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## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**O**f all the people in the world, people who are trying to make a real impact upon society, Seventh-day Adventists ought to be front and center. With all the insights and unique information we possess, surely the world ought to be aware of our presence. Some reporters from surveys recently told us that the facts indicate otherwise. We are not known as we could and should be.

There are Adventists whose style of living is so impressive, whose joy in serving Christ is so dynamic, whose profile of kindness is so constant, that they do make a difference. Among us are individuals from all walks of life who are not ashamed to witness for their faith by their everyday living and relationships. Such was the case in one California city where a pharmacist, whose drug-store was closed on Saturdays, won the respect and admiration of the community because of his constant kind behavior. Not only was he kind; he was also gentle. Yet he was a tall,

strong specimen of humanity but was known for his beautiful Christian lifestyle.

Another person comes to mind whose attitude and lifestyle made him one of the most-loved people in town. He was short of stature, had a nice soft voice, and had overcome the ravages of cancer a few years before I met him. As a member of my congregation, he and his wife were usually the first ones to enter the sanctuary on Sabbaths and were regular attendees at Prayer Meeting services. He knew very little about his family, having chosen to leave home in his early teens. He called himself a "hobo" during this phase of his life. There was something special about Lemuel Rucker.

Whenever anyone asked how he was feeling, he replied, "Just wonderful, wonderful!" His life was beginning to fade but he never changed the tune of his response to people. He was always wonderful! Even though he was in his late seventies, he would call me and ask me to go along with him to visit . . . "the old people" in the rest homes. As we would enter the halls of hospitals and rest homes, the nurses would rush up to him and kiss him gently on the top of his head. His grey eyes would sparkle and a cute smile would flash across his face. He was loving and loveable.

You can understand, then, why I chose to give Brother Rucker a new name. It was one which he exemplified. I named him, "Mr. Wonderful!" He and his wife, Emma, kept two handicapped young

men, and through kindness and patience, led both of these men to Christ. It was not enough for them to be "just church members." They wanted to be soul winners. And the Holy Spirit blessed them to touch many lives for Christ. People in that city were very much impressed with Adventism because of what they saw in the lives of the Ruckers. Would to God their examples could be multiplied in all of our churches.

In my album of pleasant memories is a lady named Helen. She and her husband had been members of the Adventist Church for many years. He was a faithful deacon and she served as a deaconess. They had no natural children but that didn't stop them from loving the children around them. It didn't matter what color or from what part of town. The Williamses were just plain old-fashioned loving Christian people. Her special joy was preparing meals for families who were having problems or crises. Not just a dish or a casserole. She would prepare an entire vegetarian meal and deliver it to the family or individual in need. She wouldn't stay for praise or thanks. A quick delivery made and she was on her way, rejoicing in her heart. She and her husband were people who made a difference.

Henry was a master mechanic from Germany. He had an Arco service station and all his patrons knew that they would always get service with a smile and work done with integrity. I enjoyed being in his shop and talking with his customers. The garage section was clean and orderly. His workers were polite and kind. No profanity was permitted. The sign in the window indicated that the station was closed one hour before sunset and would open one hour after sunset. Because of his consistency, people respected Henry and were dedicated to his business. Henry was someone who made a difference in that city.

Today, why not let the Holy Spirit show you how to be someone who

### About Our Cover Photo

A welcome and sure sign of spring in New England is the presence of fiddleheads. They are not a specific type of plant. The term refers to an early stage of fern life when they pop up in soggy spring soil all shy and curled up and looking like the scrolled head of a violin. In fern-talk this is called the crozier stage, after the crooked stick that bishops tote. Several varieties of fern are commonly nipped in the bud, as it were, and served as fiddleheads. In Maine, the fiddlehead capital of New England and where at least one company cans fiddleheads for market, they favor the sprouts of the ostrich fern. Elsewhere, the cinnamon fern or bracken fern prevails.

Mary Miller from Vernon, VT, captured this intriguing picture with a Minolta camera using Kodachrome 64 film. Her picture received Honorable Mention in the 1987-88 *Gleaner* Cover Photo Contest.



can make a difference? On the job, while you are shopping, as you walk and talk with people, remember, the world is looking for a religion that

practices what it preaches. *You* can make a difference . . . if you will!

TED. T. JONES II



Guest Editorial

## HIGH-TECH IN A HIGH-TECH WORLD

**G**etting the job done without coming in contact with people seems to be the norm for most jobs in today's high-tech society. The most efficient jobs are those done without the interference of human emotions, fraternizing, or other human behavior.

One example would be a computer operator who bills customers. The operator may work alone at home on a terminal. He then sends work to the office by modem connected to the main computer. His pay check is sent to his bank by electronic transfer. He may even pay his bills without leaving home. In our high-tech society it is almost possible to live a so-called normal life without ever coming in touch with humans. Consequently, the job place for many has become cold, lonely, and impersonal.

As we look at some of our most recent soul-winning tools which employ the use of video and other high-tech advances, we must always keep in mind that these things are not designed to replace personal involvement. Television, videotapes, filmstrips, slide projectors, and cassette tapes are most effective in soul winning when they are used in a way that put us in touch with people. There is

a tendency by some to think that the work of witnessing is completed when they send a person a video or cassette tape as their only means of communicating caring. In some cases churches are investing large sums of money in the radio and television media. Let's be aware that the ministry of these churches is not complete until they are brought into contact with people through these electronic means.

All the high-tech businesses may be successful without coming in contact with people. But the church can never be successful without being personally involved with people. It was love for people that made Christ leave the splendors of heaven and live among men.

At the present time we are developing a new friendship evangelism program called **FRIENDSHIP EXPLOSION**. This program emphasizes becoming friends first with those whom we seek to win to Christ and to whom we would present new truth. A number of recent surveys show that between 70 and 90 percent of the people who join a church today first had a friend, relative, or acquaintance who was already a member of that church. This is a strong reason why modern soul-winning methods should be designed to put us in touch with people.

Because of Christ's love for people He constantly sought opportunities to come close to humanity. There was the healing touch given to a leper; sympathetic understanding extended to Mary; tender words spoken to Peter; and a friendly beckon to Zaccheus to come down for face-to-face contact.

Christ's method of performing ministry while on earth would be considered by some in our high-tech society as inconvenient and inefficient. By today's standards some would say He spent too many hours walking in order to meet people face to face. Some would even say that the face-to-face meeting with Nicodemus could have been reserved for office hours. Or the explanation about salvation could have been given by telephone or even sent to him by express mail.

It is my conviction that we need to practice "high touch" in today's high-tech society. Christ's method of soul winning can be considered "high touch." Let's review it: "Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, 'Follow Me'" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 143).

Perhaps the slogan of a famous high-tech telephone company would serve as a challenging message to each of us in the Atlantic Union Conference: Let's "reach out and touch someone." Developing new friendships in which we can share our joy in Jesus is a most fitting way to have "high touch" in a high-tech world.

WILLIAM MCNEIL  
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Atlantic Union Conference.



# SUMMER EVANGELISM PLAN FOR ROCHESTER

**W**illiam McNeil, Atlantic Union Ministerial Secretary and evangelist, will conduct "Bible Revival '88," a six-week evangelistic series with a field school of evangelism to be held in Rochester, New York, July 10 to August 27, 1988.

Ministers and lay persons from across the Atlantic Union will have the opportunity to participate in a field school of evangelism. Pastors and Bible instructors who are interested in attending one or more sessions should contact their Conference Ministerial Secretary. Interested lay persons should contact



**William McNeil, Atlantic Union Ministerial Secretary and Evangelist.**

their Conference Personal Ministries Director.

This field school will be unique. The participants will not only experience classroom teaching but also will get actual hands-on experience by being involved in a "live crusade." Elder Robert Boney will be teaching how to give Revelation Seminar Home Series July 17 to 23. Elder Colin Dunbar and Elder Marion Kidder will be training lay Bible instructors. Mrs. Juanita Kretschmar will hold a session on how to develop an intercessory prayer ministry—teaching the "science of prayer."

**Notice: You can help us build our invitation list by giving us the names and addresses of your non-Seventh-day Adventist friends, relatives, contacts and also former members of the Adventist Church. Please send your list to**

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## CHRISTIAN BROTHERHOOD



The 27-member Human Relations Council of the Atlantic Union Conference, under the leadership of Elder Philip Follett, met on February 16, 1988, at the College Church in conjunction with the Black Heritage Week program where North American Division President Charles E. Bradford (right) spoke to both groups on the theme of Christian Brotherhood. Elder Pedro Geli,



Jr., serves as vice-chairman of the Human Relations Council.

Awards were given to Elder Follett for his work in human relations among many ethnic groups and to Dr. Larry Geraty, AUC President, for his role in fostering brotherhood at the college (left).



## WHEN DEATH DARKENS MY YOUTH DEPARTMENT DOOR

**T**he year 1987 witnessed the sudden death of four New York Conference Youth. The Batavia, New York, church had three from three separate families and the Canton, New York, church had one. Each was unexpected and have left us all stunned, saddened and sober.

Here is the story of one of God's Youth who represents many in God's youthful army who are awaiting His return.

I first met 15-year-old Daven this summer at Camp Cherokee when he came as a camper. Daven brought with him a close Christian friend, Jon, in hopes of better acquainting him with his Sabbath-keeping church.

My college-age staff came to recognize Daven's maturity, talent and love for the Lord almost immediately. They found his radiant smile and willing disposition contagious with those in his cabin and throughout the camp.

After one week at camp, both Daven and Jon approached me and requested to stay another week. It didn't take me long to say an enthusiastic "Yes!"

The last Sabbath evening of his camping with us, he joined my staff in the reenactment play of Christ's crucifixion. The staff needed someone who their fellow campers admired and respected to join them in that serious and heart-wrenching play. Unanimously they agreed on Daven. Two days later, with sad good-byes we hated to see both Daven and Jon leave for home.

Then two months later on Tuesday morning, October 20, 1987, when



**Daven Jeus Frost**

Daven's mother was driving the family car to school with her daughter, her girlfriend and Daven, a mysterious head-on collision occurred. Both autos were totally demolished and the four persons in the Frost car were rushed to three different hospitals. Daven was the only one killed, although the others were critically ill.

At the funeral, I witnessed tears of love from fellow classmates, friends, neighbors, and church friends. The country church was packed with hundreds of sorrowing mourners. Testimony after testimony was given stating that this 15-year-old "lead me to Christ," "helped me when I was down," "was always there when the Church had a function," on and on.

A high school friend's mother said this about Daven. "Last winter my son Mitchell and Daven were skiing at Tupper when they strayed from the trail and became lost in the woods. At first they thought it was an exciting adventure. But then it began to get dark; their bodies were freezing; and they wondered if they were going around in circles. Mitchell became increasingly worried

and would have lost all control if it weren't for Daven's encouragement. Daven assured Mitch that everything was all right and that they were not hopelessly lost. They prayed that God would help them find their way home and God answered their prayers.

"Daven loved the Lord and drew his strength and confidence from Him. If Daven could talk to us, I believe he would use the same words he spoke to Mitch on the mountain: Everything is all right; I am not lost; in fact, I do not even have to pray to find my way home—I am home!"

"The night before Daven died he received one of the greatest honors a person can receive. It was a Youth for Christ banquet, where a young man stood up and told how his life had changed since he had given his heart to the Lord. He told how difficult his homelife had been because of his relationship with his father until he came to know the Lord and received a genuine love for his father. Then he went on to say that the two factors which led him to the Lord were Melissa Frost and Daven Frost. I believe Daven lies in the hearts of those who knew him on earth—where he shone forth the light of Christ."

Lord, I am thankful for young examples like Daven who assure me that You love and live—though I in my selfish humanness question Your providence. Thank God for Daven and all the like Davens that exist even when death darkens my Youth Department door.

*Mike Ortel is New York Conference Youth Director.*

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**BY MIKE ORTEL**

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# TASTE & SEE!

## Announcing **CONGRESS FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS.**

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Ron Halvorsen, Jr., Frank Gonzalez and  
Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi.



There will be seminars, a Bible Bowl,  
excellent music, temperance parade,  
basketball tournaments for men and  
women, and a volleyball tournament.

Seminars include: "Preparing For Marriage",  
"Improving Your Self-Image", "Effective Youth  
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Special music includes the New England  
Youth Ensemble, Pine Forge Academy  
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Arties, *Breath of Life*, *Producer-Soloist*, Ritchie  
Carbajal, *Keyboards*, Roland Gresham, *Guitarist*.



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## THOUGHTS AT A SCHOOLHOUSE DOOR

**I**t was an unassuming little one-room school. It could have passed as a sod house frontier restoration, so modest and unpretentious it was, snuggled back against the woods. I wondered, as I made my way to the simple front door, what would await me on this unannounced, supervisory visit. Would the shy little slip of a girl, who so recently finished college with a provisional teaching certificate, have the personal dominance to ground all these live wires? And then I saw it—a dog-eared 3x5 file card tucked under the corner of the crossbar of the screen door, printed out in bold letters: “TO ALL WHO PASS BY, OR VENTURE WITHIN: TAKE OFF THE SHOES FROM OFF THY FEET, FRIEND, FOR THE GROUND WHEREON THOU WALKEST IS HOLY GROUND; FOR *THIS* IS A SCHOOL.” My eye followed down to a little postscript scribbled at the bottom in small letters within parentheses: (“Caution. Handle with care. People growing here!”). Magnificent! I said to myself. Any teacher, be she neophyte or seasoned pro, who walks reverently around young lives with this conscious sense of the sacred in her work, has certainly learned her teacher-training lessons well!

As my hand lingered on the doorknob, I reminded myself that the annual test scores from homey, unpretentious little one- and two-room schools like this one (which represent about 80 percent of our NAD elementary system) speak for themselves and baffle the experts with their results. The Adventist system’s track record on this front is well known by now. Yes, I chuckled

quietly, small *is* beautiful, and can be mighty powerful also. It’s just beginning to dawn on the theoretical architects of the huge consolidated learning factories, that in their rush for impressive school plants and lockstep institutionalized processes, they lost the educational Pearl of Great Price—“educational intimacy”—along the way.

So I pushed on through the door, thinking: “Christian love, character building, and selfless service are the great principles that organize and focus all the learning activities of a Christian school—but will I find them in operation *here*?” There was no vestibule, so I walked into the class and found myself right in the middle of the action. And oh, what action it was! I saw:

● The children and their teacher in Bible class grappling with some of the knottiest theological dilemmas that would ever challenge their minds throughout life (and eternity!). They sensed together that the character of God is the basic issue of the Great Controversy, and they plumbed to the depths the question, “What is God like?” I marveled at the way that young teacher skillfully led them through the swamp of doubt to the firm ground of faith. I wish every parent in our church could have been privy to that class discussion! It pained me to think that a lot of our children are missing out on this spiritual essential the church has provided.

● I watched the teacher having a heart-to-heart talk with one of the older girls, apparently over some little unresolved discipline problem. I saw some tears, on both faces, and

two generations on their knees together as they sought The God of All Comfort—and I saw the radiant countenances that emerged. I witnessed the difference between mere punishment and Christ-centered *redemptive* discipline.

● Older, gifted students coached and drilled younger, struggling students in their math, with both learning a great deal, in different ways. Yes, I thought, cooperation is so much superior to competition. These kids are learning compassion and selfless service to one another, right here in the classroom. They are receiving planned and meaningful practice in family life as they serve in the family of Christ.

I slipped out quietly before the final period, pausing once again at the schoolhouse door, and offered up a whispered prayer: “Dear Lord, when the special offerings are taken for Christian education\* I hope our people will be liberal. What I witnessed here today is an indispensable part of the legacy and birthright You planned for all the lambs of the flock. I know You want none of these deserving ones denied. Please help our people see what a blessing our schools are to our Christian families, and what a privilege it is to give heartily to this evangelism within the church to help make Christian education accessible to *all* our children who desire it. Amen.”

\*Note: Sabbath, April 23, is the special Education Day offering.

*Dr. George H. Akers is Director of Education at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists*

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BY GEORGE H. AKERS

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# WITH GOD THERE ARE NO LOCKED DOORS

**T**hrough a member of the Chateaugay church, I learned that there was a young man in the new prison in Malone, New York, who was a Seventh-day Adventist. I immediately wrote to him. In the meantime, Janet had gone to see him one Sabbath afternoon.

Now it was a crisp Thursday morning and I was on my way to see him. I had never been in a prison before; several years ago I had visited a young girl in jail. We became good friends, she even took a set of Bible lessons from me; I gave her the first Bible she ever owned. I visited her several times and when she got out, we took her to church with us. She was very appreciative, then she moved away and I lost track of her. Nonetheless, I claim the promise, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase" I Corinthians 3:6. "For we are labourers together with God. . . ." I Corinthians 3:9.

As I sat in my car at the prison parking lot, I felt very nervous, so I bowed my head and prayed, asking God to calm me and give me the courage and strength I needed. Almost immediately I felt at peace and completely at ease.

Walking to the entrance, I entered the lobby of the prison. I was asked to show identification and to sign the logbook. I then had to go through a metal detection area. At last, everything was in order and I was ready to go through the gates. One by one they clicked open before me and clanged shut behind me. I did not feel afraid because I knew my Guardian Angel was walking close beside me. At last I entered a large, pleasant room, and I gave the officer in charge a paper stating whom I

wished to visit. He directed me to a small table where I sat down to wait. I had brought my Bible so I studied while I waited. Presently a young man came over to where I was sitting.

He was so glad to see someone from the church. We had prayer together and had a very good visit. When we parted, I promised to write to him and to visit again. Over the next few months, we became quite well acquainted. Allen had high hopes that our church (Seventh-day Adventist) would be able to come in to hold services, as he had quite a few who were interested.

I continued to write and to visit him from time to time; we kept praying and I started visiting some of the officials at the prison. I wrote many letters and called a lot on the telephone. Finally I was notified we had to attend an Orientation Program. Seven of us completed the program, so we were now prepared to go in but Satan put another obstacle in my path. Prison officials said I had to make a decision—come in with the group for services or keep writing letters. According to their rules, I could not do both. After much prayer, I decided I would stay on the outside and keep writing.

The day finally came when the Chaplain (Catholic) called me, "We have only one man who signed up to come to your services, do you want to bother with just one?" I told him I would contact my group and let him know. After I got off the telephone, the thought came to me, "What if that were your son in there and he knew a group was waiting to come in and because he was the only one, you didn't make an effort to come in and

minister unto him?" Immediately I called Roland and told him the situation. He said "We will go in, just the same." Well, they went and only the one man came. I later found out that our services were not being announced or posted. So I started writing again to those in charge. The next time the group went in, still only one man showed up. But God was at work behind the scenes. A group of prisoners approached the chaplain and demanded to know why they couldn't come to our services and why weren't they announced?

Early one morning, Roland received a call from the Protestant Chaplain telling him that they had to change the rules and now anyone who wanted to could come. (They previously specified only Seventh-day Adventists.) He also told him the services would be announced and posted. Praise God!

In the meantime, Allen had been transferred before we went in but God raised up another light in the darkness of the prison. This man, Joseph, was the only one who came for two Sabbaths, so I wrote him telling him if he knew of others who were interested to send me a list of names and I would write to them. A few days later, he sent me a list of 12 names! I immediately wrote to each one. A few days later he sent me a list of six more! The third time our group went for services, they found 10 men waiting to meet them! They were thrilled! The first plan was to go only twice a month but after the service Roland made a commitment to go every week! This he has continued to do, along with Reynolds, another church member. Our Pastor (Coe) also visits as his schedule allows. The

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BY BEVERLY MEACHAM

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interest continues to increase; attendance so far averages 10 to 15 each week but with God's help we are praying for a great harvest of souls from "Satan's stronghold."

I was curious to know whether my cards were doing any good, so one day I went to see Joseph. Now I want you to see how God works to perform His wonders: I don't know anything about these men, I just write the cards, put names and addresses on them and mail them. I write Bible verses, quotes from Sister White's books and encouraging poems or songs. On one card I wrote, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace." Joseph told me that the man who received this card had been avoiding him, he had been trying to talk him into coming to the services but each time he went near this man, he would turn away. After he got this card, he went to Joseph and said, "I got this card from Mrs. Meacham and it has changed my way of thinking. I was just concerned with money and the things of this world but now I see things in a different light, it has changed me, I am going to go to the services."

So you see, dear readers, it's not the big things that count, it's the little deeds of kindness that may open someone's heart. Joseph also told me that several men told him that my cards encouraged and strengthened them to make it through the week.

One man who has been transferred to another facility continues to write to me. In one letter he wrote, "I'm like a tree without roots between a rock and a hard place, and just like a flower needs rain to grow and knowing that you cared for me, has lifted my spirits and rescued me from falling into a pit of hell. Yes, you have strengthened me with the love of God. I want to thank you for being my friend in Christ because I know that you care, when I thought nobody did."

I ask an interest in your prayers for this very special ministry; that by

our faithfulness, many hearts may be touched and softened by the Holy Spirit. I think this poem (written by this man) best sums up our duty to these men in prison.

"The life that counts must aim to rise  
above the earth to sunlit skies;  
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—  
That is the life that counts.  
The life that counts must helpful be  
That cares and needs of others see;  
Must seek the slave of sin to free—  
That is the life that counts."

#### Postscript:

I am at the present time, writing each week to 22 (sometimes 25) men in prison. It is a great task and sometimes I get tired and a little dis-

couraged; but just at the time I need it most, I receive a letter from one of these men and I am inspired to keep at my post of duty.

I firmly expect to see some of these men in heaven to whom I have faithfully ministered. Please pray for them and for me to remain steadfast. This is, to me, a thrilling ministry. May I encourage others to become involved in a prison ministry.

*Beverly Meacham, writing from Dickinson Center, NY, is communication secretary for the West Bangor, NY, church.*

### Malone Prison Ministry

The Lord is blessing the prison ministry in Malone, New York, with several inmates enrolled in our Bible courses. The following poem was written by one of the inmates and sent to Beverly Meacham.

#### THE JUDGMENT

The other night I had a dream that gave me quite a scare.

I dreamed that I was locked in jail, and Satan met me there.

He said to me, "Hello, my son, It's nice to see you here.

You're going to have such fun with me, Don't worry, there's nothing to fear."

Satan had me in his grip and was tightening up the noose.

Then I fell to my knees and cried to Jesus, "Lord, please come and cut me loose.

I've made a mess of everything; please come into my heart.

I'm sorry for the life I've led please give me a new start."

Then I looked up and saw His face, and He said, "I'll pay your bail."

He took me out of darkness and brought me into light;

He made me a new creation; then I knew I'd be all right.

The scene switched to the courtroom with Satan as the D.A.

He said, "This man is a sinner and now he'll have to pay."

But Jesus was my lawyer, and He looked up at the throne

and said, "Father, please forgive him, for he's my very own.

Did I not die for him, Father, was it all in vain?

Remember how I suffered and upon Me was such pain.

Then Satan said, "He's guilty; he's broken all your laws.

You must give him to me, now, and then we'll close the doors."

Then Jesus said, "Wait, Father, Satan can not take him away.

I died for him on Calvary; his debt has already been paid."

The Father said, "You're right, my Son, I can see his lamp is lit.

The evidence is all against him, but still I must acquit.

You've prepared for him a mansion; no longer shall he roam.

The verdict is NOT GUILTY. All right, Son, take him home."

Love Always,  
Nelson



## THE EXTERNAL WORK OF THE SPIRIT

**D**uring the present series concerning the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people, we have endeavored to present the great and urgent need to resubmit ourselves to the Divine so that we will not be exposed to "the spirit that works in the children of disobedience." When we have been so completely filled with the Holy Spirit the world will take knowledge of us as Christ abides in our hearts and lives. This is the goal for which we should strive. May we all let our lights shine so that we may be beacons to benighted souls in this world darkened by sin.

In this final article concerning the external work of the Spirit in the church, we are capping the relationship of the Holy Spirit and Harvest 90.

### A. The Spirit of God at Work in the Church

When one speaks of the internal mission of the Holy Spirit, one alludes to what the Spirit does in human life; His effort to bring the mind, the spirit, the heart or total being under the Divine control. To the extent that one produces the fruits of the regenerate life and reaches the standard of perfection, it is evidence that the Spirit of God is at work in the life. But beyond the internal mission there is an external work which focuses on spiritual activity in the church and the world. Here the Spirit moves upon people, motivating them for *mission*. At the same time, He is at work in the world of darkness bringing light waves to lead people to conversion.

It is a terrible tragedy when a church lacks the presence of the Spirit, for it was to His Church that Christ made the promise "you shall receive power after the Holy Spirit has come upon you" (Acts 1:8). His ascension was the indication of the fulfillment of the promise. (John 16:7,13; Eph. 4:8). As soon as the ceremony of His enthronement was accomplished; the Holy Spirit descended upon the waiting disciples in the upper room (Acts 2:17), and the evidences of the power were clear. From Luke's running commentary we see that:

1. There was a new sense of conviction of sin. (Acts 2:38,39)

2. There was a renewed sense of unity in the church, with everyone having all things in common. (Acts 24:43-47)

3. There was a power which accompanied the church's proclamation. (Acts 2:14f; 7:1f; 8:26-40)

4. Healings and miracles became more widespread. (All of Acts)

5. A new sense of purity was evidenced, so much so, that the lying Ananias and Sapphira (his wife)

caused their death (Acts 5). The corrupt behavior of Simon the Sorcerer was firmly judged (Acts 8:9f). Herod's blasphemy was immediately retributed (Acts 12:20f).

6. There was new discernment of duty. In fact, missionaries could hear in audible tones that they were being sent from place to place. For example, Philip was called from Samaria to a desert road to meet the Ethiopian eunuch; after the special task was accomplished, the spirit took him mysteriously on the way to Azotus (Acts 8:26f). Ananias was sent to the house of one Judas in Damascus where he was to meet with Saul to restore Saul's sight and help him to understand the coming of the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:10f). Peter was sent to Cornelius in Caesarea (Acts 10:5).

7. The Spirit commanded the ordination of Paul and Barnabas for their special work (Acts 13:1f).

8. Every great decision which the church took was under the Spirit's guidance.

Thus it is with tremendous fascination that one studies the work of the Spirit in the early church. But we are also assured that "The promise of the Holy Spirit is not limited to any age or to any race," (E. G. White, *The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 49.), to any space or any time. Thus the problem is that the fulfillment of the promise is not seen as it might be, neither is appreciated as it ought to be. But we might well be saved from many an error if we would establish our dependence more on the Spirit. We should also remember that the



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BY ROBERT KENNEDY

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real test of the church's success lies not so much in the statistics which are in the ecclesiastical yearbook, but in the presence or absence of the Spirit in (from) the church.

Instead of living in expectation of some special season of excitement, we are wisely to improve present opportunities doing that which must be done in order that souls may be saved. Instead of exhausting the powers of the mind in speculations in regards to the times and seasons which the Lord has placed in His own power, and withheld from men, we are to yield ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit, to do present duties, to give the bread of life, unadulterated with human opinions, to souls who are perishing for the truth (*Review and Herald*, March 22, 1892).

When we think with what seriousness Paul reminded the Ephesian elders that it was the Holy Spirit who had made them overseers of the flock of Christ, we, today, should take our church offices more seriously, and perfect them with diligence. We ought to remember that our responsibilities are not to any human being per se, but to God—to none other than the Holy Spirit who is continually empowering us. Not only the office bearers but every member of the church must receive the Spirit, for unless the members of the church have a living connection with the Source of all power, there will not be any readiness for “the time of the end.”

### **B. The Spirit of God at Work in the World**

While God gives His Spirit to the church as a witness-bearing power, He also sends forth His Spirit to strive with the world. This assurance should call the church in a special way to *work for the salvation of sinners*. The New Testament church found that God “poured out” His

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## **“IF ALL WERE WILLING, ALL WOULD BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT.”**

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*The Acts of the Apostles, p. 50*

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Spirit on the Gentiles as it was poured out upon the Jewish Christians at first (Acts 10:44-11:18; 14:27f; 19:6; 18:10; 28:28); that with God there was no respect of persons; that consistent with His plan of salvation God was working in every part of the then-known world. Thus, it was possible for the church to make an impact on secular culture by opening the avenues of grace. The church learned that secular culture was dependent upon the Spirit of God for survival; therefore, it made a desperate effort to communicate the need for this spiritual power to the world.

It is tragic when we rest upon our laurels and take comfort in the fact that “the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the world.” For the irony of history is this: that while humanity is seeking to reject the conviction of God, the Spirit is in the struggle of the great controversy seeking to wrest humanity from the hand of the evil power and reconcile them to God. We can acknowledge His ministry and work in this way, for He is still sealing those who belong to God (Eph. 4:30; Rev. 7:1-4).

### **C. The Call to Harvest**

The full awareness of what God is doing in both the church and the world should cause every conscientious Seventh-day Adventist to get to work and leave the results with God. The talk of how our friends are *hard*, how our spouses are *stubborn*, how

our children are *stiffnecked*, or how our co-workers (in the “market-place”) are *worldly*, cannot be a cause for retreating, but a challenge to work. As we go forward to love them and speak to them, we will not only begin the harvest, but we will bring the harvest to completion. In effect, we will have done our part with the angels of Revelation 14 who put in their sickles to reap.

Let us go forward then, assured of God's willingness to give us the power of the Holy Spirit, so that the church may indeed become a spectacle to the world. Seed-sowing time is now! The great time of HARVEST 90 is now! Remember, friends, “If all were willing, all would be filled with the Spirit” (*The Acts of the Apostles*, p. 50). When this great time comes, then the whole earth will be lightened with the glory of God, and the greatest harvest of all will be realized.

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*D. Robert Kennedy is Personal Ministries, Sabbath School, Inner City, and Public Affairs and Religious Liberty director for the Greater New York Conference.*

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# CHURCH IN ACTION

## Atlantic Union College

### Ambassadors of Goodwill

The Atlantic Union Collegiate Choir directed by Dr. James Bingham and the New England Youth Ensemble directed by Dr. Virginia-Gene Rittenhouse have received an unprecedented invitation to perform two concerts in Carnegie Hall. The invitation followed the groups' appearance at St. Bartholomew's, New York City, last fall. The first concert, May 28, will feature the choir and ensemble under Dr. Bingham and Dr. Rittenhouse. In the second, November 27, the ensemble will accompany a massed choir under the baton of world-famous composer and conductor John Rutter.

This opportunity of a lifetime for these young musicians does not come without cost. In addition to the long hours of practice and heavy investment in instruments and lessons by the individuals, comes the expense of music and transportation. Near the conclusion of the organizations' successful West Coast tour in January, the transmission of the ensemble bus developed a large crack. This bus had to be left in California with the question of whether its \$3,000 repair bill should be paid by sale of the bus or by further fund raising. Even generous offerings do not go far toward operating and maintaining large buses. A more regular means of support needs to be found for this quality musical ministry to continue.

And it is a ministry. In the planned concert tour of Australia this summer a primary goal of appearances in many of the greatest cathedrals of the land will be to restore the positive public image of Adventism in Australia where the church has received much negative press coverage in recent years. A group of accomplished young musicians playing the highest quality of music and exemplifying a superior standard of Christian deportment is bound to make a profound impression. They will be ambassadors for their church and country and a source of encouragement to the Adventist people there.

This ministry is not one that is duplicated by other programs of the church. It is unique in its potential for reaching sophisticated musical audiences of the religious and secular world with the Adventist message of hope and positive living. It provides unforgettable experiences for aspiring church musicians, who raise most of the funds for the trips themselves.

Tax deductible donations to AUC will help to keep the Youth Ensemble and choir buses on the road. Such support will be an inspiration to the church's young people as they share their music and their love for Christ.

Mary Norcliffe

*Publicity Coordinator*

### News Flash

As of February 24, the Council on Social Work Education Commission on Accreditation has accredited Atlantic Union College to award the Bachelor of Science in Social Work degree. This accreditation culminates several years of preparation by the Social Work Department under the

direction of Dr. Susan M. Willoughby. An additional full-time faculty member will join the department's present staff of two next school year to handle the anticipated increase in student majors and course offerings.

Mary Norcliffe

*Publicity Coordinator*

### DEAN'S LISTS

First Semester 1987-88

"A" List (3.75 to 4.00)

Asgeirsson, Nina	Lopez, Theodore
Bascom, Kimber	Madrid, Ruth
Browne, Cordover	Manning, Gail
Carter, Glenn	McClure, Warner
Caruso, John	Mills, Robert
Castle, Elizabeth	Musa, Musa
Cates, Melissa	Niemi, Todd
Cheung, Chun Hon	Odell, Carol
Clark, John	Orrison, Richard
Conrad, Robert	Paradis, Donald
Dickerson, David	Perez, Dennis
Dickinson, Tanya	Phillips, Andrew
Durost, Steven	Ragsdale, Frank
Edwards, Jamie	Simons, Kenneth
Fishenden, Mary	Smester, Paul
Foo, Grace	Smith, Helen
Ganter, Shannon	Stacy, Robert
Geraty, Brent	Trotman, Karen-Mae
Hamilton, Anne	Verrill, Alan
Hamilton, Bronwyn	Verrill, Carole
Haritos, Craig	Wainright, Michelle
Joy, Ann	Wehtje, Thomas
Kelleher, Lisa	Wilkins, Beverly
Kilgore, Penny	Witter, Patricia
Lampe, Curtis	Wright, David
Lavender, Lisa	

"B" List (3.25 to 3.74)

Acosta, Sharlene	King, David
Atwood, Lisa	Luther, Deborah
Avila, Eusebio	Martinsen, Eric
Bispham, Rennison	Matley, Rita
Boyd, James	Mayer, Donald
Burton, Donna	McGuire, Leonard
Cannuli, Cris	Meynart, Natalie
Chiba, Hiromu	Moran, Angela
Damon, Joy	Niemi, Rebecca
Davey, George	Norcliffe, Neal
Davis, D. Ivan	Rodriguez, Eileen
Dickson, Karen	Santos, Christine
Dirusso, Catherina	Schmidt, Kathy
Dupigny, Mary	Schmitt, Samuel
Elliott, Jill	Scott, Tysone
Faries, Brian	Sheldon, Carol
Ford, Michelle	Smith, Sandra
Ganter, Geoffrey	Spaulding, Ronda
Gifford, Ruth	Stepniak, Michael
Gilbert, Gina	Stone, David
Gray, Suzette	Tauro, Tammy
Hartman, Pamela	Tragos, Aaron
Hawley, Debra	Trott, Catherine
Haynes, Stephanie	Valdez, David
Henehan, Jonathan	Warman, Donna
Henrickson, Roy	Warren, Tammy
Hitchcock, Patricia	Wheeler, David
Holland, Lynnette	Winslow, Laurie
Holness, Parchia	Wisel, Jennifer
Houston, Lisa	Worth, Kevin
Imperio, Kristal	Wright, Robert
Jencks, Steven	

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# Announcing Summer Advantage in New England '88

## Even if you haven't finished high school, now's the best time to go to college.

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## AUC Board Notes

\*\*\*At the Faculty/Board Banquet several staff members were honored for their years of service to the college.

20 Years: Alfred (Bud) Roberts, Charlene Tessler, and Myron Wehtje.

15 years: Murdnal Baker, Delwin Braman, Eugene Cobb, Judith Hodder, Mary Lou Kidder, and Marguerite Rittenhouse.

\*\*\*Voted to authorize the administration and executive committee to negotiate and accept the best proposal for a market based strategic master plan for the college.

\*\*\*Voted to adopt the 1988-89 operating budget of over \$9 million and expressed appreciation to the administration for its careful financial planning. (Student scholarship aid makes up \$850,000 of this budget, partially funded by the AUC offering on April 30.)

\*\*\*Voted to accept the self study for presentation to the site team of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. This site team, chaired by Sister Therese Higgins, President of Regis College, will be on campus April 10-13.

\*\*\*Voted to express appreciation to Dr. Otilie Stafford and her preaccreditation committee which prepared the self study.

\*\*\*Voted to accept the first draft of the self study prepared for the site visit of the General Conference Board of Regents. This board, chaired by Malcolm Maxwell, President of Pacific Union College, will be on campus April 18-21.

\*\*\*Voted to authorize President Geraty to set up a Community Advisory Council to improve communication between community leaders and the college and to seek their counsel on college plans.

\*\*\*Voted to continue the pilot basketball program of exhibition games and sports clinics another year and to recommend its membership in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics to promote the highest standards of sportsmanship.

\*\*\*Voted to authorize the college to purchase a new telephone system to be financed over a five-year period.

Mary Norcliffe  
Publicity Coordinator

*Mary Norcliffe, Publicity Coordinator*

## AUC Receives Sears, Roebuck and Co. Grant



LESTER HERRINGTON

On the eighth anniversary of his installation as manager of Sears, Roebuck and Co. in Leominster, L. S. Rishkofski (right) is seen presenting his eighth Sears-Roebuck Foundation Grant check for Atlantic Union College to AUC President Lawrence T. Geraty. This year's unrestricted grant was for \$500.

Mary Norcliffe  
Publicity Coordinator

## Bradford Starts Black Heritage Emphasis Week

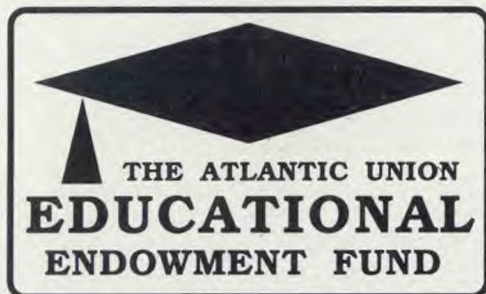


LESTER HERRINGTON

C. E. Bradford, North American Division President, gave a rousing appeal to unity in diversity and commitment to Christian values to begin Black Heritage Emphasis Week at AUC. A full calendar of exciting events was planned by the Black Christian Union February 16-21.

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## Sanctuary Message Shared with Jewish Interests

Nearly 70 persons gathered at the Van Center in New Hyde Park February 7 for a presentation on "Messiah in His Sanctuary" and a time of fellowship. A blend of Jewish and Seventh-day Adventist backgrounds pervaded this second of an on-going series planned to be offered every seven weeks. Begun as socials for Jewish contacts, the series combines spiritual messages geared to Jewish understanding with a festive meal. Attendance includes also some individuals desiring insights on communicating spiritual values with Jewish friends and neighbors.

Pastor Michael Curzon of the Bay Ridge (English) congregation in Brooklyn, was the featured speaker. He presented an overview of the sanctuary and its furnishings, with slides. "The subject of the day," he said, "is prayer and praise." His remarks listed the Old and New Testaments, pointing to the Messiah from the Psalms. Listeners learned who the Psalmist referred to as the "King of Glory," a favorite passage in the practice of Judaism.



Special musical numbers were rendered by the Torres family, and soloist Sally Ettari and a small choral group. The audience joined enthusiastically in congregational singing. The afternoon closed with a fellowship dinner.

Two persons answered a call to give their hearts to the Lord.

For information about future fellowship seminars or special material being prepared for Jewish persons, please call (516) 433-0844.

## Whose New Church Is This?



It's the new look of the old North Bronx church. Pastor Roy Gordon and his energetic, dedicated, sacrificing members had their dreams realized when the renovation job was completed. The white Kem-tex application with stone-facing insets was funded by pledges from North Bronx members, and involved one month's work at a cost of \$35,000.

According to Pastor Gordon, the sanctuary that is now attractive inside and out, reflects the unity of the believers. "That unity and harmony," he notes, "will cause us to have good success for the Lord."



## LEGAL NOTICES

### New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-first Session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held May 1, 1988, at Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York. The Session is to convene at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to receive reports, elect officers, appoint an executive committee and directors of various departments, make any necessary changes in the constitution and the by-laws of the Conference, and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

Each organized church in the Conference is entitled to be represented by delegates duly elected by the church in the following ratio: one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each fifteen members or major fraction thereof.

F. Lee Thompson, President  
Nikolaus Satelmajer, Secretary

### New York Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that the Triennial Session of the New York Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the Thirty-first Session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York, on May 1, 1988. The meeting will convene in connection with the New York Conference Session at 10:00 a.m. The delegates to the Conference are also delegates to the Association. The purpose for the meeting is to elect a Board of Trustees for the coming triennial period, to receive reports, and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

F. Lee Thompson, President  
Eckhard Hubin, Secretary

### Union Springs Academy

Notice is hereby given the Triennial Session of the Union Springs Academy will be held in connection with the Thirty-first Session of the New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists at Union Springs Academy, Union Springs, New York, on May 1, 1988. The meeting will convene in connection with New York Conference Session at 10:00 a.m. Delegates to the Conference are also delegates to the Academy. Purpose of the meeting is to receive reports and transact such other business as may properly come before the delegates.

F. Lee Thompson, President  
John Thomas, Principal  
Don Wright, Secretary

## Youth Baptized in Turin

There was rejoicing in the Turin, New York, church when Jason Daniel Disch was baptized by Pastor Gerald H. Greene. We wish for Jason and all our church youth a close walk with Jesus.

The Turin church appreciates the work Pastor Greene has rendered while serving as pastor during the summer and fall months.

Clara Houck  
Communication Secretary



Jason Disch with Pastor Gerald Greene.



## WHITE RIVER CANOE TRIP MAY 27 - 30, 1988

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**CAMPGROUND:** Not sure yet which campground we will be staying at but it will be in the area of the White River.

**ITEMS TO BRING:** Tent or trailer, sleeping bag, rain gear, warm clothing, camera, binoculars, food, canoe, paddles, life jackets, personal items and a warm smile.

**THE RIVER:** The river is classified in degree of difficulty from "one-to-three" with no long stretches of rough water. The river is powerful enough, however, to be exciting, exhilarating and "cooling." At least one experienced canoeer should be in each canoe to avoid as much as possible the "cooling" effect.

**FILM:** Saturday night we are planning to have a film on "White River Canoeing" and other canoeing tips.

**CANOES:** There will be no Lawroweld canoes available. Bring your own, borrow or rent one.



### -IMPORTANT-

If you are interested in going on this canoe trip and joining in the fun, please let us know by returning the application below. We will contact you individually concerning the location and the fee involved. If you prefer not to canoe, come and camp with us anyway.

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## Village Church Consecrates New Wing

Sabbath, October 31, 1987, marked a high day in the history of the historic Village church. Many years of anticipation, dreams and frustrations culminated in the consecration of the new wing.

This wing had been the dream and desire of many members for more than eight years and several pastors' tours of service at the Village church. This wing is the fourth major change or addition to the original building which was first constructed in 1878 at a cost of \$3,000. The present wing was built and the parking lot installed at a cost of \$207,000.

On behalf of the Atlantic Union College Church, Elder Marion Kidder, presented a beautiful brass floor lamp for the Village church pastor's study. The College church is a "child" of the Village church, having separated in 1955 due to the rapid growth of the Village church and that Machlan auditorium was finished and usable as a church home.

The consecration speaker was Elder Stanley Steiner, Southern New England Conference President.

After the church service, a mini tour was conducted through the new wing, which contains a large fellowship hall, a modern kitchen, four bathrooms, seven Sabbath school classrooms, a pastor's study, the associate pastor's study and a secretary's office. After the tour, our guests were served light refreshments.

Many thanks to all who served in various capacities to see this happy event take place on this special Sabbath.

Philip Covey  
Asst. Communication Secretary



The new wing added to the South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Village church under the supervision of Emile Johnson, Sr., a member of this church. Pastor T. J. Modell was a constant source of encouragement, help, and cheerfulness all during the stress of the construction of the new wing.

### CAMP MEETING 1988

Southern New England Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists  
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_____ Per weekend .....	17.00
_____ Full time .....	48.00
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Please contact Lenheim Hall (men's dorm) or Preston Hall (women's dorm) at Atlantic Union College (617) 365-4561 to make your reservations for dormitory rooms. (We no longer handle this.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

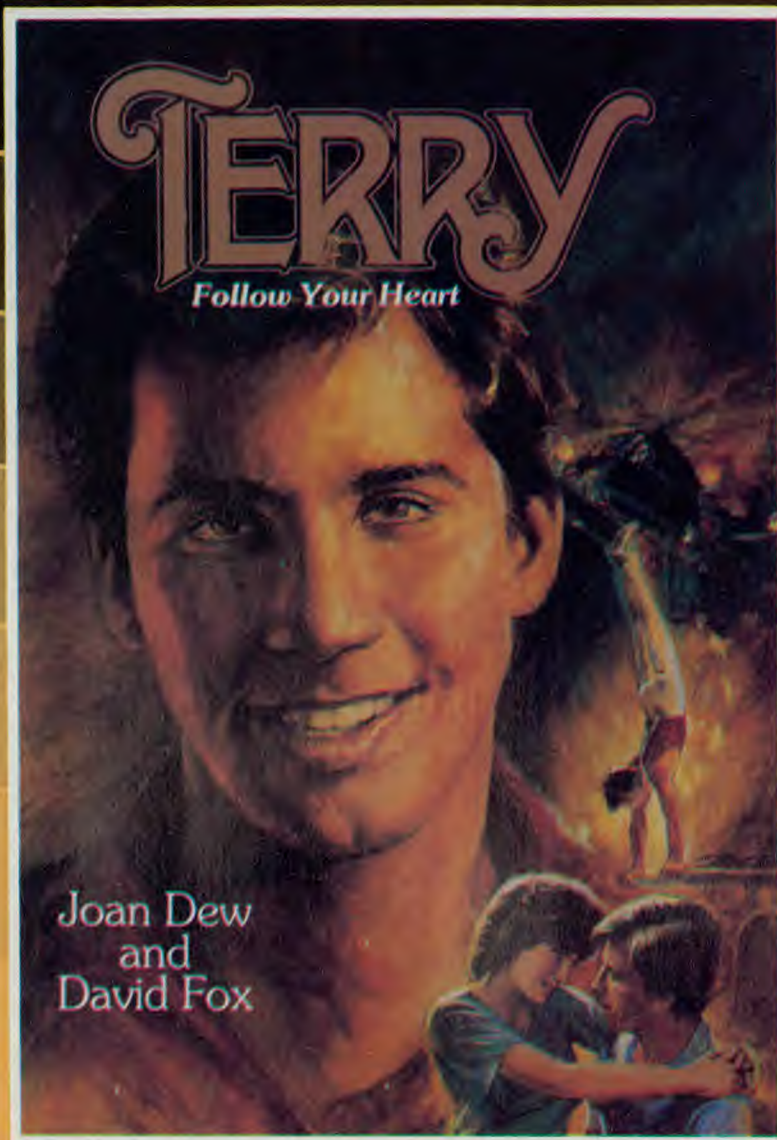
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All reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. Must have deposit of \$20.00 with Application. DEPOSIT NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER JUNE 10, 1988. (\*) On site for private tent or trailer, only one family permitted per site.

CAMP MEETING DATES: June 17-25, 1988



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#### GNYA First Alumni Reunion

Apr. 8-10  
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#### 1888 Seminar

Apr. 22 & 23  
Fri. 7:00 p.m.  
Sabbath, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.;  
2:30 p.m.  
Speaker: Bert Haloviak  
Archives Dept., GC  
Crossroads Church  
410 W. 45th St.  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 757-5011

#### Voice of Prophecy Harvesttime Rally

May 13 & 14  
Fri: 7:00 p.m.  
Sabbath: 11:30 a.m.  
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Featuring  
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### NEW YORK

#### Heralds Quartet (Formerly King's Heralds)

Mon., Apr. 11, 7:30 p.m.  
Jamestown SDA Church

Tues., Apr. 12, 7:30 p.m.  
Syracuse SDA Church

#### Annual Music Festival

Apr. 8 & 9  
USA

#### USA Alumni Weekend

Apr. 15 & 16

### NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

#### Cooking School

Apr. 5-May 10  
Each Tuesday  
Portland, ME, Community Services Bldg.

#### NNE Music Clinic

Hosted by PTA  
Pownall Rd., Freeport, ME  
Thurs., Apr. 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Heralds Quartet  
(Former King's Heralds)

Fri., Apr. 15, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacred Concert: Clinic Band, Choir, Strings, Ensembles  
Sabbath, Apr. 16  
Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m.  
Church Service: 11:00 a.m.  
Band, Choir, Strings  
Concert: 8:00 p.m.  
Band, Choir, Strings  
Clinicians:  
Nancy Wada, Strings  
Janelle Westerbeck, Choir  
Doris Krueger, Band

### SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

#### VBS Workshop

Sun., Apr. 10; 9:30 a.m.  
Bailey Hall  
S. Lancaster, MA  
No cost; lunch provided

#### Community Services Federation Spring Meeting

Apr. 17  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Bailey Hall  
So. Lancaster, MA  
Lunch provided.

#### Adventist Singles Ministries

NYC Weekend trip  
Apr. 29-May 1  
Sponsors: NY & NE Chapters  
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#### 4th Annual Elementary Music Festival

Apr. 30  
4:30 p.m. Sacred Concert  
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8:00 p.m. Secular Concert  
More than 200 students will participate.  
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#### Connecticut Valley SDA School 4th Annual Spring Spectacular

Sun., May 1  
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Super Breakfast: 8:00-11:00 a.m.  
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## Update

•Elder Philip Johnson, who has been serving in Northern New England Conference, is the new pastor of the Jackson Heights church in Woodside, NY, as of April 2.

•Ingathering total for 1987 for Greater New York Conference is \$289,296.08.

•Elder F. Lee Thompson is the new president of the New York Conference. Elder Thompson has been the executive secretary and Ministerial and Church Ministries director of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. Elder Norman Doss, former New York Conference President, accepted the invitation of the Northern California Conference to pastor the Angwin Village church. More details later.

•Larry Macomber and his wife Carol and two children assumed responsibility of Adventist Book Center manager in the New York Conference the first of March. Currently he was in private industry in Lincoln, NE; however, he has managed and assisted in the management of ABC's.

## Gleaner Cover Photo Contest

1. All transparencies must be mailed or delivered in person so as to be in the *Gleaner* editor's office not later than August 1, 1988, for the 1988/89 contest.
2. Each photographer may submit up to 10 transparencies or slides in the following way: two pictures for each of the four seasons—fall, winter, spring, summer; and two miscellaneous pictures. Pictures may also be submitted that will conform to the church calendar (write for details).
3. Transparencies can be 35mm. up to and including 4" x 5". Preference will be given to 35 mm. slides. Don't send color negatives or prints. They can't be used.
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5. The slides must be taken in the Northeast, which includes the states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the islands of Bermuda.
6. Print your name and address on each submission.
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8. Slides submitted shouldn't be similar to covers used during the past two years. If you have recognizable people in the picture, you should be prepared to furnish a model release for each one.
9. Please furnish your biographical information as well as data regarding your picture; such as, location, time of day, camera used, special lens, and type of film.
10. The *Gleaner* pays for a one-time use for each transparency purchased as designated in each award category: \$40.00, first place; \$25.00, second; and \$20.00, third. All slides submitted will be returned promptly. Those selected for publication will be held for approximately two months, or until the color separations are completed.
11. Submissions for *Gleaner* covers should be mailed to *Gleaner*, P.O. Box 1189, So. Lancaster, MA 01561.

Ted T. Jones, Editor

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### Eastern Daylight Savings Time

	Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 29
Bangor, ME	7:02	7:10	7:19	7:28	7:37
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Boston, MA	7:09	7:17	7:25	7:33	7:41
So. Lancaster, MA	7:12	7:20	7:27	7:35	7:43
Pittsfield, MA	7:18	7:26	7:34	7:42	7:50
Hartford, CT	7:15	7:23	7:31	7:38	7:46
New York, NY	7:20	7:27	7:34	7:42	7:49
Utica, NY	7:26	7:34	7:43	7:51	7:59
Syracuse, NY	7:30	7:38	7:46	7:54	7:02
Rochester, NY	7:36	7:44	7:52	7:00	7:09
Buffalo, NY	7:41	7:49	7:57	8:05	8:13
Hamilton, Bda. (EST)	6:37	6:42	6:47	6:52	6:57

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# Announcements

**Annual Slide Contest for Laymen's National Bible Assn.**—closing date May 20. All entries must illustrate a Bible verse, phrase or theme. This year's theme is "As God Sees the World." Contact Betty K. Bruce, Chairman; P.J. Slide Exhibition; Laymen's National Bible Assn.; 50 Larchwood Rd., Box 248; Larchmont, NY 10538.

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## Weddings

### Kearney-Willumson

Colleen Kearney, daughter of Gary and Joyce Kearney of Clay, NY, and Timothy Willumson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Willumson of Binghamton, NY, were married in the Syracuse, NY, West Genesee church by Elder Arthur Carlson on November 15, 1987.

Both Colleen and Timothy are graduates of Union Springs Academy, NY, and also attended Atlantic Union College. Timothy graduated from AUC with a major in Business. The Willumsons are presently living near Binghamton where Colleen is pursuing studies in Elementary Education.

Joan Payne  
*Communication Secretary*

### Sanburn - Rogers

In a private ceremony on Nov. 11, 1987, at the Henniker Motel, Henniker, NH, Jule E. Sanburn, formerly of Rochester, and James M. Rogers, formerly of Wakefield, were united in marriage. Elder Leon Strickland officiated. The Rogers are owners of the motel.

## Deaths

GARRISON, Frances Alexander, born Jan. 8, 1896, in Albany, NY, died Dec. 12, 1987, in Albany, NY. She was a faithful member of the Greater Albany church. Survivors: two daughters; a son; a brother; and several grandchildren. Funeral services were held in the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Albany, NY, with interment in the Blooming Grove Rural Cemetery, Defreestville, NY.

Elder Ivan Blake

HIRT, Margaret, born Feb. 1, 1910, in Ridgewood, NY, died Oct. 5, 1987, in Princeton, MA.

She graduated from Greater New York Academy in 1927 and completed the two-year normal course at Atlantic Union College in 1929. She then began her 45-year teaching career at the Washington Avenue (SDA) Grammar School in Brooklyn, NY. In 1936 she transferred to the Lawrence Park Country Day School in Bronxville, NY, where the young Edward M. Kennedy was one of her students. From 1945 until her retirement in 1975, Miss Hirt taught at the Browning School, a private school for boys in New York City.

Survivors: a sister Sophie (Mrs. Paul) Fay of Princeton, MA, and a niece Jocelyn Fay of Corona, CA. Graveside services were held in Maspeth, NY, by Glen A. Hixton, pastor of the Ridgewood, NY, church.

JOHN, Edward Allen '44A born in Mt. Vernon, OH, May 25, 1912, died July 13, 1987, in Loma Linda, CA. He was the first of three children born to Otto M. John, former president of Atlantic Union College, and Deborah Secor John.

Doctor John's premedical training was obtained at Atlantic Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College. He received a B.A. degree at Pacific Union College while waiting to enter medical school. His career includes two years in the South Pacific in military service; a surgical residency at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, MD, for three years; and eight years of private practice in New Orleans. When the John family moved to San Jose, CA, Ed practiced his specialty, thoracic surgery, until his health failed with cardiac problems. He retired from medical practice in 1985.

Survivors: his wife Helen; two daughters Elizabeth Sobelle and Deborah Rawson; one son, Edward A., Jr.; a brother Donald (LLU '42); a sister Marion Wareham; and eight grandchildren.

KAISER, Kenneth K., Sr., born 1901 in Stowe, VT, died July 28, 1987. Mr. Kaiser retired in 1965 after working 37 years for Fairbanks Morse Scales.

He was a member of the St. Johnsbury, VT, SDA Church. In 1928 he married Bernice Bailey, who predeceased him in 1985.

Survivors: Louise Perry of Berrien Springs, MI; Kenneth and Iris Kaiser, Jr., of S. Windsor, CT; Shirley Kalmanson of Woburn, MA; Mrs. Barbara Moulthrop of Lyndonville, VT; Linwood and Joyce Kaiser, Concord, NH; Eldora Kaiser of Clinton, MA; two brothers Henry and Orlo Kaiser of N. Hampton, MA; nine grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and several nieces and nephews.

MELIO, Joan (Knox) born April 10, 1932, in Poughkeepsie, NY, died Aug. 28, 1987, in Waterbury, CT, from injuries when she was struck by an automobile while standing on the sidewalk.

Joan was a member of the Waterbury, CT, church where she served faithfully as a deaconess, Sabbath school secretary, and Deputy Director of the Shepaug Pathfinder Club. She was known as a person who cared, one who reached out a helping hand to anyone in need.

Joan was married to the late Victor Melio who predeceased her six months ago. Survivors: two sons; two daughters; parents; one sister; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was conducted by Pastor Arthur Schumacher of the Waterbury, CT, SDA Church.

NEWCOMB, Esther born in Willsboro, PA, Jan. 21, 1906, died May 13, 1987, in Albany, NY. She was a member of the Albany, NY, church. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Ivan C. Blake in the Tebbutt Funeral Home and interment was in the Memories Garden Cemetery, Colonie, NY. Survivors: three daughters; 12 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pastor Ivan C. Blake

PENDLETON, SR., Howard Lyndon, born Dec. 14, 1901, in Newburyport, MA, died Oct. 23, 1987, in Fletcher, NC. He served in the Navy during WWI on the Battleship USS Pennsylvania. He was active in various church activities. Survivors: his wife Yvonne Bergeron Pendleton of 62 years; four children Howard Pendleton, Jr., Earl and Leslie Pendleton, and Audrey Child; two brothers; three sisters; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Elders Ralph Workman and W.A. Nelson. Burial was in the Shepherd Memorial Park, Fletcher, NC.

VREELAND, Victor J., born Oct. 14, 1904, in Lee, MA, died Aug. 26, 1986, in Charlestown, MA. He was a farmer and county road worker where in his daily contact with children he affectionately became known as the "Butterscotch Man" because of the pocket full of candies he shared. He fervently shared his love for the Lord through the distribution of thousands of pieces of literature to people on the street, libraries, hospitals and businesses located in surrounding towns.

He is survived by his wife the former Doris Turner. Mr. Vreeland donated his body to the Boston University School of Medicine for research. [Obituary just received—Editor]

WILSON, Myrle C., born Jan. 8, 1915, in Woodstock, ME, died Oct. 25, 1987, in Portland, ME. He was a member of the Carthage, ME, SDA Church. Survivors: his wife Mary Hardy Wilson; three sons M. Clayton and Everett of Lancaster, MA, and Vern of Leominster, MA; two daughters Mary Lou Merchant of Leominster, MA, and Katherine Hutchinson of W. Peru, ME; four brothers, Everill, Raymon, Delwin, and Leland; one sister Eda Waterhouse; 23 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by William Wilson, nephew of the deceased, from Minnesota, and Pastor R. Lenbert Cheney. Interment was in W. Paris, ME, Cemetery.

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