In God's writing, anything is the world. "Who knows? If anyone is going to know, it will require some time looking and listening. The kind of God fitting to this world?"

Eugene H. Peterson, 1989
New Videos for Loan
(contact the SDB Center)

Survival Guide for Teenagers
1. Drugs and Alcohol
2. Sex and Dating
3. Goal Setting/Vacation
4. Our World: The Big Picture
5. Depression/Suicide (15-20 min. each)

Success Starts Here — by Zig Ziglar

Good People or God's People — by Findley Edge (30 min.)

Time is Life — by Dr. Ted Engstrom
"Time is the only talent that every human being is equally responsible for." (45 min.)

Plan Pickers and Perfectionists
by Dr. Kevin Leman
"A realistic yet humorous view of the teenage years (20 min.)

Ministry of Deacons — by Dr. Jim Henry
"This study will enable every deacon to serve his church more effectively" (Two parts).

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Hurricane Gilbert Strikes Jamaica

Taken by Rev. Joe Samuels shortly after the destructive hurricane damaged much of Jamaica, including several Seventh Day Baptist churches (30 min.)

The Seventh Day Sabbath
An interview on John Gregory's "Reach Ministries," a Denver TV program, between Rev. Gordon Lawton (Seventh Day Baptist) and Rev. Colvin Bunell (Church of God Seventh Day).
An interesting discussion of the Sabbath, comparing the histories, similarities, and differences of the two denominations.

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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?
If you've never read The Sabbath Recorder before, you might be wondering who Seventh Day Baptists are. Like other Baptists, we believe in:

- the saving love of Jesus Christ;
- the Bible as the inspired word of God and a record of God's will for man. The Bible is our authority both for our faith and our daily conduct;
- freedom of thought under the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- the congregational form of church government. Every member of the church has the right to participate in the decision-making process of the church.

The seventh day
God commanded that the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy. Jesus agreed by keeping it as a day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of living obedience—Fed as a means of salvation. Salvation is the free gift of God through Jesus Christ.

It is the joy of the Sabbath that makes Seventh Day Baptists just a bit different. If you would like more information, write: Seventh Day Baptist Center, 3120 Kennedy Road, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547-1678.
Changes in the old SR
by Kevin Butler

After 144 years and 14 editors, you would think that one publication had seen enough changes.

From a newspaper-size weekly to a pamphlet bi-weekly to the current monthly; from subscriptions to donations; from a hot air engine cylinder press to linotype to desktop publishing; from a staff of dozens to three, The Sabbath Recorder has weathered more reformation than Martin Luther.

There is some order amidst all this change. The Sabbath Recorder Committee—a subcommittee of the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council—has drafted a purpose statement for this magazine.

The Sabbath Recorder is:

1. An instrument for communication among Seventh Day Baptists as individuals and families, churches, and organizations.
2. A vehicle through which denominational leadership can communicate the mission, goals, and accomplishments of Seventh Day Baptists.
3. An outreach tool intended to share the mission, goals, and accomplishments of the Seventh Day Baptist Center staff.
5. A member of the historical perspective, and a realistic, positive image of the denomination.

So, how are we doing after all these years?

The committee also formulates and enforces an editorial policy (next page). Please refer to this before picking up your pen or sitting at your word processor.

New look
The Recorder will become more thematic, with shorter articles to match your cramped reading time. We gave the popular history column a new look.

KEVIN’S
As well as the editorial page—
Reader reaction (below), and the cover—

New features
—SR Almanac takes you back in time to see what was reported to earlier readers, then prompts you to pray for our future.

SR Reaction
Nothing this month, but I know that will “change.”

Please don’t expect to see your entire letter in print. I will edit for style, and condense due to space limitations. So please, make your point briefly so I don’t have to.

Pastor Profiles — gives you a chance to get to know one of our leaders, and gives the pastor an opportunity to voice some vision.

Pastor Profiles
— solicits one of you to speak out on an issue of concern—from the heart. This month, Ernest Bond draws from his experience of forming a new church in Columbus, Ohio.

Thank You
Cheri Appel
For being the “voice” of the Audio Sabbath Recorder for the last 3 years
Contact the SDB Center for FREE audio tapes of the SR

Statement of Editorial Policy
The Sabbath Recorder

1. The Sabbath Recorder will always attempt to present the majority point of view among Seventh Day Baptists, guided by the actions of the General Conference.
2. Any sizeable minority point of view of Seventh Day Baptists shall be presented with due regard to space limitations and balance of material.
3. Presentation of one’s own beliefs can be, and in the columns of The Sabbath Recorder should be, unaccompanied by attack upon the beliefs of others who have arrived at different conclusions. Articles containing attacks upon the beliefs or points of view of others shall not be accepted until the offending words, sentences or paragraphs are deleted or rewritten to meet the requirements of this policy. Positive statements of the beliefs of minority groups will be accepted under the condition of policy No. 2. When the editor is confronted with difficult decisions regarding publication of minority viewpoints and attacks on the beliefs of others, the editor may consult the Sabbath Recorder Committee.
4. Long and elaborately involved articles cannot be accepted.
5. Materials addressed primarily to ministers or other specialized groups shall be avoided.

Change at the Center

The Seventh Day Baptist Center staff increased by two last January. We welcomed Paula Davis and Katrina Saunders as they began their seven months of dedicated service.

Paula, a member of the Verona, New York, SDB Church, graduated from Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School in 1986. She keeps busy with receptionist and secretarial work for the General Conference, various accounting tasks for the Memorial Board, and is the new voice for the audio Sabbath Recorder.

"I've learned so much about the denomination, and have enjoyed talking with our people from around the country," Paula adds, "I may even consider going into accounting."

Katrina is a 1987 graduate of Houghton Academy (New York) and a member of the Raritanburg, New York, SDB Church. She divides her time between cataloging church records for the Historical Society Library and assisting the secretary of the Milton, Wisconsin, SDB Church.

"I now see history as a valuable learning resource," reports Katrina. "I'm also improving my secretarial skills."

The dedicated service worker program provides housing and meals by a contributing area family, medical insurance, and a small monthly stipend. Workers are eligible for Memorial Fund scholarships toward their college work.

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Periodical changes
by Don Sanford, Historian

The Protestant Sentinel
At the 1829 session of General Conference, John Maxson presented a proposition for publishing a weekly denominational periodical to include subjects of general interest, along with the discussion of denominational topics. The first issue of The Protestant Sentinel appeared in April 1830. This weekly publication was sold by subscription for $1.75 per year, payable in advance; $2.00 if paid at the end of six months, and $2.25 at the end of the year. Like its predecessor, the Sentinel received only moral backing from the General Conference. In 1833, when the editor asked Conference for advice relative to the location of the printing operation and the "embarrassment on account of the limited patronage given the paper," they resolved that they were not prepared to give advice and recommended that he seek measures within the circulation of the paper to answer his problems. During the nine years of its existence, the paper faced a number of problems which led to its discontinuance. A number of its problems were those faced by several other publishing interests:
1. It never had adequate support from any sponsoring body.
2. It was largely the responsibility of one person.
3. Its location was too far removed from the center of news, so that by the time it appeared, people in urban areas of the East had already heard the news, making it uninteresting to them.
4. Its name did not adequately reveal the content of the magazine. (In 1838, when the editorship was changed, the words "and Seventh Day Baptist Journal" were added to its title.)
5. There was simply not enough financial base available. The sale of advertising brought in some money, but with a circulation of less than 500, the advertising market was too small to attract lucrative ads. It ceased operation in May, 1839.

The Seventh Day Baptist Register
Within four months of the last issue of the Sentinel, Conference took steps to replace it with another periodical. In September, 1839, it asked the people of DeBuyster, New York, to take steps to publish a paper in that town. If they could not do it, they would ask a group in the New Jersey and New York City area. On March 10, 1840, the first edition of The Seventh Day Baptist Register appeared with Joel Greene and Alexander Campbell as editors. At the end of the first year, James Bailey became both editor and proprietor, continuing the publication for three years. The final issue, dated March 10, 1844, carried a "valedictory" in which he stated the two main reasons for discontinuing. One was the physical demands upon the editor. "The sole care of publishing and editing has been ours. The Editor's task must be performed, whether sick or well, in company or alone, under every possible circumstance and condition, and the

There has been a nearly continuous periodical publication from Seventh Day Baptists since 1821.

One year ago—April 1988
Matt and Ellen Olsen go to Philippines as short-term missionaries.

Five years ago—April 1984
Rodney Henry ordained prior to returning to Philippines.
Saleneville, Pennsylvania, youth fellowship holds special missions weekend.
BCE officers honored for many years of service.
S. Kenneth Davis honored for 15-year pastorate in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Ten years ago—April 1979
Clifford A. Bens Memorial Home dedicated at Sunshin Mountain, Mississippi.
President Bob Austin shares vision and plans for Conference in Adrian, Michigan.
Pawcatuck SDB Church in Westerly, Rhode Island, begins interpreting their worship service for the deaf. Memorial Board expresses appreciation to Elston Van Horn for 12 years of service.

25 years ago—April 1964
Linda Bingham completes service as Youth Field Worker.
Revival services held in Ritchie, West Virginia.

...where are we headed?

Pray...

- for a new missionary spirit
- with thanksgiving for our dedicated servant leaders
- for Sunshine Mountain
- for Conference in Portland, Oregon
- that your pastor could baptize a dozen or more this year
- for denominational finances
- for a "good fruit year spiritually" in your life and church

SR Almanac
Where we have been...

General Conference Planning Committee meets in Plainfield, New Jersey.
"Disagreements and Differences" paper published to be discussed by Baptists and SDBs in Atlantic City.
The Second Alfred Church changes its name to the Alfred Station SDB Church.

50 years ago—April 1939
Dr. George Thormate, at request of Tract Society, visits a Sabbath-keeping family in Wales during a trip to Europe.
Riverside, California church holds day of prayer, and challenges others to do the same.
Tract Society sponsors pulpil exchange Sabbath. Rev. Everett Harris baptizes 12 candidates in Ashway, Rhode Island.

75 years ago—April 1914
Ad for The Sabbath Visitor: "For only 60 cents a year you receive eight or more pages of interesting reading matter, WEEKLY...To new subscribers six months for 25 cents. Try it."
A "good fruit year spiritually" reported in Lost Creek, West Virginia. There was "a response of about forty making their beginning of redemption."
In Sabbath School section: "Graded Bible School Lessons have come to stay in a large number of the Bible schools of our land."
Sound familiar? "If each one gives $10, our denominational financial needs would be met."

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Coping with change in Colorado
by Gordon Lawton

Change is no stranger to young congregations, but even those approaching their centennial face changes, often dramatic ones.

In the early 1980s, it became apparent that the facility of the Boulder church was not meeting the classroom or parking needs of the congregation, and stairs were everywhere. Stairs are fun for kids, but for retired members, they become an obstacle. There had been talk for years about doing something. Then, the facility of a church that was closing its doors came to our attention.

Looking for what God has for us in a meetinghouse facility. We do not own a parsonage, which is popular with some and odious to others. Where we will be meeting in a year is in question.

In the face of all this upheaval, we are discovering what some have suspected for a long time: the church is the church regardless of where it meets. Whether we are at Mesa or somewhere else, when the local body gathers, we are the church. It is nice to worship in familiar surroundings, but they seldom make or break the attitude of worship. Yes, surroundings can enhance or detract, but worship and fellowship are things that people do.

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We got excited about our facility. It had room, and room to expand. When the time was right, we made an offer, contingent upon the sale of our property. At Conference 1987, we were hopeful, and so were the folks in downtown Boulder. We had 15 parking spaces; they have over 30. At the time of the sale, they have over two acres. Yes, they are still a little cramped for classrooms, but there are two more than we had, and the sanctuary seats almost 50% more people.

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Name: Rev. Ken Burdick
Birthdate and place: November 10, 1949, Milton, Wisconsin
Current pastorate: North Loup, Nebraska
Family: Wife, Ruth; daughters, Ginny (5 years) and Margie (22 months)
Education: BA English Literature-Knox College, 1971
MA English Literature-Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison, 1973
MDIV Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1978
Former Pastorates/employment:
Maritan Valley, New Jersey SDB Church 1973-75
Dedicated service worker, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Jamaica, West Indies, 1973-75
My first job was:
Pulling garden weeds for Marjorie Burdick in Milton as a boy (where, like Scott Smith and others, I was first employed—also witnessed to?)
Personal hero:
John Stott, J. Vernon McGee
Favorite childhood memory:
Having lunch on Sabbath days with my grandma (the late Beulah Burdick of Milton)
Favorite Bible passage:
John 5:24
Favorite author:
Jerry Bridges, Tom Clancy

If given an all-expense paid vacation:
I would take a train ride across Canada.
A great answer to prayer was:
My wife (Psalm 37:4)
A church project I'm excited about:
Starting small discipleship groups, using the introductory course in The Navigators' "2:7 series" to establish a simple format for the basic sharing and prayer part of the group meeting.
My vision for SDBs:
That individual SDBs might become known for taking delight in the Sabbath Day (Isaiah 58:13), in the Word of God (Psalm 119:16), in one another (Psalm 16:3) and in prayer (Colossians 4:2); finding their joy in the Lord (Isaiah 58:14). When we can truly say it is our distinctive to be such people, then our experience in worship, public relations, and evangelism will be like that of the church in Acts 2:47.
The President's Page

Share the Joy of Caring
by Luan Ellis

"If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"—1 John 3:17.

Recently, the Helping Hand Sabbath School lesson was based on the Parable of the Rich Fool found in Luke 12:13-21. Our teacher encouraged us to consider what we would do if suddenly we received $250,000 a year more than we are getting. How would we spend that money? The responses of the class were interesting: give $150,000 to SDB ministerial retirement; do we build homes for the homeless; do we do research for incurable diseases, etc. The majority of us were ready to give away our world's goods. The class and knew what we care for others?

They are not going to give as much to the church because the church does not have to care for them. It was a new experience for many students. I hope they learned to appreciate those around them and show them that they care.

I hope we share the Joy of Caring. Let those around us know that we care by the little things we do for them.

Show your Joy of Caring by being open to change. I have the feeling that there will be many changes in the future in the Seventh-day Baptist denomination.

The most recent change is that of editor of The Sabbath Recorder. We welcome Kevin Butler and his new ideas for the Recorder.

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From the Heart

Change—the price of commitment
by Ernest Bond

Ear of the unknown often forces us to think that it is much easier to remain within the walls of the past—or even the present—than to step out in faith, asking God to show us His will for our lives, the mission for our churches, and our direction as a denomination.

I remember my first trip into the beautiful Amish countryside of Millersburg, Ohio. The houses and farms were well kept. The stockyard was populated with people who had come to market. Buggies were parked at the elevator, the grocery store, and the combination blacksmith and wagon shop. I was even aware of the parking meters around the court house for the horses and buggies.

It appeared that life in Holmes County hadn't changed dramatically in a hundred years. How often do we find our rural churches clinging to the things of the past, but where are the people? Too few are left farming the land.

I also remember my first trips into Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Columbus. Very traumatic—the interstates, tall buildings, shopping centers, hotels and motels, row houses, and store fronts. Why had we moved to Columbus? No friends, no family, and no church. Like the many thousands across our country, we had come to the city seeking work, a home, and a good place in which to educate our children. Things not available in our country.

Our forefathers moved into a new and fertile land that would support their farm operation, and provide food and work for the family. They first built homes, then churches, then schools. Their aim was similar to ours. Today, Seventh-day Baptists are moving into urban communities all across the nation, establishing homes, but why do we worship in the Sabbath Day and practice their Baptist polity as they seek to commune with the Savior, Jesus Christ?

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Today, Seventh-day Baptists are stepping out in faith, not choosing to join a church of another faith; not choosing the easier route of losing ourselves in society and not being a part of a Christian body. They are choosing to build a fellowship group or join a fellowship of their own faith with the goal of establishing a church.

Both the new and the growing, established churches are always changing. Needs of the church body dictate the changes that are instigated. Many older churches have begun building programs, class rooms, offices, baptistries, and rest rooms. This creates excitement and dedication. This church has a goal to grow.

In a new church or fellowship, finding a place for worship is a major challenge. Some churches have purchased a building vacated by another church, while other groups choose to rent a facility until the membership and the finances of the group are stabilized.

In today's economy, maintenance and utility costs are a major concern for small groups who have purchased a building.

What changes are evident when a new church or fellowship is established? Some of these changes are crucial:

1. Many Seventh-day Baptists resist moving their membership from the home church. This change is often traumatic for the individual. In our mobile society, we should be willing to move our membership from the church to church as we move from town to town. Be committed to the work of the Lord at hand.

2. Many people seeking a church home have come from a different Christian background. This means a change of attitude toward others. It will take time to disciple the new member. How this change is handled will influence the growth of the church.

3. Many new groups easily become a multi-racial community of believers. They realize that all God's children have similar needs, and that they serve the same Savior. These changes will continue. Hallelujah.

As we move into the 21st century, we should note that change is good. Change will be evident as we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we set goals for ourselves, and as we write mission statements for our churches. The world will change when we move out as God's people, seeking to fulfill His great commission.

Ernest Bond has seen many changes as a businessman, past Conference president, church deacon, and dedicated publisher.

April 1989
From the executive secretary's desk

Communication and change

by Dale D. Thornagate

"If the trumpet does not sound a clear call, who will get ready for the battle? So it is with you. Unless you speak with intelligible words with your tongue, how will anyone know what you are saying?" (1 Corinthians 14:8-9)

In the fall of 1981, this same passage of scripture appeared in an article I wrote on communication, part of a series on elements of success. I was emphasizing that communication is not simple. Yet, as Paul says, it is crucial if people are to understand what is going on.

In reflecting on my last eight years as executive secretary, I am aware of the crucial nature of effective communication in the life and work of Seventh Day Baptists. The technology of communication may change—a trumpet, a tongue, a pen, a computer. The basic principles—"a clear call" and "intelligible words"—do not change.

The Recorder technology changes

The last eight years has seen a great deal of change in the technology of transmitting information. When Scott Smith became the executive director for the American Sabbath Tract Society, we were changing from printing The Sabbath Recorder on the old Heidelberg Kord offset press to new Webb presses operated by a printing contractor. Soon after the move to Wisconsin in 1982, we changed from the old one-line Compugraphic Composer to the new computerized Varityper typesetter operated by the editor and his part-time assistant, Leanne Lippincott. Page layout and paste-up were still done by hand. In 1985, the American Sabbath Tract Society became the American Sabbath Tract and Communication Council, an agency of the General Conference. Scott Smith became the executive director of the council as well as the editor of The Sabbath Recorder.

In 1987, the council decided to change to the new technology of desktop publishing by purchasing a Macintosh computer system with PageMaker program and laser printer. Key stroking, editing, and page layout are done at computer terminals operated by the editor and the two part-time staff members.

Editorial changes

Last month we said farewell to Scott Smith after seven years of change. We thank him for bringing us into the computer age. The effects are evident in the Recorder and our other publications. He leaves a well-trained and experienced staff to support his successor. The full-color 140th anniversary issue of June 1984 and subsequent special outreach issues of November 1986, June 1987, and March 1989 are highlights in his legacy.

This month we welcome Kevin Butler as our new editor and director of communications. He comes well qualified with degrees in communications and theology, and experience in communications and pastoral service. He brings effective communication in the denomination to help the churches, boards, and agencies more effectively communicate who they are and what they can do well.

Principles don't change

Despite exciting changes in technology, and even changes in editorial vision and role, the basic principles of communication don't change.

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Christian Education

Rex Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture

The Board of Directors of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education invites you to attend the first "Rex Zwiebel Lecture on Christian Education," with speaker Dr. Wayne Rood, at 3 p.m. on Sabbath day, April 22, 1989, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred Station, New York.

The Rex Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture has been established to honor the former executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education (1956-70) and dean of the Conference School (1970-74). Secretary Zwiebel made a significant contribution to denominational and ecumenical Christian education. He served the board as director from 1944-48, 1956-70, and 1976-81.

Dr. Albert N. Rogers has written of Secretary Zwiebel: "Christian education as Rex did it was an expression of the caring and believing he had known. He practiced it in his pastoral work and in his direction of the training of young men and women preparing for our ministry. Because he had known creative Christian love, he was able to translate it for parishioners and students."

Pastor Zwiebel has served the First Hebrew and Hebrew Center, Pennsylvania, churches (1940-49); the Lost Creek and Roanoke, West Virginia, churches (1949-56): the Buffalo, New York, church (1956-70); and the Alfred Station church (1974-81).

Professor Rex was a graduate of Salem College (West Virginia): Alfred University School of Theology (New York); and Syracuse University (New York). He served as instructor in Christian Education at Salem College (1951-66) and Alfred University School of Theology (1967-83).

Sabbath School Teacher of the Year nominations

The Sabbath School Committee of the Board of Christian Education invites each Seventh Day Baptist church to nominate one Sabbath School teacher for the 1989 "Crystal Apple" award.

Pastors and superintendents have received nomination forms. The local church may substitute a letter of nomination signed by the pastor and Sabbath School superintendent. Include the nominee's name and address, church membership, current Sabbath School teaching position (or teaching experience within the church), other service to the church, and biographical information.

The 1988 Sabbath School Teacher of the Year award went to Margaret (Bond) Allen of Lost Creek, West Virginia. The 1987 recipient was Deaconess Shirley (Sorovance) Carlgill of North Lorp, Nebraska. Deacon George E. Parrish of the Battle Creek, Michi-
Changes stretch our faith

Dear Ones All,

Changes. So many of them are in our lives every day. Everything seems in a state of flux. As I make up my monthly grocery list, how much has changed from the one that I used to make. The family favored certain foods, and they appeared on each week's list. (I always tried to add something different to it for variety.) What we watch on television has changed since the set was a newcomer to the home and we thought it necessary to watch everything that was presented. Thank goodness that lasted only a few weeks and there were no children to be contaminated.

I find that my Bible study habits have changed from last year's chairman: 'l'm a servant in ministry.' As I make up my monthly prayer list for the week, one member suggested we need to pray for the soon return of our Lord—and everyone said 'Amen.'

From the national scene

Speaking of change, a communique from Church Women United was explaining some of the changes to be expressed in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. It contains "...the elimination of masculine-oriented language so far as this can be done without emphasis mine altering passages that reflect the historical situation of ancient patriarchal culture and of a masculine-oriented society." It will use "inclusive language when referring to people." The NRSV has been prepared by "an ecumenical committee of men and women who, besides representing Eastern Orthodox and Jewish scholars, also had a variety of Protestant denominations." Preparations are going forward for Church Women United's Jubilee anniversary in 1991. This is a national ecumenical movement that brings Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women together into one community of prayer, advocacy, and service. It represents a broad spectrum of religious tradition, race, age, economic status, and ethnic background, and functions through a national unit (53 state units and 1,750 local units) unified by a common faith in Christ. As independent Baptists, we do not all agree with all of their programs, but some find the ecumenical fellowship very stimulating. We look forward to hearing more about their Jubilee year, which has a Biblical and theological foundation based on the Old Testament.

From the North American Baptist Women's Union comes an article asking, "What is your ministry?" Have you ever stopped to verbalize what you see as your personal ministry, or that of your society? It might be wise to meet and brainstorm along those lines. The author of the article stated she had frequently succumbed to the notion that ministry was something she did, rather than realizing what she was of greater importance in serving God. She spoke of "knocking herself out trying to be eclesiastically holy to impress fellow Christians. Abiding in Him is of the essence. She ended with a prayer to the Lord to protect her from empty activity and impure motives, asking to be used as a servant in ministry.

From our society

Are you working on your crafts for the SCSC craft sale for Conference? We have some suggestions from last year's chairman:

- Have everything priced.
- Have well-made signs telling what the sale is for, and that the money is given on the honor system.
- Keep things simple but popular. (Anything "country" goes well now.) Keep in mind people are traveling long distances, especially this year.
- Announce the times which the sale will be open during the announcement period of the meetings, and tell how much money has been collected.

From your society

The Nortonville (Kansas) Ladies Society sent me their program booklet for the coming year, along with a most interesting report. The Key Worker spoke of two exciting meetings during the past year. One was a speaker from Stonerock Ministries explaining about their Bible study groups which meet in area towns; the other was a trip to Old Jefferson Town in Oklahoma, hastily planning to refurbish their church camps. Seems like those curtains and mattress covers are forever wearing out! Cleaning bees are also in the planning stages. One perpetual problem that seems to crop up with the camps is the fact that people grow older and can no longer take on those arduous tasks; and young families (many of whose children use the facilities) find themselves so "busy" that they have no time for it. I do wish I knew the answer. One thing that is not often dealt with is the fact that it is very difficult for the older members to cut that tie. Some, of course, are tired and can make that break, but there is a heap of memories tied up with those camps.

The world is so changed from the gentler time when I was young.

In the spirit of Christian joy,

Mary Esther Jones

and Roger Bruce Slaton

and our parents invite you to share in celebrating our wedding on Friday, the sixteenth of June Nineteen hundred and eighty-nine at seven o'clock in the evening.

Seventh Day Baptist Church

Janesville, Wisconsin

Reception immediately following ceremony in the Fellowship Hall
Greetings from Portland, Oregon!
This is the first of monthly newsletters to
be published in the Recorder to introduce
you to our lovely city and keep you in
formed of Conference '89 developments.

First of all, let's answer some of your
questions about the University of Port-
land:

Where is the campus located?
The University of Portland is situated in
the northwest region of the city, in a quiet
residential neighborhood, at 5000 N. Wil-
lamette Blvd. The campus is situated on a
bluff overlooking the Willamette River and
offers a magnificent view of the Portland
skyline, Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens.

What is campus housing like?
Four dormitory-style residence facilities
offer more than 400 single or double
rooms. All residence halls have recreation
lounges and kitchen facilities.

What is provided with the rooms?
Sheets, pillow and case, blanket, towel,
and washcloth. Bedding and etc. are ex-
changed once a week. All beds are twin
size.

Are there RV facilities on campus?
There are 45 spaces available for fully
self-contained vehicles (no water or electri-
cal hook-ups). Check the registration form
next month for other RV information.

Now, a little bit about our city:

How do we get there?
By plane: Portland International Airport
is less than 30 minutes from the University
of Portland campus.
By train: Union Station (Amtrak) is about
15 minutes away.
By car: From the Interstate 5 freeway—
take the Portland Blvd. exit, going west.

What's the weather like in August?
The average daily maximum temperature
in August is 78.1 degrees. The average
monthly precipitation is 0.82 inches, and
average relative humidity is 47%.

What is there to do in Portland?
Future host newsletters will discuss: out-
door activities, sports events, cultural
activities, shopping, world-class restaur-
ants, boating, and the Washington Park
Zoo—not to mention possible side-trips...
West to the Oregon Coast
East to the scenic Columbia Gorge
North to Seattle
South to Ashland Shakespeare Festival

Sharing the Joy in Portland...
Your '89 Host Committee is looking for-
ward to having you as our guests at the
University of Portland. Stay tuned for
another update next month!

Susan Garratt
Publicity coordinator

Evangelism bearing fruit in
Philippines

Cebu City, The Philippines, Asia: Since April 1988, we
baptized 15 souls. Eighteen people joined the SDB
Philippine Convention churches through confession of
their faith. Statistics showed 38 led to the Lord
at the Nag's church, 24 souls coming to Christ at the
Surallah church, and 26 led to Christ at the T. Padilla
Fellowship.

We have a successful
Jail Ministry at Bagong
Bahay Rehabilitation
Center (Cebu City Jail). In
our Bible studies, 34 people
are in regular attendance.
At present, we are working
for the regular Sabbath
worship at the City Jail.

Need for aid continues in Jamaica
Jamaica, West Indies: "Since the visitation of Hurri-
cane Gilbert, the Jamaica Conference has received aid
from overseas in the form of a limited quantity of food,
used clothing and some financial contribution. The
majority of the aid was obtained from Germany and
Estonia. There is now a group meeting in Tallinn,
the capital, under the leadership of (Deacon) Herman
Leo. They are doing well!"

New church in Connecticut
Greater Hartford, Connecticut, USA: Under the New
Church Development guidelines, the Waterford,
Connecticut, SDB Church is the sponsor of the New
Life SDB Church Branch Church led by Extension Pastor
James Galanaugh. A core group of seven members is
reaching out in a youth ministry at a Middlefield
school. Others are being reached in East Hartford, as
well as several Jamaican SB's in the metro-Hartford
area.

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April Newsletter from your '89 Host Committee

April 1989/17

by Leon R. Lawton
Trust God by Mark Morey

It's never been easy for me to express myself on paper. So when I was asked to write an article on faith, I was afraid that I wouldn't be able to do it.

When I took a look at what it means to have faith, I discovered that faith is belief, trust, or confidence in God. When I read this, it occurred to me that since I did not believe that I could write this article myself, I should let God write it through me.

This isn't the first time I've had to put my trust in God and allow Him to work through me. I've had to do it many times in the past. My faith in God has helped me through the bad times I had when I was a teenager. My trust in God caused me to step out in faith and join Summer Christian Service Corps after I graduated from high school. Through SCSC, I had to face many challenges that only faith could overcome.

Now I find myself trusting in God as I attend college. Every day this brings a new set of challenges to me. College will help me to apply my faith to every aspect of my life. That is the "key"—to face life's challenges without worrying about them, having faith that God will see you through this. This relates to Matthew 6:25-34. The passage tells us to trust in God for all we need, because He loves us and will provide for us. That is faith.

Milton fast tests faith by Tanya Henry

One of our youth fellowship's main fund raisers was the Planned Fast. This was when we went without food for 30 hours. It began at 12 noon on Friday (December 2, 1988) and ended at 6 p.m. on Sabbath (December 3).

On Friday evening, the youth fellowship got together and spent the rest of the time at the church. The theme this year was "Bondage." Our sponsors, Rod and Camille Henry, arranged for us to take a tour of the Rock County Jail on Friday night. After our tour, we had a Bible study on political bondage. Rod then told stories about his experiences in a simulated concentration camp when he was in the Air Force.

At about one o'clock Sabbath morning, the sponsors began yelling and screaming for us to get out of bed. They led us rudoely into the sanctuary and began asking us questions about why we were worshipping on Thursday when other Christians worship on Sunday. They continued to interrogate us regarding our once-a-week use of the sanctuary and began asking us questions about what goes on. We began to see what others might have to endure in order to hold on to their faith in Christ. They told us that they were going to shut down the building and that we would have to worship on Sunday like everyone else.

Meet the Daytona Beach Youth Fellowship

The Daytona Beach (Florida) Youth Fellowship has been pretty busy lately. With the arrival of our new pastor, we gained three new members—Andrew, Faith, and Grace Camenga.

Recent activities outside the church have included two movie nights and a presentation by Mike Worrinks, Christian evangelist and former satanist.

The youth usually take charge of the church once a year, in addition to helping other capacities within the church. Rick Crouch is responsible for the Sound/Tape Ministry of the Sabbath morning service. Faith and Grace Camenga lead Kids' Time for the younger children while the adults attend Sabbath eve vespers. Plans for the future include fund raisers and a retreat in the spring.

The book doesn't just have neat ideas, though. There are also sections dedicated to exploring the why behind social action, and some practical ideas for preparing your group for service. There's even a list of agencies and suggestions for further reading in the back of the book.

If your group wants to "reach out and touch someone," here's some help to do it right! You may borrow the book from the Board of Christian Education Youth Library for up to one month. For more information on this—or any other book—contact the Director of Youth Ministry.

The lesson in this is about as direct as it gets. God wants to supply our needs whether they are as simple as our daily bread or as "difficult" as healing our bodies. In order for this to happen, we must have faith. Are you trusting in God? Do you believe that God can do the impossible? Take joy in the knowledge that God is willing and able to give us what we need. All we need to do is have faith and ask Him for it.
The Denominational Budget...
Our partnership in ministry

How is the money being used?

SDBs reach 1988 budget goal
1989 offers new opportunities

Did you notice in the February SR that the SDB Budget Committee went over the top? Seventh Day Baptists oversubscribed the Denominational Budget in 1988, raising more than the $794,433 goal from current giving receipts. It is the first time since 1979 that the budget goal has been reached, and only the third time in the past 15 years. The $794,433 received (101% of the goal) is the highest number of dollars ever contributed toward the budget.

Focus on growth: discipleship
"When the budget was last raised ($501,762 toward the $502,915 goal in 1979-1980), we had just combined the agency executives and at-large representatives into a new General Council, and we were embarking on a Decade of Discipleship," Executive Secretary Throgmorton observes. "That was a culmination of the earliest Commission to Growth in 1976 and 1977, the other two years when we oversubscribed the budget; 105% and 103%. It was then that we actually began planning new churches and reaching out in new ways. The experience of the 1980s, reflected in several years of budget shortfall, demonstrates that we still had much to learn about how to reach out and grow, how to access the priorities, and how to best allocate the resources. We learned we have to learn from the experience. We have also accomplished much. When budget and non-budget giving is combined, 1983-1984 stand as the years of highest giving—two years we moved and paid for our new denominational offices; no small accomplishment in our preparing to reach out.

"Giving, of course, tells only a portion of the story. Yet I interpret this giving as evidence of a new wind blowing. I believe it represents a renewed assurance and a revived vision of who we are and where we are committed to go as Seventh Day Baptists."

1989 goal: 5% increase
Last August, General Conference adopted a budget of $794,433 for 1989. Of that, $599,601 is to come from current giving, a 5% increase over the 1988 budget, a 4.3% increase over 1988 actual giving. The remainder of the budget income comes from investments, talent, and services.

Dynamic budget increases are in the executive secretary's travel for church contacts, the design and writing of a preschool Nurture Packet to complete the Sabbath Nurture Series, new church development, support of four additional seminary students, and increased cost of the Summer Christian Service Corps program.

Busy times in Westerly

The fall and early winter have proven to be a busy and rewarding time for the members and friends of the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, Rhode Island.

Sabbath School Promotion Day was held in September. The main feature of this promotion day was a presentation by Joy-O Loos. Children present were given balloons depicting Jonah and the whale. At the end of the program, 60 balloons were released with the address of our church attached. Our church is now completely accessible to the handicapped. Due to a generous gift to the church, we built an access ramp to the handicapped. Room dividers have been added in the fellowship hall that allow for four additional Sabbath School rooms.

The fall and early winter have been especially meaningful by advent presentations by Barbara Barber, which included the lighting of the advent candles.

Your dollar given to the SDB Budget supports many kinds of ministry: publications, education, training of pastors, youth programs, The Sabbath Recorder, support of new churches, annual conferences, overseas missions, and more.

We have truly had a very blessed fall and early winter, and we extend greetings to all of our Seventh Day Baptist friends around the world.

First row—Michelle Whitehead, Desarae La France, Jennifer Kryszk, Marybeth Cousens, Robert Cunniff
Second row—Sherri Kryszk, Denise Fallon, Rachel Brugier, Jennifer Barker, Jeannine Rokn, Brian Barber
Third row—Rhita Quail, Heather Thorne, Juliana Greco, Leon Loux, Terri Duval

Director—Kathy Miller

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The musical, Coby IV: God Uses Kids!, was presented in November by our young people. We were fortunate to have Mary Jane McPherson from the Basin Valley, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church be our guest director for this performance.

Also in November, our church hosted the Community Thanksgiving Service. This service is sponsored by the Western-Sawcatuck Area Clergy Association. The Western Community Chorus provided the special music. Barbara Barber delivered the children's message with one of her special chalk talks. The sanctuary was nearly full for this service, and there was a real spirit of fellowship. As part of our church participation in WARM, Western Area Food and Meals, our church opened on every Sunday night to the homeless of the area. Six other local churches each take a different night of the week. A meal is provided in the evening as well as overnight lodging at the church. Breakfast is also provided on Monday morning. Mary Harris is the captain that supervises our shelter night and is our representative to WARM. There have been 11-20 people for the supper meal and an average of four to ten people overnight each week since the cold weather has started. The church was also open on Christmas Day as part of this ministry.

Elizabeth Crane continues to sign all of our worship services for the hearing impaired.

Christmas was made especially meaningful by advent presentations by Barbara Barber, which included the lighting of the advent candles. A hand presentation was a part of the annual Sabbath School program this year. Directed by Kathy Miller, this group consisted of 31 musos of all ages and included beginners to more advanced musicians. With only one exception, all of the members of the band attend our church.

The annual Candlelight Service was held on December 19. The senior choir, under the direction of Althea Reed, presented a program of choral music augmented by vocal solos, a trumpet solo, a women's double trio, congregational singing, and readings. We have truly had a very blessed fall and early winter, and we extend greetings to all of our Seventh Day Baptist friends around the world.
Alfred SDB Church reports on changes

The Alfred (New York) Seventh Day Baptist Church has gone on record as strongly opposed to the use of land in Allegany County for a nuclear waste dump. A similar resolution has been adopted by the Union University Church, which shares the use of the church building for its services. Rev. Leon Wheeler and family are now living at their new home on Hemlock Hill Road, Alfred Station, NY 14802. Church mail can be directed to P.O. Box 821, Alfred, NY 14802.

The Wheeler home was erected this fall using pre-cut logs by the use of land in Allegany County. The Wheeler home was erected on the site of a previous church building that was razed due to structural damage.

Nieuwstraten ordained in Haarlem

Prita A. Nieuwstraten, a member and a delegate of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Haarlem, the Netherlands, was ordained during the morning service on October 8, 1988.

Most of all Seventh Day Baptist members of the church in Haarlem, Amsterdam and the Hague, and all pastors from other neighbor churches in Haarlem, were in attendance. The morning message theme, "The end of all things is at hand" (1 Peter 4:7-11), and the ordination service, which was entitled, "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want," were given by Pastor J.A. Nieuwstraten. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all of the congregation and guests in the church.

Pastor P.A. Nieuwstraten is the son of Pastor J.A. Nieuwstraten. He and his wife, Manola, have two children—Natasha and Jaap, ages 11 and five. We at Haarlem are very thankful to have our two pastors.

Hans Sijman
International secretary
Conference of SDBs in the Netherlands

Shiloh church maintains its ministry

The Shiloh (New Jersey) church continues to be without a shepherd for its flock, but each one continues to do their part to keep the regular activities running smoothly.

We have been richly blessed by visiting ministers from our local area. During December, Rev. A.D. McKinzie supplied the pulpit for us. Each Sabbath he lit an Advent candle and presented a Christmas message. On Christmas eve, the chancel choir presented a cantata, "Gloria In Excelsis Deo" by Joe E. Parks, followed by a candlelight service.

On February 11, the Marlboro and Shiloh young people conducted the morning worship service as the congregations met together. Following Sabbath School, everyone enjoyed a fellowship dinner. Work bees are being held at the parsonage on Sundays in preparation for our new minister.

Births

Anderson—A daughter, Beth Laurie Anderson, was born to Dean and Laurie Anderson of Denver, CO, on September 18, 1988.

Malone—A son, Joshua William Malone, was born to Tony and Angie Malone of Cliftonville, TN, on October 2, 1988.

Lee—A daughter, Kristen Marie Lee, was born to L.B. and Angie Lee of Mira Loma, CA, on January 11, 1989.

Cox—A daughter, Brittaney Michelle Cox, was born to Michael and Teresa Cox of Denver, CO, on October 22, 1988.

Bejani—A son, Matthew Eli Bejani, was born to Renod and Denise Bejani of Riverside, CA, on December 15, 1988.

Bennette—A son, Daniel Jay Bennette was born to Bob and Donna (Pergerson) Bennette on January 16, 1989, in Bridge, NJ.

Owen—A daughter, Nicole Marie, was born to Paul III and Jan Owen of Tujunga, CA, on January 2, 1989.


Dubois—A daughter, Ariel Marie Dubois, was born to Ron and Cindy (Dubois) Dubois on January 30, 1989.

Goodrich—A daughter, Kaitri Goodrich, was born to James and Helen (Hyde) Goodrich of North Lous, NE, on January 31, 1989, in Grand Island, NE.

Marriages

Clarke-McElvene—George Douglas Clarke and Jeannette Lee McElvene were married on May 22, 1988, in the yard of her parents' home at Pamplico, South Carolina. His father, Rev. David S. Clarke, performed the ceremony.

Rasmussen-White—John E. Rasmussen and Eleanor A. White were united in marriage on May 28, 1988, at Mesa Memorial Baptist Church, where the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church now meets, Boulder, CO. Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiated.


Wells-Pruden—Willard E. Wells and Linda T. Pruden were united in marriage on October 1, 1988, at the second meeting house of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, Boulder, CO. Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiated.

Kidder-Schuh—Annemarie Schuh and David Kidder were united in marriage on December 17, 1988, at the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in Battle Creek, MI, with Pastor George D. Calhoun officiating.

Mesaros-Carmichael—Larry Mesaros and Suzanne Jones Carmichael were united in marriage on September 22, 1988, in Lexington, KY. Suzanne is a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Battle Creek, MI.
Accessions

Alfred Station, NY
Joining by Letter
Rebecca I. Schweigart

Battle Creek, MI
Joining after Testimony
Loeis McNutt
Pearl McNutt
Patricia Spells

Bay Area, CA
Joining after Testimony
Michael Peters
Nicole Peters

Blountville, TN
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Kathy Tyson Dillon

Blountville, TN
Joining after Testimony
Cheryl Crasey
Eddy Crasey
Joseph Dillon

Boulder, CO
Joining after Testimony
Bob Cee

Joining by Letter
Elmer Anderson
Theona Anderson
Richard Steele
Virginia Steele
Lloyd Cooi
Marguerite Cooi
Terry Fisher

Chattua, MS
Joining after Testimony
Russell Austin
Lori Austin

Denver, CO
Joining after Testimony
Jan Bossrell
Irwin Fischer
Jill Fischer

Doniphon, MO
Joining after Testimony
Aaron Case
Alma Case

Hebron, PA
Joining after Testimony
Edna Gaines

Lakeside City, TX
(Dallas/Fort Worth Branch Church)
Joining after Testimony
W. L. "Lou" Acker
Robert Zeigler
Deborah (Dee) Zeigler

North Little Genese, NY
Joining after Baptism
Tiffany Haynack
Barbara McDonald
JoEllen McDonald
Darlene Pierce

Los Angeles, CA
Southwest Los Angeles Branch Church
Joining after Testimony
Clara Salyers
Marea Clarke
Rose Grandson

Los Angeles, CA
(Primera Iglesia Hispana del Septimo Dia)
Joining after Baptism
Carmen Martinez
Miguel A. Martinez

Mariania Leusus

New Auburn, WI
Joining after Testimony
Inez Boggs

North Loop, NE
Joining after Testimony
Kyle Chute
Amanda Williams
Heather Van Horn
Timthea Williams

Jennifer Rysun
Rebecca Davis
Jennifer Davis

Richburg, NY
Joining by Letter
Andrew J. Camenga

San Gabriel, CA
Joining after Baptism
Ben Yelin
Kernie Jean Yelin

San Gabriel, CA
Joining after Testimony
Merle Aschraft
Blanche Ashcraft
Dennis Gordon
Diane Gordon
Dennis Gordon (son) Dolley Gordon
Daria Gordon

Joined by Letter
Steven Welch

Texarkana, AR
Joining after Testimony
Sharon Hammond

Joined by Letter
Merline Murray

Wichita Falls, TX
Joining after Testimony
Ronald Rex Stacey
Malinda Ralls

Notice of Eastern Association meeting

The Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will meet May 19-21, 1989, in Shiloah, New Jersey, with Jeffrey Sheppard presiding. The theme will be “The Vision of Prayer,” with worship services on Friday evening, Sabbath morning, Sabbath afternoon, and Sabbath evening emphasizing prayer for the church, the family, missions, and the nation.

If you would like to attend, please notify Shiloah Church Clerk. Arah Mae Sheppard, Route 3, Box 311, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 so that arrangements can be made for housing and meals.

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North.—Anna Crofoot North died on June 4, 1988, at the Robert Wood Johnson Nursing Home, Plainfield, New Jersey.

Anna was born in Shanghai, China, on July 5, 1901, where she lived with her parents until they returned to the United States. She graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, New York, and returned to Shanghai where she taught at the Seventh Day Baptist Mission High School. She was forced to leave the country and return to the United States when the Communists took over China.

Anna was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Plainfield for many years, and served in many offices of the church and its auxiliaries. She was also very active in Church Women Unite!, an interdenominational organization in Plainfield. She married Harrison North, who preceded her in death. Anna is survived by one son, Charles H.; one daughter, Mrs. John V., and 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Alfred, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church on October 29, 1988. Mary Clare, her widow, lives in Burlington, Indiana.

Anna was employed for many years by the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association, and was a veteran of the Second World War, European Theatre.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by two daughters, Beth Casteldi of Boulder, Colorado, and Leon of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, and four great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by Rev. Joes A. Samuels, JS.

Clarke.—Dor Waldo Clarke died on October 17, 1988, at the Veterans Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, where he had been a patient for about two weeks.

A memorial service was held at the Alfred, New York, Seventh Day Baptist Church on October 29, 1988. Mary Clare, his wife, lives in Merrillville, Indiana.

Don was employed for many years by the Alfred Mutual Savings and Loan Association, and was a veteran of the Second World War, European Theatre.

In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by two daughters, Beth Casteldi of Boulder, Colorado, and Leon of Bridgewater, New Jersey, and seven great-grandchildren.

Hummel.—Terry D. Hummel, the husband of Wanda (Lederer) Hummel, died on September 6, 1988, at their home in Longmont, Colorado, at the age of 43.

Terry was born on August 2, 1945, to Merith Hutzenberger and Brien (Westgate) Hutzenberger in Marion, Indiana. He moved to Boulder, Colorado, in 1961, where he and Wanda were married in 1970.

Terry is survived by his wife, Wanda; a son, Larry; and a stepdaughter, Deanne. He also survived by his mother, three brothers, two sisters, and three grandchildren, all of Longmont. He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services were held on September 9, 1988, at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, with Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiating. Internment was at the Foothills Gardens of Memory.

Drake.—Leon F. Drake, 75, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, died on November 16, 1988, in Charles Cole Memorial Hospital, Coudersport, after a short illness.

Born on April 23, 1913, in the town of Bolivar, New York, he was a son of Hal L. and Nettie L. (Cowles) Drake. On April 21, 1935, in Friendship, New York, he married the former Elizabeth Burrows, who survives.

Drake was a 1930 graduate of Shinglehouse High School and attended Salem College, Salem, West Virginia. He was a self-employed dairy farmer and was employed by Portville Agway.

Drake was a member and trustee of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Richburg, New York, had been a committeeman for the former GLF and Agway, and was a school board director for the former Sharon Township School District. Surviving besides his wife is a son, Denver D. of Shinglehouse; four daughters, Nettie Sue Nichols and Carman J. Drake of Shinglehouse; Fawzia D. DeLong of Bristol, West Virginia, and Rachel E. Bollinger of York, Pennsylvania; and nine grandchildren, all of Wellsville, New York. Alice C. Bauman of Hanover, Pennsylvania, and Faith M. Young of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, are two great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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was predeceased by a sister.  
Funeral services were held at East Sharon Cemetery, with Rev. Stephen F. Saunders officiating.

**Bridgeport**—Howard J. Bridgens was born in Oyster Bay, Long Island, New York, on August 10, 1902, and died in Orange City, Florida, on January 10, 1989.  He spent most of his working years in the area of Plainfield, New Jersey, where he was employed as a printer in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House. Retiring from that position, he and his wife, Zelpha, moved to the DaLand area of Florida in 1963. On July 31, 1965, he was received into membership by baptism in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Florida, where he remained a faithful member until confined to his home by illness the past two years.

He is survived by his wife, Zelpha; a sister, Virginia Brown; and five grandchildren. His only son preceded him in death. Funeral services were conducted at the Chapel of the Lankford Funeral Home in Orange City, with burial in the local Hollywood Cemetery on January 13, 1989. Rev. Leon M. Malby, a good friend since 1953, was in charge of the service. Zelpha continues to live at their home in Orange City. IM

**Swinney**—Selena (Beckwith) Swinney, 83, of Niantic, Connecticut, died on January 19, 1989, at Green tree Manor Convalescent Home in Waterford, Connecticut. A native of Niantic, she was born on June 25, 1905, the daughter of Herman B. and Josephine (Congdon) Beckwith. A resident most of her life, she was a member of the Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church. She joined the church on January 9, 1926, after her marriage to Morton R. Swinney on October 8, 1925. She served as Deaconess and member of the Women's Society for many years. Her gentle and loving spirit made her an inspiration to all who knew her. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends. We are sure her soft voice will be heard among the angels.

Besides her husband, survivors include a daughter, Ellen Burnett of Niantic; three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the East Lyme Funeral Home of Alderson-Prentis. Private burial services were conducted in the First Hopkinton (Rhode Island) Cemetery.

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**Kevin's Corner**

My life has seen more changes in the last few months than you've just seen in The Sabbath Recorder. A new baby just before the new year, a new ministry, new home, and many, many new challenges and decisions have pushed my stress chart to the limit. I thank the Lord that His mercies are new every morning! Notice I didn't say, "new job." Before I even set foot in my new office, I had heard the moans: "There goes another pastor!" I realize the shortage of "a few, good men," and if your church has no leader, I can easily call it a crisis situation.

But allow me to set the record straight. I left one church, but am now able to be in all of them. I am now on call to help each of you with your communication needs. "Pray constantly to be used to His glory, to serve His people with openness and excellence. This is a ministry. I am a minister. Let's work together to advance His Kingdom."

Recent reflections

As an upstart college student, I remember picking up The Sabbath Recorder from the Davis' coffee table, looking at John Bevis' editorials, and smiling boldly, "I could do that!" Well, here's my chance to find out.

I am so grateful to my predecessors—all 14 of them—but especially Scott Smith. His modernizing the publishing efforts at the Center has made my work much smoother. I'm also thankful for his foresight in training an excellent pair of workers. These two ladies have been so pliable and harmonious amidst all this change, that you could call the staff regular "camille-leanne." Scott was there to help as we unloaded our truck in Madison. He helped produce our church's outreach tract. He could envision a printed piece before others even gave it a second thought. I pray that some of his creativity and skill will transmit from this keyboard to me. And do you believe that God has a good sense of irony? At Conference last year, a month after his resignation and no replacement in sight, Scott announced his keen anticipation to see what the new editor might do with the Recorder—right after I handed him the award plaque.

So, Scott, here's 8R whole number 8,729 and my number one. My thanks to you and all those who helped lay a firm foundation.

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number of those who know how to excuse his lack in exceedingly small." The second reason was the continued pressure to publish in the urban area of New York City where news was fresher, there was more stimulation from contacts with other religious leaders and men of influence, and they were closer to needed supplies, equipment, and transportation.

**The Sabbath Recorder**

A change of location from New York City gave rise to the birth of The Sabbath Recorder, which, for nearly a century and a half has been recognized as the communicative voice of the denomination. With the implementation of a unified budget in the early 20th century, Conference assumed part of the financial responsibility, but for most of its years, ownership and management has rested either with individuals or with a society.

In 1844, 11 individuals in the metropolitan New York area contributed $50 a piece to begin a new publication. The first issue of The Sabbath Recorder was dated June 14, 1844, with George B. Utter as the editor and financial agent. In 1845, some felt that the publication needed broader representation, and so the following year the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing Society was organized with the responsibility for the publication transferred to this body. Major responsibility, however, continued to rest with Utter until he retired in 1857. A committee appointed by the society published the paper until financial difficulties brought on by delinquency of subscribers and Civil War economic problems led to the decision in 1862 to ask the former editor, George B. Utter, to again assume the editing. From his publishing house in Westerly, Rhode Island, he continued as editor, publisher and proprietor until June 1872, making 25 years of service as editor. When a new publishing house was established in 1872 at Alfred, New York, by the American Sabbath Baptist Society, The Sabbath Recorder was published under its auspices. In 1895, the publishing house was moved to Plainfield, New Jersey, in order to place it nearer to the location of the Tract Society offices in New York City. For over 80 years, the Recorder was published in Plainfield by the Tract Society. With the moving of the Seventh Day Baptist Center to Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1982, publication was again moved, but the editing and management remained with a relocated Tract Society until that body was merged in 1986 with General Conference.

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Dedicated to

Dr. Howard E. Butler

A man who has pursued excellence -and gained it.

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ONE NATION UNDER PRESSURE

THERE'S NO QUESTION our country is facing pressure on all sides. Economic instability, political unrest, moral and spiritual decay. (To name a few.) Forces from within and without are threatening the principles and freedoms that we as Christians value so highly.

YOU HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY to pray for our nation and mobilize others to join you in prayer. What could be more powerful than millions of Americans seeking God's strength and guidance through fasting, repentance and prayer for our nation and leaders?

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER was established in 1952 following the tradition of our forefathers. This past May President Reagan signed a bill, which passed unanimously through Congress, making the first Thursday of every May the National Day of Prayer.

MAY 4, 1989, marks the 37th consecutive National Day of Prayer and its first year as a commemorative date on our national calendar. Mark your calendar now. Coordinate with others to plan the opening of church doors for prayer, a prayer breakfast with government officials or a rally on your state capitol's steps.

Use your influence to help call all Americans to embrace one of our greatest freedoms—TO PRAY.