A Week of Prayer
January 7-13, 1979

JANUARY 13 DESIGNATED
"WORLD FEDERATION DAY"

Sabbath, January 13, 1979, has been designated as the first "World Federation Day," according to a recent announcement from Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Officials of the body expressed hope that it would become a significant event in the year for Seventh Day Baptists, focusing their attention on the "Week of Prayer," and on the worldwide fellowship and mission of Seventh Day Baptists.

National conventions and their leaders, and local churches and their pastors and lay leaders, are urged to plan appropriate activities of recognition for that day, including special presentations about Seventh Day Baptists around the world. Specific suggestions and materials will be distributed by the executive committee.

Finally, but significantly, churches and conventions around the world are requested to designate a special offering January 13 in support of World Federation-funded projects. Projects voted by the body in its recent meeting in the United States included a special evangelistic thrust in Brazil, a special program to establish contact among scattered Seventh Day Baptist churches and individuals in Europe, and church and camp construction projects in Burma, Great Britain, Malawi, South Africa, and Guyana. Some of these projects have already received funds from the World Federation treasury, but others, including the Brazilian and European efforts, await gifts to the federation.

Seventh Day Baptists around the world are urged to consider the World Federation and contribute to its ministry on its day, January 13.
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TIED?

TRY THIS REMEDY

You come to the end of the week's work worn out, thoroughly exhausted, ready to drop!

Your body is bone-weary, full of the effects of fatigue. The thought of expending energy is, to say the least, distasteful. In fact, you seem to have used up all your energy so there is none left to expend. Any physical exertion at all seems too much. You're all played out, "dog-tired!"

Your mind is tired too. It's sluggish and you can't think clearly. It's hard to make decisions, and as for reasoning something out, it just seems impossible. Any mental application appears like too much effort. You're tired—"all done out!"

But there's a remedy! God knew that a week of work would bring about these results, and made provision for recuperation from tiredness. He set aside a day for the effects of fatigue to wear off—a day on which to lay aside the everyday duties and tasks—a day for rest.

Rest! How inviting that sounds! How blessed at the end of the week to lay down the burden of the daily round of work, to shut up shop, to put aside all the toil and stress and worry of making a living—to relax and gain one's strength.

Perhaps you feel that you can't afford to do that. You have so many financial demands, so many expenses, so many payments to make that you can't think of taking a day off every week. That's taking a short view of the matter. It has been proved over a period of time a person working six days per week is sapping his energy, breaking down his body, and actually shortening his life. The "divine rhythm of a healthy life" is six days work and one day rest.

So, if you are tired, try this remedy! Take your Sabbath rest as God intended and as He commands. After your six days' work, lay off on the seventh. It will pay off in the long run. "The Sabbath was made for man," said Jesus. That is, it was made for his physical, mental, moral, and spiritual welfare.

The soul gets tired too—tired of carrying the burden of sin. That is the portion of everyone, for "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Accompanying the load of sin is a burden of guilt. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." There is a remedy for this tiredness, too—a relief from this soul-weariness. Jesus says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Yes, there is a rest for tired souls. So, if you are tired of the load of your sin, "Cast your burden on the Lord"—unload all your soul-weariness on Him and rest in His redeeming love.

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REV. LOUIS RICHARD CONRADI

1856-1939

Last month we shared with you a portion of a tribute written about the Rev. Richard Louis Conradi, German Seventh-day Baptist leader in the thirties. The article appeared in the March number of the Sabbath-Keeping Recorder and was penned by Dr. Corliss Fitz Randolph, founder of the S.D.B. Historical Society and then president of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

In this final section of the original article Randolph shows that Conradi was a man of many accomplishments in several areas of Christian ministry. This story of Conradi’s life and work we feel will benefit every Seventh-day Adventist, as early as early 1932, when he returned to this country to arrange for a formal separation from the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination. Naturally, its leaders were much grieved; but offered him the usual retirement allowance granted their superannuated leaders, if he would remain silent and refrain from any activity by way of propagation of his new views. But he declined the offer. He was committed to preach the “everlasting Gospel” so long as the Lord should give him mental and physical vigor. Besides, he felt duty bound to make public his reasons for this new step, and to give aid and comfort to the many hundreds of Seventh-day Adventists who had come to hold views similar to his own.

Through the intervention of Elder Evans, Conradi was ultimately awarded a year’s salary, after finally severing his ties with the Seventh-day Adventists, upon which he was given “sustentation” (retirement allowance). Thanking him “for the outcome of your healed mind,” the council was called, and made a very full statement as to the several questions concerning which it was desirous to have his full and satisfactory replies to various points raised by members of the council. At the expression of these views without a dissenting voice, passed a favorable vote on all the questions involved. Thus he became a member in full and regular standing in the Adams Center church; and was given full recognition, also, as a duly accredited Seventh-day Baptist minister, by the General Conference.

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returns to labor in Germany

Happy in his new church relationships, and after a visit of some weeks among friends and relatives in this country, he returned to his home in Hamburg, Germany, to give solace and comfort to many friends there, who, like himself, had been themselves out of harmony with their former church relationships. At once here he began organizing the General Conference, and in 1939, there were twenty-seven (27) churches in number, with a total membership of 333. Our church at Irvington, N.J., with a membership of thirty-eight (38), is of this class, though not included in the twenty-seven churches named above.

All this was accomplished without any proselyting. He went only where he was invited to go, and accepted for church membership only those who asked for the privilege; and at all times he scrupulously refrained from entering a Seventh-day Adventist church.

PUBLICATION WORK BEGUN

A great believer in the use of the printed page, early in this new work, he established a small monthly magazine, entitled “Wahrheit - Licht - Leben” (Truth - Light - Life). Besides gospel messages and other relevant matter, this magazine contained the Sabbath School lessons, month by month, prepared by Doctor Conradi, for its German readers.

In traveling he was not always mindful of his physical welfare as much as his spiritual. He would have dictated. Was he going on an ocean voyage? Ampule funds were provided, but he would choose comfort as a second class passenger on one of the largest of the ocean-going liners. He had been a Spartan third class, lacking in the ordinary comforts of a sea voyage. He would not have a minimum of appointments of convenience. Thus he saved the difference in cost “for the good of the cause.” A similar habit characterized his land travel, and for the same purpose. A laudable purpose, certainly. But this was the one type of thing in which his other wise good judgment appeared to have been somewhat biased. He seems often to have failed to realize that his service for the Master, whom he so dearly loved and whom he served so faithfully and efficiently, could best be given through a faithfully conserving his physical well-being.

On the other hand, many of his experiences, of necessity, subjected him to undue strain.

returns to america

In the summer of 1934, he again visited this country and attended...
They found Bud lying on a sofa in a pool of blood. The ambulance came and took him away. He died before midnight. He was 58. His bleeding resulted from cirrhosis of the liver. "It's common among alcoholics," the doctor said. "I didn't know Bud was an alcoholic," said a neighbor. "He was such a nice, gentle man." "Oh, you knew. We all knew," said the man's wife. "We just never did anything about it."

Alcoholism is the United States' number three health problem, behind cancer and heart disease. The National Council on Alcoholism (NCA) estimates at least 10 million Americans are alcoholics. For each alcoholic, NCA estimates four other persons are directly affected. Baptists are not immune to this national problem costing billions of dollars and creating thousands of disrupted, ruined lives.

A 1977 survey of teen-agers attending Ridgeview Baptist Conference Center found 41.6 percent of the respondents knew a family member—mother, sibling, grandparent—with a drinking problem.

A similar survey of Woman's Missionary Union workers revealed 63.6 percent knew a family member with a drinking problem; 37.6 percent knew members of their churches with drinking problems.

Experts—Baptists and others—say it won't help to pretend there's no problem. Alcoholics often are surrounded by friends and family who do more harm than good in the "conspiracy of silence": the seven-year-old daughter doesn't mention it to her schoolmates; the wife picks up bounced checks and makes them good; the co-worker punches in for his buddy one more time.

"The number one problem in dealing with alcoholism is denial (of the problem's existence)," says Wade Hopkin, chief therapist at Ridgeview Institute, Smyrna, Ga. To break through, counselors use "tough love." Tough love attacks the disease, not the person.

"We used to think a guy had to hit bottom before he could be helped," says Hopkin. "But we know there are two areas a guy will fight for—one is his job, the other is relations with his spouse. When people are out on the job and the family both say, 'We're not going to allow this anymore—you need help, you can start there.'"

For tough love to work, it takes the combined effort of everyone around the alcoholic. Some pastors have a helpless,ムex，even scornful feeling, based on faulty understanding of alcoholism. They can recite stories of telephone calls for help at all hours; alcoholics who used them once too often; frustrating counseling situations. Some confusion comes from an unclear definition of alcoholism, its causes and cures.

The alcoholic's physical and emotional makeup differs from that of people who do not develop the disease. Some workers in the alcoholism field compare the disease to diabetes, where hereditary factors make one person more susceptible. Yet predisposition is only a partial cause. Push-pull demands of one's environment, psychological empty spaces in a person's life—these, too, contribute.

A former pastor now running a rehabilitation camp for alcoholics in Florida argues, "The medical and government approach is that alcoholism is a disease, and that's true in that it's irreversible. But alcoholism is a lifestyle, a coming to me and my vomit, me and my DA. It's the opposite of walking in the spirit. Something is missing."

To recognize alcoholism as a disease does not relieve a person of responsibility for his or her condition. Alcoholism's disease does not relieve a person of responsibility for his or her condition. It does, however, enable alcoholics to regain their self-esteem, yet seek medical help.

Too, Christian sensitive to alcoholics' medical needs will not fall into the trap of thinking love and understanding alone can work a cure. "That's how the alcoholic gets to the Christian. He says, 'If you love me, you'll still nurture me and my vomit; me and my dependency,'" says Ridgeview's Hopkin.

Hopkin urges people not to "buy into" this revolving door pattern, for caretaking only runs a dreary, hopeless cycle. Because an alcoholic can drain a minister's time and energy, one counselor advocates bringing in agencies equipped to help, while continuing to counsel the alcoholic's family.

To effect a lasting cure, many alcoholics join people with who understand. Among the most successful groups is A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous), with more than one million members. Many churches have opened their facilities to A.A. meetings. But the decision needs to be a total church commitment. One Baptist church in Memphis allowed A.A. to use its basement, then balked when church members learned about "all that cigarette smoke and all those butts" in the room. (Recovering alcoholics do seem to drink coffee and to smoke inordinate amounts. But lately, non-smoking A.A. groups have sprung up.) Churches can help through education. The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's Christian Social Ministries Department sponsors awareness conferences.

Awareness and education are especially needed for young people. The younger the better. The softer approach may be more effective than traditional hardline attitudes—"Thou shalt not!" toward alcohol consumption. Two studies indicate anti-alcohol religious groups produce more alcoholics among their drinking members than do other denominations.

While not as many Baptists as Catholics or Lutherans drink, from every 100 drinking Baptists come more alcoholics than from 100 drinkers of any group studied.

Many people believe Christians have "something special to offer" in relating to alcoholics—the message of hope for the human condition, the potential for rebirth. Christians, unfortunately, aren't always able to translate into action that message of hope.

"The biggest job we have," says Harold Wilcox of the Christian Social Ministries Department, is "changing the attitude of the minister and the congregation. When this attitude is changed from one of condemnation to one of love and care, the alcoholic can be helped."

By Elaine Furlow is book editor for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

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When I consider the heavens at night, the black velvet sky sprinkled with diamond stars, Then I wonder, to myself, Who is man, that all this beauty Is created for his enjoyment? As the psalmist says— "When I consider thy heavens, The work of thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" And yet we, Little though we are In God's great plan, Have been chosen to have dominion over all. Over all the beasts of the field, And all the birds of the air, And everything that moves in the depths of the sea. We have done nothing to deserve all this, We, the lost-created sinful beings. And yet God, of His infinite, encompassing love, Has made us "a little lower than the angels" And has crowned us with glory and honor. May His name be praised!

-Laure Leigh Bevo
Plainfield, NJ
age 10

Christmas is the time for a mass of white snow. A time of joy that everybody should know. A joy because of a Jesus' boy. A time of skating, not raking. Maybe even a skate date! A time of sleighing not laying. It's a time for Santa Claus. So don't pause. Well, bye now, and oh... Happy New Year!

-Greg Paquin
South Plainfield, NJ
age 10

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The world from my eyes is a beautiful thing, full of life, breath, love and kindness. But to some it is full of hatred, sorrow and pain. It is that way to them because they do not show the love and kindness others want. Others keep themselves boxed up and away from the world, because one person, maybe even two or three, were unkind to them. So, they in turn show hatred toward everyone. I try to be as kind as I possibly can. Therefore I have many friends to comfort me when I am hurt or sorrowed. Now don't you think the world would be a better place if each of us could be kind to one another? Follow Jesus, my friend, and He will help you to be kind to others.

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**Multiplication of Ministries**

**Seventh Day Baptists are committed to growth—numerically and spiritually!**

Evidences of that growth already abound. New churches are being established. Converts are being added to the denomination. Members are demonstrating new life in Christ.

The recently established General Council is taking seriously the mandate of General Conference to proceed toward implementing "full-circle administration" and to plan for increasing by twice all facets of denominational life during the 1980's.

At its October meeting, the General Council affirmed the following statement of purpose: "As Seventh Day Baptist Christians, we are called to glorify God (ultimate purpose). This is done as we fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord (stated purpose). Our immediate objective is to discover and fulfill our mini-missions highlighted as Commitment to Growth. This means specific growth goals—for us as individuals, for our churches and for the ministry we have to the world (immediate objective)."

In order to help analyze potential growth patterns and to evolve an appropriate mechanism for using and coordinating the denomination's full resources, the Council has established three major resource sub-committees: Extension, Nurture, Support Services—the dimensions of "full-circle" administration. Each committee is at-large members from the denomination as well as employed executives from the agencies.

An Executive Committee has also been formed composed of the Conference president, who serves as chairman of the Council; the vice-president; and an at-large member. In addition to the usual functions of such a committee, the Executive Committee will handle financial and budgetary advisement and personnel evaluation.

The Council will meet again in April. In the meantime, the sub-committees are engaged in study, with the special assistance of the employed executives who form (with the executive secretary of General Conference) a Coordinating Leadership team. The CLT meets monthly at denominational headquarters in Plainfield.

At its December meeting, the CLT spent considerable time in reviewing and attempting to clarify organizational relationships in the proposed denominational structure. The Team also concentrated on visualizing the "multiplication of ministries" in the coming decade. A number of other assignments were on the agenda and will be continued through subsequent meetings. Reports are being prepared for consideration by the General Council, referral to the related agencies for suggestions; and, ultimately, to the denomination as well as to the churches and General Conference for review, refinement and approval.

A number of factors became clear as denominational leaders, working on plans for the future, seek guidance and wisdom by frequent prayer; by struggling in discussion and debate with changing concepts; by consulting with friendly, sympathetic, and understanding observers; and by studying successful methods being used by other church groups.

The following observations become a part of the current milieu: "New organization, to be viable, has to give unity. ""The proposed structure has the potential for molding individual denominational programs more effectively and efficiently, with the desire to do the total job together."

"Centralization of management need not and should not mean centralization of authority or control."

"Reorganization needs to be completed so we can spend more time on programs and less on administration."

"The desire is to involve church people in recommitment as a primary part of the reorganization process."

"Christian renewal, spiritual growth and evangelistic outreach go hand in hand."

One Baptist denomination, which has also set out to "Double in a Decade," indicates that its mission will be achieved only when each church and member fulfills three objectives:

(continued on page 26)
The old fisherman sat beneath the huge oak tree...everyone admired his persistence and devotion to fishing.

"Of course not! Do you think I would offend any of those nice fish by dangling a skewed worm before them? Honestly! What a terrible thing to even think of! Those fish have lived in this stream for years. That would not be giving them a fair lot. If they want to be caught, they will come by themselves. I simply will not stoop to using such vulgar, common means. Who do you think you are, anyway?"

He drew in his line again and laid it up on the bank. "No one has ever dured to question the ways of this stream before. Everyone knows what upstanding citizens the fishermen of our community have been over the centuries. They are all held in high esteem. We all follow grandfather’s example to the tee. He never said a mean word to anyone. He always took his family fishing every Sabbath morning. He helped his neighbors with their chores and served sixty-three years on the Volunteer Fish Patrol. No sir, no one can tell us about fishing! With people that sincere and good, they just have to be good fishermen."

"But you don’t need to catch fish to be a real fisherman?" asked the stranger.

Hank cleared his throat nervously and turned a little red. "Uh, yes, well, eh, I mean-so. But we are so sincere."

Jesus has called us to be "fishers of men."

Are we keeping our "pole" on the bank until we happen to see a "fish" jump?

Are we afraid we will offend people if we use the "bait" Christ has given us—blood salvation, (continued on page 26)

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and the widespread gathering and dissemination of research on child-related issues.

The International Year of the Child offers a rare opportunity to demonstrate that intensified public and governmental awareness of children's needs can lead to concrete action of immense and, above all, lasting benefit to mankind's future—its children. There is no sounder investment than the future of the child—and no greater responsibility for the adults of today. The great and promising potentials of the IYC require, deserve and depend upon the unreserved support of Governments, organizations and individuals.

The major legacy of the International Year of the Child can and should be a permanently higher level of concern with children and an intensified and continuing attention to services benefitting them on the part of Governments and the public alike.

As a part of the Christian community, Seventh Day Baptists should become active in promoting the welfare of children. Information concerning cooperative services among organizations with similar child-related concerns in the U.S. and abroad may be exchanged. Federal legislation benefitting the child nationally and internationally can be supported by expressing personal views to State and National representatives and senators.

Sabbath Schools and Youth Groups are natural places to encourage self-expression through the writing of poetry, stories and music. This and other art work could be exhibited in the church and other public buildings.

Celebrations which include film festivals, story telling, plays, folk dances, craft fairs, song fests and international games would encourage knowledge and appreciation of children in other countries.

Look around, see the needs of children and youth of your community, combine love and action to help them develop into responsible Christian citizens.

YOUTH CONCERNS

In his book entitled Try Giving Yourself Away, published by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Mr. David Dunn tells of the gratifying experiences that have resulted from this practice.

"Your giving-away will, of course, have to be done in your own individual way, based on the things you have to give.

Fortunately each of us has a different assortment of gifts, so there could never be anything standardized about giving-away, even though every one of us were to take up the hobby. Some of us have spare time; others have surplus mental or physical energy; others have a special art, skill or talent; still others have ideas, imagination, the ability to organize, the gift of leadership.

All of us give appreciation, kindness, interest, loyalty, understanding, encouragement, tolerance—and a score of other little portions of ourselves. Each of us should "major" in the items in which we are "long," and fill in with the others.

Perhaps you will catch the idea faster if I explain how I practice my hobby.

If I particularly enjoy a book, a magazine article, or a play, I write a note to the author, telling him or her of my enjoyment. Sometimes I receive an appreciative acknowledgement; more often I do not. It doesn't matter in the least; I am not collecting autographs; I am just keeping my giving-away machinery in good working order.

One Sunday afternoon I felt to thinking of an elderly gentleman in failing health whom I had not seen for a long time.

"Why not surprise him by calling him up?" I asked myself.

"I was thinking of you and I wanted to have a little chat." I explained when he came to the phone. We had an enjoyable five-minute visit.

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His wife told me, a few days later, that my call had done more for him than a whole bottle of his tonic. "You know," she explained, "the telephone almost never rings for him anymore."

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Tiny episodes, all of these; but they are collectors' items in my hobby of giving myself away.

You may do such things yourself, quite naturally, without stopping (continued on page 19)

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YOUTH FELLOWSHIP STUDY

It's your basic terms of engagement, then, how can we make it happen? Here is a discussion and study.

Marriage laws then and now

"Modern" sexuality

Eternal life—living water

Make a drama—role play

Practice asking about questions to start a conversation

About Jesus with a non-Christian

Spend two minutes talking to a non-Christian about Jesus.

Make a study of ways of finding and getting water in our country, in Jesus' time and now. How can we help?

YOUTH CONCERNS

In his book entitled Try Giving Yourself Away, published by Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Mr. David Dunn tells of the gratifying experiences that have resulted from this practice.

"Your giving-away will, of course, have to be done in your own individual way, based on the things you have to give.

Fortunately each of us has a different assortment of gifts, so there could never be anything standardized about giving-away, even though every one of us were to take up the hobby. Some of us have time; others have surplus mental or physical energy; others have special art, skill or talent; still others have ideas, imagination, the ability to organize, the gift of leadership.

All of us give appreciation, kindness, interest, loyalty, understanding, encouragement, tolerance—and a score of other little portions of ourselves. Each of us should "major" in the items in which we are "long," and fill in with the others.

Perhaps you will catch the idea faster if I explain how I practice my hobby.

If I particularly enjoy a book, a magazine article, or a play, I write a note to the author, telling him or her of my enjoyment. Sometimes I receive an appreciative acknowledgement; more often I do not. It doesn't matter in the least, I am not collecting autographs; I am just keeping my giving-away machinery in good working order.

One Sunday afternoon I fell in thinking of an elderly gentleman in failing health whom I had not seen for a long time.

"Why not surprise him by calling him up?" I asked myself.

"I was thinking of you and I wanted to have a little chat," I explained when he came to the phone. We had an enjoyable five-minute visit.

His wife told me a few days later, that my call had done more for him than a whole bottle of his tonic.

“You know,” she explained, “The telephone almost never rings for him anymore.

Tiny episodes, all of these; but they are collectors' items in my hobby of giving myself away.

You may do such things yourself, quite naturally, without stopping (continued on page 19)

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Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

WHY you should renew your membership for 1979...

1. You will be contributing to the $25,000 which must be raised in 1979 for designated gifts in order to meet the Missionary Societies' trip ($18,000).

2. Your church will receive the credit for your gift in their own giving in 1979.

3. You will receive regular mailings which will keep you abreast of the latest developments in the Lord's work through J.D.B. Media and will notify you of the Annual Meeting in March 1979.

WHY you should give a gift membership to...

The SDB Church Superintendent, SDB Church Treasurer, Missionary Layworker, Chairman of the Missions and/or Evangelism Committee, Prayer Partner, Leaders in church organizations (Women, Men's or Youth Groups), students... to name a few... see how many others you can come up with!

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THE NEW GENERATION
WILL IT BE WON TO CHRIST?

Christians in local churches are making the decision NOW!

— by their commitment to Christ
— by their contribution to His ministries
— by their communication of the Gospel
the General Conference, at Salem, W. Va. Following this, he made a visit to friends in the midwest and other parts of the country, at the same time reaching as many of our churches as reasonably possible, about two in number; in New Jersey, West Virginia, Nebraska, Michigan, New York, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, preaching or conducting Bible studies on every available occasion, sometimes as often as three times a day. In his Reminiscences, he writes,

"This I became acquainted with several thousand Seventh Day Baptists, and especially the many young people in Salem and Milton Colleges, and at Alfred University. My first blessed experience was the organization of the first German Seventh Day Baptist Church, at Irvington, N.J., by George W. Rolfe, our pastor, with nearly forty members; and it was arranged that some of us could assist in the ordination of Pastor Stoll, at Maplewood, N.J., to preach the Gospel in the public schools.

Of his visit to Rhode Island, he says, "Rhode Island will always remain a happy remembrance"; for here was the home of the first Seventh Day Baptists in America. In the early months of 1836, the seventeen-year-old student, with his brother Thomas, came to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Cambridge, Mass., where he had fondly hoped that he might make one more visit to this country, and bring this young disciple with him, to attend General Conference and visit among the churches, as related above. In this he was unhappily disappointed. The young life had entered upon his missionary work in Germany; but on the outbreak of military hostilities, he was called into the colors; and, at the last report, was still so engaged.

As the apostle Paul wrote to his beloved son, Timothy, so did our saintly friend often say in these last few years that he was now ready to come, years that would be full of life. Most of his years he lived in Richmond and was a loyal member of the local Seventh Day Baptist Church for forty years. In 1933 he was married to the former Elizabeth L. M. Shea, who died in 1960. He is survived by a foster daughter, Mrs. Malcolm C. (Beverly) Allen of Webster, N.Y.; four grandchildren; a sister Mrs. Blanche Clarke of Richmond; and a brother, Dr. G. G. Conradi of New York City.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. E. F. Williams, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, in Richmond, on January 17, 1938, with burial in the Richburg Cemetery.

C.R.D.

WILLIAMS. — Henry Frank Williams, Sr., 79, died after a brief illness on November 17, 1974, in Denver, Colorado. He was born February 18, 1899, in Morrison, Colorado, attending school at Morrison and Boulder.

On October 6, 1919, he married Mary Hearn, To this union four children were born: Henry Williams, Jr., of Aurora, Colo.; Louise (Mrs. Loren) Pace, of Leadville, Colo.; Doris (Mrs. Donald) Widman, of Denver, Colo.; and Bernice (Mrs. William) Padock, of Englewood, Colo.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Williams, of Denver; their four children, ten grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Williams' occupation was maintaining pipe organs and reed instruments. He was for many years in the employ of the Denver Public Schools. He was a member of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held on November 24, at 9 a.m., at Morrison, Colo., with his pastor, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, officiating. Interment was at Crown Hill Cemetery, Lakewood, Colo.

E.F.W.
One of the greatest blessings of our lives is that we have, over and over again, a new year; a fresh start, to enrich our lives. Into the "land of beginning again" we go each time the year rolls around; and we know that the past is now past, and that the future is shining and clean ahead of us. Now we can do all the things we always wanted to do but didn't dare try. Why not, when we have all this time...twelve months, fifty-two weeks, three hundred and sixty-five days...what more do we need? Quickly we sit down with pen and paper and make a list of all we would like to accomplish, then put them into order so to order and prepare to GET GOING IN 1979!

But wait just a minute...am I really ready for this....

"Here it is, Lord, a new year. The old calendar is in the wastebasket all covered with notes, doodles, phone numbers and memos. The new one is up in its place and I am looking at it. It is so clean and beautiful, but it is awe-some; so much waiting for me to do. It is satisfying to think of the assignments, the dredging of tasks to do over and over again, and I feel like wagging my feet. But, Father, it isn't so much the work there is to do. Most of it I enjoy thoroughly; it's those surpises that life is likely to spring, when I am least prepared. So many things happen that we do not plan or want to happen. So I pray that you will strengthen me and help me when there are those "quick" decisions to make. Just enable me to know Your Will, and not to shrink when the decision is a difficult one. In spite of the possibility of surprises, disappointments or hardships, I do thank You with all my heart for this year that lies before me. I pray that You will give me more grace than before in my fellowship with others, more ease in expressing myself, more understanding for the hurts of others, and a great deal of forgiveness for my blunderings. Most of all I pray for those who need Your healing. Bless them and give them new life in the new year, as Your Holy Spirit works in their lives. As you have given me this gift of time, dear Father, may I use it to the glory of Your name. Amen."

The idea of "budgeting" our time is not a new one. It must be that we who have certain hours that are scheduled for "work" must be very careful as to how we use the hours that are "free." (Of course, these "free" hours are not really free—just "different.") An awareness of purpose and a plan for achievement of this purpose is necessary if there is any order in our living. We constantly hear the complaint, "I just do not have the time." On the other hand we hear, "If you want something done, ask a busy person to do it." "Time Management" is now considered an important study which any effective person in the professions should make his own. Even to children, time is becoming more and more important. I can remember when days just melted away in the dreamy summer-time, and one never knew which was Monday, or Wednesday...only the dreaded end of vacation was a concern...but now children are highly scheduled, even during vacation time, and it seems that there is never a time when they have "nothing at all to do." Yes, time is precious, and a gift from God who gives all precious gifts. There is imprinted on the door of a grandfather's clock that stands in the Chester Cathedral this poem:

When, as a child, I laughed and wept, Time crept.
When, as a youth, I dreamed and talked, Time walked.
When I became a full grown man, Time ran.
And later, as I older grew, Time flew.
Soon I shall find, while traveling on,
Time gone.
Will Christ have saved my soul by then? Amen."

We make a list of all we want to accomplish in the new year!

BROOKFIELD CHURCH WELCOMES RAU'S

BROOKFIELD, N.Y.—Pastor and Mrs. John Rau, newly arrived from California, were guests of honor on Sunday, Nov. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at an open house. The gathering was held in the First Baptist Fellowship Hall, Brookfield and included a program and refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Rau were guests of honor at a gathering held at the Seventh Day Baptist Parish House in Brookfield on Nov. 4. Following an early October wedding, the couple traveled across the country from California to assume the pastorate of the First and Second Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Brookfield.

This gathering was not only to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rau to the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptists but was also a reception honoring their recent marriage.

A brief welcoming speech was given by the children of the Brookfield church, after which each told his or her name and presented a small, useful token to the couple.

Harold Balcom, as spokesman for the joint organization of the two SDB churches presented a sum of money from the members to the bride and groom. Other gifts from guests were given.

Among those presiding at the refreshment table were Mrs. Elsie Croop, Mrs. Martha Mills and Mrs. Ruth Palmer.

To dispense pieces of the large wedding cake was Mrs. Frances L. Palmer who had provided the cake. Mrs. Barbara Harmon and Mrs. Patricia Welch were in charge of the details.

BROOKFIELD COURIER

PASTOR ATTENDS SEMINAR


This seminar consists of two parts: Preparing To Grow emphasizing a circle of evangelism—sowing-cultivating—harvesting—renewing; and Church Growth Through Bible Study and Scripture Distribution.

A good advantage of this plan is that it gives the prospect the opportunity to study and discuss Bible truth leading to the plan of salvation, so that intelligent decisions for Christ and commitment may be made.

The presentation of the Bible Study through the use of films includes four films covering in general the following questions:
1) What is the Bible all about, ending with the pointed inquiry, "Is There a God?"
2) Yes, there is a God, and you can know Him. This filmstrip ends with the question: "How can we know that God loves us, with all the problems and evil there is in the world?"
3) Where does evil come from, and what is the solution to it? If faith is so wonderful, why do Christians suffer?
4) Assurance of salvation and what victory means for the Christian.

With the filmstrip there is available at minimal cost a small projector with self-contained screen, convenient for study with family groups. Study guides are available in three booklets which lead the student progressively on from inquiry to assurance. Pastor Wheeler states "I recommend the "Touch of His Hand" material for use in evangelism in the community where there can be repeated calls." The World Home Bible League insists on thorough preparation for its use, and for this reason requires that teachers of this plan attend one of their seminars before they can secure the workshop manual and other material related to it. Their address is: 1601 Van Dam Road, South Holland, IL 60473.

MARRIAGES

DOUGLAS-BOCHARSKI—William Thomas Douglas, Jr., and Carol Ann Bockrath, who were united in marriage on October 6, 1978 at the home of the groom's parents in Brandwine, Md. Pastor Kenneth D. Chorlger officiated.

RAND-BURDICK—Richard Dan Rand, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rand of Kenos, WA, and Waynette Sue Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burdick of Albuquerque, N.M., were united in marriage on November 4, 1978, in the Eastern Hills Baptist Church. Rev. Charles D. Alred performed the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Aurora, CO.

THORNGATE-BEAMENDERFER—Date D. Thorngate, II, son of Dale D. Thorngate of Columbus, Ohio, and Darta Thorngate of Battle Creek, Michigan, was united in marriage to Cinde Beamer on November 18, 1978, by Mrs. Harold Beamenderfer of Columbus, Ohio, on October 14, 1978, at the Maize Manor Methodist Church in Columbus.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT NORTH JERSEY CHURCH

BASKING RIDGE, NJ—Pastor Kenneth Burdick led the congregation in a very meaningful service of thanking God on Sabbath, November 18. (A special anthem was presented by the choir under the direction) of Mary Jane McPherson. Thanksgiving boxes were prepared by the members and dedicated during the service; they were later shared with friends of the church. On Sunday a thanksgiving dinner was attended by forty with opportunity given for each to share some special blessing they had experienced during the year.

Pastor Burdick and Deacon Lloyd Coon led in a commissioning for Deacon John Bevis as he begins to serve the People's Christian Church (Sabbatarian) in New York City on once-a-month basis. The congregation misses Bob and Roslyn Vis who are wintering in Florida; the pastor is sending them the services on tape.

We are thankful to have Pastor and Mrs. Burdick with us and look forward to this new year of opportunity as together we seek to share the love of Christ with others in the vast area of North Jersey.

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We love because God loved us. 1 John 4:19

Madeleine Fitz Randolph

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1978, at the Maize Manor Methodist Church in Columbus.
New Church in California

Our pastor, Randy Henry, was born in 1948 in Long Beach, California. He graduated from San Pedro High School in 1966 and immediately joined the U.S. Air Force. He was stationed in Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Crete, Greece, and when discharged in 1970, travelled with his brother, Rod, for three months in Europe. He has worked for Xerox Corporation since 1971 as a Technical Representative and Support Supervisor.

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His wife, Carmen, was born in Casa Grande, Arizona, in 1946. She was number 14 of 15 children born to parents (11 brothers and sisters are still living). She grew up in Casa Grande, graduated from Casa Grande Union High School in 1964. She has been living in California since 1965. Carmen accepted the Lord as their Savior (at least, Kimberly believes that Jesus does live in her heart).• Betty Wear

The members of the Evangelical Community Church (SDB) are shown signing their church covenant on November 4. We welcome this new church into our fellowship!

EvangELICAL COMMUNITY SEVENTH-DAY BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZES

STANTON, CA.—On November 4, 1978, the Seventh Day Baptist Evangelical Community Church in Stanton, California, held its organizational Day to consecrate its beginning.

Present were 29 guests, along with 16 charter members. Darryl Henry acted as our Minister of Ministry and with his wife, Marjaneen, presented the special music. Rodney Henry gave the sermon, with consecration and challenge being given by Rev. Alton Whielock of Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Then charter members read and signed the Covenant, after which the letter of transfer of membership from the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church was read by Dr. Victor Burdock.

President of Pacific Coast Association, Mr. Al Whitlock, gave the prayer of dedication and welcome from Pacific Coast Association. Randy Henry closed services with "Personal Prayer." Mrs. Carmen Henry is shown handing the pen to Betty Wear.

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NEW FROM THE NORTONVILLE CHURCH

NORTONVILLE, KS.—With the passing of summer and all its church activities, camp, Pre-Con and Conference, the church family enjoyed an evening of songs and fun on August 25. Concluding the activities of the evening was a surprise presentation of a money tree to Pastor Paul in honor of his twenty-five years in the ministry. And we really did surprise him!

Regular church growth and planning meetings are held for planning, comparing, encouraging each other and praying together. On September 23 a meeting was held preceded by the ordination service of a worker east.

Dr. Ken Smith led our worship service September 30 while the pastor and family attended our Mid-Continent Association in North Loup, Nebraska.

The BIG EVENT was held the evening of October 28 with talent, audience participation, singing, door prizes and refreshments. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all as the Sabbath ended.

Lord’s Acie Sabbath was celebrated October 21. This year’s theme was “Personal Prayer.” The church was decorated with bouquets of fall grasses, grains, leaves and cattails. The worship table was covered with a harvest-colored cloth, centered with a small easel holding the picture of Christ in Gethsemane, ceramic aged praying hands, a child’s praying hands on a drab of brown, Tall red candle holders and candles, brown, covered with a drab of brown. The colors of gold aline, brown and red were used in the church. The good- ness all around us as we here in Kansas have enjoyed an especially beautiful fall season. The morning message explored the “Ten K’s” in a Personal Prayer Workshop. This week means to evaluate our own prayer habits and to be used any time during the day that can be set aside for devotions, reflection, meditation, reading and prayer.

“The Ten K’s” are RELAX—get comfortable and wait upon the Lord; REALIZE—the presence of God in our life; RELATE—time, emotions, mind and activities to God’s will; RELY—on God’s faithfulness; REMEMBER—concerns and persons close to each of us; READING—open the heart and mind to receive; SHUT OUT—oF other; other Christian; RECEIVE—shut out the world, receive His strength to do His will, RELIABLE—trust and obedience to God’s will; and REJOICE—the logical result of communion with God.

Helen Steiner Rice poems “Make This Your Daily Prayer” and “Prayers Can’t Be Answered Unless They Are Prayed” were read. Hymns used were “Sweet Hour of Prayer” and “Lord I Have Shut the Door.” During quiet organ music of “Keep on Praying” Lord’s Acie gifts were brought individually to the altar. A plan to receive music “in a united confession, and heartwarming united effort of pray- ing, consecration and concentrated prayer—so much that prayer and thanksgiving followed quickly in completion of the Lord’s work and in God’s will for our lives. • Mrs. Melvin Whielock

Scripture Gems

Favorite Bible verses selected by pastors and ministerial students.

Steven Crouch Sioux Falls, S.D.

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the author and perfector of faith, who for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and has set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1,2).

This passage has for a long time been a great deal to me, because there are very few passages of Scripture which have so much to say about the day-to-day life which the Christian must live. Here Paul states there is no compromising the fact that the Christian life is one of conflict. Is there anyone of us who does not experience a daily struggle with sin? But here we are shown the way through these struggles. And it is the very same way that all those mentioned in Hebrews 11 gained victory in their struggle with sin: to simply lay it aside, to get rid of anything that would slow us down and prevent us from having the very best that God has for us. We can do this because we are a people who know where we are going. We “fix our eyes on Jesus” because He is the source and the goal of our life. We can see Him now with eyes of faith because we know that we shall one day see Him face to face.

Therefore, let us also lay aside every encumbrance…” because on that great day, it will all be worthwhile.”

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SUNSHINE MOUNTAIN PROGRESS REPORT

CHATAWA, MS.—The exterior work on the Children’s Home is progressing. The interior work is being delayed because of the lateness in the insulation shipment. The dimensions of the building are 36’ and 96’ overall. The yard has been graded and gravelled.

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$4,000.00 The story of his diet has been printed in many newspapers in Louisiana and Mississippi, including a large article, complete with pictures, in the Sunday edition of the New Orleans Times-Picayune. Jack has been receiving letters by the dozens expressing interest in both the diet and Sunshine Mountain. The name of the game is to get people’s attention, to get the name Seventh Day Baptists before their eyes. Several hundred thousand people can no longer say, “I’ve never heard of that church before,” for now they’re heard! —Linda B. Hays

CHURCH TO CELEBRATE DIAMOND JUBILEE

BATTLE CREEK, MI.—Feeding the hungry was one of the concerns of our church this fall. Special gifts of canned goods and money were brought forward as love offerings during our September 30 worship service. These canned goods and money, plus those collected in the summer, were then given to a city “Emergency Food Pantry” to help families in need. Our church, together with two others, was responsible for supplying food to the “Pantry” for the month of October. Also in October, two of our young people, Laura Artis and Julie Noei, took part in a CROP Walk-A-Thon. They earned $30 in pledges for their eight-mile walk for the hungry. Church members were involved in an election campaign this year. The campaign, supported by many church groups, was to raise the Michigan drinking age back to 21. (Traffic figures have shown an increase in teen-age drunk driving accidents since the drinking age was lowered to 18 a few years ago.) Petitions secured by our Christian Social Action Committee and circulated and signed by church members, were instrumental in getting a proposal to raise the drinking age on the November ballot. A bake sale was held at Sears to raise money for MIFAC (Michigan Council on Alcoholic Problems) to help them carry on the campaign. Bumper stickers and posters were also distributed. All efforts were rewarded. The proposal passed. The CSA Committee also provided bulletin inserts listing all eleven proposals which would appear on the ballot to aid church members in their voting.

Our Evangelism Committee has begun two new programs for outreach. The TREAiSURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, a Bible memorization program, began in November. The program is designed to help members become more knowledgeable about key Bible verses on various subjects, enabling them to witness more effectively. Those enrolled memorize five Bible verses each week, then meet each Sabbath before Sabbath School to repeat the verses to one another. Twenty-one helps for the program, which will continue for three sixteen-week periods. Ads have been placed in a local shopper paper listing our church and its services on the church page. This time, however, we listed the church under the heading, “Baptist Sabbath Keeping Church,” with Seventh Day Baptist in parentheses.

When the name was place alphabetically under “Seventh Day,” we were invariably confused with Seventh- day Adventists. It is hoped that the new heading will elicit more inquiries about the church and its distinctive beliefs.

Our seventh annual Home-coming Sabbath was held November 25 with about eighty-five friends and guests gathered for the noon fellowship meal. The pastor delivered his series of sermons on “Serving the Lord,” using Psalm 100 as his text, at the morning worship service. The afternoon program included movies for the children and a song- fest for the adults. We were happy to welcome our special non-resident guests.

It is good to have the George Johnson family now worshipping with us. They moved to Paw Paw recently from Little Rock, Arkansas, because of a change in employment for George.

Weekly meetings of our church’s Youth Fellowship are now being held in the homes of the various members. Officers elected for this year were: Joe Brown, president; Brad Palmer, vice-president; Laura Artis, secretary; and Jeff Thorngate, treasurer. A “Slave Auction” was held recently by the group as a fund- raising effort for their “Conference Fund.” Each Y.F. member “bought” by the highest bidder worked the next day for the amount bid. Another fund-raiser—a bake sale—is to be held in December at Sears.

A new kind of “fundraising” was begun the latter part of October. A special party was held at the home of Dorothy Parrott for only those sixty years of age or older. Twenty-three attended, enjoying the slides, games, and luncheon. More special activities for this particular age group are to be planned.

Our church will celebrate its Seventy-Fifth (Diamond) Anniversary in 1979, and planning for the year is under way. Serving on the Anniversary Committee are Ruth Bennett, Harriet Davis, Arabeth Deland, Ellis Johanson, Jo Anne West, and Pastor Ken Davis. We have already had an Anniversary Slogan Contest with Marylene Tuck submitting the winning entry—“More Alive at 75,” and entries are now being sought for an Anniversary Hymn Contest. Other plans include a historical booklet to be prepared by Harriet Davis and Karen Thorngate, historical vignettes given monthly in the worship services during the year, large banners to be made by the various church organizations to hang in our church sanctuary, commemorative plates and trophies with a picture of the church on them to be sold, a special banquet to be held, plus many more activities.

(If any of you would be interested in a commemorative Seventy-Fifth Anniversary plate or tray, contact Arabeth DeLand.) It will be a year to remember; and, since Conference will be held at nearby Adrian College here in Michigan in 1979, our jubilee year will be made even more special. —Karen Thorngate

CHRISTH HEARS SERMON PREPARED 70 YEARS AGO

ALFRED, N.Y.—Dr. Richard M. Rose, President of Alfred University, was the Sabbath speaker at the Alfred S.D.B. Church on November 25. On November 11, Mrs. Hannah Burdick shared a sermon which her father, the late Rev. George B. Shaw delivered perhaps seventy years ago. It was entitled “Little Foxes,” and it was a proud daughter who made comments interspersed from time to time, explaining the changes in words of that time and the present. All in all, the congregations were given an opportunity to listen to a great minister’s thoughts. —Alfred Sun

An article by Editor John Bevis that appeared in the Sabbath Recorder was recently reprinted in the Sabbath Sentinel; an article by Rev. Don Sanford was reprinted in the Sermon Builder.

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NEWS FROM TENNESSEE

BLOUNTVILLE, TN—The church in Upper East Tennessee continues to meet in the home of the Bill Palmer family. Pastor Lawton worked with the young people in the presentation of "The Music Machine." The church sponsored an evening of Christmas caroling on December 23. The Wednesday evening Bible study group is currently studying the book of Romans. Pray for God to continue to bless this new church and each member as they seek to expand their witness in 1979.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORTS

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- Elder Victor Foreman has assumed responsibility and general pastoral duties with the Columbia Seventh Day Baptist Church. This church is an outgrowth of the Sunshine Mountain ministries in Mississippi. Sabbaths are held in Columbia, MS, at the church building located at the intersection of highways 13 and 35 west of the city. Seventh Day Baptists also sponsor a radio broadcast over WFFF each Sunday morning at 8:30. A second program is sponsored over station WAPF/WCCA in McComb, MS at 1:00 p.m. each Sunday.

MISSON NOTES

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---Jannette Crouch

RETIRING CHURCH HONORS

Rev. and Mrs. Marion Van Horn have been with us as partners in ministry for many years. We feel privileged to know Elder and Mrs. Van Horn since 1966. Our November 18 Fellowship Dinner honoring Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn was a special event. We were thrilled to have Elder Van Horn present as our guest speaker. He shared with us his experiences and insights into the ministry and life of Elder and Mrs. Van Horn. The meal was excellent, and the fellowship was warm and welcoming.

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**SECRETARY REPORTS**

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2. Individual accountability and measurement of progress towards specific goals.
3. Broad ownership of goals and acceptance of the responsibility and interdependence necessary to achieve them.

**BIRTHS**

CHRONICLES - A daughter, Amanda Michelle, and Corrine have also contributed frequently in recent months to our worship with their gifts of music. A special Christmas program has

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**CHURCH HONORS RETIRING PASTOR**

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—Fall in Daytona Beach meant death, retirement, illness, hard work, sales, joy, and anticipation.

In September, we were saddened to say farewell to Elder Clifford Beebe before we had an opportunity to welcome Clifford and his wife Clara as residents of our area. We felt privileged to know Elder and Mrs. Beebe through their extended visits here in the home of their daughter, Anne Lastinger. Members of our church joined family and friends at the Putnam County Seventh Day Baptist Church in Carraway, Florida, September 23 for a beautiful "celebration of life" service in his memory. We are happy to have Clara in our midst now. Pastor Marion Van Horn retired October 1 after serving as our pastor since 1966. Our November 18 Fellowship Dinner honoring Pastor and Erma became an absentee affair when Pastor's hospitalization and recuperation delayed their return from a vacation trip. We did talk with Pastor Van and Erma on the phone that day and our tape recorded messages, cards, letters, and love gifts were sent to them by many family and friends and members from away participated in this occasion.

Many hours of hard work have gone into the remodeling and readying of the parsonage for the new pastor. Kay and Lillian Beebe spearheaded this effort assisted by other members of the church. The Church Aid sponsored a rummage sale in October and a bazaar and bake sale in November. Clothing not sold at the rummage sale was donated to the Red Cross and a local treatment center for alcoholics. We distributed various Sabbath tracts at the bazaar. Bernee Davis' expertise, dedication, and direction make the bazaar an annual success. In the absence of a pastor, Leon Malby and Alan Crouch have kept the pulpit supplied. Occasionally, we have had guest preachers from the community. Various members of our congregation have led our Sabbath Eve services, including Leon Malby and Iris Malby, Charles and Anita Harris, Bernee Todd, Paula Gladwell, and Corrine Jones. Paula and Corrine have also contributed frequently in recent months to our worship with their gifts of music. A special Christmas program has...

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Sherry took the list that she had so carefully written a few weeks before and crumpled it in a ball.

"It's no use," she said, "I'm never going to be able to do anything different than I am right now!"

Just as Sherry was about to throw the crumpled list in the wastebasket, her older brother, Ted, came into the room.

"What's going on? Who are you talking to?"

"Nobody, just me. And I'm upset because I've broken every one of my New Year's resolutions and January isn't even over yet!" Sherry threw the list as hard as she could at the wastebasket, but it bounced off the basket and landed on the floor. Ted leaned over and picked it up. He slowly opened the paper and smoothed it with his hand. Normally, Sherry wouldn't have tried to keep Ted from reading it, but right now she just didn't care.

Ted read the list carefully, to himself. There were only three resolutions on it.

1. Practice the piano every day.
2. Feed the dog without being reminded.
3. Don't get angry.

When Ted was finished, he folded the paper carefully. His expression was one of what can only be described as a mild scorn.

"You know, Sherry. I've been making New Year's resolutions for several years now. I don't think I've ever kept one for a whole year. But that doesn't stop me from making resolutions. Whenever I break one of my resolutions, I ask God to forgive me and to help me do better. It's not easy, but it gets easier after a while. You can't be different just by making a resolution. It takes a lot of patience. You can't do it all by yourself, but you can ask God to help you. My Sabbath School teacher gave us this verse to memorize: 'When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old has gone, the new has come' (2 Corinthians 5:17 TEV). That helps me remember that God is the one who helps me change and that I can't do it by myself.'"

Sherry reached out and took the list from Ted. She opened it and looked at it. Then she said, "I understand what you are saying, Ted. I still need to work on my resolutions, especially the last one about getting angry. And I need to ask God to help me keep my resolutions. You know, Ted, you're pretty smart, for a brother."

You can memorize the same verse that Ted memorized. (Younger children memorize, "When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being..."

Find the memory verse in the puzzle below. Start with the W in the upper left corner and end in the lower right corner. Draw a line through the letters."

Linda Harris

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STEWARDSHIP MEANS GOOD MANAGEMENT OF OUR RESOURCES

—All We Have Belongs to God

"Giving can and should be one of the most exciting activities of the Christian life."

Members of the Seventh Day Baptist Stewardship Committee believe this and are setting the stage for it to happen in 1979.

Richard Shepard, immediate past Conference president, has assumed the chairmanship of the committee, working with co-chairman Pastor Earl Cruzan, the core group in the Milton, Wisconsin, area, and members at-large from throughout the denomination. The committee is meeting the first weekend in January to finalize plans and make assignments of special projects for the year. Committee members are: Earl Cruzan, Jonathan Cruzan, Herbert Crook, Phil Burrows, Leon R. Lawton, Don Sanford, Anne Williams, Burton Cranford, Paul Osborn, and Dick Shepard.

"We intend to emphasize the 'funnel method' rather than the 'bucket method' of giving," Stewardship Chairman Shepard says. "In other words, the individual churches and the denominational agencies provide the channels through which resources are made available for important phases of Christ's work rather than serve just as recipients of funds."

In the Christian Ministry magazine is an article on "Making It Possible for People To Give Generously" by Paul M. Dietricher, a parish expert. The Stewardship Committee intends to apply the suggested "orientations that promote giving":

1. View the church as a "Resource System."
2. Enable people to give through the church.
3. Focus on deep values and goals.
4. Emphasize how the church is helping people grow.
5. Provide all members with numerous opportunities to participate in decision-making about church programming.
6. Provide people with multiple opportunities to make additional gifts.
7. Broaden people's options for making designated gifts.
8. Broaden the work of the Stewardship and Finance Committees to include helping persons achieve their deepest values and goals through the church.

Stewardship Chairman Shepard met with the General Council in October. A careful survey was made regarding OWVM giving patterns through the years. Progress toward balancing the budget in 1978 was reviewed. The proposed budgets for 1979 were thoroughly analyzed and discussed; and it was determined, in light of the discussions, that the larger General Conference endorsed budget for 1979 ($325,000) should be adopted and put into effect.

As a part of the plan for budget promotion, churches and agencies of the denomination are encouraged to use "program budgeting."

Dr. James Powell, director of Cooperative Program Promotion for the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, serving as consultant to the General Council and the Stewardship Committee, explains program budgeting as "a process by which a church (or church agency) plans its spending around the ministries it conceives as God's will for its life."

"The first thing we should think about in connection with budget is ministry," Dr. Powell points out "a church organization must decide what it needs and wants by way of program (ministry) and then determine what that ministry will cost. This is program (ministry) action or zero-based) budgeting."

Dr. Powell concludes: "If the budget is not being raised, then the question is: Are we doing too much or giving too little?"

No doubt the Stewardship Committee will have this question in mind as a starting point for stewardship development, based upon a "Biblical theology" which substantiates the fact that Christian stewardship is the ordering of the whole of life in accordance with the will of God revealed in Jesus Christ."

HOLOCAUST IN THE JUNGLE

It is the archetypical tragedy of the decade. Each day we watched the evening news and read in our newspapers the latest episode in the deadly drama being enacted in the steaming jungles of Guyana.

The murder of Congressman Leo Ryan and three newsmen shocked the nation, but we were hardly prepared for what followed. That were 900 men, women, and children who could commit mass suicide on the instruction of their "religious" leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, seems almost incomprehensible.

It was a Satanic communism service where the helpless victims died first, often in their mother's arms. The scene is almost impossible to visualize, but we saw photographs of those fields of death. We saw the long lines of silver caskets as they arrived in the United States. We watched as the world witnessed all this in living color in the security and comfort of our homes. We sat in horror as the television screen the picture of entire families entrenched in death and our hearts cried out for those who had been so deceived.

The People's Temple movement began as something good—offering assistance to the homeless, food for the hungry, concern for the ill and aged. The Rev. Jim Jones was for a time associated with what we would term a "main-line" denomination. That he was a man of unusual abilities no one could deny. A charismatic leader, Jones soon assumed absolute control over the lives of his followers.

All too often in religion a charismatic leader is able to maneuver people into blind allegiance and thus today we see a proliferation of cults and modern day prophets eager to control the minds and purges of their followers. We doubt one reason for the rise of such movements is the breakdown of the family as well as other forms of authority. For many life has no meaning and it is important to belong to an authoritarian organization that can give meaning and purpose to life as well as promise utopia either on this earth or in the better world to come.

There is an obvious lesson here in regard to church organization. A hierarchical system whereby all authority is centered in one person or in an inner elite is a dangerous thing. There is an old adage that absolute power corrupts absolutely, and Jim Jones again proves it true.

BARBARA SNYDER
FAITH MISSION WORKER

This month we are happy to welcome to our staff, Miss Barbara Snyder, who is now serving in Plainfield as a Faith Mission worker.

Barbara, a member of the Alfred church, has been employed for some years by Kodak in Rochester, N.Y. She has resigned her position and come, in answer to God's call, to work for the American Sabbath Tract Society and Council on Ministry offices.

By Faith Mission worker, we mean she has come on faith, without salary, believing the Lord will supply her living needs through the assistance of those who want to have a part in her ministry. Gifts to this ministry are tax deductible. Contributions and money orders may be made payable to Our World Mission and designated for her support.

Barbara shares why she has felt led to this type of ministry. She writes: "I was looking for a new job in Rochester and never really thought about serving the Lord. The Lord spoke to me through the Holy Spirit with several circumstances, such as sermons, reading, radio, and Christian friends in a timespan of one week. It was very clear to me that the Lord was calling me to work for Him. My immediate reaction to the idea was not that of excitement, but sorrow and rejection. After getting used to the idea, I reached the conclusion that the only way I could be happy and at peace would be to serve the Lord in whatever capacity He saw fit."

"In the next four months, I sought the Lord's will as to where I should go and discovered He wanted me to help the American Sabbath Tract Society and Center on Ministry in Plainfield, N.J."

I am very excited about what I can do to help these organizations and am eager to dig into the loads of work that need to be done.

"I believe the Lord will provide my needs and feel I will acquire a great deal of faith through this experience."

We are truly grateful for Barbara's many abilities and her willingness to be used of God in His Kingdom work. We believe that God will supply her needs and know that many of our readers will want to have a part in this ministry.

Your gift may be sent to the American Sabbath Tract Society, P.O. Box 868, Plainfield, N.J. 07061 or to Mr. Gordon Sanford, Our World Mission, Little Genese, NY 14754.
The North Central Association will host General Conference August 5-12, 1979, at Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Adrian College is a Methodist church-related school with a student body of approximately 1,500. The campus is mostly new and has a spacious appearance. Most of the buildings are of Indiana limestone, pleasingly separated by large green lawn areas and landscape plantings.

Worship services will be held in the chapel, a new building, which has an excellent organ and piano. Business sessions and other group meetings will be held in the auditorium, a short walk from the chapel. The auditorium, dining hall, and library are air-conditioned; dormitories and classrooms are not.

The City of Adrian is located in Southeast Michigan. It is approximately 37 miles southeast of Jackson, Michigan; 70 miles southwest of Detroit; 35 miles northwest of Toledo, Ohio; and some 80 miles southeast of Battle Creek, Michigan, the nearest SDB church. Detroit and Toledo are the closest major airports.

The Host Committee has had lunch on two occasions in the dining hall, cafeteria style, and was pleased with both the quantity and quality of the food and the pleasant atmosphere. In addition to the regular dining hall, there is a large, beautiful dining room for any special occasions, banquets, etc.

Dormitory rooms are clean, pleasant, and of very ample size with two single beds in the rooms. All linens are furnished. Facilities are "down the hall."

Adrian is a great place to have a great Conference. See you in Adrian, August 5!

George Parrish, Host Committee Chairman

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18).