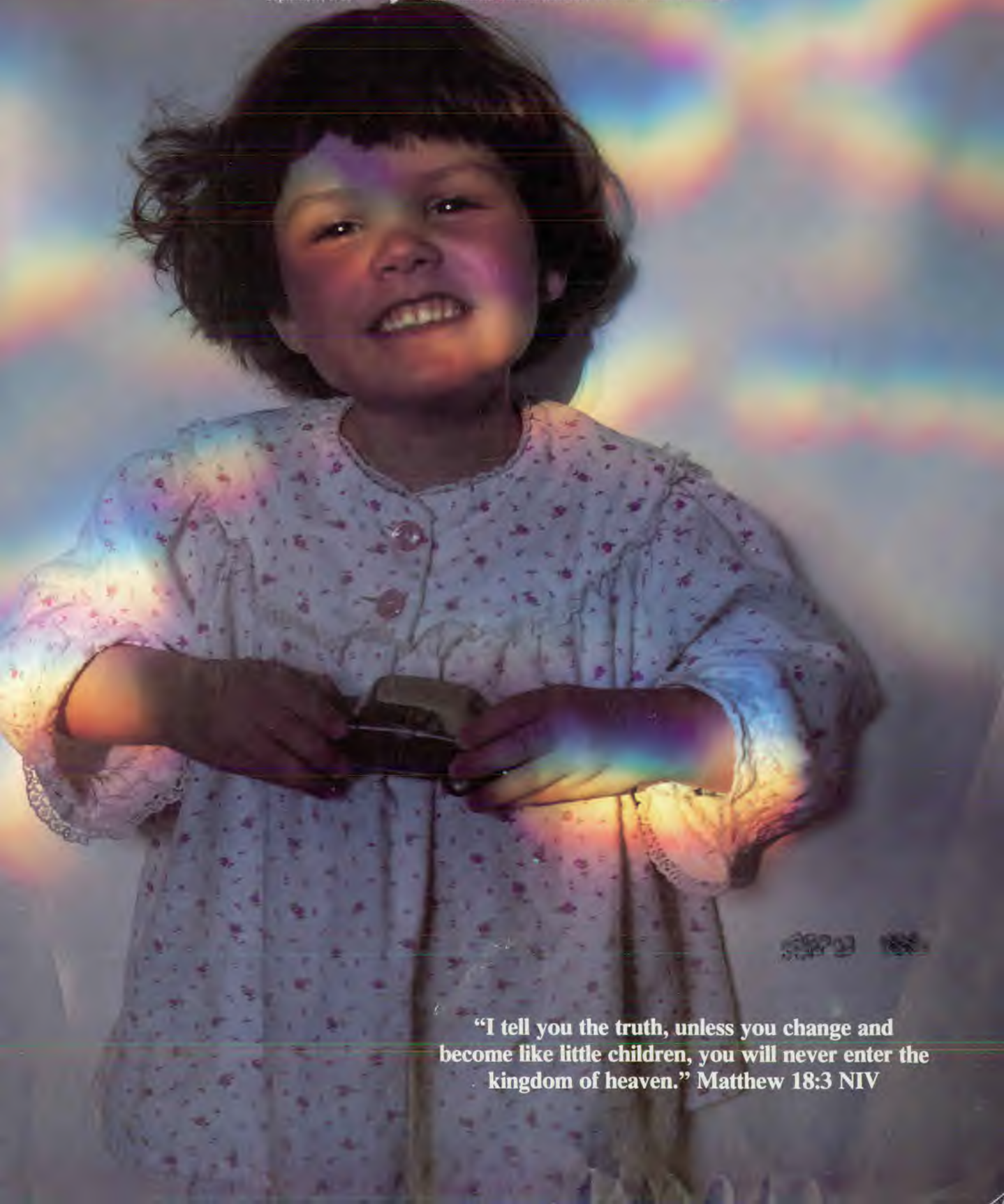


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"I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3 NIV



Relationships And Forgiveness



W. S. Lee, Sr.

Righteousness by faith is a term used to describe the gospel of Jesus Christ in simplicity and purity. It includes all God in His love does through Jesus our Lord and Saviour to provide pardon, peace, power, victory, purity and eternal life as a gift. (John 3:16, 17)

God is love (1 John 4:8) and love is the most important principle and motive in the Christian life, forming the foundation of a love relationship between God and man, and man and his neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40) through which this continuity is maintained. God takes the initiative and this love is not based on the conduct of those loved "... while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Justification and sanctification are continuous "... He is faithful and just ... continuously cleanses from all unrighteousness ..." (1 John 1:9 Amp)

Justification and forgiveness prepares us for sanctification. "Sanctification is not the work of a moment, an hour, a day but of a lifetime ..." Sanctification is the result of lifelong obedience. *Acts of the Apostles*, page 560, 561

Love and Forgiveness Inseparable

There is something very special about forgiveness. "God's forgiveness is not merely a judicial act by which He sets us free from condemnation. It is not only forgiveness for sin, but reclaiming from sin, it is the

outflow of redeeming love that transforms the heart ..."

"Forgiveness, reconciliation with God, comes to us, not as a reward for our works, it is not bestowed because of the merit of sinful men, but it is a gift unto us, having in the *spotless righteousness of Christ* its foundation for bestowal." *Mount of Blessing*, page 125, 126

Our love relationship with God is determined not only by God's forgiving us, but also by our forgiving our neighbor. Jesus taught His disciples to pray "... Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Matthew 5:12). The only part of this prayer on which He commented for emphasis is in verses 14 and 15, "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Jesus set the example for us while hanging on the cross, while still suffering for those who were guilty of crucifying Him and who were deriding Him. Jesus prayed "Father, forgive them: For they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

Forgiveness is the basis for unity and the catalyst of the love relationship between God and man, and man and man. God expects us to take the initiative as He did. It will bring to each of us peace of mind. We are happy when we are loving and helping others regardless of their attitude and conduct.

When this relationship is marred or broken, forgiveness restores it. Forgiveness keeps families together, keeps churches together—it enables people to get along with people.

This love relationship is the evidence that we have received the righteousness of Christ personally, and we can say decisively sincerely and with conviction, "Jesus was born for me, lived a sinless life for me, He died for me, He arose for me, He ascended for me, He pleads for me, He is coming again for me, that where He is I will be also—thus glorifying and immortalizing this love relationship forever and ever!!"

The wonder of God's amazing love! Let us continuously choose this great salvation which Jesus so lovingly and graciously offers.

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Outlook On The Cover

September: Stephanie Torpey, daughter of Dale and JoAnn Torpey of Washington, Iowa, poses in an upstairs bedroom of her parents' Victorian mansion. The rainbows are caused by the morning sun streaming through a leaded glass window. The Torpeys operate a bed and breakfast in Washington called Antiques and Old Lace which the Outlook editor stayed in while covering the story on the Iowa-Missouri Conference's effort to reestablish the church in Washington. (See June, 1988 Outlook). Photo by J. Fly.

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The Second Coming And The Caring Church

BY GEORGE R. KNIGHT

Perhaps the major contribution of A. T. Jones and E. J. Waggoner at the 1888 General Conference session was to unite the law and the gospel in the context of the third angel's message of Revelation 14. With Jones preaching on the topic of the national Sunday bill that was to come before congress in a few weeks and Waggoner emphasizing the righteousness of Christ, it was only natural that those two great halves of the Seventh-day Adventist message should be joined together at Minneapolis.

Ellen White, in commenting on Waggoner's messages on "justification by faith and the righteousness of Christ in relation to the law," pointed out that this was not "new light." Rather, "it was old light placed where it should be in the third angel's message." "What is the burden of that message?" she asked. "Jesus sees a people. He says, 'Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.'" Revelation 14:12. Those people, she notes, are those on the earth just before the Second Coming of Jesus (MS 24, 1888, emphasis supplied). These are undoubtedly the "spotless" ones who are a part of the 144,000 of Revelation 14:1-5.

Mrs. White was excited about Jones and Waggoner's combining "the proclamation of the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus Christ" in the third angel's message. "The commandments of God," she pointed out, "have been proclaimed, but the faith of Jesus Christ has not been proclaimed by Seventh-day Adventists as of equal importance, the law and the gospel going hand in hand" (*Ibid*).

It is little wonder that she would say in another connection that justification by faith "is the third angel's message in verity (truth)" (ISM, 372). The gospel in relation to the law and the end-time "mark of the beast" (Revelation 14:9-11) rounded out and completed the third angel's

message. Thus it opened the way to prepare a people for the great Second Coming harvest of Revelation 14:14-20.

It is impossible to overestimate the importance of Revelation 14 in Adventist history. Beginning in the 1840s with the proclamation that "the hour of God's judgment" had begun on October 22, 1844, Revelation 14 had been central to Adventist thought. The final link in that threefold message was explicated by Waggoner in connection with Jones at the 1888 General Conference session. Subsequently, with the Ten Commandment law being seen as a "sin detector" (rather than as something to



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win God's favor) and as a pointer that led men and women to Christ, Ellen White saw Adventists with a rounded out theological package, a package that emphasized the union of law and grace within the end-time, great controversy context of Revelation 14.

With this full-orbed message in mind, and with Sunday legislation on every hand, Ellen White could write in 1892 that "the time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already begun in the revelation of the righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer. This is the beginning of the light of the angel whose glory shall fill the whole earth" (ISM 363).

In this statement she was obviously pointing back to the message of 1888. It is not surprising that A. T. Jones and others picked up that statement, and, in the

Sunday-law excitement of the times, intimated that the fullness of the latter rain would be poured out in the 1893 General Conference session and that Christ would soon come. One result was that there was a great deal of eschatological excitement at the 1893 meetings. (For a fuller discussion of the great revival of 1893, see *From 1888 to Apostasy*, pp. 75-103).

As we all know, however, Jesus never came in 1893, despite the expectations of some. In connection with "the failure of 1893," there are several points that should be mentioned. First, Ellen White never fixated her thought on the failure of the denomination in either 1893 or 1888. Second, she noted in other places that the Spirit was being poured out. In 1908, for example, she wrote that "this is the time of the latter rain" (Lt. 230, 1908).

Third, and most importantly, in 1888 Ellen White had penned that Christ could have come soon after 1844 if the Millerite Adventists had remained faithful to their calling. She pointed out that "the angels of God in their messages to men represent time as very short . . . It should be remembered that the promises and threatenings of God are alike conditional." She also claimed that "it is the unbelief, the worldliness, unconsecration, and strife among the Lord's professed people that have kept us in this world of sin and sorrow so many years" (ISM, 67-69, emphasis supplied).

At least two things should be noted about the above statement. One is that Christ could have come long before 1888—that is, before Jones and Waggoner ever preached their interpretation of the gospel. For that reason it is not helpful to build too much on the basis of their distinctive theology. It is not their message or the particular interpretation that they placed upon the gospel that is important, but the gospel message itself.

A second thing to note is that God's promises regarding the Second Coming are conditional, and that His people had failed to meet the conditions up through 1883. Given our continuing presence upon the earth, it can safely be surmised that His people have still failed to meet the conditions.

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In this famous photograph, delegates to the 1888 General Conference Session held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, pose outside the church. The 1888 meetings were a watershed in Adventist understanding of the gospel.

Part 1.

The Minneapolis Story: A Brief Review of God's Loving Intention

BY ADRIAN R. M. LAURITZEN

The Great Advent Awakening

The message of the 1888 General Conference at Minneapolis, "an inspiring message which rescued the church from the danger of legalism, and opened minds to the sublime reaches of the gospel,"¹ came to the Seventh-day Adventist Church forty-four years after the Great Disappointment of October 22, 1844.

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While this disappointment was not particularly highlighted by official notice or public attention at the Minneapolis meeting, it is true that certain aspects of the great second advent movement in the United States had direct bearing on significant issues of the 1888 conference. That this

might be recognized in subsequent chronicling of events, it is well to point out that during the early decades of the nineteenth century persons from all walks of life had proclaimed that the hour of God's judgment had come, and that the Second Coming of Jesus in the clouds of heaven would be on prophetic schedule—to the very day. But when the prophetic hours struck, Jesus did not appear in 1843, nor did He come at the time of the second prophetic calculation in 1844.

Prior to these bitter disappointments there had been, within the ranks of the believers, an abiding and confident expectation. All effort and hope had focused on a single doctrine—the Second Coming. And this doctrine was undergirded by a Biblical and calculable time factor which identified the hour of God's judgment and assured the saints of the nearness of Jesus' return. However, when all things were not fulfilled as expected, all things seemed to change. To be sure, the nearness of the Lord's return

was a continuing certainty, but no longer did it seem to have the urgency of the former precisely dated event. While this was an understandable aftermath of shock and grief, God was about to show His little flock that they must prophesy again. Soon, very soon, He would reveal broad vistas of truth to His waiting, praying people—truths that would reach all who dwell upon the earth, and prepare the faithful for the “blessed hope.”

When the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Wednesday evening, October 17, 1888, the church was well grounded in “sound doctrine.” As early as 1844, before there was a Seventh-day Adventist Church, three key teachings had emerged: the heavenly sanctuary, the seventh-day Sabbath, and the Spirit of Prophecy. In the providence of the Holy Spirit’s guidance these teachings developed independently of each other and in distinctly separated geographical locations. For example, through group study of Scripture, Hiram Edson and other believers in the Second Advent began to preach the sanctuary message in western New York; Joseph Bates (an earlier recruit of William Miller) and others, proclaimed the Sabbath truth in Massachusetts and New Hampshire; and to the testimony of these heralds of the gospel was added the spiritual influence and counsel of Ellen Harmon from Maine, a young girl whom God had chosen to be a messenger to His people.

By 1846 printed publications of these clearly defined teachings made their appearance. With a mandate to scatter the printed page as “the leaves of autumn,” it became incumbent upon the fledgling body of Adventists to declare a substantial doctrinal position. These teachings, incidentally, were to go down in the history of the church as the “old landmarks,” the “firm foundation,” “the pillars of the faith,” et cetera, and were duly enunciated as the Seven Principal Points: (1) the second coming of Christ, (2) the prophecies of Scripture, (3) the seventh-day Sabbath, (4) the heavenly sanctuary and the priestly ministry of Christ, (5) conditional immortality, (6) the Spirit of Prophecy, and (7) the third angel’s message. In addition to the distinctive truths were points of faith held in common with other Christian bodies, such as Christ, salvation, atonement, sin, justification, regeneration, sanctification, and the life—a broad platform of belief embodying the doctrinal, the prophetic, and the evangelical.

The Issues and the Attitudes

There is a persistent myth within the thinking of some Seventh-day Adventists that the Minneapolis experience of 1888 was a denominational disaster. Reference is made to the emotional atmosphere and occasionally explosive sessions of the proceedings, and to such statements of Ellen White as “the saddest experience of my

life,” and “the terrible experience of the Minneapolis Conference is one of the saddest chapters in the history of the believers in present truth.”²

To mitigate the negative point of view of these sentiments is to better understand the issues and the attitudes involved in the background of the Minneapolis episode, and to draw from that experience an understanding of the broad sweep of God’s loving intention. The following documentaries are designed to assist in this objective, therefore brief discussions of the issues and the attitudes will be followed by a review of “a most precious message.”

The issues of 1888 were many. Some had their origins in teachings inherited from the interdenominational backgrounds of the great Second Advent Movement, while others reflected the personalities of those whose convictions ran deep, and whose feelings surfaced easily. The complexity of these doctrinal differences and schismatic factions became evident early in the proceedings of the ministerial institute, then later in the Conference proper, and continued in intensity for some time to come.

At the ministerial institute of October 10-17 the agenda included the following: The Ten Horns of Daniel 7, the Law in Galatians, The Healing of the Deadly Wound, The Divinity of Christ, et cetera. Stated briefly, with Uriah Smith on one side and A. T. Jones on the other, the Daniel 7 topic occupied a lion’s share of institute time and was the hotly contested topic revolving around whether the Huns or the Alamanni constituted one of the ten kingdoms represented by the ten horns. The Galatians topic included some studies by E. J. Waggoner on the subjects of Law and Atonement, which led to sharp debate and a continuing spirit of divisiveness in the Conference sessions later.

When the first session of the General Conference proper convened on Wednesday evening, October 17, there seemed to be no evidence of complication in the majestic themes of the next eighteen days, particularly in the inclusions centering around Christ, His deity, His atonement, and His matchless gift of righteousness by faith. There was every reason to anticipate a spiritual feast of good things. But the fond anticipation was dissipated by two alarming circumstances: (1) the sharp cleavage within the delegates (a split carried over from the institute), and (2) the promulgation, by some, of divergent winds of doctrine intimately related to the basic themes of the meetings. These views, some distinctly Arian, involved shades of belief that compounded the disturbing issues of the conference. They may be freely stated as follows:

1. Christ is a created being; His life is a derived life.
2. Christ is not co-equal with the Father; He is subordinate to Him.
3. Christ’s death on the cross is not the atonement; the atonement is limited to the

priestly act in the Most Holy Place.

4. The Holy Spirit is not a person; it is an influence (an “afflatus”).

5. There is not a Trinity of three heavenly persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit is not a person.

Fortunately, the distressing implications of these theological positions met their Scriptural resolution in the Christ-exalting messages on Righteousness by Faith. Without the undergirding of such Spirit-filled preaching, the proclamation of the Three Angel’s Messages might well have come to naught.

Another issue at the Conference was the love of debate. To many Seventh-day Adventist ministers the Bible was treasured as a volume of divine source materials, a collection of doctrinal proof texts; therefore victory was always assured in argument and debate—and debate was more than welcome. Recognizing the spiritual perils involved in this practice, Ellen White addressed the problem as an exercise that “takes the place of the Spirit of God.”³ In another sternly worded testimony she declared that the debaters:

... are in their element when an opportunity is offered for them to question and criticize, for it is natural for them to be ready for battle at any time. They will play upon words, misinterpret and misstate, because this has become a settled habit with them, a second nature. Nothing is safe in their hands.⁴

Justifiable or not, this debative aggressiveness contributed in no small measure to yet another issue which has dogged the church to this day—the charge of legalism. In his *Thirteen Crisis Years*, A. V. Olson commented on the charge and did not discount it.

As the result of the contact emphasis upon the law and the Sabbath in lectures, sermons, and debates, Adventist preachers became known as legalists, and were accused of believing in salvation through works rather than faith in Christ’s work for them. It was a common charge that the Adventists did not really believe in Christ and His work of grace. Page 14.

In a sermon preached at Otsego, Michigan on October 10, 1890, Ellen White made pointed reference to this issue—two years after 1888:

In presenting the binding claims of the law, many have failed to portray the infinite love of Christ . . . Love for Jesus, and Jesus’ love for sinners, have been dropped out of the religious experience of those who have been commissioned to preach the gospel, and self has been exalted instead of the redeemer of mankind . . . Many sermons preached upon the claims of the law have been without Christ, and this lack has made the truth inefficient in converting souls.⁵

God had spoken. In these counsels the words of Christ were crystal clear: “And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto Me.” In truth, God had sent a message to the messengers. ★

(To Be Continued)

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The Quebecois-Acadien people welcome home visits especially by fellow citizens. Jean Guy Tremblay, who works full time as a very effective literature evangelist, goes door to door selling Adventist literature. He finds ready acceptance in homes and is active in giving Bible studies. A number of his contacts have joined the church. Two more will be baptized next week. Photo by Norm Middag.

New Horizons For Outreach In North America

BY JEAN THOMAS AND MONTE SAHLIN

It might be surprising to learn that even though North America is considered the "Matriarch" of Adventist Missions, having begun its outreach in 1874 when J. N. Andrews went as a missionary to Switzerland, there still are people groups within its boundaries who are yet unreached with the saving message of the Gospel.

To some, unreached people groups denote tribal peoples of developing nations. However, in the true sense an unreached people group includes any group whose language, education, occupation, geography, history and social status set them apart as needing unique and special kinds of ministry, and where there are an insufficient

number of Adventist members or congregations to make any impact.

Two such groups here in the North American Division among which interesting things are happening and which need the church's immediate attention are the French speaking Quebecois-Acadiens of Canada and New England, and the Native Americans.

Four hundred of the 500 Adventists among the seven million French Quebecois and Acadiens found in Quebec, Ontario, the Maritime provinces and New England have been baptized in the last four years. In 100 towns with a population of 10,000 there is no Adventist presence. The vast majority of Canadian Adventists are from the English speaking population.

However, in the last three years, the Quebecois-Acadiens have shown a new responsiveness to the Adventist message. Whereas during the seven years, 1977-84, baptisms among this group in Quebec

averaged 29, during the 1985-87 period, the average was 116. This is a fourfold increase! At the conclusion of a crusade in Gramby, a city of 18,000 in which there were no Adventists, a congregation of 40 was planted. In Montreal, a congregation of more than 100 members was organized as a result of a crusade.

Camp meeting provides an important ministry to the new converts since many are alienated from their friends and relatives when they become Adventists. At camp meeting they meet many others of the same faith and realize that they are becoming a part of a new family. It also offers opportunity to help them learn the culture of Adventism.

Home visitation, follow-up of responses from television and other awareness activities, find warm acceptance from within their people group. Literature evangelists find a ready reception among them. Five-day Plans, Revelation

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Seminars, Family Life Workshops and public evangelistic meetings are all well attended.

"We have a window of opportunity opened by trends, circumstances and the Holy Spirit," says Charles Bradford, North American Division president. "We must move resources into this opportunity rapidly before the window slams shut."

A major goal of the North American Division is to accelerate the discipling of this people group. Five Quebecois-Acadian theology students will become available for church planting assignments as they graduate in 1988, 1989 and 1990. Student volunteers from among the young adults in North America are being screened for work among the Quebecois-Acadian people. A strategy document stating clearly defined project objectives and a proposed budget for 1988 has been submitted to the North American Division Committee. Adequate funding is the only hindrance.

Another Unreached People Group

The Native Americans, often still mislabeled "Indians," are another unreached people group. Although the Adventist Church has developed a number of ministries to these people, each has required dedicated efforts over a long period of time. Recently a new church was organized as a direct result of Revelation

Seminars which are attended quite readily. Now this group is negotiating for a church school.

For several generations life has held little incentive especially for the male population since tribal traditions assigned hunting as the only male profession. With unemployment running at 52 percent in the largest tribe, the Navajo with a population of 200,000, it is important that the next generation be provided with opportunities to improve their lifestyle. This can be done by providing quality education as well as occupational training that will provide a livelihood.

With a very limited budget and extremely inadequate facilities, the Indian Adventist School, Holbrook, Arizona, began in 1946 to provide a ministry designed to meet this pressing need.

The faculty are tireless in their efforts at reaching out to the students through love, patience and understanding to break down the inborn distrust of the white man and his religion. This is not always easy since they have heard their grandparents tell of the confiscation of their homelands and ancestral worshipping grounds and the 300-mile "Long Walk" to be confined in the desert.

Over the years a limited group of students largely from Navajo, Hopi and Sioux tribes have come to gain an education at the academy. Their families want them to be in an alcohol-free

environment. A Navajo mother, a graduate of this academy and now an educator, asked to address the parents assembled at the spring 1988 graduation ceremonies. She spoke in her native tongue and urged the parents to value their children's education and to plan for their future.

This school at Holbrook is a Native American boarding school operated by the Adventist Church. It offers grades 1 through 12. In addition to the academic curriculum, vocational courses such as certified welding and auto mechanics are offered. Additional vocational courses are being planned. A number of Holbrook graduates have gone on to college. One former student is now teaching secondary math and computer courses at the school.

Fifty percent of a very inadequate budget is provided by the Pacific Union and Arizona Conference. Donations from individuals make up the balance. As a result of underfunding, the school plant is in poor shape with some buildings having recently been condemned. No funds are available for repairs.

Compared with the well-funded educational programs and good physical plants of Lutherans, Catholics, Mormons and United Methodists, the Adventist Church is in real danger of losing the foothold that has been established over the past 40 years.

Thirty-five students and several adults have been baptized this year as a result of the Weeks of Prayer each semester and the follow-up work of the local pastor. Many students must deal with alienation from their families when they return home.

North America's Responsibility

Because these people groups are scattered through several conferences and unions, their membership in most cases is small compared with other people groups. It falls to the North American Division to see that adequate resources, manpower, information and strategy are made available as quickly as possible.

The Mission Extension Offering, to be received in the churches throughout North America on September 10, will provide a special opportunity to support the ministry for these two people groups: groups that up until now, have been unreceptive to the gospel, but now the door is open.

A donor who wants to designate his or her entire gift to one or both of these projects, may do so simply by indicating this on the offering envelope.

"There are hundreds of thousands of church members who have expressed the wish to give directly to projects of their choice," says J. Lynn Martell, North American Division director of church ministries. "Here is a chance to do just that. An offering for these projects is a way to guarantee that your gift will really make a difference!" And it is a way to get involved in the cutting edge of mission! ★



A pottery student at the Holbrook Indian Adventist School displays one of her works of art. This school offers both academic and industrial arts training thus giving students the option of either entering the work force at the end of high school or of going on to college. Photo by Photo Sound.



Pictured above are the Union representatives of the NAD Women's Commission who met July 8-10 in Lincoln. Back row, far left is Evelyn Glass, Mid-America Union. Photo by Bruce Forbes.

Women's Commission Seeks to Improve Potential of Female Members

BY SHIRLEY B. ENGEL

Why am I here? How did I become a Queen? I am a Jew! I am so young!" These were the thoughts of Esther so many years ago when she became King Ahasuerus's queen. Unbeknown to her, a major crisis was looming and God was placing the right person in the right place at the right time. And when the fate of her countrymen was at stake, the Lord, through the fasting and prayer of Esther and her maids, gave her the daring and the boldness she needed.

Probably no one in today's world will be asked to do just what Esther did. Most of us, individually, will not be asked to make an impact on a whole nation, but only on the lives of the few people around us. There is a place for everyone in God's vineyard and, like Esther, we must have faith and be bold and courageous to accomplish the task before us.

This was the message brought by Elder George Timpson to the Town Meeting of the Women's Commission held at Union College on July 9. Elder Timpson is the Human Relations Officer in the Mid-America Union.

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The ladies present were from all walks of life—college and university professors, psychologists, lawyers, medical professionals, pastor's wives, social workers, executives, writers, singles, young mothers and grandmothers. Ordination of women was not the issue, but rather that women be given the chance to be heard, that there be acceptance of their input and abilities.

What is the Women's Commission? It is a coalition that began in the Human Relations office of the General Conference, and is headed there by Elizabeth Sterndale. Commissioners have been chosen to represent each Union, and commissioners are now being chosen for each local conference. The next goal will be to have a commissioner with church officer status in each local church or district of churches to draw out the ministering capabilities of the women of the church.

Evelyn Glass of Minnesota serves as the commissioner for the Mid-America Union. Representing the conferences in Mid-America are: Marla Weidell, Dakota; Carol Huenergardt, Kansas-Nebraska; Shirley Karls, Minnesota; and Rhonda Karr, Iowa-Missouri. The Rocky Mountain and Central States Conferences have not as yet appointed a Commissioner.

The goals of the Commission are (1) provide information and advice to the church officials relating to and of particular concern to women of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. (2) To work cooperatively through the office of Human Relations to offer coordinated and comprehensive advice to General Conference policymakers. (3) Conceptually, the Commission is to be a catalyst for improving the potential and for the full utilization of the resources of women of the Adventist church, thereby maximizing the advancement of the church's mission.

The women in Mid-America asked for support groups within the church to help them deal with divorce, abuse and other family difficulties. Many of our churches lack a sense of community because we have so many facades. Lack of confidentiality was cited as a major factor in building the facades we hide behind. How quickly the word spreads throughout our membership when someone becomes the victim of drugs or alcohol, or when there is abuse or incest in a family, or when a marriage falters. And so victims build facades to hide their grief and embarrassment, often reluctant to confide in even the pastor. These victims need a friend they can trust and depend on to keep their confidence and lend moral support if not tangible help.

Would you like to participate in the policymaking process of the denomination—on the local church level, the conference level or union level? Would you like to serve as an employee, a volunteer, a consultant, a missionary? Or would you like to serve as a member of a committee? Contact your local conference for an "Adventist Personnel Network" form.

Even though more and more women are stepping up the corporate ladder and serving on committees in both the secular and the denominational world, they are not always well received and their input is not valued. They are subjected to putdowns or to being ignored. Junell Vance of the Atlantic Union has had this experience and she advises: Go ahead, accept the position. Listen carefully, learn the politics involved, and bide your time. Then speak up and participate with confidence. Let them know that you are a thinking person and capable of being more than just a "token" member of the committee. Sometimes putdowns and being ignored can be countered with confrontation (in a Christian manner, of course, but with firmness). Many times you will gain respect.

The Women's Commission is made up of ladies who believe women can make a difference, that women have a ministry to offer to the church. Something more than preparing holiday food baskets, visiting the shut-ins, and sorting clothing for the Dorcas, important as those tasks are. Their ministry can be two-fold: a person-to-person ministry and a ministry of participation in policy setting and decision making. ★



Maria Sullivan (left) chats with Eileen Stevens during a free period at camp meeting in Lincoln. Just four weeks earlier Maria had never attended a Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Browsing Through Used Bookstore Leads to New Life

BY JOHN TREOLO

Maria Sullivan loves to read. And, like most people, Maria enjoys a bargain. Combining these two adorations, it's no surprise she derives pleasure from browsing through bookstores which sell used paperbacks and other reading literature.

A casual stroll down the aisles of one such bookstore in her hometown of Leavenworth, Kansas, has led Maria to even greater fondness for second-hand bookstores: she discovered firsthand a new life in Jesus Christ after purchasing a copy of *The Great Controversy* for three dollars.

A resident of Leavenworth the past six years, Maria has also shopped around for a church to attend. After worshipping with four different denominations, she presently attends a Southern Baptist Church.

"Actually, I've only attended the Baptist Church one year. I've been trying to find the church that had fellowship in it and

spoke about the prophecies relating to what's in the world today and what is going to happen," Maria emphasizes.

Besides finding the proper church to attend, Maria indicates something else was puzzling her: the Sabbath day and God's design for keeping it holy.

Maria's visit to the bookstore helped solve the answers to her puzzling questions.

"As I leafed through *The Great Controversy* in the store, I observed the chapter on the Sabbath. So right there, with the book in hand, I prayed and asked God if He wanted me to keep the Sabbath.

"After taking the book home, I read it sporadically. I still have to read it front to back in running order," she insists. "I haven't done that yet, because I found so many interesting things and I would jump from subject to subject."

Besides going from subject to subject, Maria went a step further by letting her fingers do the walking through the yellow pages of the Leavenworth telephone directory as she searched for the address of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Attending the Leavenworth Adventist church for the first time that very next Sabbath, Maria picked a good Sabbath to worship, according to Eileen Stevens, a member of the Leavenworth church. A sister church from Troy, Kansas joined Leavenworth that weekend for a spiritual revival, communion service and fellowship dinner.

"Oh, I enjoyed my first Sabbath service. And, by the way, I got in on a full day as well. We were having kind of a retreat, so I stayed for meals and fellowshiped the entire day and I enjoyed it greatly," she beams.

Maria felt good about attending the Seventh-day Adventist Church. All she knew before about Adventists is they went to church on Saturday and sponsored a radio broadcast known as Voice of Prophecy, which she enjoys listening to.

The following Sabbath Maria was in the Leavenworth church again. That's when Eileen and her husband, Charles, became worried. The next two Sabbaths the church in Leavenworth wasn't planning services due to camp meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, a 200-plus mile journey from Leavenworth.

Maria honored God's holy day those two Sabbaths also by attending camp meeting in Lincoln along with the Stevens', who provided transportation for her. Their daughter, Diana Feather, who resides in Lincoln, provided lodging during the eight-day camp meeting, and the members in Kansas-Nebraska Conference in attendance provided Maria with all the fellowship she could have ever hoped for.

"I've enjoyed attending every service at camp meeting," Maria says. "And the Sabbath is such a delight."

In a span of four weeks, Maria Sullivan had attended a 60-member church twice and congregated with thousands of Seventh-day Adventists during camp meeting. She reveals her plans were to have already moved to Prescott, Arizona before camp meeting even started.

The Lord, however, had other plans for Maria.

"My initial plans were to leave weeks ago, but things were altered so I just left time open for coming to these meetings. I'm glad I did," she confesses.

After relocating in Prescott, Arizona, Maria plans to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Church there. It should be a little easier for Maria this time. Rick Dye, Leavenworth pastor, has already telephoned the pastor in Prescott informing him of Maria's desire to unite with God's Remnant Church.

From a browsing spree at a bookstore, to searching for a Seventh-day Adventist Church in the yellow pages, to worshipping with a multitude of Adventists at camp meeting, Maria Sullivan's life will never be the same again. ★

John Treolo is the communication director of the Kansas-Nebraska Conference.



Bob and Betty Alarcon pose with their son, B.J., on the Union College campus. In May, Bob and Betty graduated from college while B.J. graduated from academy.

Coming Back: Now Is The Time

BY LINDA DICK

The Alarcon family eagerly anticipated the month of May, 1988 for a long time. And with good reason. How often does a whole family graduate in the same month? Bob and Betty both graduated from Union College on May 15, and one week later, their son, B.J., graduated from Platte Valley Academy. The three of them celebrated at a big party with all their friends.

"College hasn't been easy," admits Bob. "You learn more easily when you're young. We've really had to struggle and pray a lot."

Betty's degree is in social work, and this past summer she completed a practicum at the County Crisis Unit.

As a theology student, Bob has been student pastor for the Harlan-Ute-Onawa district in Iowa this past year. Since graduation, he has been assigned there temporarily, and commutes to Iowa every weekend.

Linda Dick writes for the Office of Institutional Advancement at Union College.

"Every time the phone rings," says Bob, "I think it's the 'call.' You've heard of the 'call to the ministry.' Well, I'm waiting for 'the call' from the conference office."

"There was a time when we wouldn't have thought it possible, that we'd graduate from Union College. But the Lord has a way of working things out."

No Passing Phase

Both Bob and Betty were nominal Catholics. Bob had jumped from one lifestyle to another, from one all-consuming interest to another. He had tried motorcycles, martial arts, custom vans, drugs and alcohol. When he came home from his job at the Pueblo, Colorado steel mill, suddenly excited about Christianity, Betty thought his interest would be just another passing phase. She was wrong.

The couple searched the Bible and visited various churches and study groups, looking for truth. The book of Revelation puzzled Bob. None of the churches could explain it to his satisfaction. Then he got a flyer in the mail advertising a Revelation

Seminar at the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Bob, Betty and B.J., then eleven, attended every night of the five-week seminar.

"One night the preacher said, 'What you'll hear tonight will change your life.' And he was right," says Bob. The topic was the Sabbath. Bob tried every way he knew to disprove the seventh-day Sabbath, but he couldn't. His friends from other churches couldn't. He and Betty became convicted to start keeping the Sabbath. Then in August, 1980, he and Betty and B.J. were baptized as Seventh-day Adventists.

Co-workers at the steel mill warned Bob that if he quit working on Friday nights and Saturdays, he would be fired. His earnings would be cut almost in half, since weekend work paid time and a half. But Bob kept the Sabbath and his job.

His friends said, "How can you do this to your family? Do you expect them to live on next to nothing?" Mill workers lived well; many, including the Alarcons, had bought new homes, cars, boats, and were heavily in debt.

Despite the reduction in Bob's earnings, by careful budgeting the Alarcons were able to get out of debt in a year and a half.

The Steel Mill Shuts Down

Then, unexpectedly, the steel mill shut down; the workers were laid off. Unable to pay their debts, many lost their homes and later their marriages. Thanks to their careful money management, Bob and Betty have been able to keep their home and to send B.J. to Adventist academies.

About the time Bob was laid off from the mill, Betty lost her job as a nurse's aid. With both of them jobless, the family was faced with critical decisions. Bob had thought about going to college before. He knew he didn't want to work in the steel mill all his life, but the money had been so good that it had been hard to think about leaving. After the layoffs, he thought, "Now is the time to go back to school."

A pastor gave Bob an information card about Union College, and the family visited the campus. They liked what they saw. By renting their Colorado home and holding a garage sale, they were able to move to Lincoln. B.J. started academy at College View, and Bob and Betty started as freshmen at Union in the fall of 1984.

Says B.J., now 19, "It's pretty neat to graduate at the same time as my folks."

B.J. plans to enter Union College in the fall; he's interested in the medical field. He received a \$400 Passbook scholarship from the college in recognition of his academy involvement; he was active in sports and served as parliamentarian of his senior class.

"It's opened up our lives," says Betty. "And we intend to keep right on growing, wherever the Lord leads us." ★

As I considered the monumental heap of cartons that had to go into storage recently, I reflected that for a "throw-away society," we certainly manage to hang on to an amazing quantity of junk.

We were packing up our belongings in preparation for renting our house and going to Hong Kong to teach at the Hong Kong Adventist College for two years.

It's true that you can't take it with you—and looking at the accumulation of



Storing Up Treasures

BY BETTY JOCHMANS

unusable stuff we had acquired in just a few years, I wonder who would *want* to take any of this with him?

Ever since the advent of that American institution, the garage sale, we have all been painfully aware of the strange assortment of possessions we own and hang on to until we are forced to get rid of some of them in order to make room for others.

The poet William Wordsworth, who was not a particularly religious man, nevertheless saw the danger of material possessions. In "The World is Too Much With Us" he said, "... getting and keeping, we lay waste our powers."

What is the psychology behind all of this "getting and keeping?" Do all of these material things provide us with a sort of ballast—an illusion—that something can hold us here on earth? None of our possessions will go with us to the New Jerusalem, and we thank the Lord for that mercy.

In defending our mania for acquiring things we use various ploys. First there is the "sentimental value" of items. That hideous set of hand-crocheted butterfly potholders and oven mitts that cousin so-and-so made for us with her own hands. She's gone now, but the butterflies linger on. That chipped blue vase that Mom always kept on the mantle. That favorite sweater my husband always said looked great on me. Of course, now it sags in all the wrong places, but ...

Then there are the practical excuses. The items we cling to because we tell ourselves we may need them someday. A perfectly good stainless steel saucepan—too bad the

handle is broken off. Someday I'll get it soldered ... Those yards and yards of electrical wire. Aha! You never know when you might want to rewire something, and that stuff costs a fortune these days. Shortening cans full of strange hardware. Once these things probably held something together—or apart, as the case may be. We are afraid to get rid of any of it, because something in there may be "just the thing I need to fix the waffle iron."

My favorite story about junk accumulation is one that occurred long ago, just a couple of years after my husband and I were married. We were moving to another town about 12 miles away. My husband had borrowed an open truck, and friends helped us pile all of our belongings, furniture and boxes on it. The truck was old, and as it staggered down the highway under the load of our possessions, my husband happened to glance in the rear view mirror just as one of the cartons slid off the back of the truck and bounced onto the road. He brought the truck to a grinding halt and tried to find reverse on the old-fashioned stick shift. Before he could manage it, a car, traveling in the opposite direction on the other side of the road, came to a screeching halt. The driver jumped out, ran across the road and snatched our carton. Running back to his car, he threw it in the back and zoomed away. Pursuit was out of the question. By the time we got our grandfather truck turned around that car would be 20 miles away. He was doing about 60 and our top speed was closer to 40. We hadn't even had time to get the license number of the car. We were shocked and angry that anyone could be so blatantly dishonest, and we spent the rest of the trip trying to guess what was in the box that had been stolen.

When we started to unpack in our new house we were still wondering what we

would find missing. Once in a while my husband would say, "Ah! I think it was my 'funeral hat' (a black homburg he disliked), and good riddance to it!" Later, the black homburg surfaced, safe and sound. Then it was my turn. "I know what it was. It was all our boots and rubber overshoes." Wrong again. The carton with the overshoes turned up, too.

To this day we don't know what was in that carton. I hope that whoever stole it made good use of whatever it was, because we certainly didn't need it.

That early incident in our "moving" career should have taught us a lesson, but contemplating the accumulation that confronted us recently, we seem to be back to square one. We are still too concerned with earthly treasures.

Perhaps we all need to remind ourselves from time to time that there are other treasures that we should be accumulating. They are not ceramic peacocks or wicker baskets or 1920 picture postcards. They are heavenly treasures that should be treated even more tenderly than our sentimental treasures. And as for usefulness, these heavenly treasures will serve us well someday.

Matthew 6:19-21 says, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth ... But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven ... For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Isn't it better to have our hearts in heaven, rather than stored away in paper cartons on earth?

In *Here I Come, Ready or Not*, Morris Venden says that *everybody* has a devotional life. The problem is that many of us are devoted to the wrong things. Some are devoted to sports, some to antiques, some to prize-winning rose bushes. None of these are harmful, but are they completely harmless? If they interfere with our devotion to heavenly treasures, we are in trouble.

Mrs. White mentions heavenly treasures in many places, and she is always talking about taking care of the needy and the destitute. In *Desire of Ages*, page 497, she writes, "In the story of the good Samaritan, Christ illustrates the nature of true religion."

When the Holy Spirit moves us to do charitable works for our suffering fellow men, then and only then will we be storing up the right treasures—heavenly treasures.

Betty Jochmans and her husband Robert are members of the College View Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. They are currently teaching English at Hong Kong Adventist College.

A Night of Peril

BY MARJORIE WOODRUFF

"Fire in the forest!" No report is more dreaded by the rangers. It happened in Custer State Park, South Dakota on Tuesday, July 5, 1988. Volunteer fire departments from surrounding towns joined the battle against the flames.

On Thursday, July 7, Rudy Harnisch and Bruce Pagan, two young men from the Black Hills Health and Education Center (BHHEC) near Hermosa, responded to a call to replace two of their colleagues from the Hayward Fire Department.

out of here! We can't take the risk of faulty equipment."

So Rudy and Bruce started back over the twisting, hilly road. To conserve energy for the engine, Rudy used the headlights on and off. It was slow going, and soon the headlights shone too dimly to do much good even the brief moments it took to glance down the road. Finally, they had to stop in the inky blackness.

A sheriff came by in his car. He offered to drive ahead of them, shining his spotlight forward. He had to use jumper cables to get

mighty yank to the left. They heard the crunch and hiss of loose gravel as the truck did a quarter turn and sputtered to a halt.

Now the rear end tipped downward. They climbed out and found the truck hanging on the brink of a steep hillside. "Well, Bruce," Rudy observed. "The angels were with us again."

Where was that sheriff? Why did he speed up? Didn't he realize the truck wasn't behind him? They had no answers and could only wait in the darkness for more help.

At last the sheriff returned. After viewing



At nine that evening, they left in the old fire truck they keep on the premises at BHHEC. From Keystone they took a logging road into the remote section where the Hayward crew was assigned. For several hours they helped put out spot fires and build back fires to contain the blaze.

While running the old truck, Rudy noticed that the battery indicator showed discharging instead of charging. He told the foreman, who said, "Get that piece of junk

the old truck going, but Rudy easily followed the sheriff's car. They thanked the Lord that someone had come along at the time of greatest need.

Then for some unexplainable reason the sheriff sped up. He got so far ahead of them that his lights did Rudy and Bruce no good. In another minute the sheriff's car disappeared around a corner, leaving them in total darkness again.

Rudy strained his eyes, afraid to turn the wheel left or right. Bruce's voice broke the tense silence. "Oh, Lord. Help us now!"

Suddenly the old truck listed heavily to the right, front and back wheels off the road. Rudy gave the steering wheel a

the tire tracks and seeing the precariously poised truck, he simply shook his head in wonderment. Without a word he pulled out the jumper cables again and started the old truck. Rudy put it in low gear and eased gingerly forward. The old truck inched up and onto the road.

"Evidently our mission isn't over yet," Rudy told Bruce.

This time the sheriff drove behind them and aimed the spotlight ahead to guide them safely back.

Rudy shared this experience with the Hot Springs, South Dakota church family on Sabbath, July 9, praising God for his protection.

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The Blessing of Witnessing

BY MORRIS L. VENDEN

Witness

Thesis 75

The reason God wants us to witness is primarily for our good.

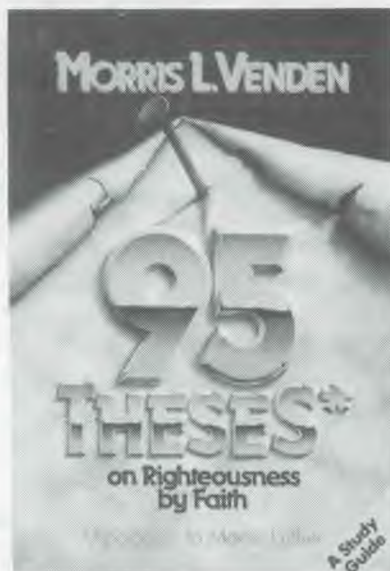
Suppose that one day I begin walking from San Francisco to Pacific Union College—the Promised Land! You come along in your car and stop and offer me a ride. If I get in and ride with you, I will get to PUC quicker; I will be saved a lot of blisters. But I was headed there anyway.

Let's reverse it. One day I begin walking from San Francisco to Reno—the other place! You come along in your car, and stop, and offer me a ride. If I get in and ride with you, I will get to Reno quicker; I will be saved a lot of blisters along the way (although I'll get a lot more blisters when I get there!). But I would have gotten to Reno anyway.

This is an attempt at a parable on the subject of witnessing—and our part in going and telling and sharing the gospel. Sometimes theologians argue about *special* revelation versus *general* revelation. Those in favor of special revelation say that in order for someone to be saved, he has to hear the story of Christ and accept it specifically. The special revelationist insists that unless those who have already come to Christ will go and tell and share, people will be lost eternally.

On the other hand, the general revelationist believes that God will judge every individual on the basis of the light he has received, and that if the most a person knew in his lifetime was to respond to God in nature, that will be enough.

You can look at it from a philosophical



standpoint and conclude that since God is a God of love, and since God is fair and just, He could not cause someone else to be lost on the basis of what I do or don't do. There is some pretty good support for this position from inspired sources as well. John 1:9 says that Christ is the Light, "which lighteth

Without question, we can bring the good news of salvation to others and be used as God's instruments to reach them for Him.

every man that cometh into the world." A comment in the *Review and Herald*, June 22, 1911, reads, "In the day of judgment, when the question comes to you as to why you did not obey the commandments of God, you can not make an acceptable excuse on the plea of another's disobedience."

Without question, we can bring the good news of salvation to others and be used as God's instruments to reach them for Him. As in the parable about walking to the Promised Land, we can cut short their

search for God, perhaps by years, if we go and tell and share. But God does not leave it with us to determine their eternal destiny.

If this is true, then what is the purpose of the Christian witness? We have often heard appeals to help spread the gospel for the sake of those "out there." But if God can reach them without our help, why does He ask us to become involved? Wouldn't it have been better to leave the work of soul-winning to the angels, who surely are more capable than we will ever be? We are told that in the end, angels will do the work men might have done. See *Selected Messages*, book 1, page 118. If that is going to happen at the end, then why not now, and save all of the mistakes we make in our attempts to share our faith?

The answer is found in understanding God's purpose in giving us a part to act in Christian witness. If you want the best summary of Christian witness, read one chapter in *Steps to Christ*, "The Work and the Life." "The effort to bless others will react in blessings upon ourselves. This was the purpose of God in giving us a part to act in the plan of redemption." Page 79. *Testimonies*, volume 3, page 391, states it even more clearly: "Whatever necessity there is for our agency in the advancement of the cause of God, He has purposely arranged for our good."

Sometimes people are afraid that if we accept this truth, it will destroy all motivation for going and telling and sharing! It seems self-centered to become involved in service for our own sake, rather than for the sake of others. But please notice that there is a difference between God's purpose in involving us in the Christian witness and *our* purpose in becoming involved. We become active in service for Him because we have something to tell and can't wait to share it. We become involved in service because we want others to understand the truth that has set us free. We reach out to others because we have been honored with the privilege of being workers together with God.

As we reach out, for the sake of others and for the sake of God Himself, the inevitable result is that our own souls are blessed. And from God's perspective, that's what He had in mind all along! ★

During the remaining months of 1988, Outlook will feature a chapter from Morris Venden's new book 95 Theses On Righteousness By Faith to help our readers as the church celebrates the centennial of the 1888 General Conference Session held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Reprinted by permission of Pacific Press Publishing Association.



Pastoral Changes

BY R.A. McCUMBER

The August Winner family have joined our conference in recent months, serving as associate pastor of the Denver South church. The Winners came to us from the Kingman and Bullhead City, Arizona churches, where they had seen a 50 percent increase in church membership during their time of service.



Pastor and Mrs. Auggie Winner, Paul and Esther.

Auggie, as the pastor prefers to be called, gave Bible studies to Cathy Clupper, "Panther Sweetheart" of the local high school. He not only gained a convert, but also a wife. He received his education at Pacific Union College and Loma Linda University. Cathy received her education at Glendale Community College and Loma Linda University.

The Winners have two children, Paul, 4; and Esther, 2.



Pastor and Mrs. Tim Mayne, Billy and Tommy.

Several months ago Tim and Bonnie Mayne returned from the Seminary at Andrews University and accepted the pastorate of the Rifle and Glenwood Springs churches. Pastor Byron and Myrtle Blecha were retiring after a

full term of service in ministry to the church.

Tim had received his education in Adventist church schools and attended Andrews University. He served as a student missionary to South Korea for one year. Bonnie is the daughter of missionary parents, Elder and Mrs. Bill Smith. She grew up in Indonesia and speaks the language fluently. She returned with her parents to Andrews University and earned a B.S. in nursing.

The Maynes have two boys, Billy, 2; and Tommy, 5 months.



Pastor and Mrs. Mike Ward with Alana Kristi.

At the beginning of the year Mike and Karin Ward joined the Colorado Springs Central church staff as an associate pastor. Mike received his education in Adventist schools in Michigan, earning a Masters of Divinity degree from Andrews University. Karin, a native Californian, received her education as a medical secretary at Andrews. The Wards added Alana Kristi to their family on January 21, 1988.

We feel that God has blessed our conference by giving to us these fine pastoral families to provide leadership for our churches. We invite our members to pray for these young people, asking God to bless their ministry. Let's give them our support and personal assistance in reaching out to our communities and winning friends and neighbors to Jesus Christ.

R.A. McCumber, conference communication director.

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Sheridan Troopers Win At Pathfinder Fairs

BY ROCKY SCHLEGER



The Sheridan, Wyoming Pathfinders did well at the fair held in Casper and were also invited to attend the Pathfinder Fair in Denver. The theme for both fairs was "Pathfinders and the Outdoors." The Sheridan club booth won first place at both fairs. The booth's backdrop was a mountain scene with the arrow of a large compass pointing toward the heavenly city.

The items in the booth depicted crafts and studies such as: wild edible plants, plastics, cats, knots, barrel lashing, carving equipment and carving logs, rocks and minerals, photography, posters and baking.

A bicycle decorated as an Indian canoe won first place at both fairs.

The Pathfinders spent many hours building their float, which also won first place at both fairs. The mountain scene had a summer and winter side. The winter side showed skiing, winter camping, snowmobiling and snow

carving. Carving, canoeing, rock climbing, camping, cooking, backpacking, hiking and swimming were shown on the summer side.

The Troopers also won first place with their working demonstrations at both fairs, demonstrating cooking and making animal track casts.

In the drill team competition the Troopers took first place in Casper and second in Denver.

The Sheridan Troopers were presented a 300-Club trophy for receiving 300 or more points for the year. They also received a sweepstakes trophy for having received 80 percent or more of the conference points. For the second year in a row the Troopers received 100 percent of all points.

Sheridan Trooper, Pam Gowler, was chosen to receive the "Spirit of Pathfinding" award at the Wyoming Fair.

Rocky Schleger, Sheridan, Wyoming.

Rock Springs, Wyoming Church Reunion

September 3, 1988

To celebrate 50th Anniversary of Adventist work in Sweetwater County.

Write or call SDA Church, P.O. Box 1794, Rock Springs, WY 82902 (307) 382-4627.

Campion Academy Alumni Weekend

October 21, 22, 1988

If you have moved within the last few years, please send your new address to Jeanne Chambers, 3213 Overlook Lane, Loveland, CO 80537. We want to keep you updated as plans progress.



Student Wins National Award

BY R.A. McCUMBER



Eugene Carle II

Eugene W. Carle II, a student at Champion Academy, has been named a United States National Award winner in two academic categories by the United States Achievement Academy in science and in the field of history and government. The academy recognizes less than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Carle has been a resident of Hartsel, Colorado for the past eight years and is an active member of the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church. He plans to attend Walla Walla College in Washington, majoring in science and minoring in physical education.

Eugene is the son of Eugene and Cheryl Carle, grandson of Gladys Carle and Beulah E. Stoehr, Apache Junction, Arizona.

Outdoor Education

BY R.A. McCUMBER

"On belay," called rock-climbing instructor Joel Caldwell.

"Belay on," each student responded.

This exchange of technical rock-climbing language was used by third and fourth grade students from Brighton Adventist Academy and Aurora Adventist Elementary schools. These two schools combined resources for an outdoor education experience at Glacier View Ranch last spring. The joint venture had several objectives. First, the students would increase their aware-

ness and enjoyment of nature. Second, they should understand the concept "stewardship of the planet." Thirdly, each one would increase his self-concept by successfully encountering challenging obstacles.

Some of the activities included identifying wild flowers and edible wild plants, preparing plaster casts of animal tracks, canoeing, horseback riding, technical rock climbing and rappelling.

The Brighton school hosted a chili supper for all of the students and their families. The final event of the evening was a slide and video presentation in which parents enjoyed watching their children learn and enjoy life. Teachers Jim Perry, from Brighton, and Joel Caldwell, from Aurora, captured the three-day experience in one word—fantastic!

Adventist elementary schools not only have the goal of training for eternity, but also provide programs for complete development of the physical, mental and spiritual aspects of each child.

Do you need to re-evaluate the educational program of your child and give serious consideration to an Adventist church school?



R.A. McCumber, conference communication director.



Resuscitation Classes In Farmington

BY WILLIE JUNE COPELAND



Twenty-five people attended Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) classes given by the American Heart Association at the Community Services Center of the Farmington, New Mexico church. This training session was arranged by the head deacon, Sam Jenny. Tracy Stark was the instructor for the course.

Willie June Copeland, communication secretary, Farmington church.

Canon City Students Win Poster Contest

BY RON BREINGAN



Each year the Canon City Adventist school is invited to participate in the Fremont County Humane Society poster contest. Each poster must deal with some aspect of care or treatment of animals.

The contest is open to fourth, fifth and sixth grade students, with each grade level having a first, second, and third prize. Judging is done by the Canon City banks who also furnish the prize money.

Our school is in competition with the other private schools and some of the smaller public school districts in the county.

The Adventist school won seven of the nine prizes this year.

Ron Breingan, Associate Superintendent of Education, Rocky Mountain Conference.



Outlook On Rocky Mountain



Accident Initiates Love

BY CAROL BRADLEY

Matthew Barton, a first grader at the Colorado Springs Adventist School, was involved in an automobile accident while en route to Denver early this year. He and his father, brother and uncle all required hospitalization.

Matthew's classmates began earnest prayer for the recovery of Matthew and his family. We were informed that the driver of the other car was in serious condition; however, it soon became apparent that our concerns were directed only in Matthew's direction. We felt angry and saddened that someone would cause his family so much pain.

It occurred to me, in the middle of the night several days after the accident, that the children and I were missing a blessing and an opportunity to care for someone in a missionary outreach. I talked with the children the following morning and after a brief telephone call was able to obtain

the name of the driver of the other car. Immediately after the call, we had special prayer for Mr. Stewart Sandoval. As we continued to pray during the next few days, it was obvious that our anger and frustration had changed to a feeling of love, compassion and concern for this man and his family.

We decided to make "Get Well Cards" for him. The children put a lot of careful, creative

work into each card as they tried to express just the right message. When all the cards were finished, we gathered in a prayer circle and asked God's blessing to go with the cards, that this small effort may be used to His glory. A typewritten note on school stationery and the cards were delivered to Mr. Sandoval at the hospital. We chose to use school stationery so that this man could see that the notes of love were

from a Seventh-day Adventist school. We also indicated that they were from Matthew Barton's classmates.

Nearly three weeks later, as we were busy with our work, a young man and an older couple entered our school. I overheard them ask for our classroom. The visitors were Mr. Sandoval and his parents. We were thrilled to hear the words that tumbled from Stewart and his parents. They had come personally to our school to express their feelings of gratitude for our prayers and expressions of love. They told us how much the prayers had meant to them in such a time of need and how they had shared with all their relatives about a little group of Adventist children expressing so much love.

They brought each of the children a special treat, but we all agreed that the real treat was when Mr. Sandoval asked if he could meet Matthew, and Matthew smiled his sweet little smile and waved a big wave to him.

Carol Bradley, teacher, grades 1-3, Colorado Springs school.



Matthew is pictured standing in the back row, next to Mr. Sandoval. Thank you, Lord, for allowing us to learn about love, compassion and answered prayer.



Outlook On Central States



Special Days At Bethel

Deaconess Day



With Veronica Grayman as the leader, the deaconesses of Bethel surprised the members of the church as approximately twenty-five marched in wearing new white uniforms on Deaconess Day. They were lovely to behold. Pastor Donald McPhaul was the dynamic speaker for the day.

The deaconesses had prepared a tasty dinner and an overflow crowd of members and friends enjoyed it. The deaconess group continues to help whenever they are needed.

To all of the officers and members of the group, we say, "to God be the glory."

Community Services

The Community services members were not behind any group for displaying new colorful uniforms. These ladies were attractive in their new colorful cranberry colored suits and jackets.

Elder G.H. Taylor was the guest speaker for the day, giving an outstanding message and commending the group for the outstanding work they had done. After a tasty lunch was served, Elder Taylor conducted a workshop to give added information on how to reach out and help members of the community.

Mae Pearl Batie is our Community Services leader; Margie Crobarker is the secretary, and approximately twenty members work consistently with them. Bethel church members say, "Keep up the good work."

Mother's Day At Denver Park Hill

BY IVORY CHALMERS

Sabbath, May 7, was celebrated as "Mother's Day." Certificates were given to the youngest grandmother and the oldest mother and other mothers of the church for special recognition.

The guest speaker for the Mother's Day program was Dawn Patrice Bookhardt. Dawn received her B.A. degree from Oakwood College in 1982, and her law degree from the University of Denver in 1987. Dawn's message, given very articulately and Christ-centered, was entitled, "Joyful in Christ."

Ivory Chalmers, communication secretary, Denver Park Hill church.



Report From Dolea Fullwood School

BY GORDON SIMS

Fullwood Seventh-day Adventist School, under the leadership of the Lord, had a super school year. The school's goal is to make God first; and the intention is for the community to see and know that God's school is the best. More and more people are becoming aware of this.

The students play a major role in Fullwood's activities. Activities such as school spirit days, fall and spring weeks of prayer, adopt-a-grandparent program, community help program for the elderly, teacher appreciation day, "just say no" contest and school clean up days were all organized under the auspices of the student council.

much wisdom, talent, and leadership abilities, and that they are expected to use them in His cause, is ever kept before the young people. They are to be modern-day Josephs, Daniels, Dorcas and Esthers. Thank the Lord for our schools where students are trained to be dedicated leaders in His cause.



Student council president Dwain King and vice-president Avery McDougale make a presentation to Spring Week of Prayer speaker Mr. Thompson Kay.

As one of our eighth graders was riding along in the car with me on an errand one day, he commented: "All these years I've been wanting to leave Fullwood. Now the time has come, and I don't want to go. I can't understand it."

I can understand it! By helping to run the school, the students are developing leadership qualities.



Student council vice president Avery McDougale presents first grader Nathaniel Williams a Temperance award for his winning jingle. Mr. Taylor watches on.

The following officers ably led out: Dwain King, president; Avery McDougale, vice president; Kelli Mosley, secretary; Lovely Stewart, treasurer; Ruth Ann Robinson, chaplain; Anna Cech, historian; Chelise Davis, sergeant-at-arms; Timothy Poitier, sports coordinator.

Theresia Taylor and Audrey Irby were the student council sponsors. Their job was a joy because of such capable student leaders. The idea that God has blessed these young people with

education has a great deal to offer. Why should they want to leave?

That's the way I believe God wants it. Give our students a well-rounded education, and they'll want to serve their school and thus learn to serve God faithfully. Yes, Christian education is an investment.

To be a light everywhere we go, is our aim. We pray that with God's help we will accomplish it and our young people will grow into His likeness.

Gordon Sims, communication secretary, Sharon church.

AYS Week Of Prayer At Bethel

Under the dynamic leadership of Patricia Webb and her excellent AYS officers, the recent Week of Prayer was outstanding. Elder D. C. Hatcher, a minister from the South Central Conference, was truly inspired by God as he presented topics which drew the youth and adults to convene

every night. Elder Hatcher asked each one to list three special blessings they planned to receive during the week. This created great interest and after praying and trusting in God, members began to list the blessings and then to mark off the accomplishments.

Elder Hatcher informed us that all of our needs may not be met during the week, but to continue to pray and believe and to watch God work. Some of us are still seeing the Lord work in our favor. It was thrilling to see the youth work with Patricia Webb in leading out each night with songs and prayer. Many who were reluctant to take an active part found out that they could face an audience and become a leader.

The Sabbath services were a climax, and Elder Hatcher wore his colorful robe and walked up and down the aisles and warned us of the need to be prepared for the coming of the Lord. It seemed as though the Lord was with us and we determined to be ready to meet Him.

Patricia Webb, Pamela Reece, and the AYS officers are to be commended for a super Week of Prayer.

New Robes For Bethel Choir



Recently the Bethel congregation sat in amazement as the twenty-five-member choir marched into the service wearing their new gold and black robes. Everyone seemed thrilled and rejoiced with them as they sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him." It was heavenly.

The members look forward each week to hearing the renditions of the choir and rush to be present when the choir enters. Shirley Platt is choir president, Beverly Robinson is the directress and Ruby Robinson is the organist. We are indeed proud of the entire choir.



Mrs. Yada Young encouraged the students to give themselves totally to Christ.

They are seen functioning in every aspect of our school program. This is their school. They know that and that Christian



VBS Makes Friends



Jon Stecher, Dakota Fried, Benjie Stecher, Dickinson.

At the time of this writing, thirteen churches in the Dakota Conference have reported having Vacation Bible School programs this summer. Others will be reporting but the experiences reported thus far are typical.

Attendances have ranged from a high of 96 at Jamestown to 12 in Dickinson and Redfield. While the percentage of non-Adventist children varies greatly, the impact on all, both member and

non-member, is the important thing.

"While VBS can be a tremendous tool for outreach," says Marvin Lowman, conference VBS director, "let's not minimize the positive influence it can have on our own children and youth. I look at VBS as a means of augmenting the efforts of parents, church and school to lead our children into a closer acquaintance with Jesus."

Many churches in the Dakotas have few if any children of their own. This does not stop these churches from having Vacation Bible School. One country church that has had a VBS every year since 1957, until recent years has had no small children at all. This year 88 percent of the children came from non-Seventh-day Adventist homes.

Many of the churches go to special efforts to make VBS attractive and memorable. The Edgeley, North Dakota church, for instance, went the "second mile" in decorating the sanctuary around the creation theme. The platform featured a small pond

and bridge, accented with climbing roses, trees, plants, and stuffed real animals loaned by a taxidermist, a waterfall and bird-song background music. During the final program "Adam" named all the animals (played by the kindergarten group) and each "animal" responded by praising God for being created.

The churches usually close VBS by inviting parents and friends to a special program and potluck dinner at which time everyone can see what the children have learned and made. Crafts are an enjoyable part of VBS and remain in the home as a perpetual reminder of the positive experience the children have had.

Does Vacation Bible School pay? Is it worth the effort? Joan Toay of Edgeley will tell you, "Directing VBS is a privilege and we had a great group of kids and teachers. One of our junior visitors has already expressed a desire to return to VBS next year."

Eternity alone will reveal the complete results of VBS. In the meantime, we're making a lot of friends for Jesus.

Community Praises God

BY PENNY GOTTFRIED

A series of prayer meetings were held jointly among the two Lutheran congregations of Woodworth, North Dakota and the New Home Seventh-day Adventist Church, ending with a praise service lead by Pastor Larry C. Weidell in the Adventist church.

Even though prayer requests for rain remained unfulfilled, this Christian community was able to praise God for His blessings.

Approximately sixty Christian neighbors joined with the thirty Seventh-day Adventist members attending the service in this small, rural church.

Those present agreed that whatever results this year's drought may bring, all have been drawn closer as a result of their joint concern, fellowship and prayers.

Penny Gottfried, communication secretary, New Home church.

Evangelism Reaps Harvest

BY CLARENCE FLEMMER



A five-week evangelistic endeavor was recently conducted by Mid-America Union evangelist, Harmon Brownlow, and the local pastor in Grand Forks, North Dakota, Del Griebel. At the conclusion, twenty-one people were baptized. It is important to note that almost all of those baptized had had previous contact with the church through various members. Some had received Bible studies. Others had attended felt-needs seminars. This reinforces the idea of church members building friendships and sowing the gospel seed that will produce results when evangelistic meetings are held.

The Grand Forks church family is rejoicing for their new members.

Clarence Flemmer, communication secretary, Grand Forks church.



Primary crafts and nature booklets, Edgeley.



Minot Vacation Bible School



Outlook On Dakota



Huron Church Dedicated



A new church facility was dedicated free of debt in Huron, South Dakota on June 18, 1988. The early beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist work in Huron go back to the late 1800's. Records available in the public library show that in 1886 Elder R. A. Olson was the president of the Dakota Conference and was a resident of Huron. At that time Elder Olson spent most of his time traveling, holding meetings and organizing churches. There were 600-700 members and about 12 churches in the Dakota

territory. The article speaks of camp meetings held in a large tent in Huron. By late 1897 a church had been organized there.

For most of the years since then until October 2, 1983, the congregation met in a small white framed building located at 244 Sixth Street. When Elder Clarence Hoag came to the district in 1980, he challenged the members of the congregation to begin raising the funds needed to replace the aging structure. The Lord later led to an excellent building site in an area of the city among a

number of other churches. The first services in the new facility located at 1830 Simmons SE were held October 2, 1983.

Participating in the dedication services were former pastor, Clarence Hoag; current pastor, Glenn Cavanaugh; conference treasurer, Douglas Hilliard; and Mid-America Union Director of Church Ministries, Ken Bushnell.

Accident Leads To Baptism

BY PHYLLIS HEHN

An accident was the motivating force in a complete change in the life of Lorraine Baumeister. A year ago she lived in Thief River Falls, Minnesota where she attended the Trinity Lutheran Church. While recuperating from a broken leg, she was visited by neighbor Bill Simpson and his son. When Lorraine was able to walk, Mr. Simpson, a Seventh-day Adventist, invited her to visit

his church. She was impressed by the clarity of the Bible teaching that she heard there and continued to attend before moving to Minot, North Dakota where she sought out the local Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Following Bible studies with Elder Stanley Teller and his wife, Nancy, Lorraine requested baptism and now rejoices in the new light which she has gleaned from her indepth search for new truth.



Lorraine Baumeister and Elder Stanley Teller.

Phyllis Hehn, communication secretary, Minot church.



Outlook On Minnesota



The Adventist Church School (formerly Holland Elementary School) was the focal point for Holland's Centennial celebration.

Adventist School Focal Point For Centennial

BY JUDY FORDE

The Holland Elementary School (now called Windsong Christian School) played a very important part in the nostalgia of the weekend activities of the Hol-

land Centennial in Minnesota June 24-26, 1988. A picture of the school appeared on mugs, booklets, pins, plates, you name it—anything that could be pur-

chased as a souvenir of the weekend.

The school, which was built in 1913 and closed by the Holland Public School District in 1972, has been owned and operated by the Pipestone Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past 11 years and was opened on Sabbath afternoon June 25th for touring. Several members of the church handed out over 400 pamphlets which gave information about the Adventist church. The Vacation Bible School children from the church performed a musical program about creation twice during the afternoon.

The ringing of the school bell every hour jostled many memories and after the bell tolled, a large number of people would appear at the school's steps for a tour. Approximately 500 people signed the guest register, many indicating the years they had taught or attended the school. In years past, Vacation Bible Schools have been conducted there, and this was the connection many of the visitors had with

the Holland school.

Much appreciation was expressed by many people for letting them see the school. Darlene Sportel, the Holland Mayor's wife and organizer of the weekend's activities, said, "Thank you so very much for letting us tour the school. We realize this is your Sabbath and you are sacrificing for us." In actuality, the Pipestone members didn't consider witnessing to 500 people by distributing pamphlets about the church and singing about creation a sacrifice; they deemed it an opportunity and a privilege.

Judy Forde, communication secretary, Pipestone church.

Heritage Singers

Thursday, September 8

Mankato West High School
Auditorium
51 Park Lane, Mankato, MN

Saturday, September 10 6:30 p.m.
Minneapolis Junior Academy
3500 Williston Rd, Minnetonka, MN



100 Years Of Service In Duluth

BY BARBARA HUFF



Three former pastors were present for the Centennial celebration on July 23. Bob Brauer, present pastor; David Johnson, 1969-1973; Wilton Archbold, 1944-1953; Nevins M. Harlan, 1955-1958. Conference president, C. Lee Huff, was also present.



On March 11, 1888, thirteen believers organized a church in Duluth. The Adventist congregation has met in four rented quarters besides their two churches during the 100 years.



Deven Lawrence Bromme's parents, Bryan and Laura, are members of the Duluth church. He was born July 10 and was dedicated to the Lord during the Centennial service on Sabbath, July 23. His great-aunt, Malena Waterhouse, holds him. She was baptized in 1926.



Former Duluth church school teachers were among those who attended the Duluth Centennial. Sharon Wreed taught from 1970-1972 and Doris Bacon, who is the present teacher, has taught there since 1978.



Betty Estebrooks chaired the steering committee for the celebration and was also the luncheon coordinator. After the Sabbath service, a banquet was served to 200 people at the Lutheran church two blocks away. The hall and tables were decorated in a patriotic theme which included helium-filled balloons attached to the chairs

and fresh flowers on each table. Eight elementary school girls, who wore matching aprons and hats which Mrs. Estebrooks had made, were servers.



Elder and Mrs. Wilton Archbold were in Duluth when the present church was built in the late 1940's.



The old and the young! Malena Waterhouse and Jeanetta Saline are two of the 59 persons who were baptized and joined the Duluth church in 1926, and thus have been members of the church the longest. A week before the Centennial, on July 16, 1988, Marcia Swonger was baptized so is the newest member of the church. The three women are looking at a list of the more than 1300 people who have been members of the Duluth Seventh-day Adventist Church. A week before the Centennial, the oldest member of the church, Olga Christensen Caster, died. She would have been 100 years old in August and was looking forward to attending the Centennial.

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Olson Farm In Artichoke 100 Years Old

Elder Robert Olson, Secretary of the E. G. White Estate and grandson of Carl and Beda Olson, challenged the family members and friends who were attending the Olson Centennial in Artichoke, Minnesota on July 2, to be faithful until Jesus comes. Calvin Olson, a former missionary and brother to Robert, was also present and presented a story about missions to the group of over 150 persons at the service in the Artichoke church.

Carl and Beda Olson came to Kingston, Minnesota from Sweden in about 1878, and moved to a farm near Artichoke in 1888. They had nine children, most of whom became denominational workers. One son, A. V. Olson, was a General Conference Vice President. Another son, Arvid, (and wife, Ada) continued to farm the home place after the death of his father. Arvid's son, Carl and wife, Jan, operated the farm until Carl's death in 1985, and the farm is still owned and managed by the Olson family.

The Centennial weekend began with a vesper service at the Olson farm on Friday, and on Sunday there were activities which included water sports, a horseshoe tournament, and a petting zoo for the children. The community was invited to the Open House on Sunday, and in all, over 200 people participated in the Centennial celebration.

Barbara Huff, Outlook correspondent, Minnesota Conference.



Introducing New Staff



Mark and Laura Fenton

Mark Fenton has come home to Union College to be assistant dean of men. A 1983 Union graduate, Mark has been activities director for Andrews University for the past three years. Previously, he served as an assistant pastor for one year in Colorado Springs (1983-84) and as a residence hall chaplain at Union College (1984-85). Mark holds a Master of Arts in Educational and Developmental Psychology from Andrews.

Mark's wife, Laura Ogden Fenton, will be teaching physical education at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Also a graduate of Union College (1985), Laura received her master's degree in physical education from Western Michigan University on August 20, 1988.



Randy Davis (Photo by Bruce Forbes.)

When you send a contribution to Union College, Randy Davis is the man who will record the amount of your gift, send you a receipt and a thank you note. As Records Coordinator and Development Assistant, Randy will

also be in charge of Union's Annual Fund, handling mailings and phonathons.

Originally from Liberal, Kansas, Randy graduated from Enterprise Academy. He received his bachelor's degree in computer science on May 15, 1988 from Union College. He has served as Union for Kids spokesperson, Business Club President, and assistant manager of the micro computer lab. Randy is engaged to be married December 18 to Ruth Burrill, a junior elementary education major at Union.

Alumni Giving Tops BECA Goals

Union College alumni have once again surpassed the year's fund raising goals with their generosity. BECA II (Business Executives' Challenge to Alumni) has recognized their contributions with challenge grants totaling \$18,000.

Union alumni were challenged to bring in \$200,000 in 1987-88 for the college's Annual Fund; alumni responded by giving a total of \$226,430. For reaching this goal, the college receives a BECA grant of \$10,000.

The second challenge was to see an increase in the number of alumni contributing at least five dollars during the year. For 1987-88, Union's goal was 3025 alumni donors. Three thousand fifty-six alumni showed their loyalty to Union by giving to the Annual Fund. The resulting BECA grant was \$7,500. The graduating class of 1988 won another \$500 BECA grant for the college when 95 percent of the class members contributed at least five dollars each.

The BECA program began in 1980 when a group of Adventist business people decided to challenge alumni of the Adventist higher education system to increase their support of their alma maters. At that time Adventist colleges and universities received only 6.5 percent alumni support.

At Union, in the year prior to the first BECA challenge, only five percent of alumni were giv-

ing to the Annual Fund. Only eight years later, in 1987-88, 35 percent of Union College alumni supported their school by giving to the Annual Fund.

Gifts from Union's alumni in the year before BECA totaled \$18,146. The chart below shows what has happened to alumni giving since the BECA program began:

Unrestricted giving from alumni, BECA I

1980-81	\$46,012
1981-82	\$90,220
1982-83	\$122,874
1983-84	\$147,522
1984-85	\$162,171

Unrestricted giving from alumni, BECA II

1985-86	\$158,466
1986-87	\$185,802
1987-88	\$226,430

We at Union College would like to extend a special thank you to all you alumni who support your school through your contributions and prayers.

Kiddie Kollege Monitors Baby's Heart

Brian Paddock was born May 5, 1988, two months premature. Because he was so tiny, only four pounds and two ounces at birth, as a precautionary measure, he was placed on breathing and heart monitors. After a few weeks, his parents, Dave and April Paddock learned how to handle Brian's portable monitoring units and took him home.

But after a month, April needed to return to work. She is an assistant human resource manager for Donnelley Marketing in Lincoln. Dave was busy with his job as assistant store manager at Target. Who could give Brian the kind of care he required? The Paddocks called Kiddie Kollege, the child care center on the Union College campus.

Kiddie Kollege is only the second child care center in Lincoln that is prepared to care for babies on heart and breathing monitors. Five Kiddie Kollege

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staff members went to Bryan Hospital for special training in handling such apparatus and what to do in case of emergency.

When Brian Paddock arrived for his first day at Kiddie Kollege on June 30, he wore a special belt around his chest. Sensors against his skin monitored his heart rate and his breathing. If he were to stop breathing for more than 20 seconds, lights would flash and alarms sound from his monitor.

By mid-July, Brian was up to seven pounds and growing like any healthy baby. His doctor promises that if all goes well, Brian should be off his monitors within a few weeks.

"I think we may expect to care for more babies like Brian with special care needs," said Kiddie Kollege director, Dr. Aleene Schaeffer. "More and more mothers have to work to support their families. They need to feel confident that their children will receive the care they require. That's our job at Kiddie Kollege and we want to learn to do it better and better."



Kiddie Kollege staff members Juanita Keel and David Peters give baby Brian Paddock (2½ months) a little tender loving care as they check his heart and breathing monitors. (Photo by Bruce Forbes.)



Vacation Bible Schools

Davenport



The Davenport church conducted a successful Vacation Bible School under the leadership of Melodie Beerbower and Alice Haas. A program for the parents and others was presented on Friday evening. The theme of this year's school was "Happy With Jesus."

Forty-eight children were registered with 29 coming from non-Adventist homes. The Kindergarten department is shown doing crafts.

Columbia



One of the highlights of the Columbia Seventh-day Adventist Church's Vacation Bible School this year was the arrival of an air ambulance helicopter in the church parking lot. Approximately 50 children attended VBS which featured different health professionals from the community coming to share with the children information about their special area of health work, and give the young people some ideas for taking care of the physical body the Lord has given us.

The University of Missouri Columbia's Staff for Life helicopter landed in the church parking lot Tuesday morning charging

the VBS children with excitement and causing a bit of a stir in the neighborhood. The pilot and flight nurse demonstrated the lifesaving equipment on board, and described the various conditions which the helicopter has been called out to serve. After answering many questions, the pilot and flight nurse gave each one a set of Staff for Life "Flight Wings" as a souvenir of the helicopter's visit. Other health professionals included an optometrist and a podiatrist.

Brenda Dye, who stepped in as leader when an emergency called the original leader away, described this year's program as

one of the most exciting ones so far. She gave much of the credit to the many willing volunteers from the Columbia church. Several of the neighborhood children later asked if we could have a Vacation Bible School all summer long for them to come to!

Through activities such as

Vacation Bible School, we hope to prepare the community to be receptive for future events. The Columbia church is looking forward to an evangelistic series with Pastor Ray Hartwell, and will be inviting these young people and their parents to attend.

(Photo by Mike O'Connor.)

Oak Grove Heights

BY M. M. GUTMAN



Pastor Tom Baker reports that more than 60 guests were registered for the 1988 Vacation Bible School. Diane Coleman, director, and Esther Mae Rose, assistant director, had a well-planned, ever-moving program starting with Pastor Baker and his guitar for song service and ending with stories, health talks, refreshments, crafts, and the full tilt of interesting activities. The closing program brought a crowd of visitors to the church for graduation ceremonies and each child had a chance to participate. Congratulations, Oak Grove Heights for a job well done!

M. M. Gutman, communication secretary, Oak Grove Heights church.

Springfield

BY RUTH EVANS

The theme song, "I'm Happy With Jesus," was sung enthusiastically and meaningfully by the more than 50 children who attended the 2-week Vacation Bible School. They enjoyed meeting together for flag pledges and Bible songs. Then they invited Jesus into their hearts by praying together and learning the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor John kept everyone on the edge of their seats as he told about God's wonderful creation, including animals in tuxedos (penguins), and horses in aquariums (seahorses)! Eight-year-old Dallas told his teacher, "I didn't know who Jesus was but now I do and I'm going to bring a carload next Monday night." Monday evening Dallas came with three visitors, all from non-

member homes. At the close of VBS, Dallas told his friend, Philip Willis, "I'm coming to Sabbath School with you" and he hasn't missed a week.

A follow-up Neighborhood Bible Club will be held weekly with Nina Rodman as the leader.



Mrs. Stroman assisting Stephanie Jordana braid a rope.

Ruth Evans, communication secretary, Springfield church.



Conference brethren, special guests and those who were members before 1954.

Sioux City Homecoming

BY RUTH WILLIAMS

When we think of "homecoming" we naturally think of where we were raised and learned the difference between right and wrong. I think first of my "re-birth" place—the Sioux City Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The speaker for the worship service on Homecoming Sabbath, June 11, was Elder Earl Amundson, who pastored the Sioux City church from 1952 to 1954. His stirring message was titled "Why Are We Adventists?"

This was the fourth of our Homecoming celebrations which began in 1985 with the 100th anniversary of the bringing of the Adventist message to Sioux City. Each year has brought greater blessings, and we look forward to more Homecomings until at last we can go home with Jesus. About 30 have gone into denominational work from the Sioux City church.

Ruth Williams, communication secretary, Sioux City church.

Illness Leads To God's Strength

Four years ago, Nancy Patton, then 29, learned that she had Hodgkin's lymphoma. She sensed her need for strength to endure trial and began to pray and read the Bible. She had had little church background.

After a year and a half of medical treatment, she went into remission, but in December of 1986 her condition was so bad that bone marrow transplant surgery was contemplated. Nancy says that each day throughout her time of illness she drew strength from daily Bible reading.

There was another remission, but in December, 1987, CAT scans and biopsies at a Rochester, Minnesota hospital revealed that she had cancer of the spleen and liver. Sent home to have a splenectomy, she met Janice Jackson, member of the Burlington church.

Janice gave Nancy the "Revelation Seminar" and "The Bible Says" studies. Janice was surprised at Nancy's understanding of each lesson and her acceptance of each doctrine presented. Nancy knew that she wanted to be baptized, but also realized she needed more Bible study.

Low blood counts would not allow surgery. Nancy, with Janice's encouragement, agreed to be anointed by Pastor Schurch and local elders on May 29. To the surprise of her physicians, Nancy's blood counts began to rise, and they planned a splenectomy. But first Nancy wanted to be baptized, and she entered that new life with Christ on June 18. We thank the Lord for faithful laymen like Janice Jackson.

(After baptism Nancy's surgeon removed her cancerous spleen, and told her soon after that a biopsy done on her liver showed it cancer-free. Nancy said the doctors were amazed. Her yellow color has disappeared, and a health-looking bloom is returning to her face. She gives the Lord all the glory for her recovery.)

Anniversaries

50 Years



Felix and Matilda Turner

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Turner of Elmer, Missouri celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception at their home on Sunday, June 19, 1988. The Turners were married in Maitland, Florida by Elder J. O. Gibson. They have lived on the same farm for 46 years where Mr. Turner is engaged in farming. Mrs. Turner is a registered dietitian and taught in the area. She was an instructor in nutrition at Kansas City when she retired. The occasion was hosted by their son, Martin and wife, sister Ruth Rolls and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Turner.

50 Years



Floyd and Norma Rice

Floyd and Norma Rice were married July 17, 1938 in Kirksville, Missouri. On Sunday, July 17, 1988 at the Ankeny Seventh-day Adventist Church they reaffirmed their wedding vows with Pastor George King officiating. Their four children, eight grandchildren, all of their brothers and sisters and a host of friends attended. A reception was held in the fellowship hall. We wish God's richest blessing on them as they continue to walk together down life's pathway.

60 Years



George and Madelyne Canine

A reception was held on May 28, 1988 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Canine's 60th wedding anniversary. They were married April 17, 1928 and four children were born to this union. Larry and Beverly live in California, Rodney lives in Flamington, Missouri and Rick lives in Kansas City, Missouri. George and Madelyne have 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Oak Park Camp Meeting

A mini camp meeting is scheduled to be held on the old Oak Park Academy campus, September 15-17, 1988.

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Three Angels Company Organized

BY GORDON L. RETZER

A new Company was organized recently in Wichita bringing the number of churches and companies in the Kansas-Nebraska Conference to 112. To date, approximately 80 charter members have joined the Three Angels Company in Wichita.

Elder O. J. Mills, retired pastor and evangelist, will continue to serve as pastor of the newly formed Company. Mills and the Company's members are working closely with Elder Larry Pitcher, Wichita South Church pastor, and the Conference Executive Committee and look forward to becoming a strong evangelistic presence in Wichita.

The Institute of Ministry, operated by Marshall Grosboll, by their choice, have separated from relationship with the Three Angel's Company. The Institute of Ministry is not sponsored, supported or funded by the Three Angel's Company or the Kansas-Nebraska Conference and is an independent organization not sponsored by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Gordon L. Retzer, President, Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Student Receives Honor



Melissa Callahan, a student at Gothenburg Elementary School, was recognized by the Ben Franklin Stamp Club for her entry of "The Versatile Buffalo" in the 1988 Stamp Design Contest. Her entry won second place.



Breaking ground for the Good Neighbor Center wing are Larry Hudkins, Hulda Roper, Robert Rentfro, Gordon L. Retzer and Elmer Hagen.

Good Neighbor Center Adds On

BY JOHN TREOLO

Desiring to expand its outreach so that more persons who need assistance can be helped, the Good Neighbor Center's personnel recently broke ground for an additional 1,200-square-foot wing that will alleviate the crowded conditions in the existing building.

Included in the ceremonies were Elmer Hagen, chairman of the Center, officers from the Kansas-Nebraska Conference, Charles Henkelmann and Calvin Krueger, representing Maranatha Flights International who will assist with the construction project, Larry Hudkins, county commissioner, Dr. Robert Haller, former president of Lincoln Fellowship of Churches, Robert Rentfro, contractor, and Virginia Baker, Center director, among others.

Commissioner Hudkins shared statistics about the number of persons helped and the services provided to Lincoln and surrounding cities. "Speaking for all the citizens of Lancaster County, we certainly appreciate the services provided and we know we can count on you in the future," Hudkins stated.

Krueger estimated the Maranatha volunteer force numbers some 5,000 members. "We have a strong fellowship in Lincoln, and we are happy to assist," he said.

Conference President, Gordon L. Retzer, applauded the Center's desire to serve even more per-

sons. "What Christ wants to know is if we have helped the unfortunate. This represents a vision of Christianity and what Christ did while on earth."

Hagen bestowed a special honor on Hulda Roper, who has served the Center since its inception in 1973, by naming the new wing the Hulda Roper Addition.

"The Good Neighbor Center shows the unfortunate and down-trodden what love really is," Roper said.

The new wing is scheduled to be completed in the fall.

John Treolo, communication director, Kansas-Nebraska Conference.

Baptisms In Salina And McPherson

BY ERICA HERRA AND BETTY MILLER

Nicholas and Victoria Emery were baptized into the Salina church by Pastor Gordon Herra and welcomed into the Belleville church family. Both Nicki and Vicki, as they are known, are deaf. They have four children with no hearing impairments.

A special thank-you to Lonnie Roe, a member at Belleville, who helped prepare the Emerys for baptism. She is learning sign language and continues to encour-

age and help them in their Christian experience.

The McPherson church members joined the Salina church family recently to celebrate a high day—the baptism of two young ladies. Cheryl Gray, joining Salina, attended a Revelation Seminar in Salina. Shannon Shumard, joining McPherson, learned about the love of Jesus from her grandmother, Mildred Thurstin, a member in McPherson.

Pastor Herra performed the baptisms.



Nicki and Vicki Emery, although deaf, "heard" the voice of Jesus and were baptized by Pastor Gordon Herra.



Pastor Herra welcomes Cheryl Gray and Shannon Shumard.

Erica Herra and Betty Miller, communication secretaries, Belleville, Kansas church.

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Baptisms At Fairbury

BY MARIE HOFFMAN



Five precious souls were added to the Fairbury church following an eight-week Revelation Seminar held by Pastor Burt Santee. Those joining the church by baptism are Dick and Elverine Bugbee, their sons James and Larry, and Nancy Manning. Lois Baker and her sister, Margaret Gowin, were received on profession of faith.

Lois Baker, Richard, Elverine and James Bugbee are shown responding to baptismal vows read by Pastor Burt Santee.

Marie Hoffman, communication secretary, Fairbury church.

Students Earn For Their Learning

BY EDITH JAMES

Nine students of the Walnut Creek School in Nekoma, Kansas, participated in a Read-A-Thon taking advantage of a World Book Company challenge in which the company matches one dollar for every two dollars the children earned toward the purchase of World Book products.

Thanks to the busy readers, some of whom read as many as

14 books, the library now has a new set of encyclopedias, a set of Book of Knowledge and new directories. Included also is a set of Encyclopedia of Science.

During the seven-week Read-A-Thon period, families, friends and neighbors pledged money toward their goal. These children will especially enjoy using these books since they had a special part in earning them.



Enjoying their new books are Heidi Seltmann, Jessica Fox, Rebecca Seltmann, Trisha Seltmann, Nikole Heinrich, Amber Fox, Stuart Seltmann, Joshua Nowack and Hollie Seltmann.

Edith James, teacher, Walnut Creek Elementary School.

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Joy At Northside

BY LIZ SWEENEY WALLS



The Fifth Annual Spring Sing at Northside church was coordinated by Liz Walls. The program celebrated the "Joy of the Lord."

Twelve different musical artists from six Lincoln area churches shared their talents before an audience of over 100 persons.

The music included vocalists, quartets, instrumentalists on trumpets and bells and two numbers by children. Fred Reeve and Amy Lockett are shown above.

Bill Fitts, Mike Sorem and Stacy Harper lead the congregational singing, while Cheryl Lockett served as hostess. Oliver Williams closed the meeting with prayer.

Liz S. Walls, communication secretary, Northside church.

Wichita South Share Joy



Under the direction of Sharon Burton, Wichita South personal ministries leader, children and adults join together twice a month to share their love for Jesus with nursing home residents in the area.

Charles Thompson, associate pastor, (far left) provides musical

accompaniment on the guitar, while the children and adults sing to the glory of the Lord to an appreciative audience.

"It's as thrilling for us as it is for the patients we sing to," Sharon says. "The patients look forward to us coming and we look forward to it, too."



Healthcare And Church Work Together

BY RON M. WISBEY

There's some irony in meetings these days among healthcare leaders and church officials.

The hospital presidents are spending a significant amount of time talking about mission. And the church leaders take an equal amount of time discussing profitability.

What's happening is simply this: The healthcare system and the church are working more closely together than ever. Union and conference church leadership has come up to speed on healthcare issues. And hospital administrators are finding ways that they can extend the mission outreach of their facilities.

Adventist Health System board membership at the hospital, divisional and national level reflect more church participation

than ever before. Those at the union level who head Adventist Health System boards can attest to the time required in helping to direct and guide the church's healthcare work.

These activities easily account for 30 percent or more of the board chairman's time. Clearly, these positions are not merely figureheads. These are really roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-to-work boards.

Above all, these boards hope to set a standard, a "corporate culture," that identifies what the organization is trying to accomplish.

These boards—local, divisional and national—will continue to set the direction of Adventist Health System. The System, after all, is still an organization that is evolving and changing. Its national organizational structure has recently changed from five divisions to just four.

But it is now at a point of unparalleled cooperation among church, community and hospital

leadership. That's reflected in the make-up of boards, the attitudes of those within the church and the hospitals themselves.

No matter what organizational changes happen, this sharing of opportunities among the community, the church and its hospitals can only help the system grow stronger.

Ron M. Wisbey, Columbia Union Conference President/Chairman of the Board of Directors AHS/North, Eastern and Middle America.

Fellowship Through Softball

BY THOMAS G. SMITH

"Play Ball!" The Moberly Regional Medical Center's men's slowpitch softball team heard this call fifteen times this summer. Hospitals are often seen as cold institutions that you only

come in contact with if you or a loved one is sick. This year MRMC decided that they wanted to show the community that there are real people working at the hospital.

The Medical Center sponsored a team made up of employees, doctors and board members in the local city softball league. The spirit of the league is one of fellowship and sportsmanship and not of all-out competition. The goal of the team was not to win at all costs, but rather to join in with neighbors and friends of Moberly and to show them that the local Adventist hospital supports local community activities.

It was a real pleasure to see employees, both Adventist and non-Adventist, come cheer the team on. We at MRMC feel that this is just another way that we can minister to those around us. Oh, by the way, we took first place.

Thomas G. Smith, MRMC employee.



A Broader Outlook



Celebration '88

Centennial Commemoration Starts November 2

The 1888 General Conference session held in Minneapolis, Minnesota has been considered by many as one of the most significant Sessions in the church's history.

The subjects of "Christ Our Righteousness" or "Righteousness by Faith" are seldom discussed without mentioning the 1888 General Conference Session. A century has passed, and CELEBRATION '88 will recall that momentous session to the North American Division.

CELEBRATION '88 begins November 2 immediately following the North American Division Year-end meeting in Minneapolis. You are invited to be present to enjoy Bible studies, Evangelistic Lectures,

Preaching on "Righteousness by Faith." The meeting will be held at Northrup Auditorium, 84 Church Street SE on the campus of Minnesota State University.

The church on Lake Street where the 1888 meeting was held has since been destroyed. However, in an effort to recreate the ambience of the 1888 meeting, a pulpit from that historical meeting will be used. In 1888 about 100 Adventists attended; this year we have the capacity to seat 5,000.

Speakers for the four-day convocation are Roy Adams, Ivan Blazen, C.E. Bradford, John Carter, George Knight, and Neal C. Wilson.

George Knight, author of the recently published *1888 to Apostasy* will give several lectures on the life and times of the 1888 General Conference participants.

Each day there will be discussion periods followed by question and answer periods.

On Sabbath, C.E. Bradford will speak at the 11:00 service. An historical skit written by Mrs. George Babcock will be a feature of the Sabbath afternoon service.

You are urged to participate in CELEBRATION '88, November 2-5. For more information write Robert Dale, 6840 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20012 or call 1 (202) 822-6645.

As an added incentive to attend the 1888 commemoration, Northwest Airlines is offering special discounted airfares to persons flying round-trip into Minneapolis for the meeting. Reservations must be made by dialing 1 (800) 233-0157 and referring to contract number 13000. The special fare is available through Northwest Meeting Services and M.T.S. Travel. Places for accommodation can be obtained by contacting the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce.



Of Trusts And Treasures

Black Monday Escape

BY GEORGE WOODRUFF

Black Monday swallowed up big chunks of many investments, but it didn't limit Louise Collins' estate plans. Her carefully drawn Christian Will carried out her dreams even though she rested in the Blessed Hope. Some would call it luck. I call it the guidance of the Lord. It is sometimes beneficial for treasurers and trust personnel to feel the hand of the Lord guiding in their work.

A thrifty school teacher for 40 years, Louise never married or bought a car. She enjoyed overseas travel, but her real interest was the evangelizing of her beloved Charleston, West Virginia. She had her Will drawn in 1977 to benefit several church evangelistic ministries and the local conference.

Early on she began a regular savings plan. From her avid reading of the *New York Times*, she chose to invest in American industry, and bought stocks and bonds. When she retired, her dividend checks enabled her to maintain her liberal support of Faith For Today and It Is Written.

Some wondered if Louise comprehended the vast growth of her little savings plan. She continued her frugal lifestyle until her death in the spring of 1987. It took some time to gather together her assets of more than \$800,000. No one expected Black Monday, so there was no hurry. This was an exception to the usually longer liquidation procedure. Had the securities been cashed in after Black Monday, \$250,000 less

would have come to the church! What she gave to her church reduced the \$38,000 estate tax to zero, a further benefit for the Lord's work.

I am thankful for a God who knows the future and guides His work from day to day. Sometimes He impresses you to plan for the distribution of your estate. If you need further guidance, contact your local attorney or the director of Trust Services in your conference.

George Woodruff, trust services director, Mid-America Union.

The Sabbath School Class

BY KEN L. BUSHNELL

The other day, I was listening to someone describe a unique Sabbath School class. As he was talking, I said to myself, "I wish more Sabbath School classes were like his." His Sabbath School class had become a caring church unit in his church. By this he meant that each person became responsible for helping the other members in the class. They took time to find out some of the problems or joys that were experienced during the past week. Next, they sought ways of sharing their problems or joys. This was done within the context of the lesson study. Again, I said to myself, "I wish more Sabbath School classes operated this way."

You might say that Sabbath School is an established institution in the church. With Sabbath School comes the class, a small group of church members who can interact with each other in more than just the Sabbath School lesson. The Sabbath School class has the potential of becoming a very strong force in the church in what is called a "support group." As a Caring Church unit, the class members can be given the responsibility of really caring for each other as well as caring for the missing members of their class. They can take the time to discuss the joys and problems they were confronted with during the past week. Maybe there will not be any solutions offered, but the joys

and problems which come up can be shared and time taken to pray for one another.

Since I have been in the Church Ministries department I have become acquainted with the Lay Evangelistic Training Seminar (LETS). One of the objectives in the LETS program is to encourage church members to organize themselves into small working units called Action Teams. It is through these teams that a church is taught to win souls through various kinds of evangelism. With most churches the Sabbath School class is a ready made soul winning unit. It is already an Action Team. As members share their Christian experiences with each other in their Sabbath School class and pray for each other there should develop a desire to share these experiences with others outside the Sabbath School class. As the class makes it a matter of serious prayer to be led by God to share their faith, God will give each opportunities to do so.

Why not use your Sabbath School class as a Caring Church

unit, an Action Team, and let God lead your group in sharing your Christian experiences with each person in your group as well as with others not in your group or not in your church.

Ken L. Bushnell, church ministries director, Mid-America Union.

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Wedding

Addison - Lorenz

Angela Addison and Dean Lorenz were married June 12, 1988 in the Spartanburg, SC SDA church with Dr. Ward Hill of Union College officiating. Parents are Dr. and Mrs. Robert Addison and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Lorenz of Lincoln, NE. The couple is making their home in Spartanburg where Dean is doing a residency in surgery.

Obituaries

BRINLEY, Thelma Irene Walters, b. Oct. 16, 1911 near Decatur, NE; d. July 3, 1988, Lincoln, NE. Survivors: Mary Ann Murray; sisters, Eunice Jackson and Elna Mae Walters; 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

EMBLETON, John W., b. May 18, 1912, Rockvale, CO; d. June 14, 1988. Survivors: wife, Rosemary; son George (Lorrie) Embleton; 5 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; brothers: Bob, Tom, and Jim Embleton; a sister, Sara Reding.

FOX, Gladys L., b. Nov. 20, 1906, Rockford; d. July 19, 1988, Waterloo, IA. Member of the Waterloo church, served as deaconess and in Sabbath School divisions. Survivor: daughter, Barbara Fox.

JENSEN, Edward Emil, b. Nov. 25, 1914, Chicago, IL; d. June 22, 1988, Loveland, CO. He married Nellie L. Linscott in 1938 and they served in Honduras as mission director. In 1958 they moved to Loveland and continued in the field of education. Nellie died in 1986. Ed married Venessa Bovey in 1987. Survivors: Venessa; son Bruce E.; daughter Ruthita Fike; stepson, John A. Davis; stepdaughters: Sharon Matthews and Juanita Allen; brothers: Merton Jensen and Maurice Jensen; 4 grandchildren and 6 stepgrandchildren.

JOHNSON, Leon Larue, b. Aug. 14, 1904; d. Mar. 22, 1988 at Wadena, MN. Member of the Staples, MN church. Survivors: wife, Clara; sons, Kenneth and Russell; daughter, Mary Young; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MCCLURE, Edith M. Bird, b. Oct. 8, 1909 in St. Petersburg, FL; d. June 8, 1988 in Loma Linda, CA. Her husband Alfred V. McClure, pastored churches in the Indiana, Iowa, Florida, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Texas Conferences, and was president of the Missouri Conference for 12 years. Survivors: husband; children, Carol Hart, and Alfred C. McClure; 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; 4 sisters and a brother.

NESMITH, June Esther Margaret (nee: Fitch), b. June 1, 1902, Decorah, IA; d. June 23, 1988, Cortez, CO. She married Rollin A. Nesmith in 1925 and they began their work for the church as teachers. Rollin later became a pastor, evangelist and departmental director. He and their son Rollin, Jr. preceded June in death. Survivors are: 4 grandsons and 4 granddaughters; 12 great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Aileen Nesmith; and sister-in-law, Blanche Underwood.

OPP, Elizabeth, b. Odessa, Russia, Jan. 11, 1894; d. July 11, 1988 in Lincoln, NE. Survivors: daughters, Bertha Walker, Loretta Hanke, Clara Hoekstra, Ruth Mason, and Cora Kittrell; sons, Milbert and George; 24 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

PEARSON, Fred A., b. in rural Farlington, KS; d. June 18, 1988 in Ft. Scott, KS. Survivors are his wife, Hazel; daughter, Mrs. Alvin Lattimer; son, Fred L. Pearson; sisters, Rose Stark, and Esther Segebart; brothers, Leslie, Ernest, Neil, and Ivan; 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

PISCHEL, Sabra Thressa "Tess" (nee: Brown), b. July 3, 1917, Holybrook Valley, CO; d. Mar. 24, 1988, Ft. Collins, CO. Survivors: husband, Herman E. Pischel; daughters: Pat Hardesty, Beverly Pischel and Jeannie Pearce; mother, Maude Brown; brother, Robert Brown; sister, Willa Mae Mayne; 7 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

ROBERTS, June L., b. June 3, 1895 in Omaha, NE; d. June 24, 1988 in Omaha. She was a member of the Omaha Memorial church. Survivors: son, Richard A. Schafer; 1 grandchild and 5 great-grandchildren.

TURNER, Mary Matilda Lucas, b. Nov. 26, 1914 at Sandford, FL; d. June 23, 1988, Elmer, MO. Survivors: husband, Felix Turner; son, Martin and wife Beverly; sister Ruth Rolls, 2 grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

WELCH, Clifford A., d. May 20, 1988 in Lincoln, NE at the age of 81. He was a retired operating engineer for Bama Pie Company and member of the Topeka, KS church. Survivors are his wife, Lillian; sons, Fred, Adrian, Clifford R., and Warren, and daughter, Brenda Cherry, all of Lincoln; brothers, Lowell, of Lincoln and Donald of Rosewell, NM; 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

YOUNG, Detlef Gene, b. May 9, 1963 at Towanda, PA; d. July 5, 1988 at Keystone, SD. Survivors: daughter, Catharina; sisters, Sindy Young, Betina Staehr; parents, Elder Eugene and Doris Young; grandmother, Anna Wagenknecht; 1 nephew.

Notices

THE ROCK SPRINGS, WYOMING SDA CHURCH will be having a reunion to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Adventist work in Sweetwater County on Sabbath, Sept. 3, 1988. For more information write or call: SDA Church, P.O. Box 1794, Rock Springs, WY 82902, (307) 382-4627.

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CRISIS MINISTRY. Pastors, chaplains, pastoral counselors and other clergy can find practical help for crisis ministry at the 33rd Annual Mental Health Institute, Oct. 23-26 at Harding Hospital in Worthington, Ohio. For cost and registration information contact The Pastoral Care Dept., Harding Hospital, 445 E. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085, or call (614) 885-5381, ext. 306. Registration is limited.

GRAYSVILLE, TN HOMECOMING. Centennial of the organization of the Graysville, Tennessee Church, October 22, 1988. Elder D. W. Hunter, who attended school at Graysville, will be the speaker. For motel reservations, contact Hester Gordon, P.O. Box 160, Graysville, TN 37338, (615) 775-2198.

ATTENTION SINGLES: Weekend at Broken Arrow Ranch, Olsburg, KS, Oct. 21-23. Speaker: Dr. Ward Hill, Union College, "Keeping Faith Alive." Charges: \$28 for Adventist Singles members, \$30 for non-members. \$2 discount if paid registration received by Oct. 16. \$15 for Sabbath only. Children under 4, free; 4-8, half price. Send your paid registration to Fred Thomas, 3840 South 46th, Lincoln, NE 68506. Or call (402) 483-1080 or 488-981.

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October 6-9, 1988

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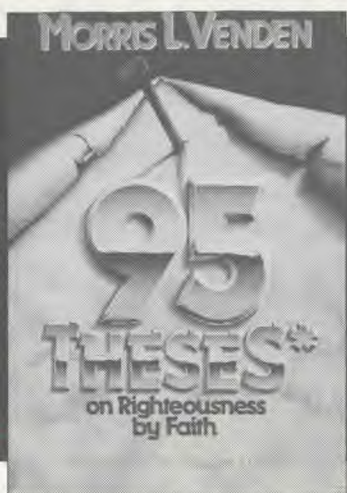
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	Sept. 2	Sept. 9	Sept. 16	Sept. 23	Sept. 30
Denver, CO	7:30	7:19	7:08	6:56	6:45
Grand Junction, CO	7:44	7:33	7:21	7:10	6:59
Pueblo, CO	7:27	7:16	7:05	6:54	6:43
Cedar Rapids, IA	7:34	7:27	7:15	7:03	6:51
Davenport, IA	7:34	7:22	7:10	6:58	6:46
Des Moines, IA	7:47	7:35	7:23	7:11	6:59
Sioux City, IA	7:58	7:46	7:34	7:22	7:09
Dodge City, KS	8:08	7:58	7:47	7:36	7:25
Goodland, KS	7:17	7:06	6:54	6:43	6:32
Topeka, KS	7:52	7:41	7:30	7:19	7:07
Wichita, KS	7:58	7:47	7:36	7:26	7:15
Duluth, MN	7:47	7:33	7:19	7:05	6:51
Internl. Falls, MN	7:54	7:40	7:25	7:10	6:55
Minneapolis, MN	7:49	7:36	7:23	7:09	6:56
Rochester, MN	7:45	7:32	7:19	7:06	6:53
Columbia, MO	7:39	7:28	7:17	7:05	6:54
Kansas City, MO	7:48	7:37	7:26	7:14	7:03
Springfield, MO	7:41	7:31	7:20	7:09	6:59
St. Louis, MO	7:28	7:19	7:08	6:57	6:46
Grand Island, NE	8:05	7:53	7:41	7:29	7:18
Lincoln, NE	7:58	7:47	7:35	7:23	7:11
North Platte, NE	8:14	8:03	7:51	7:39	7:27
Omaha, NE	7:55	7:44	7:32	7:20	7:08
Scottsbluff, NE	7:27	7:15	7:03	6:51	6:38
Bismarck, ND	8:21	8:07	7:53	7:39	7:25
Fargo, ND	8:05	7:52	7:38	7:24	7:10
Williston, ND	8:34	8:20	8:06	7:51	7:36
Pierre, SD	8:16	8:04	7:51	7:37	7:24
Rapid City, SD	7:27	7:14	7:01	6:48	6:35
Sioux Falls, SD	8:01	7:49	7:36	7:23	7:10
Casper, WY	7:39	7:27	7:14	7:02	6:49
Cheyenne, WY	7:31	7:19	7:07	6:55	6:43
Sheridan, WY	7:43	7:30	7:17	7:04	6:51



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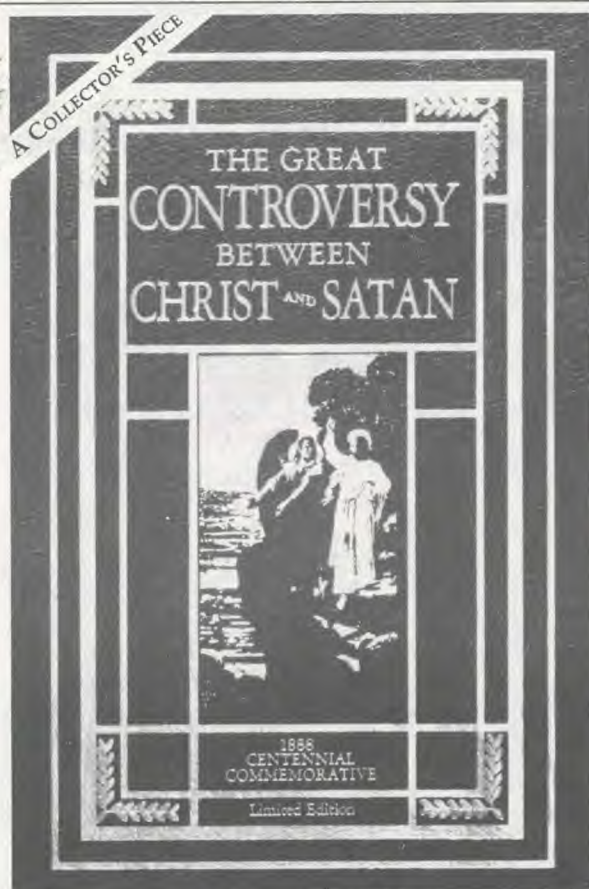
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