Move me! Oh move me, Lord,
With deep compassion for the city
Even as Nehemiah's heart was stirred!
Move me to be fully in accord
With Your own heart as it was moved with pity:
"Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem," your city was heard!

Move me for street people: junkies, prostitutes, gay—
Everywhere spiritual desolation abounds!
Who is able for a city? Only You are, Lord!

Begin your work in me—my sinounds—
As Nehemiah confessed: "We have sinned and deserve the sword!"

Pardon iniquity until the joy of repentance resounds.

Move me! Oh move me, Lord,
Sir my heart in passion for the lost!
"Oh Lord, let now Your ear be attentive":
Give Your cause success at any cost;
Let Your love through me be redemptive.
Move me! Oh move me for a city,
Your Spirit through me be more effective!

Move me and teach me, Oh Lord,
Quicken my mind to learn Your way—
To build the spiritual walls in men, all broken down:
I know not how to build, but You are God adored!
Teach me! Oh teach me, Lord, to reach those astray—
Those reaching out for love in city and town—
Work in them—in "The Book of Life" their names record!

MOVE ME
by Don I. Phillips

Every Christian should wear bifocals to have perspective in Stewardship.
We need to see clearly up close (local needs) and distant (Our World Mission).

GIGGLE while you give!

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7

Christian giving is Christian living

LOVE IS SPELLED GIVE!
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In this section I have gathered thoughts from many sources. Most of the articles refer to financial stewardship, as if it were spelled STEWARDSHIP.

However we might like to define it, STEWARDSHIP covers the whole of Christian life!

I believe this quote, taken from my notes on the lectures at the 1979 Ministers Conference given by James Powell, who works with the Southern Baptist Stewardship Services, sums up my feelings about what CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP is all about very well:

The Word is GROWTH—Stewardship is growing Christians. It takes but an instant to become a Christian. Growing takes a lifetime!

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God give us grace to grow!

In His Service
P. B. Osborn
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A minister wrote a letter to the membership of his congregation as part of the annual Stewardship Campaign. One of the members replied immediately with great indignation, saying: "According to your concept, Christianity is just one continual give, give, give..."

Disturbed by this reaction, the minister sat down to write a devastating reply. But as he thought and prayed about it, he found himself thinking, "That man is dead right; Christianity is one continual 'give.'"

So, instead of a scorching letter of rebuke, the minister wrote:

Dear Friend:

Thank you for the frank definition of Christianity as one continual give, give, give. That is the swamp all begins. God gave. He gave His only Son. The Son gave. He gave His life upon the cross for our sins.

His disciples gave. They left their homes and business to devote full time in giving the good news. Much of the work of Christ has progressed. A man can make a difference in prejudice, the work of Christ can be spread. Christians have learned to give, give.

In His Service,

Pastor

...I don't think you can improve on those thoughts. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The basic principle of real life is all on the side of the giver...the blessings of God. But the scorched, parched, and barren life is the legacy of the person who has never learned to give!

And the apostle Paul said, "You will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God."

1. Acts 20:35
2. Second Corinthians 9:11

A MISSIONARY or A MISSION FIELD?

I went to church each Sabbath And sat lazily in my pew. The preacher often preached to me But that I never knew. I didn't think of others Till my pastor once revealed, "If you're not a missionary Then you're a mission field!" "It is urgent," said my teacher, "For each of us to visit But in my mind, I would reply, It really isn't, is it? I'd always heard of missions, But little would I give. For I strongly felt that all I made I needed just to live.

I was a hearer only And not a doer of the Word. For I never shared with others, The gospel I had heard. The preacher's words returned to me, "Your life you now should yield, For if you're not a missionary, Then—you're a mission field.", So I gave my life to Christ that night And it seemed the church bells pealed, "You're now a missionary, And not a mission field."
A DOLLAR I GAVE TO GOD

Six thousand for my brand new car,
Three thousand for a piece of sod,
Ten thousand I paid to begin a house—
A dollar I gave to God.

A tidy sum to enter
My friends in pointless chatter,
And when the world goes crazy mad
I ask, "Lord, what's the matter?"

Yet there is one big question—
For the answer I still search,
"With things so bad in this old world,
What's holding back my church?"

―from Pulpit Helps

THE BIGGEST CABBAGE!

A missionary preached in a little church in the boon­docks of Kenya, with only a mound of dirt for a pulpit. He preached the gospel through an interpreter and God blessed! The response was good!

One man brought a big cabbage to him as an offering, in appreciation for the message.

"No, no! I can't take that. It's too big!" the missionary said, knowing the poverty of this man and the value of the cabbage.

"Please take it," was the man's response. "It's my first, my biggest and my best!"

He was compelled to give by the love of God.

What is our response to the gospel? 0

―from American Baptist Churches U.S.A.

HOW TO LIVE...

You can live on $100 a year.

Get rid of all your furniture except one chair and one table. Throw away all T.V. sets, lamps, radios.

Dispose of all your clothing but your oldest dress or suit. One pair of shoes may be kept for the head of the family.

Shut off the water, gas, electricity.

Remove all appliances from the kitchen, keep in the pantry only a small bag of flour, some sugar and salt, a few moldy potatoes, a handful of onions, some dried beans.

Take away the house and move the family to the toolshed. Your neighborhood will be a shantytown.

Move the nearest medical help ten miles away. It will be tended by a midwife.

Get rid of the car.

Forget newspapers, magazines, books. You won't miss them because you must also give up literacy.

Count your emergency fund at $15.00. You'll have no bankbooks, pension plans, insurance policies.

Cultivate three acres as a tenant farmer. Provided there is no drought, you can expect from $100 to $300 a year in cash crops, paying 1/3 to the landlord and at least 1/10 to the money lender.

Lop off 25 to 30 years in life expectancy.

Millions do...

In fact, 1/5 of the people in our world actually live on $100 a year...and they do it much as described here!

In our economy it is not really possible to live on $100 a year. But—you could probably live on $100 less this year.

Think about it!

If you gave $100 more than you have been giving to your church for Christ's work throughout the world this year, would it require sacrifice? Would it change your style of living? Would you really miss it for very long?

It will make a difference!

To live on $100 less this year may require discipline. But that extra $100 to the work of the church can be of tremendous help in mission enterprises now underway.

It will help provide healing ministries in Christ's name, freedom from the bondage of ignorance and superstition, food for hungry people through improved agriculture, the gospel message to many who have never heard, a Christian presence in difficult places.

In making your commitment to give, consider how much less you can live on...$100 less, $200 less—or how much less?

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HOW STRONG IS YOUR FAITH IN GOD?

Only a small percentage of Christians have enough faith and love to give ten percent of their income to the Lord and His Kingdom. Does this mean those who don't tithe are afraid God will not help them in their stewardship?

Listen, Christian, stewardship is a test of logic and faith. How do you believe God will take care of you in the future? Did you give tithes of all he had (Genesis 14:18)?

Proverbs 16:9 says: “We should make plans—counting on God to direct us.” Unfortunately many in this life (Mark 10:29-30). If we cannot believe in God’s promises here and now, how can we trust Him there and then?

Christian faith and Christian stewardship often transcend reason and logic. Don’t expect to understand how God takes hold of your money matters and improves them. Perhaps you are one of the many who loves to give and feels the need of giving more to your church and Our World Mission, but without faith to undertake tithing. Instead of trying to reason your budget, merely step out in faith. This seems like throwing logic out the window, but in reality, walking in faith is simply believing God’s promise!

Christian faith means walking in the dark where you cannot see, but knowing you will be guided.

—adapted from the Ozark Bible College Campus.

TITHING

Tithing was instituted long before Moses. Abraham gave tithes of all his angels. (Genesis 15:9-10) Abraham said, “I will surely obey.” (Genesis 28:22)

Tithing therefore is not part of the ceremonial law which ended in Christ. Tithing was neither symbolic nor figurative, and when the reasons which originated a law continue to operate and there is no plain repeal of that law, the law remains in force. The tithe therefore passes right into the New Testament era. Indeed, Christ approved the tithing habit (Matthew 23:23).

The only freedom a New Testament Christian has is to give more than the tenth.

—from God’s Stewards, a tract produced by the Faith, Prayer and Tract League, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504

A CHRISTIAN WILL

by Don Graffius

Due to the complexity of making a will, one should not write his or her own will, although this practice is permitted in some states. Copying someone else’s will is also a dangerous practice. A lawyer should be consulted in all cases.

The cost of making a simple will varies. The amount charged will pose of some of the children’s estates due to an unforeseen expense, she would again be required to appear in court and seek the court’s permission.

Thus, the most important reason for making a will is to enable you personally to direct how your estate will be distributed. You may wish to give family heirlooms to certain individuals or to benefit a child who is particularly needy.

A Christian Responsibility

In light of the above facts it is clear that all Christians should make a will and periodically review it when they move or other change occurs in their family. In addition to providing for one’s family, a Christian can also designate a share of his or her estate to carry on some phase of Christian work.

Seventh Day Baptists who long ago departed this world continue to advance Christ’s Kingdom and the work of Seventh Day Baptists through a gift or bequest made to a church, camp, board or agency in a will prepared prior to their death.

Most conscientious Christians, realizing God’s material blessings, tithe a portion of their income to the church. Strangely enough, however, many of those same Christians when they depart this earth and no longer have any physical or material needs neglect to designate even a small portion of their estate to continue Christ’s work here on earth.

Yes, the Proverb is true, it is wise to make plans—especially for death. I would call on all Seventh Day Baptists to prayerfully seek God’s direction as they make their respective wills. Future Seventh Day Baptists will be blessed by your generosity!

If you would like additional information or if you have further questions write to:

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Tithing is a test of logic and faith: How can you believe God will take care of you in this life (Mark 10:29-30)? Faith means walking in the dark where you cannot see, but knowing you will be guided! (Proverbs 3:6)

Christian faith means tithing for the Lord and His Kingdom. Does this mean those who don't tithe are afraid God will not help them in their stewardship? Faith begins now, in your heart, in this life. Tithing was instituted long before Moses.

Listen, Christian, stewardship is a test of logic and faith: How can you believe God will take care of you in the next life if you don't believe He'll take care of you financially in this world? Faith begins now, in this life (Mark 10:29-30). If we cannot believe in God's promises here and now, how can we trust Him there then?

The individuals you choose to witness your will should not be persons named as beneficiaries in your will. They are only supposed to carry out your wishes. This seems like throwing logic out the window, but in reality, walking in faith is simply believing God's promise!

**A CHRISTIAN WILL**

by Don Graffius

Proverbs 16:9 says: "We should make plans—counting on God to direct us." Unfortunately many individuals fail to plan for their death. Planning for one's death should include the making of a will.

A will is a written document which determines what is to be done with your property after your death. It designates individuals or organizations to receive your property. These individuals or organizations are called beneficiaries. One can also protect children in a will by naming guardians for them. Also, a will usually names someone to administer his or her estate after one's death. This individual is known as an executor or an executrix.

The requirements for making a valid will vary from state to state. Generally, a valid will must be signed by you in the presence of at least two witnesses. The witnesses must also sign the will. In some states, a will is invalid and the estate will be distributed as if there had been no will.

One who dies intestate has died without leaving a valid will. Who dies intestate, has died without leaving a valid will. It is true, it is wise to make plans—especially for death. I would call on all Seventh Day Baptists to prayerfully seek God's guidance as they make their respective wills. Future Seventh Day Baptists will be blessed by your generosity.

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TRAINING PASTORS FOR THE FUTURE OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS
by John D. Bevis

During Conference week Editor John D. Bevis had opportunity to talk with Rod and Camille Henry prior to their departure for service in the Philippines.

Rodney and Camille Henry have answered a call to missionary service to work with the Philippine Union Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. They will serve an initial four-year term and planned to leave the end of September 1979, from Los Angeles, CA.

Members of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Henrys are well known across the denomination. They worked for some time with Rev. Myron Soper in Light Bearers for Christ. They have a special musical ministry which has blessed the hearts of thousands of people over the years. Currently they have been on a six-week tour of many of our churches.

Prior to Conference the Henrys along with David and Betty Pearson, returning missionaries to Malawi, attended a three-week missionary internship workshop in Detroit. Some forty-five missionaries were present, from several denominations and organizations, for an “intensive living” situation which stressed how to develop trust relationships. Rod Henry stated that the workshop experience was very beneficial as it helped one to discover yourself and your ministry to others. He and Camille agreed that it was especially beneficial for seminary students to spend some extended time with David and Betty Pearson. The Pearsons, as most of our readers are aware, have spent some twenty years in Africa and also are scheduled for departure for Kenya and Malawi, in late September.

Rod, why a call to overseas missions when there is much yet to be done on the home field?

While completing my degree at Fuller Theological Seminary I took as many electives as possible from the “School of World Missions.” In the course I was confronted with the statistic that less than 10 percent of the clergy (Christian workers) are ministering to 90 percent of the world’s Christians. I felt challenged to consider ministering in Jesus’ name to that vast 90 percent—intellectually and spiritually.

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Well, Camille, how did you react to the thought of overseas service?

At first missions turned me off. I couldn’t imagine not having the comforts I am used to. Finally I said, “Oh Lord, let me know your will.” It wasn’t an easy decision for me and I have struggled with it. However, I came to the realization that with the power of the Lord I could follow His leading.

Why the Philippines?

In First Samuel 7 we have the story about David being asked to go to a certain land. This made an impression on us, we wanted to be sure we were in the Lord’s will. More and more it seemed the Lord was laying the Philippines on our hearts, even before we had contact regarding the need of the Missionary Society. We feel that our call to the Philippines came from God. Later we conferred with Rev. Leon R. Lawton, the Missionary Society, and finally in person with Rev. E.O. Ferrer who was in America for World Federation in 1978.

It is interesting to note that some eighty languages are spoken in the Philippines. To many English is a second language and some one-fourth speak Spanish. In the area where most of our witness is concentrated the language is Cebano which the Henrys hope to learn. Accompanying Rod and Camille are their two children: Tanaya, age 4, and Erik, age 2.

Since music has been such an important part of your lives and ministry, do you anticipate this to be part of your Philippine work?

Yes, we do. We have discovered that music is a cultural thing. We hope to learn their music and use, of course, some western music in our ministry. Our aim is to minister in music in a way that will be most meaningful to the people of the Philippines, a way to communicate with them in their own culture.

How do you define your role as missionaries?

We go not as leaders, rather as servants. We see ourselves as assisting their leadership. Pastoral training will be a major role Rod will play. He will be involved in theological education by extension, they have requested such assistance. It is interesting to note that 90 percent of the pastors from rural areas sent away to the city for seminary training do not return home. An initial decision for me and I have struggled with it. However, I came to the realization that with the power of the Lord I could follow His leading.

Where will you be living?

We don’t know where we will be living or the conditions that we will be living under.

Certainly our prayer support goes with you as you embark upon this great adventure for the Lord and Seventh Day Baptists. Do you have a parting comment to share with our readers?

Mrs. David Pearson
Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson have returned to Africa where they have served as missionaries for almost 20 years. On route the Pearson stopped for a visit with Dutch SDB’s. The Pearsons go next to Kenya to aid in a new witness there and then on to Malawi. Our prayers go with you David and Betty.
Seventh Day Baptist churches are invited to receive a special offering this month to assist in the worldwide Bible work of the American Bible Society - October 28, 1979, is the suggested Sabbath for this offering.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT TO THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

The years had taken their toll. Her face was quite wrinkled now—possibly from years of working in the sun, because she was obviously not wealthy.

But every Sunday morning she passed his newsstand, stopped and handed him a Scripture Selection. As she did so she always said the same words to him: "Take and read the message. It will be of help to you in your life."

The newswelder politely accepted the Selection. That each week and put them on a shelf beside him. As time went by the pile grew steadily. He had never bothered to read even one of them.

But as his stack of Scriptures grew so did his problems. His wife left him and he had to care for all the children. The newsstand demanded long hours. How could he keep the only business he knew and still attend to his responsibilities at home? He became sad, frustrated and desperate.

It was then that he recalled the words of the old lady. What had she said? "Read the message. It will be of help to you in your life." Well, he might as well look at the papers she had given him.

He started reading—first one, then another, then another. He began to discover that indeed the Selections did contain a message for him. It was a message of hope, a new way of looking at life and living. He anxiously waited for the old lady to come by again next Sunday morning so that he could ask her more about the Scriptures he had read.

At his request she brought him a New Testament which he studied with a sense of urgency. The more he read the more he wanted to know about God.

Then came the Sunday morning when he closed his newsstand and joined the elderly lady as she went to church. There he found the peace and security for which he had been looking. He also found he was able to see his problems from a new perspective and to start living a new life. Sometimes later he was baptized and began a new job directing a mission post of the church in Lima, Peru.

Now you know why we are excited when we report that over 500 million Scriptures were distributed in 1978. In Lebanon, distribution of New Testaments doubled from 13,698 to 27,234 while the distribution of Portions increased almost sixfold from a little over 19,000 in 1977 to more than 132,000 in 1978.

Total Scripture distribution throughout 1978 by all of the Societies cooperating with the United Bible Societies reached 503,123,210 Bibles, Testaments and Portions and Selections—a 23 percent increase over the previous year.

AFRICA

The largest nation in Africa achieved one of the greatest Scripture distribution increases on that continent during 1978. The Sudan, covering an area of almost one million square miles and lying just south of Egypt, achieved a 71.6 percent increase from over 100,000 Scriptures distributed in 1977 to more than 177,000 in 1978. This record was surpassed only by the Ivory Coast with 79.7 percent increase from more than 363,000 to more than 650,000 Scriptures.

In both Mozambique and Rhodesia distribution was up almost 70 percent.

In 1978, New Testaments were distributed in the Central African Empire at a rate of one for every 100 residents of the country.

In Latin America was achieved by Brazil which was able to share more than 40 million Scripture Selections with the people of that country due to the popularity of new Scripture translation into common language Portuguese.

EUROPE

All of us rejoiced when permission was granted to ship 25,000 Bibles to Russia. Just before Christmas, the arrangements were finally completed and the shipment was packed for transporting to Moscow. The shipment arrived safely in January of 1979 and distribution went off without a hitch. This 25,000 brought the total Scripture distribution in Eastern Europe to almost 300,000 for 1978.

The largest increase in distribution in Europe occurred on the opposite side of the continent in Spain. Over one million Scriptures were shared with hungry people in that great land.

THE UNITED STATES

Once again distribution of Scriptures throughout the United States was larger than in any other nation of the world. The 127,414,817 Bibles, Testaments and Selections distributed throughout the United States during 1978 represented slightly more than one-quarter of the entire world distribution. For the past 20 years the American Bible Society has been focusing its efforts in the United States toward sharing God's Word as widely as possible through the use of Scripture Selections. Their low production costs permit the ABS to reach widely into hospitals, prisons, migrant labor camps and wherever people are in need of comfort and guidance of God's Word. These Selections are also used extensively by churches, organizations and individuals in Scripture evangelism.

For example, a total of 1,210,000 ABS Scripture Selections was provided to the Union Vision Evangelistic Association of Newark, New Jersey, to be used in their ministry with Hispanic communities. And the Union Rescue Mission of Los Angeles, California, probably the largest Rescue Mission in the world, received 130,000 various ABS Scripture Selections for use both within the Mission and in its community outreach programs.

NEW READER PROGRAMS

A significant portion of the distribution reported above was to people who had previously been denied access to the Scriptures simply because they were unable to read. Burgundy Outreach programs around the world assisted by the Bible Societies' New Reader programs, have enabled these people to discover for themselves through their own eyes the wonderful words of God.

More than 13 million New Reader Scriptures were shared with new readers in Indonesia, many of whom were school children with few other materials available at their reading levels.

Over 3,380,000 New Reader Scriptures brought God's Word to readers in Peru and 2,200,000 of these Scriptures were provided readers in Brazil.

Close to 200,000 New Reader Selections were distributed throughout Ghana and almost 300,000 in Malawi.

TRANSLATIONS

In addition to bringing God's Word in a form that can be easily understood, the Bible Societies' New Reader program helps the new reader attain the literacy level he needs in order to easily comprehend a complete New Testament in his own language. Since few of these new readers would be acquainted with terminology used 100 or even 50 years ago, they should be provided with translations in the language they commonly speak today.


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MORE ALIVE AT 75
BATTLE CREEK SDB CHURCH CELEBRATES 75TH ANNIVERSARY

by Karen Thorngate

The 75th anniversary celebration of the Battle Creek church was held on Sabbath, August 4, with many friends, former pastors, and assistant pastors enroute to Conference attending with the regular church family.

The day was special right from the start. The Rev. Duane Davis of Seattle, Washington, gave reminiscences of his summers spent with the church in 1952 and 1953 as assistant pastor, when he worked long hours with the church's indefatigable pastor, the Rev. Alton Wheeler. Another former assistant pastor, the Rev. Herbert Saunders, who spent the summer of 1960 in Battle Creek, sang "The Holy City."

The Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, the church's present pastor, announced that the year of jubilee had come at the beginning of the morning worship service, and the sound of trumpets was heard. The trumpets, used throughout the service, heralded a processional of anniversary banners made by church auxiliary groups and carried by their representatives, followed by church choir members in gold robes and maroon stoles. The church was filled not only with a congregation of 200 people, but also with a spirit of jubilation and a feeling of God's loving presence.

The Rev. Leland Davis of Washington, D.C., who was pastor of the church from 1954-1961, was the worship leader for the service, and the Rev. Alton Wheeler from Riverside, California, pastor of the church from 1945-1953, brought the morning message.

Paul Fatato, son of another former pastor, the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato, now deceased, gave the children's message.

A special feature of the worship service was the premiere of the anthem, "Let Us Witness Together," written by Dr. Roberta Bigood and commissioned by Arabeth DeLand especially for the church's anniversary in memory of her husband, the late Dr. C. LeRoy DeLand. Dr. Bigood, president of the American Guild of Organists, used text compiled by Arabeth for the anthem which was divided into three sections: I. Giving God the glory due Him; II. Loving one another (using the Conference text); and III. Being true to the faith of our fathers and being witnesses of God's redeeming love. The duet portion of the anthem was sung by Arabeth and the couple's daughter, Laurinne Lasrado. The anthem was also sung by the Conference Choir at the Awards Program of General Conference in Adrian.

Another of the continuing historical vignettes, scheduled monthly all this anniversary year, was given by George Parrish. He spoke of those church members who had served in denominational capacities. Also included in the service was the singing of an anniversary hymn, one of three written by church members for the special anniversary year. The regular sharing time during the service was especially meaningful as members, former members, and friends told how much the church had meant in their lives and how good it was to be home.

The Rev. Wheeler in his message, "A Continuing Marathon," cautioned the church not to fiddle its past or to be a museum, but to move forward, presenting the living message and living God as runners taking up the light of Jesus Christ from those going before. "Who will carry on?" he asked. "Jesus Christ must be preached." He challenged each one to "lay aside anything that detracts from the beauty of your witness..."

"You," he said, "have the most powerful witness in this church...you have a course to run..."

The loving fellowship continued at the potluck dinner in the church social rooms after the worship service where there was an abundance of food. The dining area was expanded to the stage steps and an upstairs church room to accommodate the many guests.

The Diamond Anniversary Banquet with 140 people attending was held that evening at the Lakeview Baptist Church. A 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour preceded the 6:30 p.m. dinner and was a time for socializing, reminiscing, and viewing the historical items on exhibit.

Tom Merchant, the denomination's historian, served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening's program. Greetings were given by Bob Austin, SDB General Conference president; Dr. K. Diane Hurley, SDB executive secretary, and the Rev. Larry Graffius, pastor of the White Cloud SDB Church. An especially poignant greeting was given by the Battle Creek mayor, Donald Sherrod, a black leader, who spoke of his long-time friendship with the church, particularly with Gene Fatato. He mentioned that several city programs which he and Gene had helped to develop were still in existence.

Music was interspersed throughout the program. A women's trio sang two selections, including another of the anniversary hymns; and a male quartet sang two familiar hymns adapted to fit the occasion. The lyrics, "The little brown church by the San," instead of the "little brown church in the vale," brought smiles to the faces of those assembled. Laurinne Lasrado, Madelene Parrish, and Arabeth DeLand sang in the trio; and Ellis Johanson, Arthur Millar, George Parrish, and Wendell Thorngate sang in the quartet.

Special presentations were made during the program. K. Diane Hurley, SDB general secretary, presented a copy of the historical booklet she wrote for the anniversary to the church historian, Harriet Davis; and Ruth Bennett awarded an anniversary plate to Marylene Tuck, who submitted the winning theme, "More Alive at 75."

With the help of film technology, a representation of the past and present life of the church was viewed by those in attendance at the banquet. Dr. Ellis Johanson showed his father's films of church members taken in the 1930's and '40's. Names of those recognized were called out as the younger faces flashed on the screen. Paul Fatato then showed a video tape he had made earlier of the morning's anniversary worship service. The entire day's anniversary activities plus an earlier anniversary social were videotaped for future showings.

Reminiscences by former pastors, Alton Wheeler and Leland Davis, brought back memories for church members. Alton recounted a time when all of the campers at one of his camps got into a patch of poison ivy but how all had scrubbed down with brown soap in Cotton Lake as instructed by the camp nurse resulting in no cases of poison ivy. Leland recalled the fact that he was pastor when the church celebrated its 50th anniversary and how the church acquired the additional camp property across the fence from the original one acre with the cottage.

Closing remarks were made by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, and then everyone joined hands in a large fellowship circle to sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binder."

Through the 75 years that "blest tie has bound" together the generations of Battle Creek church members in Christian love. The church was organized on December 10, 1904, with 17 charter members. With no sustained leadership, however, it was slow in getting started. In 1899 the church was reorganized when a missionary pastor was sent and sixteen SDB's from other churches came seeking the work advertised in the Sabbath Recorder which allowed Sabbaths off. An active C.E. Society had convinced the Missionary Society that pastoral leadership was needed when they sent the Society a list of SDB's in Battle Creek together with their occupations and number of children. The church grew as more and more SDB's came.

The young church for 25 years held meetings and services at several city locations, the longest—18 years—at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, until a permanent home was built at Washington Avenue and Emmett Street. The Gothic style church structure and parsonage on (continued on page 25)
The banquet for our women at General Conference was a huge success both in a social and spiritual way. It was attended by one hundred twenty-six of our women in gala attire. Physical preparations for the banquet were in the capable hands of the women of the Milton (Wisconsin) church, who, in recognition of the International Year of the Child, had fashioned and dolls which were waiting at each place. A copy of J. Allan Petersen’s book, “Don’t Just Stand There,” along with a program for the evening’s events were also provided by the Women’s Board.

Myrna Cox graciously presided over the event, filling the president’s chair for her mother, president of our Women’s Society, Ada Davis. The other members of the Board of Directors, our Women’s Society who were in attendance were introduced.

During the banquet hour, the women were “serenaded” by a men’s quartet two times. Each time they sang a group of songs. At one point “Nellie” was called for, so that they might sing “Seeing Nellie Home.” (Luckily, Nellie Barbour was able to be there.) Members of this able quartet were Herb and Steve Saunders, Paul Green and Dale Thorngate.

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One of the most exciting parts of the program was the receiving of the LOVE GIFT. Muriel Osborn was in charge of this section, and (including I.O.U.’s) there was an amount of $2,356.50 presented at that time. This is only a part of the total, for we are not yet in receipt of all of the offering. This information will be given later, as soon as possible. The LOVE GIFT will be distributed as follows: the seventh Day Baptist church of Cebu City, the Philippines, which has a program of feeding the children on Sabbath mornings who are in need; Sunshine Mountain, for the purpose of providing furniture for the Children’s Home; for the re-establishment of the Pearson family in Malawi; for the piano fund of the New York City church; for a tuition fund for Cranford High School in Kingston, Jamaica; support of camp­ ing programs in Africa and Jamaica; and for household furnishings for the Rod Henry’s home in the Philippines.

An inspirational part of the Women’s Banquet was a presentation by the president of the North American Baptist Women’s Union, Marena Williams. She used the theme of our Conference as her topic. John 13:35, “If you love one another as Christ our Lord and as His children we are to" wear it. The devil can imitate anything but he cannot love. We, to be under Christ’s guardianship must wear His insignia, not only must we know we are His, but others must know by our example, not by our words, but by our actions, because Christ was practical. Faith without love is dead...brotherly love is the test point; it is the inward proof to others. Jesus chose ‘Love to one another’ as His coat of arms and as His children we are to wear it. The devil can imitate anything but he cannot love. We, to be under Christ’s guardianship must wear His insignia, not only must we know we are His, but others must know by our life-style that we belong to Christ. Let Brotherly Love continue!" As a closing to her presentation Marena accompanied herself at the piano as she sang the gospel song, "The Love of God." Following this the group was led in the prayer song, "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" by Gerry Van Dyke, who also closed the program with a benediction. Following the banquet, the centerpiece which decorated the table was a copy of J. Allan Petersen’s book, “Don’t Just Stand There,” along with a program for the evening’s events were also provided by the Women’s Board.

Exactly fifty years after the formation of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church, the membership stood at 58, or about one member for every year of its existence; fifty years later, the church claimed a membership of 670, an increase of more than 1000 per cent! Thirty years after our missionaries had begun schools, we had a boys’ boarding school, girls’ boarding school, and four day schools, but their enrollments did not add up to 200 students. At the last report, in 1947, the combined enrollment was 1,400 or seven times the turn-of-the-century enrollment. In 1900 there were six missionaries—the Davises, the Crofooters, Miss Susie Burdick and Dr. Rosa Palmberg; in the late 1920’s and early 1930’s, there were as many as a dozen; and the number of native workers grew comparably from about 10 to 60 or 70.

For the details of this great chapter in Seventh Day Baptist missions, see “The Great Years, Part Two” next month.
Nearly everything we do depends upon the availability of energy. I have heard my grandmother tell of gathering Buffalo chips and twisted grass to heat her stove, as well as for my mother to use in her stove, and either coal carried in or woodsplit to heat our home. Tasks were performed through the use of human muscle and animal power.

In our generation we have moved into easier types of energy and that at relatively reasonable costs. We heat our homes by turning a thermostat whether we heat with oil, gas, or electricity. The development of motors has replaced the energy of man and animal with mechanical power to a great extent. Suddenly, we find that these sources of energy are limited and are no longer cheap. There must be changes in our use of energy. Thermostats are turned down to save in cost and the use of energy, people are again turning to wood burning stoves, mills are turning long winter underwear and sweaters as garments of comfort rather than style. Our travel habits are changing. We give more thought to the need before we get into the car and drive off.

All energy comes from the sun. We have been using that which has been stored in one way or another countless years ago. Now we are trying to learn how to harness and store the energy which is there today. We are moving into the fields of solar energy and the use of wind power, sources of energy which are inexhaustible, but which have not yet learned how to harness and store efficiently for future use. It will be done by going to people, by teaching, disciples to make disciples. This is of salvation with men. He told His responsibility of sharing the "good news" of salvation with men. He told His disciples to make disciples. This is done by going to people, by teaching, and claiming the power which He has promised to us. He said: "...When, however, the time of the end is come, and the son of man shall be revealed, then shall the gospel of the kingdom of heav­en be proclaimed with power, and the word will be preached to every creature under heaven: and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned."

God is calling Seventh Day Baptists to a new work of senti­ons for Him. More inquires are coming in in regard to who we are and our place in God's Kingdom. To respond to this call requires more energy. Energy is rated in time, talent and money. How will we respond? Will we develop more fully the personal energy resources within all of us, responding to greater leadership roles in our churches, renewed Bible study, the giving of ourselves to develop a maturing Christian discipline and make more disciples? Not only do we have the energy to draw upon, but we also have the promise of the SON to give us the energy which is needed as we trust Him for it.

We will need more professional leadership to respond to the work which God has for us. We will need more travel to respond to the inquiries which are coming to us. Required here are those who respond to God's call for leadership, plus all of us responding financially to be faithful stewards of the Commission entrusted to us by God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

The mad man of Gadara wanted to become one of the intimate followers of Jesus and go with Him when his sanity was restored by Jesus. But Jesus told him: "Go back to your village and tell them what has happened to you." It would have been easy to turn a thermostat and call upon the use of oil and gas or electricity to heat our homes. We can do so under the leadership of the church, with the energy which is within each of us. It is easy to delegate the responsibilities of the Commission to those who have been "called.

ENERGY

As we put more of our own energy into the work of Christ, we will also find that we want to give more financial support to those tasks which are beyond the borders of our churches. We WILL FIND A WAY. God will show us how it can be done. In the meantime, each of us must consider how we will make the best use of the energy which is available. This is so, due to the lack of availability and also to the increasingly greater portion of our income needed to pay for the energy we use.

Can we draw a parallel in our response to God and the Commission of Jesus Christ? I believe we can. We knew that we were responsible for sharing the "good news" of salvation with men. He told His disciples to make disciples. This is done by going to people, by teaching, and claiming the power which He has promised to us. He said: "...When, however, the time of the end is come, and the son of man shall be revealed, then shall the gospel of the kingdom of heav­en be proclaimed with power, and the word will be preached to every creature under heaven: and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned."

Ordination has always held a high and respected place in the life of Seventh Day Baptists churches. It is that moment in the life of God's servants when church, through examination and solemn assembly, confirms the call of God to the ministry of the church. Our Manual of Procedures states: "It is ordination to a task. It is putting the stamp of the church's approval on the inward call of God. Ordination is a public declaration and a confirmation of God's call to service, whenever an ordination occurs there is thanksgiving to God for con­tinuing the process of "sending laborers into His har­vest." It is ordination to a task. It is putting the stamp of the church's approval on the inward call of God. Ordination is a public declaration and a confirmation of God's call to service, whenever an ordination occurs there is thanksgiving to God for con­tinuing the process of "sending laborers into His har­vest."

In 1978 five persons were ordained into the Seventh Day Baptist ministry. These were the first persons to be ordained in 17 years. Now we may be experiencing the "laying on of hands" through 1979. God is certainly blessing us with new leadership as we enter our Degree of Discipleship.

On May 11-12, 1979, Robert W. Babcock, pastor of the Houston, Texas, Seventh Day Baptist Church was ordained to the gospel ministry. Pastor Babcock, a graduate of North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, was welcomed into the Seventh Day Baptist ministry by Rev. Myron G. Soper, director of Evangelism, and coordinator of the Reach Out Now Project that brought the Houston church into existence. Other participants in the service of ordination were Dean Herbert E. Saunders of the Center on Ministry, who delivered the baptismal morning message and gave the Charge to the candidate (and his wife) Rev. L. Wayne Babcock, father of the ordained, who delivered the baptismal evening message and gave the Charge to the church; Mr. Stephen J. Pierce, moderator of the Houston church, who conducted the ordination service; and Rev. Floyd J. Goodson, pastor of the Fouke, Arkansas church who offered the consecrating prayer at the "laying on of hands."

Mr. Babcock, who began pastoring the church in Houston immediately after graduating from Seminary, shared a thoughtful and concise statement of faith and experience. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless his ministry in Houston.

The ordination of Rev. Thomas J. Sostar, the new pastor of the Alfred, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church, was recognized in services on Sabbath, July 21, 1978. Pastor Sostar, an ordained Seventh Day Adventist minister, was welcomed into the ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference by Rev. Rev. E. Zweibl of Alfred Station, New York. Dean Herbert E. Saunders delivered the morning message, and Dr. K. Duan Hurley, executive secretary of the General Conference gave the Charge to the Church. The consecrating prayer was delivered by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, a member of the Alfred church.

Pastor Sostar began service to Seventh Day Baptists in June following his attendance at the Ministers Conference held in Michigan, Wisconsin. We welcome him to the fellowship in like manner as we put more personal energy into the work. We must learn to use both the local church, that we also respond with greater financial support to the program of the church. "...When, however, the time of the end is come, and the son of man shall be revealed, then shall the gospel of the kingdom of heav­en be proclaimed with power, and the word will be preached to every creature under heaven: and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be condemned."

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. AIRS WORD OF TRUTH**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—We are happy to announce that here in the nation's capital the Seventh Day Baptist radio program, "The Word of Truth" is now being heard. The station is WFXA and the time is every Sabbath at 10:15 a.m. We pray the Lord will bless this ministry and outreach of the Washington church.

"God's Door—Your Door to Adventure" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held at the church center July 23-27. There was good participation in the program directed by Mrs. Ruth Hazen with the capable assistance of Mrs. Gertrude Davis and Miss Charlotte Ellis of the Salmonville, PA church.

Three from our church, Charles Neely, Kent Wells and Tee Ann Andries were "middlemen" attending Camp Joy at Bera, WV this summer. Pastor and Mrs. Leland Davis were co-directors of the "junior" camp held also in Bera with Alake Harris, Michelle Neely and Nicole Simmons from Washington in attendance. Timothy Dickinson was exchange camper to Camp Lewis in Connecticut.

The pastor reports that attendance at the Sabbath morning worship service this quarter is higher than the same period of time during the last two years. We feel this is the result of the friendly reception given visitors each Sabbath. The Washington church has an "open door" to any and all visiting the city. Some of our recent guests include the Verona, NY SDY Youth Fellowship with their leaders Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis; Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Brown and family from Fayetteville, NC. We are happy to see visitors each Sabbath as they join us in worship of our Lord. (Mrs. Aline Broshy)

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**NEW AUBURN, WI. — THE NEW AUBURN SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

The New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church is excitingly making plans for the 100th anniversary of that congregation.

The theme for the event, to be held October 3-7, will be "God's Pioneers for 100 Years." Some of the highlights of the centennial will be: Thursday, October 4, 8:00 p.m., "Messages of Praise" Friday, October 5, 8:00 p.m., North Central Association Opening Service, Rev. Larry Graffius, speaker; Sabbath Day, October 6, 10:00 a.m., worship service with Communion served by former pastors, Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, speaker; 2:30 p.m. Decade of Discipleship presentation by Rev. Herbert Saunders and Mr. Tom Chant; 4:30 p.m., concert with The King's Singers from Dodge Center; 7:00 p.m., banquet with presentation of church history, recognition of denominational representatives, and recognition of former pastors; youth campfire and move; "Welcome Home" will be shown; Sunday, October 7, 10:00 a.m., Praise Service with Rev. Dale Thorngate as speaker; 10:00 a.m., North Central Association Business Meeting; 8:00 p.m., Closing Service. Everyone is invited to help the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrate in this joyous occasion.

—Jim North

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BRITISH ORDAIN OWEN LYNCH

BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND — On Sabbath, July 7, 1979 in special services held at the SDH church in Birmingham, Brother Owen Lynch was ordained to the gospel ministry.

A council comprising delegates from all over England met in the morning to select a chairman and a secretary.

Following a time of prayer, Brother Lynch gave his statement of belief and Christian experience. After a time of questions the council dwelt and later announced that the ordination was approved.

Dr. M. Goulder of the Theological Department of the University of Birmingham preached the ordination sermon. The charge to the candidate and to the church was given by the Rev. A.L. Peat, pastor of the Mill Yard SDH Church in London. Many other ministers and guests were in attendance at the service.

Points to Ponder

LET'S TALK ABOUT LIGHT

Paul B. Osborn
Nortoville, KS

Let's talk about LIGHT. We keep a light on our house all night, at the top of the stairs. For two reasons: first, we don't want anyone to fall stumble and fall because of the darkness, and second, I was very afraid of the dark when I was a child, and I don't see any need of darkness existing when light is available. Now that our children are growing up, I suppose we don't need that light...but daddy still likes it!

In the eighth chapter of John's Gospel we read the words of Christ: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of life."

How foolish we are to stumble around in spiritual darkness when Christ is the Light of life! Deborah Boone became famous by singing, "You light up my life..." Let's let Him do it, Jesus, the Light of the World!

Scripture Gems

Rev. Charles D. Swing
Auburndale, NM

- And you hath he quickened (made alive), who were dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1)...

- Once I was dead in sin, now I am alive through faith in Christ, and I have the privilege of showing others this way of life in Him.

Paul tells us that God is a God of mercy and forgiveness and He has the remedy for sin. He was so "rich in mercy" that He gave us back our lives again when He raised Christ Jesus from the dead. By His grace, by way of this undeserved favor God lifted us up out of sin to be with Him in heavenly places. These heavenly places are not some far-off, distant paradise, some "pie-in-the-sky reward" for being good. It is like a touch of heaven on earth, in the here and now, because we can live with Christ Jesus in our heart.

Paul has another thing to say that should make us stop and think; that having been saved by God's amazing grace, we can and should walk among the other peoples of the earth as examples of the inheritors of the riches of His kindness. We have no right to sit in smug inactivity waiting for our "reward." We must move about the earth as living examples of what a man can be when he understands that Jesus, and Jesus only, can and will "lift him up" into a nobler life than he ever thought he could live and in the letting of it, lift others. It is my prayer that I may always be faithful to Him in this new life He has given me.

Accessions

Bell (Gaithersville, PA)
John F. Stephan, Pastor
By Baptism: Owen Dwight Kaparise, Jr. David R. Kaparise Richard Kirk Stephan Rodney Wayne Carabub

Obituaries

Kerwin — Frank J., son of James and Frances D. M. Kerwin, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 22, 1907, and died in Seattle, Washington, on August 8, 1979. Frank was brought up by his maternal grandparents in Los Angeles, California, after being orphaned as an infant. On January 10, 1936, he was united in marriage to Lois Green. He was a Los Angeles foreman, worked on many construction projects for the government in the West, including the dams on the Columbia River. Frank served through World War II with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Pacific, and worked for the United States Postal Service.

Since the founding of the Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1966, Frank and Lois have been active and loyal supporters of the church and the Lord's work.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lois Kerwin of Seattle, and an aunt, Mar Miriams of Los Angeles.

Memorial services were conducted by his pastor, Duane L. Davis, on August 13, and burial was in Washington Memorial Park, Seattle.

More Alive at 75

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North Avenue cost $50,000 to build in 1929. The church was dedicated to the memory of Ella Eaton Kellogg, a member of the church and wife of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, the Sanitarium director.

Church property now includes a new parsonage on Arcadia Boulevard, a Parish House next door to the church, two lots recently acquired to provide additional parking, and a camp.

The church has developed its Camp Holston from the small lakeside cottage on one acre to the 21 acre camping complex it is today with lodge, dorms, recreational and worship sites.

The church's camping sessions not only nurture young campers, but also provide a training ground for seminary and Christian education students who serve as assistant pastors during the summers.

The church has a long history of involvement with the community, other churches, and the denomination, taking part in many worthy projects and supplying both lay and ministerial leaders.

At the present time, the church with its 243 members is involved in a Commitment to Growth program, planning ways to widen its outreach to the unchurched and to strengthen the ties within the church. If it be God's will, the little brown church by the San will carry on His work for yet another 75 years.

Anniversary Hymn

To Thee, O God, we sing our praise
For endless care thru all our days.
The love you have blessed us in the past
And yet today it holds us fast.
We view the past in memory
Three quarters of a century.
The saints, our fathers shared Thy Word
And countless souls the message heard.

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MARRIAGES

TRUJILLO YBARRA—Defin J. Trujillo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Definio Trujillo, of Hayward, Calif., and Vicki D. Ybarra, daughter of Mrs. Millichip Millard of Fremont, Calif., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Seattle, Washington, by their pastor, Duane L. Davis, on July 21, 1979.

BIRTHS

CROUCH—A daughter, Heidi Cynthia, to Steven and Becky (Davis) Crouch of Little Genesee, N.Y., on June 29, 1979.

Gift Idea

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Today, Denver is the retailing, manufacturing, cultural and transportation center of the Rocky Mountain region.

### POPULATION GROWTH

Since the early 1950's a steady growth trend has maintained itself in the five county area that comprises the Denver Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA). Currently, about 1.5 million people call this region home, with almost one-half million residents in the Denver city limits.

- Located 30 miles from Downtown Denver, Boulder is considered part of the SMSA. At the very foot of the Rockies, Boulder population doubled between 1960 and 1970 to a current total of about 70,000 residents.
- Nineteen incorporated suburban cities around Denver have a population in excess of 4,000.

### WEATHER

Denver boasts an invigorating combination of cleaner and dryer air plus an appreciably lighter atmospheric pressure. Average mid-day humidity is approximately 30%. Located on the semi-arid eastern slope of the mountains, the Denver vicinity will experience only 14 to 15 inches of rain per year. On an average annual average, the median high temperature is a comfortable 68 degrees and the low temperature average is 37 degrees.

### Summer days are hot and call for lightweight clothing. However, the evenings are often cool enough so that a sweater or light jacket is warranted.

#### A group of Sabbathkeepers in Kokomo, Indiana, led by Mr. Martin Stout are in communication with Rev. Dale Thorngate in Columbus, OH. Several in the group have completed the GUIDE Bible course and they have requested Pastor Thorngate to visit Kokomo to hold special meetings which may include a baptism. Pray for this new work.

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**MISSIO N NOTES**

*Where there is no vision the people perish.* —Psalm 37:5

**PRAYER**

A Prayer Reminder for Each Day!!

NOVEMBER 1979

1. Faith Mission worker Barbara Snyder—Ps. 143:7

2. Be sure to pray for the needs of the SDB's ....—Ps. 37:5

3. Your pastor as he presents the morning message—Ps. 119:67

4. Wisdom and strength to accomplish the tasks of this week—Ps. 119:34

5. Conference leadership in Central Africa Conference—Ps. 119:50


7. The group of SDB's meeting in Atlanta, GA—Ps. 119:31

8. Thank God for hands that help in times of need!—Ps. 119:31

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FROM: Pastor Borden, Boulder, Colorado.

I wanted to let you all know that the money you gave toward my air fare went farther than you thought. The increased fare was less than anticipated, so I applied the difference toward my expenses for room and board at Conference for the remainder of the week. My church had paid for the original air fare and two days of Conference. That means that through my church and all of you, God paid my way to Pre-Con and Conference! Many, many thanks. It's a beautiful testimony to the world that we really do love each other and we show that love by our actions. I love every one of you and I hope to see you next year in Colorado. Let's expect great things during the year, and bring to Conference our stories of what God has done through us.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The accomplishments highlighted in this brief report are made possible because of gifts received from indi-
viduals and churches. Gifts from churches, denominations and agencies totaled $1,668,148 for 1978 of which $941 came from the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Since 1967, contributions from the churches and agencies of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference have been as follows:

1967 $ 365 1973 $ 385
1968 465 1974 685
1969 715 1975 489
1970 727 1976 449
1971 1,273 1977 1,179
1972 640 1978 941

Gifts from the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference averaged $0.183 per member in 1978. If the per capita income were increased to just $0.25 per member per year, income from the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference would reach $1,285. This is imperative if the ABS is going to be able to keep up with the demand for Scriptures worldwide.

The ABS requests the continued prayers and financial support of the Seventh Day Baptist General Con-
ference. Working together we can bring the message of hope found in the Scriptures to those who need it so desperately.

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It’s time to turn off the television, now, and go to bed, Johnny,” called Johnny’s dad.

“But Dad, it’s only eight o’clock, and I don’t go to bed until nine!” Johnny was confused, because his dad never insisted that he go to bed early.

“You look awfully tired, Johnny, and I think you could use the extra rest. Please don’t argue with me, because I think you will see that I know what I’m doing. Now go on to bed,” Dad’s voice was very stern, and Johnny knew that he had better listen and do what Dad said.

Johnny headed for his room without saying anything else, because he was afraid that he might get angry if he said anything. But inside he was talking to himself. I sure did want to watch that TV program that was coming on. I wonder why Dad decided to send me to bed early? I sure don’t feel tired.

As usual, Johnny reached for his Bible and read a few verses. Touched his reader verse from 1 Corinthians 2:6-12. The passage talked about God’s wisdom. Johnny closed his Bible and prayed: “Lord, I know you are wise. You have given wisdom to my dad. I do not understand why he has sent me to bed so early, but I know there must be a good purpose for it. Help me to accept it without being angry. Amen.”

Johnny was sure that he would not be able to go to sleep so early, but as soon as he got into bed, he began to feel sleepy, and soon he was asleep.

The next thing Johnny heard was Dad calling his name. “Johnny, wake up. There’s a surprise for you downstairs.” Johnny woke up and looked around. Why, it was still night! What could be going on? He looked at his clock, and saw that it was past midnight. This was really strange. Johnny had never been up at midnight.

He slipped on his robe and slippers and rushed down the stairs. Halfway down, he realized what was going on. Uncle Fred and Aunt Helen were here. He rushed over and gave both of them a big kiss.

Dad explained, “I knew that Uncle Fred and Aunt Helen would come in very late on their long trip. I sent you to bed early so that you could get up and see them. I hope you understand now why I had to send you to bed.”

"I sure do, Dad. This is one of the best surprises I’ve ever had. I didn’t understand, but I’m glad you did it.”

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SILENT MESSAGERS

We have often said before, one of the most effective and enduring methods of sharing the gospel is through the publication ministry. More and more I am convinced that we need to make even greater strides in our efforts to reach out to lost mankind with the hope and assurance of Jesus Christ through our tracts and other publications. As we look back over the years we discover many people who were brought to a knowledge of Christ and specifically of the Sabbath truth because of the witness of tracts—our "silent messengers."

Few perhaps will remember that at one time the Tract Society maintained a branch distribution office in New Brunswick, Canada. The Rev. George Seely, a Sabbath convert, carried on this work during the early part of this century.

A native of Ireland, George Seely came to Canada where he married Mary N. Cooperwaiite in 1858. He and his wife later accepted Christ and joined a local Baptist church in 1850. Later he entered the ministry and served Baptist churches in various parts of northeastern Canada during the years 1862-1894.

After over thirty years in the ministry the Seelys became convinced of the Sabbath truth and correspondence with our church in Berlin, New York. Later he was issued a call to assume the pastorate at Berlin where he served from 1895-1900 when he returned to New Brunswick to engage in tract distribution and Sabbath promotional work.

Writing in the July 22, 1912 issue of the Sabbath Recorder, Rev. Seely commented on his outreach work and appealed to Seventh Day Baptists to continue their support of the tract and publication ministry.

"Dear brothers and sisters, I am not asking you to give up this work. I am asking God's people to support the work in the same way they support their own churches. I am asking you to say, 'I want to see Canada all over deep with this precious seed of the Kingdom. The Seventh-day Sabbath is an integral part of the Kingdom. These tracts are so necessary, silent witnesses, and they must go out in all directions for some time yet, and the harvest day will come."

The printed page is the only means of reaching the majority of the people in the world with the gospel. Shall we not rather send out more than ever before to reach this great question, even through the special blessing brethren have enjoyed? Shall we not rather send out our people to help with the tasks others have come to a new knowledge of God through the printed page?

May God grant us vision and wisdom as we seek new methods of sharing God's love through the ministry of the "silent messengers."
Six new pastors were introduced at Conference, they are: Steven Crouch, Little Genesee, NY, and Hebron, PA, churches; John Rau, First and Second Brookfield, NY, churches; Thomas Sostar, Alfred, NY; Robert Van Horn, Farina, IL; Rod Henry, missionary to the Philippines; and Gabriel Bejjani, Stanton, CA.

Mr. Stephen Wang, a graduate of Grace High School in Shanghai, China, and Milton College, expresses his happiness at being able to be in America and at Conference. He will be making his new home in Madison-Milton, WI.