

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

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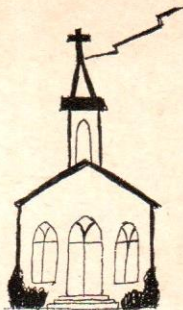
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*She didn't want much damage—just a sign*

# When Lightning Struck the Steeple

BERNARD MILLER



**L**LOYD, a hard-headed fundamentalist church-goer, believed in the teachings of his church, and so did his wife, Mary. Mary's mother asked them to come over to a tent that had recently been erected and hear the wonderful sermons. She herself had accepted a friend's invitation, just to be polite, and began to be interested. She wanted her son-in-law to hear them, too. He consented to go, but in his heart his sole purpose was to prove that these people were teaching error. At this time, he had never heard of such people, nor of anyone keeping Saturday for the Sabbath.

The evangelist brought out many prophecies that intrigued Lloyd. Still, his main purpose in attending was to prove the evangelist wrong. He observed the offerings and the books sold, and couldn't believe two families could live even on the gross receipts, so suspected some organization was back of it all. Every evening except Monday they went to the meetings. Lloyd took pencil and paper and made note of all the Bible texts. Unable to take it any longer, one of Lloyd's friends got up and stomped out of the tent. Thinking this very uncourteous, Lloyd decided to stick it out. Neither he nor his wife were fully persuaded that Sat-

urday was the Sabbath, yet they wanted to obey, if it was God's truth.

The next day, shortly after noon, it became very dark. A terrific storm was in the making. Mary was doing the dishes. In her desperate desire to know the truth about the Sabbath, God's day of rest, she got down on her knees by the kitchen sink and prayed and wept. She asked the Lord that if the new found faith was truth, if Saturday was the Sabbath, to have lightning strike the steeple of their home church. She didn't want much damage—just a sign. No sooner had she risen to her feet when—CRASH! BOOM! Lightning struck something near. Not yet knowing for sure, she thanked the Lord anyway.

The storm let up by mid-afternoon, and the news-boy delivered the daily paper that evening. The headline told the story: "CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING AT THE BASE OF CROSS. DAMAGE \$250." There was the answer to her prayer.



Bernard Miller, shown with his wife, lives in Sweetster, Ind.

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## Origin of the Sabbath

THE Sabbath question has been of concern to mankind in general throughout the religious history of the human race. The Creator Himself, after six days of labor, rested on the seventh day of the week (Gen. 2:1-3; Ex. 31:17). The weekly cycle, measured by the Sabbath at the end of the week, is the oldest division of time (Gen. 8:10; 19:27). Although there have been eight- and ten-day cycles introduced by some over the millennia, the weekly division of time has been the general rule, especially among all Semitic races.

Of one of these groups Professor A. H. Sayce says: "The Sabbath-rest was a Babylonian, as well as a Hebrew, institution. Its origin went back to pre-Semitic days, and the very name, Sabbath, by which it was known in Hebrew, was of Babylonian origin. In the cuneiform tablets the *Sabattu* is described as a 'day of rest for the soul,' and in spite of the fact that the word was of genuinely Semitic origin, it was derived by the Assyrian scribes from two Sumerian or pre-Semitic words, *sa* and *bat*, which meant respectively 'heart' and 'ceasing.' The Sabbath was also known, at all events, in Accadian times, as a 'dies nefastus,' a day on which certain work was forbidden to be done, and an old list of Babylonian festivals and fast-days tells us that on the seventh, fourteenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, and twenty-eighth days of each month the Sabbath-rest had to be observed."—*The*

*Higher Christian and the Monuments*, p. 74, 1895.

Secular and sacred history reveal that the Sabbath was observed from times very ancient. Although not mentioned by name, the Sabbath was kept by the old patriarch Abraham, as seen from his complete obedience to his Maker. "Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Gen. 26:5). Abraham lived at approximately the same time that Hammurabi, the founder of the old Babylonian Empire, lived; Hammurabi has been called the Babylonian Moses because he promulgated a code of laws which in some respects were the same as the Mosaic code of the Hebrews.

What the children of Israel practiced in respect to Sabbath keeping while in Egyptian bondage, is not recorded. We do know that they did not lose sight of the righteous principles of the Most High, as is evidenced when the Hebrews midwives were asked to kill the newly-born babes; they refused because they "feared God" (Ex. 1:17). We

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# Here's How They Felt

*At the convention at Fairview, Okla., in April, BSA President Terril D. Littrell asked various members to give their testimony of what the Bible Sabbath Association meant to them.*

Elder John Kiesz, minister of the Church of God (7th Day) in New Mexico, member of the association since its beginning, who is now serving as third vice president: "Early in 1945 I saw an advertisement, perhaps in the *Christian Herald*, about the organization starting up. I wrote in and joined immediately and was almost a charter member. . . . At that time I was not a member of any church officially, and the association provided me with a outlet for Sabbath promotion. When I learned that the association was for the promotion of the Sabbath truth only, and no other doctrine . . . , that appealed to me. . . ."

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Lawrence Burrell, member of the Church of God (7th Day) at Fairview, Okla., a member of the Bible Sabbath Association since 1951, now serving his nineteenth year as secretary-treasurer of the association: "When Brother George A. Main, who was becoming aged, realized that he must give up the post of secretary-treasurer of the association, he asked for those interested to make application. My wife and I applied . . . someone was needed. . . . Since that time we have had a wonderful opportunity for Christian service in our small way. . . . We heartily rec-

ommend that all Sabbath keepers look further into becoming members of this organization."

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Mrs. Lawrence Burrell, member of the Church of God (7th Day) at Fairview, Okla., a member of the Bible Sabbath Association since 1951, now serving with her husband as assistant secretary-treasurer for her 19th year: "Brother and Sister Main sacrificed everything they had for this cause. . . . Brother Main was our teacher for two weeks. . . . We went back the second time. . . . That was a beautiful beginning . . . but since then our blessings have been made manifold by working in the Bible Sabbath Association."

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R. D. Bradshaw, former member of the World Wide Church of God, resident of North Carolina, a member of the Bible Sabbath Association for two years, now serving on the board of directors filling out the unexpired term of Mr. Leo L. Floyd, Jr., who resigned in March: "There are two things that identify the people of the Great King. The belief in the Messiah and keeping the Commandments. The Sabbath is a sign or mark of identification. It says we, His Sabbath-keeping people, whatever label they may wear, are brothers. The Bible Sabbath Association af-



fords me the opportunity... to fellowship with other brethren who keep His Commandments.”

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Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman, minister of the Church of God (7th Day) in West Virginia, a member of the Bible Sabbath Association for over 15 years, now serving as the radio director of the association broadcast “Echoes From Eden” and as a member of the board of directors: “One thing that deeply impressed me with the Bible Sabbath Association was the fact that it reached a hand across denominational lines and said to me; ‘You are my brother. We need you, you need us.’ I have found much love in the Bible Sabbath Association. The love of Sabbath-keeping brethren through the years has meant much to me....”

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Mrs. Ruth Thomas, member of the Church of God (7th Day), resident of Kansas, a member of the Bible Sabbath Association for two years now serving on our editorial staff, handles the “Excerpts From Letters” column: “I am happy to be a member of the Bible Sabbath Association. I desire to be of benefit to its cause.... What I go into, I throw my whole self into it.... The Bible Sabbath Association means to me that I meet people that I probably would not meet otherwise. I love people! In the Bible Sabbath Association we love one another, and even though we are of different groups, we still have unity of the spirit....”

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Mrs. Frank (Lula) Murphy, member of the Church of God (7th Day) in Missouri, a member of the association almost since its beginning, now

serving as recording secretary: “I became a member of the Bible Sabbath Association in the 1950’s because I wanted fellowship with other people who were Sabbath keepers. It appealed to me because it was not denominational....”

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Dr. Allen Babcock, member of the Church of God (7th Day) in Missouri, a member of the Bible Sabbath Association since 1969, now serving his second term of office as a member of the board of directors, now a member of the editorial staff: “About five years ago Brother Littrell asked me if I would be interested in serving the interests of the Bible Sabbath Association. I have tried to be of what service that I could since that time. To me the Bible Sabbath Association is almost a sign like eternity. When we look over into the kingdom, we will ALL serve the same Creator. As the Bible says: ‘from one new moon to another and from one Sabbath to another shall ALL... come to worship Him....’”

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Eugene Lincoln, member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Indiana, member of the Bible Sabbath Association for 21 years, editor of THE SABBATH SENTINEL for 14 years, member of the board of directors for over a decade, has served for one half term as second vice president of the association. “Twenty years ago had I been introduced to a member of another Sabbath keeping church, I would have shown mild curiosity, but would have felt no close fellowship.... But the past 21 years I have found that there are many fine Christian people besides those of my  
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# The President's Message

*1974 BSA Leadership Convention Now a Matter of History*

The BSA Leadership Convention and Seminar from April 26-28 at Fairview, Okla., is now history. It will not go down in the annals of church history with Martin Luther's Ninety-Five Theses, but in eternity it may prove to be the most profound advancement in the history of the Bible Sabbath Association! It was a grand privilege for us to be involved in this great move of God. The general consensus of those who attended this year was that it was one of the best in recent years. And truly "we tried to make it so." If ever there was a convention purposed to guide us all in more successful leadership, it was this one. It was a wonderful success! It was

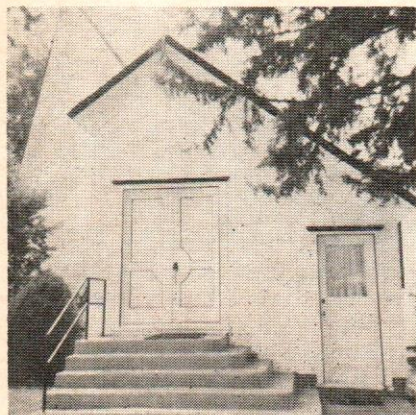
gratifying to see representatives of five different Sabbatarian bodies from ten states come together, forgetting their differences for the common purpose, under the headship of Christ. All who attended showed a keen interest in the worship services, seminar, forums, and business meetings.

## *Friday, April 26*

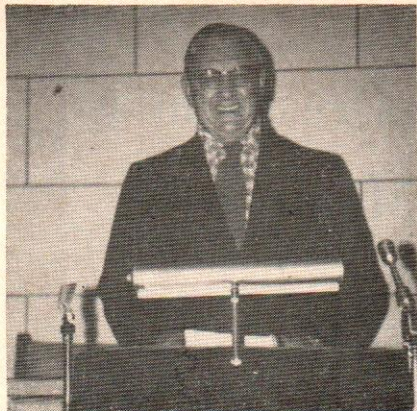
Registration: The convention officially opened with registration at 5:30 p.m. We dined at 6:00 and came for the opening service at 7:30 with Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman, our radio director, delivering the opening address. We were moved by the warm, humble and spiritual presentation Pastor Freeman gave. The singing evangelists, John and Katherine Kiesz, brought a special blessing with their unique singing and playing of their musical instruments.

## *Sabbath, April 27*

On Sabbath morning, at 10:00, Pastor Freeman led the entire congregation in a lively discussion of the work of the Holy Spirit in the church today, followed by special music by Elder and Sister Kiesz, and a message by President Littrell entitled "Enthusiasm Makes the Dif-







*Pastor K. H. Freeman*

ference." We broke for lunch at 12:00.

The afternoon seminar began at 2:00 with the participants dividing into small groups of five to ten and discussing the various aspects of the work of the BSA. By 3:30 each group

had chosen a representative who presented its resolution to the board of directors, resulting in open forum and dialogue until 5:00 p.m. The day-long session culminated with dinner at 6:00 p.m., with a business meeting following until 10:00 p.m. *Sunday, April 28*

This was the last day of the convention, and probably some were thankful for that little favor. The day started early at 8:00 a.m. with the officers and directors meeting. We are more encouraged than ever for God's provision of talented and dedicated staff and unity of purpose to accomplish our task. The Bible Sabbath Association is on the threshold of the greatest fulfillment of its goals that it has ever known. The board of directors moved in a positive way to broaden the base

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Bible Sabbath Association directors met in the Fairview, Okla., Church of God (Seventh Day) on Sunday, April 28, to discuss plans for the future. Those attending the meeting, were (left to right): front row, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Burrell and Mrs. Lula Murphy; second row, President Terril D. Littrell and Eugene Lincoln; back row, Dr. Allen R. Babcock, Pastor Kenneth H. Freeman, and R. D. Bradshaw.



# New Chapter is Organized

A group of Commandment-keeping Christians held a meeting on Sunday, November 25, 1973, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Orleans, La., for the purpose of forming a branch chapter of the Bible Sabbath Association International. Elder Jesse Lee Andrus, Sr., led the meeting in which officers were elected as follows: Jesse L. Andrus, president; David T. Scullen, vice president; Mary C. Johnson, secretary; J. D. Allmon, treasurer; and William Payton, chaplain.

A motion was made and carried that an application be filed for official affiliation and charter in the Bible Sabbath Association International with headquarters at Fairview, Okla.

Regular meetings began to be held in January, 1974. The first meeting was conducted at the Seventh Day

Baptist church in New Orleans. President Andrus asked for suggestions as to how the chapter might effectively promote the program of the B.S.A. Suggestions offered were:

- (1) Distribute B.S.A. tracts.
- (2) Conduct open air meetings.
- (3) Use free space and time available in newspapers and radio.
- (4) Do house to house evangelism.
- (5) Support interfaith services at various Sabbatarian churches.

The first such service was held in February, 1974, at the New Orleans Seventh Day Baptist Church. It was announced at the meeting by President Andrus that a single sheet tract, like the one used by the Washington, D.C. chapter, advertising the New Orleans chapter, was being pre-

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Seated, from left to right: Jesse Andrus—President, Mary Johnson—Secretary, David Scullen—Vice President.

Standing, from left to right: J. D. Allmon—Treasurer, William Payton—Chaplain. Others in the picture are members.



# Former B S A

## Officer Dies

Dr. Charles E. Monroe, who served as second vice-president of the Bible Sabbath Association from 1966-1971, and as the association's field representative for six months in California in 1970, passed away at Boise, Ida., April 15, at age 43.

He was converted early in life and organized the Mount Zion General Baptist Church of Granite City, Ill., at age nineteen. He joined the U. S. Navy in 1952 and spent four years in the Korean War. While stationed in Guam he organized a General Baptist Church.

After his discharge from the Navy, he attended Southern California Bible College and was graduated from Evangel College, Springfield, Mo., in 1957. The following year he became a Sabbath keeper and after teaching one year in the Missouri public school



system at Lincoln, Mo., he joined the staff at Spring Vale Academy at Owosso, Michigan.

He married Marion Shapitka of Langley, B. C., Canada, in June, 1962. The Monroes made their home in Boise, Ida., where he had been the founder and director of Maranatha Bible College in Meridian.

Because of his outstanding contribution to Christian education, he was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity in 1968 from Ridgecrest Theological Seminary.

Dr. Monroe was an outstanding leader and will be missed by his friends. He is survived by his wife, Marion, and three daughters.

The members of the Bible Sabbath Association say "Good bye" to our dear brother, in sure hope and faith believing that we shall meet him again when all things are made new.

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B.S.A. Member Mrs.

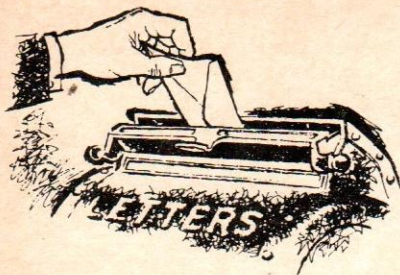
A. B. Mahieu Dies

Mrs. A. B. Mahieu of Fowler, Kan., passed away last April. Pastor Kenneth Knoll conducted the funeral service. Mrs. Mahieu had been a member and faithful supporter of the Bible Sabbath Association for a number of years. At one time she sponsored an "Echoes From Eden" radio broadcast in her area.

She is survived by her husband, who continues to remember the work of the Bible Sabbath Association.

The members of the Bible Sabbath Association say "Good bye" to our faithful sister in sure hope of the blessed resurrection of those who have died in the Messiah.





You are doing a fine work. This is your calling, ordered from heaven for this time. May the choice blessing of heaven richly abide with you and your good work.

—Elder A. N. Dugger, editor  
*The Mount Zion Reporter*  
 P. O. Box 658  
 Jerusalem, Israel

Please accept this check for past due and next year's subscriptions. We enjoy *THE SENTINEL*. Thank you.

—R. L., Minnesota

Enclosing contributions of ten dollars: I feel you are doing a good work, worthy of support.

—M.B.H., Mo.

Yes, we still believe that Saturday on our modern calendar is God's seventh day and not Sunday, the first day of the week. We would like to receive *THE SABBATH SENTINEL*. Enclosed find money for one-year subscription.

—R. K., Iowa

I have a tract here in my Bible which I have had for several years. No doubt I have written to you before; I do not remember. This tract is *Search the Scriptures*. . . I know the time has come when God wants this truth proclaimed, and I would

like to have more of these tracts if they are still being printed.

—F. F., Indiana

I do enjoy reading *THE SENTINEL*, and I am most grateful that you have kept me on your mailing list. I do not have much of this world's goods, but I have God's Holy Spirit. We are nearing the end and must put on the whole armor. Especially do we need the weapon which is the Word.

—M. B. D.

How you all cooperate to put out such a nice publication as *THE SABBATH SENTINEL* is a marvel because I know one could not realize all the work that must go behind it to get it out so regularly and so nicely put together. Our dear Lord watch over you and with His guidance in your good work.

—M. C., Indiana

I don't want the Bible Sabbath Association to retreat. I hope this contribution may help to move us forward. And I pray other members and friends will be moved to add their support to this urgent need. Thank you for the 1974 calendar.

—M. E. R., Ohio

This tract I am inquiring about was found. I don't know how old it is, but on the front is, *Let's Go Back to the Sabbath*. Do you have a monthly magazine? I'd really like to know more about your organization. I'm very interested. I have known about the true Sabbath day for 21 years. I am a Christian. I am not a Seventh-day Adventist. I keep the Sabbath day alone. Please, may I hear from you, and please tell me the



price of your calendars. I would like to order one. I pray God to bless this organization and that it may grow to fill the world.

—E. D., Mississippi

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I have been listening very often to your broadcast and how I do enjoy it; even the voice sounds good to me. I am a long-time Sabbath keeper. The Lord gave me the Ten Commandments when I was a girl in school, about 13 years old.

—Mrs. J. C.,

St. Louis, Mo.

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It took me 25 years finally to come to the truth... I was a drunken country singer for the past years, and now I've come to the truth. I'm now trying to do gospel in the Lord's work, which gives me the chance to give testimony.

I wish to obtain the *Handbook and Directory of Sabbath Observing Organizations*, Sabbath calendar, and a copy or subscription to THE SABBATH SENTINEL.

--J. E., New York

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I am in my 80's, disabled WW I veteran, have contacted thousands of visitors to Kentucky Dam, given tracts on the seventh-day Sabbath these past five years. Before that I taught Sunday School, directed training union, was a member of the Gilbertville Baptist Church for about 65 years. There is no Sabbath-keeping church in our county.

—R.D.S.,

Kentucky

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Today God's church is so divided that God cannot find his true church. Man must stop disobeying God and

come back to Oneness of God's church. Let us come back to the true Leader of the church, for in Him is the law and the Sabbath. Let us unite today; let us not stay divided any more. It is too late to continue on as we are today. Let God's people come back to God's true church.

—Elder John T. Wallace

Central City, Ky.

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Praise God, and thanks to his mercy. Just recently I've learned God's whole truth. In reading a tract (pamphlet) published by you, I found a short statement made by Alexander Campbell in 1821. I came out of the Church of Christ, thus I work with them often, and I think this complete speech (writing) of Campbell's might help me. Please help me find the source of securing a copy.

—J. C. T., Texas

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Greetings in the name of Yahshua! We received the papers you sent for us to fill out for the new Directory. Here is our situation: there are just the two of us here, so we do not have an organization or any such. Just our home. There do not seem to be very many people interested in the seventh-day Sabbath. They don't think they can make a living if they don't work on Saturday.

—Joyce Kirkpatrick,

Homer, Alaska

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How I enjoyed the December SENTINEL article about the Burrells! They are a wonderful family, and as President Littrell says: "To know them is to love them."

—Thelma T., R. I.



# News from Sabbath-keeping Groups

*Conducted by R. D. Bradshaw*

Spring has come once again, and summer is near.

The arrival of summer holds special significance for many Sabbath-keeping brethren, for it means camp meeting time.

This first appearance of "News from the Sabbath-Keeping Groups" is devoted to the announcement of some camp meetings. Our listings, we regret, are incomplete. If your group has been omitted, it was not intentional.

## *Assembly of Yahvah (Independents)*

For those Sabbath-keeping brethren who live in or near the Lone Star State, Elder Abie Wilds, pastor of the Assembly of Yahvah, Luxora, Ark., states that the Assembly of Yahvah will conduct its annual camp meeting at the Assembly of Yahvah Campground, Emory, Tex., for six days starting at 7:30 p.m. on July 1, and ending with the evening service on July 6. Services will be conducted mornings, afternoons, and evenings. The public (and especially other Sabbath keepers) is invited to these meetings.

For more information, write or telephone Elder James Pridmore, Rt. 4, Box 10, Winfield, Ala. 35594. Telephone 305-487-6784.

Elder Wilds promises good strong preaching coupled with some inspirational singing from talented singers. The assembly will provide the following free services: dormitory facili-

ties for men and women, meals during the meetings, and space and facilities for campers.

If you would like to attend these meetings or desire more information, please contact Elder Paul Wilds, P. O. Box 454, Emory, Tex. 75440. Telephone 214-473-2974.

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## *Assembly of Yahvah (of Junction City, Oregon)*

Elder L. D. Snow, pastor of the Assembly of Yahvah in Tulsa, Okla., announces their annual camp meeting. This meeting is scheduled Monday night, July 1, through Saturday night, July 6, at Camp Maxwell, seven miles north of Haleyville, Ala. (north about 5 miles from Haleyville on Highway 195, turn left on Highway 243, then about 2 miles to Camp Maxwell).

This camp is well located and has good facilities to take care of all who wish to come (dormitories and food will be available).

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## *General Council of the Churches of God*

The March *Fellowship Herald* published by the General Council of the Churches of God contained two announcements of camp meetings.

The first is the General Council camp meeting at Meridian, Ida.,



June 28 to July 6.

For more information, contact General Council of the Churches of God, 302 East Gruber Ave., Meridian, Ida. 83642.

The second is the Midwest camp meeting, August 5 to 10 at the Hickory Grove Camp, Ottumwa, Iowa. All ages are welcome. For more information, write to Carol Jean Palmer, 1301 E. Jenkins, Maryville, Mo. 64468.

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### *Seventh-day Adventists*

Elder Wayne Maples of the Laurel Seventh-day Adventist Church, Morganton, N. C., gives dates of the camp meetings planned by several Seventh-day Adventist conferences and regions. Visitors are welcome. Some of these are:

Central States, June 20-29; Colorado, June 21-29; Oklahoma, July 12-20; Southwest Region, June 21-29; and Wyoming, August 6-11.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings, you may contact Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, 6840 Eastern Ave., N.W., Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012.

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### *Seventh Day Baptists*

The April 1974 *Sabbath Recorder*, published by the Seventh Day Baptists, contained two announcements of coming meetings.

The Southwestern Seventh Day Baptist Association will hold its 83rd session with the church at Fouke, Ark., July 4 to 7, 1974. Russell Davis of Fouke is president.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is scheduled August 11-17

at Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

If you desire further information on these meetings, contact Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

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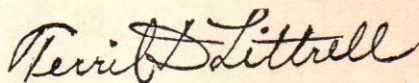
outreach of the association: that of its radio ministry. New stations are to be added this year as finances permits. THE SABBATH SENTINEL is to have a face lift, with more pages being added and more illustrations used as we change from letter press to offset press.

We are to have an editorial staff instead of one editor. Mr. Eugene Lincoln will remain our managing editor, working with four contributing editors. The four editors who were appointed to serve with Mr. Lincoln are Dr. Allen Babcock, Mr. R. D. Bradshaw, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, and Miss Sally Ann White.

The first issue of the Spanish edition of THE SABBATH SENTINEL should be ready for distribution by the time you read this. The editor is Mr. David H. Wehmeyer. Miss Susan Barch is the translator.

New tracts are to be written and some of the old ones revised to better meet our needs. All in all our program is to be expanded. Only your continued prayers and financial support make such progress possible.

I remain yours for a greater B.S.A.





A Note  
from  
the Editor



## Take Two Tablets

**T**AKE a look in the average medicine chest. Ours is not "average," for we shy away from medicine as much as possible. A quick survey, however, revealed eight containers of various pills: Phillips' Milk of Magnesia in its familiar blue bottle ("chew thoroughly 2 to 4 tablets"), a 100-tablet bottle of Vitamin C ("one tablet daily or as prescribed by physician"), a small brown bottle of Cystex ("a modern analgesic and germ combating treatment"), some St. Joseph aspirin, and several prescription tablets for various family members' long-forgotten illnesses.

This seems to be the age of the tablet. When people get together, after they have exhausted the subject of weather, the topic of which tablets they are taking for what will often be good for at least a quarter hour of conversation.

Yet there are two tablets badly needed by the people of the world that are almost forgotten—hidden away in the dark recesses of the world's "medicine chest."

These tablets are old, but they have been tested through the ages and found to be effective. They are the Ten Commandments, which were

given millenniums ago to mankind—two tables, or tablets, of stone, "written with the finger of God" (Ex. 31:18).

They might be compared to the tablets given to school children, which, when chewed, show by red color which areas of the teeth are not being properly brushed. These divinely-prescribed tablets show how deeply the crimson stain of sin has permeated one's life.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul said, "Indeed I would not have known what sin was except through the law" (Rom. 7:7, New International Version). And he went on to say (v. 13), that it was through the commandments that he found out how "utterly sinful" sin is.

He begins chapter 8 with the glorious declaration that he had found the cure for the ailment revealed by the commandments. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:1, NIV). Later in the chapter he explains that the law—far from being abolished—is still in effect, and that the Savior's sacrifice enabled the requirements of the law to be met fully in us.

There we have it—the two divine tablets pointing out the illness and the divine sacrifices providing a remedy.

Why have so few found and used them?

Perhaps one reason is that many who profess to follow the Savior do not show by their actions that they truly love Him (John 14:21).

*Eugene Lincoln*



## WHEN LIGHTNING STRUCK THE STEEPLE

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When Lloyd arrived home from work, his wife met him at the door with a beaming countenance, unable to contain herself. With newspaper in hand, she told the whole experience right there at the door.

Lloyd says, "If the evangelist had so much as misstated even a preposition to slant it his way, he would have struck out as far as I was concerned. But he was very accurate and meticulous." He preached truth, God's Word (John 17:17), and God defended His truth with a miracle.

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## NEW CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED

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pared for distribution. Mother Johnson announced that she had put an article in the local newspaper about the work.

On March 31, 1974, at 7:30 p.m., the New Orleans chapter sponsored a candlelight service at the Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Rev. Alen Clairborne preached a sermon. The young people of the Alpha and Omega Seventh Day Missionary Church and the Seventh Day Baptist Church, led by Lester Moore, presented a musical program. Members of the chapter then dramatized the Ten Commandments. The event was well attended.

International President Terril D. Littrell plans to attend the June chap-

ter meeting to install the officers and present the chapter with its charter. The chapter reports 21 members presently and a keen interest is being shown by more.

—Minister M. C. Johnston, reporter

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## HISTORY OF THE SABBATH THROUGH THE AGES

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also know that on their way to Mt. Sinai, before they ever received the tables of stone and various other laws, statutes and judgments (Ex. 16:1-29), they were reminded to keep the Sabbath as well as the other commandments and laws. When in the Fourth Commandment they were asked to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," it more than indicates that they should observe that with which there had been an acquaintance previously.

The Jewish historian Josephus refers to the Sabbath institution, not as something that originated for them at Mt. Sinai, but as something in effect from the very beginning of time, in these words: "Moses says that in just six days the world and all that is therein was made. And that the seventh day was a rest and a release from the labor of such operations. WHENCE it is that we celebrate a rest from our labor on that day, and call it the Sabbath; which word denotes rest in the Hebrew tongue" (*Antiquities of the Jews*, Book 1, Chapter 1, Section 1).

When we leave the books of Moses, in six consecutive books of the Bible, for a period of about five hundred years, the Sabbath is not mentioned. Nevertheless, idolatry and



Sabbath breaking were some of the besetting sins of Israel, which finally, in the days of the prophet Jeremiah, caused them to be taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon for a period of 70 years (Jer. 17:20-27; 25:8-11; Ezek. 20:23-25).

Upon their return from the Babylonian captivity, when some of the folks in Judah became negligent in Sabbath keeping, Nehemiah contended with the nobles and said, "What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? Yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the Sabbath" (Neh. 13:17, 18).

The next period in Hebrew history which reveals their attitudes toward Sabbath-keeping is the Maccabean

age. Under the reign of the Syrian Antiochus Epiphanes, about 175-164 B.C., during a portion of that time the Jews were greatly oppressed.

He wrote to his whole kingdom that all should be one people and all should leave their laws in favor of his, with which all the heathen agreed, and even many of the Israelites consented to his religion, sacrificing to idols, and profaning the Sabbath.

But the greater part of the Jews remained faithful to their God, for which they were persecuted. Many lost their lives because they would not consent to profane the Sabbath. In fact, by that time they had already loaded the Sabbath with many rigorous and burdensome ordinances, so much so that they would not even defend themselves against their ene-



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mies on the Sabbath day (1 Maccabees, chapters 1, 2, and 2 Maccabees, chapters 5, 6.

When in history we arrive at the conclusion of the old covenant and the ushering in of the new, we observe that the Jewish people were extremely strict in the matter of Sabbath keeping and their various man-made traditions, which brought them in conflict with the One who had arrived to be Israel's Messiah. In our next installment we will consider the matter of Sabbath keeping in the Gospels.

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### HERE'S HOW THEY FELT

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own denomination. I have especially through the years appreciated the Burrells. . . . My wife and I have had wonderful fellowship with other people who have come to our home that we would never have had the chance to meet if I had not become a member of the Bible Sabbath Association. . . ."

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M. O. Flanery, independent Sabbath keeper from Missouri, member of the Bible Sabbath Association almost since its beginning, now serving as a field representative for the association in the state of Missouri: "I began keeping the Sabbath in 1938. . . . In 1944 I noticed an an in some magazine. . . . where the Bible Sabbath Association was organizing and I wrote in and have been a member ever since. . . . I have never felt right if I didn't get my SABBATH SENTINEL and other literature from

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A. T. Friend, a former member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church from California, an honorary member of the Bible Sabbath Association: "I believe in the Bible Sabbath Association because it is a means of emancipating the Sabbath from denominationalism and sectarianism. . . ."

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Bishop James Roley, pastor of the Assembly of Yahveh in Ohio, a member of the Bible Sabbath Association for the past decade: "I am glad to be a member of the Bible Sabbath Association because it puts me in contact with other Sabbath keepers . . . I find out that I have other brothers and sisters that I didn't know I had. . . . I praise Yahveh for the opportunity to be a member of the Bible Sabbath Association. . . ."

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O. J. Smith, member of the Assembly of Yah, Tennessee, member of the Bible Sabbath Association since early 1974: "I have been a Sabbath keeper for four years. . . and have been reading THE SABBATH SENTINEL for some time now. Last year I sent in money to the association and

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thought that I was a member, but made the mistake of not REQUESTING MEMBERSHIP, so I have only been a member officially just a few months. . . . I appreciate the Bible Sabbath Association because we are all working toward unity. . . ."

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Sam Surratt, member of the Assemblies of the Called Out Ones, Tennessee, member of the Bible Sabbath Association since early 1974: "I have been a member such a short time that I really don't know a lot to say about the association . . . but I have been called out of the false . . . churches to keep Yah's true Sabbath. . . ."

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The first meeting will commence with the evening service July 29. Accommodations and meal prices will be announced later. For additional information contact Elder Nick Nimchuk, P. O. Box 247, White Fox, Saskatchewan SOJ 3B0. Phone (306) 276-5939.

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