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EDITORIAL

What a Big Family We Have!

During the early days of my ministry, I was associated with a Sabbath-keeping church that had adherents all around the world. Members could travel almost anywhere on the globe and be "at home" among people who had a common frame of reference and beliefs. Traveling to England and Germany in 1967 I experienced this blessing firsthand—finding a ready-made family eager to befriend me wherever I went.

In a recent column in Adventist Review, Helen Hopp, a doctoral student in social psychology at the University of Washington, mentioned similar experiences traveling through Europe, looking up Seventh-day Adventist churches in various cities and finding a place to stay among brethren.

It is unfortunate, however, that our sense of brotherhood and identity was limited only to members of our respective denominations. My work with BSA has broadened my spiritual horizons so that I can readily identify with people who don't believe exactly as I do. So now my blessing is greater—almost anywhere in the world, I can find Sabbathkeepers who share a common frame of reference: acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior and the liberty of His Sabbath.

Not all Sabbathkeepers feel the same way. Many are comfortable only with members of their own denomination; some claim they are more comfortable with some Sundaykeepers than with Sabbathkeepers. Part of the reason is that some of us, in our search for truth, have built walls around us—to the extent that we identify only with those who hold to the same set of doctrines or belong to the same organization. While our zeal for truth is commendable, we may be shutting out people in whom the spirit of God resides. We may be clinging to certain truths at the expense of others, such as love, mercy, patience, respect, kindness.

Frequently I am approached by Sabbathkeepers desperate for fellowship and/or for mates. My advice is always two-fold: you have to be willing to travel and you must be willing to get to know and love people who are not theological carbon copies of yourself.

You've undoubtedly heard stories of former Muslims or Hindus who, when they became Christians, were disinherited by their families and rejected by their communities. How cruel! But how would we react if the situation were reversed? Perhaps a clue can be found in how we react to those who accept a slightly different "brand" of Christianity than our own.

We do have a huge family—all around the world; we just need to recognize our brethren and reach out to them with letters, phone calls, visits, and prayers. What a blessing to be part of such a huge family, a family that is a family!

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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Jesus Christ and Him crucified!
For those who do know Him—
the liberty of His Sabbath!**

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And now abide
FAITH,
HOPE, LOVE,
these three, but the
greatest of these is
LOVE.

Confessions about Sunday

(Editor's Note: The following article consists of quotations taken from a new BSA publication by the same title. Twelve pages in length, the booklet is a revised version of two popular BSA tracts; it uses 11 Catholic and 17 Protestant sources, about twice as many as are presented below. See back cover for more information.)

The vast majority of Christian churches today teach the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, as a time for rest and worship. Yet it is generally known and freely admitted that the early Christians observed the seventh day as the Sabbath. How did this change come about?

History reveals that it was decades after the death of the apostles that a politico-religious system repudiated the Sabbath of Scripture and substituted the observance of the first day of the week. The following quotations, all from Roman Catholic sources, freely acknowledge that there is no Biblical authority for the observance of Sunday, that it was the Roman Church that changed the Sabbath to the first day of the week.

In the second portion of this booklet are quotations from Protestants. Undoubtedly all of these noted clergymen, scholars, and writers kept Sunday, but they all frankly admit that there is no Biblical authority for a first-day sabbath.

Roman Catholic Confessions

James Cardinal Gibbons, *The Faith of Our Fathers*, 88th ed., pp. 89.

"But you may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify."

Stephen Keenan, *A Doctrinal Catechism*, 3rd ed., p. 174.

"Question: Have you any other way of proving that the Church has power to institute festivals of precept?"

"Answer: Had she not such power, she could not have done that in which all modern religionists agree with her—she could not have substituted the observance of Sunday, the first day of the week, for the observance of Saturday, the seventh day, a change for which there is no Scriptural authority."

John Laux, *A Course in Religion for Catholic High Schools and Academies* (1936), vol. 1, p. 51.

"Some theologians have held that God likewise directly determined the Sunday as the day of worship in the New Law, that He Himself has explicitly substituted the Sunday for the Sabbath. But this theory is now entirely abandoned. It is now commonly held that God simply gave His

Church the power to set aside whatever day or days she would deem suitable as Holy Days. The Church chose Sunday, the first day of the week, and in the course of time added other days as holy days."

Peter Geiermann, C.S.S.R., *The Converts Catechism of Catholic Doctrine* (1957), p. 50.

"Question: Which is the Sabbath day?

"Answer: Saturday is the Sabbath day.

"Question: Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

"Answer: We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday."

Martin J. Scott, *Things Catholics Are Asked About* (1927), p. 136.

"Nowhere in the Bible is it stated that worship should be changed from Saturday to Sunday Now the Church . . . instituted, by God's authority, Sunday as the day of worship. This same Church, by the same divine authority, taught the doctrine of Purgatory long before the Bible was made. We have, therefore, the same authority for Purgatory as we have for Sunday."

T. Enright, C.S.S.R., in a lecture at Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884.

"I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, 'No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week.' And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in a reverent obedience to the command of the holy Catholic Church."

Protestant Confessions

Protestant theologians and preachers from a wide spectrum of denominations have been quite candid in admitting that there is no Biblical authority for observing Sunday as a sabbath.

Anglican/Episcopal

Isaac Williams, *Plain Sermons on the Catechism*, vol. 1, pp. 334,336.

"And where are we told in the Scriptures that we are to keep the first day at all? We are commanded to keep the seventh; but we are nowhere commanded to keep the first day The reason why we keep the first day of the week holy instead of the seventh is for the same reason that we observe many other things, not because the Bible, but because the church has enjoined it."

Baptist

Dr. Edward T. Hiscox, a paper read before a New York ministers' conference, Nov. 13, 1893, reported in *New York Examiner*, Nov. 16, 1893.

"There was and is a commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day, but that Sabbath day was not Sunday. It will be said, however, and with some show of triumph, that the Sabbath was transferred from the seventh to the first day of the week Where can the record of such a transaction be found? Not in the New Testament—absolutely not.

"To me it seems unaccountable that Jesus, during three years' intercourse with His disciples, often conversing with them upon the Sabbath question . . . never alluded to any transference of the day; also, that during forty days of His resurrection life, no such thing was intimated.

"Of course, I quite well know that Sunday did come into use in early Christian historyBut

what a pity it comes branded with the mark of paganism, and christened with the name of the sun god, adopted and sanctioned by the papal apostasy, and bequeathed as a sacred legacy to Protestantism!"

Congregationalist

Dr. R. W. Dale, *The Ten Commandments* (New York: Eaton & Mains), p. 127-129.

"... it is quite clear that however rigidly or devotedly we may spend Sunday, we are not keeping the Sabbath The Sabbath was founded on a specific Divine command. We can plead no such command for the obligation to observe Sunday There is not a single sentence in the New Testament to suggest that we incur any penalty by violating the supposed sanctity of Sunday."

Lutheran

The Sunday Problem, a study book of the United Lutheran Church (1923, p. 36.

"We have seen how gradually the impression of the Jewish sabbath faded from the mind of the Christian Church, and how completely the newer thought underlying the observance of the first day took possession of the church. We have seen that the Christians of the first three centuries never confused one with the other, but for a time celebrated both."

Augsburg Confession of Faith, art. 28; written by Melancthon, approved by Martin Luther, 1530; as published in *The Book of Concord of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*, Henry Jacobs, ed. (1911), p. 63.

"They [Roman Catholics] refer to the Sabbath Day, as having been changed into the Lord's Day, contrary to the Decalogue, as it seems. Neither is there any example whereof they make more than concerning the changing of the

Sabbath Day. Great, say they, is the power of the Church, since it has dispensed with one of the Ten Commandments!"

Dr. Augustus Neander, *The History of the Christian Religion and Church*, Henry John Rose, tr. (1843), p. 186.

"The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance, and it was far from the intentions of the apostles to establish a Divine command in this respect, far from them, and from the early apostolic Church, to transfer the laws of the Sabbath to Sunday."

Methodist

John Wesley, *The Works of the Rev. John Wesley, A.M.*, John Emory, ed. (New York: Eaton & Mains), Sermon 25, vol. 1, p. 221.

"But, the moral law contained in the ten commandments, and enforced by the prophets, he [Christ] did not take away. It was not the design of his coming to revoke any part of this. This is a law which never can be broken Every part of this law must remain in force upon all mankind, and in all ages; as not depending either on time or place, or any other circumstances liable to change, but on the nature of God and the nature of man, and their unchangeable relation to each other."

Dwight L. Moody

D. L. Moody, *Weighed and Wanting* (Fleming H. Revell Co.: New York) pp. 47,48.

"The Sabbath was binding in Eden, and it has been in force ever since. This fourth commandment begins with the word 'remember,' showing that the Sabbath already existed when God wrote the law on the tables of stone at Sinai. How can men claim that this one commandment has been done away with when they will admit that the other nine are still binding?"

What Did You Say?

By Esther Moseley



A teacher in church school asked her nineteen students to list talents that could be used for praise to God. Sixteen students listed preaching, and every student listed singing. But all overlooked a most important talent, a gift given most of us. Not one student listed speech, voice, or the use of words.

Our words can express concern, sympathy or love, as well as other feelings. Our voices can impress, persuade, dissuade or assure. Speech is a wonderful gift from God that commands a loving response from His children. Consider some of the Biblical advice for using our voices:

Ten Ways To Voice Praise

1. Pray—"Pray for one another" (James 5:16)
2. Sing—"Come before his presence with singing" (Psalms 100:2)

3. Cry—"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet" (Isaiah 58:1)
4. Praise—"My lips shall praise thee" (Psalms 63:3)
5. Express joy—"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" (Psalms 100:1)
6. Speak wisely—"She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness" (Proverbs 31:26)
7. Laugh—"And a time to laugh" (Ecclesiastes 3:4)
8. Avoid evil—"Keep thy tongue from evil" (Psalms 34:13)
9. Love—"Speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15)
10. Educate the tongue—"The Lord God hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary" (Isaiah 50:4)

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lives in Marietta, Georgia.*

Thomas Enright and His \$1,000 Offer

By George Dellinger

Through the years, various writers have published collections of quotations from large numbers of authors, both Protestant and Catholic, that admit there is no basis in Scripture for Sunday observance. Such a collection appears as an article in this issue of THE SABBATH SENTINEL.

One of the most frequently cited writers is a Catholic priest named Thomas Enright. The author of this article feels it is time to put together some facts about this man.

Little is actually known about Enright's life. He was president of Redemptorist College, a Catholic school in Kansas City, Missouri, in the 1880's and 1890's. It was at that time he became known for his remarks about the origins of Sundaykeeping, which we shall discuss shortly.

In 1902, Enright lived in Detroit, Michigan. A letter still exists written by him, dated April 26, 1902, in which he refers to Detroit as "where I reside at present." By 1905, he was in St. Louis, Missouri. When he died is not known. However, A. N. Dugger and C. O. Dodd, in their book *A History of the True Religion* (2nd ed., 1968), state that when they were writing (1933) Enright was deceased (pp. 84-85).

In his curious and very unscholarly book *Sunday, the True Sabbath of God*, Samuel Walter Gamble devotes several pages to Enright. He states that he corresponded with Enright for ten months, ending on January 21,

1896, trying to force the priest into open debate on the Sabbath/Sunday question. Enright refused and Gamble publicly declared him a fraud (see Gamble's book, p. 141 and following).

It is interesting that Gamble claims Enright refused to debate him when it is known that in the 1890's the priest was involved in considerable debate in Missouri with Baptists over the question of the day of worship (See D.B. Ray's book *The Papal Controversy*, 1892, which is a lengthy record of the debates).

This is about all we know of Enright's life. Now to look at his famous claims for Sunday observance and his "\$1,000 Challenge."

Beginning as early as the 1880's, Enright was giving at various places a talk entitled "The Power and Authority of the Catholic Church." In this lecture he made several weighty claims for his church and its role in the establishment of Sunday observance. The lecture was delivered (remember that these are only representative occasions) in Hartford, Kansas, Feb. 18, 1884 (reported in the *Hartford Weekly Call* on Feb. 22). It was presented in Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1889 (reported in the *Workers Bulletin* on Sept. 17). It was given again in Harlan, Iowa, Dec. 15, 1889 (reported in *The Industrial American* on Dec. 19).

There are also some letters still in existence in which Enright repeated his challenge to various

ones who wrote to him about it. One of his letters, dated Jan. 11, 1892, also appeared in the *American Sentinel*, a Catholic magazine, on June 1, 1893.

Reading quotations in several sources, one finds the wording to be about the same in all cases, showing he used one lecture and offered one challenge, varying his language slightly from time to time as any speaker would do.

Now what did his challenge, which so stirred men's thinking at the time, say? Perhaps as representative of his words as any is the following selection from the lecture as he gave at Hartford, Kansas, and as it appeared in the *Weekly Call*. He said:

"Prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church."

It might be interesting here to insert some comments that appeared in *The Industrial American* following his appearance in Harlan, Iowa. The newspaper wrote: "The attendance at the Catholic church on Sunday evening was unusually large, many being unable to gain admittance. The subject treated on that evening was 'The Power and Authority of the Catholic Church.' Father Enright claimed that the authority and existence of his Church antedated that of the Bible. His remarks upon Sunday observance created something of a sensation."

Now, what was his \$1,000 challenge? He said, quoting again

from the Hartford, Kansas, lecture: "I will give \$1,000 to any man who will prove by the Bible alone that Sunday is the day we are bound to keep." Incidentally, Enright's failure to pay the money or show where it was enraged Gamble and led him to brand the priest and his offer a fraud. But when one reads Gamble's book and its incredible and absolutely groundless arguments for Sunday, it becomes quickly evident who was a fraud.

Was Thomas Enright correct, from the Catholic point of view, when he claimed Sunday observance was a product of his church? Elmer E. Franke, founder of the Peoples Christian Church, wrote to Enright asking about his \$1,000 challenge. Under date of Jan. 11, 1892, Enright wrote Franke and stated his offer to pay \$1,000 to anyone who could prove Sunday-keeping from the Bible. Franke then wrote to Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia for verification of Enright's position. He received a letter from the office of the chancellor for Archbishop Ryan. The letter stated: "Of course Father Enright is correct." The letter was signed 'Ign. F. Hoostman, Chancellor.' These letters are given in full in Franke's booklet "From Sabbath to Sunday," pp. 8-9.

The Adventists began to publish Enright's challenge in a tract called "\$1,000 Reward" in 1899. One or more branches of the Church of God, Seventh Day, published a similar tract for years. Various quotations from Enright have appeared through the years in pro-Sabbath literature.

Now some will say that Enright's statements are too old to be used today; that his ideas are antiquated, true then but no longer endorsed by his church. Consider these words: "It is most true that the Roman Catholics believe the doctrines of their church to be

unchangeable; and that it is a tenet of their creed, that what their faith ever has been, such it was from the beginning, such it is now and such it ever will be" (Charles Butler, *Book of the Roman Catholic Church*, quoted by John Dowling, *History of Romanism*, p. 548). Or these words:

"... it is a proverb even among Protestants that the Roman Church never changes" (Joseph Faa de Bruno, *Catholic Belief*, p. 174).

So it seems we may safely continue to quote Thomas Enright as a reliable source in our collections of quotations!



Left for Dead

By Lloyd Hunsaker

I was just finishing up my rounds as a night watchman at United Metal salvage yard in Caldwell, Idaho; it was October 2, 1983, a typical night of work for me. As usual, I was about to unlock the gate to go in to call my wife, Joyce, when I heard a noise behind me. I turned around just in time to see a Ford stationwagon bearing down on me. There was no place to run. The vehicle struck me, knocked me down, ran over my head, backed over me again and then sped off leaving me for dead.

It wasn't the first time I had been "knocked down," so to speak. Several years previously my family and I had faithfully attended church. But due to various circumstances, we eventually stopped going and let the things of the Lord slip from our lives. However, the Lord didn't let us slip

from His care. As Jeremiah said, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with lovingkindness" (31:3). Truly the Lord was drawing me back to Him—through a series of dramatic accidents.

The first was in 1969, when my son and I were in a terrible snowmobile wreck. One of my lungs was punctured and all the ribs on my left side were broken. My heart was pushed out of place and the doctor did not give me much hope. But the Lord had other plans and spared my life.

Several years later, I was traveling to another state in a motorhome, which caught fire and burned up. Once again the Lord spared my life. He was speaking to me, but I still wasn't listening. So he spoke to me again on that fateful night, October 2, 1983 at 10:30 p.m.

As the car sped away from the salvage yard leaving me for dead, my first thought was "What do I do now, Lord?" I somehow managed to crawl to my car and climb in. Hoping someone would hear, I started honking the horn until the battery went dead. No one came. I prayed for strength to remain conscious and that someone would find me in time. Through the night the Lord ministered to me by assuring me in my heart that His angels were watching over me and I would be all right. At 7 a.m. my prayers were answered, when a man who came by every morning found me and called an ambulance. When the paramedics arrived I was still conscious and told them where my keys were. Then they gave me a shot and I blacked out for several hours. I was rushed to Caldwell Memorial Hospital (now called West Valley Medical Center). When they found out how long I'd been injured, they said it was a miracle that I hadn't bled to death. I was transferred to Saint Alphonse's Regional Hospital in Boise.

When my family and Pastor Paul Woods arrived at the emergency room there, they saw an unrecognizable man whose head was swelled to the size of a basketball. My nose was only a bump and my eyes were completely shut. My scalp was half peeled from my skull and the doctors had to use a water pick to remove the gravel that was embedded in my head.

They didn't expect me to live, but God spared my life. The doctors told me I would probably be in the hospital for six months, but I was released in about three weeks. I became known as the "miracle man"—a testimony to the grace of God.

The afternoon of the fourth day in the hospital, Pastor Woods made his daily visit with a deep burden on his heart for my soul. I could not see

or talk, but I could hear and feel. He told me that God had been gracious with me and that this could be the last time the Lord would be merciful to me. He asked me the most important question in my life: "Will you yield your life completely to the Lord? He will heal you, but will you serve Him?" He went on to say, "Lloyd, I know you cannot speak, but you can pray in your heart. Would you like me to pray with you?" I nearly squeezed his hand off. Oh! How I wanted to. He prayed that my sins would be forgiven and that the Lord would accept me into His fold. I prayed, too—in my heart. The Lord hears our prayers and I was, from that moment on, a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Prior to the accident my wife had started going to church again; she and the church brethren had been praying for several months that the Lord would work in my life. That He has done—in a very powerful way.

There was an investigation into the "accident" by our local police department. They had some very good leads and did find the car, which had some of my hair on the underside. The culprit was caught, or so I thought. However, a week later, the investigating officer told me that there was still not enough evidence. The investigation went nowhere. My questions went unanswered and no one was ever charged with this bloody crime. To this time it is still considered a hit and run.

But I know the reason I'm alive today is because God decided my mission in life wasn't over. I thank Him every day for the miracle of my life.

—The author has only about 20% of the strength in his arms and must wear a tube to keep one eye drained. However, he and his wife are active in the Seventh Day Church of God, Caldwell, Idaho.



Taking a the Sa

By Cla

To many Christians, Sabbath-keeping is a highly emotional issue. Both sides of the Sunday-Sabbath conflict throw judgmental jabs and so create more confusion and hard feelings. Since the Sabbath issue is such an emotional topic, many fail to see the facts of scripture. As it is in many cases, when one's faith is trod upon, he often is quick to raise his defenses.

Over the past few years many have come to the conclusion that Sabbathkeeping was the revealed will of God, but soon found their new beliefs rejected and ridiculed, even by family and friends. Careers are placed in jeopardy because of the commitment to observe the Sabbath day. Over the long run, those who choose the seventh day as their day of worship often find themselves standing alone.

Why? Well, to put it simply, Sabbathkeeping is one of the most misunderstood and misapplied scriptural teachings of our day: Misunderstood by those who oppose its observance and misapplied by those who claim to keep it.

A couple of years ago a man called the church in response to an ad on the radio and began to get acquainted with my wife and me. One day while chatting with my

wife, the man said, "You shouldn't be keeping the Sabbath, because it is a burden to you." My wife thought for a moment and said, "I don't know about that, because I've never thought about it that way. After all, it's never been a burden to me." Throughout the conversation, it was related that a day such as the Sabbath should not be considered a burden. After all, a period of twenty-four hours in which one relaxes, ceases from his labors, enjoys family time free from daily distractions, and the enjoyment of worship surely contains no burdensome elements. After the discussion, the man had no comeback except to say, "That's right, for I've never thought of it that way." While some may make the Sabbath a burden by being legalistically strict, overall the Sabbath is not a burden. It serves as a time of spiritual nourishment and physical renewal.

Not only is the Sabbath thought of as a burden, it is also viewed with scorn and judgment by its opponents. Often the Sabbath observer's salvation is felt in jeopardy, or that he is earning his salvation by works and not by faith. Perhaps the classic response against the Sabbath is this: The

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Sabbath is only for the Jews. These accusations have caused many sincere Christians to reconsider their thoughts and convictions regarding the day's observance. Such judgments generally have no biblical basis, just emotional bias.

This "Jewish Sabbath" label attempts to make the Hebrews the sole proprietors of the weekly holy day. Contrary to popular belief, Jesus presents a totally different picture: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath: therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Within the passage one may clearly see the universal purpose and intent of the Sabbath. The day of rest was not meant for Jews only, but for humanity as a whole, just as "woman was made for man." The Sabbath was made for man, and Jesus is Lord (Master) of the Sabbath. It is His day; it is a day set aside to rest and worship God.

From a biblical standpoint, the Sabbath serves a vital link in the creation of man and his relationship with his Creator. Early in Genesis, one finds the record of the creation of man. In sequel, Genesis 2:1-3 says, "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had

made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God *blessed* the seventh day, and *sanctified* it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." On that day, God set aside a specific time frame to spend with His creation and gave this gift of time to His human creation. Jehovah "blessed" (seal of approval) and "sanctified" (set apart, made special or holy) the seventh day. The same consistent train of thought continues in Exodus 20 in which God charges those who follow His ways to "remember the Sabbath," reminding His children to continue the practice just as the Lord himself had done in the beginning.

The observance of the Sabbath is not an individual's attempt to earn his salvation; rather, it is practiced in deference to the revealed will of God. God has not established the Sabbath so that mankind may earn His favor; instead, the Sabbath day is given as a portrayal of the human's relationship to the creative God. The Sabbath honors the God of life.

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NEWS FROM THE BSA

Former BSA Director Dies

Jerome K. Boyd of New Enterprise, Penna., died on Friday, January 29, 1988 at Memorial Hospital of Bedford County. A Seventh Day Baptist, he was born February 2, 1912, near New Enterprise, the son of John and Nettie (Kagarise) Boyd. In May of 1932 he married Eva P. Stiffler, who died January 29, 1985. A retired farmer and township supervisor, active in community and local church affairs, Mr. Boyd is survived by two children, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and seven brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were held February 2 by pastors Kent L. Martin and Charles Graffius in the German Seventh Day Baptist Church, with interment at the Salemville, Penna., cemetery.

Mr. Boyd was first elected to the BSA board in 1979 for a two-year term. He was reelected in 1981 and again in 1983 for a four-year term, which just ended. His support of the Sabbath truth through BSA has been a blessing to so many.

Send Us Notices of Summer Meetings

As a service to the seventh-day community, THE SABBATH SENTINEL publishes in its classified ads section notices of national and regional meetings that are open to visitors. Now is the time to send us information. May 15 is the deadline for the July issue. There is no charge for this service; however, donations are appreciated.

And, if you'd like to take a supply of back issues of the SENTINEL, the BSA brochure, and other materials to summer meetings for sharing with others, please write and let us know.

New Confessions Booklet

By the time you read this, printing of a new BSA booklet should be completed. Two tracts, *Roman Catholic* and *Protestant Confessions about Sunday* will be combined as one booklet printed in our new format. Copies are available for 20¢ each, \$17 per hundred.

Cassette Tapes Now Available

Our library of Sabbath-related audio tapes is now a reality. The initial collection includes messages by Dr. Samuele Bacchiocchi, Calvin Burrell, Richard Wiedenheft, Daniel Porter, and Dr. Desmond Ford. All are available for a donation of \$3 each, \$2.50 each for 3 or more. A list of titles is included elsewhere in this issue. These cassettes should be excellent resources for sharing the Sabbath blessing with others.

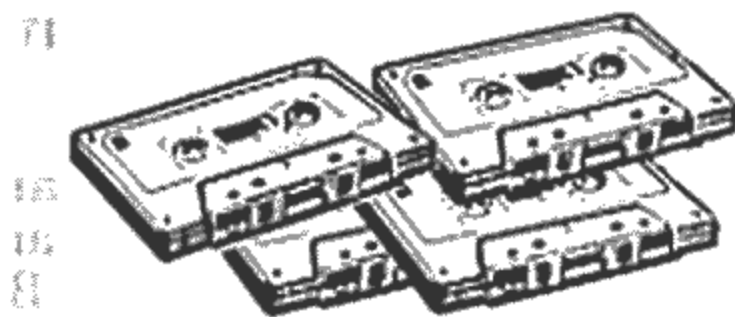
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NEWS

FROM THE SEVENTH DAY COMMUNITY

Blasting Out of TV Ghetto

Robert W. Nixon, the Adventist Church's Director of Communications, was among those attending the recent 45th Annual Convention of the National Religious Broadcasters. He told the participants at a workshop, "It's time for Christian outreach to blast out of the Sunday morning television and radioghettos." Nixon stated that the millions who don't watch religious broadcasts could be reached through religious spot advertisements.

Assemblies Braces for Backlash from Swaggart Scandal

Jacob O. Meyer, in a letter to supporters, wrote that he expects the Assemblies of Yahweh will experience reduced income as a result of the Jimmy Swaggart scandal. Such was the cast last summer after the Jim and Tammy Bakker affair. The same decline in donations was reported by many other religious broadcasts.

New Adventist Churches in Romania

At the same time that the Adventist church in Bucharest is struggling to recover from having its building razed by the government, two new congregations have been organized in the northern part of the country. A group of 120 members meets in Sintana de Mures, a village of 2,000; and a second church was organized in Tirgu Mures, where the Adventist community numbers nearly 1,000.

South African Groups Meet

Pastor James Siwane, of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of South Africa, reported that during October of last year representatives of eight Sabbathkeeping and two Baptist groups met to discuss ways in which they could cooperate; an executive committee comprised of two members from each of the groups was formed.

Earlier in the year, Seventh Day Baptist women of South Africa held their first women's convention—something they plan to make into an annual event.

SDB Missionaries Coming Home

David and Bettie Pearson will be returning home after many years of missionary service in Malawi. The Central Africa Conference has asked the SDB Missionary Society to supply replacements.

Adventist Woman Appointed Commissioner in Nigeria

Modupe Folosade Adeogun has been named commissioner of information, sports, and youth for Lagos State in Nigeria. Formerly a London correspondent for Nigeria's *Daily Times*, she is the first Adventist woman to be named to such a high office.

New SDA Conference in Ghana

The Africa-Indian Ocean Division of the SDA church has announced that the South Ghana Mission has become a conference. The area has experienced

tremendous growth—from over 11,000 in 1983 to over 26,000 last year.

Rod Henry Appointed to New SDB Post

Beginning in September of this year, Rodley L. Henry will assume responsibilities for a newly created job that involves two positions: Director of Pastoral Services for the SDB Council on Ministry and Director of Extension for the SDB Missionary Society. He will be responsible for administering education programs and counseling services for Seventh Day Baptist pastors and trainees and for providing consultation, seminars, and support relating to church planting.

Currently serving as a full-time Director of Extension, Henry had previously spent five years as a missionary in the Philippines.

AIDS Special Report

Biblical Church of God has published a special report on AIDS as the Jan/Feb 1988 issue of *Answers Publications Newsletter*. The 20-page document, which brings together Biblical, medical, and demographic information from a wide variety of sources, is available by writing P.O. Box 1234, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

Michigan Church of God Fights Pornography

Challenged by Pastor Max Morrow to choose a community ministry, the Owosso, Mich. Church of God (Seventh Day) got involved in the battle against pornography. They formed a citizens group (CAPS) and informed all pastors in the county of their efforts. The first

project was to develop a list of which stores did and did not carry pornographic material. Those with no porno were offered window decals which expressed the citizens' appreciation.

Another effort involved writing letters to local newspapers, informing them of the crusade. When charges of censorship were leveled at CAPS, Pastor Morrow responded with letters to the papers.

During the Pornography Awareness Week last October, CAPS sponsored a variety of activities including the showing of James Dobson's film, "A Winnable War" and a rally and balloon launch at the courthouse. Supportive responses from balloon finders came from as far away as Long Island, New York, and Canada.

CAPS continues to educate the public and to appeal to proprietors to stop selling pornography and to law officers to uphold existing laws.

Adventist Director Named to U.S. Government Committee

The United States Department of Education recently selected Dr. George P. Babcock, president of Home Study International (HSI) to serve on a committee to develop a national policy for home schooling. Recognizing the growing popularity of home schooling as well as the variety of laws and regulations at the state level, the federal government plans to develop a home schooling policy to recommend to state governments. For many years, the Adventist church, through HSI, has offered a wide variety of correspondence courses at all levels of education including the elementary grades.

CGI Ministerial Council Meets

Established by the Board of Trustees to function as an active governing body of the ministry of the church, the Ministerial Council of the Church of God, International met during December in Tyler, Texas. The eight-person council discussed the methodology for selecting its membership, the possibility of annually renewing local church charters, the effectiveness of local church councils, and the possibility of issuing ministerial credentials for a limited term. It was determined that doctrinal papers from lay members and ministers should be submitted to the Ministerial Council.

Just a few days before the Council meetings, CGI income passed the \$2 million mark for gross annual income.

SDA Growth Figures

At its meetings in New Orleans in 1985, the SDA General Conference set a goal of 2 million new members by the next meeting in 1990. At the halfway point, the church reports it is on track with more than 953,967 baptisms. The greatest growth is reported in the South American, Inter-American, and Eastern Africa divisions.

Developments in Adventist Media

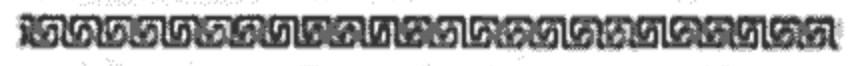
In 1986 the board of trustees of the Adventist Media Center (AMC) asked the SDA General Conference to appoint a commission to study the church's use of media and make recommendations for its programs, which include *Voice of Prophecy*, *Faith for Today*, *It Is Written*, *La Voz de la Esperanza*, and *Breath of Life*. On January 5th of this year,

the commission held its final meeting and in an interview in *Adventist Review*, General Conference President Neal C. Wilson reported on the work of the commission.

In a scientific survey conducted by the commission, 51% of the respondents indicated that they knew "nothing at all" about Adventists. Calling this statistic "shocking," Wilson said, "The bottom line is that we must make more effective use of television and radio, as well as other mass media, to get the gospel out and prepare a people for the return of the Lord."

Among the commission's recommendations is that spot TV and radio advertisements be used to reach specific segments of the public, that new radio programs for Black and Hispanic teenagers be developed, and that television programs be created for young adults.

Also recommended was a more centralized organizational structure which would require ministry speakers to report to the AMC president. While each ministry would maintain its own identity, each would work with AMC management to accomplish the church's overall media objectives. The new structure will not include pooling of monies raised by the individual programs.



The happiest people are those who discover that what they should be doing and what they are doing are the same things.





Delegates of the Brazilian and Argentinian Churches of God (Seventh Day) gathered in front of a newly dedicated temple in Nova Prata do Iguacu PR Brazil. They met here to develop plans for the two groups to work more closely together (Photo courtesy ACTS).



A newly established congregation of the Brazilian Church of God (Seventh Day) in Ponta Grosse PR Brazil; Caildo de Faric is the pastor (Photo courtesy ACTS).

COMMENT

NEWS AND COMMENTARY

Students may hand out religious materials in public schools, according to a November ruling by a U.S. District Court. In *Thompson, Shunk, and Eakle v. Waynesboro [PA] Area School District*, Judge Sylvia Rambo ordered that three youngsters be allowed to distribute *Issues and Answers* in their junior high. The paper is published monthly by Student Action for Christ. The school district may appeal.

Iran's Khomeini, has set himself above the Koran, declaring that the state has the right to overrule any law of Islam's sacred book. (This scribe refuses to use the title, Ayatollah, which means Holy Man.) Khomeini has thereby proven himself to be no fundamentalist, even in an Islamic sense—he scorns his religion's scriptures. The Koran commands that Muslims live at peace with non-believers around them who are peaceful. Yet Khomeini has slaughtered thousands of Baha'is and Christians. Speaking in Wilmington, DE, recently, the Rt. Rev. Hassan Dehqani-Tafti, Anglican Bishop of Iran, described government approved terrorism which caused his family's exile and the murder of his son. The bishop, 67, does not see an official return of Christianity in his lifetime. The Armenian and the Assyrian Orthodox Christians have been in Iran many centuries. Like the Anglicans, they are suffering greatly.

Conservative protestants in Central and South America have grown from about 5000 in 1900 to more than 40 million. This region's predominant faith is Roman Catholicism, often mixed with paganism or Marxism; yet protestants now make up 10% of the population. Seventh-day groups, particularly Adventist and Church of God, have made great gains in spite of persecution. Perhaps because of it.

Canada's Supreme Court has ruled that the province of Ontario may continue to fully fund Catholic schools, but not the schools of other religions. The decision stems from a provision of the British North America Act of 1867, which considers the public schools to be protestant. Protestantism has been all but banished by secularism; and many thought the new Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbade such discrimination. The Seventh-day Adventist church and 22 other parties who had fought against Ontario's favoritism expressed shock at the outcome.

Phillips Brooks Said: It is as much presumption to think you can do nothing as to think there is some critical place which just you and no one else can fill

The latter folly supposes that God exhausted Himself when He made you; the former folly, equally impious, supposes that God made a hopeless blunder when He made you.

MAILBOX

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Seventh-day Group in Poland

I'm a young member of Unity of the Polish Brethren—Christians. This group arose in Cracow in 1562, separating from the Calvinist church. Our present organization, established in 1984, has increased to about 120 persons. After we had studied the Bible, we acknowledged the importance of the law of God. From this moment we began to celebrate the Sabbath, too. Therefore we have an interest in your association.

Piotr Kowalik
Poland

Appreciates Association, Disagrees With Editorial

Your association really helped my wife and me in our quest for further truths about Sabbath observance; and your encouragement concerning the ads we ran were very stimulating. The February article about the McGuire family's fair booth was simply heartwarming. These people are my kind of folks. I appreciate the editorials, although I sort of disagreed with the one on the end times. While I agree that the message of salvation through Yahshua the Messiah is of ultimate importance, I do not feel that this fact should in any wise overshadow the fact that we are now living in the last days.

Larry Acheson
Rushville, Illinois

Sabbath/Environment Link

There is a direct link between the abuse of the Sabbath and the

monumental environmental problems we have today. Consider how much our environment would cleanse itself if the entire industrial apparatus would shut down one day each week. In fact, we would not be living the kind of industrialized lifestyle we do, because our entire mindset would be different.

Bill Stratz
Hubbardston, Michigan

Old TSSs Bring New Member

Someone gave me some copies of some four and five year old issues of *THE SABBATH SENTINEL*. It is a wonderful magazine. I'm hoping the membership is still \$20, because that is what I'm enclosing.

Name Withheld
Camden, Ohio

Church Studies Sabbath

Please send me two copies of your *Directory of Sabbath-observing Groups*. I would appreciate any other material you might have on Sabbathkeeping as my church is now going through a study, some would say an argument, on whether or not we should keep the Sabbath.

Name Withheld
Bedford, Texas

Enjoys Church News

I enjoy TSS very much, especially the articles about what the other churches are doing and how they are handling their problems. I would like to see more about Israel.

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Divorce and remarriage: under what conditions? Ask Family of God, Campus View 727, Bloomington, IN 47401-2175. (2-6)

Holy Day Observers—"New Moons vs. Sacred Jewish Calendar" Free! The Christian Church of God, PO Box 3827, Lantana, FL 33465. (Sabbath services greater West Palm Beach area). (9-8)

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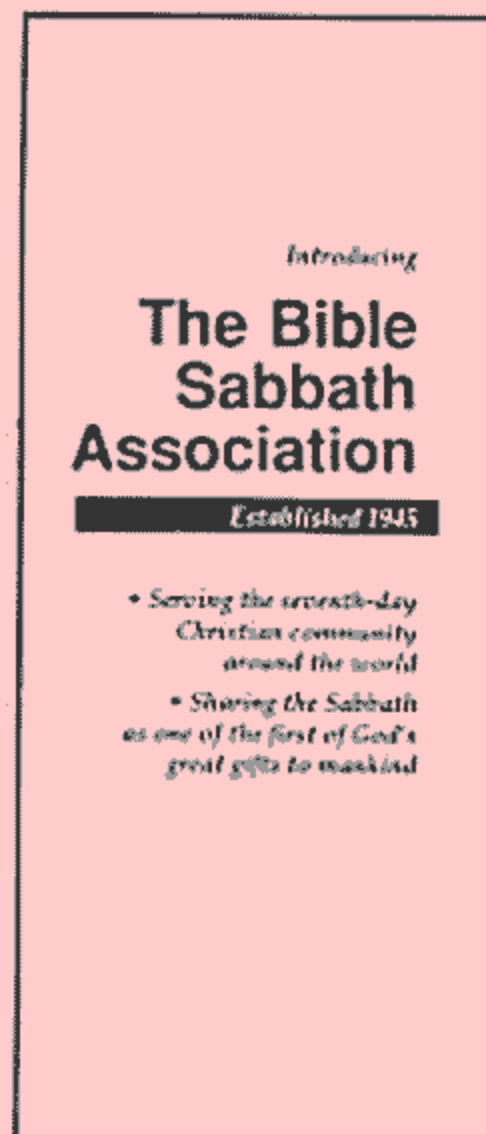
In succinct, easy-to-read paragraphs, this tri-fold brochure explains what BSA is all about. It outlines our mission and history, lists some of our publications and services, and invites readers to become members. A tear-off card is provided for easy reply.

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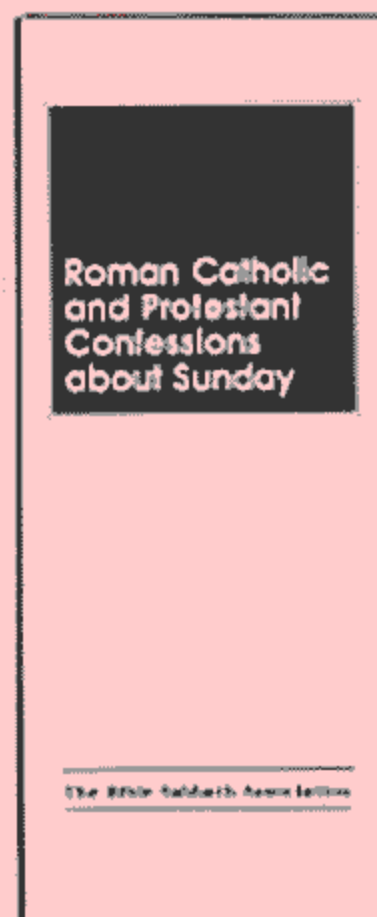
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