Nature Speaks
by John Constantine Mastor

God's creation
shouts to all mankind.
A picturesque sunset,
a storm tossed beach...
snow capped mountains
and boundless starry galaxies.
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17th Annual Session, Salem College, Salem, West Virginia August 7-13, 1988, Herbert E. Saunders, President

Enter the joy!

Many delegates interviewed listed the president's opening address as the high light of the week, setting the tone, exten ding the invitation: Enter the joy of Salva tion, of Praise, of Simplicity, of Loving, of Sharing, of Discipleship, of Sabbath Cele bration! (Matthew 25:21) As each speaker and worship leader took their place before the colorful banner (over 300 hours of handwork by Jeane Smith), delegates and visitors alike rose to the challenge.

Who was there?

Registered—548
(as of Thursday noon)
Expected by Sabbath: 650
Delegates—358
Churches represented—58
Ministers & pastors—68
Youth & Children's Conf.—103
Pre-Cong.—70
45 youth, 25 young adults
Sabbath worship: approx. 800
Last year's conference had 450 registered,
321 delegates from 55 churches.

Four new churches welcomed into the conference:
Kirkwood, Missouri; Lake Elsinore, California; Charleston, South Carolina; Santa Barbara, California.

"A gift of God to be used for ministry"

General Council announced the receipt of $406,987 given to the General Conference by the estate of Sue McMillan of Bel Air, California. It was an unrestricted gift. Conference approved the following formula for its use: $14,900 to repay line of credit loan from Memorial Fund; $39,000 as a gift to the Pastors' Retirement Offering Project (PROP); $39,500 in a flexible spending account to supplement Denominational Budget savings; $75,000 to become an income-bearing investment account, the income to go to General Conference Administrative Budget; and the balance (over $200,000 plus interest) to be held by the Memorial Board in a flexible spending account, the principal and interest for new ministries proposed by the Coordinating Leadership Team and approved by the General Council.

Medema concert and workshop well received

Young and old, many delegates polled on Friday morning named Tuesday night's concert by Ken Medema (internationally known blind singer-pianist, composer and music therapist) as the highlight of the week. Many guests from the surrounding community joined conference attenders, responding spontaneously to his infectious rhythms and powerful dramatic renditions of such experiences as Moses' argument with God and Christ's healing of the man possessed. He dramatized the switched-around nature of Christian values in "Flying Upside Down" and then delighted the audience with an encore detailing the contrast between rumors heard about him and the real thing. Those attending his choral workshop, however, declared it even better: "an experience in feeling the music. He can't 'read' it, so

muzz 'feel' it, and he taught us to feel it, too."

New opportunities for Seventh Day Baptists

A second most frequently named highlight was the excitement of learning about the abundance of new contacts discovering our churches; new pastors, emerging through the T.M.E. program particularly; new groups listing; new churches forming; and new Seventh Day Baptists. Work in the National Missions Interest Committee, conference presentations of the Missionary Board and Council on Ministry, and Sanhedrin the week of both national and international ministries were named as sources of this excitement. Mark Green invited many with his dynamic testimony of his personal search for direction, his commitment to Seventh Day Baptists, and his call to missions. The stimulations presentations of Rev. Thomas McElhaney, missionary to Finland who was ordained on Friday afternoon of conference week, was equally exciting to others.

Sabbath Nurture Series ready!

On display during conference: the colorful and attractive new Junior Nurture Series, one quarter's lessons (13 weeks),

by Janet Thorngate

including Student Book, Teacher's Guide and Sabbath Afternoon take-home paper. Under this, and previously published Primary and Senior High series, from the SDI Center, P.O. Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547. (Primary and Pre-School series are now in production. Conference encouraged the Board of Christian Education to continue to develop new series of such Sabbath School materials.)

Leaders elected:

Rev. Joseph Samuels of Plainfield, New Jersey, elected to the General Council and named President-Elect for 1990 Conference in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Ralph Mackintosh of Los Angeles, California, elected to General Council
A new member to these major agencies: Charlotte Croniger of New Auburn, Wisconsin, to Council on Ministry; Douglas Rausch of Washington, D.C., to Committee on Support & Retirement; Norma Rudin of White Cloud, Michigan, to Tract & Communication Council; Richard Shepard of Houston, Texas, to Midland Fund Trustees.

Awards and recognitions

David and Bettie Pearson for their mission work in Malawi, Central Africa, since 1954
D. Scott Smith ...............nearly seven years as editor of The Sabbath Recorder and as executive for the Tract & Communication Council
Harmon Dickinson ............30 years as a Historical Society trustee/director and their treasure
Harmon Dickinson ..........Recipient of the Gold Headed Cane Historical award
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Dale Thorngate, executive secretary, at Investment Forum

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Doctor of Divinity Degree from Salem College
Stephan F. Saunders .........accredited as a Seventh Day Baptist Minister
Audrey Fuller .................Recipient of the Rube of Achievement
Linda Hays ..................Recipient of the Rube of Achievement
Margaret Allen ................Recipient of the Sabbath School Teacher of the Year Award

Agencies reviewing use of invested funds

Representatives from the various de

nomination agencies held two meetings during conference week to discuss the handling and use of invested funds for Seventh Day Baptist ministry. Discussion is to be continued in similar subsequent forums, but informal reports of those involved were positive and encouraging for more innovative and cooperative efforts in use of available resources. The meetings drew out an invitation of the General Council in response to recommendations of General Council resulting from the work of the Financial Task Force appointed two years ago.

1989 budget projects growth in "Year of Ministry"

Conference adopted a budget of $349,433. Of that, $399,601 is to come from current giving, a 5 percent increase over the current budget. Dynamic budget increases are in the executive secretary's travel for church contacts, the design and writing of a Pre-School Nurture Packet to complete the Sabbath Nurture Series, new church development, publication of an SDI Pastor's Guide, support of four additional seminary students, and increased cost of the SCSC (Summer Christian Service Corps) program.

Next year in Portland, Oregon!
August 6-12, 1989
Lauri Ellis, President
Share the Joy!
(Proverbs 9:1-2)
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Enter the joy of discipleship

Friday night service—Conference 1988

Glen W. Warner, speaker

Luke 5:1-11 & 1 Peter

"Jesus is our guide. He gave us the assurance that the Spirit will comfort and illumine. It can be no casual visitant or a chance acquaintance. The Spirit is a constant companion and a continued spiritual creation within us. For Jesus knew the dangers of idolatry and that it was expedient that he go away that he might come again in spirit. But, said he, 'I will not leave you, I will not leave you.' His eternity was not broken, and he is the spirit within us of the Sabbath of God.

"The world needs something more than culture and improved political machinery. The world needs salvation. It needs redemption. It needs recreation of the inner man."

A. H. Lewis

Such is the priceless experience of the Sabbath begun here tonight, in which we meet the Savior and enter the joy of his discipleship.

I recently read a fascinating story by a marine biologist who was explaining that sharks kept in a small aquarium will grow only as large as their environment. A shark can be fully mature when it is only six inches long, but put the same animal into the ocean and it can grow to its ordained size of six to 12 feet—or even longer.

As I thought about that, I thought about how many little six-inch Christians I have seen paddling about in the small puddles of life. There is a great difference in what makes growth happen, and a lot of it has to do with this whole sense of discipleship and the joy that is a part of it.

What makes the difference? The difference is between living in the adventure mode and living in the survival mode.

I have a friend named Robin, who is an old Baptist preacher from years back. He tells the story of being out on a choppy lake with his father in a light-weight aluminum boat. His father was back by the motor, steering the tiller. Robin was sitting on the bottom of the boat, in the center, clutching at the sides as his father was roaring across the lake. Robin said, "I was in the survival mode; my father was in the adventure mode."

In other words, some of us feed the deficiency needs of life, and others try to feed the growth needs of life.

The deficiency needs are the type that keep us from growing—such as the need for approval in everything, or the inability to accept criticism as a source of learning. Or perhaps it is the need to be right all the time or to control everything.

If we minister to these needs, we will become defensive, self-protective people, accumulating security and hiding it under the mattress of our minds. Deficiency needs cause us to want low risk and high safety; that is, a survival mode.

But the growth needs, on the other hand, are a great contrast. This is the need to have new experiences, new relationships, taking risks for future good; the need to give, to love, to make sacrifices, to learn new things, to acquire new skills. And to these people, security is meant to be spent and then replaced, not hoarded. These are the folks who are able to trust and stimulate trust in others. This is the adventure mode.

As the master worded words of Peter, "Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful creator."

And again, the very familiar words he wrote, "But sanctify the Lord in your heart and be ready to always give an answer to everyone that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;"

This matter of being instantly ready, in season and out of season, is a very important part of being faithful disciples of Christ; ready at any time to give an answer.

We have all had the experience, I am sure, of having left a conversation or meeting with someone and thinking, "I wish I had thought to say something to that person." Or perhaps we go home from great meetings, like these at conference, and we regret that we did not have a chance to see or to visit with others we had been looking forward to meeting.

This is one of those Scriptures you can read about in the commentaries, use to write your own paraphrase, or even preach from. But until it is a part of your own experience, I do not think it has all the meaning it can possibly have.

Some months ago, I was traveling in the West. It was a Tuesday; one of those days when you have gone through three time zones by 3 in the afternoon. Although you live in the Eastern time zone, you are living at that moment in the Pacific time zone. And your body is saying, "What are we doing here? You're supposed to be resting now."

That was the way I was feeling, sitting in this airport waiting area. I happened to be reading my Scriptures, since I have the opportunity to preach about every week where I am living now.

As I sat there reading the Bible—in this place that was empty of everyone except myself—a couple of people came in. They walked around and then walked up to the ticket counter. Eventually, they came over to where I was sitting and sat down in front of me, three feet or so away. I glanced up, and then I went back to reading. It was one of those experiences when you think, "I've seen that person somewhere." So, I looked up again and then back at the Scriptures.

I looked up a third time—at this young woman who was sitting there with this very large man—and she was smiling at me. It was a dazzling smile. It is hard to describe the smile, because it was such a happy smile. And I thought, "She certainly looks familiar."

Just then, a couple of youngsters came running up to her and said, "Miss White, can we have your autograph?" And so, Vanna White signed her autograph.

The youngsters went away, and Vanna White looked at me again and glanced at the Bible I was holding in my hands.

While Jesus meets the deepest needs of our lives and while there is joy in discipleship—there is also the cost of discipleship.

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What do you say?
So I said, "How do you do, Miss White. Are you going to Los Angeles?" And she said, "Yes, I am. Where are you going?" And I couldn't remember where I was going! The word "dumbfounded" took on new meaning. Nor could I remember my name. Then, in a few moments, the crowds arrived, and the opportunity to talk about this book—the Bible—was gone.

I thought a lot about that experience. As I read the Scriptures now—and as I read this one about being "instant in season and out of season"—I remember that experience and so many, many others; times when we all have the opportunity to speak a good word for Jesus Christ.

In this letter of First Peter—this great letter of hope—we see many direct words from Jesus, seen through the personality, faith and spirit of Peter; and, we may assume, also through the eyes of Peter, who is described as an unlearned and ignorant man. (It seems the scribe may have been Silas.)

The journey—from the rough fisherman we read of in the Gospel of Luke, to the apostolic writer—was a long and difficult one. Leaving his nets and his boats to join the traveling group of other disciples; venturing farther than the others with Jesus; trying to walk on the water to meet the Lord; seeing the transfiguration; making the great confession; claiming absolute loyalty and then severing the servant’s ear; and, worst of all, denying Jesus three times with an oath and then weeping bitterly at the look of Jesus.

Peter ran away, but then, later, he ran to the open tomb. Then came the come-back: three vows to love Christ and then preaching him fearlessly in the face of prison and death; opening the Church to the gentiles when he saw the undeniable work of the Spirit in Cornelius; and then sealing his apostleship, according to tradition, by a martyr’s death—crucified, as was his Lord. Peter was a person of great contrasts.

One asks the question, "What kind of disciplines could take this visceral kind of person and turn him into a rock-like apostle? What kind of disciplines could take the conflicting impulses and bring this man to the point, near the end of his ministry, where he is able to write things like, "Therefore, prepare your minds for action. Be self-controlled. Set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance, but just as he who called you is holy, be holy in all you do."

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Here is Peter's sequence of disciplines, as we have read about them in this passage tonight: He mentions—first off—to be sober, take thought; that is, not to worry. There is quite a difference. We are familiar with these times—they have come to all of us. Tonight may be one of those times when the ordinary concerns and problems of life are suspended. Somehow, the awareness of eternity breaks into our minds and hearts. We suddenly understand the importance of decision and realize that we cannot procrastinate forever in making a commitment to Christ. These are life-changing moments, when we truly face the question about what is going to happen to us next. "Be sober," Peter said. "Take thought."

The second discipline (and for the purposes tonight, the main one) is the discipline to watch and pray.

The words of Jesus are so clear: "Tell you the truth. Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything, in my name, and I will do it." Or again, the wonderful passage, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be open to you."

When we look at the matter of personal growth and personal discipleship—and when we look at the matter of church growth and church expansion—all in the adventure mode, have we asked? Have we sought? Have we been persecution knocking and knocking? For the Lord himself says, "For everyone who asks, receives; who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." In the adventure mode—living in the risk, there's no turning back and the power is provided in the extremities of life.

Then Peter mentions a third discipline: "Have a strong love for each other," he says, "for it covers a multitude of sins."

When Peter says this, I listen. Especially when our understanding of Peter is based on him being a very competitive fisherman who knew you can only count on yourself. But this third discipline—love each other—is at the core of everything Peter taught. And when we look at the maters of personal growth, church growth and church expansion, as we look at the adventure mode, there are some disciplines that are accomplished through guilt and intimidation. But in the church of Jesus Christ, accomplishments are made through love, joy and growth, and through the shared discipleship of which we speak this night.

The fourth discipline Peter mentions is to be hospitable without grumbling. I had always sort of passed over this, thinking that it meant inviting people home for dinner, or perhaps inviting them to stay overnight. But I think it has a much broader meaning than this. In the adventure mode, this means the hospitality can take many forms. Pastor Duane Davis, who is much on our minds, once quoted these lines: "He couldn't speak before a crowd, he couldn't teach a class, but when he came to Sabbath School, he brought the folks in. He couldn't sing to save his life, in public, he couldn't pray. But always, his jalopy was just crammed on each Lord's Day. And although he couldn't sing, nor teach, nor lead in prayer, he listened well, he had a smile and he was always there. And through all the others he had brought, who lived both near and far, God's work prospered, for this man had a consecrated car."

Hospitality can take many forms, and we all are able to do something in that department.

The fifth and last discipline that Peter mentions is, "Whatever gift you have received, you must use it to serve others." This is grace in its many various forms. Peter then divides this discipline into two categories. First, if you speak, speak the wisdom of God in relationships; and secondly, if you serve, then serve in the strength that God provides. SIT.
Share the joy of giving
by Luan Ellis

Welcome to the president’s column. Throughout the year I will be trying to communicate with you through this space in The Sabbath Recorder. As I said at conference, since I teach math, I am not much of a speaker or writer so these articles will be short and sweet; well, at least short.

Conference is over for another year. Has everyone recovered? What a wonderful session. Now it is time to share, with it is a real struggle to give. Remember through the year I will be trying to give all she had. Did this

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What is the joy of giving? Sometimes it is a real struggle to give. Remember Christ’s story of the widow’s mite (Luke 21:1-4). She gave all she had. Did this

make her happy, or was she giving because of her joy in the Lord? Many times our giving does not make us “happy,” but that inner glow of joy for all that the Lord has done for us will lead us to happiness.

This is the time of year that our church begins a new Sabbath School year. It seems that we are always looking for people to help. Can you “give” to the Lord in that way? The choir is also looking for more singers. Our giving is not restricted to our money.

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Focus on missions

by Leon R. Lawton

Jamaica, West Indies: Several local churches are planting branch groups. The work at Martha Brae, founded by the Women’s League of the Wakefield SDB Church, is progressing nicely with 11 “strong” adults. Pastor Black assists, and they have had special evangelistic meetings this summer.

Albert Town is sponsored by the Jackson Town SDB Church, with Pastor Irving assisting Pastor John Blissett.

The Luna SDB Church has started a new group at Castleton, about 10 miles from the church. Someone has given a piece of land to erect a small building. Sunday night meetings are held on a regular basis, in addition to the Sabbath services, which are held—for the present—in a home.

The White Hall group, a branch of the Kingston Charles St. SDB Church, had been dormant for some time but is active again. There are about 15 attending, as well as some regular visitors. Evangelistic meetings are scheduled.

Crandall High School students were graduated on July 16. A new principal will be in place for the fall term. There are still 13 students in the Jamaica SDB Bible Institute program. They have completed module two and will begin their next module this month.

Extension Pastors, USA: Two groups made application for aid in support of a new Extension Pastor under the Church Development Plan. These were approved by the Missionary Board at their July meeting, pending obtaining a pastor. We understand that Rev. Larry Graffius has accepted the call to the new branch church (of Denver, Colorado) at Rapid City, South Dakota. He will begin his ministry this month. The second group—in Lakes Elsinore, California—had not obtained a pastor by late July.

Sister churches: The Sister Church plan adopted by conference in 1987 has been implemented, with 12 churches linked together by mid-July. These are: Alfred, New York, and Uitenhage, South Africa; Toronto, Ontario, Canada, and Surralah, South, the Philippines; Lost Creek, West Virginia, and Blantyre, Malawi; Milton, Wisconsin, and Lodz, Poland; Nortonville, Kansas, and Kingston, Jamaica; Pawcatuck, Westerly, Rhode Island, and Port Elizabeth, South Africa; Paint Rock, Alabama, and Parika, Guyana; Miami, Florida, and Bydgoszcz, Poland; Bay Area, California, and Lilongwe, Malawi; Bradenton, Florida, and Cebu City, the Philippines; Alfred Station, New York, and Hippin Town, Jamaica; Lake Elsinore, California, and Thembé, Malawi.

There are still several churches in sister conferences that seek to relate to a church in our conference. Application for participation has been sent to every local church and pastor for their use. We hope that more churches can be linked this fall. Please contact your Missionary Board office.

Finland, Europe: Missionary Thomas McElwain, his wife, Rivia, and daughter, Anna Maria, attended the quarterly Missionary Board meeting in Westerly, Rhode Island, on July 24. They also attended General Conference sessions at Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, where they shared information on their ministry in Finland—our newest mission field.

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The Missionary-centered approach to overseas missions

by Rodney L. Henry

Let us take a look at the two major options for ministry in a cross-cultural setting: The first of these options is the Missionary-Centered Approach, in which the missionary is the leader and decision-maker of the church in the Receiving Culture. The second option is the Indigenous Approach, in which the leadership and decision making comes from within the members of the Receiving Culture.

In the Missionary-centered Approach, we have a person who was born and raised in a culture different from the culture to which he is sent to minister. He enters this new culture knowing very little about it, no matter how much he has read on the subject. Most of the time the missionary will spend from one to two years studying the language and the culture before he can begin to speak the language even haltingly. Usually, following his one or two-year study of the language, he will be given the most important and difficult tasks of ministry: evangelism, church planting and theological education.

In the Missionary-centered Approach—of the missionary is American—then the national church in the Receiving Culture will have a very American look. This American look is seen in the buildings and churches which are constructed. Even the internal structures of organization will take on an American look. This is especially true of Baptist groups, which insist on a democratic (congregational) form of church organization. In some cultures, this does not work well.

There are certain advantages to the Missionary-centered Approach; however, the advantages are centered on the fact that in many evangelical groups the bulk of the budget still comes from the Mission Board in the Receiving Culture. When American Christians perceive that their contributions are being monitored by another American in the Receiving Culture, they are more willing to give.

When the national church has an American look, it is much easier for Americans to identify with the situation there. When there is close identification, the giving from the States to the Mission Board will increase.

In spite of these advantages, the Missionary-centered Approach has some major disadvantages which cause me to rejeit it. It is this American look which causes others in the Receiving Culture to perceive Christianity as a sort of "white man's religion." They begin to think that it is necessary to accept American ways and values in order to be a Christian. So Christian conversion is seen as a moderate conversion to the American culture.

The Missionary-centered Approach limits the growth of the church to the resources of money and leadership which the missionaries can provide. In the long run, the mission of the national church will be hurt when the church is not a reflection of the culture in which it is planted. SR

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Christian Education

Natural Evangelism Training receives high marks

by Bobby D. Wright

Pastor, Blountville, Tennessee, SDB Church

I must admit that when I first heard of Natural Evangelism Training and before I experienced the first phase, "Discipleship—Who Am I?," I felt this may be just another program. I was wrong. NET is an experience!

After Ernest Bee's presentation of NET to the congregation, in which he explained its concept, thrust, and purpose, I began to sense a kind of excitement and a desire to know that I had not seen in previous studies. People in the congregation desired to know and understand who they were and what they are as Christians. As we moved through this first session, the desire and excitement began to mount rather than fall away, as is so often the case.

After completion of the first phase of the program, I had a different congregation—a congregation who knew who they are as Christians, who they are as Baptists, and who they are as Sabbath-keeping Christians. And because they knew—and because we would tell it in another language—they were now able to tell it to others. Some said this was the first time that they had felt comfortable sharing their Christian faith, even though they had been Seventh Day Baptists for most of their lives.

The second phase of the NET program, "Churchmanship—Who Am I?" began with great eagerness. I was reminded of Nehemiah's praise of his people as they began to realize who they were and where they were, and why God had called them to the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem—"So we built the wall... for the people had a mind to work." Here in Blountville, they had a mind to work; even to the point of reminding me of the homework assignment at the end of each session.

We really began to learn together as we proceeded through this phase. I felt a new commitment had begun to grow in each of us concerning our time, money, and talent. Also born during this phase was a new awareness of how it all works together—the local church, with its covenant, constitution and bylaws, interacting with the association and denomination. It was exciting to watch this awareness grow and to participate in this maturing process.

During this time, the church began to minister to a group of Christians living some 200 miles from us who were interested in Seventh Day Baptists. During their initial visit to our church, I decided to turn to the NET material because I knew I had only one afternoon to present Seventh Day Baptists to them. While there was not enough time to present NET as constructed, I did find the material very adaptable to this type of presentation. And after they joined the church, NET proved very beneficial in furthering their understanding of Seventh Day Baptists during our periodic visits with one another.

From what we have experienced so far, I see three main areas where NET can be of tremendous value to the local church.

First, it is a good tool for teaching Seventh Day Baptist church members, regardless of age or how long they have been SDBs.

Second, NET is easily adaptable for outreach work. It is a concise and clear way to present Seventh Day Baptists to new contacts.

Third, it is great reference material for both teacher and student. This is not a book that will gather dust on a shelf. I find myself returning to it time and again in the work of the church.

We are eagerly awaiting the third phase of this experience, which is entitled, "Ambassadorship—How do I?" SR

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The Sabbath Recorder
Pine Street Gospel Chapel starts new YF

In November of 1987, the Pine Street Gospel Chapel in Middletown, Connecticut, began a new ministry to the youth in the area. The local high school gym was secured for use once each week, to be used as the facility for the meetings. The meetings involved sports activities, along with an outreach program of teaching the participants about Christ.

Unfortunately, this caused some problems for a few of the residents in the area. They filed a complaint with the school board, which resulted in the suspension of the outreach program. The Pine Street Gospel Chapel appealed this decision, citing the fact that the school has allowed numerous groups to use the facilities without regard to the nature of the group. Their appeal was based upon legal counsel they received. The appeal prompted the school board to reconsider the closing of the program. Happily, the board decided to rescind their earlier decision and allow the meetings to continue.

Director's Ditty

Conference is over, and for most of us, it's time to go back to school. I'll be starting Calvin Seminary this fall, so I should be able to relate to your situations out there. (Of course, I'm looking forward to starting school, so maybe not!)

As you start the new school year, I hope that each of you will make an attempt to share your faith with those around you. Even though it's a new year—and for many of you, a new school, new friends, and so on—remember that one thing never changes: our place in the Kingdom of Heaven. And with a place as secure as that, nothing is too big of a challenge!

Hope you all have a wonderful school year!

Meet the 1989 NSDBYF officers

President: Kerith Camenga
Kerith is the daughter of Justin and Susan Camenga and has completed her sophomore year at Linfield College, where she is working toward majors in elementary education and music. She has completed three summers of SCSC dedicated service (New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Michigan) and serves as Sabbath School teacher at the Portland (Oregon) Area Seventh-Day Baptist Church, where she is a member.

Vice President: Brandee Grooms
Brandee is the daughter of Brad and Julie Grooms. Her home is in Centralia, Washington, where she is an honor student and a dancer. She is a member of the Portland Area Seventh-Day Baptist Church. Her home is in Burian, a suburb of Seattle, where the kingdom of heaven is solid and immovable.

Secretary/Treasurer: Brenda Galloway
Brenda is a freshman at Highline Community College and the daughter of Dennis and Gloria Galloway. Their home is in Burian, a suburb of Seattle, where the Seattle Seventh Day Baptist Church is currently meeting. Brenda is working at Denny's, but has ability and interest in fashion and modeling. She would like to help plan the youth activities for Conference '89.

Study Helps

Read: Hebrews 13:25-29
Memorize: Hebrews 13:38

The writer of Hebrews speaks in this passage of the unshakable kingdom—the kingdom of heaven. Unlike the earth and other created things, which are changing all of the time and are easily influenced by the most trivial of matters, the
Catholic educators expect decline

Southern Baptist growth slows

More women attending seminary

Americans show greater religious interest

Christian book stores good business

In 1862, Julia Ward Howe wrote the words for the stirring "Battle Hymn of the Republic," which was popularized during the Civil War and has remained a favorite of many people. In my mind's eye, I have pictured soldiers sitting around the "watchfires of a hundred circling camps." The singing of this hymn bolstered their conviction that what they were doing was a part of God's judgment, and that God's glory and truth would go marching on.

But recently another picture came to my mind as I was digging through the archives of the past. I had understood that the "Ward" in Julia Howe's name was her maiden name and that she was the great-granddaughter of Governor Samuel Ward, a Seventh Day Baptist member of the Continental Congress in 1776. But an undated clipping from The Weekly San put more meaning to this bit of information as I connected her with historic Newport, Rhode Island, and the church which gave birth to Seventh Day Baptists in 1671.

At the invitation of Corliss Randolph, Maude Howe Elliot, the daughter of Julia Ward Howe, visited the Old Meeting House of the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church. She recalled a childhood visit to the Old Meeting House with her mother. The church then stood at its original location on Barney Street and still retained the original family box pews. She said:

The past few moments have touched me deeply as I remembered associations with this beautiful old church. I will tell you about seeing it the first time I entered it. My mother brought me here when I was a girl of fourteen. I think it was fourteen because I remember it was about that time my mother was trying to interest me in other things to take my mind off beaux and dances.

As we entered the church I was impressed by its great age. Everything was left just as it had been after the last service. My mother found the pew we sat in. On the altar was a plush cushion that evidently had been crimson but had faded to a lovely tone. On it was the Bible, which I hope is in the possession of the Historical Society, closed just as the minister left it after the last service.

The pew was as they had been when the church was in use and each pew had a name on it. From the time we entered the Ward pew my mother seemed to forget me. As we sat there I could not understand nor feel as my mother felt.

Mrs. Elliot then recalled an experience which she had had during one of her travels abroad a few years after the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-05. She asked one of the Japanese generals how a small country like Japan could dare take up arms against a great country like Russia. The general responded, "We went out and looked up to the sky and remembered our ancestors, and dared."

She then ended her reminiscence with a tribute to her heritage as she said:

I have often thought of that and it has helped me. When there has been some particularly trying situation, I have gone out and looked up to the sky and thought of my ancestors. Of those two great ancestors, Richard Ward, the colonial governor of the colonies, whose ancestors fought with Roger Williams for religious freedom and of that later one, his son, Samuel, who was governor at the time of the Revolution.

I do not remember when this church building was built but I know my ancestors worshipped in it; and it means much to me. Those are my recollections of it.

Don A. Sanford, Historian
The women at conference were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the Robe of Achievement recognition, revising guidelines if necessary. The outcome of this discussion led to a suggestion that the Robe of Achievement Committee consider only those nominations which are made during any given conference year. In other words, if you have sent a resume in the past, you must now resubmit it next year to keep the nominee’s name before the committee.

One question was asked in committee which was not answered. We are calling on some of our “more mature” readers for help. If you can remember events of 1906, read on. A most intriguing quilt was found among the personal possessions of Anna (Crofoot) North after her death this summer. It apparently was given to her parents, the Jay Crofots, when they returned to the mission field in China in that year. The quilt is white with blocks of individual and church names embroidered in red. If you can provide any clue to this enigma, please contact Irma Van Horn at JISB Continental Dr., Daytona Beach, Fl. 32117.

Craft sale and Confidence Quilt

These two projects were instituted in 1988 to help raise the budget for SCSC. The Conference Host Committee had strategically placed one table for display of hand-crafted items near the registration desk; by Sunday night, a second table had to be added. New items appeared throughout the week as women “from Cali to Rhody” contributed the fruits of their labor for this worthy cause. While the sale was instituted as a one-time effort, the Interest Committee suggested that the board consider holding a similar sale in 1989. By Friday afternoon, almost $600 had been realized by this sale.

A concise description of the Confidence Quilt crafted by women from coast to coast would be impossible to write. Hopefully, someone was thoughtful enough to get some color photos for the local societies to see. Suffice it to say, the quilt won a blue ribbon in the Dodge County (Minnesota) Fair.

As you know, 48 individual blocks were designed and stitched by society members all over the country. As the Quilt Committee recounted the saga of quilt assembly in Missouri, Minnesota and Wisconsin, the listeners were amazed at the Lord’s hand in providing a means for the quilt to be in the right place at the right time.

The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the dramatic portrayal of the woman at the well (Althea Rodd), Pilate’s wife (Norma Rudert), and Mary Magdalene (Nancy May). Each woman was dressed in an appropriate costume and recited her story about encountering Jesus Christ and his impact on her life. It is not exaggeration to report that the listeners felt the women’s emotions and that the normally expected shuffle of moving persons was conspicuously absent during the presentation.

As of the end of conference, the Love Gift totaled $2,891, to be disbursed in this way: SDB’s in Finland and India are to receive $500 each for publishing needs, and Ely Paya in the Philippines is to receive $200 to meet medical expenses. The remainder of the gift is to be divided, with 50 percent going to the Bill Shobe family for medical or other related expenses; 25 percent as an appreciation gift to the Pearsons as they return from the mission field in Malawi, Africa, after 26 years of service; and 25 percent to Sunshine Mountain for industrial quality cookware. We thank all ladies and societies for their contributions to this fund.

Women’s Society Banquet

The annual Women’s Society Banquet was held on Thursday evening, August 11, in the main dining room. While our spouses and presidents—Geri Fairman. This paperback book would be an invaluable addition to any society's program library. For further information, write to Contemporary Drama Services, Box 7710, Colorado Springs, CO 80933. SR
The Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated its 125th birthday on August 20, 1968. The church was organized in 1863 by a group of Seventh Day Baptists who came from Farmington, Illinois, by wagon train and settled along a two-mile strip of land north of Nortonville that became known as the Seventh Day Lane. The corner at the west end of the lane is still known as Wheeler Corner, and the east end of the lane used to be known as the Bective Corner.

The five original families came to this vicinity on October 5, 1857. The day after their arrival, they held the first Sabbath service—as far as is known—in the state of Kansas. The first five families were the Lyman and Dennis Saunders families, Anna Buten and children, and the David Stillman and Samuel Petty families. The Joshua Wheeler family came later that same year. There are still active church members who are descendants of Joshua Wheeler. Ten-year-old Andrew Maris Wheeler is a descendant of three of those first families—Joshua Wheeler, Anna Buten, and David Stillman.

These families purchased land on both sides of the two-mile strip, and other Seventh Day Baptist families came and settled around them.

Lane School

The group built a one-room schoolhouse in 1865 and began holding their church services there. Before that time, services were held in their homes.

Rev. A.A. FitzRandolph, sent by the Missionary Board in 1861, was the first pastor. He purchased a farm at the east end of the lane, on the south side of the road, and moved his family here in 1863. The Pardee, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized in 1863 by 14 people: Rev. Randolph and his wife, Lucy, and daughters Emily and Abbie; Eleata Stillman; Dennis and Hannah Saunders; Joshua Wheeler; Alma Buten; S.P. Griffin and Eliza; Samuel and Emma Petty; and Kate Buten Perry.

In 1878, the congregation voted to build a church, and a committee was appointed to raise $1,000. The church building was completed in 1883 at a cost of $2,000. It was located three-quarters of a mile south of Wheeler Corner. Pardee was a prosperous little town one and one-half miles north of Seventh Day Lane, waiting for the railroad to come through. (It never came.) The congregation’s mailing address came through Pardee.

By 1873, Nortonville had become a booming little town. The railroad had come through, and many Seventh Day Baptist families had migrated there. Many of the businesses were owned or run by them. There was a photographer, jewelry and music store, dentist, doctor, wallpaper and picture frame shop, insurance and real estate company, produce market, dry goods store, hardware and undertakers shop, the Sentinel Publishing Company, grocery, and boot and shoe shop.

Two members of the church were presidents of the two banks, while another member was president of the manufacturing company. Most of the other members of the congregation—which numbered about 200—were farmers. Since Nortonville was largely made up of this congregation, when the subject of repairing the country church or building a new church in the village came up, 60 voted to repair the present building and 151 voted to build a new church. In 1901, the present church was completed, and the building is now listed in the state Historical Society register.

The church celebrated its 75th anniversary in August, 1888. Elder G.M. Cottrell was pastor, and Rev. Samuel R. Wheeler returned to help the church celebrate. Rev. James Skags was pastor when the church entertained the Northwest Association and marked its 50th anniversary in 1915. In 1926, under the direction of Rev. Lester G. Osborn, the church celebrated its 75th anniversary and entertained the Northwest Association in August.

Rev. Leroy Bass was pastor at the time of our church’s 100th celebration in 1963. Church plates were made for this anniversary.

We have had 20 ministers and two full-time supply ministers. They included the Reverends A.A. FitzRandolph, Samuel R. Wheeler, A.J. White, G.M. Cottrell, J.M. Todd, George Hills, M.B. Kelly, James L. Skagg, Herbert L. Felan, Herbert L. Cottrell, S. Duane Ogden, Lester G. Osborn, Verney Wilson, Duane L. Davis, Robert Lippincott, Leroy Bass, Paul Osborn, Edgar Wheeler, and our present pastor, Harold King. Rev. A.E. Main was our pastor for a few months in 1882-1883 and preached the dedication sermon for our first church building. Supply pastors between ministers were Rev. John Ridge of Easton, Kansas, and Dr. Kenneth Smith, a member of our church.

Five of our young men have become ministers. They are Alton and Edgar Wheeler, Wendell Stephan, Allen Bond, and Clifford Bond. We have ordained two ministers, Rev. Duane L. Davis and Chaplain Clifford Bond.

A church history book, published in 1986, is available for $5 at the church. (Add $1.25 for postage and envelope, if mailed.) The book has many pictures in it, including pictures of all the ministers except the first one. SR
Retreat, no! Advance, yes!
by Andrew Samuels

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On the weekend of June 10-12, 1988, 84 youths and young adults assembled at Jersey Oaks Camp in southern New Jersey for the second annual Spiritual Advance sponsored by the Plainfield, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship.

There were young people from the following churches. New York City, New York; Hope, Pennsylvania; Shiloh, Maryland; Raritan Valley and Plainfield, New Jersey; and Central, Maryland. There were also other young people with no real SDB church affiliation.

The weekend's theme was "More Than Conquerors," with Romans 8:37 as the theme verse. The theme song, "More Than Conquerors," proved to be a real inspiration.

The Advance began on Friday night with orientation and Sabbath welcoming vesper. On the following beautiful Sabbath morning, the young adults were led by Pastor Joe Samuels in a study entitled, "Why Not Cults?" In this study, the characteristics of a cult were considered, as well as the teachings of some major cults. Simultaneously, Pastor Andy Samuels, the Advance director, led the youths in a program on drug abuse.

While a few "Advancers" drove over to Shiloh, New Jersey, to share in their Youth Sabbath Service, the rest were moved and challenged by a powerful worship service led by Marlene Campbell, assistant director. There was a splendid rendition of "The Old Rugged Cross" by Fay and Diane Mckie, Shevagah, Loney, and O'Neil Murphy from New York City. Pastor Corneth Lawrence of Hope Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Hills, Pennsylvania, brought the sermon. He spoke as led by the Lord and encouraged us to be conquerors in all areas of our lives.

On Sabbath afternoon, Pastor John Camenga of the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church led us in an enlightening workshop entitled, "Who Shall Separate Us From the Love of God?"

After the workshop, one of the music directors, Pauline James from New York, led a prayer session called "Hotline." This was followed by a debate on the most subject, "The Believer is Eternally Secure." This was an opportunity for our pastors, and Jean Boland from Connecticut, to utilize their public speaking skills and biblical insights. And what a marvelous job they did! In the end, based upon the presentations by President Jesus (Winston Samuelz from Maryland, George Bennett from Hope, and Sandy Rogers from Central) voted two-to-one in favor of those who argued against the premise that believers are eternally secure. The chairman of the debate, Lois Lawrence of Hope, did an excellent job. She also served as one of the music directors.

Vespers, led by Julie Harlow from Hope, closed the Sabbath with singing, shouting, dancing and testifying unto the Lord.

On Sunday morning, a calisthenics session was led by Kay Samuels. An evaluation of the Advance was also held, along with closing exercises. During this time, we got reactions from representatives of the churches to the Advance experience. A few of them were: "This was culture shock for me."—Ryan Cruzan, Marlboro. "I will definitely tell my church that they missed something. However, they did not miss the English muffin."—Dana Cruzan, Shiloh. "The beautiful singing was a highlight for me."—Brad Malby, Plainfield. "I would have really made a mistake if I had decided not to come."—Harold Smith, New York City. "It was culture shock, but I enjoyed it."—Matt Cruzan, Raritan Valley.

Outdoor games like volleyball, kickball and soccer were the culmination of the Advance. The "Advancers" said good-bye to the director and his family, who were devoted to the work of the church and the church's support, and that they had gained tremendously from the experience. "If you ever get an opportunity to serve in the capacity as ambassador, take it," they urged.

Sabbath School was followed by a rousing song service led by Sister Lynch. Sister Edwards, in her children's message, told the children that God is saying, "I want you." It is up to them to respond by accepting or rejecting. The story of Jonah helped children to bring their message across to the children. Sister Lynch then dedicated Dr. Craig's song, "Tell Them," to Pastor Samuels and Vis, as they face the difficult task of convincing people that God loves them and that Jesus came to tell them.

Pastor Samuels' first official act as pastor was to present a license to the Advance director, allowing him to preach, baptize and perform marriages. Then the Day Baptist Church, as Assistant Pastor, presented Pastor Samuels his license to perform the same functions. At its quarterly business meeting on April 16, the church had voted to license both men for two years.

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Installation officers left to right: Dale Thomage, Rodney Henry, Andrew Samuels, Lesol Bennet, Horita Condon, Joe Samuels

Miami installs new pastor
by Jasmine Lynch

June 18, 1988, was a historic day for the Miami, Florida, Seventh Day Baptist Church, as Andrew Samuels preached his first sermon as pastor of the church.

The day began with Pastor Samuels' installation as assistant pastor. It was an opportunity forPastor Samuels to present a license to the Advance director, allowing him to preach, baptize and perform marriages. Then the church, as Assistant Pastor, presented Pastor Samuels his license to perform the same functions. At its quarterly business meeting on April 16, the church had voted to license both men for two years.

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Boulder church is moving

There has been a “For Sale” sign on the lawn of the meeting house since last fall. The sign now says “Sold.”

Last summer, the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colorado, made an offer on a church facility on North Broadway in Boulder, contingent upon the sale of our property at 905 Arapahoe and the parsonage at 1648 9th Street. Another offer was accepted over ours. Even so, the church body voted to place our property on the market, believing that most sellers will not wait for our sale. So there has been a “For Sale” sign on the lawn of the meeting house since last fall. The sign now says “Sold.”

For a long time, there has been a need for more parking, more classroom space, as well as level entrances, and a little more room in general. The zoning codes of the City of Boulder would require us to purchase at least $100,000 worth of adjoining property, maybe twice that much, before we could do any expanding at our present site. Last spring, we had about $3,000 in our building fund, so in order to do anything in the near future, we would have to sell our property and seek a less expensive site. In about one year, our building fund has risen to over $15,000; this is mostly from solicited gifts and continuing pledges to the Building Fund.

Where are we now?

We accepted contracts on both the meeting house and the parsonage and closed on July 15, 1988.

The meeting house is being purchased by the Emergency Family Assistance Association. After being granted a variance by the city, the association will have its offices and food storage and distribution at 905 Arapahoe. This independent agency also runs a furniture bank and Echo House, which provides very short-term, temporary housing for families. We signed the papers on July 15 and had our last service in the meeting house on July 16.

The parsonage is under contract to a contractor who is planning to end up with four two-bedroom apartments, but he has requested a review by the Planning Department. So, although the pastor believes that all will well, the City of Boulder could prevent this sale.

We are going to be moving a church from Mesa Memorial Baptist Church at 805 Yale Road, Boulder. Mesa Baptist is affiliated with the American Baptists.

Pastor Gordon Lawton and his family are renting a home at 216 Caledonia St., Boulder, Colorado 80301. Their personal phone number is (303) 673-0806. Presently, we do not have a church phone number. (Watch for the phone number in Leadline.)

As we celebrated 95 years as a congregation in Boulder, we reviewed the ways the Lord has led us in the past. We hope to be in our new facility before we reach the century mark. Pray for us as we grow and change.

Pennsylvania Churches Day celebrated

by Kent Martin

More than 100 people representing seven Sabbath-keeping Christian churches attended the third annual Pennsylvania Churches Day in Salemville, Pennsylvania, on May 14, 1988. The theme for the day’s services was “The Faith We Share in Common.” Seven representative elders spoke to the vision of this theme in morning and afternoon messages, making a clarion call for more spiritual solidarity among Sabbath-honoring Christians who have often taken pride in their divisions.

Elder Victor Burford (superintendent, Church of God, 7th Day) reminded us in the morning message that God is more interested in the mercy we show each other than the sacrifices we make to preserve our sectarian identities. The presence of the Lord reiterated and verified this and other aspects of Elder Burford’s message. Five different afternoon speakers rose in our services to remind us that our churches, though denominationally separate and holding different distinctive, do not have an excuse to be spiritually divided at any time. One elder even noted that the independent church he represented was, therefore, by the very nature of its “oneness of a kind,” more dependent on the rest of us for frequent fellowship in Christ.

The choir for Pennsylvania Churches Day seemed to prove our celebration theme. It was a product of joint cooperation between the Salemville churches, which would not have been possible had both churches not blended their voices. Since everyone could not attend every practice, Linda Graffius was challenged in her efforts to blend our voices. Some could not even read music, and none of us felt adequate to lead in a solo. Yet, in struggling together, we accomplished our mission to sing for the Lord. Our different voices (parts) gave us something to offer…”harmony” in the Lord.

Pennsylvania Churches Day was a lesson in spiritual symbols; never, at any moment, was it possible without the assistance of both Salemville churches. One church was not from Salemville sang with our children. Seven churches sang and spoke with one spirit, and the food that was shared overflowed our tables. We were many tribes in Israel who only knew one God, in Jesus’ name.

Family retreat a success

The sun shone brightly as families from West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio, gathered at Camp Joy in beautiful Berea, West Virginia, for the Spring Family Retreat held May 28-30. There were 126 registered participants, with 99 people staying (some in tents and camper units) from night after the Sabbath until Monday.

The Spring Youth Retreat, under the direction of Larry Graffius, was also held in conjunction with the Family Retreat. The youth led worship and the evening campfires.

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The Sabbath Recorder

September 1988
Bond retires from Memorial Board

March 1, 1988

Mr. Ernest F. Bond
8989 Dustin Road
Galena, Ohio 43021

Dear Ernie,

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund was held on January 30-31, 1988, in the Raritan Valley Seventh Day Baptist Church, Bridgewater, New Jersey. During that meeting, the trustees asked me to attempt to communicate to you their feeling on the occasion of your retirement from that body.

Your well-reasoned input into this deliberating body has, in many cases, brought to our attention aspects of a problem that might have otherwise gone unnoticed. Your humane warmth has helped the board to reconcile human needs to the stark reality of availability of funds and the absolute necessity of keeping faith with those departed grantors, donors and testators who, in reality, the Memorial Board serves.

Meeting and knowing you has been a great encounter on the path of life for all of us. No one can know you and not find his life enriched thereby.

We wish to thank you for so unstintingly giving of your time and talent for the six years you were on the board (1981-1987) and for keeping "accurate record of the transactions of the board," as well as communicating on the board's behalf the four years you were the board secretary.

Lastly, we wish to acknowledge you as the founding father of the Fund Development Committee. It was your brain child, and you carefully nurtured it. There was-and is-a real need for such an activity, and it has begun to accomplish its intended goal. Those of us who remain on the board pledge to you that your vision will not die.

We wish you and your wife good health and many years of service to the Lord in your churches and communities in Columbus, Ohio, and Daytona Beach, Florida.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Pierce, secretary
For the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund

Alfred Station homecoming planned

Homecoming at the Alfred Station, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church will be held on September 24, 1988. An invitation is extended to all members, former members, former pastors, and friends to attend the all-day "get together." The worship service will be at 11 a.m., with a dinner following the service. There will be an afternoon and evening program, and a light evening lunch.

Evelyn Thomas, chairman of the trustees, reported that the new restroom on the ground floor, accessible to the handicapped, has been completed.

Eastern Association was held at our church from May 13-15. Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, conference president, gave the proclamation, "Enter the Joy." A concert by the Houghton Academy Choir was enjoyed by all in the afternoon. Supper was served by the host church, followed by an evening of fellowship. Central New York delegates led devotions at the close of the day, and the annual business meeting was held on Sunday morning.

The following people completed the Discipleship Course of the NET program: Christian Mattison, Jean L. Pierce, Rebecca Schweigart, Amanda Snyder, Nelson Snyder, and Yvonne L. Stephan. Pastor Melvin F. Stephan presented certificates on Resurrection Sabbath.

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Above: Conference delegates enjoy music during Medema concert.
Below: Children's associated conference.

September 1988

Margaret Allen, teacher of the year, receives crystal apple from David Clarke.
Robe of Achievement recipients announced

This year, the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board has selected two ladies to receive the 1988 Robe of Achievement.

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Total commitment to the Lord's work is an all-encompassing responsibility which becomes an integral part of all the years of a Christian's life. Audrey Fuller, with her husband, Menzo, has met this responsibility cheerfully and willingly in all areas required for a Robe of Achievement recipient: family, home church, denomination, and ecclesiastical interests.

"During their young adult years, Audrey and Menzo did what most couples do. They earned a living, began raising two daughters and worked hard for the North Loup, Nebraska, Seventh Day Baptist Church. But, alas! The Fuller household became a little fuller (pun intended) when they adopted twin nephews when they leave the church building, however; she and Menzo serve as surrogate grandparents for overnight.

Her care for children does not end when they are in school. Her soprano voice is a welcome addition to the Shiloh choir, where the high A-flats are a little less intimidating when Audrey is with us.

Audrey is a dedicated Christian worker outside our church and denomination, as well. The personal attributes which make a good nurse have been put to good use in New Jersey. A few years ago, she gave desperately needed regular relief to a family who was devoting all time to the care of their Alzheimer's disease victim. More recently, Audrey has become active in a newly-formed day care center for other victims of this disease.

"Since Menzo is now employed as a handyman at Ranch Hope for Boys, Audrey has become a supporter of their non-denominational cause—turning lives of troubled boys around for Christ."

Since the time that this was written, Audrey and Menzo have retired from their work at Ranch Hope in New Jersey and are busy settling into their new church and home in Daytona Beach, Florida.

"She brings experience and insight to our local Board of Christian Education, and during 1987-88, led the primary age youth group—a position not often filled by a grandmother."

"Their children—Phyllis, Kerry, Richard, and Robert—became independent, the Fullers turned their attention to denominational service. Leaving the comfort and security of their home in North Loup, they shared their love for Christ with the natives of Malawi, Africa, where Audrey was employed as a missionary nurse.

"They returned from Malawi in 1980, Audrey and Menzo set down new roots and joined the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Audrey has been active in several areas of our church program. In the Ladies Benevolent Society, for example, she has found her niche in many places. She has served on the Sabbath School Missionary Committee for several years, helping indirectly to meet international, denominational, community and individual needs. She and Menzo also serve as consultants on the Shiloh Marlboro-based Africa Committee for the denomination's Missionary Society.

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about the Sabbath
about faith.

The Nurture Series material includes a student lesson book, a teacher's guide and teaching aids for primary, junior and high school levels. For ordering information, write:

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“God Uses Kids!”
(Colby 4)

Over 60 children participated in the musical presentation which features a computer named “Colby.”

Eddie Ferguson, played by Scott Graffius, learned that being famous was not as important as having friends.

Miami installs...

prieve the Lord; then the victory will be ours.”

After divine service, all were treated to refreshments of hors d'oeuvres, cake and fruit punch. Sister Mamby had made a special cake, which was decorated with an open Bible, words from the great commission, and the burning torch.

Several members then left the church to have their first look at the parsonage, which was purchased on June 13 with assistance from the Memorial Board. The installation service for Pastor Samuels was held on July 2. Executive Secretary Dale Thorngate was the installation officer, and Director of Extension Rod Henry represented the Missionary Society. Pastor Samuels' new address is: 19920 N.W. 32nd Ave., Miami, FL 33056.

We rejoice and give God the praise for all he has done for us. We look forward to working with Pastor Samuels, as we anticipate building a great church in a great American city. SR
**The Denominational Budget...**

**Our partnership in ministry**

**How's life going?**

From "Link"—July, 1988

Australasia Seventh Day Baptist Newsletter

You are alive because God has given you life. But perhaps life is not going too well for you, and you feel as though you are only existing. This is not God's intention for you. He wants you to enjoy abundant life now and eternal life in his kingdom forever.

You receive this metamorphosis of new life when you stop going your own way and surrender your life to God, asking Jesus Christ, who willingly died and took the punishment for your sin, to come into your life and be Lord and Master.

Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). "God has given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son; he who has the Son has that life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have that life" (1 John 5:11, 12).

Let Jesus Christ, Creator, Saviour, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, take over your life today and receive this abundant and eternal life.

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| Boulder, Colorado     | Lisa Barber        | Joined after Testimony
| Fouke, Arkansas       | Leis Barber        | Joined after Testimony
| Milton, Wisconsin     | Herbert E. Saunders, Pastor | Joined after Baptism
| Smith-Carpenter       | Angela Smith       | Joined after Testimony

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**Births**

**Lubke**—A son, Phillip Douglas Lubke, was born to Douglas and Jayne Lubke of Edgerton, Wisconsin, on May 2, 1988.

**Clare**—A son, Ryan Daniel Clare, was born to Leon and Sandy Clare of Bridgewater, New Jersey, on May 12, 1988.
Burdick.—Ralph Watson Burdick was born on September 25, 1912, in McGregor, Iowa, the son of Harvey L. and Bernice (Borden) Burdick, and died at his winter home in Florida on March 7, 1988. He was a graduate of Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, in 1934. He worked for Highway Trainer Co. in Edgerton, Wisconsin, for more than 35 years. He married Gladys Forrest on December 19, 1936. To this union were born three children, Rita of Burlington, Wisconsin, Gail Leider of Mundelein, Illinois, and Michael of Janesville, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife and children; his brother, Dr. H. Laurence Burdick of Milton; four grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, EC.

Covinder —东亚. A. Covinder, 84, of Brevard, North Carolina, died at her home on Wednesday, March 16, 1988. She was a daughter of Akub, who had resided with her daughter, Rosemary Haire of Brevard, June Jackson Hornblen of Ionia, Michigan; Centre, in the birthplace of their mothers, 98 great-grandchildren, and by aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, May 11, 1988, at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, EC.

Mitchell — Rev. James Monroe Mitchell, 58, of Little Rock, Arkansas, died on May 19, 1988, in St. Vincent Medical Center. He was the son of Claude and Sarah (Parish) Mitchell. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, a Deacon of the church's Ministering Committee, and was ordained Evangelist for many years. He pastored the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Little Rock, the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Edwinburg, Texas, from 1952 to 1960, at which time he moved to Little Rock.

Cobb — Margaret (Harris) Cobb, 79, of Marlboro, New Jersey, died on Wednesday, May 4, 1988, in Bridgeton (New Jersey) Hospital, where she had been a patient less than one day.

Kagarsie — Julia T. Kagarsie, 90, of Salemville, Pennsylvania, died on May 10, 1988, at St. Luke's Hospital, following an extended illness.

Malby — Iris May (Sholet) Malby of South Daytona, Florida, died on May 10, 1988, at the age of 82. She was born on March 6, 1906, at Nortonville, Kansas, to Joseph and Eliza (Duvall) Smith. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, and she said her husband and children were well known for their hospitality to all Seventh Day Baptists who visited Salemville.

Surviving are her husband, two daughters, Carol Gray of New Enterprise, Pennsylvania, and Emily of Milton, Wisconsin; a sister, Geraldine Leonard of Port St. Lucie, Florida; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held on May 13, 1988, at the Bell Seventh Day Baptist Church, and were led by Rev. Kent L. Martin.

Batson — Eldred H. Batson, 84, of Parkersburg, West Virginia, a retired school teacher, died on May 11, 1988, in Willowsv Intermediate Care Facility, Parkersburg. Batson was born on July 11, 1903, in Ritchie County, the son of the late Charles H. and Martha (Wade) Batson. On August 13, 1929, he married Alberta Davis, who preceded him in death on April 5, 1987.

Batson, a 1931 graduate of Salem College, Salem, West Virginia, taught school for many years. At the time of his retirement, he was principal of Neat Junior High School in Vienna, West Virginia. He was a member and senior deacon of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and a member of the Kiwanis Club in Parkersburg. He also served as treasurer of our World Mission for a time. He and Alberta were recognized at conference a few years ago for having attended 50 consecutive conferences, the first one on their honeymoon.

Surviving are two brothers, Leon of Charleston, West Virginia, and Mary Lou of Richmond, West Virginia, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by two infant children. SKD.
Executive secretary's annual report to General Conference

July 1987 - July 1988

Enter the joy
Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your Lord.—Matthew 25:21

General Conference President Herbert Saunders tells us that "to enter the joy of the Lord means to be faithful—faithful to the very end where he will receive the 'crown of life'—joy forevermore." Saunders tells us that the very end where he will receive the 'crown of life'—joy forevermore. "I will put you in charge of many things; along with the reward for entrance and fruitful service comes additional responsibility, I will put you in charge of many things.

Conference year 1987-88 has revealed the deep truth of this passage for me. I have, moreover, been strengthened by a passage of Scripture that was shared with me by a dear friend. This passage from the book of Jeremiah has given me a new sense of purpose, and I share it with you because I believe this is not only a promise to the people of Israel in exile but also a promise to all God's people who would seek to "enter into the joy of the Lord."

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord.—Jeremiah 29:11-14

Even though this past year has been difficult in many ways, I do believe that God does have a plan for our future—a plan that gives hope and prosperity. As we review this past year together, let us not least sight of God's vision for us to indeed "enter into his joy."

Year's highlights
A review of the year from last conference, so this one reveals the following measurable results of our efforts:

Office management

Staff changes
This past year has been one of employee turmoil at the SDB Center. With Ivan Fiz-Rando’s retirement in February, we embarked on a very stormy sea of employee turnover, one which is not yet completed.

Due to four months of employment, Jeffrey Cranford resigned as business manager. Ivan agreed to help us part-time, but he ended his part-time employment on September 30. During our period of being without a business manager, we attempted to spread the activity and management tasks between Kathy Carr, Jill Greer, Scott Smith and myself. By the end of the year, it was obvious that we were not making it with this vital position not being filled.

On December 31, Edith Dickinson retired after a long and significant career in several areas of denominational work. Also, December 31 was Paul Green’s last day as dean of the Center on Ministry. This position remains open until Rod Henry becomes director of pastoral services on September 1. We are grateful for his assistance in this area in the interim.

In February, the General Council authorized a management consultation to review Center procedures. I am grateful for the council’s support during this most difficult period. The results of that study by the Dick Shepard Company showed how the job tasks of each position had expanded since moving to Wisconsin and how important the business manager’s position was to the day-to-day operation of the Center. After the consultation, we reviewed the tasks, redefined some and developed a new job description for a center manager. This position provides for the ongoing operation of the Center without the daily presence of the executive secretary. This is crucial since a great deal of my responsibility includes travel away from the area to do the important coordinating and coordinating work among our churches and agencies.

On June 1, after extensive interview and follow-up procedures, Douglas Dechty was hired as the new center manager. Doug, who has an MBA equivalent, comes to us after 13 years experience as business manager at the University of Wisconsin, Rock County Campus, Janesville. He comes highly recommended by his previous employer and subordinates as well. I am already beginning to feel an easing of the pressure on our day-to-day activities.

Early in the year, Matthew Olson, director of youth ministries, announced his decision to attend seminary in the fall of this year. He will continue to work part-time for the Board of Christian Education but will leave his office here in Janesville in August when he moves to Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

During the months of April, May and June, financial secretary Jill Greer was on maternity leave. On April 3, Lacey Lynn Groelle was born. Jill returned to work on June 20, and we are thankful. While Jill was away, Edith Dickinson and Henry Howard helped with some of the day-to-day tasks on a part-time basis.

On June 23, Scott Smith resigned as executive director of the Tract and Communication Council. His resignation becomes effective August 15. He will continue on a six-month interim basis as editor of The Sabbath Recorder, through the March issue.

And on July 12, Brenda Camelio, office secretary and my right-hand, tendered her resignation, also to be effective August 15.

Computer system
As you will remember from last year’s report, in October of 1986 we had installed a new Sperry, 40 megabyte, multiuser computer system. By December 1987, we were still unable to use the new system because of unethical business practices and incompetent personnel of the original vendor.

By the end of December, we were able to extract ourselves from the original contract, although we were paid off with a check which would not process due to insufficient funds. Eventually, we were able to process the check with help from the Valley Bank of Antioch.

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Communications and public relations

Lead-Line

The monthly leadership newsletter continues to provide information across the denomination on a timely basis. Janet Thorngate continues to edit it and now produces it on the Macintosh desk-top publishing system.

Meetings

During the year I attended 31 meetings of our boards and agencies as well as ecumenical organizations.

Church visits

During this year I have visited 14 churches making presentations, sometimes preaching, but always listening to concerns and ideas.

Pastors’ workshops

In March and April I participated in the three area Pastor’s Workshops. I led the Friday evening worship in preparation for the Sabbath, and presented a workshop on the history, meaning and significance of the covenant for the church. I was personally enriched by the workshops, each one unique, even though the topics and presenters were the same. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of our denominational leadership. I believe our churches are excited about the potential they have for growth and ministry.

Stewardship

1987 was the lowest year in denominational budget support in the last five years. We conducted a survey through the Lead-Line to try to identify the problems. The results of that survey were inconclusive. In January we began the year by oversubscribing the budget. This was a good indication that things were going to be different in 1988. Receipts as of June 1988 are $2,000 above where we were last year at the end of June.

There does not seem to be any clear reason for last year’s large shortfall or for this year’s higher giving. We are still short of the budget with 50% of the year gone, we have raised 45% of the budget. We are very thankful for the increased giving of our people. I am excited about the possibilities of our going over the budget in August with the special conference offering.

Reflections

I come to this conference with high expectations. God has revealed himself in the increased giving by Seventh Day Baptists across the country, several in significant amounts. No small indication of God’s action is the $408,987 given to the General Conference by the Estate of Sue McMillan of Bel Air, California. Mrs. McMillan had two contacts with Seventh Day Baptist pastors in Los Angeles—Rev. Leland Davis when he was pastor there and Rev. Duane Davis approximately three years ago. This gift has no strings attached. I believe that God has given us, as his people, a clear sign that he wants us to do something. Your General Council is working on an exciting plan that will make more of these funds in a creative way. You will be hearing more from them on this plan.

Leadership

I have been impressed by the leadership demonstrated by your General Council and the Coordinating Leadership Team as they have been planning and projecting into the future. The leadership Mission Statement demonstrates the forward-looking thinking of people who have chosen to lead the denomination into the next decade. Prey for the Coordinating Leadership Team as we come together in the fall for a planning retreat to develop goals and programs for the accomplishment of our Mission.

The experience with the pastors and other church leaders at the spring workshops was indeed inspiring. I saw bright faces shining with joy from obviously having an intimate relationship with God through Christ. These people came with the anticipation that they would be spiritually fed and motivated for fruitfulness in God’s Family called Seventh Day Baptists. I believe they left these meetings having experienced an intimacy with God and his people. We together are beginning to celebrate the joy that Christ has provided us through his promise of love.

Our mission

This past year has been difficult on a daily basis, but it has produced a vision for God’s great promise of “hope and a future.” I seek God every day and know that without the knowledge that he does have a plan, I would not have made it. Pray with me for a joyful heart.

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Obituaries

Survivors include her husband, two sons, Ronald of North Plainfield, New Jersey, and Allan of Marlboro, New Jersey; a daughter, Lucille Jennings of San Bernardino, California; 11 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Arthur Rowe at Bellevue-Cedar Hill Funeral Home, Daytona Beach, on May 20, 1988, with the service of committal following on May 30.

Interment was in the Bellevue-Cedar Hill Memory Gardens.

Jackson—Alfred Brown Jackson of Denver, Colorado, was born on November 2, 1913, and died on June 8, 1988.

Services were held at Ginger’s Chapel Hill Mortuary, with Pastor Ralph Groseclose of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Denver, officiating.

David—Carrie F. Davis, 88, a former resident of Bridgeport-Salem Pike, New Jersey, died on Monday, June 20, 1988, in the Cumberland County Medical Center, where she had resided for seven years. She had been in failing health for 10 years. Born in Stone Creek, New Jersey, on January 7, 1909, Carrie was the daughter of the late Joseph H. and Louise (Rainard) Fogg. She was the wife of the late H. Ernest H. Campbell, who died in 1949, and the late Frank G. Davis, who died in 1987.

Carrie had been employed at the former Ward Tomlinson Store in Shiloh, New Jersey, for many years.

Surviving are a son, Walter E. Campbell Sr. of Bridgeport, New Jersey; two daughters, Irene Moulden of NewRiverside, Pennsylvania, and Mildred Williams of Ocean City, New Jersey; a stepson, F. Rolle Ross of Shiloh; 16 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren.

Carrie was a member of the Marlboro, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church for over 60 years, and her pastor, Rev. Everett C. Dickinson, conducted graveside services in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery, Shiloh.

Contribution may be made in her memory to the Memorial Fund of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Garrison Funeral Home.

Bottoms—Matti Miller Bottoms died at her home in Athens, Alabama, on July 3, 1988, at the age of 52. She was preceded in death by her husband, Barrell Bottoms. As long as health permitted, Mattie attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Paint Rock, Alabama.

Survivors include a son, Wendell Miller; a daughter, Ermie Whitt; 14 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the McConnell Funeral Home, with burial in the Athens City Cemetery.

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Conference ‘88... Praising the Lord through music

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(Left) Throughout each day, musical interludes inspire Dobbie Huff and Pat Mccracken. (Below) Pianist-Composer Ken Medema leads chorus workshop before his Sunday evening concert.
General Conference, 1989

Where?
University of Portland, Portland, Oregon

When?
August 6-12, 1989

Theme?
Share the Joy!

Psalm 91:2 (TEV)

President?
Luan (Sutton) Ellis

See you in Portland!

"I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all the wonderful things you have done.
I will sing with joy because of you.
I will sing praise to you, Almighty God.
Psalm 91:2 (TEV)