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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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comfort for herself at that moment, but comfort for us, and we can find that comfort in a life so perfect as this. But this comfort is not found in forgetting her, for the poet goes on to say:

But thou, if thou spoil my eyes again
Pray for my soul...

I sometimes think that we as Christians have not always grasped the significance of praying for the souls of our friends and relatives. Over the past two and a half months I watched the gradual process of death of the physical body of my mother-in-law. As her eyesight failed, Iloo and I read to her many of the cards and letters which her friends sent to her. She appreciated each one of them as a reminder of the number of people who knew and loved her.

But a recurring thought in so many cards and messages was addressed to the physical body. "I hope you are better and will soon return home." "Get well soon.

Even those cards which said, "We are praying for your recovery," are often directed at the physical needs and fail to touch the real spiritual needs of a person.

Please don't get me wrong—we need to pray for healing; we can pray and expect miracles; we need to keep hope alive. But often a person, particularly one who has lived a long and active life, knows even better than we may know, the truth of the words spoken by the poet:

I have lived my life and that which I have done may be within Himself make pure. At that moment a person longs for the thought: Pray for my soul...

I shall never forget an experience of some 20 years ago when my brother, Gordon, called and re-

by the bedside while he was offering that assurance, she was translated into eternal life. A prayer for the soul does "work more wonders than this world dreams of."

Notice how our Master, when He was facing the end of His earthly ministry, gave the comfort which we seek at this time. He did not base His prayer on a false hope of "get well soon." Instead, He focused on belief and trust in God and His promise:

"Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

And where I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that there you may be also."

Sometimes we, too, stand with questions as did Thomas, asking how we can know the way, but Christ's words come again to us saying:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father but by me. If you have known me, you would have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him."

This is the hope and the assurance of the Christian, and it is to this confident expectation that we give testimony.

Yes, the old order does change, and in that change God continues to reveal Himself. Comfort, then, and pray for the soul of that departed mother, grandmother, and friend. For in our prayers we also find that "the whole round earth is every way bound by gold chains about the feet of God."
Growing a “safe” family
by Diane Ferguson Cruzan

When Ben was baptized I
felt that this was what I
had been working for
since my first child, Ryan, was
born. Now all three had made
this confession after having received
Jesus as their Savior. No matter
what might happen for the rest of
our lives, we had Jesus and joy
and—finally someday—life in
heaven. Whatever influence and
direction I may have given my
children was oh, so worth it. Now
I could relax. Then along came Jessica, who
very soon became best friend of my
dughter, Anna. I don’t find it
easy to love people, but with Jessica
love came easily. She was sweet and
spontaneous and made it so obvious
that
...___.

Jessica’s eyes. She had a true
hunger for learning more, and the
church encouraged her by giving
her a study Bible. Jessica and Ryan
studied together, and Anna was
often amused at the words God
gave her to answer Jessica’s
questions. Jessica learned from the
sermons, youth group meetings,
and Sabbath School class. Soon she
was attending the pastor’s class for
baptism. What a glorious night
when her new faith was made
public. Never have I
seen a more joyous face, her thrill
and excitement causing her to jump
and skip as friends greeted her
after the service.

“Now,” I thought, “with Jessica
safe, I can truly relax.” Then I
realized what I was thinking. How
can I relax when there are so very
many Ryans, Annas, Bens, and
Jessica who need to be saved?
How selfish I have been. I was only
thinking of the ones I love. How
about the ones other people love, or
even the ones no one loves? How
can I relax until each one is safe?
There is so much to do. Lord, use
me.

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easy to love people,
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Ultimately, Christians hang together
because of the love of Christ.

A “typical” family?
by Leanne Lippincott

It isn’t easy being a single
parent. I miss having a helpmate to
share the responsibilities of teach­
ing, advising, and disciplining my
children. On the mundane side, I
miss having someone to help with
errands and to ease the pressure
when I have to be at two places at
once—always on the opposite sides
of town! And I miss my husband’s
financial support and, more impor­
tantly, his emotional support. Like
the psalmist, there are many nights
when “my pillow is wet with tears”
(Psalms 6.

But whenever I’m about to
drown in an ocean of self-pity, a
very succinct thought comes to
mind: Although it isn’t easy being a
single parent, it isn’t easy being
a divine love
family known as the Milton,
Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist
Church. And lastly, I’m a member of
the Milton, Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist
Church. And lastly, I’m a member of

Leanne Lippincott and her
children, Jenny and Jay

Our bedrooms seem so quiet.
As I sit here deep in thought,
I miss our little children.
And the joy their presence brought.

I know God’s way is best,
That they grew and soon leave home.
Our thoughts and prayers go with
them as far and wide as they roam.
Each child must choose the path
As he travels down life’s road.
We trust that we may see—
Now life from seeds we’ve sowed.

So, too, our heavenly Father
Wants us His way to go.
Will we choose His Son to follow?
And in this love to grow?

Yes, our home is often silent
Little shoes don’t track the floor.
Gosh, too, is waiting, crying—
Won’t you open your heart’s door?

Little Feet
by Clayton Bond

From the Heart
by Leanne Lippincott

How would you describe a
typical American family?
Several years ago, I would have
given an answer typical of my
post-World War II, baby boomer
generation: “Your average Ameri­
can family consists of a husband
who works at the office, a wife who
works at home, and two adorable
children—one boy and one girl—
who never do anything more
mischievous than soap windows on
Halloween.” We never heard of
latchkey kids, super-moms, or
teenage drug pushers.

But in conversations with
Christians who head two-parent
households, I’ve been reminded
that children have conflicts with
their fathers as well as their
mothers. There are no ideal rela­
tionships, easy answers or magic
shields to protect us from the
wounds of everyday family life.

Members of a Christian family
pray together, but they also argue.
Sometimes they cut down as well
as build up, hit instead of hug, and
yell when they should be talking.

But ultimately, Christians
hang together as a family because of
the love of Christ. Only a divine love
could cement and bind together all
those broken, jagged, and imperfect
pieces of our diverse—and often
conflicting—personalities.

I’ve been very blessed. In addi­
tion to two terrific children, I have
the support of my parents and
siblings, and I’m still a member of
a large, loving family known as the
Lippincotts. I’m also part of a much
larger, equally loving extended
family known as the Milton,
Wisconsin, Seventh Day Baptist
Church. And lastly, I’m a member of
the greatest Single Parent
Family of all—God’s family.

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cees, or widows, and we’re in
charge of what has become known as
Single Parent Households.

Personally, I prefer the term
Single Parent Families. In spite of
the absence of a husband and
father in our household, I still
consider us a family. In fact, in
some ways that absence has made
us even more of a family.

My daughter, Jennifer, turned
11 just 20 days before her father’s
death, and Jay was seven and a
half. They’re both teenagers now,
but I still find myself playing those
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Counseling Seminary Students—The Council on Ministry is committed to the finest possible education for our pastors. We believe that good theological seminaries provide that high quality education. We will assist those called to seminary to choose an appropriate school and join our successful Seminary Education Program.

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What happened to Christian service?

by Jeff Trautman

The real crisis in Christian ministries today is not highly publicized. You won't read about it in a syndicated column or see it on prime-time television. This crisis is a declining interest and commitment to Christian service in this country. Intercessio, a ministry to help individuals find job opportunities in Christian service, has seen this emerging trend at a grass roots level. During the past 18 months, there has been a sharp decline in the number of Christians expressing interest in ministry work. The obvious question is why? From our perspective, several factors loom large.

Loss of Confidence

Highly publicized indiscretions among a few visible Christian leaders seem to have planted many seeds of doubt about the integrity and value of ministries in the United States. In a media-driven culture, it's easy to equate significance with coverage. We are among a few visible Christian leaders who are no longer counted as such and many who are unemployable. The fact remains that many job seekers have more options and are less willing to take risks or try new avenues of work. The result is that ministries suffer.

Limiting Stereotypes

I often hear, "I could never work in a Christian ministry; I don't have a Theology degree," or "I could never raise my own support," or "I'm not a missionary type; I like a nice office and a dependable salary." We all have our stereotypes and fears about what it's really like to work in a ministry. Christian ministries, like companies, are extremely diverse. Working conditions, compensation, and work relationships vary from ministry to ministry. Intercessio lists over 20,000 job openings for over 900 of these ministries. At least 40% of the openings are salaried positions here in the United States. Positions like computer programmers, camp directors, social workers, teachers, and mechanics are available.

Low Unemployment

It's sad but true, many Christians consider working in a ministry only when "secular jobs" seem scarce. In times of relatively high unemployment, ministries have a more difficult time recruiting qualified and committed personnel. We're experiencing one of those times. Labor statistics show that unemployment is the lowest it has been in 14 years. Granted, these statistics don't tell the whole story. There are still many unemployed who are no longer counted as such and many who are underemployed. The fact remains that many job seekers have more options and are less willing to take risks or try new avenues of work. The result is that ministries suffer.

Lure of Culture

The values of the '80s are displayed on every magazine rack across the country. Visit one and you'll see titles like Success, Fortune, Self, and Leisurc. We believe to begin work is only a means to personal fulfillment. Getting yours, having the best, and making it happen now are the measuring sticks of career success. In the midst of this race for happiness, we forget that the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10 cannot be measured in stock options, vacations, or personal assets. The biblical standard of investing your time and talents wisely and finding your place to serve is easily lost in a success-driven culture.

The "buzzword" of American business today is profitable service. The tradition of the Kingdom is sacrificial service.

have never been the measurement of effective ministry; so why evaluate the many by the problems of the few?

The Scholarship is designated for anyone who has felt a call into the ministry or mission field for our Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

In addition, the above of our new source of funds to help train leadership for the denomination, this letter is sent to various donors, and friends of the family, to contribute to this newly developing scholarship fund.

It is an opportunity to invest in the future—to be part of posterity—supporting someone who is willing to serve God in the ministry or mission field.

Consider these options for increasing this fund:

1. A church, as a whole body, might consider sending a contribution on a regular or other type of giving might be done.

2. Perhaps a specific group (Ladies Aid, Youth Fellowship, Sabbath School, etc.) could adopt the fund as a special project. Caroline Gray made major contributions to all of the above, in her local church and the denomination, such special "adopting" would help to perpetuate her memory among us.

3. Private gifts, bequests, endowments, money "willed"—whatever way individuals might desire to help the fund to grow—would be deeply appreciated.

Caroline Gray had a tremendous capacity for giving love. Her entire life was an ongoing example of Christlike love. She was a supporter, an encourager, and was devoted to serving others in Christ's name.

We believe that this scholarship fund will enable her to extend Christ's love—and hers (even now)—in supporting and encouraging those who seek to honor God, through Christ, in these special ministries of service.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and active participation in this effort to be of broad service to our Lord.

Our sincere love and thanks,
Rev. Ed and Marietta Sutton

Make checks to: Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1679, Janesville, WI 53547. Make a notation that the gift is for the Caroline R. Gray Scholarship Fund. For your information: Individual contributions are tax deductible.

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Reforms begin at home
by Don A. Sanford, historian

Yet, he also recognized that any lasting reform must begin with the basic unit of society—the family. Thus in August 1888, he began editing a monthly magazine entitled The Light of Home, which ran until the November 1889 issue. This little eight-page magazine had a peak circulation of 115,000 during the first year. (Editor's note:!!!) The following year, the number dropped back to about 5,000, with half going into Seventh Day Baptist homes. In 1888, some members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU) provided the names of over 40,000 Christian women to whom the magazine was sent. A basic premise of this magazine was stated in the first issue:

"Our aims are reformatory. Our creed is the Bible... We do not think that the world is hopelessly bad, although there is much of evil and much reformation is needed. We do think that too many, even among Christians, are too careless and ignorant, concerning truth and duty. Our mission is to aid in overcoming ignorance, indifference and evil. We desire to join hands with you in this work."

Righteousness in the home is the source of righteousness in the Church and in the State. As are the homes of the land, so will all else become. We hope to help each of our readers to greater familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures, to more intelligent faith, to holier purposes, and more lofty endeavors....

The Light of Home will not only aim to develop a high moral and spiritual life in each home but our Household Department will be a treasury of good things relative to the ever-recurring problems which beset the housekeeper. It will abound in suggestions which tend to make the home beautiful and cheerful.

Almost every issue repeated the theme of the home and the family as underlying any area of reform. For example, a paragraph entitled "How To Spell," lists the following prescriptions:

Too—Let it boil.
Warm bread or cake—Cut it with a warm knife.

A breakfast—Crumble all the while you are eating it.
A child—Let him have his own way; give him nothing to do; and lead him to expect a life of ease.
A home—Forget to say "please" and "thank you"; grumble and find fault with all that is done; abolish rational amusements; neglect to furnish wholesome reading of a pleasant character; and promise but forget to perform.

Above all other areas of reform, two topics received the most print: the Sabbath and temperance. In each of these, attitudes, aims and actions are clearly established within the home. One century later there has been little change.

A.H. Lewis recognized that any lasting reform must begin with the family.

that a return to the Sabbath of the Bible, the seventh day of the week, would ease much of the tension in the work

In 1882, A.H. Lewis began publishing The Outlook, a magazine which was sent primarily to colleges and seminaries. Lewis thought that if he could reach the leaders of the churches, others would follow. It did have its effect in bringing a number of key people to belief in the Sabbath.

One year ago—June 1988
Special evangelistic issue, "Jesus is in the business of Changing Lives," features testimonies from members of the Battle Creek, Michigan, church.

Five years ago—June 1984
Editor D. Scott Smith produces special 140th anniversary issue, featuring full-color pictures throughout. The popular outreach piece continues to impress others with "a peculiar people."

Ten years ago—June 1979
Theme section on the family features guest editor Madeline Fitz Randolph. History and vision of Camp Joy shared from Berea, West Virginia. Former editors send congratulatory notes to mark 135th anniversary of the SR.

Alfred, New York, church reports on coffee house outreach.

25 years ago—June 1964
Coverage of the "thrilling experience" of the Baptist Jubilee held in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Church in Hammond, Louisiana, celebrates 75 years of history.

Conference President C. Rex Burdick outlines the main speakers for the programs in Salem, West Virginia. Shiloh, New Jersey, church hosts Spanish services for area migrant workers.

...where are we headed?
Pray...

• that God will use our outreach publications
• for a strong, fruitful camping season
• for inspiration on new ways to reach the lost
• for all of our Conference participants
• that your pastor gained practical insights from Pastors' Conference
• for your group's prayer life
• that we learn from the past and forge ahead for His sake

50 years ago—June 1939
The second annual SDB Pastors' Conference is held in Alfred, New York.

All-day (24 hour) prayer meeting in Riverside, California, focuses on denominational interests. Milton College president J.W. Crootfoot retires. Carliss Fitz Randolph composes special biographical sketch honoring Edwin Herbert Lewis, philosopher and philologist.

75 years ago—June 1914
From Alfred, New York: "Seven were baptized last Friday, sixty-one since the closing week of our evangelistic campaign, sixty-eight during this Conference year, and others are awaiting baptism this week."

June 29 issue highlights 87th commencement of Alfred University.

Semi-annual meeting of the northern Wisconsin and Minnesota churches "not large in numbers, but very choiceness."

A want ad promotes the making and selling of a "patented household article of unusual merit... This is a good opportunity for a hustler to make money."

Want to see your church featured in the future? Then we need some news—NOW.

Send us your local happenings—Designate a Sabbath Recorder correspondent and correspondent!
The President's Page

Share the joy of forgiveness
by Luan Ellis

"Be tolerant with one another and forgive one another whenever any of you have a complaint against someone else." Colossians 3:13a

It has been a real challenge for me to write these monthly articles for The Sabbath Recorder. So many times the topic of the month has been so very appropriate and applicable to what is going on in my life at the moment. This month is no exception.

This particular Bible verse is sometimes hard to swallow. Be tolerant with one another! Oh, how hard that can be. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, tolerance means "having sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from one's own." Seventh Day Baptists allow much more freedom of belief than many other religions. We, therefore, learn to be more tolerant of people's beliefs.

In traveling from church to church I have seen many differences, but there is also a common bond that has made me feel comfortable worshiping in any of our churches. I ask you to pray that we are all tolerant of the beliefs of others and make them feel a part of the Seventh Day Baptist family.

I did something at the school where I teach that was perceived to be done in the incorrect procedure. This upset a particular individual. I was doing what I thought I had been told, and didn't know that I had been incorrect in my method. When I discovered my mistake I went to the individual to apologize. My apology was not accepted and the situation was not improved. I did all I could to smooth things over. How frustrated and sad I felt. The forgiveness was not there. There was no joy of being forgiven.

You don't realize the joy of being forgiven until you have been forgiven yourself. Once you have experienced that joy, it makes it easier to forgive others. Just the simple phrase, "I forgive you," can mean a lot and heal a broken relationship. Try it, you'll like it.

We are so thankful to God for His forgiveness. We must share the joy of His forgiveness with everyone. When you see someone down in the dumps, thinking life is for the birds, remind them of the joy God gives us.

Be tolerant with one another and forgive. As the memory verse continues, "You must forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven you." Please pray with me, that we will be reminded frequently of this verse, carry it in our hearts, and apply it to our lives often.

Favorite Bible passage:
Romans 8

Favorite childhood memory:
Mom reading stories on Sabbath afternoons.

Favorite author:
Charles Colson

A great answer to prayer was:
When Muriel said "yes" to my marriage proposal.

A church project I'm excited about:
Getting the Albion church to find out its task for God.

My first job was:
Selling sweet corn from dad's big garden summers in Nortonville (20-25¢/doz.)

My vision for SDBs:
That we will become larger for the glory of God and the gospel.
Family roots and models
by Dale D. Thorngate

When I was a boy, family was taken for granted. My father and mother did not express publicly their love for each other or for us, but we boys knew we were loved and cared for.

Family roots important
My parents were typical of the mobile society. Early in their married life they moved away from their families in rural Nebraska and went to a Michigan city where my father could find work. So from the time I was born, my grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins lived a thousand miles away.

Happily, we did go back to Nebraska for vacations in the summer, spending time in the homes of the extended family. Somehow, without it being stated, we knew that there was a shared love. We knew that we were all united in a heritage that was significant. Being a member of our family was both a privilege and a responsibility. It meant something to have Daves and Van Hornes, Thorngates and Mattisons in our family tree.

As I have grown older (and maybe a little wiser), I have come to appreciate not so much the roots of family blood line connections, as the heritage of values that were taught and maintained in these relationships. In fact, at some point I discovered that my father had been adopted as a young child. No great significance was ever attached to that "fact"; evidence to me that it was the heritage of culture and values—not blood lines—that were important.

During my childhood the Seventh Day Baptist church was important in my family experience. The weekly church service, Sabbath School, and Christian Endeavor were a natural part of our lives. Every summer we attended Bible School and camp. During high school my church family experiences expanded with summer travels to attend Pre-Con youth retreats and Conferences across the country. At its best, the church can function as an extended family for individuals and for fragmented or uprooted families.

Family under attack
Today as I travel across the country to meet with our churches and their leaders, I am reminded of the joy and privilege, as well as the responsibilities we have as the Seventh Day Baptist family. In several places, the apostle Paul tells the church how to function in the "family of God." He doesn't use the word family; he talks of husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children. In the midst of our sorrows after an hour and a half unbelievable things happened. We were informed by a woman at the lobby of the hospital that my son was looking for his mother. I returned to the ER to see him but he could not speak (but knew us). We experienced how great our God is and how He loved us. He answered our prayers and turned our sorrows to joy. At his deathbed we promised to God to do all His will whatever the cause. After four days in the hospital Al was released. All findings were negative. No damage to heart, brain, kidneys, lungs, or blood. For us more prayer, more power.

Cebu City, the Philippines, Asia
Rev. Elly Paypa Sr. has shared about his son, Al, who is president of their Convention Youth Department. Al was stricken on January 12th and taken to Cebu Doctor's Hospital emergency room (ER). His parents were called and special doctors came at midnight to help.

The elder Paypa wrote, "I spent every minute in prayer with my wife claiming God's power to spare the life of my son for the sake of God's work. I remembered Isaiah 44:1; John 11:25, Luke 1:37; Philippians 1:21 and left it to the Lord that His will be done. I advised my wife to stay outside the ER because of heart illness. A few minutes later I witnessed and saw with my eyes that my son stopped breathing. I called the attention of his attending physician and he told me that his cardiac arrest stopped. Then he removed the instrument placed in his mouth and nose and put oxygen and stopped. He found out that Al was already dead. So I left the ER to comfort my wife, waiting for the dead body of our beloved son with tears and my wife in pain. I repeated that we will meet Al someday, but in our prayer we still asked God to do what He did to Lazarus and to Jairus' daughter, but not to force God, leaving it to His will.

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Meet the 1990 slate of N.S.D.B.Y.F. officers

The slate of officers for 1990 has been announced by Dan Richards, youth director of the Texarkana, Arkansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church. Look their biographies over and get to know your officers for next year!

President—Clint Brown
Clint is the president of the Texarkana YF and an active member of the Texarkana church. He has served on the nominating committee of the Southwestern Association and as president of the Southwestern Association YF. Clint graduated from high school in 1988, and is attending college. Clint has also worked as a carpenter’s apprentice and as a staff member at the Toy Boat Child Care Center.

Vice-President—Beth Basile
Beth is a member of the Texarkana church and youth fellowship. She has shown her interest in spreading the Good News of Christ by serving on the Outreach Committee of the Southwestern Association. She has also attended Pre-Con Camp and Conference several times. Beth is a senior in high school. She is a member of the French Club, National Honor Society, SADD co-treasurer, and editor of the Yearbook. She is employed at Showbiz Pizza, and has also volunteered time for the Red Cross.

Secretary/Treasurer—Mary Scott
Mary, like the other nominees, is a member of the Texarkana church and youth fellowship. She has been the treasurer for her local YF since 1987. She has served on the Nominating Committee for the Southwestern Association and is a member of SWAYFO (Southwestern Association Youth Fellowship Organization). She is a frequent contributor to the SWAYFO newsletter.

Mary is a senior in high school and has utilized her singing talent as a choir member. She is also a member of her school’s chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.
Planning Christian education in the local church

The superintendent remarked that planning and asked how a new class might be arranged for two new couples. They were coming regularly to Sabbath School, but didn't seem to fit the older adult classes. The superintendent remarked that they needed more space. A new class would have to be located in the sanctuary. But where was able to find a new class teacher? The pastor taught an adult class; the superintendent served as substitute teacher for Junior High through adult classes; the youth advisors both taught classes; the Diaconate chairman taught a class; and the church's leadership was doing double duty.

Building up the body of Christ through teaching Christian doctrine and life principles is a goal of our churches. But it brings "growing pains" as we struggle with Christ's commission to reach, baptize, and teach. The overworked, frustrated pastor and superintendent may be discovered in many of our churches. How can we approach the problems and limitations of our small churches while maintaining the enthusiasm of Christ's challenge?

The Board of Christian Education is offering a Christian Education Planning Workshop for the local church. The four-session workshop is structured to assist the local church in determining its Christian education goal, understanding its present Christian education program, gathering statistics related to membership and attendance, selecting workable limitations/problems, writing an objective to meet that problem, and planning to accomplish that problem objective.

An excellent resource for pastors and lay educational leaders is a book by Donald J. Griggs and Judy McKay Walther, published in 1988. The second chapter, "Developing Christian Education Where You Live," outlines the strategy for planning. Judy Walther wrote this chapter which we have adapted for use by our Seventh Day Baptist churches. We suggest each church first answer these four main questions: "Where are we?" (location); "What are we?" (program); "Who are we?" (beliefs); and "When are we?" (challenges).

Your local church will find that answering the series of questions under each main question will provide the basis for planning a new Christian Education program. It is suggested that the planning church should develop a description of their church's congregational life before beginning a new program. Your church may already have an analysis of the church location and membership, as well as the neighborhood population from your church growth or outreach studies. The local church will benefit from also listing and briefly describing the church's present educational programs before initiating additional programming or suggesting cuts. Priorities can be established and leadership needs determined.

Building up the body of Christ can bring "growing pains" as we struggle with the great commission.

Your congregation may wish to schedule the Natural Evangelism Training program before attempting to develop a description of the congregation's beliefs and faith practice. It is important to clarify whether the written beliefs of the bylaws or church covenant represent the belief and faith practice of the present congregation.

Developing a description of the congregation's challenges and limitations before presenting possibilities for change will lead the local church to ask itself, "What are the most important things to do?"

Write the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, P.O. Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, or phone (607) 887-8827 for further information or to schedule this workshop for your church.

Children's Page

Nine for me,
One for Him.
God will bless me
When I give.
June is for families

Women's Society News & Ideas by Marilyn Merchant

It seems as if former generations, who were much more faithful in adhering to the strict rules of the church body, had a better track record.

It was primarily a rural family. As the generations began to go on to further education and travel further afield, the family unit became less cohesive. Do you have the same observations about your family? What are the answers? It really troubles me.

From the national scene

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has announced that pre-game prayers have been ruled unconstitutional. The team involved had tried all kinds of alternatives, but the atheistic-leaning Baptist World Alliance Jubilee in August, 1990. Unfortunately, it is the same week as our Conference, but our banner can go.

From your society

White Cloud, Michigan—the Ladies Aid held a Soup and Sandwich Supper to raise money toward a new stove for their kitchen. They also had a silent auction. The newsletter is also their project and is a great boon to those of us at a distance who like to know what's cooking.

Battle Creek, Michigan—speaking of cooking, the ladies did a lot of that recently at their Church and Community Meijer Dinner sponsored by the Meijer market. The store furnished the food and door prizes, while the ladies did the work, sold the tickets, and got the money. This is after collecting tapes from Meijer sales of a certain amount total. Their projects include SCSC and buying a new microwave oven for the newly remodeled Parish House kitchen. They have been tying quilts for a charitable institution and made some baby quilts to sell.

Ladies Aid news has been rather scarce this month. When we mention books in this column, it is often with the idea that they might make a good addition to your church library as well as your personal one. Such is one by Stuart Briscoe entitled, Everyday Discipleship for Ordinary People. It states that if you are an everyday follower of Christ, then you are a disciple. We wear many disguises, uniforms, and ambitions, and we come from all walks of life. Then there is Letters to the Smiths—Uncle Oliver by Hoses W. Rood, a small book of letters sent to various relatives encouraging them to do Christian good works. (It's a book of nostalgia about and for

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Ladies—We need your help!

We want to send a Seventh Day Baptist banner to the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Korea, next year.

Submit your design to the Women's Board by this September. The Board will select one, pay for and construct the banner.

Banner Guidelines

Completed size: 33 inches wide by 54 and 112 inches long.

Fabric: Your choice. We suggest felt, burlap, heavy cotton or muslin. It needs to be heavy enough to hang nicely.

Design: Your choice. It should be descriptive of our country or group. It should include our SDB logo, and may include national or Christian symbols. The logo/symbols may be in applique or embroidery. It should have our name in the design, in English.

Please be sure that words and symbols are recognizable from a distance.

Colors: Your choice. The more color, the better.

Red Pocket Size: The hems and openings at the top and bottom should be 1 and 1/2 inches. This will provide for rods at top and bottom.

Deadline is September.

Have your design go to Korea!
**The Denominational Budget...**

How is the money being used?

**Training to begin for seven SCSC projects**

Fifteen young people (four boys and 11 girls) begin training for the 1989 Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) at Camp Holton near Battle Creek, Michigan, June 16-25. They have been assigned to teams which will work in seven church projects across the country, June 27-July 31. Coming from 11 churches in nine states, each of the seven teams works with a local project director who will also attend training sessions in Battle Creek.

- **Calhoun leads training**
  - Training coordinator, Rev. George Calhoun, has gathered a staff of seven who will teach skills in Christian education, Bible study, evangelism, interpersonal relationships, music, crafts, and recreation. Teams will work in five-week projects that include such activities as Bible school, camp worship leading, Sabbath school, community surveys, and physical labor. Some are in more than one church.

  - Following projects in the churches, workers will meet again with training staff for a two-day evaluation session.

- **Funding from gifts**
  - SCSC is funded by specifically designated gifts from Seventh Day Baptist churches. Some church service groups or women's societies sponsor fund-raising projects; some churches designate special collections; some wish to sponsor individual workers or teams. Christine Davis of Lake Elsinore, California, chairman of the SCSC Committee, notes that gifts may be sent to the Women's Board through your church treasurer or directly to the Denominational Budget marked "SCSC."

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**The Portland Center for the Performing Arts**

- Includes the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland Civic Auditorium, and the International and Winningstad Theatres. The Center hosts pop, rock, jazz, country, and classical concert artists from around the world.

- The Intermediate Theatre is the primary stage for Ballet Oregon, West Coast Chamber Orchestra, Oregon Repertory Singers, and Pacific Ballet Theatre. The Delores Winningstad Theatre is home to the Storefront and New Rose Theatre companies.

- Located at SW Broadway and Main, the box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekdays. For current ticketing and information call 248-4496. The Portland area events hotline is 248-4496. OMSI is located at 4015 SW Canyon Road.

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**Greetings from Portland, Oregon!**

Let's take a moment to explore the varied opportunities for **cultural enrichment** here in the beautiful city.

Portland is home to the Oregon Symphony Orchestra, Portland Opera Company, Portland Art Museum, two ballet companies, over a dozen theatre companies, excellent choral groups, and chamber music ensembles.

Numerous restaurants, clubs, shops, movie theaters, and most of the major performing arts centers are within a ten-block radius in the downtown center. (University of Portland is located about 15 minutes from this hub of activity.)

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**SCSC needs your support**

Send your contributions for this most important program to:

- SDB Women's Board
- Ruby Hamblen, Treasurer
- 18064 Ivy St.
- Fenton, CA 92335

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**Countdown to Conference**

June Newsletter from your '89 Host Committee

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**June 1989**

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**Warmly yours,**

Susan Garrattano,
Publicity Coordinator
Pastors share the joy

Billed as "a major training event for pastors and spouses," this year's Pastors' Conference may have surpassed the pre-meeting hype.

Beautiful late-April weather and beautiful people greeted the 60 church leaders at the Alfred Station, New York, church. With "Pastoring When the Going Gets Tough" as the theme, the participants gained many practical skills to take back to their local church, along with a positive attitude.

"I sensed that the pastors came away with a good feeling about themselves and the denomination," reports Rodney Henry, director of pastoral services. "I didn't hear any negative put-downs.

"The evaluations sounded real positive. Several asked, 'How are you going to top this one?'" Three powerful reasons for the success were the main speakers.

The Rev. Clifford Bond, chaplain at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, counsels patients in Chemical Dependency Treatment Services. He stressed the importance of truly knowing ourselves and our own cries before ministering to others. Among other "stuff," Bond made sure we not "do" counseling as much as we should "be" counselors.

From the Mennonite Peace Center in Lombard, Illinois, Richard Blackburn brought the group great expertise in conflict management and mediation skills. Two full days of teaching and hands-on mediation through role playing bolstered many a leader to better handle their next church conflict.

From the Methodist Church of the Nazarene, Dr. James Gardiner, a Seventh Day Baptist psychologist from Rapid City, South Dakota, directed the assembly's attention to the family. More intense role playing revealed some strong emotions that can occur in the non-functional family. Gardiner delicately de-briefed the "Pastoral Players" after their moving portrayals. Helping to coordinate the program, the Rev. Gordon Lawton also gave the group time to confer in open discussions, hear about Conference programs and communication issues, and analyze a proposed Pastoral Covenant.

On Sabbath, the conference was treated with a paper by the Rev. Dr. Wayne Rodd, speaking for the inaugural Rev. E. Zwiebel Christian Education Lecture. The SDB Board of Christian Education invited the leaders to sit in on the board's quarterly business meeting Sunday afternoon.

The gathering would not be complete without the many opportunities for singing and fellowship, with excellent morning and evening devotional times. Meals were provided at both the Alfred Station and Alfred churches. A "major training event?" Yes, and so much more.

The members of the Nortonville, Kansas, Seventh Day Baptist Church voted to ordain their pastor, Harold King, to the pastoral ministry on March 17. The Rev. Kenneth Smith served as chairman of the council and June Johnson served as secretary.

Pastor King's statement of beliefs, call, and Christian experience were presented in a series of vignettes and a dialogue between Harold and his wife, Kathi.

A former pastor of the church, the Rev. Paul Osborn, was the worship leader for the Sabbath morning service March 18. The Rev. Clifford Bond brought the message titled, "Separate Unto the Lord." The service of ordination was held that afternoon. The Rev. Leon Wheeler gave the charge to the candidate. Another former pastor of the church, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, represented the Council on Ministry and gave the charge to the church and the welcome to the ministry. The Rev. Gordon Lawton, also representing the Council on Ministry, led in the consecrating prayer and the laying on of hands. Harold has been Pastor of the Nortonville church since March 1986. He had previously served churches in Little Genesee, New York; Hebron, Pennsylvania; and Kansas City, Missouri. He is a graduate of Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas.

September, 1981—It had been a wonderful weekend. We found Oklahoma City to our liking. The theatre that I had been hand-picked by the company president to manage was by far the most beautiful and best located one in the city. We had found our dream apartment with a fireplace and a large patio overlooking a swimming pool. It would mean a large pay raise and job security. I'd been working toward for the last nine years. It should have been a real time of joy in our lives, but both knew the telephone call had to be made: "Thanks, but no thank you.

Why turn down the opportunity of a lifetime? Because of the call—the call to ministry. God wouldn't let go.

All of us are called to some form of ministry. In the fourth chapter of the gospel of Luke we find the call to ministry that Jesus took upon himself.

"He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor. Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:16-21, NIV)

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we become a part of the family of God. As followers of Christ we, too, are called to the ministry. We answer the call to minister in different ways. Some are pastors, some are called to be teachers, some to be care-givers, some are called to make a telephone call or to make a visit to those who are sick and lonely, some are called to be prayer warriors. But each one is called to the ministry.

We are gathered here tonight to decide if I should be ordained—set apart—for the pastoral ministry. It's something that should never be taken lightly. I'm going to share with you some beliefs that I hold; things that are very important to me. Our lives are molded by our beliefs and in the same way we get our beliefs from what we experience in life. As we grow and mature, our beliefs change. We refine and reshape them a little bit. We seek and find new insights. I hope that this is not the end to what I believe. These are the beliefs that I hold now. I share them with you this evening to help you make a decision on whether to ordain me to the pastoral ministry.

Introduction to statement of beliefs

by Harold King

June 1989/ 27
Riverside breaks ground

by Marilyn Merchant

After repeated delays, the first spadeful of earth was turned on February 25, 1989, by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church for their new sanctuary on Chicago Avenue in Riverside, California. As the large group gathered at 4 p.m. next door at the Masonic Lodge, there was a spirit of great excitement and anticipation. Dr. Steve Packard, church president, opened the ceremony with a short history of the local church and told of the original Temple as ordered by God. He noted the presence of our last remaining original member of the congregation, Luella Severe—a young person when our first church was built in the Colony Heights section. Charles Davis was in charge of the programs and once again made us thankful that he and his wife, "Georgia," had recently been drawn into our fellowship. Other speakers included our contractor; vice president of the Fress Enterprise, who purchased our present meeting house and parish house; a humor columnist from the paper (who has been on our "side of the fence") through numerous false starts; Dr. Tom Davis and Doris Fetherston, both of whom spoke on dreams and goals for our new home; Richard Perez, Rev. Alton Wheeler, and Rev. Gabriel Beijani.

Many who had not handled a shovel in years were only too anxious to take part in this historic moment. We have been promised a new building in 11 months, but realistically, we would add one a few months. Following all this exciting activity, the group returned to the Lodge. The children trekked to our present church and told of the experience of Georige Davis, Ruby Hambleton, and Dorothea Shettel, with the very able assistance of their Youth Fellowship.

Music was provided during the evening by Judy Goryan, our junior choir, and a quartet featuring Victoria Burdick, Elizabeth Perez, Tom Davis, and Anthony Maddox. Main speaker for the evening was Charles Phillips, a retired Air Force pilot who has a very powerful testimony. He shared the need to commit our lives and our church to the best that we can. We solicit your continued prayers as we press forward to growth, service, and Sharing the Joy.

Houston training for ministry—Reprinted from The Communique

Four biblical characters have been stirring up a great deal of activity, ministry, and excitement in the First SDB Church of Houston (Texas) over the last few months. Abraham, Barnabas, Timothy, and Andrew represent the four aspects of our developing outreach ministry.

Early last fall our congregation employed a spiritual gifts inventory to help understand how the Lord desired each of us to minister within the Church. Once we had discovered the gifts, however, we were a bit at a loss as to how to activate them for meaningful service. After much prayer, we began to see the gifts separating into four broad categories: prayer, caring ministry, teaching, and evangelism. The Lord also acquainted us with a program developed around a similar concept, which can be implemented to activate the gifts in these areas. We are excited about the impact of the Growth Resulting After Discipleship and Evangelism (GRADE) ministry in our church.

Our Abraham prayer group has been active for four months, lifting the church life and the needs of the body in regular intercession. The Barnabas friendship ministry is presently making weekly contact with those absent from church, as well as helping us know of physical, emotional, and spiritual situations.

The best aspect of all is that since every gift relates to one or more ministries—our group at least we have at least one gift—there is a vital place for everyone to serve in reaching out in the life of the church. Enthusiasm is high, our attendance is climbing, and the blessings are shared by all.

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Easter sunrise at Jersey Oaks

by RuthAnn Davis

For many years, the Shiloh and Marlboro (New Jersey) communities have traveled very early in the morning out to Jersey Oaks Camp for Easter Sunrise Service.

Again this year on March 26, 1989, with the birds singing and the sun rising, we met at 5:30 a.m. near the lodge and walked out to inspiration point to gather around the empty cross. The congregation of 50-60 joined together in singing Easter music with Linda Dickinson leading in responsive readings.

Rev. Everett Dickinson presented an inspirational message—but was interrupted momentarily by some noisy Canadian geese. As the sun was rising, we were singing our closing songs. Following the benediction, everyone enjoyed the fellowship in the lodge with coffee and donuts.

Active family in Daytona Beach

Many friends and visitors from the North have increased attendance at church and helped with our programs this past winter. This influx of Northerners has been active for four months, lifting the visibility of our church as they stay and we anticipate that some may become year-round residents as they can.

In December, the church voted to buy the house and lot at 144 San Juan directly behind the social hall. This purchase adds one more property to the other three we have in Daytona Beach, and we plan to use it for a youth retreat and conference facility.

As the sun was rising, we were singing our closing songs. Following the benediction, everyone enjoyed the fellowship in the lodge with coffee and donuts.

The Communique has been active in sewing lattices and making school kits for Church World Service. At the March meeting, Mrs. Computer at the Volusia County Council on Aging presented a talk about the services offered. Our Church Aid hosted the annual meeting of Church Women United on January 13. Coffee and pastries were served in the social hall, followed by worship and election of officers in our church auditorium.

In January, Edith Barker and committee—Martha Perry and Bernice Todd—provided an all-year celebration of birthdays combined with a talent show which gave us surprises and entertainment. A game party in March was another good "get-together."

The annual Easter Pancake Breakfast was changed to an Easter Breakfast Buffet for this year and was an enjoyable time following the Easter Sunrise Service at the beach.

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News Release

Alfred, NY—Former Lightbears for Christ, Beverly Austin Snyder of Alfred Station, New York, has recently completed recording an album of her original contemporary Christian music. The album, titled "Isn't It Amazing?" was recorded at Lighthouse Recording Studio in Churchville, New York, and produced by David M. Miller of Houghton, New York. The recording includes ten of her original songs.

Beverly was a member of the evangelistic music ministry team, Lightbears for Christ, from 1976-78. In 1979, she served as music director of a coffeehouse ministry in Alfred. She married David Snyder of Alfred in 1980. They have three children.

Beverly is currently accepting invitations to perform and minister in Seventh Day Baptist churches and can be contacted by writing her at: Mrs. David Snyder, 764 Rt. 241, Alfred Station, NY 14803 or calling (607) 587-8555. Suggested donation for "Isn't It Amazing?" is $8.50, which includes postage, for the cassette tape.
Accessions

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Leon A. Wheeler, pastor

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Jeanette M. Clarke

Denver, CO
Ralph H. Grosser, pastor

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Harold Verrier
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Callie Moore
Jeremiah Moore
Levi Moore

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Sylvia Bond
Kellie Mazzu
Debbie Moncrief

Westerly, RI (Pawcatuck)
Dale E. Rood, pastor

Obituaries

Sutton.—Mary (Burdick) Sutton of Aztec, New Mexico, died on
February 12, 1989, at the age of 77. She was born on May 20,
1911, at North Loup, Nebraska, the daughter of George Merton
and Bertha (Lawton) Burdick. Her early life was spent in
Milton, Wisconsin, graduating from Milton College in 1936. In early
youth, she was baptized and united with the Milton Seventh Day
Baptist Church. With her marriage to Trevor S. Sutton in 1939, her
membership was with churches where her husband was pastor. In
1957, she and Trevor brought their membership to the Milton church
until her death. During these years she served in work with children,
youth, and ladies societies.

Mary served many years teaching in public schools, with 14 years
as head librarian at Irvin High School in El Paso, Texas. She
received her M.S. in Library Science in 1959 at East Texas State
College.

She is survived by her husband, Trevor, three children, Judy
Brunson of Farmington, New Mexico; three grandchildren; and two great
children.

A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church of
Aztec, with Rev. Carl Treat officiating. Interment was at Memory
Gardens, Farmington.

Rev. Francis D. Saunders
passed away on May 2, 1989
(Obituary to appear next month)

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Roger.—Bernice D. Rogers, 91,
of Unadilla Forks, New York, died on February 25, 1989, in St.
Luke's Memorial Hospital Center.

She was born on October 16, 1897, in Brookfield, New York, the
daughter of George A. and Bertha Langworthy Rogers. "Aunt Ber-
nie," as she was affectionately called, was a school teacher and
served several offices in her church. Always a willing and joyful worker,
she was a joy to know and love. She received her education in
Brookfield schools, Oneonta Normal School and Cornell University.

Bernice taught at Sauquoit, Syracuse, Utica, Lockwoodsville, and
Waterville, New York, schools for 42 years, retiring in 1963. She
was a member and served as clerk, treasurer and deaconess of the
Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield. She was also Regent of
the General Winfield Scott Chapter of the Daughters of the American
Revolution.

She is survived by a brother, James K. Rogers, of Denton, Texas; and
many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a sister, Edna
Baldwin.

The funeral was held at Wileyo Funeral Home, West Winfield, New
York, with the Rev. Ernest Clen-

Bremer.—Rev. C. Bremer, age 73,
died on March 2, 1989, in Palm
Springs, California. He was a
native of Riverside, California,
which was his home for 50 years,
after which he lived in Cath-
dral City, California.

He is survived by his son, Gary;
his former wife, Dorothy Shetel
of Riverside; a sister, Bernice
Chapman; and two grandchildren.
Memorial services were held on
March 11, 1989, in Palm Springs.
Those who wish to do so may make
donations to a cancer fund.

Ford.—Eva L. Ford, 92, of Alfred,
New York, died on March 3,
1989, at Hornell, New York.
She had been a professor in the
Alfred University, Alfred, New
York, language department for
more than 40 years.

Eva did graduate work at the
Sorbonne in Paris, France, after
graduating from the University of
Ohio. She also studied at Middle-
bury College and Drake University.
She was a member of the Alfred
Seventh Day Baptist Church and
Sigma Chi Nu sorority at Alfred.
She is remembered for her devotion
to her students, her beautiful home
and pleasant smile, and her love for
Shelby dogs.

Survivors include ten nieces and
nephews, 15 great-nieces and 35
great-great-nieces and nephews.
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Mitchell.—Jack T. Mitchell was
born on June 8, 1913, at Council
Grove, Kansas, the son of LeRoy
and Georgia Mitchell. He
moved to Norrnville, Kansas,
In 1930. He died on March 7, 1989,
at his home after an extended illness.
He retired from the Navy Medi-
cal Corps in 1953 as a chief war-
rant officer. When Jefferson County

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Obituaries, cont.

Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Kansas, opened in 1955, he served as the first administrator. He was employed as a laboratory technician in Grand Junction and Rifle, Colorado, until his retirement.

Jack married Orlene Kenyon on November 30, 1939, in Nortonville. He is survived by his wife; a son, Orley; two daughters, Georgia Carter and Paula Starks; and eight grandchildren.

Jack was a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were held on March 10, 1989, at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

Faith is the Christian's foundation, hope is his anchor, death is his harbor, Christ is his pilot and heaven is his country.

—Jeremy Taylor

Watt—Patrick Casey Watt, born on March 17, 1899, in Big Rapids, Michigan, died at birth. He is survived by his parents, Lawrence and Raskel Watt of White Cloud, Michigan; paternal grandparents, Arthur and Margaret Watt of Valparaiso, Indiana; and maternal grandmother, Lois Goodson of Salem, West Virginia.

Van Horn—Eugene V. Van Horn, 73, of Alfred, New York, died on March 24, 1989, at Hornell, New York, following a brief illness.

He was born on August 21, 1915, in Yankers, New York, to the Rev. Edgar D. and Harriet (Brown) Van Horn.

His early childhood was spent following his father's ministry from White Cloud and Battle Creek, Michigan, to Alfred Station, New York, where the family moved in 1925. He attended Alfred High School, graduating in 1932, and later attended Alfred University, Alfred. He studied music at Princeton University for a semester, then took a position at Livonia High School, New York, teaching chemistry and biology.

Gene married Aurabeth Ehrer of Alfred on October 24, 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Army at the beginning of World War II and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served overseas with the 20th Air Force in Panama, India, Burma, China and Tinian. He was discharged as a captain at the end of the war.

Following the war, he took a job with Cottrell Company in Wayzata, Minnesota, and studied for a master's degree in accounting at Providence College.

In 1951, Gene and Aurabeth purchased the Sun Publishing Company in Alfred, where they resided in the apartment over the Main Street business.

Gene was a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church and a charter member of the Alfred Lions Club. He was the Alfred Village Justice for 22 years.

In addition to his wife, survivors include a daughter, Christine Bremer Mark of Reston, Virginia; two sons, Eric of Cleveland, Ohio, and Roger of Alfred; a sister, Elizabeth Hallwich of Dearborn, Michigan; a brother, Donald of Alfred Station; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on March 29, 1989, at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. David S. Clarke, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, and Rev. Melvin F. Stephon officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. MPS

Peters—Daniel Aaron Peters was born to Stephan and Laura Peters of Summer, Washington, on March 31, 1989, and died on April 1, 1989. Daniel is survived by his parents and one brother, David Jon.

Memorial services were held on April 5, 1989, in Sumner, with later memorial services and burial to take place in Factoryville, Pennsylvania. Stephan is a member of the Bay Area (California) church and serves in the U.S. Army.

Croop—Elsie Croop, 100, died on April 10, 1989.

She was born in Brookfield, New York, on September 22, 1888, the daughter of Merton and Harriet (Babcock) Brown. She was a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Leonardsville, New York, and its Ladies Benevolent Society. Elsie was a storekeeper with Ralph Mott, J.S. Walker, and later with the Victory Stores. She served as school tax collector for many years, as well as a member of the Election Board of Brookfield.

She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Talbott of N. Ft. Myers, Florida; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded by a son, Paul.

The funeral was held at Hook-Johnston Funeral Home, Edmeston, New York, with the Rev. Marie Dederick, pastor of the Leonardsville United Methodist Church, officiating. Internment was in the Leonardsville Cemetery. EC

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Thomas C. Maisdell — quoted in SR, August 1914