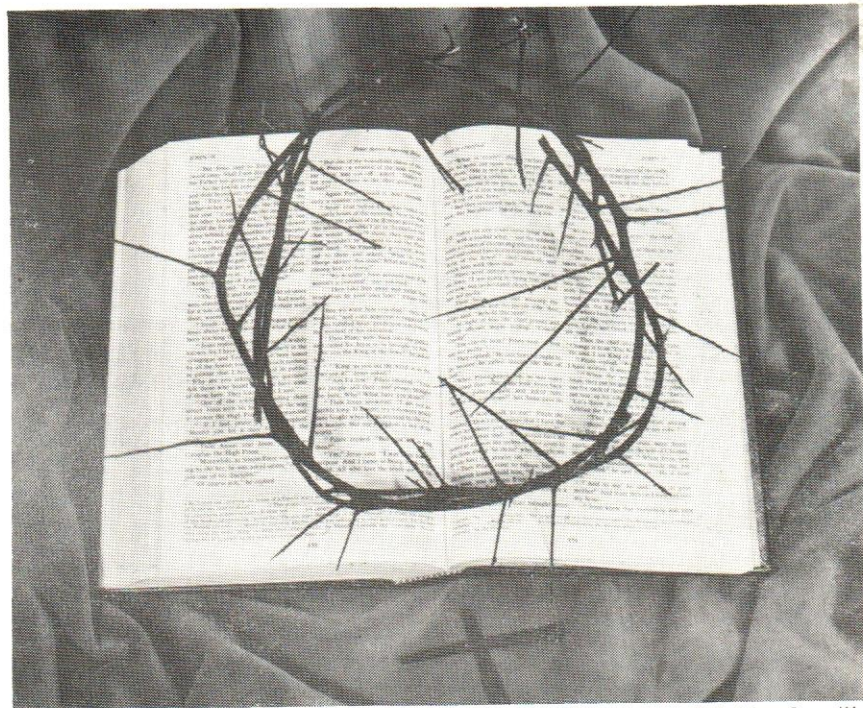


"Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth."  
— Isaiah 21:6 —

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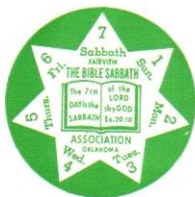
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# The Sabbath In the Early Church

A. J. S. BOND

THE first Christian churches were organized by converted Jews, who of course were Sabbath keepers, even as Jesus and His disciples were Jews and Sabbath keepers. Many proselytes also became Christians and these were numerous in this early period. The keeping of the Sabbath was evidently one of the most noticeable changes in their outer conduct as they went from paganism to belief in Jehovah, God of the Hebrews. It was but another step to Christianity, and their Sabbath keeping which had helped to bring them thus far, was found to be a practice followed by the disciples of the New Way.

So many pagans adopted Jewish customs that Josephus could say, "There is not any city of the Grecians, nor any of the barbarians, nor any nation whatsoever, whither our custom of resting on the seventh day hath not come." And a modern authority says that the Sabbath of later Judaism became exceptionally important "so that 'to Sabbatize' was a current phrase in the Roman Empire for adopting the Jewish religion or customs."

The Ethiopian eunuch was doubtless one of these proselytes, who had been to Jerusalem to worship in the temple when Philip found him and taught him about Jesus. In the days of Jeremiah banished Jews found a refuge in this region of the

upper Nile, the modern Ethiopia, and took their faith with them. Possibly the queen's treasurer was a descendant of one of these persecuted Jews, or more likely a descendant of a native convert. After his baptism by Philip he carried back home his newfound faith. If this be true, he becomes a most interesting link in the history of the Sabbath, for Ethiopian Christians were Sabbath keepers until modern times.

Paul, the great missionary, was a Sabbath keeper. He was so brought up; and although he renounced the formal Jewish worship, including new moons and sabbaths, there is no evidence that he ever forsook the weekly Sabbath, which was older than Judaism. From its place in the religion of the Hebrews it was taken up into Christianity. Paul clashed with the Jews everywhere he went, but never on the Sabbath question. We may be sure that these strict legalists, who hounded Paul to the death, would have found fault with his Sabbath keeping if there had been the least occasion. Like his Master, Paul rings true on this question.

The first European convert was a God-fearing, Sabbath keeping Gentile woman. Lydia had forsaken the polytheistic faith of paganism for belief in one God Who created the heavens and the earth, as taught by the purer religion of the Jews. Still open-minded, she accepted, through Paul's



preaching, the true and warmer faith of Christianity.

It was in a Sabbath-afternoon prayer meeting that the first church in Europe was born. The apostle and his companions on that first Sabbath in a strange city were looking about for a place of prayer. When these Sabbath-keeping followers of the Christ came upon the Sabbath-keeping worshipers of Jehovah, everything was favorable and time ripe for the organization of a church of the new faith. The Philippian church became noted for its spirit of generosity.

The Roman Catholic church has never claimed Bible authority for Sunday. On the other hand, that church has repeatedly referred to the change of the weekly day of worship from the Bible Sabbath to Sunday as evidence of the authority of the church over the Bible.

As early as the fourth century Augustine was sent by his mother to inquire of the Father-confessor in regard to the "Saturday fast," which was then agitating the minds of believers. The answer of the venerable St. Ambrose was: "Follow the church." In the thirteenth century Thomas Aquinas, an authority in the present day Roman Catholic confession, declared that the Lord's day depended upon the authority of the church. The Roman church has held consistently to this position to the present time.

The primitive type of Christianity prevailed, however, in many parts of the world, and was never wholly crushed. It was early planted in the British Isles, and here the Sabbath was kept to a late date. The evidence that St. Patrick kept the Sabbath is not to be despised. The

church in Ireland was evangelical, accepted the Scriptures as the rule of life, and repudiated Rome. Patrick's successor, St. Columba, observed the Sabbath as a day of rest, but held worship on Sunday. A church or society of Sabbath keepers persisted in Ireland to the middle of the last century, and included in its membership members of the nobility as well as peasants.

What has been said of Ireland is equally true of Scotland. In commending Queen Margaret of Scotland as a Christian ruler of the eleventh century, history says she was successful in establishing the observance of Sunday. "For until that time the Sabbath was a day of rest." Sunday was observed as a day of worship, but not as a day of cessation from labor.

Other groups of Sabbath-keeping followers of Christ have persisted to modern times. According to good authority there is undeniable evidence that the early churches were Sabbath-keeping churches and that such were the churches planted by the early missionaries of the Cross as they went everywhere preaching the gospel. It is true that the Sabbath, with many other elements of New Testament Christianity, was lost from the main body of the Christian Church when the latter "entered the tunnel of the dark ages." But if these scattered Sabbath-keeping groups form no part of the in-flowing current of Christian history, they, as a bayou formed near the source of the stream, bear testimony to the character of the waters near the fountain head before they were polluted by the in-flowing streams of paganism.

—*The Sabbath Recorder*

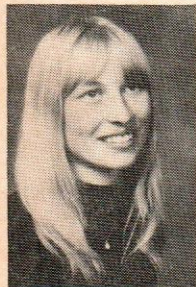


# Shining for Christ

SALLY ANN WHITE

**T**HERE is a beautiful scripture found in 2 Cor. 3:18 (Living Bible):

“But we Christians have no veil over our faces: we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.”



This shows that if we walk in the Spirit and live in thankfulness, praise, and victory, the glory of the Lord will so fill us that it will be seen to radiate through us. Remember when Moses came down from the mountain with the Ten Commandments “...his face glowed from being in the presence of God” (Ex. 34:39, Living Bible). God’s glory gave him a special light, even though he was not aware of it. When Stephen stood before his accusers they “...saw Stephen’s face become as radiant as an angel’s.” We too are one of those who are to shine for Jesus, radiant with the glory of God, called out ones who are to “shew themselves to be entirely trustworthy. In this way they will make people want to believe in our Savior and God” (Titus 2:10, Living Bible). Of course a person should be cautious of those who do not love the Lord and re-

spect His Commandments. We should “love not the world, neither the things that are in the world,” and refrain from places which our hearts and consciences tell that Jesus would not have you to go.

The Bible is plain concerning one’s dress. “Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty that depends on jewelry, or beautiful clothes, or hair arrangement. Be beautiful inside, in your hearts, with the lasting charm of a gentle and quiet spirit which is so precious to God” (1 Peter 3: 3, 4).

No set rules can be laid down as to just how young people ought to dress, since fashions are continually changing, but it is not necessary that a Christian must always look years out of date. There are some general rules which a Christian ought always to follow. One’s dress ought always to be modest. We can ask ourselves, “Is this a modest way to dress? Will the wearing of it glorify my Savior?” If you feel it does not meet these requirements, do not wear it, no matter how many others may do so. We shouldn’t be afraid to be looked upon as different from others, for surely we are.

To be shining for Christ we must always read of the lives of good men and read good books written by godly people. Trashy reading, such as

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# Exactly What is the Bible Sabbath Association ?

The Bible Sabbath Association (BSA) is an interdenominational group formed to promote fellowship and cooperation between all Sabbath-keepers.

## *How Did the Association Start?*

It began in 1943 when a few Sabbath-keeping Christians of various affiliations felt the need for closer fellowship.

## *Specifically, What Is the Purpose of the BSA?*

Simply to promote fellowship among all Christian Sabbathkeepers. However, in fellowshipping, we hope to:

- Restore respect and honor to the Ten Commandments, with special emphasis on the Fourth.
- Encourage repeal of blue laws.
- Defeat the adoption of any calendar which would disrupt the weekly cycle.

## *How Does the BSA Carry Out Its Program?*

The BSA sponsors "Echoes from Eden" radio program.

A monthly magazine, the SABBATH SENTINEL, is published.

Publishes and distributes thousands of tracts, a Sabbath calendar and a *Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations*.

Local branch chapters augment each area of BSA concern.

## *Does the BSA Represent Any Particular Denomination?*

No. Currently the BSA has cooperative relations with Seventh-day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, Churches of God (7th Day), and independent Sabbatarians. The BSA is comprised of members from all these churches.

## *What Relationship Does the BSA Have With Churches?*

The BSA encourages its members to be active in their churches. It is not the purpose of the BSA to compete with any church, but rather to complement the efforts of each. It seeks only the advancement of the seventh-day Sabbath.

## *How May I Join the BSA?*

All Sabbath keepers are urged to join the Association. Simply complete the application on page 2 and mail it to the BSA or give it to an officer.



*"I have no time for it."*

## **The B.S.A. Receives a Letter from Bob Jones University**

March 21, 1974

My dear Sir:

The "syllogisms" which you call irrefutable are all worn out arguments for something there is no Scriptural basis for whatsoever.

If you are to put men under the law of the Sabbath, put them under the law of the sacrifice and the law of circumcision and the "whole caboodle." The Sabbatharians claim to keep one Old Testament Jewish law and ignore all the rest. Actually, you do not keep the Sabbath by going to church on Saturday. If you have ever turned on a faucet or thrown the switch to turn on an electric light, you have violated the Sabbath.

I know some good people who have fallen for the Satanic argument of the Sabbath just as I know some good people who have been enslaved by Romanist teaching. One is just as bad as the other, and the fact that some good people have been taken in by it does not make it any less Satanic, evil, or unscriptural. Please do not bother me with any more of this junk. I really have no time for it.

Very truly yours,

Bob Jones

Chancellor

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MRS. LAWRENCE BURRELL ANSWERS

March 25, 1974

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter reached my desk today. I shall make my reply brief.

We read the same Bible that you do and even as important as we feel

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# Sabbath Ad in Guyana Graphic

The following ad was run in the *Guyana Graphic*, in the Republic of Guyana by the Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference on February 23. Missionary Leroy C. Bass, who is also a member of the Bible Sabbath Association International, reported that thousands of people were exposed to the Sabbath truth through this ad.

## **GOD** COMMANDS ALL OF US..

*“REMEMBER the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. The Seventh Day is the Sabbath to the Lord our God.”*  
Exodus 20:8-11.

### **SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE CHRISTIANS WHO BELIEVE**

In this Holy Commandment by attending Services of Worship on Saturdays. Wouldn't you like to also? Write for a free Bible Study booklet addressed to Pastor George L. Bowen, 441 N. E. La Penitence, Georgetown.

**DID YOU KNOW?** That Jesus Christ predicted how His followers should keep Sabbath many years after His ascension to heaven? Matt. 24:15-20.

**DID YOU KNOW?** That more sincere people today are accepting the true Sabbath than ever?

**DID YOU KNOW?** That the apostle John said, “This is the love of God, That we keep His commandments? I John 5:3.

**DID YOU KNOW?** That while Seventh Day Baptists believe in this commandment, they do not believe they are the one true Church?  
There is no such thing as a one-true-church. But there is a true Sabbath—God's Sabbath—for you.



# Disaster for the B.S.A.

A member of our U. S. Congress has added to H.R. Bill 636 a totally unrelated bomb, Section 312. If left to ride through Congress unnoticed, this injection would eliminate tax deductions for charitable contributions.

This means that an individual would not receive a deduction on his income tax for his contribution to the Bible Sabbath Association, his church, or any other organization which is presently considered a charitable or religious institution.

To the average American these contributions would be more difficult. To the charitable and religious organizations this would be disaster! The small donor would be smaller, many large donors would be eliminated.

These political theorists who promote such tactics know what they are doing. They would have no objection to eliminating every religious organization if they could and to get every charitable function under government bureaucracy. At least this is what they themselves have said.

Unfortunately, tax laws often make it difficult for charitable and religious organizations to be as active in lobbying for their cause on Capital Hill as are the agents of industry and labor. If such organizations lobby "substantially," they risk losing their

non-profit tax-exempt status. But each individual can write to his Congressmen. Many Congressmen are not parties to such tactics, but it is important that they hear from you anyway. Present the case concisely, accurately, and objectively. Be truthful, dispassionate, and honest, but don't accuse or threaten, for this would only polarize, rather than keep all avenues of communication open.

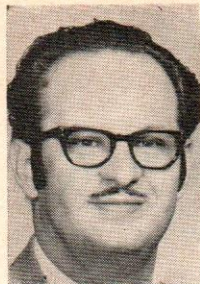
Tell your Congressmen plainly, "we the people of the United States" wish the state to remain separate from the church when it comes to matters of contribution control. Congressmen frequently need—in fact welcome—information from persons affected by matters that come before them.

If you lack the proper wording that would make your letter totally objective, we suggest that you write to the secretary of the Washington, D. C. chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association for a form letter properly worded and typed up in good order. All you need to do then is type your name and address, sign it, and send it on to your Congressman.

Please direct your correspondence to Mrs. Lois Parrish, secretary, The Washington D. C. Chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association, P. O. Box 168, College Park, MD 20704.

—President Littrell





## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### THE HOLY BOND OF UNITY

**I**T seems that believers everywhere sense the need to "get together," even though they are not always clear about how. We are living in a time when the supreme test of our faith has come. It is imperative that we all speak, act, and serve **TOGETHER!**

It is proper to urge for the unity of all believers. But unless that unity is based on the right principles and right action, it is a vain and dangerous thing. True unity is not to be achieved by coercion of fallible men governed by carnal reason, who serve as inquisitors. Coercion causes one half of the people to act as fools and the other half as hypocrites. The involvement and cooperation of people with a variety of ideas working for a single cause is the basis of true unity.

One of the priceless gifts of our heritage as members of the Bible Sabbath Association is the joy of flowing in company of believers from different denominational traditions and social levels. Experiencing this unity of the spirit in the midst of diversity is a challenging task! We are different, yet there is unity in

our diversity. Our unity does not depend on our unanimity but on purpose, and in vision of duty and opportunity to serve in a greater capacity. We are united upon a program which is wise, enlightening, and constructive. We derive strength and wisdom from our differences. It is from these elements that we attribute the success of the Bible Sabbath Association.

Mature and experienced religious leaders know only too well that harmonious relationships, effective work, and spiritual growth do not come automatically with people. They must be cultivated, promoted, encouraged, and implemented. We who desire unity must match that desire with eagerness to act towards its fulfillment. We who are eager to maintain unity will be, conversely, eager to prevent disunity, strife, and division. We must be eager to keep the unity of the spirit.

The Bible Sabbath Association seeks to consolidate the efforts of all Sabbatarian groups, whether large or small, into a super-active force against those who would war against our faith. As members of the B.S.A., we all contribute to the welfare and interest of each other. In this way no one group is compelled to compete with another.

This unity is worth preserving, but it cannot be preserved unless we are "wise as serpents and as innocent as doves." We must pray to be kept in dove-like innocence and yet be alert enough to know when we are being beguiled into bondage.

Some ways in which our unity can be broken are as follows:

1. **EXCLUSIVENESS**—In general,



there is a projection of "my group is onto something 'special.'" Those who would fall into this category will appear to believe they have a superior revelation, usually tracing their revelation to a single teacher.

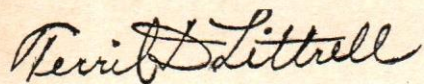
2. **PREDOMINATE REACTIONARY QUALITY**—This reaction may be against "organizations," "religious movements," or "the establishment," referring to these as "Babylon," of which God's people need to "come out and be separate." The characteristics of a reactionary spirit are zeal, impatience, and "pushiness."

3. **COMPULSIVENESS** — Commonly known as "ax grinding," this is a determination to buttonhole everything. This closes out the possibility of mutual sharing.

The unity of the spirit can be maintained only as believers are cemented together by the bond of peace. This bond is stronger than personal disagreement, misunderstanding, or independent division, and steadfastly resists all attempts from any source to disrupt our sweet mutual relationship with each other.

The phrase, "We're all in this TOGETHER" is rapidly becoming quaint, but it sums up what many of us who are members of the Bible Sabbath Association would like to believe we represent as we submit ourselves individually and mutually to the bond of peace.

Love, Joy and Peace,



## *Sabbath Keepers in the News*

A new Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized on the first Sabbath of 1974. The Rev. Arlie Davis, who has been a long-time member of the Bible Sabbath Association International, is the pastor. The church is located at 1201 E. Indianola St., Phoenix, Ariz.

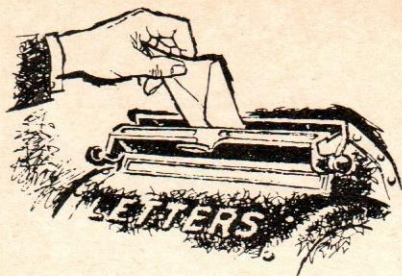
At the dedicatory service, Pastor Davis invited all who desired to become members of the new church to come forward and kneel at the altar, where the visiting pastors, Donald Phillips, Leland E. Davis, and John A. Conrad, laid their hands on them for confirmation. Ten new people were confirmed. Other additions to the church are made on communion Sabbath, which is the first Sabbath of every month.

All new members of the church will automatically receive a free six month's subscription to the denomination's official monthly publication, *The Sabbath Recorder*.

Pastor Davis states: "We are a New Testament Sabbath-observing congregation of immersed believers not affiliated with any church councils. We love the name of Christ, and honor Him in all our teaching and preaching. The Bible is our sole authority. We are a Bible believing, evangelistic, and soul winning church."

Visitors are always welcome at the Phoenix church. Those interested in the Constitution and Doctrinal Statement or membership information of the church may write to Pastor Arlie Davis, P. O. Box 2775, Phoenix, Ariz. 85002.





I think you are doing a good job in promoting a greater unity among the Sabbath brethren, and you are to be complimented for your efforts. I do not know of a better plan than you have to bring about unity. I have made changes in the past and I feel now that I will in the future, as I want to follow in His steps all the way. I enjoy THE SENTINEL.

—Sam W. Officer,  
Tennessee

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I was glad to hear of the plans for expanding. I have been looking forward and hoping for this. Keep up the good work.

—D.R.C.,  
New York

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Recently I received one order from you, *Search the Scriptures*, also a magazine, SENTINEL. I wish to congratulate on your Sabbath and other literature. Since I am a Sabbath keeper and your literature is what I believe in, I cannot see how any one looking for truth could reject it. A question I wish to ask is what denomination are you an off-shoot? Please understand your reply is not to provide an argument. The idea of starting Sabbath believers'

employment is wonderful. I am enclosing a stamped envelope for your works.

Hermiston, Ore.

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I just showed one of my colleagues the copy of THE SABBATH SENTINEL containing the Harold S. Day story, and he decided that he would like to subscribe. . . . I am enclosing my cheque (he paid me cash). On a recent Sabbath I told the Harold S. Day story at a church in central Michigan. A week from Sabbath I shall tell it at the large Pioneer Memorial Church Sabbath School here at Andrews University.

Prof. Harry W. Taylor,  
Andrews University,  
Berrien Springs, Mich.

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May Heaven smile with you all over there for your good work of encouraging and drawing the whole world to one body and observance of the commandment of Yahweh. Halleluyah!

Elder E. T. Nssien,  
Assembly of Yahweh,  
West Africa

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I am glad we have a organization as the Bible Sabbath Association that still holds high the torch of truth, and is still on the straight and narrow way. Enclosed find check for the work of the association. Send me a dozen calendars, and subscriptions to THE SABBATH SENTINEL for the following. . . .

Jerome Boyd,  
Pennsylvania

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Please send me two 1974 Sabbath



calendars. I've been blessed enormously by the 1973 one which someone unknown to me had sent to me. When I looked on back for an address in hopes of ordering a new one, I noticed that you have many other helpful items, studies, and helps.

—Mrs. A.R.V., Texas

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I was interested to read of the future plans of the Bible Sabbath Association. I believe this is a very progressive move in the right direction. As a long-time member, I am glad to see the association begin to really develop a program. May God bless and direct as you devote your time to the advancement for the Sabbath message and the unity of the church.

—John D. Bevis, editor,  
*The Sabbath Recorder*

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We want to join the Bible Sabbath Association. Please send us the requirements.

—E.O.F.,  
Philippines

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Enclosed find \$2 cash. Please renew my subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL for one year. I think it is the most blessed magazine going. I read every word in it.

—J.P.R.,  
Alabama

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Please renew my subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I certainly enjoy it and find it helpful in my ministry. I also am enclosing \$3 for the radio work. I plan to help financially when I can and will pray for your

work as you endeavor to teach the true Sabbath of the Bible. I am for all Sabbathkeepers to love one another as our Savior taught us. Please send me some tracts, *Facts of the Sabbath*, perhaps a dozen.

—Elder W. H. McCann,  
Michigan

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Please send me 20 copies of the November '73 issue, also two calendars. Enclose check. The balance is an offering.

—F. W., New Jersey

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I do believe in what you are trying to do and may God bless you in your work.

—H. E., gate director  
S.D.A. Church  
Boston, Mass.

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As I was searching through Garry's *Standard Periodical Directory*, 1973, I came upon four periodicals put out by you: *Sabbath Handbook and Directory of Sabbath-Observing Organizations*, Sabbath Keepers calendar, SABBATH SENTINEL, and Sunset Tables. Needless to say, these titles excited me very much, as my wife and I try to keep God's Sabbath from "even to even," and realize that God's church must also keep it. Please rush me the following information: subscription price of each of the above publications, also the dates of issuance of the annuals and whether or not they are currently available and any other information which you think will be helpful to the afore-described cause.

—D. L., Utah



## SHINING FOR CHRIST

*(Continued from page 5)*

cheap novels, ought always to be avoided. We should always ask ourselves, "Will reading this tend to make me a better or more useful person or will it fill my mind with trash?" Our minds are a great workshop and Satan is always ready to work there.

The greatest of all books to read is the Bible, because it is God's Word inspired by the Holy Spirit, and therefore the choicest of all literature.

Some people try to read the Bible with their minds full. It is like the time my mother called my little brother and he was so filled with play that he did not hear her voice. So we can read the Bible with our

minds full of everyday things and never hear what it really is saying. Our minds must be clean and pure without prejudice toward others, if we want to shine.

I've reached my twentieth birthday and I am not always sure what God has planned for me from day to day. This year I've decided to give myself for dedicated service, working with the Seventh Day Baptist Church. I want to help others so they too will have this light to shine (Matt. 5:16).

It is interesting to visit with other churches, especially Sabbathkeeping churches. It really breaks my heart to find one Sabbath-keeping church critical of another. We are all God's Commandment shining people and shouldn't let our differences keep us apart. As my father said one time,



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

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**Fairview, Oklahoma 73737**



"Make sure we are one of those who are caught up in the clouds in the air with Jesus, and from there it doesn't make any difference which direction we go."

Jesus was our shining Example and He said enough to build the church on; we do not have to add to it. He taught us how to love and went to church every Sabbath day. If we are to shine for Jesus, let us study and follow His path.

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## THE LOGIC OF SABBATH OBSERVANCE

Jesus Christ loved and observed the seventh-day Sabbath.

I am a follower of Jesus Christ:  
*Therefore I keep the Sabbath.*

The Bible teaches Sabbath observance as God's will.

The Bible is my guide in matters of faith and practice:

*Therefore I keep the Sabbath.*

The Church changed Sunday by its own authority.

The Church is not above the Scripture in matters of faith and practice:

*Therefore I keep the Sabbath.*

Our society is weary, anxious, and spiritually threadbare.

The Sabbath is God's provision for spiritual restoration:

*Therefore I keep the Sabbath.*

Public opinion regards Sabbath-observance as eccentric.

God's will has priority over public opinion:

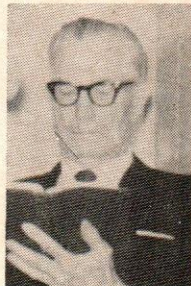
*Therefore I keep the Sabbath.*

—K. E. Smith  
in *The Advance*.

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

With Second Vice-President  
Edgar Lippincott

Edgar Lippincott, second vice-president, has served in the past as an editor, farmer, and minister. He has conducted "The Bible Truth" radio program continuously since April, 1940, reaching many of the western and central states. He also publishes *Good Tidings*, a monthly radio publication, along with other religious literature.



He has been, at different times in the past, manager of Church of God publishing houses and, for a few years, owned and published a weekly newspaper at Union Star, Mo.

He and his wife, Ruth, have two daughters and a son. The Lippincotts have entertained many church people from all parts of the United States and some foreign countries.

They say, "The welcome mat is still out."

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## A SABBATH WITNESS

In the area of Milton, Wis., a stranded motorist sat in his stalled car along the freeway needing some help.

It was one of those usually busy Fridays and motorists were running to and fro, when the Earl Mayer  
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A Note  
from  
the Editor



## Above the Clouds

**I**T was a gloomy March day when I boarded the huge Delta Airlines plane at Chicago. As it rose slowly from O'Hare Field, smoke from the industrial, Calumet area of Indiana could be seen mingling with the clouds to produce a dirty looking haze that almost obscured everything below.

As the plane rose higher, buildings, cars, and people seemed to shrink into insignificant size, partly hidden by the haze. In a few minutes, with the Chicago area behind, the man-made portion of haze grew less and visibility increased. The checkerboard pattern of midwestern agricultural land was evident below.

But then we could again feel the upward thrust of the plane as it climbed to a still higher altitude. The clouds closed around us and we seemed to be suspended in a white mass of cotton.

Then—with a suddenness that startled me—the clouds were below us and the sun was shining brightly. Visibility was excellent, and in the far-off distance the silver-white vapor trail of another plane was lining the blue sky.

Just a few minutes later we again descended through the clouds to land at the Nashville, Tenn., airport. But even though it was somewhat cloudy here, too, blooming forsythia and redbud all around broadcast their beauty and the message that spring had arrived in that area.

Perhaps that illustrates the stages in the Christian life—especially the life of a Sabbath keeper. He learns of the claims of the Commandments and tries—often depending on his own spiritual strength—to keep them. When he discovers that within himself he does not have the power to do anything good—that all his accumulated righteousness amounts, in the words of Isaiah, to nothing more than “filthy rags,” gloom and despondency may cloud out much light from heaven.

But he needs to rise to a higher level, to see that, above all, the Lord's love is shining, and that this love will enable him to stand perfect in the sight of his Maker. Then even the sin-filled earth becomes a cheerful place, for he realizes that somewhere God's love is shining. Clouds are a passing thing—the sun is not; it will be there forever. When he basks in the light of God's love, obedience becomes a delight, not a burden.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Lincoln".

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### FIRST THINGS FIRST

One cannot properly keep the Sabbath of the Lord unless he first knows the Lord of the Sabbath.





## ON SABBATH KEEPERS

### 20TH CENTURY CHURCH OF GOD

Church literature of the Worldwide Church of God, formerly known as the Radio Church of God, indicated that in January, 1934, God allocated to this movement two 19-year time cycles (ending in January, 1972) to complete the mission of carrying the gospel to the world, as outlined in the Scripture, to precede the return of Christ. These two 19-year cycles were to parallel a believed two 19-year time cycles of preaching by the early apostolic church.

A new era was begun in the history of what believers consider the only true Church of God on earth in 1973. The Laodicean Church, under the direction of Herbert W. Armstrong, had served its purpose. The 20th Century Church of God was born. Mr. Alfred Carrozzo, 41, who had served as director of ministers for the western half of the U.S. in the Worldwide Church for over a decade, resigned as a minister of that group on November 13, 1973, and incorporated the 20th Century Church of God.

Major differences in doctrine between the Worldwide Church and the 20th Century Church include qualifications of ministers of God's church, marriage and divorce, tithing, the law, church government, the commission of the Church today, and church eras.

All desiring more information about the 20th Century Church may write to Mr. Alfred Carrozzo and associates, 20th Century Church of God, P. O. Box 642, Pasadena, CA 91101.

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"I HAVE NO TIME FOR IT."

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the Ten Commandment Law to be, we read also that if we do ALL these things and lack charity, we are as nothing! We were not offended by your rude and unchristian-like comments but must say we were bitterly disappointed that you showed no more compassion or charity for someone else's view. I had been led to think of you and your work in a much better vein than that!

God will be the Judge of each of us in that great and final day and we are admonished to be careful in our judgments today.

Mrs. Lawrence Burrell,

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer,  
The Bible Sabbath Association



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family came along. They easily could have gone by too, but decided to stop and offer help. Since the fuel shortage has occurred, many service stations close early in the day and so it was much too late to have the auto repaired.

The Mayers offered to help the family by asking them home until the auto could be repaired later. Since the next day was Saturday and the Mayers belong to the Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church, they asked their new guests if they would like to go to Sabbath School and church.

The hospitality of their new Christian friends was so welcome that they asked the Mayers if any lots or homes were for sale in the area. Yes, this was to be a fishing trip but it changed their lives.

How many of us see many opportunities, but miss the chance to witness to others with these important Bible truths?

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### FOURTH COMMANDMENT

#### PARAPHRASED

Take time to consider the fact that the Sabbath, God's special day, is sacred and has spiritual meaning. Try to put God's will first as you enjoy the day in worship and praise. Six days—Sunday through Friday—are given to you as that special opportunity to provide for yourself and your family and to give honest labor on behalf of your fellow men. But the Sabbath is God's own day, reserved

for Him and for your communion with Him. He gave it to you as a time for you to be released from your daily labor to search for deeper spiritual meaning to life, and it belongs to everyone in your family. Why? Because it took God only six days to make the earth and everything that is a part of it, from the farthest reaches of the sky to the depths of the ocean's bed, and, completing His work, He rested on His special day, giving it His divine stamp of approval. It is for this reason, then, that God, the Lord, the creator of all that exists upon the earth, the breath of human life, gave the Sabbath Day—this seventh day in God's weekly cycle—the special honor of sacredness and spiritual life that allows man to worship God in the spirit of holiness (Exodus 20:8-11—Paraphrased).

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### MEET YOUR SOUTHEASTERN FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

#### JOSEPH M. McGUIRE

Joseph M. McGuire, a Seventh Day Baptist, lives in Birmingham, Ala., with his wife, Glenda and son, John. He was born and reared in Alabama. He was graduated from high school in 1950, and spent two years in the U.S. Army, one as a medic in Korea during the Korean conflict.

Mr. McGuire received his bachelor's degree from Livingston University in 1959, and his master's degree from the University of Alabama in 1965. He is a science teacher in the Alabama public school system.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Selma, Ala., until he became a Sabbatarian in 1970.



He was appointed as Southeastern field representative of the Bible Sabbath Association in January, 1974, by B.S.A. President Terril D. Littrell. Since that time he has been the point of contact for our radio ministry in the Birmingham area. He distributes thousands of B.S.A. tracts and booklets in his travels in the south. The backs of the tracts are stamped to read: "Support YOUR interdenominational Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737. Our ONLY purpose is to promote the TRUE Sabbath of the Lord (our Saturday)." Birmingham, Alabama Phone 785-6923.

Through a will, write your good-bye to friends, loved ones, and the Lord's work now to be read when you are gone. Include those plans you have for your earthly possessions.

Recently a friend of the Bible Sabbath Association wrote that he would like for the association to have a portion of property after he left this world, and asked that a representative of the B.S.A. call on him. But before we could get there, he passed away—WITHOUT A WILL!

We can help you plan your estate so that you may benefit the Lord's work here at the Bible Sabbath Association.

Say good-bye NOW; tomorrow may be too late.

Write: Stewardship Department, The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737.

Make it a blessed good-bye.

### DON'T LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BYE

You don't leave good company without saying good-bye. Don't leave this world without saying good-bye.

## How Well Do You Know Your Association?

Taking things for granted is almost unavoidable in these days of intense activity and increased competition for our time and attention. Just to stay on top of vital details and decisions requires utmost concentration—which means that others may slip out of focus.

You may think you are abreast of what goes on, but a check-up may prove you are in error. Don't lose touch with the B.S.A.; here is a random probe to show where it stands in your present scheme of values:

	Yes	No
1. Do you promptly read THE SABBATH SENTINEL when it comes to you?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Can you name the officers without looking them up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Have you recently commended the B.S.A. to a friend?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Do you regard membership dues as an investment, not just a necessary expense?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Do you regularly send news items or other material to the editor for publication?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Would you serve on the board of directors or on a committee of the B.S.A.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Can you name the principal budget items, approximately, what they amount to, and what you get for the money spent?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



## A World of Help



Let the Bible Sabbath Association help you to help others see the truth of Sabbath observance. We have a world of Sabbath literature to choose from:

### SABBATH TRACTS AND LEAFLETS TRACTS (Stapled)

Title	(Single Copies Free)	Price
The Law of God		\$ .40 doz.
Let's Go Back to the Sabbath		.40 doz.
Sabbath Truths and Their Propagation		1.65 doz.
The Standard-Alternate-Month Calendar		.50 doz.
The Universal Seventh-day Sabbath		.50 doz.
Sabbath Truths and Sunday Fallacies Briefly Summarized		.40 doz.
Why Law? (20 pages) by Don W. Higbee		.50 doz.
God's Law from Adam to Moses by Frank M. Walker		.50 doz.
Christianity—What Is It?—The Christian Sabbath—When Is It? by Ithamar Quigley		.50 doz.
The Bible Truth About Salvation (20 p)		.50 doz.

### LEAFLETS (Folded or single sheet)

Calendar Revision		.10 doz.
Sunday Law Defiance of the U. S. Constitution		.20 doz.
What Every Christian Should Know About the Weekly Rest Day		.15 doz.
Why I Keep the Seventh Day as the Sabbath		.20 doz.
Sunday — The Lord's Day		.10 doz.
Facts on the Sabbath Question		.20 doz.
Search the Scriptures		.10 doz.
Questions for Seventh Dayists Answered by Terril D. Littrell		.50 doz.

You'll find it's a whole, new world! And it's all yours!

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