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Let him declare what he seeth."  
— Isaiah 21:6 —

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How are they different?

# What and Why Are Seventh Day Baptists?

**D**ID you say, 'Seventh Day Baptist'? I've never heard of that church." That is understandable, for we are a small denomination, compared with many others, and our churches are widely scattered. Because of this, we are little known by people in general.

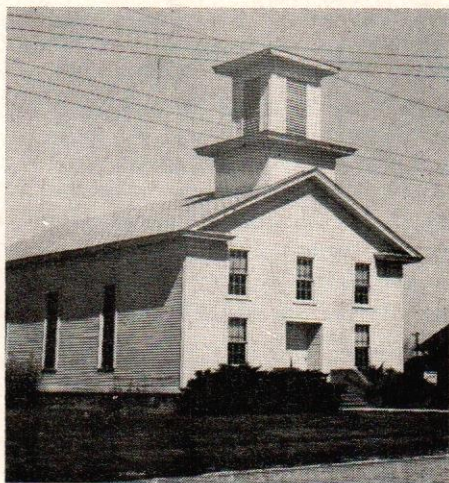
## Christians

A Seventh Day Baptist church is a local branch of the Church Universal—the body of Christ. Since the church is for believers, only one who has looked in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ belongs to this Church Universal. So, before one can become a Seventh Day Baptist, he must first be a Christian.

## Baptists

We are not Methodists, Lutherans, Adventists, Presbyterians, but Baptists. Our polity and belief are like those of other Baptists except for the observance of the seventh day. Since baptism by immersion is a prerequisite for becoming a Baptist, we require this as a condition for church membership. We believe that baptism is for believers only; that it is an outward symbol of the inward change which took place at conversion. "By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body" — the Church. Water baptism symbolizes this baptism of the Holy Spirit. Water speaks of cleans-

ing — the washing away of sins by the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son. Burial in the baptismal waters speaks of the death of self to the old life, and coming up out of the water indicates rising to "live in newness of life." Being baptized is not only a public means of confession before men that one has become a Christian, but also a declaration of one's purpose to dedi-



*A midwest Seventh Day Baptist church*

cate himself to Christ and His service.

### **Sabbathkeepers**

The one difference between us and other Baptists is our observance of the seventh day. After "the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is," He "blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Thus the Sabbath is, in a sense, creation's birthday, set apart by the Creator as a weekly reminder of Himself and of His creative power.

But the Sabbath is more than a memorial of creation. It was designed for man's physical well-being. The underlying idea is rest—"in it thou shalt not do any work." During the six days of doing "all thy work" the body and mind become tired. The Sabbath gives time for the effects of fatigue to wear off—for body and mind to recuperate, so that one may begin the new week with renewed strength and vigor.

There is more than physical rest intended, however. The Sabbath was designed also for man's physical well-being. When God created the earth, He put into it everything man would ever need to supply his physical needs. Then He provided for man's spiritual needs by setting aside the seventh day in which man could be free from his daily tasks so that he could have a time of joy in fellowship with his Creator. The Sabbath is a day for worship without the distractions of the daily routine. Jesus' own example takes us to the house of God on the Sabbath. We copy God by resting on the Sabbath; we copy Jesus by going to God's house on His holy day.

Jesus also gave us an example of

service on the Sabbath. He considered deeds of mercy, teaching the Word of God, proclaiming the good news of salvation, "doing well" on the Sabbath. Note that it is our work, not God's, which is prohibited. Whatever promotes rest and worship contributes to our Christian growth, and is conducive to spiritual welfare, is in keeping with the sacredness of the Sabbath.

### **Not Legalists**

Seventh Day Baptists are not, as some have judged us, legalists. That is, we do not obey the Fourth Commandment because of slavish fear, nor to earn our salvation. Eternal life cannot be earned; it is "the gift of God." Salvation is "not of works" but "by grace, through faith" in the atoning death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The law was given to define sin. "Sin is the transgression of the law," and "the wages of sin is death." The Ten Commandments convict us of sin and put us under condemnation, thus showing us our need of a Savior. When we receive the Lord Jesus—accept Him as our personal Savior—our sins are forgiven, and we are "passed from death to life," for He died in our stead, paying the penalty for us.

Sin is sin. It is the same after salvation as before—the transgression of the law of God. "What then" asks Paul, "shall we sin because we are . . . under grace?" God forbid. Put the definition of sin into this verse: "Shall we 'transgress the law' because we are . . . under grace? God forbid! A Christian does not live a life of sin and lawlessness, but of willing obedience to the law of God.

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# To Keep It or Not to Keep It

KENNETH H. FREEMAN

SOMEONE said to me one time, "It is easy for you to keep the Sabbath because you must have been raised to observe the seventh day as the Sabbath."

How wrong can you be? What religious training I received emphasized the importance of regarding Sunday as the Christian day of rest and worship.

Following the death of my father, I could not forget his last words to me: "Give your heart to God. Live a Christian life." Finally surrendering to the Lord by repentance, conversion, and baptism, I keenly felt my lack of additional knowledge of the will of God, so I began a diligent study of God's Word.

About this time my wife was also converted, and although I rejoiced with her, yet we soon had a problem to settle! Members of my wife's family observed the seventh day Sabbath for several generations. Naturally the subject of the Sabbath arose in our discussion as to which day we would observe, as we wanted to walk together in our Christian as well as in our married life.

We decided that we should study the subject, and my wife made me an offer I could not refuse! It was in the form of a challenge—if I could prove from the Bible that Sunday should be observed as the Sabbath,

a day of rest, or the Lord's Day, then she would observe Sunday with me; and if she could prove that the seventh day, Saturday, should be honored as the Sabbath, we would keep that day.

Knowing that the vast majority of Christians observed Sunday as the day of worship, I thought that surely there would be ample proof to substantiate their belief, so I confidently accepted the challenge.

To my chagrin I found a dearth of substantiation in the Bible to prove the validity of the observance of the first day of the week as the Sabbath, a day of rest or worship. Recognizing my inadequacy in the proficient study of the Bible, I called on my clergymen friends and church member acquaintances for assistance. The majority replied that I should not be so concerned, for since most Christians observe the first day of the week, I should go along with the crowd.

The few that offered Bible references mentioned I Corinthians 16 where a collection of foodstuff, fruit, vegetables, and other commodities was to be made for the poor saints at Jerusalem. This collecting, by the way, was not to be done when Paul came for meetings. Acts 20 was also quoted, but I found that all this proved was that there was a

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# Steps to Organizing a Branch Chapter

**T**HE Bible Sabbath Association has commenced a program that will be the most important undertaking of its history. This undertaking is the establishment of branch chapters wherever possible, hopefully throughout the country. Up until this time there has not been any attempt to establish a branch chapter, or local organization of any kind, associated with the Bible Sabbath Association. This has been one of the major contributing factors that has impeded the growth and usefulness of the BSA as an organization throughout its history. With local chapters located and functioning throughout the country, the BSA will become a vital force in God's effort to bring Christ and His holy Sabbath to the nation.

Another reason branch chapters are important is because they promote fellowship and love among God's Sabbath-keeping people, as no other organization can. We like to say that we keep all of God's commandments, but do we actually demonstrate them as Jesus said we should? Jesus indicated that we should love the Lord with all our being, and love our neighbor as ourselves. Why not carry this one step further and demonstrate our love for one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ, by agreeing to come together in Christian

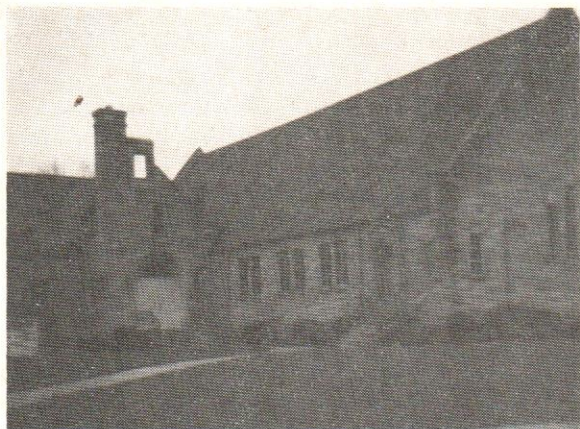
fellowship and better understanding?

There is a lot of talk about unity among Sabbath keepers today. The marvelous thing about the local chapter concept is that it allows for unity in spirit and action by members of various different Sabbath-keeping churches and denominations without compromising any of their beliefs. With the love and understanding that grows out of such an organization as this, God's work cannot help but go forward.

Time is growing short and we as God's people need to know and understand each other so that we will be able to stand together during this time of tribulation that will soon be upon us all. As fellow Christians, we need to seek unity of spirit and fellowship by working together in the formation of branch chapters. By doing so, our lives will be changed and our Christian outlook broadened, so that we will be more useful as servants of Christ.

If you believe that you would like to form a branch chapter, utilizing the basic concepts outlined above, you should first determine if there is another Sabbath-keeping church represented in your community. It has been decided that this will be a basic consideration in forming local

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## Directors Meet in Fort Wayne

On Sabbath, April 21, President Terril D. Littrell spoke at the forenoon worship service of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Fort Wayne, Ind., (top picture), and presented the interdenominational program of the Bible Sabbath Association.

In the afternoon the B.S.A. board of directors formed a panel, as President Littrell led them in a group discussion with members of the congregation who had questions regarding the work of the Association.

The THANK-U-GRAM, pictured at the right, was sent to the church from the Bible Sabbath Association.



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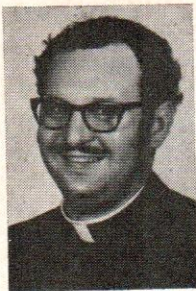
THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISH TO THANK PASTOR P. MARIO RUP AND CHURCH AT FORT WAYNE FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO US AT OUR RECENT VISIT TO YOUR CHURCH TO PRESENT OUR INTERDENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM.

THE BIBLE SABBATH ASSOCIATION  
TERRIL D. LITRELL, PRESIDENT

Pictured at the meeting (bottom picture, left to right) were Pastor Edgar Lippincott, Leo L. Floyd, Mrs. Lawrence Burrell, Lawrence Burrell, President Littrell, Pastor Kenneth Freeman, Eugene Lincoln, and Dr. Allen R. Babcock.



## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*We apologize for a mistake on our part which caused this column, intended for the June issue, to be omitted. We are printing both it and the column for July in this issue.*

### LOOKING AHEAD

ONCE again, the Bible Sabbath Association is filled with good news, of growth, expansion, changes and new services. All together, it seems almost dizzying.

As the result of the annual business meeting of the officers and board of directors at Fort Wayne, Ind., April 22, which was the first to be held east of the Mississippi in many years, the B.S.A.'s overall plan was viewed, and both short-range and long-range goals were established. To handle these effectively, it is my responsibility to see that every member understands the basic nature and purpose of these plans. I shall give you a brief resumé now, and all card holding members will be receiving a personal message from me at a later date.

We are fortunate in having on our board a number of executives who are capable of seeking out new opportunities and putting them to work for the good of the B.S.A. The directors work very closely together. It was

as if we were all parents, and the B.S.A. was our baby.

The board of directors voted unanimously that the B.S.A. take the initiative in promoting closer cooperation on a denominational level between Sabbath-keeping organizations. The board then voted to establish the position of a full-time executive to work for the association in supervising its affairs, promoting its programs at denominational camp meetings, conferences, and conventions and to serve as the point of contact for those wishing to find out about the B.S.A. Since your president has been serving somewhat already in this capacity, he was appointed by the board to serve on a full-time basis with a salary comparable to what he would make in his present teaching profession.

I am deeply grateful for the confidence indicated by this appointment. but I am humbled by the heavy responsibility of the continuing development and progress of our association. The office of president is a sacred trust, and I am committed to be worthy of that trust.

It has been a burning desire of my predecessor, Mr. Albert G. Gearhart, and others who have served the B.S.A. in executive capacities to see the day when full-time workers and headquarters services could be established on a scale hitherto unparalleled, with every branch bursting forth with new energetic outreach and accomplishment.

Long-range plans were made to hire a full-time editor of THE SABBATH SENTINEL in June, 1974. This position will be offered to Eugene Lincoln, who has been serving the association in this capacity on a gratis basis since 1960. The directors feel that Mr. Lincoln has done well over



the years operating as editor as a sideline. However, we all realize that his own employment has been so demanding and tiring that at times his position was not warranted at the very best.

The directors named Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman to fill the position of B.S.A. radio director, which has been vacant since August, 1972. Pastor Freeman, who is considered a professional radio speaker with over 30 years in broadcasting, is known for his pleasing voice and conversational narrative style. The B.S.A. is fortunate to have such a person as Pastor Freeman to serve in the capacity of radio director.

These accomplishments are not "miracles"! Everything has been carefully planned. The actions of the directors are due to team work. They are confident in the future of the B.S.A., they see its potential, and they invite the involvement of the membership in meeting the needs of the association. Great challenges lie ahead of us!

One of the ways devised to help meet the need for increased finances is that the suggested annual membership contribution be changed from \$5 for individuals and \$8 for families to \$10 for individuals as well as families. We are mindful that any change in our structure will seem awkward for a while, but we trust that all members will eventually come to agree with us and become doubly assured that the moves of the directors were certainly in the best interest of the B.S.A.

The administration of a more vast sum of funds increases both our responsibilities and opportunities. Only as long as our financial situation is sound are we able to take advantage

of the largest opportunities we could not have handled in past years.

In closing I wish to echo the statement of one of our new and enthusiastic directors, Mr. Leo L. Floyd, Jr., who after attending his first meeting with the directors said: "I feel that we have had a very productive weekend."

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## ELECTION TIME

Election time is near and this is a plea to all members to vote. The ballot is your individual voice in our association. You select the officers and board of directors of this, the only international organization whose sole purpose is the maintenance and promotion of the seventh-day Sabbath, and your ballot helps to keep it truly that! Your vote is **IMPORTANT!**

First, make it a point to find out all you should know about each individual candidate. Secretary Lawrence Burrell can furnish you with this information. Elect those who will continue the B.S.A.'s present program. Elect those who will promote a progressive program in the future.

Please do not vote in the dark. The next two years will be important ones for the B.S.A. We desire to add more services to our membership in the next two years. If we add more services, we must have **ACTIVE** officers and directors. There can be no room for the kind who sit back and do nothing, thinking only of the honor of the office they hold. The association is only as strong as its leadership.

We desire that our services be better coordinated in order to serve **ALL** members of the association in even  
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# KEEPING POSTED

## **Sabbathkeeper Wins Case**

Discriminatory employment practice was decreed in the case of Riley vs. Bendix Corp, in a Florida U. S. Court of Appeals case. Riley, a Seventh-day Adventist, refused to work on a Friday night shift, and the court upheld his right to religious liberty and thus to continue in his employment.

## **Monument to be Removed**

The U. S. District Court in Utah has ordered that a "Ten Commandment" monument erected on the court house grounds in Salt Lake City by the Eagles fraternal organization be removed. The court felt this was promulgating certain religious principles in preference to other schools of thought. Nine such monuments also had been placed in other Utah cities.

## **Even Bible Tells of Water Gate Confessions**

*The Living Bible*, published two years ago, tells about weeping and confession of national sins at Jerusalem's Water Gate, 2500 years ago.

Then as now, the participants were high government officials. But in that incident the confessions were voluntary!

It all came about when the Jew-

ish nation, after 70 years of captivity in Babylon, returned and rebuilt the ancient gates of their capital city. One of these was the Water Gate.

A meeting was convened at this gate to discuss the fact that the clergy, political leaders, and citizens alike were disobeying the laws God gave a thousand years earlier. Two of these same laws, "Thou shalt not steal" and "Thou shalt not lie," are prominent again in today's Water-gate affair.

In the earlier event the people broke out into weeping and confession when they realized how many of God's laws they themselves had broken along with their leaders.

But it ended for the good of all concerned. A national reform was decided on, and agreement reached for everyone—politicians and average citizens alike—to obey all of God's laws thereafter. A happy celebration was begun, giving gifts and feasting, because everyone felt glad that righteousness had prevailed and God's laws were again being enforced.

The Living Bible tells of this historic event in the Old Testament Book of Nehemiah, chapters eight and nine:

In mid-September, all the people assembled at the plaza in front of the Water Gate and requested Ezra, their religious

leader, to read to them the law of God which He had given to Moses. So Ezra the priest brought out to them the scroll of Moses' laws. He stood on a wooden stand made especially for the occasion so that everyone could see him as he read. He faced the square in front of the Water Gate, and read from early morning until noon.

Nehemiah 8:1-3.

### **Change Is Asked In N. Y. Blue Laws**

After an hour of debate, the New York Senate approved a bill that would revise restrictions on Sunday selling. Fines would be increased from a maximum of \$10 to a maximum of \$100 for the first offense, but a jail sentence could not be imposed. Now a violator may be sent to jail for up to a year.

In addition, violators would not be required to forfeit commodities exposed for sale on Sunday. Another section lists items that may not be sold on Sunday. The bill was sent to the Assembly after passage.

"The present blue laws, passed many years ago, have outlived their usefulness," Sen. Bernard C. Smith of Northport, sponsor of the bill, said. "The current blue laws . . . are not truly logical."

Sen. Paul E. Bookson of Manhattan, among others, urged an elimination of all prohibitions on Sunday selling. He said that the bill would permit a car washer to work on Sunday but not a seller of toasters or pencils.

The bill would prohibit Sunday sales of fresh meat, produce, groceries, clothing and clothing accessor-

ies, furniture, housewares, home, business or office furnishings, appliances, motor vehicles, hardware, tools, paints, building and lumber supply materials, jewelry, silverware, watches, clocks, luggage, musical instruments, and recordings or toys.

Exception would be groceries with six or fewer employes on duty, which could remain open on Sunday and conduct business.

### **Non-Profit Papers Fight For Survival**

Religious, veterans, and fraternal organizations are battling side by side with trade unions to persuade Congress to roll back the mail rate increases which the Postal Service has imposed on non-profit publications.

Witnesses before the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee recently included George M. Wilson, managing editor of *Decision* magazine, publication of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and James F. O'Neil, publisher of the *American Legion Magazine*. Labor's statement was submitted by Andrew J. Biemiller, AFL-CIO legislative director.

*Decision*, according to Wilson, is the largest religious periodical in the United States, more than four million copies mailed each month.

Said Wilson: "Where the increase in postal rates will result in the cessation or limitation of the mailing of religious material, the exercise of religious freedom is taxed, whatever it might otherwise be labeled."

Speaking for the Legion, O'Neil testified that the postal rate increase for non-profit publications is "the most serious financial problem" the Legion publication has ever faced.

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# About Writing to Your Congressman

*As Viewed by BSA President Littrell*

Congressmen usually vote as the people want them to vote. Sometimes they may have to vote as they think best. The people have a chance every two years to decide whether they are doing a good job or not. On most issues they try to represent the views of the majority of the voters of their particular district.

If a congressman gets a lot of mail against "Sunday Blue Laws," for example, he may consider it really a "hot" issue and vote accordingly. He will probably also consider how people in his district may differ from the national average.

Every congressman keeps track of the mail coming in—how many letters in favor of an issue, how many against it. How much attention he may pay to that when actually voting may depend on the individual congressman. If a congressman has already made up his mind on "Blue Laws," then the amount of mail may not influence him. If he is undecided about the issue, this may have some influence, especially if the writer gives good reasons.

There is a technique in writing your Congressman; sheer numbers may not be as influential as WHAT is said! The BEST letters that give good sound arguments, briefly stated,

will bring the most positive results.

We recommend that any B.S.A. member who wishes to write to his Congressman work through the Washington D. C., chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association. The chapter secretary can furnish you with a form letter, properly worded and typed up in good order. All you need to do then is type in your name and address sign it, and send it on to your Congressman.

All interested parties should direct their correspondence to The Washington D. C. Chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association, P. O. Box 168, College Park, Maryland 20704.

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## "SEND IT TO MY OFFICE"

Why not do what many businessmen do? Order a second subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL, and have it sent to your office?

That way you can look through it when the mail arrives—perhaps share it with a colleague. And you have the SENTINEL as a welcome companion on the ride home.

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If you don't know what you want out of life, how will you know when you have found it?

## New "Echoes" Program Begins

The Bible Sabbath Association has initiated a new type of radio program with Kenneth H. Freeman as the speaker. It is a five-minute broadcast heard on eight stations five days per week. The program is repeated each day for five days, then a new program is used for the following week. This method employs the time-proven practice in teaching of "spaced repetition." It would have been difficult to memorize the alphabet and the multiplication tables if we had heard them one time. But because we heard them several times, we were able to keep them in mind.

One of the objectives of the Bible Sabbath Association is to keep adding new stations until the message of the Sabbath truth may be heard

from coast to coast. You can help in this project by either donating directly to the Bible Sabbath Association's radio work or by sponsoring a station carrying the program.

Write to us for more details.

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TO KEEP IT OR NOT TO KEEP IT?

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gathering of the disciples to eat a common meal on the first day of the week.

My wife offered the thought that since the Sabbath was given to commemorate creation, that as long as creation lasted the Sabbath should be observed. To counter this fact I was told that I was never in Egypt, therefore would not be obligated to keep the Sabbath to honor my deliv-



The new "Echoes From Eden" is now on the air on these stations:

KBLE-FM, Seattle, Wash. (93.3 mHz)—12:05 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

KFNF, Shenandoah, Iowa (920 kH)—4:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

KOAM, Pittsburg, Kan. (860 kH)—11:45 a.m., Mon.-Fri.

KOFE, St. Maries, Idaho (1480 kH)—12:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

KXEN, St. Louis, Mo. (1010 kH)—5:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

WBRI, Indianapolis, Ind. (1500 kH)—1:30 p.m., Mon. and Fri.

WMOO, Mobile, Ala. (1550 kH)—3:35 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

WNWI, Valparaiso, Ind. (1080 kH)—4:25 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

We invite your support of the new "spot" programs on these and other stations. Send donations to:

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erance from Egypt. But the Fourth Commandment gives the main reason for us to observe the seventh day. "...for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore [for that reason] the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it."

It was a little startling to me to find Hebrews 4 in my Bible read the same as in the Bibles of Sabbath keepers. Part of it reads: "There remaineth therefore a rest [Margin Or, keeping of a sabbath] to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."

On what day did God cease from His works? Hebrews 4:4 and Genesis 2:1-3 tell us that God ceased from His works on the seventh day of the week. If we are to enter into His rest, we are to cease from our works as God did from His—on the seventh day of the week.

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## STEPS TO ORGANIZING A BRANCH CHAPTER

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chapters, as it would not be desirable to organize a chapter where only one church exists. If there is at least one other Sabbath-keeping church located in your community, the next step would be to contact B.S.A. headquarters to determine if there are other B.S.A. members located in your area. Contacting those who are members of the B.S.A. will make it easier in that they will have a possible interest in promoting the B.S.A. by forming a branch chapter. At times there will be recipients of THE SAB-

BATH SENTINEL in a given area who may not be members. These individuals will be good contacts. Seeking an audience with the various pastors of the churches represented and outlining the B.S.A. program will sometimes bring results and cooperation.

If you have sufficient interest, then you should meet with interested parties and draw up a constitution and bylaws for the local chapter. Copies of the Washington chapter constitution and bylaws are available to help in this regard. Once you have your constitution and bylaws, the chapter, by vote of the charter members, will then come into existence. The chapter members will elect its officers and the chapter will become a living, functioning organization.

The B.S.A. board of directors has established certain bylines for the formation of branches. These bylines have already been published in the SENTINEL. One such byline states that a branch chapter should have no less than ten members. This is for granting a charter and gaining recognition as a branch chapter. You don't have to wait until you have ten members to organize. The Washington chapter had only six interested persons who met and organized it. Since its organization this chapter has grown far beyond the minimum number of members. If there are not ten interested people in your area but several who want to organize, go ahead. Step out on faith and you will be surprised at what God will do for you.

Once the chapter is organized, its members can determine what sort of programs it should have, how often the members should meet, etc. The Washington chapter has a monthly meeting of its officers (usually at the

beginning of the month), a monthly general meeting for all of its members and interested persons, plus a quarterly business meeting for attending to such business that is of interest to all of its members. But please remember, your local chapter will be only as effective as its officers and members are. If its officers and members are willing to work and be led by the Holy Spirit in carrying out an effective witness, the chapter's efforts will not go unrewarded.

I appeal to you, and challenge you, brethren and sisters in Christ, to demonstrate your love for one another by forming branch chapters. Christ will bless you and the Bible Sabbath Association will be a more vital force in carrying out God's program because you did.

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## **You Can Join When You Are Twelve**

You don't have to be any older to join the B.S.A. Young people have a burning desire to help their world. And how mature their desire can be!

When you become a member of the Bible Sabbath Association, you can do more in your Sabbath School and church. You can share in bringing the light of the Sabbath truth to people everywhere. And you sign your name and actions to what you know is right.

To join, talk to a B.S.A. member near you (possibly one of your family or friends). He or she can get the simple application form and interview you when you are ready. Or you may write to The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

## **WHAT AND WHY ARE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST?**

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What, then, is the difference? For the believer the law is written in his heart. It is no longer an external thing to be obeyed because of fear of the penalty, but an inward thing to be obeyed because of gratitude for salvation. Under grace, love is the motive which impels obedience. "This is the love of God, that we keep his commandments."

### **To Sum It Up**

We Seventh Day Baptists are Christians whose polity and beliefs, including baptism by immersion, are like other Baptists, but who, unlike most denominations, observe the seventh day as the weekly day of rest and worship. We can find no divine sanction for a change in the day which God Himself "blessed and sanctified" in the beginning of time, and which He commands men to keep.

It is the seventh day which God calls His own, and of which Christ Jesus declared Himself Lord. In all the New Testament there is no precept or example for observing any other day. So members of Seventh Day Baptist churches are expected to follow Christ as Lord of the Sabbath by observing the seventh day of the week—the true Lord's Day.

### **Editor's Note:**

This article is available in tract form from the American Sabbath Tract Society, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.



A Note  
from  
the Editor

## Shaving with Toothpaste

**T**HIS is not really a story that I like to tell, for it shows how dis-oriented I can be early in the morning when I'm only half awake.

It happened several years ago. My son Mike had bought me a travel kit containing toothbrush and paste, razor and tube of shaving cream, nail file, and the usual run of things found in such kits. I was happy to have one and anxious to try it out.

The opportunity came before many weeks. We attended a Bible Sabbath Association meeting at Fairview, Okla., staying at the Burrells' home over the weekend.

Sunday morning I rose early, for Mike—who had accompanied me—and I were to drive to Oklahoma City to catch a plane home. I'm sure my eyes were at least partly open, but the events which followed do not seem to indicate this.

Going into the bathroom, I sloshed some water over my face, then reached for a tube in the kit and proceeded to spread the contents on thickly. There was a fleeting thought that somehow it did not have the right consistency, but I did not suspect anything wrong.

I ran the razor over my face. It did not go smoothly but seemed to

stick; I had to apply pretty much push to make it go at all. A few red patches appeared where my face had been nicked.

By now I realized something was wrong, so I looked down at the tube. In big letters that a half-blind person could have read at a distance of twenty feet, the words jumped out at me: "COLGATE TOOTH-PASTE."

I am sure Colgate tooth paste is effective—for brushing teeth. I can say with certainty, however, that for shaving (pardon the grammar) it just ain't no good! It was not made for that purpose. I cannot report how well Williams shaving cream cleans one's teeth, but I doubt if it is very effective either. In fact, if I had used it and had emerged from the bathroom foaming at the mouth, possibly everyone would have run to the nearest exit—window or door, or perhaps a quickly-made new one—to get away from me before I bit them!

Most things have a specified use and are not too effective for other things. You *can* use a chisel as a screwdriver or vice versa—but neither practice is recommended.

The Lord appointed the seventh day as a rest day. "In it," He commanded, "you shall not do any work." It is possible to use it as a work day, but that is not the use for which it was intended. It is not to be denied that many sincere, effective Christians observe Sunday. But how much more effective they might be in the Lord's plan if they were to quit "shaving with tooth paste."

Eugene Lincoln



# Washington D. C.

## Chapter is Chartered



International President Terril D. Littrell presents the charter of the Washington, D. C. Chapter to its president Mr. Leo L. Floyd, Jr. The chapter officers are Leo L. Floyd, Jr., president; Pastor W. H. Olson, first vice-president; Harold R. Masters, second vice-president; Mr. Fred Harter, treasurer; and Mrs. Lois Parrish, secretary. The Washington branch of the Bible Sabbath Association reports 24 members.

This is to certify that the

Bible Sabbath Association International

ISSUES THIS CHARTER IN TOKEN OF THE FACT THAT

THE

Bible Sabbath Association Chapter

OF

WASHINGTON, D. C.  
U.S.A.

is admitted to affiliation in the B.S.A. International in  
the service of the Saviour and in full accord with our  
Constitution and By-Laws, on this date, May 1, 1973

Terril D. Littrell  
President



Leo L. Floyd, Jr.  
President

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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greater manners than in the past, thus attracting new members. We need new enthusiasts in the association who will work to make our goals even more clear to the public, fight against Sunday civil legislation, and help promote our educational advancement for the cause of Sabbatarianism into one UNITED FRONT. Only then will our national image grow, and our voice be heard in Washington.

After you are fully satisfied as to who are the best candidates, then and only then, mark your ballot for each officer and all six directors. It is desirable to have the board members elected so that all sections of the country will be represented.

Cast your ballot for a BETTER B.S.A.

*Terril D. Littrell*

## KEEPING POSTED

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"We believe it is inequitable, unfair and unjust," he said.

Biemiller warned that some trade union publications already have been suspended as a result of the postal rate increase. As it moves up in annual steps to 750 per cent above the rates charged in 1971, more publications will be suspended or curtailed.

"Basically, we now look to the Congress to restore the concept that the Postal Service has failed to grasp—that the freest possible exchange of ideas and information is of paramount importance in a democratic society," Biemiller said.

## Indiana BSA Member Advertises Echoes

Mr. and Mrs. John Cecil of Valparaiso, Ind., believe in the "Echoes for Eden" program sponsored by the Bible Sabbath Association; in fact, they believe in it enough to pay for ads in newspapers to tell area people about it.

They have run ads in the Gary *Herald*, The Gary *Post-Tribune*, The *Hammond Times*, The Michigan City *Post-Dispatch*, the Valparaiso *Vidette-Messenger*, and the *Sun Journal* and *Village Press* of Lansing, Ill.

A typical ad is as follows:

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## "Our Creator Was Very Wise"

I have always been impressed with the scriptural statement that the Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath. Our Creator was very wise when He instituted one day in seven as a day of rest. Many ambitious people would work seven days per week if they did not recognize the Sabbath as a day of rest. Some people are conscientious about accomplishing as much as possible, so it would be a real temptation even for God-fearing people to work themselves to death if they did not have the Sabbath day for a reasonably spaced rest break period.

Rest from regular physical and secular activities is necessary for both body and mind. I feel that the God who created us knew what was good for His creatures when He instituted

### ATTENTION! ALL SABBATH-OBSERVING GROUPS, ORGANIZATIONS, PUBLISHING HOUSES, ASSEMBLIES, CHURCHES, AND SABBATH OBSERVERS GENERALLY.

The Bible Sabbath Association is making plans to issue a new *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations* probably early in 1974. The present directory, published in 1969, does not reflect the present organizations accurately because of growth, changes, etc. To accomplish this task, a questionnaire will be mailed shortly to each Sabbath-observing group, seeking information for this new directory.

Meanwhile, the association desires to be sure that it has the present names and addresses of each such group or organization. If your group or organization was listed in the 1969 directory and your current mailing address is still the same as it was in the 1969 directory, then you will not need to take any action until you receive the questionnaire from us. However, if your group or organization was not listed in the 1969 directory or if your current address is different from the one in the 1969 directory, *write the Association as soon as possible*, giving us your organization name and mailing address if you desire to receive the questionnaire and a listing in the new directory. Send your names and addresses to:

Directory, Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737

the Sabbath. This is a consideration which is aside from the fact that we should recognize the Sabbath as a sign of the Creator, the Lord of the universe.

The Sabbath is a wise and sensible institution. Man seems to be more efficient if he places a reasonable limit on the length of time for concentration on one particular project. It seems to me that the Sabbath is just plain good business established by our Creator.

—Wilson Trickett, Ph.D.,  
professor of business administration,  
Andrews University

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Copy must be brief. No charge will be made, but offerings to defray cost will be appreciated. The right is reserved to reject any proposed copy.**

**Send all copy to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Okla. 73737. Information as to dates and places of Sabbath services, camp meetings, radio programs, desire for employment by Sabbathkeeping people or vice versa, prayer requests, requests for information leading to Sabbath fellowship for isolated people, etc., will be included.**

**This feature, offered solely as a service for Sabbathkeepers, is probably not obtainable elsewhere and is for the purpose of fostering increased good will, love, and harmony among ALL Sabbath-observing people (John 13:35).**

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1973 General Conference and Camp Meeting of the Church of God (7th Day), August 10-18, 1973, at Camp St. Marys, St. Marys, Ohio.

Camp St. Marys is located on beautiful Grand St. Marys Lake, about

50 miles southwest of Lima, Ohio, and is accessible (within 20 miles) by I-75 and is not far from I-70. Facilities are adequate and will make for a comfortable and enjoyable conference.

Information on reservations, costs, and other matters may be obtained by writing Elder Melvin Sweet, P. O. Box X236, Ferndale, Michigan 48220.

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Evangelist Lowell Lundstrom is the "Message for America" Evangelist association speaker.

All Sabbath keepers, especially Pentecostals, are invited to send a brief, loving letter of testimony regarding the importance, spirituality, and blessing of the seventh-day Sabbath.

If you are Pentecostal, mention it, but in an incidental fashion. Avoid all negative comment.

Please pray concerning this matter.

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You're invited to attend our church, the Assembly of Yahweh (7th Day Pentecostal). Sabbath School: 10 a.m. (Saturday) divine worship: 12:00 p.m. (Saturday). Bible class: Tuesday 8 p.m.

Address all prayer requests to the Church Pastor, Ezzie Lee Moore. For full information phone 823-9393. 1958 W. Baseline, Rialto. Cal. 92376.

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