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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

To date the “Love Gift” taken at the Women’s Society banquet at Conference comes to $3,427.00. There are several projects which will benefit from this offering:
- breakfast program for children in Cebu City, Philippines
- piano for the New York City SDB Church
- camping programs in Jamaica and Guyana
- tuition fund for Cranford High School in Jamaica
- household articles for missionaries Rod and Camille Harris, and David and Bettie Pearson.

“Placing God in Every Way” is the theme for Conference 1980 based on Col. 1:10. Conference President, the Rev. Duane Davis, is pastor of the Seattle Area SDB Church in Washington.

Conference rejected the proposal for denominational reorganization at this time. The vote was 83 to 127. Conference also rescinded the 1978 action which called for moving all executives to Plainfield by 1980 and to implement “Full-Circle” administration by a certain time period.

Two churches were welcomed into Conference membership: Portland, OR., and the SDB Evangelical Community Church of Stanton, CA.

Newly elected to the General Council are James Skaggs of Madison, WI, and the Rev. Charles Graffius, president-elect, pastor of the SDB church in Los Angeles.

Funds for Sabbatical approved. The Council on Ministry will make up to $5,000 a year available for approved studies of 3-6 months to one pastor per year. Pastors eligible are those serving SDB churches for seven or more years, their pastor in their current pastorates.

Conference approved the recommendation from the General Council regarding “Decree to Discipleship.” Seventh Day Baptists are embarking on a “Decade of Discipleship” with plans to double our local churches and denominational witness during the 1980’s. The complete program is outlined in this issue.
Decade of Discipleship

A PLAN FOR GROWTH FOR SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS

Seventh Day Baptists are a determined people. Though never a large denomination, we have endured for more than three centuries. Though sometimes persecuted, we have held tenaciously to our distinctive interpretation of the Biblical message.

However, since the turn of the century our steady, albeit slow, growth has been replaced by a rather rapid decline, and our perseverance has given way to conformity. "Holding on" is not enough; the "way of the world" is not the life of a disciple of our Lord.

Recently, through "Commitment to Growth" we have experienced a changed attitude: we believe in ourselves, in our place in the Christian world, and in our ability to reproduce and grow.

We have discovered "church growth eyes" with which to see possibilities for expansion and extension. Already, we have witnessed growth within the body, new churches rising from surprising roots, and the desire of many to step out in faith, trusting in the Almighty God. We are discovering our spiritual gifts, and becoming more aware of the power of God through the Holy Spirit.

We praise God that such optimism is prevalent today, but we must not rest until the truth of our mission—a commitment to growth. This means specific growth goals—for us as individuals, for our churches and for the ministry that we have to the world.

GOAL
To double the membership and participation in Seventh Day Baptist organizations and activities around the world by 1990.

PLAN
Seventh Day Baptists must be involved in the continuing processes of nurture, extension and ministry throughout the year of the decade. To bring each of these processes into sharper focus we recommend concentrating effort, personnel and materials according to the following yearly emphasis:

1980—"Decision to Disciple"
1981—"Disciples in Nurture"
1982—"Disciples in Extension"
1983—"Disciples in Ministry"
1984—" Leaders: Nurturing"
1985—" Leaders: Extension"
1986—" Leaders: Ministry"
1987—.. Nurture
1988—.. Extension
1989—.. Ministry

With this ultimate challenge in mind, the General Council has felt led by God to recommend a ten-year plan of growth for Seventh Day Baptists. We have been changed by "Commitment to Growth"; now it is time to build on that experience by dedicating ourselves to a "Decade of Discipleship."

Double in a Decade
The suggested goal for the "Decade of Discipleship" is to double ourselves during the decade. This means that by 1990 we will have doubled the number of Seventh Day Baptists in the United States, doubled the number of churches, doubled the active participation in worship and Sabbath school, doubled our pastoral and lay leadership, doubled our missionary activity, and doubled our commitments to serve and give—doubled the body and its activity in all significant ways.

Seventh Day Baptists can do it. We are a determined people, persevering for the truth. We can reach our goal, even surpass it, if we truly dedicate ourselves to a decade of growth through discipleship.

PURPOSE
As Seventh Day Baptist Christians, we are called to glorify God and please Him in every way. This is done as we fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord. Our immediate objective is to discover and accomplish our mission—a commitment to growth. This means specific growth goals—for us as individuals, for our churches and for the ministry that we have to the world.

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Double the Churches to reach at least 120
—by encouraging church extension
(a) satellite growth—reaching out to a neighboring area
(b) relocation growth—taking faith to new residence
(c) church planting—sending workers to new fields
—by recruiting, training, and placing church extension workers
Double Overseas Missionaries to reach at least 12
—by emphasizing missionary service to persons in ministerial training
—by providing counsel and training to qualified candidates sensing a call to missions work
—by developing new mission fields
Double Overseas Missions Support to reach at least $100,000
—by emphasizing the worldwide aspect of the Great Commission
—by seeking new missions fields overseas
—by encouraging overseas groups to enlarge their missions
—by creatively promoting giving to overseas missions

GROWTH THROUGH MINISTRY
Double Charitable Giving to reach at least $20,000
—by emphasizing the caring aspect of Christ's ministry
—by creatively promoting the various opportunities for charitable giving
Double Service Projects, as determined
—by promoting study of opportunities for service
—by emphasizing the relationship of service to evangelism
Double Worship Participation, as determined
—by emphasizing the significance of worship
—by encouraging lay participation in worship activities

Double Church Fellowship, as determined
—by encouraging the development of small group meetings for study, prayer and support
—by emphasizing the relationship of fellowship to evangelism

where "Decision to Disciple" would be a year of study in discipleship and commitment to the overall goal, as well as development of local and personal goals;

"Disciples in Nurture" would focus once every three years on growth in lay education, for youth and adults, and on ministerial training;

"Disciples in Extension" would focus on church expansion and planting in the United States and overseas;

and "Disciples in Ministry" would focus on the ministries of service, worship, and fellowship.

IMPLEMENTATION
Although the goal is an overall doubling of members and activities by 1990, such growth may be attained in many different ways:

GROWTH THROUGH NURTURE
Double Sabbath School Attendance to reach at least 5,500
—by increasing teacher training efforts
—by utilizing goal-oriented curricula that seek to build mature Christians
—by emphasizing programs for children, though not neglecting adults
—by creatively promoting Sabbath School attendance

Double the Ordained Ministers to reach at least 100
—by increasing recruitment
—by educating Seventh Day Baptists about the ministry
—by emphasizing the identification and utilization of spiritual gifts
—by encouraging bi-vocational pastors

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WHAT DO THE LORD REQUIRE?

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn away from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). "He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

Jesus gave the church the duty to proclaim God's Word and present Jesus to the world as Savior. Submit to God, humble yourself, and pray. Wait on the Lord. He will give you power to witness. Go ye into all the world, preach the gospel, love God and love your neighbor. Learn to walk in the Spirit and you will show forth the fruit of the Spirit. We must obey!

Each of us must look deeply into ourselves. We must reevaluate what we are doing. We must re-dig our spiritual wells, re-equip and recommit our lives to Jesus Christ. Without the Holy Spirit filling and anointing us, we can accomplish nothing, but with Christ we can do all things. Jesus said, "these things that I do you shall do and greater when the Holy Ghost comes upon you." We must be willing to walk in the Spirit. We have no right to ask for tomorrow unless we have lived today as though Christ were coming tomorrow.

We have so much and others have so little. Let us begin to share with others the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must grow in grace, steep ourselves in God's Word, meditate on it and pray for others. We must have the Spirit of Christ. We must trust God and walk in love.

"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:9-10). We must come to Jesus, confess our sins of commission and omission and be washed clean. We must take on His likeness, get self out of the way, learn to yield to Jesus and let His power work in us. We must let His love be in us and love one another as Christ loves us. We must lose our fleshly nature and love one another as Christ loves us. We must let His love be in us and love one another as Christ loves us. We must lose our fleshly nature and love one another as Christ loves us. We must let His love be in us and love one another as Christ loves us. We must lose our fleshly nature and love one another as Christ loves us. We must let His love be in us and love one another as Christ loves us. 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We must let His love be in us and love one another as Christ lover
Bettie Almira Butler was born on a farm near Paint Rock, Alabama, on December 22, 1931. She was the eighth and last child of Robert Lee and Almira Bottoms Butler. She was described by her mother as a "precious little brunette full of life and energy who found the world a good place to live, a place full of interesting things to see, and learn, and do."

Her mother goes on to say: "From her early childhood she was very tender in emotion, very loving and sensitive, giving evidence of wisdom beyond her years. Bettie entered school at the age of six. Because of her eagerness to learn, her father found it difficult to keep her supplied with new school books. She made two grades that year, but, by the wisdom of her teachers, she was allowed promotion only with her classes in following years."

When you were eleven, Bettie, you began to communicate with others through your written words. You published a newspaper, "The Glendale Farm News," writing the news for each of us who knew what was going on. And soliciting subscriptions in the nearby towns of Paint Rock and New Hope. Your newspaper featured a Farm Page, Children's Page, Bird Page, and one entitled "Something About the Bible." Thus, at an early age you began putting into your own words Bible stories, preparing for future opportunities for like service.

You and David were so alike in your desire to live and to dress simply, and to serve your Lord wherever He leads. On September 20, 1953, you two were married and you served only a few months in the pastoral work in Paint Rock, Alabama, where you received and accepted a call to the parsonage in Berea, West Virginia. It was while you were there that the Missionary Society made known the need for a missionary to go to the Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, Africa. Bettie, you and David had for some time been deeply conscious of the Lord calling you into this type of service, and you answered, "Here we are. Send us!"

On September 20, 1954, your first wedding anniversary, you boarded the plane at a New York airport for your first term of service in Nyasaland. A busy five years followed, during which you learned to speak and write Chichewa, taught in the mission school, you wrote Sabbath School lessons, encouraged Sabbath School teachers, made primitive camping trips to the Northern churches, supporting your husband in every way—and you became a mother to Deborah. In 1959, the three of you returned home for a year's furlough.

On September 20, 1960, you celebrated your seventh wedding anniversary as you left the United States for a second term of missionary service in Nyasaland. You spent another five years at Makapwa Mission, meeting the challenges of each new day with God-given strength and wisdom and love. You helped with the Sabbath Schools, taught Bible stories to the many African children who came to play with little Debbie, who I believe learned to speak Chichewa before she learned English. Joanna was welcomed into the family during these years and Deborah was ready to begin formal education. There were many challenges, so, Bettie, you added to your full schedule the challenge of tutoring Debbie at home.

In 1965, your family again returned to the United States on furlough. Undecided as to whether you would return to Nyasaland (now the independent country of Malawi), David accepted the pastorate of the Richburg, N.Y., Church. During the year in Richburg, you helped teach a Bible Class that met weekly at the Richburg Central School.

In 1966, your family again felt the leading of God to return to Malawi, so you moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where David took some more schooling. In 1967, you again flew to Malawi, this time living in the city of Blantyre. You continued to help with Sabbath Schools, writing the children's Sabbath School lessons and having them published in Chichewa. You also had classes for the African women in which you taught sewing and cooking; you held training sessions for the women leaders of the churches in Malawi; you saw the need in the neighboring in which you lived for the European children to know about what the Bible is and how to live in the city of Blantyre. You continued to help with Sabbath Schools, writing the children's Sabbath School lessons and having them published in Chichewa. You also had classes for the African women in which you taught sewing and cooking; you held training sessions for the women leaders of the churches in Malawi; you saw the need in the neighboring in which you lived for the European children to know about what the Bible is and how to live for their lives, and so you began to have Bible classes in your home for nearby children. In addition, you had the opportunity to teach Religious Instruction classes at the government high schools.

In 1971, you were back in the United States for another renewed visit with family and loved ones. During this furlough, David was able to complete his seminary training in Philadelphia, and in the summer of 1972, your family returned to Malawi for your fourth term of missionary service. I know it was not easy to leave daughter Debbie, in the States to complete her education, but you and David have deep love for God and devotion to His will gave you strength to lay your cares upon Him in trust that He would carry your burdens, comfort your heart and give you His "peace that passes understanding." Your father and your brother died during this term of service and you found comfort and strength in ministering to those nearby, in the name of our Lord, while you trusted Him to touch hearts at home and use them to do what you could not personally do. The church continued to grow in Malawi. In 1976, you came home, feeling you would not return again to Africa where you had served for nearly 18 years.

In 1977, you, David, and Joanna went to Plainfield, New Jersey, to serve in the parsonage. Here you continued to support your husband in every way, and I know "the heart of your husband doth safely trust in you." You entertained denominational workers, organized and carried on a Bible Club for neighborhood black children, presented many children's messages about Malawi, served on the Growth Force, taught in Sabbath School, served as chairman of the Board of Christian Education, Women's Society recording secretary and church secretary, while continuing to write Sabbath School lessons in Chichewa for the children of Malawi, and sending them back for publication and immediate use there. Bettie, you have humbly and unobtrusively served our Lord, making the most of every opportunity; you are an inspiration to each of us who know you personally, and have observed you in Christ's service, for we see what God can do with a life committed to Him in day-by-day service, for we see what God can do with a life committed to Him in day-by-day service, for we see what God can do with a life committed to Him in day-by-day service. We join in honoring you, Bettie Butler Pearson.

Like your brothers and sisters, you had daily chores around the farm. These, your mother says, were done "in pleasant silence," for you were "a quiet, dependable child."

It was at Camp MILES that you had the joyful experience of giving your heart to the Lord. You were baptized by your Uncle Ary T. Bottoms and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of sixteen. Another vivid memory of Camp MILES, I am sure, was meeting David Pearson who was serving on a youth team. You began corresponding, and for one year both of you attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. You also attended Southern Missionary College in Collegedale, Tennessee, for a time, but received your Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education and Christian Education from Salem College, Salem, West Virginia.

Bettie, I well remember your sensitivity to the feelings and concerns of those around you at Camp MILES in 1949. You demonstrated the ability to think for yourself, to consider "What would Jesus have me do?" and to quietly act accordingly without any fanfare. I am sure the Lord said in effect, "You have been faithful in these acts of Love; I will give you ever greater opportunities to live and witness for Me." The Sabbath Recorder
Love is the basic response to life, both in our response to God, and in our relationships with others. This love is a genuineness of life which flows out not only to touch, but to also involve oneself with God and people.

Just prior to Jesus giving this commandment to love as He has loved us, He has spoken about this involvement with God. He says, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in His love."

Obedience is a key response to God if we are to know the fullness of God in our lives. We may recognize God as creator and sustainer of the universe, and may believe He is one. We may even believe that He is a loving God. We may believe that He is a King. We may recognize God and love. Fear of punishment is one and a response in love is the other. There will be times when we must obey God out of fear. They are afraid of punishment. They are afraid the results of life. They search the Scriptures for its instructions. They are careful to try to interpret each word of guidance in specific do's and don'ts. They look for programs and pursue those faithfully and examine their lives in regard to them so as to judge whether they are obedient to God or not. They are like slaves who work because they fear the taskmaster's lash. Or as they child who tries to hide his action and who may even lie about it because he is afraid of a spanking.

And then, there are those, and may be their number increasing who respond to God out of love and out of this love write His laws upon their hearts, that is, the love of God which is life. We believe their love which is life that they don't have to look at a checklist to know whether obedience of Christ are continually being built into their response to life.

Jesus has told us that he should not be men-pleasers—that is, moving this way and that according to whom we are with, because we want to keep in the good graces of mankind. Rather, we should want to be obedient children of God, because we know that God intends only the best for his family.

Sin separates from God. Sin is disobedience, transgression of the law. What law? We may ask. And this is the moral law of who we respond to as revealed in the Ten Commandments. These were given for guidance that we might know the fullness of life. Let us never love sight of their purpose. They are not for judgment, they are not for restriction, they are for guidance. They reveal the direction which we receive from God. Man will not choose man's disobedience; the temptations which come from Satan; the lack of love on the Holy Spirit so that we may be strengthened in life. It was not the aroma of the cooking food that pleased God. The sacrificial system was given to assure God's people of forgiveness. The death of sacrifice sometimes required entirely their purpose and the need for forgiveness.

It is because of our disobedience that we are in need of a savior. Life must be given to atone for sin. We rejoice that we know that Savior, Jesus Christ.

Even Jesus was tested for obedience. Satan tempted Him in the wilderness before He began His ministry. He was sorely tempted in the garden of Gethsemane the night before His crucifixion. The test came to Him there. He said I have the power to lay down my life and I have power to take it up again. His humanity and His love for life, physical life upon this earth is reflected in Gethsemane.

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Obedience means the recognition of power and of authority—recognition of one who is one who is superior, one who is wiser than we are, one who has authority over us. We can obey out of fear; or we can obey out of love.

When we obey out of fear, nothing is changed. There is no recognition of guilt or need for forgiveness; only a response to obedience. Life must be changed when we come to God recognizing His power and His love. Our obedience to God must come from the love which wells up within our hearts. Greater love has no one than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. And Jesus lay down His life for you and for me, and for everyone for who will come accepting that sacrifice. You are my friends if you do what I command you, Jesus said; "This is my command: love one another."

Our response to God is primary—we respond to Him because we abide in His love. We seek to know His will so that we may follow it. We seek the person of Jesus to know the Spirit so that we may be strengthened in God's way. Responding to God because we know Him. He intended only the best for us, we begin to ask the questions: What is God's best for us? We seek God's teaching on obedience in the Bible, because we think they are restrictive, we begin to ask the reason for God's giving them to us. We eagerly search to know the truth, the reality of life lived. "This His guidance. We seek for answers instead of rebelling with a "Why should I do this? Or why should I do that?"

We so often take a "Slow me down" position rather than asking the inquiring one which comes from knowing that it is right even if we have difficulty doing it. We look to God and His word for the reasons why. This is response in love.

As parents we often fail—we often fail to tell our children "why." A young man, recently married, said: "We were told to do this and not to do that, but he never told us why. He was referring to certain biblical teachings. This is so true in many areas of life. We need to tell the answers to the why's of life. Jesus was obedient. He said: "I come into the (continued on p. 25)
The more she sings, the more I drink.

Our leader in action.

Rod, if I can do it so can you!

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No, we don't have room service.

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by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, President of the Historical

Society:

"In recognition of your twenty years service as an

officer of the Society.

Your gifts and wise counsel, and not least your

prayers, are much appreciated. May this cane, like the Psalmist's

rod and staff, be a leader. We commend you gratefully to

our Heavenly Father's care, asking only that

of stewardship and fellowship in which you have

been a leader. We thank

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An informal report of the trip to England and Holland by K. D. and Shireen Hurley from June 26 to July 11, 1979.

It seems a dream that K. D. and I ever left the USA as we catch up with work at home and recover from jet-lag, except for the warmth we feel when we remember the dear friends we saw and with whom we worshipped in England and Holland.

We were thrilled to hear Baptists from all over Europe say, each in his or her native language, "Christ is sufficient for all my needs!" This took place in the huge convention center in Brighton, England, on the opening night of the European Baptists Federation Congress before an audience of four thousand. As each person quoted the Scripture, a large, colored shape of his or her country was put in place on a map. It was exciting to see some countries represented for the first time in many years.

After church services, which are currently held in a rented school, we all visited the house recently purchased and being rennovated as an S.D.B. church center in London. The sanctuary, which will accommodate 60 or 70 people, is nearly completed with new construction, fresh paint and a beautiful baptism.

While the rest of the people were talking and looking, Mrs. Codrington invited me into her home next door to sit down and have a cup of tea. Conference goes remember that Mrs. Codrington was at Conference at Houghton last summer, and then went on to Canada to visit her sister. The Codringtons are in the process of remodeling their own home, so she had not planned anyone's coming to see the "mess things were in"; but the dining room is nicely completed and before she knew it she had more than Yours Truly to serve cups of tea.

There was a rose bush outside the window that was gorgeous, as were several in their tiny front yard. Everyone in both England and Holland, we observed, makes the most of their hankie-sized yards with flowers of many hues and kinds.

K. D. Served as "Sounding Board!" The men of the churches talked far into the night about the Sabbath at the Smiths with K. D. acting as "sounding board" while Christine kept a complete Regent hot. At about 11 p.m. she gave up and offered me a bowl of hot soup. I had enjoyed a cool drink sometime before I served the children what looked to me like pizza—just like a Sabbath supper in the U.S. for many families we know.

Sunday morning Deacon Smith drove us back to Brighton because he had never had the excuse to go there before. Anel and Janet Marshall also went along. In fact, they had planned to take their car, but it broke down. In the transfer the sandwiches Janet had prepared for their lunch got left in their car. We are still wondering if they had anything to eat before they got back at the end of the day.

As we sat in the back seat together I learned that they are planning to attend a Bible college together soon, in preparation for full-time Christian service. They have applied for a government grant and now have to decide what to do because they will be living on campus during their college course. Janet is already trained as a street evangelist and enjoys getting out to talk with people about Jesus.

The weather, being cooler than we had expected, was nevertheless very pleasant and conducive to nice strolls along the beach at Brighton. These were on the sand, colored stones instead of sand covering the beach. An art exhibit was going on all the while. The shrubs built especially for artists to show their paintings, many good, some so-so and a few, terrible. Greens for sunning and playing games were abundant as well as other attractions and snack concessions, wading pools for children, canvas chairs for rent and other things confirming the fact that this is a resort.

We saw the Royal Pavilion lit up with colored lights one evening and toured the building the next day when K. D. acted as "sounding board" while Christine kept a complete Regent hot. At about 11 p.m. she gave up and offered me a bowl of hot soup. I had enjoyed a cool drink sometime before the visit to the inner structure, the massive machines and many old pieces of the building discarded up then, gathering the dust of the ages. We saw an electrician wiring one of the chandeliers and the huge treadmill workmen use to bring equipment and supplies up from the floor of the cathedral. We even went outside on a narrow walkway just below the steeple but many, many stories above the marketplace. Fascinating!

An organist was practicing for a recital on Thursday, playing snatches as he tried out various registrations. It was wondrous to listen to the organ and see the resonance of it. It was built by the famous Christian Muller between 1735 and 1738. We appreciated so much all our hosts share with us of their heritage and countries.

The dedication of both the Jamaicans in England and the Dutch in Holland inspire and warm. They enjoy getting together occasionally, too, for fellowship and sharing of ideas. The Dutch Conference is sponsoring several youth from England at camp this August.

The miles are many, cultures differ and languages are various but Christians the world over—and particularly Baptists and Seventh Day Baptists—can find unity in the living concern Jesus taught us all to have for each other as well as for those around us who need to be brought into His fellowship.

That rich love and fellowship we found in abundant measure on our trip to England and Holland...
The Lady Doctors

Part 2

Knowing that her stay in the United States was going to be much longer than the usual missionary furlough, when Dr. Palmborg departed China in 1918 she took with her E-Ling, the daughter whom she had adopted as a baby in 1903, and who spent the next several years as a student at Milton and Salem Colleges, and Helen Su, one of her native assistants in the hospital, who completed nurses’ training at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in the interim.

In 1921 an auto road was completed between Shanghai and Lien-foo, reducing the one-way trip to about one-and-a-half hours, and thereby greatly improving communication among our missionaries in the two locations. By this time, the hospital had been partially dechristified with the installation of a generator, and often was filled to its capacity of about forty patients.

The following year the people of Lien-foo and the surrounding communities threw a giant celebration to honor Dr. Palmborg on her return to China, and to show their love for one who had won their hearts in her five short years in China; sadly, Dr. Sinclair had decided that she must return to the United States to care for her aged mother. There were speeches, dramas and banquets, the new bus company provided free transportation to any coming from Shanghai to the celebration; and the local citizens paved the roads on the mission property to join the new auto road. Also in 1922, Miss Su began offering nurses’ training at the Lien-foo hospital.

In 1924 war again came to Lien-foo, this time forcing evacuation by missionaries, native workers and patients, and leaving the facilities shell-damaged and terrified vandalized. When the missionaries were able to begin the reconstruction, it was in a community now named “Liuho” at the orders of the new ruling party in China. After thirty years as a medical missionary, Dr. Palmborg was giving up that work to begin a new one in industrial missions to the Chinese women; and, after forty years, word that Doctors Palmborg and Sinclair were to be succeeded by a George Thongma, M.D., brought an end to the era of “The Lady Doctors.”

Dr. Palmborg, two nurses, and Dr. Crandall. Front entrance to hospital, 1916. The Chinese characters at the top read “Grace Hospital.” On the pillar nearest the camera they say “The True God Loves Us. World,” and on the other, “Jesus Saves Men.”

Verse for the month: “Never forget to be truthful and kind. Hold these virtues tightly. Write them deep within your heart. If you want faith with both God and mankind, do not ever trust yourself. In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success.”

-Prayers 3:3-6 (LB)

MALAWI, Africa: A study is being made of plans for a new maternity unit at the Thomas Health Centre, Malawi. People of the area have made bricks. The next step is approval by the Private Hospital Association of Malawi and the Ministry of Health. STANTON, CA: The newest missionary Pastor, Gabriel Bejani, and his family began their ministry with the Evangelical Community Church in Stanton, CA on August 1, 1979. Let us uphold this new church and this new MP in our prayers as they seek to reach out in the community with the love of Jesus.

MALAWI, Africa: Area and local church meetings, conducted by Secretary Nantukwa and Mr. Makuwwe, are being held in southern Malawi. Two of the classes are on stewardship and local church administration. On June 9-10 these were held at Nibanda and Kapondi SDB Churches. The Fellers were there that there were over forty people at Kapondi that represented all of Pastor Malinda’s churches.

JAMAICA, West Indies: A letter from the Secretary of the Crandall High School Board in Kingston, Jamaica contained the following: “School is now closed, and during the summer we will be effective in repairing to any coming from Shanghai to the celebration; and the local citizens paved the roads on the mission property to join the new auto road. Also in 1922, Miss Su began offering nurses’ training at the Lien-foo hospital.

Front entrance to hospital, 1916.

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ROCKVILLE RESTORES ANTIQUE CHANDELIER

ROCKVILLE, RI—It was bound to happen.

The shiny brass chandelier that once flooded a 19th century congregation in the glowing light of 12 kerosene lamps has been electrified. No one at the Seventh Day Baptist Church here knows how old the chandelier is, they can only guess.

The church was built in 1835. The chandelier was stored upstairs in the attic for many years until it was brought down to be cleaned and electrified. It now hangs in its original spot, ornate and glowing.

A long rope stretches across the rafters of the church, concealed above the ceiling. On one end of the rope is a weight or counterbalance used to lower the heavy fixture for lighting and lifting the lamps.

The only things that have been changed are the globes, lamps, and chimneys. The originals were sold in 1925 to James Wilson for $5, according to church records.

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Mrs. Armstrong said that when the chandelier was stored upstairs, it was packed away on a shelf.

In an effort to date the chandelier, Mrs. Armstrong has searched old church records. She has found only occasional reference to lighting fixtures and one other ominous mention of a chandelier.

Records of Aug. 25, 1883, make mention of "procurings lamps for the church." Records show that on Jan. 3, 1891, a committee was formed to "dispose of the old chandelier" but someone stopped the church members from taking this course of action.

Benjamin Kenyon was appointed to this committee. On Dec. 17, 1897, the Ladies Benevolent Society bought pulpit lamps and globes for the chandelier.

Then, 115 years after Thomas Edison and a group of other scientists perceived the first electric light bulb, electricity was introduced at the church. Perhaps this ushered the move of the chandelier to the attic.

It took a couple of months to get the church ready for electric lighting, according to records. On Nov. 10, 1925, the church paid H. H. Coleman $232 to wire the church.

Another $14 was paid to the South County Public Service Co. for a pole and wire.

And when all the work was done the church received its first electric bill on Jan. 30, 1926. The cost—50 cents.

Mrs. Armstrong said that when workers went into the attic to get the chandelier, hinged doors for the pews were also found.

Families had to pay for a 'slip' (pew)," she said. Mrs. Armstrong said that some of the old family names were inscribed on old footstools still being used.

"The first two slips were free," the Sabbath Recorder said.

"The remainder were owned by families who were assessed a certain amount of money to help run the church. In 1897 the slips were declared free," she said.

Mrs. Armstrong said that the first Seventh Day Baptist Church was built around 1793 on "Cemetery Hill" a few miles up the road on Route 138. "People used to go to the Seventh Day Baptist Church located in Ashaway, but decided to break away and build their own. It was such a long way to travel," she said.

This first church was sold for $53 and soon thereafter another was built by the entrance of Camp Yawgoe. In the 1890's, the church was moved several miles east, down Route 138, by horse and wooden rollers to its present site.

The interior of the church has retained its simplicity over the years. There are four rows of dark colored wooden slips and in between many of them are long footstools.

And once again, the brass chandelier floats above the congregation just as it did many years ago.

The restoration of the chandelier at the chapel is just the beginning of a "restored" congregation.

"Renewal, repair, restoration, have been carried on by the active membership of this congregation. God's House is becoming once again a place of beauty physically. It is also becoming a place where 'beautiful people'—knowing, the 'beauties of holiness'—come each Sabbath to worship, learn, rejoice, gain strength, and receive their 'divine interaction directions.'"

Pray for the continued renewal of this witness in Rockville that it may be a 'true light' to the community.

—Editor's note

We are indebted to David Smith and the Wesson's Studio for this story and photographs.

Appreciation also is due to Mrs. Lucie Armstrong and Miss Darlene McCall.

CAMP, BAPTISM, FARWELL, HIGHLIGHT CHURCH ACTIVITIES

DERUYTER, NY—The De Ruyter Church feels deep sadness in the loss by death of two of its faithful members—Deacon Harry S. Parker on April 1st and Mrs. Celia Moulton on April 22nd.

We greatly miss two church families who have moved away: Wesley and Martha Greene moved to Berlin, N.Y.; on June 1st and Richard and Linda Burdick and children, Kim, Jim and Talissa, moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, on July 15th.

Our loss will be our sister churches' gain. A party was held on May 26 to bid farewell to the Greenes and at the same time honor Martha for her graduation from college. On July 10th the church gave a farewell party for the Burdicks.

On Sabbath, June 9th, we had a service at Linklaen Pond when Mrs. Barbara Todd baptized and on the following Sabbath she was welcomed into church membership along with Robert and Selma Mickel and daughter, Tammi, of Clinton, N.Y.

O'Deanne Mickel recently graduated from Albany State College. We had a reception in her honor after church on June 16th. O'Deanne expects to start her teaching business subjects in the High School at Hannibal, N.Y., this fall.

The antique chandelier hangs proudly in the Rockville church after being restored and electrified. It was dedicated to the memory of Lyra Babcock Irish on June 16, 1979 (photo by John Koulbanis).
Pastor Green has led a neighbor- hood children’s group called The Pilgrims Club in Cotland, ME, from January 1 through May. Since September she has had weekly Bible study at the Cotland Camp Georgetown. After the first three months, at the request of the boys, they invited the four Christian men of the area to take turns helping the pastor with his work which has resulted in a dozen or more conversions. Friendly contacts made by our pastor have resulted in increased church attendance. Weekly Bible studies led by her are being held in the home of Barbara Todd of Cortland, our newest member.

Our Association camp, Camp Harmony, was held at the 4-H campgrounds, called Camp Owahata, near Truxton, N.Y., from June 30th to July 6th. Nine campers and two adults were baptized there on Sabbath afternoon. The total number of campers was 52. There were twenty campers from the DeRuyster area and twenty from the Brookfield-Leonardville area. We were pleased to have Ronda Jacobson from the Westley SD church, an exchange camper from the Eastern Area. Also we were happy to have a visitor Richard Stewart from the New Auburn, WI, church, who was so well pleased with the location of the camp that they have already made reservations for next year.

A two-week Vacation Bible School was held jointly with United Church of Christ, from June 9 to 20, with an average daily attendance of 51 pupils. The children brought offerings amounting to $22.80 and a $1.00 was sent to the Wyckoff Bible Translators because they want all children to learn to read. The program was planned by Miss Betty Gill and Miss Betty Allred. The children had a delightful time at the camp facility.

NEW YORK CHURCH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY, HONORS EDITOR

NEW YORK CITY—On Sunday, June 3, 1979, some two hundred members and friends of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church gathered at the Holiday Inn in Manhattan for the annual anniversary banquet and concert. Following appropriate remarks by the Rev. Socrates Thompson, pastor, and the Rev. Henry Grant, associate pastor; the chairman for the program was introduced. For the second year Editor John D. Bevis, served as chairman, and led in the ensuing program which included a bountiful dinner and many musical selections.

The main address of the day was given by the Rev. Leon R. Lawson, Executive Vice-President of the SDB Missionary Society. Representatives were present from several churches including Toronto, Canada. Proceeded from the event went to assist with the building fund of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist church.

Several weeks later, on July 7, 1979, appreciation day services were held for Editor Bevis who is leaving the New York-New Jersey area. Following regular Sabbath services, in which Mr. Bevis brought the message, a special luncheon was prepared by the ladies of the church. In the afternoon Deacon Leonard Stewart chaired the program of appreciation. Several musical selections and readings were presented by various members of the congregation. Rev. Thompson gave the address which included brief history of the organization of the church in which he mentioned the work of John Bevis and Herbert Saunders in helping to bring this church together. Mrs. Clara Thompson made a presentation to the Bevis family on behalf of the church.

In his remarks Mr. Bevis stated that he was overwhelmed by this demonstration of love and appreciation. He stated that for him the highlight of the day was when it was expressed that the church "could not love him more if he were Jamaican." In closing he admonished the congregation with the words of Paul in Hebrews 12 urging them to keep "looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith."

YOUTH RETREAT SUCCESSFUL

DAYTONA BEACH, FL—Erma Van Horn directed Vacation Bible School, held June 18-22. Doris Van Horn, Maria Van Horn, and Bernice Davis assisted as teachers; Janette Crouch assisted with music and crafts; and Rev. Van Horn arranged for the daily refreshments and the picnic luncheon on the beach. Pastor Ken Van Horn and Pastor Marion Van Horn each spoke to the group during opening time. This worship, Bible study, singing, and fellowship were a blessing to the adults as well as the 25 children enrolled. Each class participated in the closing program Friday evening.

A service of baptism was conducted following the Bible School program. Pat Stafford and Yolanda Stockton were the two who were baptized.

The uncertain gas situation kept Pastor Ken and some of our young people from attending Camp Joy this year. Our church continues to support Camp Joy and we hope to be represented there next year.

Young people of the Putnam County Seventh Day Baptist Church joined the young people of our church for a retreat July 13-15. Alan Crossman led a retreat held at a primitive campground in the Ocala National Forest. Janette Crouch and her sister Kay Crouch were two of our church and Aaron and Ida Price from the Putnam County church served on the staff. Nine campers and three mascots enjoyed a weekend filled with Bible study, worship in a variety of settings, camping, swimming, and campfires. The warm Christian fellowship that was found was memorable for a long time. Now the question is not 'if' we will do it again but 'when' we will do it next.

SALEM LISTS CHURCH LIFE ACTIVITIES

SALEM, WY—Some of the activities of the church during the past few months are listed below.

1. Sabbath afternoon "Children’s Time" program brought together the newly created Club concept, an afternoon program in the building up of a strong witness to the public. Rev. Socrates Thompson, pastor, has been the primary speaker, and the leadership of the club is under the direction of Barbara Todd of Cortland. The club is making a mark in the community.

2. Community Lenten Services, sponsored by participating churches, four weeks during the past few months.

3. A progressive supper brightened our Lenten service on an increasing level monthly, with support coming both within the church and "friends of camp" outside the Association and outside the denomination.

4. A renewed enthusiasm about the idea of growth as it relates to outreach ministries has come to the Salem church within the context of "happenings" within the Southwestern Association. The new church in the Washington area; the new group is seeking to become a definite "Fellowship" in Martinsburg; and the coming of Rev. Francis and Lila Saunders as pastor of the Berea Church and manager of Camp Joy— has the Salem church "turned on" and excited about the various options which are open to it in terms of types of outreach and commitment it can make to these "growth ministries." Prayers of the church are extended to the new church to assist in the development and application of the mission opportunities.

5. Several individuals and families have been in several capacities to attend vacation Bible School, supported or symbolic substitutes for their children.

6. The Y.F. participated in a spring break hosted by the Lost Creek, CO, church. Nine campers attended. The following weekend went on a campout and during white-water raft trip.

7. Prayers are being prayed for a retreat July 13-15 at the New Auburn, WI, church.

8. Volunteers are being prayed for those who will be caring for our camp during the coming of Rev. Francis and Lila Saunders as pastor of the Berea Church and manager of Camp Joy.

9. Souvenirs from two buses are being made available to those who wish to purchase them.

10. Students from the Community Church in Gillette have plans to hold a concert at the camp.

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12. The YF has been active in planning and organizing activities at Camp Joy.

13. A recent visit from Rev. Herbert Saunders of the Center on Ministry updated our church on information. Students have been encouraged to participate in various stages of preparation for pastoral ministries, and similar programs as a means of involving the young people even more as he projected a bright future for leadership needs in the denominations.

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tapped. As the church comes upon a new church year with elections, committee selection, etc., this should be noted.

As we enter the "starring gate" of a new year in June, we face the ever-present, perpetual nagging concern: economic difficulties—how do we develop new forms and approaches that keep the spiritual vitality and dynamic alive to sustain both quantity and quality growth? And most important, how can we witness to those who stand at the cross of Christ at Salvation, be alert to the needs of other and the "corners of the world" in our local church, and possibly forward the work of Jesus Christ as a living and not-as-did our forefathers for generations back…on promises we have all tested and not found wanting, we continue to be "out and around." We remain committed to the race to run forward, even into the "unknown," knowing we do not run the course alone.

May the abiding Spirit of God in Jesus Christ that we trust, be with both you and us as we each continue to be numbered in the "Up and Running Still." -Briana Sutton

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETS AT FOKE

The Southwestern Association held its Eighty-eighth Annual Session with the Foye Seventh Day Baptist Church at Foye, Ark. June 14-17. Twenty-nine delegates and many visitors were present, averaging forty-five at each meeting. The theme "Live Today as Though Christ Were Coming Tomorrow," chosen by President Lois Goodson with Scripture selections from Micah 6:8; Ps. 118:24, Mark 12:29, 31; and Psalm 100, was developed throughout the meetings by the speakers. At the Monday afternoon meeting we accepted the Full Gospel Seventh Day Christian Church of Arlington, Texas, as a member church. We voted to continue support to a ministerial student, and to continue and increase monthly support to Sunshine Mountain. We voted to aid any church in the Southwestern Association whose mission aid needs are met at $50.00 in any one quarter and $50.00 for revival services as funds are available.

On Sabbath afternoon, Editor John Bevis shared thoughts based on Mark 12:29, 30 and First Peter 2:9. Then he told us something about the work of the American S abath Tract Society and about the "Word of Truth" radio program. He requested prayer support as he and his family begin their new work in Florence, Alabama. Myron Soper spoke about some of the ways the Missionary Society can help and explained the "House Church" movement. A discussion followed with several ideas of outreach being presented. Among these were proposals to support those workers on the field in the small groups; advertising in newspapers and on radio; and using the "Word of Truth" diligently pursued; sending tracts in correspondence as well as passing them out personally; using Cross directories to contact people as the business people do; personal contact on streets, stores, backyards, and involving ourselves in community service projects. We discussed having a radio program sponsored by the Association and then listened to the first tape of the Word of Truth program by Russell Haves. At the Sunday morning meeting, a decision was made regarding a radio ministry and a committee was appointed to gather the appropriate information and get it to the member churches in plenty of time for them to send an instructed delegation to the next Association.

Also, the Association authorized the Camp Miles Committee to work with Jack Hays to study the feasibility of having a permanent campsite at Sunshine Mountain, the financial cost of construction and to investigate the idea of moving the Camp Miles of the Association to Sunshine Mountain. The Executive Committee is: Jack Hays, president; Jeff Monroe, 1st vice-president; and Jevon Hays, Jr., 2nd vice-president; Inez Mitchell, general secretary; Scott Blackwood, treasurer; Rachelle Goodson; youth advisor.

WHY ARE YOU S.D.B.?

Is it because you believe in baptism by immersion? Or do you believe in the Trinity? Or do you believe the Bible is God's inspired word? Or do you believe you should keep the commandments?

Great! You're a Baptist! But, why do you say you're a S.D.B.? Is it because your family was S.D.B.? Or your friends are? Or the church building is conveniently located? Or it's a beautiful building? Or the people are friendly and you feel welcome? Or you like the pastor? Or you believe that we actually vitally connect with the abiding history of Jesus Christ and its roots and not just visit the S.D.B. for a day of rest but what you want to do on the Sabbath is more important?

Do you worship (or attend) a church other than a S.D.B.? Or do you believe that the Bible is the word of God? What do you believe? Do you believe we should worship, study and fellowship together on the Sabbath?

If something comes up, can you be persuaded to skip worship and go; be it shopping, playing or working? Do you say I'm an S.D.B. but it's really not important? I must rely on myself. I put security of my personal pursuits ahead of the priority of worship God only when it is convenient. My God is not big enough to provide for me. My God is not important enough to be attended to. I can't think of a more convenient thing to do it than any other time. I need some fun in my life and so do my children. They need (or want) to do other children do and what I need (or is it want). My God is not big enough to provide for me. My God is not important enough to be attended to. I can't think of a more convenient thing to do it than any other time. I need some fun in my life and so do my children. They need (or want) to do other children do and what I need (or is it want).

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Before He died, He gave us meaningful symbols of His death to remind us of His obedience to God, but to move us in response to God out of love, knowing that we are in God's family. The broken body of Christ broken, and the cup poured out symbolizes His very life given for us.

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HEDER-CLEMENT—David Paul Hedcr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hedcr of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Throsea Louise Clement, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Clement of Ord, Nebraska, were married June 30, 1979, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loop, Neb. Grace Burress was bridesmaid, Rev. Victor W. Slages, officiating. The couple make their home in Broken Bow, NE.

NEIL-DAVIS—Robert L. Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon L. Neil, of Battle Creek, and Janice Marie Davis, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, also of Battle Creek, were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 19, 1979, the bride's father officiating.

CURRIE—A son, R. John, to Mr. and Mrs. John Currie of Derby, Maine, was born May 27, 1979.

BROGGY—A daughter, Davy Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Broggy of Pigeon, Michigan, was born May 23, 1979, the third great-grandchild and one of seven children of Stoney Hartman and Mrs. LGBTQ community.

CRANE—A son, Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crane of Albany, Illinois, was born May 13, 1979.

CRANE—A son, Mark Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. John Crane of Albion, Michigan, was born May 13, 1979.

BOYD—A son, Thomas Kevin, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Boyd of Grand Junction, Colorado, was born May 13, 1979.

VANDERWOUDE—A son, Donald, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert VanderWoude of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born May 11, 1979.

PACK—A son, John Raymond, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pack of Baltimore, Maryland, was born May 10, 1979.

CARLETON—A son, John Wesley, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carleton of Sterling, Illinois, was born May 9, 1979.

GORDON—A daughter, Leonora Emily, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon of Crete, Illinois, was born May 9, 1979.

DELONG—A daughter, Carol Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald DeLong of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born May 8, 1979.

WILLIAMS—A son, Thomas Anthony, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Williams of Marshalltown, Iowa, was born May 8, 1979.

DIXON—A daughter, Stephanie Joy, to Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Joseph Dixon of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born May 5, 1979.

BENTLEY—A daughter, Jacklyn Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. William Bentley of Midland, Michigan, was born May 3, 1979.

BROWN—A son, John Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Brown of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born May 1, 1979.

MAY—A son, Robert Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard May of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born April 29, 1979.

CARR—A son, Thomas David, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carr of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born April 29, 1979.

FLETCHER—A daughter, Susan Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Fletcher of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born April 22, 1979.

WEBER—A daughter, Jocelyn Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weber of Battle Creek, Michigan, was born April 18, 1979.
FAITH IN GOD
by Susan McAuliffe

One day during summer vacation, Monica was asked by her mother to do some housework. Monica said that she would have it done by the time her mother got home.

While Monica was doing her housework, Monica’s friend Leslie called up and asked if she could go to the movies. Monica said she could, if they would be home by 4:00 (Monica’s mother would be home by 5:00). So Monica said yes she could go.

It was 2:00 when Monica and Leslie got out of the movies. On their way home, Leslie’s car ran out of gas. The nearest gas station was about seven miles away, but when they had gone by the gas station it had said “NO GAS.” So Leslie told Monica to wait in the car. Leslie went looking for a house nearby where she could call for a wrecker.

Meanwhile, going on 3:00, Leslie wasn’t back yet. Monica started to get worried about not getting home on time in order to do the housework. But then Monica remembered what she had learned in Sabbath School class. She remembered a quote from Mark 9:23. Monica remembered the verse saying, “Anything is possible if you have faith.”

After saying this verse, she prayed that Leslie would come back with some gas. Ten minutes later Leslie showed up with a can of gas. Monica got back home by 4:00 and finished the housework.

When Monica’s mother got home, Monica told her all about what had happened. Monica’s mother said, “If you remembered the next verse it would help you out when you get in trouble. Monica looked up the next verse and it said, “I do have faith; oh, help me to have more!” Monica’s mother told her to always have faith in God, not just sometimes, but all the time.
BRIGHTON, England—The Baptist World Alliance, which will celebrate its diamond jubilee in April 1979, has more than doubled in size in recent years. It has now 115 member churches, including those in India and the Philippines.

The council also adopted resolutions on world hunger, the energy situation, human rights. It approved an annual financial report that shows $3,077,469 in 40 countries.

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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 sins abound—
As Nehemiah confessed, “We have sinned and deserve the sword!”
Pardon iniquity until the joy of repentance responds.

Move me! Oh move me, Lord,
Stir 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 L. 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).

A church is not a bank, but a channel for money.
Be a funnel, not a bucket!

Christian giving is Christian living

GIVE while you give!

Read 2 Corinthians 9:7

Christian giving is spelled LOVE

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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST
OUR 135th YEAR
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We see only the buildings and pastor.
What’s left over is for international missions.

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