We believe each individual stands accountable before God and responsible to Him above all else. That a Christian, through personal faith in the work of Christ (His birth, life's ministry, death and resurrection), should grow and mature in faith, understanding and service.

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2. The SCSC program strives to provide an atmosphere for young people to experience a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. To learn to know Him and His will for their lives.

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10. To provide individuals an opportunity to become prayer warriors and people-supporters, to become personally involved in the lives of fellow Christians.

There are so many people just waiting to hear the good news that God loves them and wants them to belong to Him. This is an exciting time to be living, because the opportunity to tell others of God's love is all around us. But how can they believe, if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not told? And how can the message be told, if the messengers are not sent out? As the Scripture says, "How wonderful is the coming of those who bring good news!"

The SCSC committee urges you to allow God to use you this summer in at least one of these ways. Join us in a summer of dedicated service to the glory of God.

Gerry Van Dyke

SCSC Coordinator

Applications are available from your local pastor, or you may write to Neva Hunt, SCSC Coordinator, 10120 W. Exposition Drive, Lakewood, CO 80226. Financial support can be given through the Women's Board, just mail your check or money order to Mrs. Jane Bottoms, 1115 Ravenwood Road, Boulder, CO 80303.

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Speak, Lord, for thy servant is listening!"
Some prime examples are war and slavery. When the fifth of August comes around each year few of us are aware of the anniversary of the dropping of the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan—by some of the nicest people. We know them as Americans. But who was responsible? The government? The person who pulled the lever? The man or woman who made the bomb? We have a history in our country of taking land from the Indians. Our forefathers did it way back when we first came to the United States, but we’re still doing it today in the name of free enterprise or the need for more natural resources so that we can continue to live in the manner to which we have become so accustomed. We see all around us uncontrolled technology, stockpiling of atomic waste that no one knows what to do with, but because we need the energy we continue to create it. Industry goes unregulated.

Recently I traveled from Columbus, Ohio, to Alfred, New York, in my automobile. I always enjoy such drives. They give me time to think and to enjoy the countryside. But as I traveled through Nebraska, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania the land was covered with smoke and pollution, and the beauty of the land was not evident. As I think about our sins I hear the Scriptures saying from Romans, “The wages of sin is death,” and I begin to believe that that doesn’t just mean for us as individuals but maybe for our civilization as well.

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Since it is not a four-letter word but a three-letter word called “sin,”

Dr. Menninger discusses the seven deadly sins: envy, pride, anger, sloth, avarice, gluttony, and lust. A couple of these words we do not hear a lot; they may be the most significant ones for us to deal with. Menninger adds to the seven sin that most may not be new but that seem to be especially prevalent in the twentieth century: the sins of waste, cheating and stealing, lying, and cruelty. Let’s look at avarice and sloth.

Avarice is the sin of influence in combination with envy, it seems to be a preoccupation with possessions. As we practice the art of making ourselves rich we must of necessity be practicing the art of keeping our neighbor poor. An example is buying new automobiles or new clothes while there are those who cannot afford these. “I was naked but you would not clothe me.”

The second sin, that of sloth, is apathy or indifference. We may describe it or understand it as selfishness, that is, not caring about others, thinking only of oneself. “I was sick and in prison and you would not take care of me.” The Matthew 25 Scripture in which Jesus describes what behavior will be rewarded puts sin in this dimension. We have often understood the definition of sin to be breaking of the law. Or, more correctly, as failure to act in order as needed.

SINNERs OFTEN NICEST PEOPLE

Have you noticed that some of the worst sinners are some of the nicest people? We usually speak about the sins of individuals, but I think we have with us a twentieth century dilemma, that I’ll call corporate sin. We’ve become pretty good at it—in ignoring or committing this sin—because if we can make the group responsible then nobody is responsible. I don’t have to claim any responsibility for cruelty towards others.

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The 1979 National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) convention theme, "Jesus Christ: Now More Than Ever," was explained in a position paper which included: "We affirm that the Christ of the Scriptures— and He alone—is the answer to the world's need today. He is the God-man and is the world's only universal figure. Being 'God of very God,' He has existed from all eternity and is the same yesterday, today and forever.'

"Now more than ever, the message of the changeless Christ must be proclaimed to a world searching for reality and certainty.

"Now, more than ever, the motive of the changeless Christ speaks to our lifestyle, to our stewardship in a world of poverty and riches, of inequities, of crises for compassion and justice.

"Now, more than ever, the method of the changeless Christ must be our method. 'There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved' (Acts 4:12).

"We must seek those who do not know Him, not with the futile word of secular humanism, but with the word of amazing grace. Christ is the answer."

Held at Orlando, FL, the NAE sessions were preceded by a day of Commission and affiliate sessions and programmed morning and afternoon workshops on various topics. Rev. Leon M. Malby, a member of the Christian Social Action Committee of the SDB General Conference, especially related to those of the Evangelical Social Action Commission and World Relief, Inc. The executive vice-president of the SDB Missionary Society, Leon R. Lawton, attended sessions of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), Evangelism and Home Missions Association and the Evangelical Churchmen Commission.


Over twenty-five booths displayed resources, materials and services. The personal contact and conversation with Christians from most states and many churches offered new insights and understandings. Luncheon speakers included: Dr. Paul Freed, president, Trans-World Radio, who shared experiences and slides of his visit to mainland China; Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, speaking on "Evangelism Explosion and Television"; and Rev. Jean-Claude Noel, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, giving facts on "People in Search of a Place: The Refugee Story."

Seventh Day Baptists attendance and participation was welcomed by Dr. Carl H. Lundquist, NAE president and president of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, MN, at the president's dinner attended by Leon R. Lawton. At the first evening service over a score of persons were recognized as those who attended the founding session of NAE in Chicago in 1943. Rev. Leon M. Malby was one of these.

Dr. Stephen F. Ollott, well-known expository preacher and radio broadcaster, has accepted the position of minister-at-large with the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). His responsibilities will include a weekly thirty-minute radio broadcast, seminars with pastors and seminarians, speaking engagements at NAE-sponsored events and some writing.

The 1980 annual convention will be held in Los Angeles, CA, in March.
**CLIFFORD A. BEEBE Memorial Home 1979**

**Sunshine MOUNTAIN**

**Dedication**

by Shireen Hurley

Only those who have actively pursued the realization of a dream can know the frustration, discouragement, and other despair that comes with the pursuit of a dream. Although the building of the Home for Retarded Children began a short time and without difficulty, it was subjected to much testing, was recognized in a dedication of the finishing touches, the people of construction and imagine the task. 

Retarded children and adults are often pawns of chance, rarely cared for in a loving way by their family, but often being such a burden that they are shuttled off to the only available place, the mental institution, where they are kept in order to render them quiet, patients causing no problem to their keepers. There is a growing number of programs to educate these people, but not many to house them.

Sunshine Mountain, a dream of several years by Jack, Linda, and Ralph Hayes, will fill this eventually for about thirty-six persons; twelve in this first home.

Several years ago Jack was declared disabled because of two accidents to his legs. He, Linda and their three children could have sat back and enjoyed the compensation granted him, with Linda probably caring for foster children or teaching in the public schools as she is trained to do. This would be a normal pattern for most people to follow. However, this couple felt that God was calling them to a more useful endeavor and that they had the vision of doing something for those less fortunate than they.

In the meantime, Jack's brother, Ralph—who is also an ordained SDB minister—had the task of finding care for his wife, Mary, who has suffered brain damage. The men decided that, with God's help, they would establish a facility where individuals like those could find loving attention. Now, after three long, struggling years, using essentially their own meager funds, they are established at Sunshine Mountain with success for their dream in sight.

There is still much to do. More SDB's and others are beginning to help and there are numerous accounts of God's assistance and blessing in the work. In one instance, for example, Jack went to collect the cheapest ceiling tile made, but the merchant told him they did not have as much as was needed. And asked if he would like a better quality for the same price! Also, there has been the idea that a resident nurse should be a part of the plan, so the men prayed about this as they had done for everything. Rose Marie Deal, a member of the Adams Center SDB Church, where Ralph had been a pastor several years before, contacted them on another matter. Mrs. Deal is a nurse so she was asked to consider the position. On February 15 she and her daughters moved into one of the houses at Sunshine Mountain. Loretta and Cassandra are enrolled in the nearby high school.

A mere acquaintance of Ralph, Gene Menasco, read about Sunshine Mountain in a newspaper and decided that since he was between jobs he would offer two days of labor. In return God has asked him to send a carpenter so completely on faith that they could pay him, Gene was asked to stay on. There have been times when there was not enough money to pay him until, at the last moment, money would come in the mail or was given to Jack.

On his part, Jack has found a way to raise money, more than $5,000 to date, by people pledging a certain amount for each pound he loses by next summer. Many newspapers in the area have run stories about the project so it is not unusual for a perfect stranger to meet him on the street and press money into his hands for their pledge or as a gift.

Not only is this bringing in financial assistance but helpful publicity to the SDB church and project in Sunshine Mountain. Ralph Hays' weekly broadcasts of services over a radio station in Columbia, a nearby town, and people have become interested in attending a small fellowship there. Some of them attended the dedication.

Gifts have come in today for a bronze plaque for the Clifford A. Beebe Memorial Home, but it had not arrived yet for installation. The living room, measuring 24 by 44 feet, lends itself well to gatherings of the home. Jack and Linda will be the first house parents for a dozen children to be housed in the home and Jack will continue under the direction of Ann Williams. They have established a foundation of the home to withstand any kind of stress and pointed out that Sunshine Mountain was also on a similarly strong foundation of God's love.

Others attending comprised a congregation of about fifty people, several from the immediate area, including Jack's and Ralph's mother.

George Dillman explained that, as an engineer, he had designed the foundation of the home to withstand any kind of stress and pointed out that Sunshine Mountain was also on a similarly strong foundation of God's love.

Each day topical sub-themes will be presented in this pattern to reinforce and strengthen the closeness of the tie between Love and Discipleship.

We will be blessed in our evening celebrations with the great music of the Conference choir, under the direction of Floyd Goodson of Fouke, Arkansas. There will be uplifting music in songs of praise and schedule the special music as we feel God working through the Conference business sessions.

There are plans to have three or more seminars of three one-hour sessions that will be devoted to a topic, the days to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Topics will be: The Methodist Life and Christian Relationships, Confident Decision Making, and Christian Financial Planning.

Let us prepare for a great spiritual kinship and celebration by sharing how we are His disciples; using the Fruits of the Spirit, serving the Lord through praise and song, finding our purpose and Spiritual Gifts to make the Body function in one color of the thread of God's love as a committed disciple.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Wm. R. (Bob) Austin

I want to share the excitement I have of a vision of the 1979 Conference program. Can you envision, with me, the thread of LOVE unwinding from the bobbin each day within the theme and sub-theme presentations? See it being woven into a colorful and beautiful fabric, that will be the uniform of His disciples.

Each evening beginning Sunday evening, the warmth of love will be felt in small group study and prayer in the several dormitory lounges, before people retire. For example, Monday's topic and sub-theme, Fruits of the Spirit, will be presented Sunday Evening, as an orientation to Monday's emphatic emphasis of LOVE as the greatest of the fruits, the color of the thread of the disciple's uniform. After a night of rest and reflection, conferences will arise to attend a stimulating morning devotion to make the Body function in one color of the thread of the theme and the Scripture lesson will instruct us how our Lord would have us go about our Conference business and committee work.

At noon, Pastor Gabriel Bejani will lead and allow us to testify as to the useful application of this theme in our daily lives, in a personal sharing period. And once again in a word experience in the chapel in the evening, the Conference speakers will challenge us to new experiences of being His disciples as we gain their insight of sharing God's love as a committed disciple.

### Sunday Evening

April 1979

This fish pond is adjacent to the new buildings at Sunshine Mountain. It will provide much recreation and enjoyment for the residents in years to come.

And through the dedication, read a poem by Robert Browning and Scripture honoring her husband. She had been flown by the Cowbells from the home of her daughter and son-in-law in Florida.

Every day's topic and sub-theme will be presented, that, with God's help, we will come to see the unity of the theme through praise and song, finding our purpose and Spiritual Gifts to make the Body function in one color of the thread of God's love as a committed disciple.
"We love because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19

Madeline Fitz Randolph

"PURPOSE—TO STRENGTHEN EACH WOMAN TO REACH HER HIGHEST POTENTIAL AS A CHRISTIAN PERSON..."

Does the above sound familiar? It should, for it is a sentence from the statement of purpose of our Women's Society. This statement is included in one of the new tracts and comes to us for distribution under the heading "Get Acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists," a publication we may distribute with pride, because it is attractively made up and succinct in the message. The message, however, is loaded with meaning and responsibility for each of us. TO STRENGTHEN—TO REACH—HIGHEST POTENTIAL—This is an overwhelming idea, but without this purpose, we are not say we believe.

We have been exploring some thoughts about the similarity between the common candle and the Christian person. I'd like to share these thoughts with you.

The wax symbolizes man. The wick symbolizes Christ.

The wick runs through the center of the wax. It's there already. It's a part of the makeup of the candle. The wax can be all the way from simple and useful to elegant and beautiful to look at. Candles come in all shapes and sizes.

Most candles are beautiful to look at, even in their simplicity. But, they remain cold and indifferent until lighted.

Once lighted, activated, warmed and light radiate.

Faith is involved. Faith, activated, lights the wick. We know the wick will light and burn, but it is not until we activate that faith the wick radiates.

The wick is the source of keeping the light going, but the wax is definitely needed.

The flame cannot burn without the candle giving totally of itself.

As the candle gives of itself, its form changes. Without the flame it remains cold and indifferent.

"You only believe that which activates you. Faith is active."

—Contributed by Jean Jorgensen

MISSION NOTES

"Where there is no vision the people perish."

VERSE FOR THE MONTH: "I pray the LORD because my prayers and answers them. Because he bends down and listens, I will pray as long as I breathe." -Psalm 116:1-2

• MOZAMBIQUE—Brother Augusto Lopes Benesse writes, "On 29th November there were baptized nine converts in Nampula Province. In Zambere Province there were baptized more believers than here." Let us remember to pray for these new Christians in Mozambique, as well as in our churches here in the USA and around the world.

• USA—"We are encouraged by the growth of the 'Lewis County Branch Church of Seventh Day Baptists' ('Chehalis, WA'), which organized in September." New churches are branching off from existing SDB churches and these branches are GROWING! The leading and blessings of the Lord are continuing to be known. What are the possibilities of your church branching out? Should this not be the goal of all our churches—taking the church to the people, rather than expecting the people to come to the church?

• KENYA—Joel Omare writes in a recent letter, "Here in Kenya the gospel is getting on well and I am getting on with the work. Last month I did not go out much but I was at home teaching the teachers what they are supposed to teach in the churches. I also thank the Lord for what he did for us to have these books and materials we are using for such time we need to train the leaders." Let us uphold these teachers in our churches in Kenya that they may speak the words which God has laid upon their heart and remember in prayer the people who will be listening to them as well.

• MALAWI—Corresponding Secretary of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists G. P. Nantikwa writes, "Many parts where we have a good number of Christians are experiencing lack of rain this year. Maize crops have dried up, although the rain may come, it is already too late. Your prayers are badly needed in this country, but the Lord's work is progressing day by day although we are short of educated young leaders. However as the Almighty God promised us that I will never forget you. We believe He is with us always." Praise God for the faithfulness of the national leaders in Malawi and remember all of our brethren in prayer as they experience this time of drought.

• The Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, R.I., will have an interpreter for the deaf on the first Sabbath of the month in April, May and June. Mrs. Peggy Petrone will be serving the church in this ministry as well as serving with the sign language class of the church.

REACH-HIGHEST POTENTIAL—STRENGTHEN—TO...
AND ABRAHAM SAID TO NOAH
of
The Forgotten Begats
by Timothy L. Bond

Most readers looking at the title of this article will probably think something is wrong because these two men lived at different places and were not contemporaries any way. At this point in history when Roots has been shown and rerun, and its sequel as well as similar programs are being prepared for television, it is quite interesting to look into the Bible at what many consider some of the most boring passages ever written—THE BEGATS.

People with insomnia frequently lie awake nights trying to solve important questions like, "If Methuselah lived longer than anyone else on earth, how did he die?" By reading Genesis 5:25-29 and 7:6 with pencil in hand, one can solve this mystery. Methuselah lived 969 years; and when he was 187, he begat Lamech. One hundred eighty-two years later Lamech begat Noah. While Noah was 600, the flood took place. Simple addition of 187 years to Lamech’s birth, plus 182 years to Noah’s birth, plus 600 years to the flood equals 969 years. Therefore, the odds are that Methuselah died in the flood.

Other interesting pieces of trivia may also be found by studying the begats. The flood took place 1656 years after Adam was created. Six men—Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Jared, Methuselah, and Noah—lived over 900 years. Adam lived more than half of the time between Creation and the flood. Noah was over 500 when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the three sons who traveled with him on the ark.

Also, it appears Luke made an error when he listed the genealogy of Joseph, the earthly father or stepfather of Jesus. Luke 3:36 says that Cainan was the son of Arphaxad while both Genesis 5:9 and 1 Chronicles 1:1-2 say that he was the son of Enos.

Surely more fascinating facts may be ferreted out of the begats, but what interested me when studying them was the impact of longevity of the characters presented in Genesis upon the family tree.

About a year ago I became a father and named my son Levi Harold Bond. These first names are a remembrance of a generation which went on before. The name Levi represents Robert Levi Bond, my son's great-grandfather, who was killed in the Battle of the Bulge during World War II, and Harold is for Luther Harold Bond, Robert’s brother, who was principal of the high school in Madison, West Virginia, at the time of his death in 1970.

Since Levi’s birth my interest in our family’s past has been revitalized by a letter which we acquired that was later confirmed by a family tree tracing our ancestry back to Charles Bond. This is not Charles H. Bond, who is my father, nor Charles A. Bond, my grandfather, but Charles Bond who was born in Cornwall, England, in 1653. That man was Levi’s great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather.

One might wonder what this has to do with Noah and Abraham. Here is the relationship: Noah lived 350 years after the flood, and Charles Bond was born 326 years ago. If Charles had lived for 350 years, he would be a contemporary of Levi. The question now becomes, "Who was born less than 350 years after the flood?"

By taking information from Genesis 5:1-32, 9:28-29, 11:10-32, and 25:7, I have made a chart of the succeeding generations of Adam’s family. Creation is the year zero. By adding the number of years from the time one generation was born until it begat the next, I have fixed the year each descendant was born. Thus one can see that Abraham was the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson on Noah, and he was born in the year 1948 which was 58 years before Noah died.

According to this information, for 48 years eleven generations of Noah’s family lived simultaneously.

Amazing, isn’t it? Picture a father-son banquet. Also imagine what Noah might have shared with Abraham about following God’s will even when people turn against you and it takes you to strange places. Stories like Babel or Par Lagerkvist and The Centurion by Leonard Woibberley have been written about what might have happened to people mentioned briefly in the Bible. I believe there is potential for a religious historical novel here, too.

### Chart of Succeeding Generations

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*If Shem was 100 years old two years after the flood, then Noah must have been 102 when he fathered him.*

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AND ABRAHAM SAID TO NOAH

The Forgotten Begottens

by Timothy L. Bond

M ost readers looking at the title of this article would probably think something is wrong because these two men lived at different places and times and were not contemporaries in any way. At this point in history when Noah has been shown and rerun, and similar programs are being prepared for television, it is quite interesting to look into the Bible at what many consider some of the most boring passages ever written—THE BEGATS.

People with insomnia frequently lie awake nights trying to solve important questions like, "If Methuselah lived longer than anyone else on earth, how did he die?" By reading Genesis 5:25-29 and 7:6 with pencil in hand, one can solve this mystery. Methuselah lived 969 years; and when he was 187, he begat Lamech. One hundred eighty-two years later Lamech begat Noah. While Noah was 600, the flood took place. Simple addition of 187 years to Lamech's birth, plus 182 years to Noah's birth, plus 600 years to the flood equals 909 years. Therefore, the odds are that Methuselah died in the flood.

Other interesting pieces of trivia may also be found by studying the begats. The flood took place 1656 years after Adam was created. Six men—Adam, Seth, Enos, Canaan, Jared, Methuselah, and Noah—lived over 400 years. Adam lived more than half of the time between Creation and the flood. Noah was over 500 years when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the three sons who traveled with him on the ark.

Also, it appears Luke made an error when he listed the genealogy of Joseph, the earthly father or stepfather of Jesus. Luke 3:36 says that Cainan was the son of Arphaxad while both Genesis 5:9 and 1 Chronicles 1:1-2 say that Cainan was the son of Eber.

Surely more fascinating facts may be ferreted out of the information given in Genesis upon the family tree. For example, we might wonder what interested me when I studied the begats. The flood took place 1656 years after Adam was created. Six men—Adam, Seth, Enos, Canaan, Jared, Methuselah, and Noah—lived over 400 years. Adam lived more than half of the time between Creation and the flood. Noah was over 500 years when he fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth, the three sons who traveled with him on the ark.

One might wonder what this has to do with Noah and Abraham. Here is the relationship: Noah lived 350 years after the flood, and Charles Bond was born 326 years ago. If Charles had lived for 350 years, he would have been a contemporary of Levi. The question now becomes, "Who was born less than 350 years after the flood?"

By taking information from Genesis 5:1-32, 9:28-29, 11:10-32, and 25:7, I have made a chart of the successive generation of Adam's family. Creation is the year zero. By adding the number of years from the time one generation was born until it begat the next, I have fixed the year each descendant was born. Thus one can see that Abraham was the great-great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Noah, and he was born in the year 1948 which was 58 years before Noah died. According to this information, for 48 years eleven generations of Noah's family lived simultaneously.

Amazing, isn't it? Picture a father-son banquet. Also imagine what Noah might have shared with Abraham about following God's will even when people turn against you and it takes you to strange places. Stories like Barabbas by Pat Lapergue and The Centurion by Leonard Wibberley have been written about what might have happened to people mentioned briefly in the Bible. I believe there is a potential for a religious/historical novel here, too.
"It had been a difficult and trying year for us," wrote Principal T. M. Chang on December 15, 1949, "but with God's unbounded mercy and loving care, we have gone through it, safe and sound. And although the immediate prospects are far from rosy and bright, yet I believe that with Him leading, we are not to be discouraged." Such is the spirit of him upon whom Grace School administration largely hinges. Yearbook, 1950.

The announcement regarding restoration of diplomatic relations between the United States and China has caught the imagination of the entire country. Certainly all Christians hope and pray that it may soon be possible again to reach out in the name of Christ to that vast land which comprises one third of humanity.

However, for the present it appears extremely unlikely that China will open her doors to the return of missionaries. The China question is being prayerfully discussed by almost every denomination including Seventh Day Baptists. At one time there may have been as many as three million Catholics and one million Protestant (including over a thousand SDB's) in China. In recent years there has been no way of knowing how many Christians there are or the extent of their witness.

Unfortunately, Christianity has been equated by many Chinese with Western politics. Dr. Eugene Stockwell, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., when asked about our Western image of Jesus is as the Son of God, the Chinese think of Jesus in terms of great diplomacy.

Dr. David Wong, a native of China and current president of the Baptist World Alliance feels that the renewal of Christianity in China most likely will "come from the inside." He said that "God's hand is working in China" and that no doubt the Chinese will be watching visitors who profess Christianity to see what difference their religion makes in their lives.

Seventh Day Baptists have a special interest in China. But we might say a deep emotional tie, due in part to the presence of scores of our missionaries over the past century. Our mission involvement in China began in 1847 and was centered in Shanghai. During the following century a very strong medical and educational work was established. Numerous American SDB missionaries gave of themselves in loving service to China. Historian Thomas Merchant has prepared a chart giving the names of those missionaries and their terms of services. In addition, he has consented to provide a series of articles on our mission work there which will appear in the next several issues of the Sabbath Recorder.

I feel certain this will be something we shall all look forward to reading.

A few weeks ago it was my privilege, along with Anna Crofoot North (born to missionary parents in China) and Etta North O'Connor, to visit Mr. and Mrs. David Sung in their Wappingers Falls, NY, home. Mrs. Sung, the former Eling Wang Sung was adopted by SDB missionary Dr. Rosa Palmholtz and later accompanied her to America. Following their marriage, David and Eling Sung made their home for a time in Milton, WI, and have in their retirement located near their home, Rodney. A daughter, Rosaline, lives with her husband in Taiwan.

As we enjoyed Eling's fine Chinese dinner, it was extremely interesting to hear her and Anna reminisce about their mutual childhood in China. Rev. and Mrs. Jay Crofoot went to China in 1899 where he took charge of the Boy's School. The Crofoot family served the Chinese work 1899-1926 and again 1930-31.

YOUNG ANNA IN CHINA

Young Anna Crofoot shared her experiences in China with American friends. She wrote: "Sabbath days are spent quite strenuous from ours here in America. During the regular morning chapel period the pupils study the Sabbath school lesson. Most of the pupils attend the Friday evening prayer meeting, and church attendance on Sabbath day is compulsory. This comes at two o'clock, followed by Sabbath school at three o'clock. The evening after the Sabbath is often filled with some social event. Since 1916 a fairly live Christian Endeavor society has been carried on."

Naturally, youthful Americans, as well as adults of the time, were eager to learn about Chinese eating habits and this Anna also described. "Of course every one knows that rice is the chief food of the Chinese people. For breakfast the girls eat rice alone, cooked very soft. For dinner they eat it cooked so that every kernel is separable. With this they eat vegetables and meat or fish. For supper they eat soft rice again, but with some sort of vegetable. Lately some of the older girls have been responsible for the catering, marketing, and cooking, and have thus gained some practical knowledge about such affairs."

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The Sung's expressed the hope that there are Seventh Day Baptists remaining in China today. They believe that the resumption of normal relations between the two countries will ease many restrictions presently imposed on Christians. From their correspondence with friends and relatives in China they believe there will now be more openness in regard to Christianity and that eventually churches will be resuming services. A Methodist friend, recently back from China, reported to them that several "Methodist groups are meeting."

It was exciting to learn that there is recent word from T. M. Chang, Mr. Chang was visited by his son, who lives in New Jersey, in 1978 and is reported to be in good health. He, we understand, hopes to be able to come to America soon; some will remember that he attended Conference in 1947. We understand that our Missionary Society is making an attempt to find out more about the condition of our former property and is seeking to make some contact with those who were once active in the Shanghai church. To be sure, the Sabbath Recorder will seek to keep all informed regarding events of interest as they develop in China.

At this point the future of Christianity in China is at best uncertain. The hope among many is that if the Chinese are willing to let Coca-Cola and others symbols of the West in they may also be receptive to a greater degree of religious freedom.

We know that God has a divine plan which will be accomplished in His time and according to His purposes. However, we must be prepared to take advantage of any new opportunity afforded as the Chinese door swings slowly open. May God give grace and wisdom to all who seek to share the good news of salvation and life through Jesus Christ with our Chinese brothers and sisters.
"Our China Missions — A Legacy of Service"

25 missionaries — Spanning more than a century

Solomon/Lucy Carpenter 1847 — 1876
Nathan/Olive Wardner 1847 — 1857
David/Sarah Davis 1880 — 1920
Eliza Nelson (Fryer) 1880 — 1882
Dr. Ella Swinney 1883 — 1895
Gideon/Lucy Randolph 1888 — 1893
Susie Burdick 1888 — 1938
Dr. Rosa Palmborg 1894 — 1940
Eugene/Mary Davis 1907 — 1943
Dr. Grace Crandall 1911 — 1943
Anna West 1911 — 1942
Dr. Bessie Sinclair (French) 1917 — 1923
Mabel West 1920 — 1944
Nettie West 1920 — 1944
Dr. George/Helen Thorngate 1924 — 1944
Miriam Shaw 1930 — 1944
Sarah Becker 1947 — 1948

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YOUTH CONCERNS

PRE-CON! A word to evoke memories--memories of times of high inspiration, memories of joyful commitment to God's work, memories of fun, fellowship and lasting friendships, memories of love begun.

PRE-CON! A word to elicit anticipation of great experiences to come.

Pre-Cons for 1979 will be worthy of the high standards set by previous directors. If there is complete cooperation between the directors and participants. Long hours of serious planning have gone into the programs. Late night extemporaneous and extra-curricular activities are unnecessary and unacceptable.

Stephen and Lisa Thorngate have accepted the responsibility to direct Youth Pre-Con to be held at Camp Hemlock, Quincy, Michigan, where Perus DeAnd will reign supreme in the kitchen.

Kenneth Chroniger, director of Young Adult Pre-Con, has secured Dr. Paul Bassett, professor of Bible History at Nazarene College, Kansas City, to be the main lecturer and reference person. These sessions will be held on the campus of Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

Each of the Pre-Cons will cost $5.00 per person.

The Family Pre-Con Camp will be directed by Mrs. Dorothy Parrott and Mrs. Lois Palmer will be the cook. The cost of this camp to be held at Camp Holston has not been decided.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Philippians 4:4-13.

Make a list of the attitudes which the apostle Paul demonstrated toward receiving blessings.

Read and discuss Philippians 4:10-20.

How does giving generously affect receiving with joy?

Respond with a picture, poem or statement of the relationship between God, giving and receiving. Share with others in your group.

Choose an attitude you have studied which you need to develop. Work on it through the week and report the success at the next meeting. Close by giving someone in your group a personal item (you will get it back at end of the exercise). Tell him the significance of the gift.

THE DIRECTORS REVIEW QUARTER'S WORK

The Board of Directors has had a busy and rewarding quarter as reviewed in the January 21 meeting.

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For we have come to that time when men are saying to the mountains, "Fall on us," and to the hills, "Cover us," for the dangers that we face today. We are being told that we must be "second to none," and that no other nation shall exceed us in the power to kill and to destroy. We are told that if any nation shall exceed us in this lethal power, we must spend more money, call upon the highest scientific authority to develop something even more powerful. Is there no room for trust in God for our help? The prophet Elisha once prayed that God would open the eyes of the young man, his servant, so that he could see the hosts of God surrounding them to save them from the Syrians. We have the same God today, if only our eyes were opened, that we could see!

I have sometimes suggested that we cut down on our military budget by ten percent, to see if other nations would not do the same, and so year by year, do what we can -- to meet such a proposal leads to too many difficulties. "It is impossible," they say.

Life in Communist countries may be hard. There are so many laws and regulations. Especially so now that their people are urged to live in Spartan fashion through fear of the United States. For we can do without them in Science and its power to create greatly sophisticated means of killing people. But they live, and live a fairly good life. I prefer to live here, but I would rather live in a Communist country than to be blown to bits in an atomic holocaust.

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Let us total up the circle of friends with which God has surrounded us. Japan is our friend, thank God. China may become our friend. The East European countries are held in thrall, it is true, but that is because Russia needs a hedge against a third invasion from the West. It is unthinkable that armies could be enlisted from Czechoslovakia, East Germany or Poland, who are already in partial revolt. No, the success of the Communist, if at all, will be in the realm of thoughts, rather than by armies.

Someone said that the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. Fear leads to the trusting in armies and navies that has always been the failure of the churches and missions. It failed in China when the Communists took their power. It failed in Vietnam when we tried to contain Communism by arms and bombs. It will fail again in Africa, South America, or any country. It will fail again unless we have the pacifism of Jesus.

A PACIFIST?

WAS JESUS A PACIFIST?

Rev. Paul Burdick
Waterford, Connecticut

Under the generally-accepted meaning of a "pacifist," he is a person who takes every situation in life in a calm, untroubled manner, never raising his voice in anger or his fist in self-defense, nor rushing to the defense of one who is being hurt or in danger.

If this is the true meaning of the term, then Jesus cannot be labeled in that fashion. He drove the traders out of the temple. He advised those who were to go out on a dangerous mission, "sell their coats and buy a sword." So if he were to be called a pacifist, it must take on a much larger meaning. We note that in cleansing the temple, He used only a whip of "small cords." No one was killed, but apparently He spoke with such authority that men quailed before His moral courage.

In the matter of buying a sword, when the disciples said, "Here are two swords," He said, "It is enough." Two swords among eleven people, are not enough for a revolution. Perhaps He meant it in a spiritual fashion, such as a "sword of the Spirit." Yet when Peter used a sword to cut off a man's ear, Jesus said to him, "Put up your sword. For it is written that the sword shall perish with the sword.

We gather, then, that in its true sense, a pacifist would not use a weapon to advance his own cause. In the temptation on the mountain, when Satan offered Jesus the kingdoms of the world if He would bow down and worship him, Jesus rejected the idea, saying, "You must worship God, and Him only shall you serve." Satan's promise must have meant the use of Satan's tools; armies and lethal weapons. Many others have gone down that road to destruction and death. But that was not the way for Jesus.

When the disciples urged Him to bring down fire upon the Samaritan village which would not receive them, Jesus replied, "The Son of man is come not to destroy men's lives, but to save them." When Jesus was led to the Cross, and saw women weeping for Him, He said, "Weep not for me but for yourselves and for your children..."
Moving can be quite an experience. I know, because we just moved from Alabama to Connecticut. Moving makes a person very tired, sometimes happy and almost always sad. The tiredness comes from so much work to do. The confusion comes from not being able to find something you need, or figuring out what to do next. The happiness comes from the excitement of living in a new place. And the sadness comes from leaving behind good friends, a familiar house and all the places a person likes to go.

Andy felt all of these things, because it was moving day for Andy's family. His father had told him a long time ago that they would be moving. He had even packed all his own toys and had felt excited about the trip to their new home. But right now, all those things didn't matter. Andy was very sad, because he was sitting on the front steps and thinking about all the people he would be leaving behind.

Andy's little brother, Jason, was only a year old. He was too young to know much about what was going on. He just liked to go exploring among the open boxes and unpack what Andy else had just packed. But he didn't know he shouldn't do that.

Susan, Andy's little sister, was four years old. She knew what was happening, because she had packed her toys, just like Andy. But, Andy thought, she doesn't have any friends from school because she isn't old enough to go to school.

Andy remembered all his friends at school, and his teacher, Mrs. Duncan. At first Andy didn't like Mrs. Duncan because she made him work so hard, but she would always help Andy when he didn't understand something. He realized now what a good teacher Mrs. Duncan was, and he knew he was going to miss her. Now he would have to get used to an entirely different teacher in his new school.

And what about all his friends from church? Andy thought about all the friends in his Sabbath School class. He would miss all of them, too, especially Tommy. He and Tommy not only went to the same church and were in the same Sabbath School class, but they did a lot of things together. Tommy lived just down the street from Andy, so they also went to the same school.

Andy was getting very wrapped up in his thoughts and was feeling very sorry for himself when his mother interrupted his thoughts. "The moving men will be here soon, Andy, and you will be in their way if you don't move."

"Okay, Mom. I was just thinking about all the friends I will miss when we move."

Mom sat down on the step next to Andy. "I know that you will miss all your friends. I'll miss a lot of the friends I've made, too. And even though we know that we will make new friends in our new neighborhood and church, that doesn't help the hurt that we feel right now, does it?"

"I know. I'll make new friends, because you've told me that before. But I still will miss my old friends, even after I make new ones." Andy felt like he might cry.

Mom put her arm around Andy and said, "But there's one friend that we have who will go with us when we move. In fact, He is always with us. In Proverbs there is a verse that says, 'There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.' Do you know who that friend is?"

"It must be Jesus," Andy answered.

"That's right."

"Mom. He will be with you no matter what happens. Doesn't that make you feel better to know that?"

Andy nodded and Mom went on. "Now we'd better get out of the way before the moving men come. I think that it would be best if you took Susan and Jason down to Tommy's house so that they won't be in the way when the men are trying to get things packed. I talked to Tommy's mother and she said you could stay until we're ready to leave. I'll call you when it's time to go."

Andy went in the house to find Susan and Jason. He picked up Jason and held Susan's hand as they walked down the street to Tommy's house. He was glad for another chance to see his friend before they had to leave.

Andy turned up the sidewalk to Tommy's house. He put Jason down on the porch and let go of Susan's hand to knock on the door. Things seemed awfully quiet around here for some reason. Suddenly the door flew open.

"SURPRISE!!" There were all Andy's friends from school and Sabbath School. Even Mrs. Duncan was there. They were having a going-away party for him! Andy suddenly didn't feel sad anymore.

"I sure didn't expect this, "All the children laughed.

I was feeling sad and lonely just a little while ago, because I thought I'd never see any of you again."

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MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA — Currently our meeting attendance is 22-30 people (adults) every Saturday evening, at 6:30 p.m., for evangelical meetings. On Wednesday, there are Bible studies and prayer meetings at 7 p.m. with about ten adult people. Saturday morning we have Bible studies and prayer for adults. Saturday morning we have a group integrated by an accordion. We are enjoying our new musical group. ...In December 30, offering satellite meetings). We are grateful. ...our Lord because He gave us our physical bodies, and our friends. We love God so much! God is all the way with us. Unfortunately, the weather was uncooperative, giving us freezing temperatures and extremely slippery roadways, so there were a few who were unable to attend. Mr. Bevis gave the morning message and after the fellowship meal, gave a short, interesting talk on our past, present, and future association in India and China.

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DEACON IS ORDAINED

PLAINFIELD, NJ—Dr. K. Duane Hurley's ordination as a deacon on March 3 was a great occasion for our church. There were 108 present, including the North Jersey and Irvington churches and representatives from Ashway, Wexler, Berlin, New York City, and Marlboro. Pastor and Mrs. Donald Richards of Marlboro drove up after their morning service. Pastor David Pearson led the worship services, Douglas Wheeler sang "Consolation," Deacon Frederick Bakker welcomed our guests, Pastor Socrates Thompson led the responsive reading, Kenneth Rock offered prayer. Dr. Hurley told of his Christian experience in a most interesting way, Deacon Lloyd Coon gave the charge to the candidate, Elder Reuben Simons gave the charge to the church, Pastor Pearson offered the consecrating prayer, with the laying on of hands, and Deaconess Shireen Hurley welcomed her husband to the Diaconate.

Margaret Armstrong was in charge of all the refreshments, all who could stay. In the afternoon, Pastor Russell Havens spoke on the four pitfalls of service found in the book of Haggai, and Dean Herbert Saunders conducted a Commission Deacon E. D. Harris to serve.

At our quarterly meeting in January we accepted Pastor Pearson's resignation as of April 1 with regret and with appreciation for their dedicated service among us during the last two years. Pastor Pearson was also commended for his expert work on our outside bulletin board, new church signs, and our response to them. He has accepted the call as interim pastor of the Paint Rock, AL, church. At a dear personal service in February we voted to have an evaluation of our church made by an outsider, to precede calling a pastor.

Communion on January 6 was followed by a covenant renewal service, at which members came forward and signed the covenant. Week of Prayer services were held in six different homes. Our special offering for the World Federation amounted to $100.

Two fellowship dinners in February were followed by interesting programs. Dr. Hurley accompanied his trip to Europe with slides, and Dean Saunders spoke about the work of the Center on Ministry and showed slides of our ministerial students, pastors, and churches.

NEW STUDENTS IN SEMINARY

KIM SAUTTER—Junior student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Kim is a member of the Columbus, OH, Seventh Day Baptist Church. She entered seminary in February. She recently attended the student weekend in Boulder, CO, and has just accepted the call to be the summer pastor of the North Loop, NE, SDB Church.

ROGER CHENOWETH—Junior student at the Methodist Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, IN. Roger is from Bridgeport, West Virginia, is married (Carol) and has an eleven-month-old daughter. He served for two years as a pastor of the Richmond, IN, (Bridge) SDB Church. His vocational goals are still being formed and he is looking to seminary to help identify and formulate them. He began his studies on March 21.

DENOMINATIONAL DATING

April 26-May 2 SDB Ministers Conference Milton, WI Dean Herbert E. Saunders

May 4-5 Robert Babcock Ordination Houston, TX Dean Herbert E. Saunders

May 11-13 Allegheny Association Alfred Station, NY President William Austin Editor John D. Bevis

May 19 Sabbath Renewal Day

May 23-27 Special Meetings Memphis, TN, Church Rev. Mynor Super

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GERMANY

by K. D. Hurley

Seventh Day Baptists in Hamburg, Germany, are committed to an outreach project through printing and distributing evangelistic tracts. Executive Secretary K. D. Hurley learned this when he visited the group on Sabbath Day, January 6, 1979. On the same weekend the Missionary Society's Executive Director Leon R. Lawton met with church members from the Netherlands at The Hague. These on estate contacts were made as a part of the fact-finding and goodwill mission to India.

Nine persons were present in Hamburg, including Pastors Johannes Bethke and Helmut Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Mohr, Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Brune, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Bruhn and daughter, Carolin. The all-day meeting was held in an attractive and somewhat venement multiple-purpose room, part of a large building on a corner street near the downtown area.

During the morning the group participated in a worship experience, including hymn singing, Bible reading, prayer and reviewing worldwide Seventh Day Baptist activities.

At noon a fellowship luncheon was served, and during the afternoon, Executive Secretary made a detailed report regarding the work of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, as well as the current emphasis on growth among the churches in America. There followed extensive discussion, particularly the role of the Hamburg church in the total thrust for Christ and His cause among Seventh Day Baptists.

Church Bazaar—

Fledgling Seventh Day Baptists Get National Church's Support

by Michael Clark

Memphis Seventh Day Baptist community, though still in its infancy and predictably tiny, has been staged out for special attention by the denomination's national organization.

William Shoffner, the lay pastor who led the seventh Day Baptist meetings started here last year, has been granted the church's support as a part-time pastor under the city's designation as a new Reach Out Now (RON) project.

The major benefit of the designation is that Mr. Shoffner will be able to devote more time to spreading the word about the denomination and that he and his family discovered at the church.

"The first thing that one does," said, "is it puts someone here as a pastor—it'll give the more time to follow through on contacts.

From a story about the church was published last July 2 at 2 p.m. each Sunday at the school, was held in an attractive and convenient location.

Several church before have come to visit the bolling congregation, nevertheless, and the Shoffners (his wife, Sandra Shoffner, is very active) were written about in the denomination's Mission publication last November.

Reeves E. Saunders, dean of the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Ministry in Pearl, N.J., is scheduled to preach at the service on Jan. 27. Mr. Saunders, a graduate of Salem College and Colgate Rochester Divinity School, has headed the center, which coordinates seminars and supplements seminary training for those who wish to be Seventh Day Baptist ministers, since 1975.

That kind of attention is heartening. "We've been blessed with how many people have come down here to help—really from just all over the country. They're a great, loving bunch of people. They come in and you feel like they're your brothers and sisters," Mr. Shoffner said.

They say they've been blessed in other ways, too. Such as, in the time they bought an ad without knowing how they were going to pay for it. Before they had to worry about it, here comes a check from one of the church's missionary projects. As Dr. Shoffner said, "We've seen God's hand.

Neither he is worried that attendance has stayed at what it was when they started holding services at their home building. Many of their visitors, Mr. Shoffner said, have been "staying back in the wings and seeing whether it's going to float. People have problems making commitments. We feel that all our work has been fruitful. We're kind of laying the foundation, planting the seeds.

He's convinced that it will grow even though it may take a year or two.

That seems particularly true of groups such as Seventh Day Baptists, a denomination that numbers just more than 70 churches and fewer than 10,000 members.

But the church, which was founded in the 19th Century, is trying. An RON project has been underway for some time in Houston, Texas, and the church's publication, The Sabbath Recorder, provides sound evidence of the enthusiastic hopes for the denomination that claims one member in the U.S. Senate, Jennings Randolph (D-W.Va.).

A recent issue tells of new churches in Maryland, Conn., and Upper Marlboro, Md., as well as a mission effort in Melbourne, Aus­ tralia, and an evangelism project the Los Angeles church has started to reach out to Mexican-American gang members.

Locally, the Shoffners plan to make some door-to-door contacts to help spread the word that the Seventh Day Baptists, who are especially similar to other Baptists except in their denomination, that Saturday is the proper day of worship, are here. A mention Bible School is also in the works for next summer. "We feel we have to have a complete ministry," said. As for himself, Mr. Shoffner, who is la­ cated to preach by the Little Rock congrega­tion with which the local mission is affiliated, has not yet decided whether he will go to attend seminary. It has been suggested that he take courses by mail in order to keep myself available to serve, but I'm going to let the Lord lead me.

He knows, however, how preaching makes him feel: "I just come away feeling 10 feet tall... certainly need the Lord's guidance on it, I'm open to serving whenever and wherever I can.

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RESOLUTION

Whereas Elton Herbert Van Horn, son of the late Herbert Clarke Van Horn and Abbie Ila Baehock Van Horn, was born in Ashaway, Rhode Island, was graduated from the Lost Creek High School, Lost Creek, West Virginia, Class of 1930, Drake Business College, Filandia, New Jersey in 1932 and Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, Class of 1935. He was employed by C. B. Cottrell and Sons (manufacturers of printing presses) as accountant and in the purchasing department.

He served the Seventh Day Baptist Causes as Treasurer of the Powuckett Seventh Day Baptist Church, then as Trustee of this church, Westerly, Rhode Island, and as Treasurer of the Western Rhode Island Council of Churches, Westerly, Rhode Island as President of the Eastern Association in 1946, a Member of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Westerly, Rhode Island since 1938, and as a Trustee of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund since 1966 until July 1978.

Other organizations to which he belonged were the Westerly (Rhode Island) Yacht Club, the Westerly (Rhode Island) Sea Scouts, and the Chicago Color Camera Club.

Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund express their appreciation of his twelve years of services on that Board as Trustee and for a time as Assistant Recording Secretary and that the members of the Board will miss his wise counsel and deliberations in Board Meetings.

Be It Further Resolved that the Board adopt this resolution, spread a copy thereof in the minutes of the Board, deliver a copy to him, deliver a copy to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society and print a copy thereof in the Sabbath Recorder.

The Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund
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Secretary

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PRESCRIPTION FOR ANXIETY

by Mayola Warner

"My grace is sufficient for you—" 2 Cor. 12:9

What is your greatest fear or worry? Is it what others think of you, the weather, choosing the right job or mate, losing your health, problems, getting old? What can we do about the many things that eat away at the peace that is supposed to be ours as Christians? I would like to share something I found that works.

We must define our worries, know what it is that keeps gnawing away at us, and then take authority over it in the name of Jesus. According to John 10:10, Satan is the great robber and will keep on stealing from us until he destroys completely. But, we as children of God, have more power than he does—through Christ. Thus, we have the authority to renounce that fear and command it to leave us. This is the first element of the prescription.

The second part has to do with trusting God. To illustrate this I would like to share a very real experience from my life. I used to always worry about the day death would claim any of my loved ones. It was so bad that I'd even dream about it—more like nightmares. When that day came and I was awakened in the middle of the night to learn that my mother had been shot by a stray bullet while sleeping in her bed, I found my worry was not justified. God gave me unforeseeable strength and peace. Oh, the wonderful grace of God! I felt something like a beachball bouncy up on the ocean waves of love and peace. I am sure that the prayers of many people were a very real part of that strengthening. Now I know that God's grace will be abundantly poured out when it is needed; that it is not something we have to hoard for emergencies.

Corrie ten Boom has so sweetly said, "Look around and be distressed. Look within and be depressed, look to Jesus and be at rest!"

So, as God's children, we are entitled to this divine prescription, which can be refilled as often as needed. To put it simply: resist Satan, trust God.

Try it, I know it works. □

O'HAIR MOTTO SUIT FAILS IN U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

WASHINGTON—Abbie Madalon Murray O'Hair's suit seeking the removal of the phrase "In God We Trust" from U.S. coins and currency was thrown out by a federal court of appeals in New Orleans.

The Austin, Texas, based atheist leader, who has waged a long battle in the courts to have the trappings of religion removed from public life, was defeated earlier in her present suit when a Texas federal district court ruled that the challenged motto does not violate the "no establishment of religion" clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The First Amendment states in part that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

According to a spokesman at the New Orleans court, Mrs. O'Hair will appeal the lower court rulings to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Her suit was originally filed in 1977 with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Texas. In a separate action, she unsuccessfully fought to have the same court halt the minting of the new Susan B. Anthony silver dollar until a ruling on her main complaint was issued. Her injunction was dismissed. The motto "In God We Trust" has been used on U.S. coins and bills and currency only since 1955 when President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law a bill passed by Congress requiring the motto's use. The official U.S. motto or slogan is "e pluribus unum" (out of many, one).

Several years ago, Mrs. O'Hair was similarly unsuccessful in a federal suit against the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) over the issue of Bible reading aboard American space ships. She was protesting the 1968 Christmas Eve reading of the Christmas story by astronauts aboard Apollo 8 as it orbited the moon. She claimed then that the government was establishing and financing religious exercises.

Mrs. O'Hair, who heads the American Atheist Center in Austin, is often incorrectly credited with single-handedly having prayer and Bible reading removed from public school classrooms, but is a part of a pair of highly misunderstood Supreme Court decisions in 1962 and 1963.

Her case was actually one of three separate cases decided by the high court in the two rulings. Then Madalyn Murray and living in Baltimore, Md., she brought the case challenging a requirement that the Lord's Prayer be recited or that a chapter of the Bible be read in the city's classrooms.

The Supreme Court, in an 8-1 decision, sided with her and with a Pennsylvania man who is a company secretary who challenged his state's requirement that the Bible be read publicly before the beginning of school each day.

The year before, the justices had likewise declared unconstitutional a prayer challenge to the New York State Board of Regents which was required to be read daily each day in every public school in the state.

In neither case did the high court rule the prayer and Bible reading by individuals in school classrooms as a violation of the First Amendment. On the contrary, several of the justices took pains to explain that their decisions were not intended to be anti-religious or to discourage the study of the Bible as academic material. What they did find unconstitutional were state-mandated devotional exercises.

Both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Washington-based Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs went on record at the time in support of the Supreme Court decisions.

The Washington organization, supported by Southern Baptists and seven other U.S. Baptist bodies, has since worked against efforts to require devotional exercises in the public schools.

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Below are listed 47 phrases and words to be found in the puzzle above. If you successfully circle all of these the 29 letters not circled within a word spell out where you and your church should 30

Free will offering
Give as to
Establish priorities
Financial pledge
All things come from God
Attend Conference
Visiting the sick
Letter writing
Resources management
Become informed
Telephone calling
Empathizing
Prayer
Faith Mission
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doing to respond to a question like this. For instance, what is the situation of the church in its community? What is the heritage and history of the church? What is its reputation and image in its community? What are the resources in terms of human abilities the church has? What is the potential for ministry and growth within its community? What is the need for the church where it exists?

All these deal with specifics pertaining to a particular church. Here we must deal in a more general way with some guidelines that can be applied to any church.

What then are the signs of health within a church? I suggest at least seven.

1. The most obvious factor is that of some kind of growth in numbers, in activity, in finances, in support, in missionary outreach. If the trend here is upward it indicates there is something contagious about the spirit, about the commitment of the people of the church. This is healthy.

2. A healthy church should be able to live with a diversity of its people in a harmony that recognizes individuality within the larger fellowship. No church should attempt to force all of its members into a certain pattern or mold. No church should expect uniformity among its members. God's dealings with His people are different, and His people know a diversity of relationships and experiences with Him. In this diversity there is a richness that benefits the total church. A healthy church learns how to live with this diversity in the harmony of Christian fellowship.

3. A healthy church knows how to make the stranger feel at home within the church. This ought to be natural. However, it needs constant repetition. Churches need to discover anew the fine art of making the stranger feel right at home in the midst of the congregation the first time he attends. This can be done without embarrassment to the people involved. It demands a warmth in the church as well as a concern and a caring for people of the part of all the members of the church.

4. The healthy church has developed the ability to help its people grow. The Christian nurture of its membership of all ages is essential. No one has ever completely "arrived" within the Christian fellowship. We are always learning. We are always growing. We are always maturing. We need the stimulation, the encouragement, the resources, the fellowship of the Christian church to help us grow.

5. The healthy church has one that has a vision of its own future and that communicates this vision to its people. In this way it motivates its people to a fuller participation in the life of the church. It should be a vision seeking to fulfill the basic objectives of the church.

6. The healthy church is one that has the ability to remain true to its purposes in the midst of all the changes that go on within our society and in our world. It knows the difference between a stable faith and a stagnant faith. It has the ability to fulfill its purpose in mission, in worship, in nurture, in Christian fellowship. Thus it proclaims the word. It shares in the worship of God. Its helps its people grow. It provides a supportive relationship for its people amid all the tensions of life.

7. A healthy church has developed the ability to evaluate its own life and program and ministry and has the willingness to do so. It realizes that changes in society and in the culture may demand a change in the way in which a church shares its vision with the world. It recognizes that, in spite of the core of reality, the church deals with things eternal. The application of the eternal to the timely reality of daily life may vary from year to year and generation to generation. It accepts the idea of evaluation as a learning process, a method of discovering how it can better minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

What is a healthy church? Here are some suggestions. Surely you can add to this list. Feel free to do so. Having done so, try to apply these things to your own church. Think about it.
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