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Honoring those who honor the Lord

The Lord declares, 
"Those who honor me, I will honor..." (1 Samuel 2:30)
Purifying our worship

by Donald Chroninger

One day, Billy Graham was speaking on a university campus and after a meeting, he decided he would talk to one of the professors who was not necessarily a Christian. Graham asked him a question, "What do you see is the most important thing that our nation needs?"

The professor thought and said, "Billy, you might expect me to say we need a change in the economic condition or we need a stronger defense. But, as I see it, we need a moral revival."

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A conversation after a corporate worship service may be, "Did you hear the message today?" or "Did you notice that the pastor's collar was not straight?" Another person might say, "You know, God spoke to me today. It wasn't in the message that was preached, but in that hymn that we sang." All of this was in the same service, but one sensed God speaking.

We all come to worship with different ideas of who God is. Some of us come with the idea that God is a big airship tablet in the sky. We only go to him when we have a headache. Some of us come with the idea that he is our heavenly Santa Claus. We go to God with our lists and ask him to check it—twice. Some of us have the image that God sits in heaven in his rocking chair with a long white beard. In that image, God sits and looks over the edge of heaven. When something goes wrong, he says, "Boys will be boys." We might go to worship with the view of God as the heavenly policeman with a uniform and a big club. With that view, God's job is to strike down Christians who might be having too much of a good time.

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We all come to worship with different concepts of who God is. Hear the psalmist; "We are his people and the the sheep of his pasture. Know he is God."

Many times, we sing that old hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer, but today it has become the "sweet 60 seconds." We do not take the time to know God.

At times we transfer our concepts of God to the Lord Jesus Christ and make him the big buddy in the sky. We sometimes over-emphasize that he is our friend and miss the high and holy, the one who is lifted up. Where are the Isaiahs today—that see God as high and lifted up with his train filling the temple and his angels crying, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Where are the men that stand and take three days to prepare themselves to meet God? Where are the men that prepare at all?

A. W. Tozer said, "There are many of us who only know Jesus after the flesh." We know he was tired and weak. We know that at times he was hungry and worn out. But that Jesus is the same God that was on Mount Sinai. If it was not for his flesh, we too would be consumed.

The disciples recognized something in Jesus beyond what we sometimes recognize. There was still mystery in their worship. There was still awe at what God was. Matthew 4:18-20 says: "And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishes. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishes of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

Was it something that Jesus said that caused them to leave their occupation—to drop their nets and follow him? What Jesus was saying was, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Did they know something about him? It was not until the 16th chapter of Matthew that Peter states, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God." So, what was it that caused them to leave their occupations and families and follow? The person of Jesus himself.

In Matthew 8, we have an insight into the heart of the disciples.

"And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then they were afraid, and marvelled, saying,"

The Youth Pre-Con Choir
Duane Davis, pastor of the La Mesa, California, Seventh Day Baptist Church, spoke on Pursuing God’s Wisdom on Monday night. Pictured left to right: Davis, his sons, David and Eric, and Pastor Davis.

What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?”

They stood in awe and wondered.

If it were not for the flesh of Jesus, we too, would be consumed.

Suppose with me for a moment that the president of the United States was going to come to your church—next week. What would you do differently? Some people would not be late. You would be early to be certain that everything was ready. You would be sure that the building was spotless—it would be gorgeous. The sanctuary would be packed to the edges—because the president was to be there. You would sing with more gusto than you ever had before because you would want the president to hear your voice. When you gave, it would be an abundance—because the president was there. We would do all these things if the president of the United States was there, but I will tell you—there is one greater than the president that is there. His name is Jesus Christ.

We should come expecting God to speak to us. What is the last thing you do before you come to corporate worship—read the newspaper? How do you prepare for worship? How do you prepare to meet God? As Sabbathkeepers we begin Sabbath at sunset. We are given a preparation time to prepare to meet God. Do we use it?

Jesus comes to us not only in times of corporate worship, but in those times of individual worship.

Our whole life needs to flow with the fact that he is Lord. Chapters four and five of Revelation paint a picture of what worship could be like. What better way to set it forth than to put it in a symphony. John sees in the heavens, the future. You and I are called to worship our Father in this way.

“After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowsns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal.

And in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. It begins with a trumpet to get our attention. Verse 8 says:

“And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him: and they were full of eyes within and without: and they had not rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, and who reigneth.

The first movement of the symphony speaks of the holiness of God. He is holy and eternal.

The crescendo continues... verse 10:

“The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”

The second movement addresses his sovereignty—his overall rule and his majesty. The crescendo continues... 5:8:

“And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”

You and I are there! Every creature is there. If we do not learn to worship now, we will worship then. The

September 1987
A miracle of prayer

by Leigh Stewart

My friend Gene and I are hunters. Nearly every year since 1975 we have hunted elk in the Colorado mountains.

Last October we went again, getting to our old camp site on the continental divide at 10,892 feet on the last day of October. Halloween. This was Friday and it began to snow about noon—all afternoon, all night, all Sabbath day and all Sabbath night. We had three feet of snow—no drifts, just three feet. It was beautiful on Sunday. It was sunny and the temperature climbed, but not to the extent that the snow would melt.

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We had a few gallons of water, but not enough to last long, so water was next on the list. We could melt snow, but that would not conserve the stove propane. Starting on Sunday morning, I shoveled a trail three feet wide and three feet deep the quarter mile to the spring. We could melt snow, but that would not conserve the stove propane.

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Because the trail was broken on Saturday, it was not impossible to get back to the ridge on Sunday to where Gene could see all the way to the main trail, two miles back down, and hear the drum of the big diesels removing snow that had other hunters stranded. Our little radio gave us all the details, suggesting that now, with the roadway clear, others would be coming up. That kind of news dispelled all fears.

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For a signal fire—the smoke would not rise, it just crawled on the ground like a big serpent.

The week went by. Gene cut wood and I shoveled snow. When another Sunday came, the last day of elk season came with it. We had not seen an elk, not even a deer. We did see five or six ravens that were trying to compete with the big jets that went daily from coast to coast. We saw a few birds called camp robbers, and a couple of Indigas. Gene said there were pine squirrels on the ridge—but one would have to be awfully hungry to eat them as they taste like rosin.

It was getting colder, too, going into the single digits at night. Because of our north slope and tall timber we had a late sun, and it would not get up till 9:30 in the morning, but quickly warmed our little world from those frigid nights. We slept without heat. My wife is a very level-headed person. She knows Gene and I are not beginners, that we go well-equipped and have nearly everything: C.B. radio to call for help, if needed. But she did not know that it only had a range of five miles at the very most. She did not know when the season ended but quickly warmed our little world from those frigid nights.

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It was late that night when the Sheriff got the call. A deputy with a volunteer pilot that got his wings over Vietnam came up the next morning. Our camp was right where Art had told them and they hit it right on the button. Our little amphitheater is only a few hundred look that is anything but palatable to look at. We fired 3 shots occasionally (the signal for help) when we thought they could be heard. However, if a snowmobiler did venture this far, on hearing shots he or she might think we were poachers and go the other way so they would not get involved. Remember those in the “Good Samaritan” story?

We began to ration food to two meals a day, sometimes only one. My weight dropped from 204 to 178 pounds. I always pray, but I was doing it more often than I had before. I prayed my wife, Thelma, would call the State Patrol. I prayed she would call someone. I prayed because Jesus says in Matthew 7:7, “Ask and it will be given.” In John 14:14 he says, “If you ask anything in my name, I will do it.” I prayed that my brothers, who are more worry-warts than Thelma is, would worry her into calling someone. They did, too.

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The President’s Page

by Conference President
Herbert E. Saunders

Enter the Joy

As we share together this year, let us look at what God has given each of us, through the gifts of his Holy Spirit and through the talents and abilities he has given us, to minister to others. God requires faithfulness—it is not a suggestion—it is a command. He has put at our disposal all the resources for the building up of his kingdom on earth. What we chose to do with our stewardship will determine whether or not we will Enter the Joy of his presence, here on earth as we live abundant lives, or in heaven where we will be freed to rejoice with him forever. The matter is in our hands and the master will soon return to take an accounting. May we all be found faithful, as individual Christians, as Christian churches, and as a denomination of people sharing a common conviction.

This month let us focus our attention on Faithfulness in Worship. The Psalmist writes, “I rejoiced with those who said to me, ‘Let us go to the House of the Lord.’ ” We worship God because he has given us life and desires for us to lift up voices and our hearts in praise and adoration. As we begin this year, let us focus on God—on who he is, on what he has done and on where he is leading us. This involves worship—the purposeful expressing of ourselves to our wonder and blessing and grace. We worship to bring our wills into accord with his will. We worship to see things from God’s point of view. We worship to reflect on our sins, pray for forgiveness and feel the assurance of his love and mercy. We worship because in this

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Pearls of history from the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

Faithful in worship
by Historian Don A. Sanford

Would it be impossible to have schools and churches in the new land? Assuredly it would be unwise to deny our children the right to learn and grow in the atmosphere of religion. But would it not be a service that we could render to this new community if we could take these into the new homeland?

Nearly a century and a half ago, when Joseph and Nancy Goodrich were discussing the advantages and disadvantages of migration from Alfred, New York, to the new territory of Wisconsin, it was reported that Nancy did not share her husband’s enthusiasm.

"But Joseph," she said, "have you considered that this means leaving a pleasant community! That it means leaving the privileges of church and school? Why should we place hundreds of miles between us and the things we hold so dear? That are so profitable for our children?"

To this argument, Joseph is reported to have countered:

"Would it be impossible to have schools and churches in the new land? Assuredly it would be unwise to deny our children the right to learn and grow up in the atmosphere of religion. But would it not be a service that we could render to this new community if we could take these into the new homeland?"

The move was made and, early in March of 1839, the family was established in a cabin on the prairie—then known as Du Lac Prairie, but later renamed Milton. Some time later, Nancy Goodrich wrote of that first worship in the new environment:

There was a small society of Congregationalists not far distant who invited us to join with them. We resolved to treat them kindly, and meet with them when reasonable, but God had said that the Seventh-Day is his Sabbath, and now this Sabbath had dawned upon us. Oh, what a responsibility rested upon our soul! I had hoped that someone would mention the Sabbath but no one did. I realized that if my young men once got into the habit of roaming about on the Sabbath it would be hard to restore them. I waited until breakfast was nearly done. I could wait no longer, women’s rights or not. I felt that consequences reaching into eternity rested on the course which we might take that day. I said to them all, "This is the Sabbath, and how shall we spend it?" I could say no more. My heart was full.

There were 12 at the table, and her question apparently made a deep impression for all were visibly affected by her solemnity. There was silence for a moment, then someone said, "It is an important question." Goodrich rose from the table and said he would go to Crandall’s house, and get him and his family to come over and see what course they should take. They came and talked the matter over. It was agreed that if they were to keep the Sabbath, they should not engage in hunting or fishing on that day, nor should they roam about the country. They were not to indulge in profane swearing at any time. They should watch over each other with love and fellowship and encourage each other to live in upright ways. They decided to form a Bible class which should meet every Sabbath for study. Also in connection with the Scriptures, there should be singing, religious conversations and the reading of a selected sermon.

This concern for worship can be echoed over and over in the pages of the Prayer Book and in the sermonettes contributed to the stability, morality and integrity of the communities into which they felt called to go. This was a service they rendered to the new community and which has been carried on with great regularity for generations as we meet to worship, to study the Bible and to sing of his faith.

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The Sweetest Name I Know

Jesus is a name we all know, but did you know that Jesus has lots of other names in the Bible? Each of Jesus' names tells us something about him and who he is.

Listed below are some of the names from the Bible that describe Jesus. However, my friend, Obadiah P. Bunny, has gotten the letters all mixed up. Can you help him straighten out the mess?

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Responsibility

by James Camenga

The word responsibility often brings to mind many negative things. From brushing our teeth or cleaning our rooms as children, to taking out the trash, working on homework or paying for our own car insurance with money from our own job as teens and young adults, we get the impression that responsibility really means doing all of those things which we really don't want to do. Rarely do we realize the positive side of responsibility.

Responsibility has one major benefit, and this is that responsibility produces maturity. I believe this because authority accompanies responsibility. As we all know, most teenagers' greatest desire is to have authority over their lives. While this is the basis of most conflict in a teen's life (the conflict between parental-control and self-control), this is not only perfectly normal but actually necessary if we are to become mature adults.

Maturity often comes from responsibility conflicts. Again, as we all know, the teenage years are blessed with an over abundance of responsibility choices. Teens are confronted daily by choices which will form lifelong patterns. Such items as drinking, drugs, driving and dating (the Four Deadly D's) play major roles in teenage development.

Problems arise when there is a conflict or overlap of responsibility. The teenager is the perfect example: while the teen needs to become responsible and to have authority, the parent is responsible for the development and nurturing of this soon-to-be adult. As teens, we live under two standards; two sets of ideas of authority and responsibility. Only perfectly normal but actually necessary is to become responsible, and only by this step can we reach the goal of self-authority. Only by accepting God as our authority and being responsible to Him, can we become responsible and mature.

Study Helps

Read: John 15:18-25
Memorize: John 15:22-23

To many people, responsibility seems to be a "four-letter" word. Few people, it seems, are willing to accept full responsibility for their actions. All too often, people caught in some wrongdoing blame everyone and everything but themselves for their actions. And since what they have done is not their fault, they should not be punished.

In this passage, Christ addresses that kind of thinking in a decisive way. He says, of those who have seen his miracles and responded to him in a hateful way, "If I had not come and spoken to them of their sin, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin."

Once somebody has heard the Good News, it is their responsibility to respond. Many people respond with laughter or scorn. That is their decision. But when it is time for them to answer for their lives, no excuse will be adequate, for they have heard the gospel of Christ and rejected it.

Let us be careful that we harbor no such attitudes in our own lives. It is a mark of maturity to accept responsibility for one's own actions and to reap the consequences, whether good or ill. As you grow into adulthood, learn to be the kind of person who can take responsibility for things and make amends as necessary.

Director's Ditty

Conference has come and gone once again, and most of you are probably getting ready to start school (if you have not already done so). In addition, something even more exciting than that is probably starting again—Youth Fellowship meetings.

As you prepare to start another year of fun and frolic, take time to evaluate where your group is at and where you want to go from there. The Youth Fellowship Handbook has ideas for all kinds of program activities—from games, to fund-raisers, to service projects. I will also be printing, in the upcoming issues of The Beacon, some of the new ideas I come across. Use these and other resources to help your YF have a well-balanced, one that is marked by both variety in content and progress in personal commitment and growth.
Focus on missions today

Malawi aids Mozambiquese refugees

Mozambique, Africa: Hundreds of thousands of Mozambicans have been displaced by civil war, and famine is severe in some parts of the country. An estimated 4.5 million of Mozambique's 14 million people face starvation, according to Bishop Dinit Sengalame of the Anglican church. The war has destroyed more than 200 health care centers and rural hospitals, and medicine is in short supply, even in urban areas. Nevertheless, the church is continuing to grow in numbers, understanding, and stature," says Sengalame. Twenty-one percent of Mozambicans are Christians, most of them Roman Catholic. Protestants comprise 6.4 percent, according to Patrick Johnston's Operation World.

A July Missionary News Service release reported this. A neighbor of Malawi, Mozambique, has one SDB church, Ngeme. Its eight branch groups, led by Pastor E. Chillinga, reported over 200 members in 1985.

The SDB clinic at Sandama, Malawi, is across the river from Mozambique and serves the medical needs of many from that country. Malawi has had a crop surplus and has shared food, as well as taking in many thousands of refugees from the fighting.

Van Horn helps in Miami

Miami, Florida, USA: Retired Pastor Kenneth Van Horn spent several weeks in July and August serving this church, which came into being as a branch of the Dayton Beach, Florida, SDB Church while he was pastor there. Pray that the Lord will lead to provide new pastoral leadership for the witness in South Florida.

Bible Institute begins this month

Jamaica, West Indies: The Theological Education by Extension (TEE) training under the SDB Jamaica Bible Institute, modeled after the T.I.M.E. Project in the USA, is to begin their first module in September. Pastor Carlton Ferguson is the principal; Naval Harley, assistant principal; Pastor David S. McLean, dean; and Claudia Ferguson, secretary-treasurer. They anticipate at least 20 students initially, with two training centers.

Their goal is: (1) to have a resident, trained pastor (mostly bi-vocational) in every SDB church in Jamaica; and (2) to establish a SDB church in each city of Jamaica, which have grown rapidly and contain the majority of people.

Rescue mission closed

Naylor, Missouri, USA: The new Rescue Mission in Noyesville, Missouri, which opened earlier this year, has now been closed because the local church could not fund it without community and area support, which was not adequate. The Naylor SDB Church, led by Pastor Ron Elston, continues to aid in the distribution of surplus food to meet the need of families in their area.

Outboard arrives

Guyana, South America: Word has been received of the safe arrival in Georgetown of the new 40hp Yamaha outboard motor, made possible by "white gifts" at the end of last year, designated gifts from church groups and individuals, and Guyanese funds. Its use on the Pomeroon River by Pastor English of the Bona Venture SDB Church greatly aided their camping ministry and the other area meetings held in that part of Guyana. Their currency was devalued several months ago and inflation is high. Three months ago, one dollar, American, was worth up to 20 dollars, Guyanan—more than four times what it was a little over a year ago.

A prayer reminder for each day—

October 1987

Verse for the Month: "His presence within us is God's guarantee that He really will give us all that He promised; and the Spirit's seal upon us means that God has already purchased us and that He guarantees to bring us to Himself. This is just one more reason for us to praise our glorious God." —Ephesians 1:14 TLB

Pray for:

1- a song of praise at the beginning of each day
2- Rev. B. John V. Rao and churches in India, Asia
3- Sabbath School teachers as they begin a new year
4- future pastors attending seminary
5- historian Don A. Sanford
6- unity of faith and spirit among SDBs
7- Missionaries Tom & Rita McElwain, Finland
8- time to use in helping others
9- pastors in the SDB Philippine Convention
10- funds to meet our denominational budget
11- Memorial Board Trustees
12- the ministry of music in the local church
13- Missionaries David & Betty Pearson, Malawi
14- release from the cares and worries of life
15- churches and pastors in Brazil, South America
16- homeless people in our cities

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September 1987
Dear Ones All,

I made it—I am actually back where I started out (almost) and it is great. It has been some time since I attended a Women's Interest Committee so it was a delight to see 46 women crowded into the big comfortable lounge room in Gregory Hall. I would say standing room only, but all were seated, albeit some of the younger women were seated on the floor.

Since Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) is a big part of the work done by the Women's Board, it has been a delight to hear firsthand and fresh from the field, the testimonies of what SCSC has meant in the young lives and how they use their training during the balance of the year. We also heard from additional SCSCers who presented one of their four testimonies during training. The third day, Jean Jorgensen, our Prayer and Pen Pal chairman, gave her Lene Sabbath Keeper testimony. President Dorothea Shettel reported on the considerable time spent on SCSC support. To date, 360 different individuals have been trained, and there have been 85 repeaters. On our third day, the team from Washington, D.C., told us of their religious survey, Vacation Bible School and the follow-up on these children. In closing they sang Andre Crouch's 'Jesus Is The Way.'

Chairman Margaret Taylor did an excellent job of keeping the meetings timely and moving right along. It was a delight to see the missionary spirit shining as the suggestions for the Love Gift poured forth. The gift is aply named, and we would have need for much more to answer all the requests. The committee came up with the following suggestions—1% Scholarships for Malawi, 5% Bibles for Nigeria, 20% Pastor's Training in Jamaica, 10% Pastor's Training in Brazil, 15% for Prison Ministries under Helen Green (about which there will be more later) and 5% a personal Love Gift for Helen Green. The last was 15% toward a fund to buy a copier for Sunshine Mountian. (At present they drive 1.5 miles and pay 15 cents per copy for all their duplication, much of which is done from used Sabbath School materials which have been donated.) At the close of the Women's Board presentation Friday morning, we had $3,082 received and we are hoping there is more waiting in California.

One rather disturbing point was made when a board member asked about the dissemination of news contained in the three letters written by various board members for the Keyworkers of the societies at the behest of last year's committee. Very few were aware of it at all and some who had heard the reports were unaware of the source of the material. This was most disappointing and since it was not mandated by the committee this year, the effort and cost seem to be unwarranted.

One of the recipients of the board's scholarship fund for Women of the Ministry reported on the worthwhile training she received and how it has helped her corner of the ministry. I am so excited to find that the women's fellowship of Washington, D.C., is planning to sponsor a bus trip to the National American Baptist Women's Union meeting in Niagara Falls in October. It is one of the things the board has been encouraging. The president announced there are some funds from NABW which have been promised to help anyone who wishes to travel. Word of this trip came out during a period of sharing prayer concerns in the Women's Interest Committee. By the way, the Bible Book of the Month for September for Baptist ladies to study is the book of Ephesians.

Another shared point of interest was the participation of our Toronto church in a food sharing program. They are running on empty and need prayers for help. This, too, is an interest we have been urging for some time, a concern for those less fortunate. Perhaps your society has a monthly love recipient or missionary interest and would like to add this to your list, along with the prayer ministry of Helen Ruth Green of the Verona, New York, church.

Three excellent and exciting minibook reports were presented to give an idea of what variety can be added to your programs. Three parts of the country, three types of books and the outline synopsis of another were presented. Iris Malby led off with Eugenia Price's inspirational book What Really Is Important and left some of us, at least, determined to head for the nearest Christian book store. Lorna Austin followed with a synopsis of the Warren Wiersby Be series of Bible studies used in her Community Cottage Bible studies. She emphasized the Be-Loyal, Be Alert and Be Confident books of the series. She also had a handout listing all the books in this worthwhile study. Arabeth DeLand closed the series with a unique report on Priscilla and Aquilla by Lois Henderson, told from the viewpoint of Priscilla's mother and done in costume. The prayer book outline she also handed out was on Before You Call I Will Answer by David Redding.

The interest committee commended Gerry VanDyke, Rev. Bill Shobe, Rev. Charles Graffius and Doreen Sanford for their dedicated service to SCSC.

The projects set for the board by the committee are: a continuation of the Role of Achievement, this year in The Sabbath Recorder, Love Gift promotion, tuition fund for Women of the Ministry, and financial backing for the Link of Love (a newsletter published by and for ladies connected with the ministry in some manner.)

 Pastor Charles Graffius verbally outlined a comfort quilt or security blanket during the first Bible study of conference. The ladies became enthusiastic about making one to be sold at silent auction next year at conference, along with a craft sale participated in by all the societies willing to contribute. Lorna Austin is assisting June Johnson with details of the quilt, and you will be hearing a great deal more about this, and the sale, after Christmas.

On Wednesday evening the ladies gathered, dressed in their prettiest, for their annual banquet. The hostesses had outdone themselves with mini-recipe books for souvenirs and tiny flags marking each place in honor of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. The table flowers were red, white and blue; the programs likewise, and several of those seated at the head table wore dresses in like hues.

We were speedily served by our charming waitresses (all Bethany students in black and white), and our

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program began soon after I gave the
invocation. Audra Williams delighted
us with a flute solo, and later Beth
Dutcher sang Because of Who You Are.
Our special surprise of the evening was
Historian Don Sanford who described-
with pictures and anecdotes—the
development of the great plains states by
Seventh Day Baptists. This is an area
that has long been overlooked when our
history was discussed. The program
was taped.
Those who were facing the windows
of the cafeteria watched the trees whip
and the clouds threaten. Concerned
menfolk, returning from their picnic in
the park, anxiously peered in the
windows as we prepared to leave for the
evening service. God decided to
dampen our enthusiasm (and our
clothes) with a downpour that went on
and on and on. Mary-JeanMcPherson,
the conference pianist, struck up the
introductory chords of There Shall be
Showers of Blessing and away we went
with song after song. Soon some
resourceful gentlemen appeared at the
back door of the cafeteria with their cars
to ferry us across to the auditorium. The
college staff and Bill Lewis (the
umbrella man) escorted us to the cars
and all arrived, cooled off by the rain but
spirits undampened.

Several of your society reports were
shared and discussed prior to the annual
business meeting; and at the luncheon,
the rest of the 14 presented. The main
business at the meeting was the
presentation of the nominations for
members of the Women's Board. We
thank the societies who provided their
highlights for distribution, and you will
see snippets from time to time here in
these pages. If you did not have a
representative here to pick up your copies
and you contributed some, please write to
me, and we will see that you get them.

Our closing program had to be
changed at the last minute due to the
absence of the expected speaker. It turned
into a celebration of all those in
attendance who had been involved in
SCSC over the years, participants and
parents, who are all a huge part of the
support. The Robe of Achievement,
always a deeply guarded secret, was
awarded to a most deserving Xenia Lee
Fitz Randolph Wheeler of West Virginia, along with a
plaque she can keep when the robe moves
on.

Our last part of the program was
Sabbath afternoon when, during the
presentations, a lovely engraved silver
bowl was presented to outgoing SCSC
director, Gerry Van Dyke, for her 13
years of devoted service to training
and loving these young people.
Pray for the board and all those
serving in satellite positions, that we
may be good and faithful servants.

Exhaustedly yours,
in love,

Mary

The Children's Conference
participants took on a "Walk
Through the Bible."

Robe of Achievement awarded

Note: This award is presented each year at
General Conference by the Seventh Day
Baptist Women's Society to a woman who has
shown, in her life, exceptional service to God,
and others in the community.

From the Gulf of Mexico, almost to
Canada; from the Atlantic Ocean to the
Rocky Mountains, this year's recipient
of the Robe of Achievement has worked
for the Lord and for Seventh Day
Baptists in a variety of places. Our
candidate began married life by
helping her husband, a pastor, with
evangelistic meetings. Through the
years, in whatever church her
husband—as well as she and her
children—served, she has helped with
vacation Bible School, church camps
and Sabbath School, where she helped
with teacher training and served as
teacher and superintendent. She has
been an officer and an active committee
member in local women's societies, an
active participant in Lord's Acre
projects and has fulfilled clerical duties
as well.

As her sister-in-law wrote, she is a
wonderful cook and homemaker,
always welcoming guests and sharing
with others. In the communities where
she has lived, she has co-sponsored
Christian education societies, has been
active in PTA, Red Cross and 4-H clubs,
have been involved in school libraries,
meal preparation and service for those
in need, as well as in local Church
Women United groups. She has
organized and led Bible studies for town
women, as well as classes in
homemaking skills.

On the association level, she has
served as an association officer, as
women's work officer, and as editor of
the association newsletter. Her service
to the denomination as a whole has been
varied. She has served as a women's
board officer and as representative to the
North American Baptist Women's
Union and Church Women United
conferences. She has helped to write a
history of local women's society work,
and has served on the board of the

**Partnership in Ministry**

**Denominational budget update**

You can be an active part of this partnership through your ongoing relationship to your local church. At the same time, you can help to carry the responsibility of the partnership by supporting our combined denominational budget. Your dollars are needed to do the work that is the denominational agencies' responsibility in the partnership. Your prayers, ideas and reactions are also needed to support the work that Seventh Day Baptists are doing together.

*The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.*

**Partnership in Ministry—Actual vs. Budget**

Needed each month to raise budget: $38,762

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**Board Reports**

- **Not Raised:** 33.51%
- **Designated:** 10.79%
- **Undesignated:** 46.80%

1987 Accumulative (Percentage of dollar raised as of July 1, 1987 — Total seven month budget)

- Board Reports 8.90%
- Partnership in Ministry 33.51%
- Christianity in the Schools 10.79%
- Evangelism and Missions 32.43%
- Christian Education 46.80%
- Sabbath School 0.00%

This contribution is for:

- undesignated giving
- designated for:
  - Evangelism and Missions
  - Christian Education (Sabbath School, camps, youth materials, etc.)
  - Church Planting (SDB Church Planting Fund)
  - Leadership training (ministerial or lay training)
  - Hunger relief (SDS United Relief Fund)
  - Summer Christian Service Corps
  - SDS World Federation

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**Count me in...**

on the partnership.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Church:**

Please make checks payable to **Our World Mission**

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**Partnership in Ministry**

*The Sabbath Recorder*

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**Boulder church works toward new building**

by Linda J. Lawton

July is Yard Sale Month here in Boulder, Colorado. We are holding a contest between the Colorado cities of Loveland, Lafayette and Boulder City to see which group can raise the most money for our building fund. We have had a building fund for a few years now, but recently it has had an added significance.

On June 27, the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church held a special business meeting. At that time, we voted to sell our church and parsonage, either separately or together, to enable us to buy another facility.

It had been apparent for some time that our facility was too small and simply did not meet our needs. We knew that, while a larger facility would not guarantee growth, the problems we were facing could certainly inhibit it. However, it had seemed that there was nothing we could do to remedy that situation. Then, in May, we were informed that a local group was going to dissolve, and that their property would be for sale. This consists of a building with a multi-purpose room, kitchen, baptistry and several classrooms. The building seems to be just the right size for us at this point, and it sits on just over two acres of land, which is the current requirement for a church within the city limits of Boulder. We met at this location one week, and were given a vision of what our worship experiences could be like.

We hope to be able to purchase this facility, but the sale of our property is not dependent on that purchase. We have taken a step of faith. Many things seem to point to the fact that this may be God's timing.

We in Boulder are excited about the possibilities which are opening up before us, and a little frightened by all the implications. We know that God is faithful, and that he can work miracles. It will indeed take God's miracles for us to purchase a new facility. We hope to sell our property for $250,000. This would still require $100,000 to meet a purchase price, and we would be without a parsonage.

In addition to the yard sales to be held this month, we are in the process of canvassing our members to see how much money they can pledge on a one-time basis, and what more they could give per month. We ask your prayers for us at this most exciting time. God is moving in a mighty way in Boulder—in the circumstances and in the hearts of his people. Our prayer is that we, as his church, may continue to move within his will, and that our ministry in Boulder may be enlarged and enriched by the opportunities a larger facility would present.

If God has blessed you with an abundance, and he moves you to contribute to our building fund, be assured we will gladly and with gratitude accept all gifts. Contributions may be sent to the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, 500 Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80302.

Most of all, we ask you to pray for and with us. Prayer will accomplish great things. SR.

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September 1987
Toronto church expecting great things

by Pastor Helma Condison

What is going on north of the 38th parallel? Let us bring you up to date on some of the happenings.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Toronto has been very active in the last seven months. In April, we put on an East Spectacular to which many other churches were invited. This was a dramatic play written, produced and directed by sister Zelda Anderson. The title of the production was simply "The Crucifixion," and the cast was made up of members of the church. With the aid of a synthesizer, the sound effects of the closing scene were really frightening to many as the thunder rolled and the lightning crackled and the lights went out as Jesus gave up the ghost.

In early July, a rally of the major prophets was quite successful. In late July, Rebecca Saunders from the Richburg, New York, church volunteered to come to Toronto to conduct our first daily vacation Bible School. This was a new experience for her but, praise the Lord, she actually survived the week.

Our annual church picnic, planned for August 2 in a very beautiful provincial park on the shores of Lake Simcoe, was somewhat of a washout. As it were, the heavens opened and the rains came down and kept on coming all day long. Because of the trunks full of goodies we had (there were 16 cars and one large van), we decided to have a new version of a picnic in our church basement. This we did after driving the 60 or so miles from the park. Members and visitors had a good time, although we could not do the all-age races and other competitive events. People always seem to have a good time when there is lots of good food present, regardless of the other circumstances.

Eight of us went to General Conference in Lindsborg, Kansas. We flew from Toronto to Kansas City, Missouri and then rented two cars and drove the 200 or so miles to the conference site.

On October 16-17, our church will host the semi-annual meeting of the Allegheny Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches and, on the following day, Sunday, October 18, the church will be having its fourth annual banquet at a rented church hall where we expect between 300 and 400 people. Stand by to hear really exciting news from the Toronto church.

Shiloh's celebration continues

by Donna S. Bond

The third episode of the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church's 250th anniversary celebration was held on June 5 and 6, 1987. Entitled "The Church on the Move," it covered the events of the 19th century and stressed the role of the Shiloh people in local and worldwide missions. The activities for this weekend were coordinated by two brothers and a sister, along with their spouses: Everett and Billie Dickinson; Oliver and Florence Dickinson; and Chester and Rachel (Dickinson) Bonham.

The Sabbath morning worship service included an interview about Shiloh's impact on the denominational mission field, with Chester Bonham and Everett Dickinson asking questions of Oliver Dickinson. Oliver's answers provided a thorough review of the work of the Solomon Carpenters and D. M. Davies in China, and Rev. William E. Jones in Palestine. In addition, there were numerous families who left the Shiloh area to establish Seventh Day Baptist fellowships in other places.

Guest speaker for the morning worship was, appropriately, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, former missionary to Jamaica and current executive vice-president of the S.D.B. Missionary Society. His topic, "The Future of Missions," referred to time as "the future moving into the present," rather than the traditional idea of "the present becoming the past." He challenged us with rather startling statistics concerning the number of the world's population who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Episode three of our year-long anniversary celebration ended with a hymn and a prayer. Following a busy summer, we will celebrate the role of church music in the fourth episode of Shiloh's anniversary celebration. Entitled "The Song Goes On," it will be held on October 9 and 10. Plan to join us for a fun-filled time of praising God with music.

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**Look before you leap—churches and the IRS**

**So you want to be tax-exempt**

by Oliver Thomas

general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

Washington, D.C.

Are all churches automatically tax-exempt? Must a church file complicated forms with the Internal Revenue Service to qualify for tax exemptions? Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code provides that "churches, their integrated auxiliaries, and conventions or associations of churches" are exempt from the law requiring non-profit organizations to apply for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3). The practical effect of this exemption is that churches are presumed to be tax-exempt without their having to file an application (Form 1023) with the Internal Revenue Service.

Unfortunately, some churches are not aware that they are excused from applying for tax-exempt status, and they have filed a 1023 by mistake. These churches are likely to become involved in a complicated and burdensome administrative process that requires them to furnish extensive information concerning their religious history, practices, property use, staff salaries, etc.

Having jumped on this administrative merry-go-round, it may be difficult to get off. The IRS may presume that the applicant which fails to complete the filing process is not organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes and is therefore not entitled to the benefits of Section 501(c)(3).

There may be reasons why a church wishes to apply for and obtain a form letter of exemption from the IRS, but in light of the potential problems associated with filing for tax-exempt status, churches and their related organizations should seek the advice of an attorney before applying.

In a recent meeting with the IRS, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs requested that the agency send a form letter to churches that file a Form 1023, advising them that they are under no obligation to apply for a tax-exempt status and allowing them to withdraw their applications if they chose. Hopefully, the IRS will draft such a letter but, in the meantime, churches should be wary of this potential administrative pitfalls.

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**In tribute to Caroline**

My first memory of Caroline Gray is as a freshman at Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, in 1929. Although crippled by polio at the age of two, she did not use it as an excuse to avoid climbing the long flights of steps up to the chapel or going to the third floor of Goodrich Hall to sing with the Tri-Clef. She had learned to live with her physical handicap without mentioning it to her friends and found real joy in living. Certainly, she was far from handicapped in mind and spirit, a good student and a delightful, fun-loving friend.

It was not until later that I appreciated Caroline’s ability. As president of the Women’s Board, she blossomed with ideas in preparing help for program planning in Seventh Day Baptist women’s societies and carefully organized the work to be done. It was Caroline who was instrumental in sending out the first team for summer service in 1964 and who appointed a committee to make plans for SCSC work in the years following. Her interest in young people and their potential as serving the Lord was tremendous, and her enthusiasm knew no bounds. Ask anyone who served with her on commission or on the Women’s Board during the ‘60s!

Caroline’s family was her special joy, and she served them well. She loved to cook and sew. Every summer found her caring an amazing amount of food. The Gray home was a place where the four girls could bring their friends, knowing they would be welcomed. Good music and fine books could be found there.

One of Caroline’s interests was the Milton House, where she worked as a receptionist. During those years at the museum, she did research and made a large chart of the Goodrich family, showing the many descendants of Joseph Goodrich who founded Milton and who built the Milton House as an inn back in 1844. This chart is still in use today.

To Caroline, church was an important part of her life. She filled different offices in the Women’s Circle, sang in the choir and was always ready to serve as she could. The Women’s Board honored her by presenting her with the Robe of Achievement one year. As a non-resident member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church during the years spent in Delaware, she enjoyed some of the Milton church services and perused the bulletins to keep up with church news.

Though seldom without pain, Caroline rose above it with patience and courage. Perhaps her delightful sense of humor helped her through the bad times—I am sure prayer did. She loved the Lord and His creation, especially birds and flowers. She was a practical person but could dream dreams, as well, and often make them work out. Endowed with a sweet, loving spirit, she greatly appreciated her many friends and was quick to forgive a wrong. Yes, Caroline was quite a lady.

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**Medema to aid in Conference ’88**

Blind singer, writer has not let handicap hinder his ministry

Ken Medema of San Francisco, California, who has been blind since birth, is a pianist, singer and composer of Christian songs. He has been writing and singing his own songs since 1970, when he began composing original material for his work as a music therapist in a psychiatric hospital. Shortly thereafter, he found himself writing music reflective of his experience as a Christian and of his understanding of the nature of Christian commitment.

Today he is involved in a full-time singing ministry, and his music has taken him across North America, Europe, Africa and Australia.

"I have a natural interest in music, and I knew as a very early age that music would be my livelihood. I had excellent preparation, and I suppose the reason that I'm comfortably employed today is that I fell into doing what is a natural for me."

Medema said although he grew up in the church and adopted many church values, he considered himself a "quasi-Christian."

"When I was 20 years old, I decided to pursue the Christian faith under the guidance of a Southern Baptist preacher who directed me and who made me understand that it could be a thinking and growing process."

He entered Michigan State University in 1963 to study music. That is where he met his wife, Jane. "It was because of her Christian life that I was able to bring a lot of things together—my early training, my desire for freedom, my insistence on asking questions—and to realize that all it could be a part of being a Christian. She pointed the way, and I followed." After college, Medema worked as music therapist at several psychiatric hospitals and with retarded children.

"Working with people who were hurting and suffering was the only job I could be a part of being a Christian. She pointed the way, and I followed." Afterward, I really enjoyed watching people change, watching people grow, and retarded children learning skills. It became a source of pleasure for me."

Medema will be performing and leading in a choral workshop at Seventh Day Baptist General Conference sessions in Salem, West Virginia, in 1988.
Policy on letters to the editor:
The Sabbath Recorder welcomes letters to the editor. Although not all correspondence can be published, readers’ opinions are appreciated. The editorial staff reserves the right to edit all letters for brevity and clarity. Only signed letters can be printed.

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Reader Reaction

Letters to The Sabbath Recorder

As a former editor, I would like to add my voice to those of your editorial colleagues who helped convince you that The Sabbath Recorder needs an editor’s voice. We have missed that voice, which helps with continuity, among other things. You observe in your note that editorials and letters to the editor go hand in hand. That may be true, but I believe that one hand is bigger than the other: the editor can be expected to be more responsible and thoughtful than some of those who may dash off a letter after reading something with which they agree or do not agree. Otherwise, we would not have been chosen to be the editor. As with submitted articles, the editor must be the editor. Best wishes!

Leon M. Malby
Daytona Beach, Florida

Obituaries

Gray.—Caroline Estella Gray, formerly of Milton, Wisconsin, died of a massive stroke on January 20, 1987, at the age of 74. She was born on March 22, 1912, in Boulder, the daughter of Alfred T. and Irene (Van Horn) Wheeler and the granddaughter of the Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler, founding pastor in 1850 of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder. Married Anton Barr on September 14, 1937, in Boulder, she was a homemaker, raising her one child. Later, she was a Seasons agent at Boulder Memorial Hospital for several years in the 1960s. She was an avid naturalist and supporter of the Camp Fire Girls in Boulder for many years. She was a very active member of the church and her granddaughter pastored, working with the Women’s Society, and in the early days of the camping program. Survivors include her husband, Tony; her sister, Reno Beth Ledder; and her daughter, Francis August, all of Boulder. She also had two grandchildren, one of whom preceded her in death. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Lawton, her pastor, at the Howe Mortuary Chapel on March 2, 1987, with interment in Green Mountain Cemetery, Boulder, CO.

Layne.—Francis Layne was born on March 21, 1907, in Guyana. She died on April 2, 1987, in the Wisconsin Avenue Nursing Home in Washington, D.C. Layne did not have any immediate family in the United States. She was an active member in the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church until her illness. A memorial service was held for her in the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 23, 1987.

Aurand.—Charles H. Aurand, formerly of Battle Creek, Michigan, died on June 4, 1987, in Hinckley, Illinois, where he recently underwent surgery. He was 88 years of age. He was born in Litchfield, Michigan, on November 12, 1898, and came to Battle Creek as a child. He had worked for the Kellogg Company, was a township building inspector and had been a foreman for several building contractors. He retired in 1968. In March of this year, he received his 70-year pin from the local carpenter’s Union. Charles was baptized and joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1971 and was a faithful member until moving to Tuscan, Arizona, 14 years ago. He was married to the former Elizabeth “Bennie” D. Eskwater for 58 years, and following her death in 1971, he established a scholarship fund in her memory, which has been administered by the Battle Creek Church to aid many young people. His second marriage, to the former Edith Babcock Buggles, ended in divorce. He is survived by four sons, DeWitt H. of Tuscan, Harold L. of Houston, Texas, Charles H. of Flagstaff, Arizona, and James D. of Littleton, Colorado; one daughter, Margarette Talentine of Western Springs, Illinois; one brother, Cecil Aurand of Battle Creek; 22 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial were conducted in Battle Creek by his pastor, Rev. George D. Callow, on June 8, 1987.


Bertha lived most of her life in the Alfred Station area, where she was a cook and housekeeper. The oldest living member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church before her death, she had served as a deaconess and as a member of the Ladies Auxiliary (U.S.I.). She was also a former Alfred grogner and a member of the Stitch and Chatter Club of Shinglehouse.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Burdick of Alfred Station; a daughter,
The former Genevieve Burdick was born on December 10, 1922, to Rev. Leon D. Burdick and Rev. Experience (Perie) Fitz Randolph Burdick. She graduated from high school in DeRuyter, New York, in 1941, and from Alfred University, Alfred, New York, in 1946. She taught school in the DeRuyter area, in Florida and on Long Island, where she met Arthur L. Penny. They were married by Rev. Harold Crandall in DeRuyter on June 13, 1951, and lived together for 62 years in Westminster, Long Island, New York. Arthur passed away in January, 1985.

Genevieve was a charter member and first president of the Westminster Chapter of the American Legion Auxiliary. She maintained her membership in the New Auburn, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a long-time Sabbath keeper; ever looking forward to the next Sabbath Recorder and Helping Hand.

Survivors include stepchildren and sisters, Margerie Mallinum, Westminster, New York; Josephine Ingram, Raleigh, North Carolina; Jean Burdick, Kingston, New York; Madalin Way, Hapeville, Georgia; Wendall Burdick, Lima, New York; Robert Burdick, Houston, Texas; and several great-grandchildren.

Floella Anthony Paulin Marie Campbell Nancy Pethtel Kenneth Hoffman Joined after Baptism

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- Plans special events and celebrations with Pastor and Christian Education Committee
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Board of Christian Education notice of annual meeting

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Young.— Leo Irene Young, age 78, died on Saturday, July 11, 1987, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, Wisconsin. The former Leo Irene Todd was born on June 8, 1909, in Farson, Illinois. She spent most of her life in the Milton, Wisconsin, area. She married Earl Young on April 6, 1927; he died in 1966. She had been a Janesville resident for the past 20 years. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Milton and the Janesville Senior Citizens, where she was very active in telephoning for senior rides to appointments. Surviving are her son, Earl Young Jr. of Milton; two daughters, Barbara Grimes of Milton and Wanda Coleman of Janesville; 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on July 14, 1987, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

Smellie.— Rev. Charles Lurdin Smellie, SR., was born at Ginger House, St. Andrew, Jamaica, on May 5, 1889, and died at San Diego, California, on June 29, 1987. A son of John and Virginia Kirk Smellie, he completed school at Unity and commenced farming, by which he earned his living most of his life. He served for six years in the West Indies Regiment of the army of the British Empire, three of those years were spent in Africa. In 1917, he married to Blanche Anita Hart.

Although good church members, it was after the birth of their first four children that the Smellies came to know the saving grace of Jesus and the Sabbath truth. It is believed, that about this time, they helped organize the Luna Seventh Day Baptist Church at Luta, Border P.O., St. Mary in 1930. The first time the SDB Yearbook lists Jamaican leadership at Luna was in 1934, and Charles Smellie is listed as leader. Soon after, he is listed as pastor and he was ordained to the gospel ministry around 1938. Following the return of the American missionary, Rev. Luther W. Crishow, from Jamaica to become a chaplain in World War II, the United States Missionary Board secured Pastor Smellie as the head of the work there and their representative on the island. The Missionary Board's reports tell of his "splendid work" and call him an "unsuually efficient worker." However, due to the growing work of the missionary field and his poor health, Pastor Smellie requested to be relieved. The Rev. Warder FitzRandolph succeeded him on February 18, 1945. Although officially retired from 1945, Pastor Smelile continued to serve the Lord, both in the Kingston and the Luna churches. When the Jamaican Conference purchased property at Maiden Hall in St. Mary to establish a Vocational School, Pastor and Mrs. Smellie moved to the property and helped get it through their management of the farm and the cash crops. After the Maiden Hall School closed in 1962, Pastor Smellie again returned to the farm and made it self-supporting, where today it is used by the Jamaican Conference as a retreat and camping center. The Smellies contributed to the work of the Kingston Church for many years, where they were friends and counselors to many, including our missionaries from America.

A month after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 1967, Mrs. Smellie preceded him in death. In 1977, he migrated to the United States, taking up residence with his daughter, Gm. Through his final illness, he was tenderly cared for at home by his daughters, Beryl and Gem.

Surviving are 6 children: Bernard, Pearl Mason and Ruth, all of Jamaica; Ivy Hooker of Miami, Florida; and Beryl Mذz (nee Felix) of San Diego. There are 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Edward M. Honsley of the San Diego Seventh Day Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. Patricia L. Davis, Rev. Vernon O. Barke of Los Angeles, California and Rev. C.J. Smeltie of Cuyama. Interment was in El Camino Memorial Park, San Diego, CA.

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Assists the Christian Education Committee in setting policies and plans for the Sabbath School, administers these policies and reports status and recommendations to the committee/church.

Conducts the opening/closing for the Sabbath School or assigns responsibility.

Directs the administrative responsibilities (or delegates the duty to another Sabbath School officer):

- Maintains Membership Rolls
- Attendance—weekly and cumulative
- Absentee—"missed you" cards or visit by teacher
- Prospective Students—organizes visitation with teacher or pastor
- New Students—assign to proper class
- Collects offering
- Mission emphasis

- Recruits and assigns teachers to classes by the church's customary method
- Provides teacher training in cooperation with the Pastor and Christian Education Committee
- Arranges teacher’s meetings at least quarterly including substitutes
- Provides substitutes by the church's customary method
- Observes classes at regular intervals
- Listens to teachers’ joys and problems
- Encourages teachers to visit their student’s homes
- Arranges for a retreat for the Sabbath School

Curriculum
- Helps with the development and selection of curriculum goals for each class
- Aids in selecting study materials to fulfill the curriculum goals
- Orders and distributes study materials and teaching aids to teachers

Schedule
- Sets dates and times for classes by church’s customary method
- Plans special events and celebrations with Pastor and Christian Education Committee

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