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Who are Seventh Day Baptists?

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

- the saving love of Jesus Christ.
- the Bible as the inspired word of God and a record of God’s will for man. The Bible is our authority both for our faith and our daily conduct.
- the atonement through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the redemption of mankind.
- the resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is our assurance of future incorruptibility.
- the spiritual nourishment available to the faithful through the Lord’s Supper.
- the illumination of the Holy Spirit received at baptism through the laying on of hands.
- the institutional form of church government. Every member of the church has the right to participate in the decision making process of the church.

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Risking failure—so we don’t fail God

by Russell Johnson

One of the paralyzing fears that people often face is the fear of failure. Questions about personal worth and worrying about the perceptions of others can severely limit our willingness to risk new ventures. Seventh Day Baptists are facing many exciting and frightening new challenges. God is clearly awakening and involving a multitude of people to the Sabbath truth and into the presence of this family of God built on His Word.

Some of these challenges are found in established churches. There are issues of willingness to change to meet the needs of new people in our congregations. And there are issues of willingness to give responsibility and authority to those people—new to us, but mature in the Lord. Other issues involve reaching out to the poor, the hungry, the hurting—and yet never neglecting active evangelism. Who will be the ones in the congregation to do it, how will we do it, and what is the criticism from the community?

There are concerns about what the pastor is called by God to do, and what the church should be doing that the pastor is presently doing for us. There is also the constant concern for each church’s stewardship of time, talents and finances; gifts that never seem to be perfect, but when applied carefully in faith can re-enact the multiplied loaves and fishes in our personal and group experiences. There are other challenges that seem to stretch us even further.

How will we reach a continent of our size when we have only about 100 identified points of ministry? This is compounded when we see that we are not even reaching our own communities. Yet the Great Commission was given to a group of perhaps 500 believers who had not yet been empowered. Their challenge was to reach not only Jerusalem, but Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the world. They did a pretty credible job in that first century.

We can do it again with 5,000 in the United States, and with 50,000 around the world. And who knows how many other “prophets” of our faith God has already prepared around the world to stand with the voice of Elijah in our day? God has truly raised up some new and exciting leaders and called them into ministry with us. These leaders bring a clear message of the Gospel and a call to Holiness and zealous commitment.

Even as the excitement and challenge grows, so does the pressure to say “we cannot do more.” But God never calls us to do that which He does not provide the means to accomplish.

The feelings of impossibility are given so that we lean on Him and not on ourselves. The “stretched” feeling is a feeling that can lead to joy as we lean on God, and not on our own understanding. We must learn to live in the truth, “God is my provider,” and live dynamically that way day to day.

In these challenging days it is important that we put things into perspective. If we are not to fail God, we must remember to whom we will give answer with our very lives for all that we have done or failed to have accepted.

We are called by the Holy Spirit to accept the Word and enter into the joy of Salvation. We are called to be aggressive, but compassionate. We are called to be advocates of the King and Kingdom alone. We are called to give, and discover that we receive; to obey and then rejoice;

...and to serve without thought of deserving anything more than what Christ has already done to purchase us from destruction.

We enter the world with nothing, and we leave the world with nothing except what is recorded in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Everything that God’s people “control” is either eagerly acknowledged by the Lord’s and under His control, or else we do not understand what it means for Him to be our Lord.

We have come from the midst of selfishness and personal lordship. The end of that former way is ultimate separation from God, and a final destruction with the rest of those who refuse to accept Him as Creator, Redeemer, and Reigning Lord. We say, as God’s joyfully submitted people: “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and all they that dwell therein.”

What does this have to do with our efforts to reach this continent? It affects us in every way. Our use of personnel, money, time, and new or uncertain ventures are all affected by the realities of fear or faith in our Lord.

Something or someone will reign in our lives; it is to be Christ who reigns in the church. It is to Him, and not to our budgets or our denomination that we bestow gifts, titles, love offerings, and first fruit offerings of our personal stewardship. Money once given to God is then under the stewardship and accountability of the church or Conference to be used wisely for the expanding of the Kingdom, and the meeting of every need. It was given to the Lord, and it is the Lord’s money, as even we are the Lord’s. It is not ours to control, nor are any other of His resources that we control. It is only ours to see utilized for Him.

The purchase of our lives means something or someone will reign in our lives; it is to be Christ who reigns in the church. It is to Him, and not to our budgets or our denomination that we bestow gifts, titles, love offerings, and first fruit offerings of our personal stewardship. Money once given to God is then under the stewardship and accountability of the church or Conference to be used wisely for the expanding of the Kingdom, and the meeting of every need. It was given to the Lord, and it is the Lord’s money, as even we are the Lord’s. It is not ours to control, nor are any other of His resources that we control. It is only ours to see utilized for Him.

The pastors were called by God, as the people in the pews were. Each is to obey God, and God will provide the needs of the church.

As our churches are asked to let go of people to start new works for God, we may be reluctant, but also joyful in our desire to see God’s will fulfilled. By hindering such obedience we will not strengthen any local church, but rather may well lose God’s blessing and favor. Every church that freely gives of itself to the Lord will find itself abundantly provided and blessed, for it is in the giving of ourselves that we are truly given.

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needs, according to His riches and wisdom. What if the work fails? What if it is like this other one in which we hoped and invested, but it collapsed? We must ask, "Did you do it for Christ, or yourself?" If you did it for Christ, you have not truly failed. Learn from the experience you have taken from God; but as for you, may you not be found guilty by God of having withheld from Him what is to be used for His glory.

We will see many new attempts at church planting in the next few years. It is new to us. Some will fail. Others will prosper. But God is the author and judge of the motives and results of each. Many will look like those that have gone before, but we as a people cannot withhold attempts for success because of the failures of the past.

We must walk by faith, in Wisdom, and in the direction and obedience of God. The time draws on, and God's will shall be done, if not by those who call themselves Seventh Day Baptists, then by those called by some other name who will freely and obediently do what God is asking us to do in this generation.

How is that for a missions adventure? We must risk failures in the eyes of man, lest we truly fail in the eyes of God to whom all will answer with greater consequences. If we must fear, God, and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come.

and eagerly look for the next opportunity to advance Christ's work. Listen to me, churches of God: lay down your lives for Christ. Do not neglect the Samaritans lying in the ditches of our times. Do not withhold compassion or mercy. Give freely, and hold all accountable to God, even as you hold yourself accountable to God. If you have given in His name, and others fail to use your gifts wisely, they

are given with restrictions that keep God or man from using them to meet the needs that God has for them in that day? What an accountability awaits those who try to control God or man with money. Money is neither our God, nor our salvation, and it cannot assure our success or prove our obedience to God. Only committed and responsible people can fulfill God's will, and He will provide all our

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Home Missions

Time is running out!

"The world is stirring as never before. God apparently decided Americans needed an education on the Middle East, not just Eastern Europe.

"And, He wanted the U.N. Security Council to agree on something for a change. And, what do you know, India, after all these years of being nasty to missionaries has decided to allow any former missionary to return for five years at a time!"

"Mozambique, whose coastline laid alongside the U.S. would run twice as far as from Seattle to Los Angeles, is now inviting missionaries to return to that world's most torn country. They can't do without the missionaries."

"These events are as hard to believe as the relaxations in Nepal, Albania, and the handshaking between North and South Korea. Can you visualize that huge Soviet naval vessel being welcome in San Diego—for the first time in a hundred years? This is a different world!" (Dr. Ralph D. Winter, director of the U.S. Center for World Mission, Pasadena, CA, in his editorial in October, Mission Frontiers).

As we enter the last decade of the second millennium A.D. (in the year of our Lord) there is much thinking and planning as we approach the year 2000. In the last 50 years the striking new concepts on church growth and unreached people, started by the late Donald McGavran, have brought new vitality to missions.

In this same period the rapid growth of the Christian church in some areas of the world has raised a new base for mission outreach. Most American Christians are actually shocked to learn that in Taiwan, Republic of China, between 1946 and 1947, the population of believers exploded from about 43,000 to 800,000 Christians. National missions agencies in Asia, Latin America, and Africa are more numerous than those in the so-called western world of North America and Europe.

Since 1965 when the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation came into being, the growth of SDBs has been greater in many of the 17 member groups than in North America. We are still only a small people. But God is opening new doors! One new door is the Republic of Cameroon, West Africa. Individual SDBs have not been able to study together, witness or worship for decades. But now they have been received by the Native Baptist Church and, under this recognized body, can now worship on the Sabbath and share their faith.

A study booklet for Native Baptist Church pastors, The Sabbath: God's Creation for Man's by Leon R. Lawton Benefit, has been written by Rodney L. Henry and published in three languages and English. Perhaps in February, following completion of the study, Pastor Henry will lead a Pastor's Conference in the Cameroon where these lessons will be discussed. Then he will help them set up an ongoing Pastor's Training Class following the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) guidelines using other study booklets already available. Unreached peoples are being identified, prayed for, and witnessed to. In Nigeria, Seventh Day Baptist Pastor G.A. Harrison has reported openness to the Gospel by Muslims. He has written, "This year 70 Muslims have been converted, baptized and Christianized. I am using one of their Mosques as a church building in Western Nigeria. Two pastors have been posted to Muslim areas of the west and four pastors to Muslim areas of the north."

Dr. Winter spoke on "We're Running Out of Time" recently and concluded his message: "Do you agree with me that time is running out? What are you doing in your life that doesn't have to be done? Are you busy at something that you will truly regret someday when you look back and realize the cruciality of these days? Do you believe God has given you free license to do whatever you want to do, so long as you can keep up a good enough front so that people in church don't become suspicious? Is it good enough to be able to give some kind of alibi—"Well, I'm studying this, or I'm looking, or I'm praying about..." when actually you're not really that serious? You know, I'm not the one asking these questions; God is asking these questions. We're simply the ones who have to answer. Time is running out!"
Home Missions

Extending for eternity

Christians have received the best gift ever given. The sharing of that gift can only increase. How can Seventh Day Baptists meet the opportunities and needs of sharing the great news in the 1990s? There are about 100 places in the United States and Canada where Seventh Day Baptists gather for worship and go out to serve in Christ's name.

The population of Canada is said to be 28 million; the United States is set at 250.6 million. A sizeable segment of citizens are between 26 and 44 years of age.

The challenge before us is best seen when we realize that there is a ratio of one Seventh Day Baptist in every 55,400 people. One SDB church is provided for every 2.8 million people in this North American continent. And there is only one SDB church to minister to 26 million people in Canada. Currently we have no known church ministering in Hawaii or Alaska. Numbers become overwhelming when we see that 73.7% of the population is urban, while only about one third of our churches are urban churches, and perhaps 15% are suburban. An additional 25% serve semi-rural or rural church communities. In other words, 33 groups are ministering to 203.8 million people, and more than 60 groups are ministering to 73 million. Extending the Kingdom for Christ's sake is less well distributed through SDBs than could be hoped.

The challenge would be disheartening if numbers were the only consideration. But God is faithful. In former times He used 500 disciples with a dozen leaders to reach a country and world with the good news of Jesus. God has given Seventh Day Baptists 5,000 committed people and tremendous leadership potential in response to the Double In A Decade project of the 1980s. He has also given us a unique message that we are responsible to spread around the whole world.

The Missionary Society is aggressively seeking to respond and pursue God's Will in all these areas in the 1990s.

Your partnership in this ministry

Personnel—

People are the only source of God's ministry to this world. Are you one of the committed disciples that God will use to meet these ministry needs in the 1990s? Are you willing, but uncertain of how to start a neighborhood outreach? Are you willing to go anywhere God wants you to go? Are you new ready to do anything God wants you to do? If God is speaking to your heart, let the Director of Extension know through a phone call or letter. Please take the time to do this even if you may have offered in the past.

Prayer—

The second area of support is in prayer for the specific works and the workers. "The prayer of a righteous man avails much" the Scriptures say, and your prayers of support and intercession for the work and workers are important. If you are willing to be committed to be a prayer warrior in the "911 Prayer Net" for new outreach needs, please let us know.

Provision—

The third avenue of assistance is in giving that God will raise up the financial resources through denominational giving, and through special provision, for meeting the needs that are currently beyond reach. Only by miraculous provision will the enormous challenge be met in the 90s. We believe God has prepared an answer for all these needs.

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How you can help

What's happening on the home field? Allow me to share some truly exciting things!

Since General Conference, there has been contact with people starting or willing to start churches in 17 new locations. If even half turn out to be successes, our Conference could be seeing a 10-20% growth in 1991. It seems that new contacts have been springing up almost monthly. I am confident that we will have a continuing stream of possibilities throughout the year.

It is possible that we cannot conceive of the growth that we could experience in 1991 with God's blessing. MORR 2000 is bringing challenge and blessing to churches in several parts of the country, and its impact will not be felt fully for another year. Individual associations and churches are pioneering efforts to reach out for Christ. Can there ever be too many of us reaching out for Him?

One SDB and family has come from Seventh Day Baptists who find themselves at a distance from a Seventh Day Baptist church, and who now feel a calling from God to explore the setting up of a witness in their communities.

Other efforts are arising from new leaders, several of whom come as trained and dedicated pastors. Others are excellent students of the Word who come simply committed to the cause of Christ. They arrive believing that they represent a calling to express that commitment are best found amongst Seventh Day Baptists. They come with enthusiasm and a drive to move forward for His name's sake. Overall, there is a tremendous feeling of great things about to unfold.

What can you do to support the cause of Christ, and to make a difference in a brand new ministry?

You can make the new ministry

sense the care and fellowship

from our established churches.

In addition to prayer and regular support of our denominational stewardship, a local church can give special gifts or do special projects to support the beginning of a specific new church. Even the smallest of churches can do things that make a big difference.

Giving a needed piece of new office equipment can free a church planter from hunting for a photocopier, or doing everything in handwritten form. Refurbished and quality office equipment can be extremely beneficial. Some churches could donate good condition or rebound hymnbooks. Providing the annual copyright license coverage for songs and choruses for the new church can pick up the burden of complying with the laws of our land. Sometimes even extra quality food and clothing can be of special help. The commissioning of talented church people to go and work in a church, planning for a period of time, offering reliable and economical used vehicles; adopting the church as a sister church to provide prayer support; even a one-time financial gift or regular giving for a time—all these can make the new ministry sense the care and fellowship from our established churches. You could make a tremendous difference for Christ to a worker struggling to put more effort into the Lord's work and less into personal provision.

For example, I have been to Des Moines, Iowa, and have been in contact with a man whose God has called into service to Him. Tom Carlson finds that Seventh Day Baptists are a people of joy to him. He is a member of the Dodge Center, Minnesota, church, has been licensed to preach, and seeks to start a branch church in his area.

Two specific needs were surrendered to God for His provision. The first is some possible support from God's people for setting up an office/meeting room in the front of Tom's appliance repair business. This could either be in the labor of fixing it up, or in the partial provision of some of the materials. The second need has been met by the provision of an economic car. It is important to say that he is not looking for so much to Seventh Day Baptists as the answer to his needs, as he is looking to God. However, I feel that Seventh Day Baptists may very well have the perfect provision from God for this need.

There are other needs in other places that emerge regularly. If you or your church have a burden to make a difference for Christ, and want to respond to a published need, or seek to provide for a yet unknown need, please keep your eye on the Lead-Line, or contact the Director of Extension.

Christ counts on His servants, and what you do does count. You may discover that what might seem little to you is someone else's greatest blessing, and could bring untold fruitfulness to both parties through the "widow's mite" given for Jesus.
Affecting the message
by Dwight Gradin

On an extremely full and cramped flight to Costa Rica last year, we were scheduled to land in Nicaragua enroute. Every available seat was taken. People coming from Miami to Managua had extra carry-ons. There was no space anywhere. Airline attendants could hardly get up and down the aisles to serve passengers.

As we landed in Managua, I checked as the Latin airline hostess, speaking with an accent, mis spoke over the PA system, "It has been a real pressure (she meant pleasure) having you on board today." How true, I thought!

Her slip of the tongue set me to thinking. My presence can result in pressure or pleasure. I can create stress for others or set them at ease. I influence the mood of my people or bring about irritation. My words and actions can contribute to their well-being or bring about injury. I mean no harm, but I may misspoke or bungle or be insensitive.

Several of us had flights on the return trip the next summer. Sharing our experiences, sights, and people with the full-time professional Christian ministry; some get involved."

Be people who will reject me, or send them a note or give them a phone call. Perhaps I will never have an opportunity of a lifetime that changed the direction of my life completely. I was asked to be a part of a summer missionary team to Japan.

Those of us who went would teach English in one of the American Baptist missionary schools in Himeji and would be sharing our Christian testimony with hundreds of students there, most of whom were Buddhist. Through several miracles of love from my family and my church family, I was able to come home with the money to go.

Among the many different experiences, sights, and people I witnessed was the sense of lostness in the families I lived with (except for the missionary family) and the void in the lives of the many people who did not know about Jesus. That experience along with the return trip the next summer revealed God's will for me to go into the full-time professional Christian ministry. (All Christians are in full-time Christian ministry; some get paid for doing what they are called to do, while for most Christians, there is no financial payment involved.)

I went on to seminary to prepare myself for the Lord's work (not to mention the fact that God wanted me in a place where I could meet and eventually marry Don Chroniger). As Don and I seek to minister for the Lord in our community and for Seventh Day Baptists, I am again struck by the hopelessness and emptiness that many people in a so-called Christian nation are daily experiencing. There are many people all around us who need to hear about and experience for themselves the good news of Jesus Christ. While there are those who are called to serve on a foreign mission field (and praise God for their willingness to go), many of us are called to minister right where we live. Some people are called to door-to-door evangelism, while others, through their consistent Christian witness and lifestyle, will win the trust of their neighbors and friends and eventually will have the opportunity to talk to them about their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sometimes the Lord provides supernatural meetings and opportunities to allow people to cross paths at the right time so we might share the good news of Jesus Christ and His love with those around me, so that if they have not made a personal commitment to Christ, they will before it is too late.

I pray for that person, or send them a note or give them a phone call.

Women's Society page by Charlotte Chroniger

I can't make anyone believe in Jesus Christ, nor can I make them accept Him as their personal Savior. I'm not perfect and I make mistakes. But hopefully God can still use me in some way to bring hope to the hopeless and to bring good news to those who have empty or struggling lives. I have to realize that there will be people who will reject me, or reject the message I want to share with them. It may hurt, it may cause me deep distress, but I am not responsible for their actions or reactions. I must continue to lovingly be of help to them or might encourage them. I have been amazed at how many times the Lord has put us at the right place at the right time to meet someone or talk with someone. Often we don't talk about spiritual things such as forgiveness, sin, or salvation, but we are able to share with that individual or family through our love and concern and humor. Sometimes the Lord will bring someone to my mind, often someone I haven't thought about for a long time. I pray for that person, or send them a note or give them a phone call. Perhaps I will never have an opportunity to talk with them about the Lord, but hopefully a seed can be planted to start them thinking about spiritual things.
In a letter written on shipboard Daland wrote:

"I truly believe that the coming out of the Sabbath-keepers at Ayam Main and all the events and circumstances in connection with their becoming one of our churches constitutes a sign from God that he has a work for us to do among them. I hesitate to affirm this because the task of maintaining a mission there will be an enormous one, and yet I give this as my opinion. It seems to me that God has spoken. If we hear and heed his call, we will surely bless us. If he has spoken and we do not heed, he may work his will without us, but we shall lose the blessing."

Interest in this mission opening remained high for a number of years, but question of support remained a major issue. This door opened at the same time efforts and resources were being spent in China, and in a newly opened Industrial mission in Nyasaland under the direction of Joseph Booth and the Evangelizing and Industrial Association. The Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, O.U. Whifford, in 1901 reported the Society's willingness to take up the Gold Coast Mission if people would support it, "but it would require something more than enthusiasm to carry it on..." The Board had in this past taken up special work under the enthusiasm generated by General Conference, and after a little the interest died out, and they were left without support for that particular interest. A student at Alfred, Peter Velthuyzen, the son of Pastor Gerard Velthuyzen of the Netherlands, volunteered to go as a missionary if the General Conference indicated its desire. Funds were raised and Peter arrived in the Gold Coast in November of 1901. Severe sickness and the equatorial climate left him weak and exhausted. His strength was not equal to the task and he died on October 20, 1902, of tropical fever. A decade later, Joseph Ammokoo's son, Ebenezer, was brought to America where he enrolled in Tuskegee Industrial Institute in Alabama and then pursued academic studies at Milton College. He returned to Africa in 1912, but without the presence of a missionary on the field, the work failed to grow. By 1915 it was reported that no religious services or Sabbath Schools were held, and so money was no longer sent. Fifty years later some Sabbath-keeping churches were reported in Ghana, and periodic communications with the Tract Society and the Missionary Board are recorded. In 1968 Roger Cassill, a Sabbath convert from Turin, Italy, visited Ghana with some support from the Mill Yard Church in England where he held his membership. He reminded people of the efforts of Peter Velthuyzen, who was buried in Ghana, and concluded, "It would be an everlasting memorial to the office of this missionary if I could establish a Seventh Day Baptist work here."

The door to Ghana has remained open for over half of the 20th century, but in general Seventh Day Baptists have chosen not to enter with sufficient support. There are many "Macedonian calls" which continue to challenge those who would take the Gospel to all the world. Which place should be entered and which should be left to others is a continual challenge in the wise stewardship of limited resources.

Five years ago—January 1986
Janet Thompkins reviews the SDB World Federation's first 20 years.
A new translation of the "Guide to Bible Understanding" lessons to be used in the Philippines.
Gene Smith installed at Adams Center, New York.
Ministry of "Ambassadors for Christ" shared.
Fair booth ministry guidelines listed.

10 years ago—January 1991
Joni Burdick shares her SOSC experience.
Executive Secretary K.D. Hurley challenges readers to make the new year one of new growth.
Personality profile highlights Karl Stillman.
Missionary vision presented by L.S. Thanga, Burma.
Pastor Ken and Jean Davis honored for 10 years of service in Battle Creek.

25 years ago—January 1976
Impressive list of "Notable Church People" sent from Milton Junction, Wisconsin.
Rev. Lester Osborn passes away in New York.
Schenevacles, New York, church burns mortgage.
Rev. Joseph Tyrrell laid to rest in Guyana.
Dr. Stanley L. Stuber, American Baptist ecumenical leader, evaluates Vatican Council II.
The SR and Crusader (American Baptist) magazines share an article exchange on respective distinctions.

50 years ago—January 1941
Federal Council of Churches marks 19th annual Interracial Brotherhood Month.

One year ago—January 1990
Testimonies and reports from Malawi, with new missionaries Ian and Trudy Ingoe.
Dr. Pete and Nancy May enjoy loving welcome and stirring meetings in South Africa.
Missionary Society Executive Leon Lawton focuses on the theme of missions.
The Beacon offers choices for the national YF's new name and logo.
Outreach news from the Middletown, Connecticut, and Miami churches.

75 years ago—January 1916
Rev. T.J. Van Horn answers some "fallacious arguments" concerning the Sabbath.
Editorial decries the current crape for short sermons and "the possible decadence of the pulpit."
Financial woes continue to hit the Tract and Missionary Board.
In spite of "the prevailing epidemic of la grippe," 300 people partake of the annual dinner in Milton.
Quote from The Christian Herald deploring decadent hymnody: "Some of these hymns that are shouted and drummed... are a reproach to the whole world of music."
Christian Endeavor coined "the West Point of the church"—where young Christian soldiers are trained for spiritual warfare.

Ahva J.C. Bond foresees a future training camp in Colorado.
New tract reprints ordered. Estimated cost for a run of 5,000 is $90.
Federal Council, meeting in Atlantic City, calls all Christians to "maintain spiritual unity and to banish hatred and hypocrisy."
New book comes to the editor's desk: The First Hundred Years. Contains the history of the Pwescuck SDB Church in Westerly, Rhode Island.


"That you may know..."

by Althea Rood

As we enter the New Year, I believe it gives us another opportunity to evaluate our growth in relationship with the Lord. Can we "see" the victories that the Lord has brought to pass in our lives? Are we experiencing a greater depth of fellowship with Him? Is He convicting us of areas in which we need to trust Him; even to trust Him to a greater depth?

I am convinced that God has called out Seventh Day Baptists as a people to represent Him in our world. In studying the Israelites and how God called them out of Egypt, I have always been amazed at the number of times the phrase "that you may know that I am the Lord your God" is used. Just as God spoke to the Israelites, I believe He is saying to us, "I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."

However, what amazes me most is the Lord's economy. The Lord was not interested in being the God of Israel only. He wanted to reveal Himself to the Egyptians through the Israelites.

Several times, particularly during the time of the plagues, God said, "the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord" (Ex. 7:5a; 14:4b). God wanted to make Himself known not only to the Israelites but to the Egyptians as well, in spite of the fact that they had persecuted His chosen people. God even sent this message to Pharaoh: "But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth" (Ex. 9:16).

God's purposes always seem to be much larger than our own! God desires that all come to know Him—even those "Egyptians" in our lives who torment or trouble us. Maybe it's those who just aren't "our kind of people."

As we consider God's mission for us as Seventh Day Baptists, I encourage you to contemplate: What has God done in your life this past year? How is He changing you as He lives His life through you? Who has been brought to your life?

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As Althea Rood

And now, through Christ, all the kindness of God has been poured out upon us undeserving sinners; and now He is sending us out around the world to tell all people everywhere the great things God has done for them, so that they, too, will believe and obey Him. Romans 1:5 (The Living Bible)
The ministry of teaching

Pastor Jus Start parked his car in Deacon Willing's driveway. He wondered why Ed Christian's car was parked at the curb in front of Deacon Willing's house on a workday. Perhaps the snow storm had delayed the opening of the local school where Sabbath School Superintendent Ed Christian worked.

Invited inside, Pastor Start joined them and listened as Superintendent Christian and Deacon Willing excitedly discussed the Sabbath School's reaction to the MORE 2000 study book, The Emerging Seventh Day Baptist Church. Ed Christian commented that if half of those in the MORE 2000 study became seriously involved in the "priesthood" idea, then the church wouldn't have problems recruiting teachers and leaders.

Superintendent Christian proposed that the church organize a "Christian Life Nurture Group" which might meet one evening each week for prayer, Bible study and reflection on their efforts to live a Christian life. Pastor Start began to feel very weary. "Not another task to do. How will I fit another preparation into my schedule?" thought Pastor Start. He heard Deacon Willing saying, "We might have a problem. Who would lead the group?"

Building a ministry of teaching in the local church requires vision. Each church leader, following Christ's example, will seek out others within the church membership to share the leadership and teaching ministry. Shared leadership is necessary for church growth. Each church leader realizes the unlimited potential for sharing and teaching Christ's commandments and nurturing an ever-growing leadership team within the local church. MORE 2000, Mission of Revival and Evangelism 2000, is designed to help our churches explore the shared ministry responsibilities of each member. It seeks to call out and recognize the leadership team of the local church. The local leadership team is the core of the church's teaching ministry.

Teaching involves both content, the message that Christ is Lord, and the context, the medium that is communication and community living. Context is both verbal (our words) and nonverbal (our actions). The teaching ministry goal of the church is to complete the church's disciple making goal: sharing the faith, conversion, baptism, nurturing the new convert in "knowing God" and Christian living, preparing and then participating in witnessing to others and teaching them.

The way to learn and to live the Christian faith is through participation. This is not an option. It is necessary that each of us who teaches must know the content of the Christian faith and internalize it so that like the Apostle Paul we may confess that it is not ourselves but Christ living in us. When we teach, we teach our faith—the Way to God—to someone else.
1991 Pre-Con Camps ready to go!

The Youth Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has announced the selection of the 1991 Pre-Conference camp sites and the appointment of directors for the Youth and Young Adult Camps.

Youth Pre-Con Camp for teens aged 15-18, or completed grade nine, will be held at Camp Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, New York, on August 7-11, 1991. Camp Harley Sutton honors the name of the Board of Christian Education’s first executive secretary and co-director of the first Pre-Con Camp. Camp Harley Sutton is owned by the churches of the Allegheny Association. The camp is located about two miles west of Alfred Station and about 30 miles from Houghton College, our 1991 Conference site.

The first camp on the present site, which was a gift of Dr. Harold and Hannah Shaw Burdick, was directed in 1952 by our current SDB Historian Don Sanford. Burdick Lodge is the main building which has the kitchen, bathing facilities, and a large meeting room which doubles as a dining area. Dormitories are named in memory of Dr. Ben Crandall, Don Stearns, and Mark Sanford. The camp has a baseball field and a new volleyball basketball court.

Pastor David and Margaret Taylor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, Rhode Island, will direct Youth Pre-Con.

Young Adult Pre-Con Camp for 18-25-year-olds will be held at Camp Vick, Sandusky, New York, an American Baptist Camp which is located off State Route 98. The 220 acre camp is located about 30 miles from Houghton College. Two large cabins have been reserved for our camp. Meals are served in the main lodge. Recreation fields for volleyball and soccer and a lake for swimming and boating are at the camp site.

Pastor Don and Charlotte Chroniger, Shiloh, New Jersey, SDB Church, will direct Young Adult Pre-Con Camp.

Youth and Young Adult Camps will open with dinner at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, and close after lunch at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. The 1991 Pre-Con Camp fee for both camps will be $65. Plan now to attend!

Name: Donald L. Chroniger
Birthdate and place: November 23, 1952, Tampa, Florida
Current pastorate: Shiloh, New Jersey, Seventh Day Baptist Church
Family: Wife--Charlotte Sons--Tyler, 7; Jordan, 5 Daughters--Bethany, 3; Jessica, 1
Education: Washington Bible College, 1976--B.A. in Biblical Education with music emphasis Central Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983--Pastoral Theology major
Former pastorate/employment: New Auburn, Wisconsin, SDB Church (six and one-half years) Youth minister at Shiloh, New Jersey, SDB Church Minister of music at Hazelwood Baptist in Maryland (SBC)
My first job was: Sweeping the floor at a laundromat.
My vision for SDBs: That we learn to multiply--a mother church births a branch church, and then both mother and branch churches birth two more churches, etc.

Favorite author: A.W. Tozer
If given an all-expense paid vacation: We would visit the Holy Land.
A great answer to prayer was: My wife Charlotte.
A church project I'm excited about: The possibility of a building project connecting the church and fellowship hall for easy access for all.
Favorite childhood memory: Climbing Sugar Loaf Mountain and gazing over the valley.
Favorite Bible passage: Philippians 2:13
Hope finds a house in Philly
by Rolleesa Thurman

Sabbath, June 16, 1990, was an important milestone in the history of Seventh Day Baptists in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area. The dedication of the building purchased by the Hope SDB Church was the culmination of the congregation’s dream since its organization as the Ambler SDB.

A light lunch was served after the morning service. This was followed by the highlight of the day, the Dedication Service. Representatives came from New Jersey (Shiloh, Marlboro, and Plainfield), Westerly, Rhode Island, and New York City, as well as several local churches, while letters were read from many other SDB churches and well-wishers who were not able to be present.

The Scripture reading was from Nehemiah 4:6, focusing on the last verse. Pastor Kenney Crouch-shank introduced the chairperson for the afternoon, Pastor Corneth Lawrence. Deaconess Virginia Ayars welcomed everyone and Deacon Fred Ayars gave a historical sketch of SDBs and Hope in particular. Deacon Owen Probasco of the Shiloh church brought greetings from the Memorial SDB Church. He was instrumental in financing the purchase. He also sang a beautiful solo. Musical selections were also rendered by members of the Rehoboth Church of God Seventh Day, the Philadelphia Seventh Day Church of God, and Hope choir. Our own Marie Campbell played a lovely selection on the violin.

Special greetings from the Marlboro church were brought by Pastor Frank Cruzan. Plainfield’s Pastor Joe Samuels brought greetings as president of General Conference, and as a relative and long-time friend to many members of Hope.

Pastor Leon Lawton brought the afternoon message as a representative of the denomination and the Missionary Society.

The Act of Dedication responsive reading was followed by the unveiling of the commemorative plaque by Sister Rolleesa Thurman, who also gave a vote of thanks to all those instrumental in making the day so memorable.

After the benediction by Pastor Selvin Findlater, everyone was treated to cake and punch. A photograph album sharing the pictorial history of Hope’s progress from Ambler in 1982, through Westerly, Rhode Island, and New York City, was brought by Sister Rolleesa Thurman. We are practicing the Golden Rule by renting our building.

Bradentont alive and well!

Located on the west coast of Florida where the sun shines nearly every day is one of the newest Seventh Day Baptist churches. The Bradenton, Florida, SDB church is maintaining an active program which includes a very lively Sabbath School. In 1990, 75 different visitors have worshiped with us and attendance has increased by 150 over the same period a year ago. Covered dish dinners are a favorite with the group. Home Bible studies have also been well attended.

We are proud of our denominational involvement in helping to raise the budget, participation in PROP, as well as the needs of Christian Social Action.

In order to make ourselves known and to participate in our church, we are contributing members of the Manatee County Religious Services which helps the needy. Some of our members are hospice volunteers and our pastor, Leland Bond, is active in the Manatee County in evangelistic efforts by participating in “Outreach 91.”

The welcome mat is out for all those who might come our way.

Pastoring church and campus

On September 24, 1990, Jon F. Warren, pastor of the Sabbath Day Baptist Church of Central Missouri, was employed by Inter-Church Ministry to Lincoln University (ICM-LU). Pastor Warren was appointed Campus Minister. He was chosen from a field of six candidates.

Inter-Church Ministry is operated by a board of directors representing seven area churches. Denominations included in ICM-LU are: Presbyterian, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, Lutheran, Episcopal, and now, Seventh Day Baptist.

Lincoln University is a state land grant institution 126 years old. Approximately 3,600 students are enrolled for the 1990-91 school year.

The University is a fertile field for the Lord’s work. Please pray for guidance and strength for Pastor Warren. He continues regular full-time employment with the State Department of Education and is pastor of a growing local Seventh Day Baptist Church.

News from Nortonville

by Reba Wheeler

Robert and Linda Harris, Joanna, and Ben arrived in Nortonville, Kansas, on June 4, 1990, and Rev. Harris took up his duties as minister of the church. Linda became a member of the choir and Ladies Missionary Society.

Rev. Harris became active in the area ministerial association and has taken part in community services. He gave the first sermon from the newly dedicated bandstand recently built and placed in the city park during the “Fall Festival.” He gave the message for the Community Thanksgiving service on November 19. Besides his pastoral duties he has led the worship services in several SDB churches in the area. We are grateful for the work and love of this fine family.

The Women’s Missionary Society held a Food and Plant Sale on November 8 in the church basement. Orlene Mitchell was in charge of the food sale assisted by Ruby August. Zella Babcock was in charge of the plant sale. Over $600 was cleared in spite of a rainy, chilly day.

November 10-11, the Nortonville church hosted the Training in Ministry and Extension (T.I.M.E.) students for the weekend, with the women of the church providing food for meals. The six men in the training program under the leadership of Bob Henry were Steve McNeme of Montana, James Gala-
High time on the plains

by Marjorie Goodrich

With the theme “Being Called to Holiness,” President Ruth (John) Ryschon began the 1990 Mid-Continent Association in North Loup, Nebraska. The host church welcomed guests from six states, including Conference President Althea (Dale) Rood, and Pastor and Mrs. George Calhoun. Even in the plains we found many mountain top experiences during times of praise and worship.

Our Sabbath eve service was highlighted by inspirational choir music and Pastor Ken Burdick’s talk on “Live the Life I Gave You.” Sharing of the Lord’s supper followed with meaningful words shared by Pastors Gordon Lawton and Robert Harris. Sabbath service was a delight, starting with a song and praise time led by the Calhouns. George also gave the morning message on “How Motivated Are You?” Again the choir shared its part in uplifting the name and holiness of God.

Following dinner served to over 200, President Althea Rood led a Bible study on the Conference theme, “Called to Obedience,” using Moses and his trials with the ten plagues. It was a blessing to have so many young people attending.

Following evening vespers by Dr. Bernard Keown, Lanette Calhoun presented a concert of inspirational music, with the spirit of the Lord very real and enlivening all who were present.

The business meeting Sunday followed devotions by Pastor Steven James. Pastor Larry Graffius presented the study workbook he has prepared on Time Management, challenging groups to pursue it. All too soon the meeting was over and President Ruthie turned the gavel over to Patrick Skaggs of the Boulder, Colorado, church, who challenged us to keep striving to be “Holy as He is Holy.” He shared that we will be “Overcomers” because he who overcomes will inherit eternal life, and, “It will be worth it all when we see Jesus.” Yes, many attended Mid-Continent Association, were blessed—and it was good.

Shiloh shares super summer and fall

by RuthAnn Davis

Now that we are into the new year, we can look back and reflect on our many summer and fall activities at the Shiloh, New Jersey, SDB Church. Bible School was held for one week at the end of June with many of the students and staff from neighboring churches and communities.

A Chicken Barbecue was held at Jersey Oak Camp with lots of good fun, games, and fellowship. Midget, Junior and Senior Camps were held during the month of July. Jersey Day Camp was under the care of Gwenn, Clara Mullford, and Junior and Senior Camps had Pastor Donald Chroniger as director. Another Chicken Barbecue was held for the church and community with the proceeds going to help a family in need.

In October our Junior and Senior Church young people gathered for a retreat. Some came from neighboring communities and many traveled from other SDB churches. There were 54 young people altogether with many adults helping out with cooking and counseling. The group held sessions with speakers from our local churches as well as guest speakers from Faith Farm, a nearby organization that works with young men with drug problems. The group also heard from a minister who now works with AIDS-related programs.

The entire weekend was a rich experience for the young people as well as the adults. These folks are reaching out with our love and guidance. With all the problems they have to face, they need Christian parents and adults to be there. Again this year we had a Harvest Meal. The emphasis during the worship service was “Friendship” with the choir anthems, Junior Message, and sermon all dealing with this topic. Many friends and families shared together a good old-fashioned turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Prayer and other church-related activities have increased. A number of adults actively take part in the services so that it is no longer the pastor and his wife’s “show.” Pastor Bill Bowerman and his helper, Gwen, continued their ministry in the Middletown area twice a week only, largely because of family responsibilities with aged parents and granddaughter. The Chapel still allows them to be absent one Sabbath bi-monthly to lead worship at the Schenectady, New York, SDB Church. They are both involved on the denominational level as officers of the Missionary Society. Gwen continues as organist, child care provider for evening Bible studies, and she provides floral arrangements for most services.

Monthly fellowship meals and special programs on Sabbath sharing and prayer. A highlight of the year was the baptism which took place on September 1. The entire worship service that day concentrated on baptism and gave the candidates an opportunity to speak. Then the baptism was held shortly thereafter in a member’s pool nearby.

At the Annual Business Meeting at the end of October, new people were elected for two of the three officers. Moderator Howard McAuliffe and Clerk Charles Lyman who had served for many years were succeeded by Kim Short and Joann Cordova. Along with Treasurer Jeff Hill all of the officers are now under 40 years of age. The outgoing officers were elected trustees. By unanimous will, William Bower will continue as pastor.

An outreach fund was established to provide funds monthly for spreading God’s Word with the first recipient being the local Christian radio station WHIS. During the past year the pastor gave away Bibles and Scripture portions, and the Chapel sent funds (through Finland) to provide Bibles for Russia.

The pastor proposed new programs for the upcoming year such as Operation Quiet Time, a coordinated, church-wide Bible study and prayer program from Scripture Union; A Prayer Partners program for partners to pray together at least weekly about their concerns and requests mentioned at Sabbath worship; Bible Memorization using the Christian Education Board program supplemented by other passages; and Bible study with prayer sharing and worship. The entire worship service that day concentrated on baptism and gave the candidates an opportunity to speak. Then the baptism was held shortly thereafter in a member’s pool nearby.
December $754,495

November $691,611

October $628,738

September $585,864

August $502,990

July $440,116

June $314,364

May $281,465

April $189,621

March $125,749

February $62,873

January

$754,485

Per month gift income needed—$33,931.
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SR Reaction

Dear Kevin,

The November issue came today. I found it excellent. It has inspired me to give a series of messages next year on prayer. Our prayers are with you and the Madison church.

Pastor Bob Harris
Nortonville, KS

Dear Editor,

I am a Seventh Day Baptist young person, and I have had the pleasure of meeting Anna Maria McEvilain, a very talented and intelligent person. However, I feel I cannot let her protest go unprotected (SR Reaction, Nov.). As a youth called to ministry, and face what I've seen of other SDBs, I can guarantee we will not forget the words of Paul in 1 Timothy 2, "For there is one God..." in this next generation.

I agree that there are those, young and old alike, in our denomination who are conforming to worldly standards, and it grieves me. People as a whole notice change, and when we don't show the world the change Jesus has made in us, we cannot expect to grow in numbers. It is a serious issue that needs denominational prayer and immediate correction.

I am afraid that I am as sometimes guilty of this.

I strongly disagree with parents who don't care enough to explain and to enforce biblical dating concepts; they are conforming to worldly standards. I say, "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous, sing to him a new song: play skillfully and dance with joy" (Psalm 40:3). Psalm 40:3 also suggests that singing new songs of praise to our Lord can draw others to our Lord and Messiah.

Next month, we'll begin our new feature:

Encouraging Words

The statements of faith through which I claim the crown of eternal life happen to be the same statements of faith outlined in the current SDB statement of beliefs, all sufficiently backed by Scripture. It is the day the Seventh Day Baptist denomination discontinues its belief in the trinity (and I hope it never does) that I recommend my church heed from the denomination. I will find fellowship with a Sunday church before I am willing to fellowship with those who do not believe the basic fundamental truth of the trinity.

I don't like to think of the faith of Abraham or David as old-fashioned; it is the Holy Spirit that guided them, the same Holy Spirit that Jesus was kind enough to give us, so that if we follow its promptings and listen to it as the voice of God (for indeed it is) we too will grow spiritually and radically as New Creations, and there is nothing old-fashioned about that.

In Christian Love,
Michael A. Peters
Bay Area, CA

Dear Kevin,

I want to commend you on the December SR!

To Matthew 24:12 Jesus says that if possible even God's chosen ones will be deceived. We need straight teaching and warnings as you have shared. Many Christians are not even aware of the cunning strategies that the New Agers and Humanists have been saturating America with for the past 45 years.

I say, "Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous, sing to him a new song: play skillfully and dance with joy" (Psalm 40:3). Thanks again,

Nayola Warner
Onida, NY

Kuzma—A son, Charles J. Kuzma, was born to Mark and Joni (Goodrich) Kuzma on September 6, 1990, in Grand Island, NE.

Abel—A daughter, Kayla Ann Abel, was born to Chuck and Christy (Teter) Abel on October 10, 1990, in Grand Island, NE.

Adams Center, NY
Quintin E. (Gene) Smith, pastor

Plainfield, NJ
Joseph A. Samuels, pastor

Baby Boomers
William Bowyer, pastor

Pine Street Gospel Chapel
Middletown, CT

January 1991

Encouraging Words

Todd—Deaconess Evelyn L. Todd, 85, died on September 2, 1990, at Harrisburg (Illinois) Medical Center. She had suffered with cancer and heart problems for several years. Evelyn was born on March 13, 1905, in Stonefort, Illinois, to the late Albert and Mary Lou (Jones) Lewis. She joined the Old Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 21, 1921, and was organist/pianist for many years, as well as teacher of the adult Sabbath School class. She was ordained a deaconess on February 17, 1973.

Evelyn married Romeo Todd on October 2, 1926. He preceded her in death on June 1, 1983.

Survivors include one daughter Janice Lindle of Carrier Mills, Illinois; two sons, Mike of Carrier Mills and William L. of Twentynine Palms, California; one brother, Leland Lewis of St. Louis, Missouri; one brother-in-law, Logan Todd of Carrier Mills; six grandchildren, and 16 foster children. Evelyn was preceded in death by four sisters—Ethel, Wilma, Sue and Betty—three brothers—Charles, Jack and Bill—two sisters-in-law—Maxine and Ruth—two brothers-in-law—Joe and Joe, and a foster child.

Obituaries

Joseph A. Samuels
Plainfield, NJ

Pastoral Moves in 1990/1991

1990—May
Michael Burns to Hebron, PA

June
Bob Harris to Nortonville, KS

Edward Sutton to Little Genesis, NE

September
Robert Van Horn to Columbus, OH

October
Dale Smalley to New Auburn, WI

November
Chris Mattison to Salemville, PA

Interim
Eugene Wheeler at Lost Creek, WV

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Joining after baptism
Michael Cordova
Denise Toth

Joining by letter
Gwendolyn Bowyer
William B. Bowyer

Joining after testimony
Ronald Lewis
Patricia Lewis

William Bowyer, pastor

Shirley Embrey

Encouraging Words
Obituaries, cont.

She was born on November 9, 1940, in Rochester, New Hampshire, and was diagnosed with sugar diabetes at the age of 7. A member of the Waterford (Connecticut) Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sally was often hospitalized in recent years with complications—a weak heart, and ulcers on her feet that resisted treatment. These health problems, added to financial woes, would have been enough to discourage most people, but she maintained a cheerful composure, buoyed up by her strong faith.

After her children were grown, Sally earned her high school equivalency diploma after two and one-half years of study—a victory she treasured. She worked outside the home when physically able, at Lawrence Hospital, N.L. Convalescent Hospital, and Dunkin' Donuts. Sally was interested in a prison ministry, so she volunteered for a Sunday school class at the South Carolina Correctional Institution.

Survivors include one son, Mark Navarette of Orlando, Florida; two daughters, Kimberly N. Harris of Berkeley, California, and Darlene N. Bennett of Mather Air Force Base in California; one sister, and a step-father. She never ceased to mourn the loss of her husband, Gene. She was a member of Salem SDB Church.

A memorial service was held on October 13, 1990, in the Waterford SDB Church.

Meanwell—Conza Meanwell, 104, of Berea, West Virginia, died on October 22, 1990, at Americare of Wellsville, New York, following a period of declining health. She was born in Berea on August 21, 1897, in Dodge Center, Minnesota, to Giles and Nellie (Orcutt) Ellis, and joined the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church as a youth. Following her father's death, her mother took the family to Battle Creek, Michigan. There, Nida completed her high school education and had some preparation for being a nurse, which she used in different jobs where she lived.

Nida was married in Battle Creek to Clark Siedhoff, and they began their family there. They later moved to Salem, West Virginia, where Clark became head of the music department at Salem College. In 1941, she returned to Battle Creek. In 1947, Nida married John Hudson, who died in 1968. Nida then moved to Little Genesee, New York, to live near her daughter. She had her membership transferred to the church there, remaining active until her death. She was an active participant in the work of the Woman's Board, both in Battle Creek and Salem, and was also active in the local church ladies groups in each of the churches she attended. (Survivors include one son, John Siedhoff of Bonita Springs, Florida; one daughter, Wilma Sanford of Little Genesee; one step-daughter, Mrs. Raymond Ludwa of Battle Creek; eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held at the Little Genesee SDB Church on November 22, 1990, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Edward Sutton. Interment was at the Reesse Cemetery in Battle Creek, with the Rev. George Calhoun of the Battle Creek SDB Church officiating.ES
World Federation prepares for New Zealand sessions

With sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation coming up a year from now in New Zealand, 1991 will be a year of preparation and anticipation for people in the 17 Conferences. Federation President Rev. Gabriel Bejjani will be working with the executive committee throughout the year on program plans. Australasian Conference President Dorothy Goulding reports that they have named Andrew Peters hosting chairman for the sessions. They will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, in early January, 1992.

Preparation begins this year with the 24th annual World Federation Week of Prayer, January 6-12. "Understanding the Winds of Adversity" is the theme selected by Prudence Robinson, corresponding secretary of the Jamaica Conference, who wrote this year's Week of Prayer booklet. Sister Robinson is one of the vice presidents of the Federation, a member of the Kingston church, and principal of an elementary school in St. Andrew.

Throughout the year members of churches and Conferences throughout the world will be encouraged to send contributions that will help fund the 1992 sessions. World Federation Executive Secretary, Rev. Dale Thorngate, says Sabbath Recorder readers will again have opportunity to sponsor delegates from a specific country. At least one representative from each Conference attended the last Federation session held in Rhode Island in 1986. It is hoped that delegates from each of the 17 member Conferences may also attend the meetings in New Zealand.

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