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Rev. B. John V. Rao
A memoir
by his son, B. Kishor Kumar

Born in 1932 at Nellore in Andhra Pradesh, India, Rev. B. John V. Rao, late executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, had his formal education in the home-town. Hailing from a God-worshipping family, he had, from early in life, shown keen interest in religion and its philosophy, and that interest had led him through the years to probe deep into all the world major religions and their respective philosophies and merits. For years, he studied and absorbed what each religion had to say about God. The more he studied, the more his appetite to know the truth never seemed to be satisfied. Those gradually flowered itself so enchantingly and adoringly, enveloping him, body and soul.

Armed with the Word of God he plunged into the healing without any care for personal comforts, showing the people the Real Way to the Kingdom. Then only then, he realized was the only way to reach the Kingdom. He realized he was a Christian. His troubles and travails instantly vanished.

He believed in the Light, in Christ, and was sure the Lord had given him a purpose, a duty, the duty of serving the Redeemer in winning the millions and millions of "abandoned and deserted" souls for Him. This belief, his duty, is so profound and driving, it saw him leave the home and friends, and against many odds go alone unto the world to dedicate himself to the Cause.

By and by, he also realized he had to master the Scriptures and he mastered them. Armed with the Word of God he plunged into the "Movement," preaching, teaching and healing without any care for personal comforts, showing the people the Real Way to the Goal. He never cared the ridicule and he loved his detractors. He never bore any ill will nor malediction for anybody as he never believed in personal considerations. Christ was his Father and the world was his brother. He was one of the true Sabbath-keepers.

As the Executive Secretary to the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, he served for almost 30 years the Mission, and with relentless efforts against so many hurdles saw it grow to its present stature. His concern and efforts for the material and spiritual welfare of the brethren are well-known and recognized.

What homage one could pay when one lived the Bible, leaving an undeletable mark as a Christian.

He is survived by his wife and five children.
May his soul rest in Christ.

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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 men. The Bible is our authority both for our worship. We observe the seventh day (Saturday) be kept holy as the day of worship. We observe the seventh day of the week (Saturday) as God's Holy Day as an act of loving obedience—not 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 little bit different. If you would like more information write: Seventh Day Baptist Center, 3120 Kennedy Road, PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547-1678

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The Psalms as a model for worship
by Paul Manuel

All worship experiences are not created equal. Could the difference be in the service? It may be lively, well-organized, and easily direct our attention to God; or it may be dull, disjointed, and fail even to hold our attention, much less focus it.

At other times, could the difference be in us, the worshipers? We may be aware of God’s involvement in our lives and anxious to express our praise, or we may be so distracted by our activities and responsibilities that we give God little thought. The time we set aside for worship is more than devotional.

Second, what is worship? More for praising God relate to the way we express our gratitude for God’s character and works. The place to look for answers is in the devotional life of God’s people. The psalms contain specific instructions for worship and provide some answers to our two questions.

**Hymn psalm**

The psalmist begins with praise and continues in praise for the rest of his life (vs. 1, 2 NIV).

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.

Unlike the writer of Psalm 146, however, this psalmist’s praise is for something specific and personal that God has done (v. 3).

When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stout-hearted.

He describes how God is worthy of such devotion because of the way worship God: life is great. God has done something particularly wonderful. This type of psalm contains declarative praise for one of God’s specific acts.

Psalm 138 is an example of the thanksgiving type. As in Psalm 146, the writer of this psalm begins by stating his intention to praise (vs. 1, 2).

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Psalm 146 is an example of the hymn type. The writer begins with prayer and intends to continue in praise for the rest of his life (vs. 1, 2 NIV).

Praise the Lord; ... I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

He helps His people, no matter what their condition (vs. 7-9). Men, even important men (“princes”), will die and “their plans come to nothing” (vs. 3, 4). But God will never die, and His plans will never fail (vs. 5, 6, 10).

The Lo... remains faithful forever.

...The Lord reigns forever.

Psalm 10 is a model for the other psalms and provides some answers to our two questions.

**Thanksgiving psalm**

The Thanksgiving psalm suggests the second reason we may worship God:

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Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.

The writer concludes by expressing the way his experience has strengthened his faith (v. 8).

The Lo... will fulfills his purpose for me; your love, O Lord, endures forever.

Lament psalm

The lament psalm suggests the third reason we may worship God:

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Worship at the Center

Wednesday might be “Prince Spaghetti Day” in some parts of the country, but it’s chapel day at the SDB Center in Janesville.

Every Wednesday morning at 8:30 CDT, staff members take turns in leading out in songs and scripture, thoughts and challenges. We are also privileged to pray for special concerns of the staff family and your church.

If you would like to have us pray for your church and ministry, please contact the Center. Then, be assured that you will be remembered in a special way on Wednesday morning.

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Music in worship
by Don Sanford, historian

Seventh Day Baptists have been a singing people. A few months ago, I ran across a doctor whom I had met in doctor-clergy affairs, and he commented, "Oh, you are from the church in Milton which has such good singers." Visitors at various gatherings where the Doxology has been sung as a grace have marveled at the four-part harmony which seems only natural for us. When Carl George was a denominational consultant on church growth, he commented on music as an asset which we ought to utilize more fully.

One of the first official recognitions of the place of hymns by General Conference was in 1824.

Many Baptists rejected the hymn as a part of worship.

When Conference appointed a committee consisting of William B. Maxson, Eli S. Bailey, and Henry Clarke to make a selection of hymns for church use, and invited each church to suggest choices. This resulted in the publication of the 1826 book, Psalms and Hymns. A second, pocket-sized edition with some new selections, was published in 1832.

In 1846, Conference approved work on the compilation of a new selection of hymns. Christian Stennett went through several reprints. These early editions contained only the words with a meter designation. To encourage greater use of singing in the worship services, a committee was appointed in 1867 to see what could be done either in publishing a hymnal with tunes, or find a standard work which could be "amended and adopted for our needs." More than ten years later, the committee agreed on a hymnal which could be adapted "with few expungations and additions." This Praise Book was reprinted by George Utter and carried the additional words, "Recommended for use in Seventh Day Baptist Churches by a committee of General Conference." Although the singing of hymns has been a part of worship for centuries, there was a time when many Baptists rejected the hymn as a part of worship. H. Leon MacBeth, in his book, The Baptist Heritage, gives seven reasons for the reluctance of early English Baptists to use hymns in their worship.

One was the concept of the complete spontaneity in worship, so that individuals could respond to God as the Spirit might lead. At any moment, a worshipper might be given a doctrine or an inspiration to share. In part, this was a reaction to the liturgical worship of Catholics and the Church of England with their books of prayer. Both Jon Smyth and Thomas Helwys, often considered the founders of the Baptists, insisted that one could not pray out of a book, but that all prayer and praise must come directly from the heart. "Modern worship practices of Baptists, with hymns, printed order of worship, Scripture readings and choral responses all determined in advance, would have been unthinkable to early Baptists," writes MacBeth.

There was also a fear of causing undue attention to Baptist meeting places. Separatist worship was illegal, and group singing would alert passersby that an unlawful meeting was in progress. With the coming of the Commonwealth in 1650, such worship was prohibited and the hymn became a part of many of the services, particularly important in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Much of the early hymn singing would be foreign to many of our churches today. No musical instruments were allowed, and in some churches any singing had to be done by a man, for women were to remain silent in worship. Singing was often limited to the psalms, for no songs of "human composition" could be allowed.

Benjamin Keach, a close friend of Joseph Stennett, is often credited with bringing congregational singing to Baptist churches. As early as 1640, he had written a children's primer which included songs. By 1666, he had published two hymnals with about four hundred original hymns. Hugh Martin, in the Baptist Quarterly, commented that Keach's hymns are best forgotten, but for his long campaign to establish hymn singing in our churches he deserves our cordial thanks.

So to Keach, and the Stennets, and a host of others who have given us a heritage of hymns and musical forms of worship, we do give our cordial thanks. We sing our praise to God and make sweet harmony to His glory. 


One year ago--May 1988

Missionary Thomas McEwen begins widespread literature distribution in Finland.

Good participation and reports from "Our Near-by Mission" Area Spiritual Workshops.

Tribute paid to Gerhard Class, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, killed in car accident.

Five years ago--May 1984

Daytona Beach, Florida, church celebrates 100 years of service to the community.

William Shobe ordination reported.

Anna North presented with the Valiant Woman Award by the Plainfield, New Jersey unit of Church Women United. Historical Society updates it constitution.

Ten years ago--May 1979

Faith and Order committee presents theme section on SDBs distinctive (later becomes a booklet).

Ronald H.P. Barron begins full-time ministry in Auckland, New Zealand.

General Council plans Decade of Discipleship.

Ken Burdick called to ordination by North Jersey SDB Church.

Steve Crouch accepts call to Hebron, Pennsylvania/ Little Genese, New York churches.

...where are we headed?

Pray...

- for your neighborhood mission work
- that your church may truly serve your community
- for a new decade of real discipleship
- for a fruitful Sabbath Emphasis Day
- for your denominational leaders
- that your church facility be used wisely
- for spiritual revival

Sharing the Joy of the Sabbath
Fellowship For All
Sabbath Emphasis Day
May 20, 1989
Responding to God in worship
by Russell Johnson

Like learning to express love to a spouse, worship takes meditation, study, and even woefully failed attempts before adequate expression can be found.

The objective of worship is to go beyond making an impression on our minds. Worship should impress the presence of Christ on our souls, and lead to the joyous confession that Jesus is Lord. The result is a mixture of joyous delight and reverence. Paul speaks of his understanding that each person of the church come prepared to contribute a hymn, a word of instruction, a tongue or an interpretation and faith can give such a "sacrifice of praise" or offer such "fruit of the lips" to God. The role of the worshiper is to encourage, exhort, admonish, strengthen, or broaden what we are to express through our lives. It challenges every believer to open new areas of obedience and service for Christ. But the sermon is not the automatic pinnacle of praise in worship.

The worshiper is one who is attentive to hear God's voice, is eager to respond to the Word of God at worship time, and continues on into daily application of what has been understood. The worshiper is one who cares more about loving obedience than living another day in grieving God. He readily confesses and does not hide the failure and sin that God knows is hidden even in thoughts.

The worshiper is convinced of God's exaltation above everything.

Church development field worker

The Missionary Society plans to extend its field ministries under the NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT guidelines in 1990. This will replace the Director of Extension ministry but carry over some of this responsibility.

The Society is prayerfully seeking a Church Development Field Worker to begin ministry January 1, 1990. A proposed Job Description has been prepared and is available from the board office. 308 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, RI 02891. Applications should be received by June 15, 1989.

Those who feel led to serve in this position should contact the board office. If readers have an individual they believe could best fill this role, their suggestions would also be welcomed.

We seek the prayer support of every reader in this need.

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The President's Page

Share the joy of Christian fellowship
by Luan Ellis

The Joy of Christian Fellowship!
Do Seventh Day Baptists really need to talk about the joy of Christian fellowship? After having made several trips around the United States and Canada this year, I know that Seventh Day Baptists do share this special joy. For many of us, all of Sabbath day is spent at church in fellowship. It may be the only time some people can get together. What a great way to spend God's day.

I feel the ultimate way for Seventh Day Baptists to experience and share the joy of Christian fellowship is to attend the General Conference meetings. Why do many SDBs give up their vacation time to spend a week at Conference?

Talents and Sharing Them, Youth, Young Adults, Financial Planning for Christians, and maybe more! Bible study, morning and evening worship, special music selections, the Conference choir, and this year, the band—so much is offered. You will receive as much from attending Conference as you are willing to give of yourself.

What about the place of our youth at Conference? Can you remember what you did at Conference when you were a teenager? What wonderful memories I have. Those memories are not of business meetings I attended (I do remember the evening worship services had a special meaning for me.) But what I remember most is the fellowship I had with the other young people. You can’t spend several Pre-Con and Conferences with people like Barbara Crandall, Barbara Cruzan, Janet VanHorn without making wonderful lasting friendships. I am reminded—whenever we get a phone bill—of the friendships our children have made all across the United States. We’re willing to pay the price to help keep those friendships from waning.

Sometimes we get discouraged because we feel the young people at Conference are not participating enough in the program. I strongly agree that we need to encourage them to participate as much as possible, we need to remember that if we can keep their interest, they’ll come back another year, and the more they keep coming, the more they’ll participate. If they don’t come at all we won’t be able to get them interested in the workings of the denomination. The Youth Committee of the Board of Christian Education and the General Council have been discussing ways to involve the youth in the Conference Program. We’re going to try something new this year. Hope it will help.

I hope you can all come to Portland this August. I am looking forward to seeing many of my old friends and meeting many new ones. I would like to suggest that you spend meal time with someone you would like to get to know better. That doesn’t mean we can’t eat an occasional meal with Barb and Dale. We need to spend time with our old friends, too. See if you can get along with the members of your local church. We need to spend time with our church friends, too. See if you can go to a a local church and get to know someone there. See you there to Share the Joy of Christian Fellowship.

The Joy of Christian Fellowship: Romans 15:13

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Energizing servant leaders

by Dale D. Thornage

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20: 26-28)

The first weekend in April was the culmination of a highly emotional and energizing experience for me. It also ended six weeks of hard work for the 17 students enrolled in the latest module of the Training In Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) program. During this module on Church Administration and Leadership, I corresponded weekly with Engstrom's, Church Administration and Leadership, a Christian organization from Chicago.

The students became familiar with Robert Dale, in his book Minister as Leader, some basic principles of servant leadership during the six weeks seminar. The students read five books and provided written responses to daily questions contained in the module workbook. From the book Pursuit of Excellence, by former president of World Vision, Ted Engstrom, the students learned about the characteristics of the Christian lifestyle. They were encouraged to stretch themselves, give up small ambitions and pursue excellence in their daily activities. Engstrom suggests these lifestyle standards for all Christians, not just leaders.

The students learned about management principles in the Christian organization from Engstrom's, The Making of a Christian Leader. Engstrom teaches that when leaders build on practice and experience, they cultivate qualities and personal traits that make good managers. This book is a good blend of scriptural principles and managerial science.

Robert Dale, in his book Ministers as Leaders, teaches leadership styles, follower styles, and different atmospheres within the church that provide for effective organizations. The students were asked to examine their own leadership style and effectiveness.

One of the textbooks was a how-to guide. Manfred Holbe's Clergy Desk Book provided practical ideas for the day-to-day operation of the church program.

More worship in China

Shanghai, China, Asia: A second regular worship service is now being held in Shanghai each Sabbath morning, reports Bro. James Chang. This is at the old Methodist Church and is nondenominational in character. It was also good to learn that Elizabeth Crandall Riley, a niece of the late Dr. Grace I. Crandall, a China SDB missionary, visited Shanghai in March.

Thanks for help—more needed

Jamaica, West Indies: How would you feel arriving at your church building on Sabbath and being able to see the sun and sky overhead through broken beams (or no roof beams at all)? Such is the experience of many brethren in our sister churches in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Conference secretary, Prudence Robinson, wrote in February: "Two of the churches which lost their roofs, Pont Hill and Wakefield, had them replaced. Luna is still accumulating funds to restore theirs. We understand Red Cross needs to start building from the foundation. The Foundation continues to express profound thanks and sincere gratitude to all for the assistance given after the onslaught of Hurricane Gilbert (in Sept. 1988)."

India executive dies

Nellore, India, Asia: Rev. B. John V. Rao, founding pastor and the Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of India, passed away on February 9 while serving on a field journey. Many met him when he was present at the 1986 session of the SDB World Federation and Conference at Worcester, Massachusetts. A memorial service was held in the SDB Chapel in Nellore with representatives from many of the 45 fields and other Baptist and community leaders. His service extended over 30 years and was characterized by humble witness among the people in the village and forest areas, (see a Memoir inside front cover).

At a special meeting of the SDBC Executive Committee on February 10, his son, B. Kishor Kumar, who has assisted him for over a year, was appointed as secretary in charge until the next meeting of the General Body.
Worship fills the "potholes"

Worship is an essential part of life for a Christian. It is a reconnecting time, a filling time and a renewing time. Since I have been unable to attend services for about six months, the church tape program that brings me our worship service is a vital link I could not do without. It prevents my potholes from getting any deeper, but there is still left a longing for the essential fellowship of worship. Those who are lone worshippers cannot avoid this, but as often as possible seek out communion with fellow believers.

From our society
Perhaps your church is seeking out some new outreach programs. If they do not have a tape ministry, a lay calling ministry, a portable communion service with a pastor or deaconess willing to serve, you might suggest expanding your worship in this way. It will enrich all it touches.

From your society
We recently received several reports from key workers and are so glad to know what you are working on. Hebron, Pennsylvania—reported planning for the SCSC craft sale at Conference. (Are you?) At one meeting, Hebron listed ten different financial and service projects. God surely is using that group. Nortonville, Kansas—their local clothing bank distributed over 5,600 items to 130 people in a nine town radius last year. So many of their members have become inactive for various reasons, but they continue to serve with a big presence. Their annual bazaar, plant, and food sale was all sold out by mid-afternoon, with a net total of $1,654 despite the decrease in size. Five Nortonville churches cooperate in an annual fellowship tea which is growing in attendance and unity. This is an outgrowth of the clothing bank participation.

North Loup, Nebraska—a neat suggestion! Every fall, they have a food booth at the local homecoming celebration, "Pop Corn Days." Their chili, vegetable soup, barbecues, and pies are so good that they repeated their successes in March "so folks wouldn't have to wait so long." Nothing like capitalizing on a good thing.

Shiloh, New Jersey—speaking of food, ladies have been busy with their annual cheese sale. Each year it sounds more enticing. These are no run-of-the-mill cheese cakes, coming in six exotic flavors. They were rather pricey, but worth every penny and calorie! The women and trustees were hard at work redecorating the pews while it was empty. Good idea! I urge you to add them to your society's prayer list as they struggle to come up with a nominating list of officers for the new Women's Board when it moves there in 1990.

White Cloud, Michigan—had some interesting ways for each member to raise money for their "God's Little Acre" project; from baking and cooking, to knitting, to serving on the election board. They reported attending an area Passion Play during the Easter season.

Alfred Station, New York—made scrap books for a local hospital and care facility.

Westerly, Rhode Island—recently had a breakfast with good attendance.

Daytona Beach, Florida—has sparkling new curtains in the little house on First Avenue thanks to the Church Aid Society. They also served an annual pancake breakfast, renamed the Easter Buffet Breakfast. A bake sale netted $135 with a rummage sale "about the same," plus offerings at their monthly meetings running between $15 and $20. This is one busy group.

I'm at the end of my space and had several more items to share. I'll luck in three books I am sure you'll find exciting. "The Bush Is Still Burning," by L.J. Ogilvie, and With Open Hands, by H. Nouwen. This can be used as a study book and was used at a recent retreat. Both men and women may enjoy God in the White House, by R.C. Huthson Jr.

Agape,
Greetings from Portland, Oregon!

Let's take a few minutes to discuss some of the opportunities for recreation in and around the Portland Metro area.

Boating—

Portland is divided in two by the Willamette River and is bordered by the Columbia River. Access is easy with marinas and boat ramps located at frequent intervals along the rivers.

Fishing—

Fishing opportunities are year-round in the Portland area. Salmon, steelhead (large sea-run rainbow trout), sturgeon, trout, shad, carp, bass, and bluegill frequent the Columbia and Willamette river systems. A free fishing license is required for all anglers. Age 14 and above.

Hiking—

This is a popular pastime in the Pacific Northwest. Within an 80-mile radius of the city there are hundreds of miles of trails. Within the city itself, trails wind through the 4,700-acre Forest Park (the largest urban wilderness in the nation) and connect the public parts of Portland in a 40-mile urban loop. Check our local bookstores for excellent hiking guides.

Sports Events—

For info on August events, call: Civic Stadium (503) 248-4345 or Memorial Coliseum (503) 239-4422 or 238-4636

Washington Park Zoo—

The main gate to the 61-acre zoo open daily at 9:30 a.m. Admission is $3.00 for adults, $1.50 for children 3-11. Admission is free for everyone on Tuesdays after 3 p.m. The zoo boasts the largest captive breeding herd of Asian elephants in the world. The zoo's new animal habitats offer a realistic view of each breed's unique environment.

Visitor's Information—

The Portland/Oregon Visitors Association publishes two helpful guides. The Portland Book (Spring/Summer edition) contains a wealth of information about things to see and do, as well as a bit about Portland's pioneer past. The Portland Lodging Guide includes comprehensive details on member hotels, motels, resorts, bed and breakfasts, and RV parks in Portland and the rest of the state. For your copy, write: Portland/Oregon Visitors Association 26 SW Salmon Portand, OR 97204-3299 Phone (503) 222-2223

For more detailed information, including excursions beyond city limits, an excellent resource is The Portland Guidebook, a softcover volume by Linda Lampman and Carolyn Weeks, JASI Publishing, P.O. Box 19786, Seattle, WA 98109, fifth edition, copyright 1989, $9.95.

Sharing the Joy in Portland—

Your '89 Host Committee is looking forward to having you as our guests at Conference. Watch for another update next month!

-Susan Garrillano

publicity coordinator

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REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

University of Portland
Portland, Oregon
August 6-12, 1989

- Pre-Registration: Fill out form and mail to—

Keith Mogle
2500 S. 370th, #154
Federal Way, WA 98003

- Deadline for pre-registration: June 30, 1989

All those with any special requests (transportation, first-floor rooms, special needs, etc.) must apply by June 30. Pre-registration is recommended for all others in order to provide you with the best possible accommodations, especially if you arrive at an hour when the registration desk is not in operation. Pre-registration lines are much faster because your required name tag and information packet will be awaiting you. Also, there is a $10 discount for pre-registration.

- On-campus registration will be in Mehling Hall. Lines will be marked—“Pre-registered” and “Not pre-registered.”

- Hours: Sunday, August 6, from noon to late evening—Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and after the evening service. If you are coming just for Sabbath, August 13, please pre-register and pick up your name tag at the registration desk whether anyone is there or not. (See “Line 2” below.)

- About the registration form:

Line 1. Name. Please list all names as you want them to appear on the official name tag, last name first. Ages must be given for those under 12, as well as last school grade completed as of June, 1989. In order to give special recognition to first-time Conference attendees, please identify yourself. Due to the adopted change regarding credentials, it is especially important to let us know what church you are from, if you are an official delegate, and if you are a pastor.

Line 2. Registration fee. Everyone attending General Conference either full or part-time is required to pay the registration fee. It covers the fee for use of the college facilities, for the materials that are produced and circulated, and for insurance on each individual at Conference, or at Conference activities. It also gives us an accurate account of the number of people in attendance. Your name tag, obtained at the registration desk, is your admission to all meetings, programs, fellowship times, etc. The fee is $60.00 per person (age 12 and over) per week. If registered on or before June 30, 1989, the fee is $50.00 (a $10.00 discount). Children ages 4-11 are $30.00 per week, or $3.00 per day.

Line 3. Room and board: Linens (provided in room fee) include sheets, pillow and pillow case, blanket, towel, and washcloth. Every registered attendee staying in dorms will be issued a meal ticket good for: Sunday supper August 6 through Sunday breakfast August 13. Those not staying in the dorm may purchase weekly meal tickets (Adults—$82.50, children under 12—$41.70).

Costs per meal without ticket are:

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Line 4. Those planning to attend the Sabbath service prior to Conference at the Portland church on August 5, 1989: Please put the number of attendees in the appropriate box.

Line 5 and 6. Banquet Tickets. Please pre-register for the Women’s and/or Youth Banquets so we know how many to plan on. (Banquet prices are discounted with weekly meal ticket.)

Line 7. RV’s. The first 45 to request camper/trailer parking on campus will be accommodated at a charge of $10.00 per day per unit. Add that figure in space.

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provided. (RVs must be fully self-contained units.)

There is an RV park about six miles from the University of Portland campus that has 100 sites available with excellent facilities. Call for more information: Jantzen Beach RV Park, (503) 289-7626.

- Lost Key Charge: There will be a $35.00 charge if the dorm room key is lost.
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YOUTH PRE-CON REGISTRATION

Who— Youth, ages 15-18 (or completed grade 9)
Where— Camp McCullough, Kent, Washington
When— August 2-8, 1989
Director— Matthew G. Olson
Cost— $55.00 Make checks payable to SDB Pre-Con (please do not send Pre-Con fee with Conference registration). Send fee (or pay on arrival) along with this registration form to: Pastor Gary Hemminger, 26626 190th Ave. S.E., Kent, Washington 98042

Please bring— sleeping bag, personal items, bathing suit, warm jacket, Bible, notebook. Do not bring— hair dryers or radios.

Guidelines for Christian Conduct at General Conference

1. We the undersigned have read the General Conference rules and regulations and agree to comply with them during the 1989 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

2. I further agree that my child is legally responsible to abide by the General Conference rules and regulations and to comply with them during the Conference.

Attention Youth!

By signing below, the undersigned agree that my child is legally responsible to abide by the General Conference rules and regulations and to comply with them during the Conference.

Parent's Signature:

Date:

YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON REGISTRATION

Who— Young Adults, ages 18-35
Where— Double-K Ranch, Snoqualmie, Washington
When— August 2-8, 1989
Director— Pastor Andrew Samuels
Cost— $55.00 Make checks payable to SDB Pre-Con (please do not send Pre-Con fee with Conference registration). Send fee (or pay on arrival) along with this registration form to: Pastor Gary Hemminger, 26626 190th Ave. S.E., Kent, Washington 98042

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Why should I take it?  
by Heather Welch

I Talk it over with someone  
The years ahead of you  
Life is worth living,  
Remember, my friend,  

We are surprised by what you know.  
It is wonderful to know.  
It has much to live for,  
the Broome/Brookfield  

And I just want to die.  
I heard from a friend.  
I'm glad that God makes a difference in me.  

You have much to live for,  
Much more than you know.  
Everyone loves you  
And wants you to grow.

Life is worth living.  
It is wonderfully blessed.

The years ahead of you  
Will be your very best.

So, if you're down,  
And don't know what to do,  
Talk it over with someone  
Who will listen to you.

Remember, my friend,  
You are special to me....  
I'll always try to help you,  
If your friend you'll let me be.

Heather Welch is a 7th grader attending the Brookfield/Lenoxville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She enjoys reading, painting, roller-skating, and making jewelry. This poem was written to a friend contemplating suicide.

God Makes a Difference  
by Duane Taylor

Why does God make a difference? You think, "Well, I know why." Now try putting it on paper. Not easy, is it?

I believe that everyone has some different feelings as to why God makes a difference, just depending on the way He's worked in their lives. For me, He's given me a purpose to life; to strive to be the best Christian I can be. It makes me feel good when I know that I've done something good, and that's the way I feel when I do what I believe is God's will for me.

Now let's take a look at why God should make a difference to all of us. John 14:6 says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." If we long for eternal life in heaven, there is no other way to achieve it except through Jesus. He's the gateway to our salvation. That's why God makes the difference for each one of us; the difference between life and death. And it's never too late to accept Him into your heart, so that He can make that difference in your life. All it takes is for you to pray to God. Ask Him to come into your heart and change your life, to mold you into the person He wants you to be, and for you to truly believe and give Him your life. Once you've done that, and accepted Him as your Lord and Savior, He'll make that difference in your life. He did in mine.

Welch to a friend who was contemplating suicide. Heather's poem might very well have been one of the ways God reached a young person who had no hope.

Take a minute now and thank God for all of the ways He makes a difference in your life. If you can, try to make a difference in somebody else's.

Director's Ditty

I'm glad that God makes a difference in my life. When I look back and reflect on all that has happened to me, I can clearly see times when God's presence helped me through a problem or circumstance I couldn't handle on my own. Many times this help was provided by a Christian friend who took the time to reach out, whether they knew they were being guided by God or not. The poem, "Message to My Friend," appears in this issue of the Beacon. It was written by Heath Welch to a friend who was contemplating suicide.
Children's Page

"How big is a Mustard Seed? Tiny! It's just about as big as the period at the end of this sentence. But what happens when you plant it? It grows to be a tree, big enough for the birds to nest in its branches. That's how the Kingdom of God grows. It begins with Jesus and gets bigger every year as more people follow Him. Start at the tiny seed and follow the path to the nest.

The SR

Worship behind the organ

Interview with Elizabeth Daland

For the past four decades, Betty Daland served as organist for the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Betty is the granddaughter of Dr. William C. Daland, second president of Milton College. Dr. Daland composed "God of the Sabbath" and was an accomplished organist. Her father, John Norton Daland, served Milton College as dean and professor. Betty's mother, Nellie Furrow Daland, was a talented watercolor artist.

Following her recent retirement, we asked Betty to reflect on her worship experiences from behind the organ.

SR: Betty, how did you get started in music?
Betty: With my family's encouragement, I studied piano for many years with Miss Alberta Cran dall, then the organ with Gladys Randolph, who is now retired in Colorado, and Ruth Pilger Andrews of Madison. As a music major, I would accompany soloists and small groups, and play for the students at Friday night vespers.

SR: So, you played at church right away.
Betty: Oh, yes. After my organ recital in my own church, I would ride the bus to play at First Baptist in Janesville. I continued there for about 20 years.

SR: You've played for other Sunday churches?
Betty: After First Baptist, I would walk to Faith Methodist in Milton—that lasted about 18 years. I felt so lucky to play twice a week! Seventh Day Baptists in this area have certainly done alot for Sunday churches over the years with organists, singers, and clergy. I've often wondered what they would ever do without us.

SR: How was it playing for different pastors over the years?
Betty: They have all been wonderful, along with the choir directors. I have been especially thankful to work with Herb and Barb Saunders, because I could really discuss music with them as musicians.

SR: How did it feel to always worship behind the organ console?
Betty: That's so hard to say—it's such a deep thing. I felt worshiping that way was something ingrained in me—something glorious—especially in my own SDB church. It meant a thousand times more than a secular concert or recital. To me, it's an ultimate thing—just there—and so hard to explain. It holds a great deal of depth for me.

SR: It must have been hard to retire.
Betty: I wanted to play till I dropped! But I knew it was time to let go. My eyes were straining, the back aches were getting worse, and I've lost much of my hearing.

The church was so gracious and generous at my retirement. I composed a "swan song" and received a standing ovation—and a new electronic piano!

SR: How does it seem to worship now?
Betty: Oh, I can scarcely get used to it. I enjoyed playing so much and felt I was really doing something. But I'm so grateful that we have other organists who can step right in.


From Betty's "swan song": I enjoyed my long years of playing, even with mistakes, much more than cold words could convey. Worshiping God with music has been for me a most thrilling experience, one I would never trade for anything else, especially in our church. I can only wish our present organist, Denise Green, the same happiness I have had. To God be the Glory! For ever and ever, Amen!
The Denominational Budget...

Our partnership in ministry

How is the money being used?

Four Students in COM Seminary Education Program

Four students are currently involved in the Center on Ministry's Seminary Education Program. William B. Edwards will receive his Master of Divinity degree this spring from Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. David Thongray expects to graduate another year at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Two students are completing their first year: Eric Davis at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, and Matthew Olson at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Nearly half of our active ministers are graduates of the COM program. In addition to providing tuition assistance for the three years of a seminary education, it includes two 3-week summer courses in Seventh Day Baptist distinction for which they receive seminary credit, and retreat seminars with opportunity to share from their varied backgrounds and experience. For those who do not go into denominational ministry, tuition becomes a repayable loan.

Consider the call

"We challenge mid-career people as well as people to consider the call to ministry—and seminary preparation," says Director of Pastoral Services Rodney Henry. He administers the program, in operation now for 25 years. While pursuing their education, most students are involved in active ministry as well. Edwards leads a church group in Austin, a branch of the Texarkana, Arkansas, church. Thongray serves as interim pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, church, assisted by his wife Christina. Olson continues as part-time youth minister for the denominational Board of Christian Education. He and his wife Ellen also are working in the Battle Creek, Michigan, church. Davis functions as music leader for the new Foot hills, California, church, a Los Angeles branch.

Plaques presented at Salem

Among the many Sabbath activities at Conference last year, one of the highlights was the presentation of two bronze plaques to Salem College.

The plaque for Brewer Chapel affirmed the college's distinctly religious foundation—"an all-faiths vision of providing a well-rounded education." The other plaque, later mounted in the Administration Building, was dedicated to the school's first board of directors.

College trustee emeritus Crosby U. Rogers and Col. Sedgely Thornbury, both of the Daytona Beach, Florida, SBB Church, presented the gifts on behalf of the General Conference. The Daytona Beach church was instrumental in providing the memorials. The Honorable Cecil H. Underwood, chairman of the board of trustees; President Ronald E. Ohl; President Emeritus Dr. K. Duane Hurley; and former Senator Jennings Randolph represented Salem College, while Executive Secretary Dale D. Thongray and Historian Don A Sanford represented the General Conference. 

BREWSTER ALL FAITHS CHAPEL
CELEBRATION OF A VISION

Salem College was founded with a distinctly religious spirit—an all-faiths vision of providing a well-rounded education for any who were otherwise deprived of that opportunity.

Established in harmony with the requirements of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, Salem College, from its inception, welcomed people of all religious faiths. A policy of non-discrimination was stipulated in the first official publication:

"No sectarian distinctions are made in any way, but all receive the same cordial welcome, and no pains will be spared to make the student's associations both pleasant and profitable, without distinction."

Sanford L. Mason
Salem College President 1889-1903

This plaque is dedicated to the First Board of Directors chosen from the group of men most active in promoting that "all faiths" dream which became Salem College.

Hon. Jesse F. Randolph, Board President
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Presented to Salem College in its hundredth anniversary year during the annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

August 13, 1988

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Matthew G. Olson
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Crosby U. Rogers and former Senator Jennings Randolph unveil plaque at Salem College.

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Smith ordained (and married) in Adams Center

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Going back in a way in my life, I remember an emotional, earthshaking experience that I had at the altar of a Free Methodist church when I was about 11 years of age. I believe that sometimes an emotional experience is just that—emotional—and it doesn’t always have a lot of foundation to stand on. This, I’m sorry to say, is what happened in my case. When the emotional high recorded, so did the commitment that was made under the influence of that high. As I got older and was no longer under the influence of the young man, I then made a decision to do something that would define me as a “church-goer,” even going as far as to join a church.

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We truly recognize God as our Chief Builder and pray that we use this church to share hearts filled with love.

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by Leigh Stewart

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Well, this went on for years and years as I entered into and fell out of a relationship with the Lord as the need required. As I thought I had a relationship with the Lord, but I suppose you already know that I didn’t.

Oh, I went to church on occasions, sometimes for several weeks in a row, but I was a “Gentile Pharisee,” if there can be such a creature. I made all the right motions that would define me as a “church-goer,” even going so far as to join a church.

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Revive your church, O Lord
by Lenn B. Lawton

The Evangelical Foreign Mission Association (EFMA) is one of the affiliated agencies and commissions of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) which held its 47th Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, March 7-9, 1989, with the theme, "Revive Your Church, O Lord."

Since God's basic strategy for the local church has not changed, Paul A. Cader, senior pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, California, said the church needs to examine priorities. The church must once again acknowledge in word and deed Jesus Christ as the only Lord of the church.

"I fear that we in the clergy often tend to become builders of personal ministries rather than builders of the church of Jesus Christ," declared Cader. He also urged his listeners to equip and deploy laity for the work of the ministry and to mobilize the church.

The daily Bible study was given by David Mains, director of "The Chapel of the Air" radio program, Wheaton, Illinois. The basic question he sought to answer was, "How can we better prepare for the Lord to be known?" God's Word answers, "Prepare the way of the Lord... and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed... and all mankind shall see it" (Isaiah 40:3-5, John 1:23).

The EFMA meetings during these days had the purpose: "To increase awareness of the importance of sustaining and increasing mission vision as part of a revived church, and to provide ideas for strengthening mission education and activity in churches."

Over 115 Christian ministries, publishers, colleges/ seminaries, and service agencies had booths in an exhibit area. These, and personal fellowships at the luncheons, meetings, and informal gatherings offered unique opportunities to share ideas, resources, and understanding.

General Council plans ahead

The denomination's General Council met in Janesville to draft recommendations and a new budget for this August's General Conference meetings in Portland, Oregon.

The Council will propose a 1990 budget of $774,000, from which $430,000 is to be raised by current giving. The budget reflects an overall increase of only 3.3% over 1989, and a 7.6% expansion in the current giving portion.

Chairman Herbert Saunders welcomed new members Ralph Mackintosh, Joe Samuels, and Kevin Butler, as the Council discussed the Center computer system, Conference recognition of member churches, loans to Missionary Society-supported groups, Conference discipline, the Yearbook format, and Conference programs.

Obituaries

Babcock — Richard O. Babcock died on December 3, 1988, in Moore Regional Hospital at Pinehurst, North Carolina, following a lingering illness of several years.

Born on July 29, 1916, near North Loup, Nebraska, to Rolla and Stella (Green) Babcock, he was baptized in his youth and became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup.

In 1940, he graduated from Milton College, Milton, Wisconsin, and later joined the Navy, where he served in the Amphibious Forces during World War II. His first action was in North Africa, shortly after which he returned to the U.S.

The balance of his service was in the Pacific Theater while stationed in Australia. From there, he participated in numerous island landings moving toward the Philippines. He was retired as a First Lieutenant at the close of the war. On December 14, 1945, he was united in marriage to Mary Irene Steele in Highgate Springs, Vermont.

Marriage was in public schools. He taught English and music in several schools in Nebraska and worked in administration before moving to Muskogon, Michigan, where he taught in the Orchard View Public School for 20 years before retiring.

Babcock's avocation over the years was singing in church choirs, community musical organizations, and often as soloist on many occasions.

He is survived by his widow, Mary, of Southern Pines, North Carolina; a daughter, Linda Parker; his stepmother, Loena of North Loyp; two sisters, Irma Keown of Grand Island, Nebraska, and Ruby Van Horn of Madison, Wisconsin; a brother, Rev. Oreville

Accessions

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Betty Pearson

Gilbert Ross
Mary Ross
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Tod Ross
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Waterford, CT

Joined after Testimony

Stephen Carminatti
Carol Carminatti
Dee Galanaugh
James Galanaugh

Michele Ross
Rebecca Yerden

Marriages

Davis-Sanford — David L. Davis and Doreen M. Sanford were united in marriage on February 11, 1989, at the Denver, CO, Seventh Day Baptist Church. The groom's pastor, Gary Hemmings of the Seattle, WA, SDB Church, officiated, assisted by the groom's father, Rev. Duane L. Davis, and the bride's father, Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Davis-Sanford — Robert Nicolas Youssef and Barbara Janell Smith were united in marriage on March 12, 1989, at Los Angeles, CA.

Births

Billings — A daughter, Allison Billings, was born to Jim and Paula (Owen) Billings of Troy, MI, on February 20, 1989.

Hendrix — A daughter, Rachel Victoria Emily Camilla Hendrix, was born to Lonnie and Darlene Hendrix in Huntsville, AL, on March 9, 1989.
Obituaries, Cont.

Beboek of White Cloud, Michigan, and a granddaughter.

Memorial services were held on December 11, 1988, in the Penick Home in Southern Pines, where he had lived with his wife for over a year.

Thomss.—Elsie M. Thomas, 91, died on December 30, 1988, at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wisconsin. She resided at Rock Haven Convalescent Hospital for the past two years. She was born on July 12, 1897, at Albion, Wisconsin, the daughter of Harry B. and Edna (Whitford) Thomas. The family moved to Milton, Wisconsin, in 1900, the year she received her degree from Milton College. She taught at Leyden Community High School, Franklin Park, Illinois, for 20 years and six years at Havana, Illinois, before retiring from high school teaching. She was an instructor in the English Department at Milton College from 1949 until 1951 and rejoined the faculty as instructor of English and assistant to the librarian in 1955. She retired in 1963. She was a member of the Albion and Milton Historical Societies, and the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Eloise is survived by her brother-in-law, Franklin E. Walsh of Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; 11 cousins, including Beulah K. Kasee of Milton; and many former students and friends. She was preceded in death by her only sister, Eunice Walsh.

Cook.—Iona Irene (Larken) Cooke, 84, of Weyesterly, Rhode Island, died on January 8, 1989, at The Westerly Hospital. Born in Nepkinton, Rhode Island, on September 10, 1894, she was the daughter of the late William J. and Violet (Worden) Larken. She was a member of the Rockville, Rhode Island, Seventh Day Baptist Church and had served as a past president of the Loyal Workers of Rockville. Iona had worked as a nurse’s aide and had been a nursing volunteer.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha L. Marsh of Bradford, Rhode Island, one sister, Mary Johnson of Hope Valley, Rhode Island; one brother, Kendall J. of North Kingston, Rhode Island; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Dale E. Roed at the Avery Funeral Home of Hope Valley. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery, Hope Valley.

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Whether in the United States or abroad, Miriam was interested and active in church activities and the welfare of those about her. When in Milton, she enjoyed S.C.A., The Beacon, and Christian Endeavor. Her life was solidly grounded in her belief in God, her heavenly Father, and Christ as her personal Savior. She trusted in God’s Holy Spirit to direct her life.

Miriam was baptized by Rev. Claude L. Hill in Farina, Illinois, on August 19, 1944, and joined the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church with her parents and her brother, Irving.

In recent years, Miriam had been a member of St. David’s Episcopal Church in Jacksonville. Survivors include three sons, Frank of Mobile, Alabama, Robert of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and William Sr. of Jacksonville; her mother, Oma (Piere) Seager; a brother, Irving, of Little Rock; a sister, Loretta Durst of Houston, Texas; seven grandchildren; an aunt, and nieces and nephews. OPS

Greene.—Mildred Greene died on January 17, 1989, in Gilmore’s White-Cliff Nursing Home in Greenville, Pennsylvania. She was 99 years of age.

Mildred was born in Lincklaen, New York, on April 22, 1903, to Fred Everett and Ina Melissa (Wilcox) Saunders.

It is believed she was the eldest member of the Adams family. She was always an active member of the church and the Ladies Aid Society. Many remember that she did not have a good week unless she went to church.

She is survived by two sons, Richard A. of Gready, Colorado, and Ronald J. of Boulder; three brothers, Bill and Elden of Pendleton, Oregon, and Thorn of Pooria, Illinois; two sisters, Eva Bolton and Bessie Hard, both of Boulder; five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on January 31, 1989, at the Howe Mortuary Chapel in Boulder, with Rev. Gordon P. Lawton officiating. Interment was at the Mountain View Cemetery, Boulder.

Davis.—Aubrey B. Davis, 81, of North Loup, Nebraska, died on January 31, 1989, at Ord, Nebraska. Davis was born on October 25, 1907, at Faram, Nebraska, the son of Reuben and Hanna (Van Horn) Davis. When he was 12, they moved to North Loup. He graduated from North Loup High School in 1925 and later served with his father. In 1932, he moved to a farm west of Ericson, Nebraska.

He married Ella Williams on March 1, 1933, at North Loup. They farmed near Ericson until 1943, when they moved to the North Loup area. In 1974, they retired from farming and moved to town.

Davis was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and was a church deacon. He also had served on school boards at North Loup.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Rolland of McCool Junction, Nebraska, Arden of North Loup, and Curtis of Tucson, Arizona; a daughter, Eula Williams of North Loup; three sisters, Marie Brandon of Denver, Colorado, Leona Thorneight of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Lucille Swanson of Ord; 12 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Kenneth Burdick officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

Luebbe.—Ann E. Luebbe, 40, of Oregon, Wisconsin, died on February 16, 1989, at her home after a long, courageous bout with cancer.

Ann was born on October 2, 1948, in Milton, Wisconsin, the daughter of Herbert and Virginia Creuch. She was married to Gerald R. Luebbe on April 28, 1970, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She graduated from Milton High School and Milton College. She was a school teacher for 12 years in Milton and Beloit, Wisconsin. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton. Survivors include her husband, Gerald R.; a son, Daniel C.; a daughter, Diana L.; her parents, Herbert and Virginia Crouch of Milton; and three brothers, David of Milton, Alan of Daytona Beach, Florida, and Steven of Pinole, California.

Funeral services were held on February 20, 1989, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Rev. Herbert E. Saunders officiating. Private burial services were held at Prairie Mounds Cemetery in Oregon.

Ogden.—Elston Gordon Ogden, 81, died on February 18, 1989, at his home in Alfred, New York. A graduate of Salem College, Salem, Virginia, he earned a master of science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and taught in Wheeling, West Virginia.

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before coming to Alfred. He was a professor of biology at Alfred University for 25 years, retiring in 1972. He also was a director of summer institutes for high school teachers at Alfred for a number of years. He led early bird hikes in the Alfred area, which attracted considerable attention. At the time of his death, he had been assembling a collection of photographs of Victorian houses in the village of Alfred.

He is survived by his son, Dr. John Ogden of Ann Arbor, Michigan; his daughter, Alise Irwin of Asheville, North Carolina; a sister, Charline Haude of Akron, Ohio; a brother, Rev. S. Duane Ogden of Denver, Colorado; and nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held in the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he was a member and trustee. Rev. Leon Wheller, pastor, officiated. Tributes were offered by Carol Burdick, Rev. David S. Clarke, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers. Special mention was made of the service Ogden gave on the major renovation of the church organ more than a year ago.


Blanche attended Bolivar High School, Bolivar, New York. She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Genesee, New York, and its Sabbath School Society and Sunshine Society. She served for years as treasurer of each organization. She was also a member of the Portville Senior Citizens Club, and Portville ECHO Club.

Surviving are two sons, Adelbert Wardner of Portville and Martin Wardner of Ceres, New York; a daughter, Roxanna Hewitt of Bolivar; two stepsons, Charles Van Curen of Little Genesee, and Melvin Van Curen of Portville; a stepdaughter, Evelyn Stark of Bolivar; ten grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Reed—Chauncy M. Reed, 70, of Adams Center, New York, died on March 1, 1989, at Englewood (Florida) Hospital. Reed was born in Adams Center on May 7, 1918, the son of Elwin and Mary (Hull) Reed. He was graduated from Adams Center High School in June, 1936. Following graduation, he worked on his father’s farm for six years.

On September 9, 1942, he married Mary Ellen Greene at the Ford. Reed was a member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church and an associate member of the Rotunda West Community Church, Englewood, where they lived during the winter months. He was also a member of the Adams Center Grange, the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

He was a committee member for Agway and served on the board of directors of various farm organizations, including Jeff Bulk Milk Co-op, Production Credit, and the Cooperative Extension Association.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Ellen; four sons, Merrick M., Dan D., Alan G., and Mason J., all of Adams Center; a daughter, Connie Snow of West Lafayette, Indiana; two brothers, Olin H. and Raymond, both of Adams Center; and nine grandchildren. A sister, Helen Jones, died in 1979.

Funeral services were held on March 6, 1989, at the Carpenter-Stoddley Funeral Home, Belleville, New York, with his pastor, Rev. Gene Smith, officiating. Spring burial was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center, QES Ford—Eva L. Ford, 92, Alfred, New York, died on March 3, 1989, at St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, New York, after a brief illness. She was born on January 30, 1897, in West Union, West Virginia, to Samuel and Laura Ann (Davis) Ford. A graduate of the University of Ohio, she received her master’s degree in French from the Sorbonne, Paris, France, in 1926, and did other graduate work in Middlebury College and Drake University.

She was a professor in the language department of Alfred University for more than 40 years. Eva was a member of the Alfred Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church and Sigma Chi Mu Sorority at Alfred University. She is survived by ten nieces and nephews, including Auerbach Van Horn of Alfred and Janice Lockhart of Arlington, Virginia, as well as 15 great-nieces, nine great-nephews and 35 great-great-nieces and nephews.

The answers started coming: “It’s the way they’ve always done it.” “They’ve gotten used to the format, and you can’t change those people!” (Why was the professor’s face getting redder?)

Picture a massive explosion in a tiny classroom.

“GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT!!! HOW DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEY WANT??!!”

“Huh?”

“They want the usual, the expected—what’s comfortable, right?”

Sounded like he was describing me. “You need to teach them what they want, if what they want is to really worship.”

Are we willing to be stretched and taught about true worship? Are we willing to spend quality time in preparing an honorable worship experience? Do we spend more time preparing the bulletin than the service?

Exterals are important, but it's easy to put too much or too little emphasis on them. We love our comfort zone, yet how concerned are we with the comfort of our visitors? How might a wary newcomer feel with even a cheery “Good Sabbath!” from the pulpit? Much of what we do is so in-house, easy, and provincial for us, but it’s foreign to many visitors.

And beware of swinging too far the other way. People may have to check the sign out front to make sure they haven’t intruded on a local Kiwanis gathering.

We meet on the appointed day to worship the One Who created that day—and us—to bring glory to Himself. The teaching is there, as is the fellowship, with (I hope) a healthy missions emphasis in obedience to the Word. But we gather to worship.

Think about the time, and the content, and our visitors. And please, think of the One we’ve come to adore.

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Eastern Association will meet May 19-21 at the Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church under the leadership of Jeffrey Sheppard.

Four aspects of our theme, “The Vision of Prayer,” will be developed in messages given throughout the weekend. Denominational Historian, the Rev. Don A. Sanford, will give the first message, “Prayer for the Family,” on Friday evening at 7:30.

Visiting children are welcome to join our Friday evening youth groups (ages 3 through high school), Sabbath School, and Sabbath afternoon activities. The nursery will also be open during these times.

The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday morning. Sabbath lunch, supper, and Sunday lunch will be provided.

Please contact Shiloh Church Clerk, Arah Mae Sheppard, Route 3, Box 311, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 for housing arrangements.

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