perry Cain

"Love is a Decision"

Come taste the beauty of the Lord: Taste the joys which only He can give. Come and drink the wine of happiness and eat the bread of life. Come taste the beauty of the Lord.

WHERE DO WE STAND ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT?

We are where so many others are who realize the need for such action. We are with Church Women United all over the world. In a letter to CWU constituents of Southern California, Mrs. William H. Nicholas writes: Although our Christian interests are many faceted, our commitment to justice for both men and women has caused CWU to join with other groups in support of the Equal Rights Amendment...it would afford women for the first time an equal standing Constitutionally guaranteed of basic human rights, which is not now accorded them. Discriminatory laws have worked an especial hardship on those women who work outside the home because of economic need. "Equality of opportunity of the Nation's poor children live in families headed by women. CWU invites you to become a part of its large effort to spread the truth to men and women and State Legislative bodies so the great principle of equality will be in our Constitution and reflected in our way of life. "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus." (Gal. 3:28 RSV)

We are standing with the American Baptists, fellow members in the Baptist World Alliance. In a recent editorial in their publication, The American Baptist, the Rev. Richard Keach writes: "Let us look at the passage in Ephesians. The first sentence sets the tone: "Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ." He is saying there is mutual respect and care between husband and wife. We are "one in the Spirit" and no one is allowed to subject another person in a marriage or in a Christian community. If there is a Holy Spirit, and there is, how is it our cold human relationshionships are not filled with love? We block, we are not open to change. We are afraid of radical changes of accepted roles." American Baptists have the Equal Rights Amendment as a part of their statement of concerns study issues for 1975.

We are standing with Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, who as a co-sponsor of the Equal Rights for Women Amendment, has been largely responsible for the success of this amendment thus far.

We are with Pearl Buck, whose endorsement of the ERA strikes us as being truly "at the heart of the matter."

"I have been thinking a good deal about the Lucretia Mott Amendment and the more I think about it the more confirmed I am in my conviction that it is only when a nation's people are governed by laws made for its citizens and not for male and female that men and women can live in mutual happiness with each other. When one sex is given discrimination, either favorable or unfavorable, the effect works ill for everyone. If women do not have as a matter of course an unequivocally equal place with men before the law, men suffer with them. A mother cannot train her son in the values of free thought and action when she herself does not share completely in that freedom. Something of her sense of inferiority shapes him to weaken him in his own moral fibre or to make him feel falsely superior on that utterly untenable ground of superiority, mere sex. When woman does not share in the life of the nation equally with man, with a mental atmosphere as clear as his, and the right to action as the basis of that equality, their interdependent economic duties, that means that half the nation and the half which has as its peculiarly important work the bearing of children and their early education, is a depressed group and as such affects the whole.

"It is as a mother even more than as a professional worker that I say that I believe the Lucretia Mott Amendment is the only self-respecting basis for citizenship in a true democracy."
Ten Seventh Day Baptist students gathered at the Center on Ministry for the 1975 Summer Institute, June 9-26. Coming from California and Kansas, Missouri and Illinois, South Dakota and Minnesota, as well as Washington, D. C., the students contemplated the movement of the Seventh Day Baptists throughout the world as they studied Seventh Day Baptist History.

Students who participated were: John Peil, who graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from the American Baptist Seminary of the West in Covina, California, on June 7, and left the Institute to assume pastoral duties in Verona, New York; Robert Babcock, who completed the middle year at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Ken Martin, a junior student from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.; Gerald Langer, also a junior student who is studying at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas; Larry Wall, a junior student also at Central Baptist Theological Seminary who left the Institute to be summer assistant pastor in Alfred, New York; Ken and Barbara Chroninger who are serving the PEFER, Illinois, church this summer — Ken a senior student from Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Missouri; Heroes Green, who entered Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Oak Brook, Illinois, in January; John Lee, a junior student at Trinity Evangelical Theological Seminary in Deerfield, Illinois, who left the Institute to be summer assistant pastor in Little Rock, Arkansas; and Pastor Wayne Ballhause, pastor of the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in Minnesota.

Tracing Seventh Day Baptists from their development in England in the seventeenth century, through organization in America in 1671, and down to the present day, the students shared in lectures by Dean Herbert E. Saunders, Historian Albert N. Rogers, who was the key lecturer in our History, Missionary Board Executive Vice-President Leon R. Lawson, General Secretary Allan L. Wheeler, and Pastor Charles Griffin. Extensive personal study and research, as well as informal discussions filled out to the fullest the three weeks of encounter with our ancestors of the faith.

In 1907 J. Nelson Norwood gave an address at General Conference in which he listed six areas of leadership that are necessary for the growth of the Christian witness. These six areas served as a basis for the consideration of our history, and the realization that we are now making history. History means nothing at all unless it teaches us something about our present and the obligations we have to reach out toward a new future. Dr. Norwood suggested that the power of our Seventh Day Baptist witness (the “power of Conference”) lies in its ability to educate us. That is what the Summer Institute is designed to do — to educate our leadership. Through research, individual study, lectures, and discussions the students discovered what it is that has kept Seventh Day Baptists alive for over 300 years and what it is that can restore the vigor and vitality of our people. We have been an education minded people starting many schools and academies, some of which still exist today as colleges — Alfred University, Salem College, and Milton College. And we need to discover more and more about ourselves and our heritage.

Secondly, Conference should inspire us. There was a tremendous enthusiasm among the summer students. Encouraged by the number of participants and the urgency of the moment in which we live, there was lively discussion of how our past inspires us and what such study ought to bring out of us as we reach out toward new witness to the faith. The entire student body took field trips to Newport, R. I., and Ephrata, Pa., in an attempt to relive, even if for only a few moments, some of the experiences of early Seventh Day Baptists. Such inspiration brought renewed interest in the world as we are now and where we could be, with the right kind of pastoral and lay leadership, as we anticipate tomorrow.

In the third instance, Dr. Norwood suggested that Conference should intensify us. We have a common heritage — a common bond with the past that mustn’t be forgotten. We are one people drawn together by the vision of our forefathers and called to mission for our children. Such efforts, as were observed in study, draw us together in unity throughout the world.

In the fourth instance, Conference should spiritualize us, bring us spiritual vitality and an eagerness to be about “our Father’s business.” Times of worship, devotion and study co-mingled with good fellowship, characterized the 1975 Summer Institute. There was a spiritual vitality evident that gave hope to our sometimes sagging spirits. Nine of the ten students were actively looking toward pastoral ministry and another student was already a part of the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. The future looks even brighter as four new students anticipate seminary in the fall. There was a feeling that the spiritual life of our denomination was getting a much needed “shot in the arm,” as students and teachers alike searched our history for answers to our present.

Then Dr. Norwood reminds us that General Conference should provide us with “wise, progressive, leadership.” That is what the Center on Ministry is all about, to recruit, train, educate, inspire, and prepare creative leadership for our future. Seventh Day Baptists have always desired a well-educated, forward-looking, and Holy Spirit inspired ministry. And we were constantly reminded of the amount of “blood, sweat, and tears” that our forefathers put into the development of programs and agencies that have led us to this moment in time. Only as our leadership is educated and sent out with the desire to strengthen our witness, will the future remain bright for Seventh Day Baptists. If those attending the Summer Institute are any indication of the leadership we can expect, then our sometimes sagging spirits will be strengthened, and we can determine what happens to us.

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The crying need throughout the centuries we have been in existence is for this unification of spirit that is translated in the Conference serving the people. History has taught us that the people are important — the most important commodity we Seventh Day Baptists have — or can ever hope to have. With God our Guide and the Holy Spirit as our Inspirer and Christ as our Savior, we, as a people can “go on from here.” One thing that history always teaches us is that the future can only be determined by the present. We cannot hang on to our past as a framework for our future — for only those alive and well at this time can determine what happens tomorrow. History is made up of living people committed to a task in their time. Our history can only be made up of living, breathing people like you and me who are committed to a task in our time. The 1975 Summer Institute is history (that is, when all the students get their research papers back to the Center), but all of us who were a part pray that the records will show our descendants that those who took part have been faithful in their time.

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with words of power, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

For the preaching of the cross is to them who perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:17,18
Children's age

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Who can tell time? Can you? Can you?
I can tell time. Want to know what time it is?
When the big hand is at 12 and the little hand is at 8, it's 8 o'clock, isn't it? That might be BED time. BED time is often STORY time. Then comes PRAYER time, and that's a GOOD time.
PLAY time is fun. That's good. Time for WORK can be fun, too, and that's good.

In the Bible we read:
"There is a right time for everything" (Ecclesiastes 3:1, Living Bible).
"It is time to seek the Lord." (Hosea 1:12, RSV).

There are other kinds of time, like when you get home a little late from school, and Mother says, "It's ABOUT time!" Or Grandma come over, and you're making a lot of noise, so Grandma says, "Isn't it HIGH time for children to be in bed?" Can you think of some other kinds of time?

Think now of two words that begin with the letter "N." One of these words is NO. Some folks have NO time for God. That's not good, is it? Add one more letter, a "W," to the word NO, and what do you have? — NOW. Right?

NO+W

DO IT NOW!

NOW is the time. The Bible tells us it is.
"Right now God is ready to welcome you. Today he is ready to save you." (2 Corinthians 6:2, Living Bible).

Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today—NOW is the time to give yourself to Jesus and live for God. The right time is NOW!   □  Ethel Dickinson

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Now is the time to elect Sabbath School teachers and special workers if they are to begin their duties in September. This will give them time to select materials, make an outline of lesson topics, observe more experienced teachers, have conferences with other teachers, etc. The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is concerned and anxious that every church school is doing its very best.

Some churches are having retreats later in the summer at which the minister, church school workers and teachers together work out long range plans for the improvement of the church school. Each one is asked to be searching for new ideas as soon as they are selected. These ideas are brought together in written form for study at the retreat. This plan could be carried out in any church, large or small. Listed below are a few suggestions to start you thinking:

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PRAYER CORNER

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!

SEPTEMBER 1975

Verse for the month:

"Let him have all your worries and cares, for He is always thinking about you and watching everything that concerns you." — 1 Peter 5:7

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ANNUAL LADIES’ AID FAIR

On Sunday, May 25, the women of the Jamaican Seventh-day Baptist Denomination held their annual Ladies’ Aid Fair at the Charles Street church in Kingston, Jamaica.

Women from churches all over the island were present to buy donated handicrafts, used clothing and home-grown food. A hot lunch was prepared and served along with ice cream, cakes, and soft drinks. In the afternoon, a famous Jamaican trini was presented called a "concert." For these concerts, each church presents selects from among her members those with talent who then give a recitation, sing a favorite song, etc.

At each concert there is a master of ceremonies and always some "joker" in the audience who employs the "right" to stop a performer in the middle of his selection by sending a donation up to the M. C. Even though the performer knows exactly what is happening, he must hunt it up and look terrified. The facial expressions of some managers make to conjure up are priceless and the audience soon dubs the conductor up with laughter. At this point the audience must collect enough money to cover the "stop donation" and allow the performer to finish his selection.

Proceeds from this particular concert, along with the money raised during the earlier part of the day, will all be forwarded to the Women’s Board contribution to the work of the General Conference in Jamaica. As always, the fair was a worthwhile time of fun and fellowship for all attending and participating.

"If a man is not certain that God is there, that His Son is real and that the Son saves, he will be better to be a self-respecting skeptic than an apologetic propounder of hesitating suggestions which are as pebbles to the hungry multitude."

Youth is perplexed about the merit of faith. Without, many may ask, "What should I believe?" It is very natural that they should ask this when they are confronted with Christendom split into innumerable churches, sects, cults and "isms." They sigh, "Which one is right?"

No wonder they are impatient with organized religion as they see it. They are intolerant of dogma and doctrines, but they yearn for an assured faith. They want something reliable and which is in their reason believing. They demand a gospel which is not nebulous but definite; not vague but virtually authoritative and not of uncertainty but of a sure faith. They will always listen to anyone who speaks with a note of assurance. That is why personal witness is so powerful today. When we can say with apostle Paul, "I know whom I believed," and when we can speak of the reality of Christ’s saving power in our own lives, when we can declare that "we have seen and do testify," we find our message "gets across."

Such witness has in it the authentic note. It rings true what modern youth wants more than that.

But that is just the wonder of the gospel. It has been tried and proved in the first of experience, and verified in life time and again as the ONE sure and certain remedy for the ills of the soul of man. No one succeeds in evangelism who cannot speak with authority. The world is tired of uncertainties. They surround us on and from every side. Vague ideas and unfilled aspirations leave men cold, but they will listen when the preacher speaks out of a deep and profound conviction, viz., The Truth of the Word of God.

Hence, the need for our youth now is unfailing faith in the Word of God and in the Scriptures.
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEM CHURCH CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF 21 MEMBERS

SALEM, W. Va.—The Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church recently held special services to honor those members who have belonged to the church for fifty years or more. Twenty-one were present who have belonged for fifty years or more (see photo).

Pastor Paul Green and Dr. Melvin Nida conducted a series of Bible studies on Sabbath Philosophy. Many were blessed by these special studies and the church members joined for the “Great Hour of Sharing” with a guest speaker, Rev. Socrates Thompson.

Greg Karnick is a student at Salem College.

One evening the Adult Sabbath School classes sponsored a roller-skating party. Our church basketball team held a covered dish dinner for the players, cheerleaders, coaches, pastors and families. Tim Ash won the award for good sportsmanship. We are very proud of Tim and all the boys on our team.

There was an old-fashioned box social sponsored by the High School VP. An evening of music and other talents followed the dinner.

The Madagascar Singers from Salem College presented a program at the 100th church service, and our church choir sang at the rededication of the Middle Island S.D.B. church in New Milton, W. Va. Our choir also participated with the college choir and West Virginia University Symphonette in presenting a concert at Underwood Armory.

—June Kenyon

NEW DEACON IS ORDAINED

PLAINFIELD, N. J.—The ordination of Linford Walters as deacon on June 21 was attended by many from the New York City Fellowship, by seven delegates from Shiloh and Marla-Ron, and by seminary students who were enrolled in the Summer Institute. Those who took part in the service besides Mr. Walters, who gave his personal testimony and related his Christian experience, were John Phil, Robert Batcock, Patricia Thompson, Elders Alton Wheeler and Herbert Saunders, and Deaconess Anna North. All the ordained persons present participated in the laying on of hands, led by the Rev. Socrates Thompson, leader of the New York Fellowship Deacon Louis Schauble of Shiloh, Deacons Frank Cranum and Jonathan Davis and Deaconesses Lucy Davis of Marlboro, and Deaconesses Helen Green of Milton, and Deaconesses Anna North.

The fellowship dinner was followed by a discussion of the World Council of Churches, led by General Secretary Alton Wheeler.

Under the capable leadership of Barbara Saunders and Michael Parker, the musical “Lightsight” was inspiringly presented on Wednesday evening, and a series of Bible Study and prayer meetings led by Elder Saunders is planned for Friday evenings starting July 11.

We are proud of the fact that Norma McAllister is on the SCSC team this summer.

—Ruth Hunting Parker

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The presuppositions and practical realities of contemporary ecumenism are assessed comprehensively, candidly and critically in this scholarly book. The author asserts that "It is not unreasonable to view denominational pluralism as beneficial and generally necessary to help sustain a free political society. It represents a partial guarantee against the domination of society by large and single religious or ideological bodies." Beach's main concern is that ecumenical organizations like the World Council of Churches, which advocates religious liberty secretariat in 1968, may place unity above liberty, thus endangering the principle of religious liberty we now enjoy. "There is the danger that religious liberty will lose its unique and fundamental character, and simply be considered as one among many human rights." This is wrong, he says, because "religious liberty has a social significance and therefore this combination of the spiritual and social dimensions makes religious liberty the foundation and bulwark of all other human freedoms." —Church and State

The Denominational Dateline

AUGUST 3-8 Commission Sessions Riverside, Calif.
AUGUST 10-16 General Conference Asuza Pacific College Asuza, Calif.
AUGUST 17-21 Past Conference Session Ministerial Students Dean Herbert Saunder Los Angeles, Calif.
AUGUST 22-24 Dutch Conference Sessions Haarlem, Netherlands

September 14-20
Evangelist Myron Soper Haddon Day Baptist Church Westerly, R. I.

September 21-26 Planning Committee Plainfield, N. J.

Corporate Meeting The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the election of members and officers of the Board of Trustees and for transacting other business as may properly come before the society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J., Sunday, September 16, 1975.

FEEDING THE LAMBS

(Continued from page 6) the pride of education can become poor ground for good seed.

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Teen-Age Alcoholism (Continued from page 14)
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Denominational Executives List Reasons for Church Growth

Wheaton, Ill. — At a time when most mainline denominations are reporting losses in membership nationally, other more conservative denominations recorded significant gains, according to a report in the spring issue of United Evangelical Action.

Executive heads of six representative denominations of the National Association of Evangelicals announced membership gains from 3.5 percent to 37 percent during last year. In commenting on the reasons listed by the leaders for growth trends within their denominations, a consensus can be summed up as a person-centered ministry or nurturing.

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INABILITY TO BE ME!

Nuns are leaving their religious orders at an alarming rate, according to a national study on why sisters leave their communities. The usual reason is a buildup of tensions. "Inability to be me," is continually being checked as an explanation. Priests have been leaving at the rate of 5.6 percent, decreasing from 60,000 to 56,000, but the count of sisters has dropped 22 percent, or 181,000 to 140,000.

Dr. John P. Koval, chairman of the De Paul University sociology department, along with Franciscan Sister Margaret Mary Moddle were the coordinators of the study which received responses from 1,402 former nuns.

Sister Elizabeth Carroll of the District of New York, has stated that "Women continue to be treated within Church structures as non-persons, or at best as part-persons ... only through the formal acknowledgment of the equality of women in the ministry will the ministry be renewed."

Lone Sabbathkeepers!

You are needed at Conference. Plan your vacation in California, reunite with old friends, and be aware of denominational happenings — it does affect you!

Soper, Wheeler Attend Institute

Madison, Wis. — The Rev. Alton Wheeler, Seventh Day Baptist General Secretary, and the Rev. Myron Soper, Director of Evangelism, attended a two-week orientation clinic of the Bethel Series, an international Bible study program administered by the Adult Christian Education Foundation. The Series is in its sixteenth year.

Orientation clinics are attended by pastors and Christian education directors, who return to their churches to train lay teachers. The teachers, in turn, present an overview study of Scriptures to adult members, which is the foundation for continuing study.

Rev. Wheeler and Rev. Soper were auditing the course at the invitation of the Adult Christian Education Foundation for the purpose of evaluating the Series for possible recommendation to Seventh Day Baptist churches and ministers.

Since 1959, more than 3,500 congregations, representing seven (7) denominations, have involved over half a million lay teachers and students in the Bethel Series.

Rev. Wheeler and Rev. Soper are pictured here with a poster from the first New Testament lesson of the Bethel Series, "The Fullness of Time." The poster is one of forty visual aids used to acquaint students and teachers with major Biblical themes.
BOWERS.—Beuna Davis, daughter of Oscar and Rachel Van Horn Davis, was born at Melrose, Iowa, and died at Homestead Union Church, Westmoreland Sunday, May 21, 1975 after a brief illness.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bowers at Duncanville, W. T., on July 21, 1925. She leaves her husband, the Rev. James lounge, who still survives and is father of Herbert Davis, and a brother, George Blivin, of Edgerton, and a sister, Alice Barsness of Edgerton, and Mary Alice, who died in 1923. Mabel had four children: Rev. Arlie Davis, Wilmer, Rex Bowers at Edgerton; and Rachel Van Horn Davis, who died in 1923. Mabel had four children:

- Erma, was born March 16, 1912. They had one daughter, Milton Bowers at Washington, D. C., on April 3, 1975.
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OWN BUDGET RECEIPTS FOR JUNE 1975

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WHAT IS EVANGELISM

"Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."

What Is Evangelism?

It is the sob of God.

It is the anguish cry of Jesus as He weeps over a doomed city.

It is the cry of Paul: "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren."

Evangelism is the heart-wringing plea of Moses:

"Oh, these people have sinned . . . yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin — and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written."

Evangelism is the cry of John Knox:

"Give me Scotland or I die."

It is the declaration of John Wesley: "The world is my parish."

It is the prayer of Billy Sunday:

"Make me a giant for God."

It is the sob of the parent in the night weeping over a prodigal child.

Evangelism is the secret of a great church, of a great preacher, of a great Christian.

Evangelism is one of the most pressing needs of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Lord, send a revival — and let it begin in me!

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A WRITER'S PRAYER

It's about this typewriter of mine, Father. When I strike a certain key, I notice that the bar comes up and strikes the ribbon, and the identical letter I selected appears on the copy paper. Why can't I be like that?

What I'm asking for is power and wisdom to carry out your will in my life.

I know that except you inhabit the journalist, he labors in vain that writes.

Except you over work the story, the typewriter clacketh but in vain.

Help me to write what you wish me to write, and to leave it at that: no more, no less. Through Jesus Christ, the author and finisher of our salvation.

—Adapted

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AUGUST 1975

The Sabbath Recorder
Escaped from kidnappers, a seventeen-year-old girl cries and blubbers hysterically as her mother guides her to the family car. She cares not that TV cameras are pointed at her, casting her image before an entire nation. She seems unaware of the stares of bystanders. The magnitude of escape from danger and destruction overwhelms her. Emotional and physical reserve are abandoned.

No one criticizes. Many weep with her.

In the split second before the final buzzer, a basketball player swooshes the ball through the net on a long shot, and a crowd erupts into a volcano of ecstasy — screaming, pounding, jumping.

No one is embarrassed. The crowd is overcome.

A young man tearfully walks up a church aisle to kneel at the altar. A sudden revelation has moved him to repentance: “Jesus, the Son of God, maker of the universe, guider of the stars, creator of complex man, monarch of heaven, became poor that I might be rich! For me — for me — He gave everything. I want to know Him!”

Two people quietly kneel by him, one on either side. The congregation of three hundred people disperse. A few pause to look. Most engage in subdued chatter about Madge’s new baby, Harold’s accident, the sale at Sears, and then go home to eat their TV dinners and watch the game.

In heaven, angels rejoice.

by Nina E. Beegle