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"Give Me the Bible"

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— Frank Jones



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"I was told early in my Christian experience to read the Bible each year to hang on to my faith," said Frank Jones, associate treasurer of the General Conference. He was speaking at the recent Southwestern Union Conference Departmental Council in Austin, Texas.

Jones has been a Seventh-day Adventist Christian for 43 years. He took the counsel seriously, and reports, "I have read my Bible through each year. Over the past 11 years I have read it twice each year, and this year-end I am finishing my 52nd reading of the Word of God."

Far from finding it dull through repeated reading, He testifies that "Each trip through the Word of God is a journey of faith. New discoveries are made every time. A precious truth stands out in each reading that seemingly was not discovered the last time through it."

Many writers, ancient and modern, have referred to the Bible as spiritual food for God's people. Obviously, Jones, like many other Christians finds effective spiritual nourishment in this daily reading of the Bible

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and application of its messages to his manner of life.

If the daily reading is likened to eating, systematic study would compare to digestion, and memorizing Scripture to absorption of the nutrients. Jones has a plan for this, too: "I have pulled out nearly 500 special Bible texts that I have recorded on file cards, and each night I go over 10 or more of these promises to seek to place them in my memory bank."

The first of the Harvest 90 DOables calls for spiritual renewal in our lives as the basis for the church's soul-winning outreach by which we seek to double the number of conversions taking place. Renewal must be a daily experience. Every day we must accept Christ anew as our Saviour, and renew our commitment to Him as our Lord. This maintenance of Christian experience needs a daily intake of spiritual nutrition through Bible reading and study.

To promote this renewal program, the Church ministries Department is urging all members to read the entire Bible during 1988. Reading three Bible chapters daily and five on Sabbath will take one through the whole Bible in one year. Many, like Frank Jones, have made this a practice year after year. The Bible-reading checklist printed on this page can help you keep a record of your progress.

Although your goal is to read every chapter of the Bible, it is not necessary that they be read consecutively, beginning in Genesis and finishing in Revelation. For variety, you may read the Bible books in any order you choose, until you have read them all. Or you might divide

the Bible into thirds and read consecutively from each section every day, completing them all at about the same time.

Read the old familiar King James version, or try one of the modern translations. If occasional differences in wording puzzle you, check the *SDA Bible Commentary* for possible explanations.

Be careful that the systematic daily reading does not degenerate into a mere daily chore done just to reach a goal. Let God's word speak to your heart as you read. Look for morsels of spiritual good that may be exactly what your soul needs this day. Even in the historical and prophetic portions, be alert for new insights the Holy Spirit my bring to you, remembering that such fresh insights do not set aside old truths, but rather enhance them.

May your knowledge of the Bible increase, your life be enriched, and your witnessing be more effective through a daily use of the Word in this way.

Southwestern Union

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Let all
Give a goal,
And get a goal,
To save a soul!

Cyril Miller President

Robert Wood, Director Church Ministries



Is Your Bank Account Square With God?

By Mel Rees

he house sat like a prim spinster among the other houses on the maple-lined street of the little village. It was a friendly place — fresh painted — and the African violets peeked curiously at us from the window as we approached.

The lady who answered our knock belonged with the house — almost regal — in a neighborly sort of way. She invited us into a room decorated with the bric-a-brac and mementos of another day — a day of long ago, but not a forgotten one.

We had called to talk about the business of the church — God's bus-

iness. We were inviting every member to engage in a systematic program, so the expenses of operating the church and school could be met in a budgeted, business-like way.

"Pardon me for a moment," she smiled, "I must get my account book for God."

An account book for God? We had seen many account books — all types and kinds of ledgers — but an account book for God? I can't describe our eagerness as we waited to catch a glimpse of what was between the red covers of the little book she brought from a corner desk.

She drew a chair up close and opened the first page. There on one side was a record of her tithe, and on the other a record of everything she

had given for the various offerings of the church and the many charities to which she contributed.

She paused and almost apologetically, it seemed, explained, "I wanted to *check* my book before discussing this further, because I want to be sure I am not in arrears in my account with God."

I don't suppose many of us keep an account book *just for God*, but I am sure He does. I wonder how we would like to sit down today with the angel bookkeeper — our heavenly accountant — and look over our records with God for the past year?

I wonder if we would like to watch as the angel slowly opened the book to January? What would be our feelings as we saw the entries of our tithe and freewill offerings neatly recorded there? Would we feel satisfied, or would our eyes be transfixed as we examined the pages for February, March, April, May, June, July, August — (August? Oh, yes, I can explain that. You see I was on my vacation, and, well, you know how it is. I guess I forgot. I guess...") — September, October, and November.

The page for December hasn't been totaled yet. Neither have the totals been entered for this past year. Isn't there a possibility that many of us would like to check back through the past eleven months and bring our accounts up to date for this year with God?

I still can't forget what that dear, little old lady in the lovely little house said, "I want to be sure I am not in arrears in my account with God."





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Cyril Miller

Season's Greetings to All!

1888 Misconceptions and Harvest 90



Some today think that "sinless perfection" is the core and essence of the 1888 General Conference Session held in Minneapolis. They fequently quote Ellen White to support their assumption.

"When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own." *Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 69.

However, the subject under discussion by Ellen White in this chapter of *Christ's Object Lessons* is "the spirit of unselfish love and labor for others" as a means of Christian growth and fruit bearing and not idle "sinless perfection".

When you see this statement in its true context you will also see that God is seeking to reproduce the caring character of Christ in each forgiven Christian. Such a Christian will become an active agent for the salvation of others and not a sterile showcase of "sinless perfectionism."

Ellen White concludes her often quoted statement by saying that the fruit of such unselfish love — demonstrated by all who profess Christ's name — would quickly climax with the gospel harvest and the return of Jesus.

Baptisms Through November, 1987

Conference	Membership Beginning of Year	Baptisms Professions of Faith	% of Membership Bap/POF
Ark-La	8,249	269	3.91
Oklahoma	6.195	231	4.47
SW Region	12,288	465	4.54
Texas	21,444	1,730	9.68
Texico	4.637	288	7.45
Total	52,813	2,983	6.77

Sabbath Attendance Report November, 1987

Arkansas-Louisiana	4,693	57 %
Oklahoma	3,875	61%
Southwest Region	2,779	24%
Texas	15,779	78%
Texico	3,187	68%
Southwestern Union	30,313	59%



Remember: December is Square-Up Month!

Hospitals

New President Named at **Huguley Hospital**

Des Cummings, Jr., has been appointed president and chief executive officer of Hugulev Memorial Hospital, announced Mardian Blair, president of the Adventist Health System/Sunbelt.

"Healthcare has changed drastically in the recent past," said Blair. "The Adventist Health System/Sunbelt, of which Huguley Memorial Hospital is a part, is responding to these changes by instituting a 'cluster system' of management for each hospital.'

The cluster system replaces the regional vice-presidents in Sunbelt. The reduction of personnel and services in the Sunbelt Corporation will result in more than \$2 million a year in savings and also affects the type of decentralization.

This new management system uses the president of a major "flagship" hospital as the overall CEO of the cluster. Also his staff will serve as resource personnel for the other hospitals within the cluster. This system has already been established in Florida and Tennessee.

"We have appreciated John Koobs' leadership as president and his contribution to Huguley's success during the first critical decade of the hospital's existence," stated Cyril Miller, chairman of the board. "We look forward to the hospital's continued success as we implement the cluster administrative strategy.'

Des Cummings, Jr., comes from Orlando Florida, where he holds and has held several health care positions. Among them are vice-president and senior vice-president for strategic planning, marketing and new ventures for Florida Hospital, executive vice-president for health management group, president of CentraHealth Network and chairman of the Board of Creative Healthcare Marketing (all divisions of Florida Hospital).

At Florida Hospital, Cummings was instrumental in starting several new business units such as the hospital's Home Health Agency, its Cancer Center and its Center for Women's Medicine.

He also serves as vice-chairman of the board of Medical Center Hospital at Punta Gorda, Florida.

Cummings graduated from Southern College with degrees in theology and communication in 1965 and holds a Masters of Divinity degree and a Doctor of Philosophy in educational leadership and management from Andrews University.

He has been a pastor, youth director, seminary professor and chaplain before entering the health care field.

Cummings' wife, Mary Lou, has been the nurse coordinator for the breast screening center at Florida Hospital. The Cummings have two children, 17-year-old Tracy and 12vear-old Derek.



Mary Lou and Des Cummings

Southwestern Adventist College

Notice of Non-Discrimination

Southwestern Adventist College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, religion, handicap, race or ethnic origin. Dr. Marvin Anderson, president, is responsible for compliance.

Students Involved in Spiritual Activities

Involvement is a key word for Campus Ministries at Southwestern Adventist College. "This year, we're providing opportunities for everyone to be involved in the spiritual activities on campus," says Victor Brown, college chaplain. "We have provided something for everyone because we know that there is a correlation between involvement and the spiritual atmosphere of the campus.

Brown, along with Jimmy Moreno, Student Association Campus Ministries director. and Gary Manzella, student chaplain, have organized a wide range of programs and activities to provide students

with a format to share their Christian joy with others. The following is a list of Campus Ministries activities and their leaders.

Afterglow - A special time of singing and fellowship to help students begin the Sabbath in a joyful way. Directors: Jerry Mahn, senior, secondary education, Beaverton, Oregon; Tammy Pitre, junior, communicaton, San Antonio, Texas; Bill Devine, senior, psychology, San Antonio.



Jerry Mahn







Barbara Dull

Big Brother/Sister, Adopt-A-Grandparent - This outreach project provides a friend for a child or elderly person. Directors: Lianne Nelson, sophomore, nursing, Keene; Dawn Hold, junior, psychology, Elgin, Texas.

Dawn Hold

Collegiate Adventists for Better Living — This department of Campus Ministries focuses on health and temperance. Drug abuse seminars in area high schools have been very successful. Director: Barbara Dull, junior, communication, Putman Valley, New York.

Creative Sabbath Afternoon Outreach These outreach activities allow students to share their Christian experience in fresh, new ways that are effective and fun. Directors: Shelly Siebenlist, junior, nursing, Killeen, Texas; Wendy Pechero, junior, biology, Weslaco, Texas.

Drama Club — Drama is an effective way of communcating the gospel. The club travels extensively throughout the Southwest. Director: LuAnn Venden, sophomore, English, Keene.



Shelly Siebenlist





LuAnn Venden

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Steve Stringfellow

Jan Yakush

Elizabeth Waldrep

Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization provides opportunities for Christian athletes to work together. Basketball clinics, Sabbath schools, and church services will be held throughout the Southwestern Union by members of the FCA. Director: Steve Stringfellow, dean of men.

Joint Worship — A campuswide worship held every Thursday. Director: Jan Yakush, senior, religion, Orlando, Florida.

Literature Evangelism - This program trains students to be literature evangelists, as well as providing them with fellowship. Director: Elizabeth Waldrep, junior, elementary education, San Benito, Texas.

Musicians' Bureau - The bureau's goal is to share the gift of music with area churches, both Adventist and non-Adventist. Director: Monique Hawkins, sophomore, general studies, Mobile, Alabama.

Odyssey Harbor Sabbath School - This branch Sabbath School provides a fun Sabbath program at a local home for abused and troubled children. Director: Scott DeHart, (no photo available) senior, religion, Deltona, Florida.

Off-campus Sabbath Afternoon Outreach Helping elderly and disabled people and providing them with a friend is what this outreach program is all about. Director: James Fry, sophomore, religion, Keene.

Prayer Breakfast — A spiritual feast is available on Sabbath mornings. Praver and sharing highlights these breakfasts. Director: Harold Hainey, sophomore, religion, Keene.







Monique Hawkins

James Fry

Harold Hainey

Prayer Partners - Prayer partners provides a support network for students needing a lift. An element of secrecy makes this a pleasant and rewarding program. Directors: Keith Gray, junior, religion, Houston, Texas; Molly Hylton, junior, elementary education, Garland, Texas

Public Relations - Informing the college what's going on takes a lot of work and an organized crew of postermakers. Director: Chrissie Cummings, junior, communication, Keene.







Chrissie Cummings Molly Hylton



Gary Manzella





Melitta Fish Darilynn Edwards

Sabbath School — No Sabbath would be complete without this time of worship and Bible study. Director: Gary Manzella, senior, religion, Metairie, Louisiana.

Secret Service - No, this group does not give protection to college administrators. Doing special things to cheer others up is the purpose of this group, which works best under cover. Director: Melitta Fish, senior, management, Keene; Darilvnn Edwards, junior, elementary education, Keene.







Stephanie Harpine Kirk-Wha Lee

Social Sabbath Afternoon Outreach —After a hard week, this program gives students a chance to relax together. Director: Bill Devine, senior, psychology, San

Soup Suppers — When students are longing for home, soup suppers provide a chance to eat some good home cooking with a faculty member. Director: Stephanie Harpine, junior, elementary education, Lexington, South Carolina.

Spiritual Sabbath Afternoon Outreach -This program provides spiritual enrichment for the student body by







Heldi Leukert

Sheri Kongorski

means of sacred concerts, guest speakers and discussion groups. Directors: Kuk-Wha Lee, senior, chemistry, Keene; Bret Barton, junior, chemistry, Keene; Kevan Nelson, senior, secondary education. Keene.

Sunset Meditations — A great way to end the Sabbath. It features singing, sharing and devotional thoughts. Directors: Heidi Leukert, junior, secondary education, Scottsdale, Arizona; Sheri Kongorski, freshman, elementary education, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Small Group Fellowship — This program provides students with an environment to share the joys and trials of the daily Christian life, as well as giving spiritual refreshment. Directors: David Yeagley, senior, theology, Keene; Elizabeth Fisher, senior, medical secretary, Bristow, Oklahoma.

Student Missionaries - This branch of Campus Ministries is responsible for recruiting and sending out student missionaries and task force workers. Director: Tina Bottsford, junior, office administration, San Antonio.







David Yeagley

Elizabeth Fisher

Tina Bottsford

Orchestra Plans New Year's Eve Party

The Keene Camerata string orchestra will host a New Year's Eve party on December 31 from 8 to 12 p.m. in Southwestern Adventist College's Leiske-Pultar Gymnasium.

"A Night in Venice" will feature an international food fair and a concert by the orchestra. "to bring in the New Year on the right note," says director Mugur Doroftei.

Admission to the gym is free, and proceeds from food sales will help fund the Camerata's 1988 summer concert tour of the Caribbean.

The 23-member string ensemble has been in existence for four years, and is made up of students from Southwestern Adventist College, Chisholm Trail Academy, Keene Adventist Elementary School, and of community adults.



Mugur Doroftei conducts the Keene Camerata string orchestra.

(Photo by David Yeagley)

Arkansas-Louisiana

WILLIAM L. WOODRUFF, CORRESPONDENT

P. I. Nosworthy Died November 20

Elder Paul Irving Nosworthy, for 17 years treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, and retired in Shreveport since 1974, died November 20, after a long illness. He was well known by almost everyone in the conference. Among his many contributions to the work in Arkansas-Louisiana was his supervision of the building of the conference office on Southfield Road when the headquarters was moved from Little Rock to Shreveport in 1960. It was also through his personal friendship with Peter Dierks Joers of Hot Springs, Arkansas, that Camp Yorktown Bay was given to the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference. (See further details on the obituary page.)

Lake Charles Pathfinders Honored

The Pathfinder of the Year award was presented to Brandi Romero and David Vincent on Pathfinder Sabbath by the Lake Charles, Louisiana, church. The award is a symbol of industrious and diligent effort in Pathfindering.

Trophies were presented to them by Roy Mortimer, Lake Charles church school teacher.

Pathfinder Sabbath also included a Pathfinder induction ceremony. Tribute was paid to all of the members of the Lake Charles "Bayou Seekers" Pathfinder club, its directors, and the parents who have helped carry on a successful program.





Brandi Romero and David Vincent receive Pathfinder of the Year trophles from Roy Mortimer.



CHILDREN LAUNCH PEACE BALLOONS— Participating in the National Peace Launch, children of the Lake Charles church school wrote messages of peace taken from Bible texts, and sent them into the blue sky in helium-filled balloons. Their teacher, Roy Mortimer took movies of the event. They hope to receive responses to their notes.

Texas

EVADEANE PETERS, CORRESPONDENT

Southwestern Union Revolving Fund Needs Investors!

With growth comes the challenge of providing buildings for new congregations and schools. Some congregations have outgrown their plants and must sell and build again. Most congregations expect to borrow funds from the Southwestern Union Revolving Fund, but the Revolving Fund has loaned all funds in hand.

Solution: Lend your savings to the Southwestern Union Revolving Fund and accomplish two things: 1. Help God's work advance.

Earn interest. (Currently paying 7 percent.) Call 817/783-2223.

FAST FACTS

- Your Review Adventist Book Center is working diligently and creatively to provide ever better and more convenient service. Greater Houston Academy will house a new branch ABC for the Houstonians and the metroplex
- More good news about the ABC is their gift to Gainesville State School, a home for teenagers. Jo Frazier, an adventist layman who volunteers from 30 to 40 hours per month at the home, contacted Martin Emslie about establishing a lending library for these young people. His response was an enthusiastic "Yes!" Visit the main store in Keene,
- where there are suitable gifts for your entire Christmas list.
- Carl Tanksley tells of closing a 16-volume sale of "message" books to a
 Fort Worth theology major as a direct
 result of a much-loved Bible story
 book sold to this young man's family.
 Sowing seeds is the prerequisite for
 reaping.
- A Revelation Seminar held in Breckenridge by Lyndon Dewitt of Keene, Joe Simpson, Breckenridge lav pastor, and Myron Ross, Simpson's business associate, resulted in the baptism of four persons: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett, Mary Brownell, and Lesta De Laughter. Several others are attending church regularly.

- Correction. The Carter Report TV, aired on KSWO Wichita Falls, can be seen at 9:00 a.m., Sundays. (Not 8:30 as previously reported.)
- Thieves broke into the Industrial Arts Department at Valley Grande Academy and stole power saws, sanders, drills, and a jigsaw. Even before the burglary, there was need of more such equipment, and now the need is desperate. Maybe you can contribute tools or cash with which they may buy them. It will help students learn to help themselves.
- Because of the diligence of Fred Elkins, student chaplain at the M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston, six hospitals there now have Adventists listed as one of the religions on their religious census code. Adventist chaplains are providing a much-needed and much-appreciated ministry in many medical and military installations.
- On Sabbath, November 21 more than 100 uniformed Pathfinders filed into the Keene church sanctuary for the worship service. They were led by a well-rehearsed color guard. Speakers for the Pathfinder Day service were Mario Ceballos, assistant youth director of the conference and Ed Komorowski, Keene church youth pastor. Ceballos reports a new record of over 1300 Pathfinders in the Texas Conference.
- Ingathering goals are being reached!
 Three churches report having doubled their goals; 23 churches are over their goals; 60 churches are past the halfway mark; and 78 churches are on target.

Palestine Tornado Victims Helped

A vicious tornado, two miles wide and five miles long, struck in the city of Palestine on November 14. Within a few hours the Texas Conference disaster van was on its way to the scene.

Under directions from the American Red Cross (The ARC coordinates Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), the Disaster Services van was parked at the old Gibson Discount store building, where the other VOAID groups were located.

To date nearly 100 families have been served, both from the disaster van and the Gibson center.

Those deserving special thanks are: Glenda Schram, for directing the processing procedures; Lennard Page, for driving the disaster van; Paul Timmerman, for driving the shuttle van; Pauline Harrison and her helpers from Elkhart for their second- and third-mile dedicated service.

All who have indicated their interest in Disaster Service teams are encouraged to take their opportunities seriously, and become prepared to help in such times of need.

George Schram
Community Services Director



A building damaged but left standing.

This was a home.





Gibson Discount Store warehouse setup as the distribution center for clothing.



Uprooted water tank deposited into a Gulf station parking lot. A light pole is giving enough support to keep the tank from rolling into the pumps.

Correction on Youth and Mission Festival Date

The date for the Valley Festival published in the last issue of the *Record* was erroneous. The correct date is **February 27, 1988.** Watch the next issue for a listing of the other festivals. The first festival will be in East Texas, January 9, 1988, at the Marshall, Texas, Civic Center.

REMEMBER... December is **Square-Up Month!**

Oklahoma

RODNEY GROVE, CORRESPONDENT

Community Services Center Opened

The Oklahoma City Central Church celebrated the completion of its new Community Services Center with an open house on October 18. More than 100 persons from the church and community attended.

For about 15 years the work had been carried on from a small building that had become overcrowded and inadequate for the number of people needing help. Ortha Lee Burton was the director for most of that time. She saw the need of more space and more hours of service to the community.

The new facilities include two offices, a waiting room, a display room, a work room, and two warehouse storage areas. Now it is possible for the center to be open twice as much as before, according to Eunice Ewing, the present director. No loans were involved in the construction of the building as the church members

A Catholic nun begins the tour of the new Community Services Center.

provided both the funds and the labor.

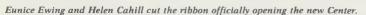
During the opening ceremonies, leaders from churches of other denominations and community organizations listened as Vera Wolfe. Oklahoma Conference Community Services director, and Robert Rider, Oklahoma Conference president, told of the effects of an active Community Services program on both the church and the area it serves. Alfred Schnell and David Wolkwitz, former pastors, commended the congregation for their willingness to be a helping hand to those in need. Following the ribbon-cutting ceremony the people were given tours of the premises.

Ada Church Outing Was Not Just a Hayride

The Ada church members closed the Sabbath, November 14, with singing to Eddie Kemper's guitar accompaniment. Pastor Dan McIntosh conducted a devotional and prayer service.

Then everyone boarded a trailer for a four-mile havride. They stopped along the way to serenade an 86-year-old widow and a farm family. The havride destination was a roaring bonfire where the Walter Lamb family had prepared for a link and marshmallow roast with all the usual trimmings.

Plans for Ingathering and upcoming Revelation Seminars were discussed, as well as the continuing construction of the Community Services addition to the church building. Twice the building fund had reached the zero point, but each time the Lord provided additional funds with which to continue the work.









Reading, writing, arithmetic—that's what some consider education. Others include vocational skills. The Christian adds learning dependence upon God and preparation for heavenly citizenship. Parkview and Tulsa Adventist Academies provide those opportunities, building upon the influences of the home and the church. Enrollment is up at both, giving more of our youth the Christian advantage.

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ELK CITY BAPTISM — Pastor Jim Haney prepares to baptize Roy Lee and Carol Sue Elrod. Lee Thornsberry (not pictured) joined them in baptism following a Revelation Seminar held in the Elk City Church. All 32 people registered for opening night attended the meetings. Others have requested baptism and are still studying with Pastor Haney.



Lawton students and staff on the stage of their "Let Freedom Ring" program that was highlighted on the local television station.

Students Reach Out In Lawton

The Lawton Church School students celebrated the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution by participating in "Ringing the Bells Across America," giving reports, writing poems, singing, and by presentation of a panel discussion that was shown on television. They expressed the meaning of "Let Freedom Ring" in America as well as the freedom expe-

rienced when Christ is present in our lives.

They also served their community by collecting can tops for a child in need of dialysis, collecting food for the needy, and distributing *Steps to Christ* and *Winner* magazine. Their Rake and Run project brought joy to them and their neighbors as with rakes and trash bags, they would rake leaves, bag them, and run on to the next yard. They are discovering the reward they experience through serving others.

"The great work of life is character building, and a knowledge of God is the foundation of all true education." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 596.

Marva J. Smith Communication Secretary



TOTS PERFORM IN SABBATH SCHOOL— Deana Consuegra from the kindergarten division and Meghan Sullivan from the cradle roll provide special music for the Muskogee Sabbath School. Ira Gilliam, Communication Secretary

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Righteousness Rallies Planned for 1988

At the General Conference Session in 1888 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, righteousness by faith was the great theme of discussion. Now we are 100 years from that important session.

The North American Division having called for an emphasis on righteousnes by faith, the Texico Conference will hold Righteousness by Faith Rallies in different places in the conference with special guest speakers. The meetings will be held Friday through Sabbath.

The Youth Advisory recommended

that special activities be held in different locations. In addition, officers' training sessions will be held in connection with four of these rallies.

Plan to attend at least the rally that will be held in your area. The schedule follows:

Jan. 8 9	Midland
Feb. 19, 20	Plainview
Mar. 4 5	Albuquerque
Apr. 22, 23	Amarillo
May 20, 21	Deming
June 14-18	Camp Meeting
July 29, 30	Asian Camp Meeting
Aug. 26, 27	El Paso
Sep. 23, 24	Valencia
Oct. 14, 15	Roswell
Nov. 4, 5	Van Horn

May we all understand and experience righteousness by faith — Christ our righteousness.

D. K. Sullivan, President



Those who attended the Revelation Seminar at Tres Piedras Church.

Five Baptized in Tres Piedras

Five adults were baptized in Tres Piedras, New Mexico, as a result of a Revelation Seminar attended by 12 adults and 9 children. Eduardo Rojas, pastor, and his wife Bertha have organized five bilingual seminars in that area. Emma and Benjamin Gurule were the lay members who were in charge of this first seminar.

Church Studying God's Remedies

"Better Living Breakthrough" is the title of a series emphasizing the eight natural remedies being presented in the Sabbath vespers programs in the Las Cruces and Alamagordo, New Mexico, churches.

Based on the book, Ministry of Healing the series offers practical knowledge in how to apply these remedies physically, mentally, and spiritually. Sharing with others our precious heritage of health and scriptural instruction is emphasized.

Working together on these presentations are Pastor Rick Wilmot and his wife, Debby, who is a registered nurse.

The interest generated by this series has led to a class in simple home hydrotherapy treatments, taught by Joan Simkin to eight women in the Alamogordo church.

Debby Wilmot Assistant Communication Secretary

Students Hear Dentist, Colporteur

"You don't need to worry about the money to finance your education if you want to be a dentist badly enough, for God will help you." said John Barroso, D.D.S. He was the first guest speaker in a Careers Day series at the Midland-Odessa church school. Dr. Barroso is a graduate of

the Loma Linda School of Dentistry, a practicing dentist in Midland, Texas, and head elder of the Midland church.

Careers Day is held every third Friday, and features a different professional person each time. The speaker explains his or her job and describes the training required for the profession. Then students may ask questions.

Clara Summers, who served for 27 years as a literature evangelist in the Midland area was the second career speaker. We have the finest literature in the world and one can sell it with pride," she observed. "You can have the most fulfilling life in the world by being involved in this fantastic part of God's work."

Clyde McCoy Teacher, Grades 5-8

Lubbock Juniors Share Jesus' Love

For two years the Lubbock junior Sabbath School class have worked on a project to feed the hungry. On Sabbath, each member brings a homemade food item. Together they make sack lunches and include a piece of literature. Then they deliver the lunches to needy people.

On Sabbath afternoons they often form a singing band to take sunshine and joy to hospital patients and shut-ins.

Dorothy Tubbs, the class leader, and her assistant desire to provide a Christian fellowship and outreach for the youth to help them share the love of Jesus with others. They hope these experiences will help them throughout their lives.

Other projects help to develop punctuality and studiousness in the class members. Short films on the Bible are viewed before the class lesson begins. Devotional books and other incentives are given to those who say their memory verses correctly, bring their Bible and quarterly, and study the lessons. Camping trips, skating and other recreational activities add to the group fun.

Lot DiBenedetto and Ryan Weaver received gifts for reading about 100 Bible chapters during a 13-week period.

Paula DiBenedetto Communication Secretary

General News

Harvest 90 Faith Objective Set

The baptismal goal for the first two years of Harvest 90 was 620,000. Thanks to God we reached 835,045 baptisms. Eight of the ten world divisions passed their goal. As we look toward the last half of the Harvest 90 program, there must be a continuous and irresistible advance.

"We are altogether too narrow in our plans. We need to be broader minded... We must get away from our smallness and make larger plans." Evangelism, p. 46. "We must look our work fairly in the face and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare." Testimonies, Vol. 6, p. 22.

Notice the baptismal results during the last three years:

In 1984 we baptized 397,135 souls; In 1985, 406,613 souls, and in 1986, 430,257 souls.

I want to suggest for 1988 a faith objective of one-half million bap-

tisms. It is time to take daring and swift steps. For this reason we are calling 1988 *The year of conquest evangelism.* To this end, we urge emphasis on the following:

- * Each church to be an evangelizing center.
- * Each pastor to be an evangelist.
- * Each denominational worker to be a winner of souls.
- Each institution to be a center of evangelism.
- * Each church member to be a disciple who helps to win new disciples.

Phillips Brooks said, "Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks."

"When we have entire, wholehearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure." *Evangelism*, p. 699.

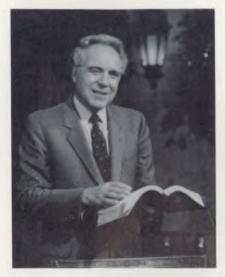
Carlos E. Aeschlimann Harvest 90 Coordinator General Conference

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It is Written Begins **New Prophecy Series**

Showdown at Armageddon, a new It Is Written television series, is scheduled for nationwide release beginning January 17, 1988. The new seven-part production focuses on the end-time prophecies found in the book of Daniel.

"Today's bookstores are filled with volumes theorizing about last-day



events," savs George Vandeman, It Is Written speaker. "Many are filled with predictions — failed predictions and unbiblical views on the secret rapture, Armageddon, and the Antichrist. We hope Showdown at Armageddon will attract a wide audience eager to understand the plain Bible truth our church shares on these vital topics.

Program titles include: "Jerusalem Invaded," Jan. 17; "Thunderball From Israel," Jan 24; "The Mystique of Islam," Jan. 31; "Antichrist's Civil War," Feb. 7; "Secret of the Rapture," Feb. 14; "Planet Earth's New Age," Feb 21; "Counterfeiting Armaged-

don." Feb. 28.

The series will be highlighted by new Bible Land footage and musical vignettes by Wintley Phipps, The Heralds, Walter Arties, and Marilyn Cotton. Showdown will air on the regular It Is Written network of stations as well as on the Lifetime Cable Network, SuperStation WTBS in Atlanta, and the Three Angels Broadcasting satellite network. Viewers should check local listings for time and channel information in their areas.

Inner City Faces Appeal for Help

The television and news media are full of faces these days. Faces that haunt us, faces of hunger, of desperation and despair. They are the faces of the old, the young, the helpless. The faces of thousands and potentially millions who have no food, no home, no hope! These are the faces of people who are victims of a depraved society, trapped in the dungeons of poverty in the inner cities of America.

The inner city is not to be interpreted as "downtown" or the wellendowed fortress where the urban clienteles of the exclusive boutique business live. The inner city refers to the core city — the ghetto. The city in transition - transition from the wealthy aristocratic family dwellings to the poor black hovels of almost

indescribable poverty.

The inner city is what the suburban-bound Anglos have left behind. The inner city is what Ellen White referred to when she wrote, "In the great cities are multitudes who receive less care and consideration than are given to dumb animals ... families herded together in miserable tenements, many of them dark basements, reeking with dampness and filth. In these wretched places children are born and grow up and die. They see nothing of the beauty of natural things that God has created to delight the senses and uplift the soul. Ragged and half starved, they live amid vice and depravity, molded in character by the wretchedness and sin that surround them. Children hear the name of God only in profanity...The fumes of liquor and tobacco, sickening stenches, moral degradation pervert their senses. Thus multitudes are trained to become criminals, foes to society that has abandoned them to misery and degradation." Ministry of Healing, pp. 189, 190.

It is these people that are locked into these deplorable conditions who cannot extricate themselves that

you and I have a responsibility to help.

This is what inner city ministry is endeavoring to do. Ministries such as Operation HOPE (Help Other People Endure). Through this program and other similar ministries, thousands of people are given food and clothing on a regular basis. Shelters have been provided for the homeless. Job referral services are helping people find jobs who could not secure them otherwise.

In all the major cities today drug abuse is the number one cause of increasing crime. To combat this terrible menace to society, drug abuse seminars are being conducted in public and parochial schools. Reports reveal that a number of young people have kicked the drug habit and have been baptized into the church as a result of these

Other seminars in parental responsibility, family planning, child raising, and budget planning have helped to change the outlook of hundreds of people and today they have a different face - they have hope for a better life in the future.

This is the inner city ministry, the kind of work that is enjoined in Isaiah 58. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; ... Then shall thy light break forth as the morning...and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward.'

Inner city ministry needs your support so that thousands more can receive this kind of assistance.

In 1987, the General Conference appropriated \$200,000 directly to inner city ministry. The needs in 1988 are far greater. Sabbath, January 11, 1988, has been designated as Inner City Sabbath. May we appeal to the members of all churches to give a generous offering to facilitate the inner city work and help change the faces in the inner city.

R. L. Woodfork Associate Secretary, North American Division

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Announcements

Upcoming programs and events that may be of interest to Record readers are announced here in brief. Additional information is available as indicated in each item.

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West, '88, Department of Social Relations, Loma Linda University,

Loma Linda, California 92350;

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Mrs. A. W. Barnes, Route 8, Box

2018, Cleburne, Texas 76031

Hutchinson/Maplewood

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nary and Maplewood Academy former students and faculty members are invited to attend the

annual West Coast reunion on

Sunday, February 7, 1988 in The Commons on the LaSierra Cam-pus of LLU. Registration begins at

10 a.m. with a buffet luncheon. For

information and/or reservations

contact the treasurer, Ruth Purdy,

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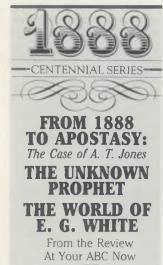
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PTL Network Carries It Is Written

The It Is Written television ministry has now added PTL, the Inspirational Network, to its lineup. With a prime 10:00 p.m. (MST) time slot, the new release will especially serve cable audiences in the Mountain time zone markets. With the Lifetime Cable Network providing service to Eastern and Central zones (8:30 a.m. EST), It Is Written now enjoys complete coverage across the U.S. at excellent viewing times, according to David B. Smith, public relations director for the ministry.

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MATLEAN, James, was born Nov. 20, 1964, in Palm Springs, CA, and died in an automobile accident, Sept. 21, 1987, in Greenland, AR. Burial was in Fayetteville, AR. Survivors: father, Mel Matlean, Yerington, NV; mother, Denise Sigler Matlean, Fayetteville, AR; twin brother, Timothy, Lucerne Valley, CA; sisters, Dorothy Johnson, Willow, AK, Patricia Matlean, Weimar, CA, and Sharon Carr, Berrien Springs, MI. Services were conducted by W. J. Neptune and Mark Carr.

McCARTER, Opal Elizabeth, was born Feb. 27, 1908, in Hot Springs, AR, and died Oct. 13, 1987, in Colcord, OK. Was a member of the Gentry, AR church. Survivors: husband, Leon, Colcord; brothers, Lonnie and Lloyd Bright, both of Hot Springs; sisters, Ruby Wilson, Gentry, Eula Lambert, Amity, AR, Ruie Murry and Vera Taylor, both of Camden, AR. Burial was in Siloam Springs, AR.

Millie Carlson

NOSWORTHY, Paul Irving, was born Aug. 23, 1909, in Tappan, NY, and died Nov. 20, 1987, in Shreyeport, LA. He served the church for 44 years: as assistant manager of the New York City Book and Bible House, assistant manager of the Southern New England Book and Bible House, and later as manager of the same, manager of the New York Book and Bible House, treasurer of the Northern New England Conference, and finally for 17 years, as treasurer of the Arkansas-Louisiana Conference, retiring in Shreveport in 1974. Survivors: wife, Ruth, Shreveport; son, Bradlee, Shreveport; daughter, Sylvia B. Nosworthy, Walla Walla, Washington; brother, Walter M., Henderson, NC; and sisters, Mrs. K. A. Wright, Orlando, FL, and Mrs. William J. Ekroth, Glendale,

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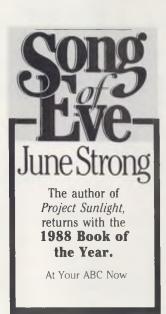
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