

"Go, set a watchman,  
Let him declare what he seeth."

— Isaiah 21:6 —

**The Sabbath**

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Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people he has chosen as his own. The Lord gazes down upon mankind from heaven where he lives. He has made their hearts and closely watches everything they do. The best-equipped army cannot save a king—for great strength is not enough to save anyone. A war horse is a poor risk for winning victories—it is strong but it cannot save. But the eyes of the Lord are watching over those who fear him, who rely upon his steady love. He will keep them from death even in times of famine! We depend upon the Lord alone to save us. Only he can help us; he protects us like a shield. No wonder we are happy in the Lord! For we are trusting him. We trust his holy name. Yes, Lord, let your constant love surround us, for our hopes are in you alone.

(Psalm 33:12-22)

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# Did Jesus Keep the Sabbath?

GEORGE DELLINGER

**S**UNDAY-KEEPERS, in their efforts to oppose God's Sabbath, usually assert that Jesus changed the day of worship from Saturday to Sunday, and that Paul, in his instructions to Gentile converts, condemned Sabbath-keeping and established Sunday as the Christian day of worship.

There are no passages in the Bible that support these claims. There are no such passages because Jesus never changed the day of worship and Paul never established Sunday as the day for Christian worship.

Let us first examine the life of Jesus Christ to see what His practice was, remembering that He is our Example (1 Pet. 2:21).

The Sabbath-keeping habit of Jesus Christ included going into the synagogue to attend worship services, as we shall see. However, the religious leaders of His day had burdened the people with a multitude of rules and regulations greatly restricting Sabbath activities. These were human rules which Jesus showed we were not required to keep.

In His efforts to rid the Sabbath of human encumbrances, Jesus quite naturally incurred the wrath of the religious leaders. But it is significant that in His exposure of their hypocrisy He never once alluded to any abolishment of the Sabbath or to any change of the day from the seventh day of the week to the first.

Jesus taught on the Sabbath day. We read the following:

"And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue" (Mark 6:2).

"And [He] came down to Capernaum...and taught them on the sabbath days" (Luke 4:31).

Jesus often healed on the Sabbath, as recorded in the following:

"And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught... there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. ...And Jesus rebuked him, saying, ...Come out of him...and...he came out of him" (Mark 1:21-25. See also Luke 4:31).

"And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered...and [Jesus] said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other" (Luke 6:6-10. See also Mark 3:1-2 and Matt. 12:9-13).

"And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath... and...there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity...and he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight" (Luke 13:10-17).

"...Jesus went up to Jerusalem...Now there is at Jerusalem...a



pool... called... Bethesda... and a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. ... Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole... and on the same day was the sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath" (John 5:1-10). Also verse 14 tell us, "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple." Both Jesus and the man He had healed were in the temple for worship on the Sabbath.

"And it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath day... there was a certain man before him which had the dropsy... And [He] healed him." Verse 3 shows that Jesus regarded healing as proper activity on the Sabbath, or, as He says in Matthew 12:12: "It is lawful to do well on the sabbath days" (Luke 14:1-4).

"And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth... and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with... clay... and he went... and washed, and came seeing... And it was the sabbath day" (John 9:1-7, 14).

Jesus makes definite reference to healing on the Sabbath, and defends it, in John 7:23, when He says "... are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath day?"

Jesus' teachings on the Sabbath show definitely that He regarded proper activities as lawful. In Matthew 12:1-7 we read that the Pharisees accused Christ's disciples because they plucked and ate grain on the Sabbath. He defended their actions by drawing a parallel between their obtaining food and the priests

doing their work on the Sabbath and also David's eating of the bread reserved for the priests.

Then in verse 8 He makes the important statement, "For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day." Mark, in his account of this incident, says "Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Mark 2:28). Luke, in his account, says "And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath" (Luke 6:5). Jesus Christ staked His claim to the Sabbath as His day, the day of which He is Lord, and to no other day!

One verse in particular settles all doubt. Can we prove that Jesus Christ kept the Sabbath? Luke 4:16 tells us: "And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day." The Greek word for "custom" here is a word meaning something used by habit, a manner. So Jesus, our Example, kept the Sabbath as a matter of habit or practice, something He did automatically. Can anything be plainer?

Do you know why the religious leaders of His day determined to kill Christ? The answer is in John 5:16: "And therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him, because he had done these things on the sabbath day." They killed Him for keeping the Sabbath, for keeping it properly God's way, not theirs! He is an example of a persecuted Sabbath-keeper!

Again, in verse 18 of the same chapter, we read: "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that God was

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# The Prodigal Nation

REV. NAT OLSON

**B**EHOLD, a certain Father had two worlds—the Old World and the New World. One day, the younger said, “Father, give me of my inheritance; make me rich, spiritually and materially.”

And the Father blessed the New World until it became the envy of the Old World. It enjoyed a standard of living undreamed of in the



history of mankind. Less than 200 years later, however, the New World scorned the Father and took a long

journey into the far country of materialism and sensuality. There it wasted its substance with riotous living.

And lo, when it has spent all, there arose great shortages of grain, of oil, of electrical power, and none of the other nations the New World had helped in its days of prosperity offered any assistance. At last, the New World came to its spiritual senses and said, “Why should this generation perish from hunger? The God who helped Washington at Valley Forge and Lincoln at Gettysburg is still alive today. Let us arise and go to our Heavenly Father and say, ‘Father, we have sinned against heaven and before Thee. We are no more worthy to be called a Christian nation; make us as one of the lesser nations of earth!’”

And America arose and returned to God.

The Heavenly Father had compassion on America and said, “Thou art forgiven. Come and rejoice in thy new-found fellowship with thy Father. Bring forth a bountiful harvest from thy amber fields of grain. Bring forth thy oil and natural resources from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Bring Me the fatted calves from your wide and open ranges. Let us eat and be merry for this My New World was spiritually dead but

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# Yahweh's Sabbatical Land Rest

ELDER WARREN ZIEGLER

NOTE: Quotations are from a Sacred Name Version of the Bible.

**W**E rarely hear a sermon in the average church about the seventh-day Sabbath, and if we do, the minister will refer to it as the Lord's Day or Sunday, which of course is nowhere to be found in Scripture. The only passage which may be construed as such is Revelation 1:10, which is poorly translated, for it should be: "I [John] was transported in spirit into the day of Yahweh," etc. He was given a picture of what was to transpire when His Son Yahshua was to be unveiled as King over His people Israel in the coming 1000-year period and what was to transpire in the meantime. It was nothing to do with a weekly Sabbath.

On the other hand, this writer in over 60 years has never heard a sermon in a so-called Protestant Church on the very essential agricultural law outlined in Leviticus 25. If this law were obeyed by our farmers and coupled with the strict keeping of the dietary laws of Deuteronomy 14 and Leviticus 11 (the eating of clean meats and not eating unclean meats), we would be a healthy people.

We urge each SABBATH SENTINEL reader to read and study the entire 25th chapter of Leviticus, but for our article we quote verses 1 to 7:

"And Yahweh spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying: Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto Yahweh. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruits thereof: but in the SEVENTH year shall be a SABBATH of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Yahweh: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of itself of thy harvest, thou shalt not reap, and the grapes of thy undressed vine thou shalt not gather: it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be food for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for the stranger who sojourns with you. And for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be for food." Also note the tremendous yield Yahweh would give for obedience in verses 18-22 — ENOUGH FOR THREE YEARS. HalleluYAH! Compare also with Exodus 23:10, 11.

This, dear folks, is Elohim's scientific formula for preserving the chem-

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# Teenagers and Freedom

SALLY ANN WHITE

**W**E seem to be living in the days when the word freedom is misunderstood. Being free does not mean we forget everything we learn in school and what mom and dad have told us, but now we are free to practice what we were taught.

As I read the story about the Prodigal Son in Luke 15, there is very much truth in it. First of all, there is this boy who wanted to be free. I believe it is a natural thing for a young person to want his liberty and to think for himself. He wanted to be his own boss because he was tired of being told, "Don't do this and don't do that" until he was sick of it. He said, "Dad give me what's coming to me," and of course his dad agreed, probably thinking that it could be a mistake. He probably couldn't take his nagging any more and said, "Good bye, son."

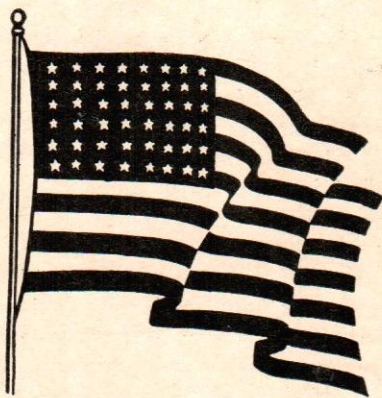
I see this everyday not only in prodigal sons but prodigal daughters. Oh yes, there are some where parents do not lecture the young and let them do as they please in training, but as time goes by these people wish they had parents who had been strict when they were younger so that they would know wrong from right some day and be able to find it. They do not even know wrong from right. And of course the ones like the prodigal knew, but he rebelled from the right and chose the wrong.

Well, at least this young man had

a place to come back to someday, even though he might suffer many scars.

So many young people today do not know where to turn when looking for the right, so be glad to know the truth and you shall be free. Many people today think that God's law is not freedom and quote how to be under grace and not the law. His law is love and has helped me to be free, so I follow our heavenly Father's law. There was a boy in our town who thought he was free and stole many things, but is now behind jail bars, I am sure he found out that this was just a delusion from Satan, and being free means to obey.

As I read the story of the Prodigal Son, I realize how the teenagers of today are much the same. The prodigal wanted to be on his own but didn't realize that the things he learned and was told from dad were still to be applied to his life.



"Freedom is everybody's business: your business, my business, the church's business; and the person who does not use his freedom to defend his freedom . . . does not deserve his freedom!"

—Dr. Carl McIntyre



## Eastman Smith Writes to City Council About Sunday Laws

### A TESTIMONY

Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653  
Dear Chairman and Councilmen:

In the *Baxter Bulletin* appeared a notice, "Study of Blue Laws." It appears that presently effective is the prohibition of all business except ice houses, drug stores, and cafes on Sundays; and that the matter is now under further study. May I make a suggestion, under two classifications? Of course you desire to fit this problem to Americanism, and to honoring the Almighty.

First: in this country, as we are supposed to have complete separation of church and state, perhaps "blue laws" are a dictation by the state, and therefore unlawful.

Second: if, nevertheless, it is determined to honor the Almighty by means of a Sunday legal observance, then I submit that the Sunday "blue laws" miss the mark. We were commanded to observe the *seventh* day, our Saturday, as a day of rest, and to honor God; not Sunday.

A Christian is bound to follow God's commands. The Sabbath was never changed by Christ or by His apostles; the change came three centuries later by a political compromise (and here is state interference again).

Some ministers unwisely argue that "the law was done away with at the cross." Nothing of the kind. St. Paul points out that it was the ordinances that were done away with, not the law. True, we are not "saved" by deeds of the law; but a person who is saved will keep the law.

Respectfully yours,  
Eastman Smith

When I first heard about some people who were keeping the Sabbath, I took it "with a grain of salt." I thought it was their business if they wanted to keep it, but I knew that it had been done away with.

Then, as I began associating with them more and more, I happened to come by for a visit on the Sabbath, not realizing that it was the Sabbath. I wasn't even dressed for it, but I went to their Sabbath School.

Then, another time, I told the teacher about my plans for a certain Saturday, and then, I said, "Oh, I forgot. You can't do that on Saturday because it's your Sabbath."

Then, to my amazement, she said with boldness and force, "No. And you won't either if you will fast and pray over it."

Well, when she said that, it shook me. I decided to fast and pray over it; and after I did, I knew that I had to keep the Sabbath day, too.

Before I had kept the Sabbath, my six children and I were living on food stamps, charity, and \$40 a month. When I determined in my mind to keep the Sabbath, before I had even actually ever kept a single Sabbath, the Lord blessed me with another \$65 a month.

Since my family and I have been keeping the Sabbath, the Lord has taken us from an upstairs apartment to enable us to buy a big farm house with 69 acres of land. Also, we had an old truck that would hardly start, and now we have a new '73 Buick Limited and an older second car. God keeps us well and strong. He has really kept his covenant with us for keeping our part living according to His laws.

—Patsy Moore



## How Sabbath Is At Our House

Every day of the week is just about the same thing at our house except for Sabbath. We all wake up early and eat breakfast together while my dad reads devotions. Then we all get in our best clothes and go to church. Sometimes I bring my friend Beth too.



Angie Lincoln

At Sabbath School we sing songs and usually have a Bible quiz and prayer. Whoever gets the most points at the end of a quarter gets a big prize. This quarter it's a free day's trip to King's Island.

Then after Sabbath School we go up to church and sing songs, and our preacher tells us kids a story and then he has the sermon.

After church I say Bye to all my friends and we drive home and eat.

Sometimes after we eat, we might go to the park or go on a bike ride. Sometimes we visit people, or play a Bible game, and when there's nothing else to do we just rest on Sabbath.

—Angie Lincoln

### Editor's Note:

Angie, 12 years old, has just completed her sixth year at the Marion, Ind., Seventh-day Adventist School.

## Did You Know That . . .

Approximately seven out of eight Americans die without making wills. Because of this, we want to make it easier for each of our friends to make a will by providing a fact sheet which you may fill out and take to your attorney, saving time for both you and him. In most cases he will prepare your will directly from the fact sheet.

Last year literally millions of estates from people who died without making a will went through a probate court; this amounted to assets of hundreds of billions of dollars which could have been used to promote the work of the Lord. We are concerned that God's people make sure their life savings go to their heirs or to the Lord's work, as He directs.

It is our desire to help friends who have stood by us through prayer and financial support. This service is without cost or obligation on your part. We would be glad to help you.

If you do not have an attorney of your own, we may be able to help you locate a Christian lawyer in your area. If you wish this, please let us know.

We trust that you will follow through in making your will, providing for your loved ones and the Lord's work as He directs. We will be happy to send you the fact sheet for making your will, compliments of the Bible Sabbath Association.

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

"The better part of one's life consists of his friendships."

—Abraham Lincoln



# A VOICE IN WASHINGTON



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Mr. Terril D. Littrell  
President  
The Bible Sabbath Association  
Fairview, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Littrell:

Thanks for your recent letter of support for my effort to end employment discrimination on the basis of the observance of religious beliefs.

As a member of a Seventh-Day Baptist congregation, I felt more acutely, perhaps, than some others the need to protect individuals in their jobs. As you know, many persons have in the past been forced to choose between their time of religious observance and their means of livelihood. Such a choice to me meant the erosion of the freedom of worship guaranteed under the Constitution. It also threatened the very existence of small denominations.

Your letter of thanks is greatly appreciated.

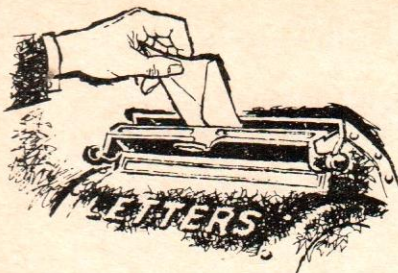
With best wishes, I am

Truly,



Jennings Randolph

Jennings Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist Congressman, has achieved national and international recognition during his years of service first in the House of Representatives and subsequently in the Senate. It was due to his efforts that the Equal Employment Opportunity Act was approved by Congress in 1972.



*Conducted by Mrs. Ruth Thomas*

It is about time that a lot of Sabbath keepers "get on the air" testifying to the outpouring of the Holy Ghost in these last days and the reason for it! Are the Sabbath keepers going to be the tail and not the head? Is it because there are so many Sabbath keepers who are so absorbed in the saving power of the Fourth Commandment that they have neglected and rejected the full power of the Holy Ghost?

Too many Sabbath keepers put the importance of Sabbath keeping above and beyond any other requirement for being counted among the "select or remnant church" or "the body of Christ." I've tried to show some "dyed-in-the-wool" Sab-batarians that the church of Jesus Christ will be made up of people of different "persuasions" or "faiths"; as long as they embody the requirements that Jesus commanded.

I have had quite a few Sabbath keepers declare that keeping the Sabbath is the sign of the "true church," and they exclude all others who do not keep the seventh-day Sabbath.

Like Paul, I became a Sabbath keeper "like one born out of due time," of my own free will and not of some man-taught reason! I'll admit that I became interested in a

deeper study and research about the seventh-day Sabbath by its being brought to my mind by reading Sabbath literature at the period of time when I was searching every angle of Christian experience. That resulted in my starting to keep the Sabbath and paying tithe about four years ago.

—Mrs. F. G. Miller,  
Missouri

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It is certainly good to have the Bible Sabbath Association on WLPH with "Echoes of Eden."

The material you sent me is very informative. Most of it deals with Saturday being the Sabbath day. I wish everyone could read this material, especially on our eating habits. I have known for many years that the Sabbath day was Saturday. In fact, I think most of the churches know that too. But it is like so many other things, they just really don't care.

—Bill Frink, manager,  
WLPH radio station  
Birmingham, Ala.

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I really enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL and I praise Yahweh that you were elevated to leadership in the Bible Sabbath Association. I pray for you that the Holy Spirit will lead you in this position that Yahweh's day of rest may be proclaimed to the nations, also that Yahweh and His righteousness might be received by sinners through acceptance of the redemption of Yahshua Messiah and receiving of the Holy Spirit to lead and guide them into all truth.

—Luke Boyd,  
Alabama



It is good to read of the meeting at Fort Wayne and the plans for great expansion for the BSA.

At Paint Rock S.D.B. Church we were inspired by the visit of President Littrell, his wife and two children. There were so many to speak to them.

Certainly the first-day Christians need to know the Bible Sabbath.

—W. Gerat

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Thanks for the pamphlet and other literature. May God bless and increase your Sabbath outreach. I am always thankful when that wonderful day of rest arrives.

—Mrs. F. M., Missouri

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Having a deep conviction that Saturday is the seventh day of the week, and that God commanded us to keep the seventh day as the Sabbath for rest and worship, I have for the last few years felt that we should be doing all we can to get our nation . . . back to the original seventh day as God commanded for our national Sabbath day.

I don't remember where I got this tract, *The Universal Seventh Day Sabbath*, but I got hold of it again recently. I like the teaching of it so well that I decided I wanted some of them to put in letters and spread around, especially to our Congressmen and other state and national representatives. So if you will, please send me 25 of them; I will see what I can do.

—E. C., Wisconsin

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Please send me as much information as you have on how I can be a Christian and keep God's laws.

—M. S., Washington

I work each day that I can, look for and enjoy the Sabbath with its peaceful rest, meditation, and study of the best Book of all. I am always glad to get to go to the house of worship.

I like to read *THE SABBATH SENTINEL*, and was glad to read what a friend wrote about the Burrells in the November issue.

The article "Silent Change," in the February issue was very good. The nice Sabbath calendars came. Thanks.

—Mrs. Grace H.,  
California

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I have received your letter and would like to know the requirements for becoming a member. I would like to be active in the organization.

—Julia C.

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Another birthday and another \$5 enclosed and well spent.

—Bro. L. V. B.

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You will find enclosed a money order for my quarterly payment toward the good work of the BSA.

I do not think that we will change the popular current concept of Sunday observance, but I will think that the money given to the B.S.A. worthwhile, if only there are a few enlightened in regard to the observance of the true Sabbath. Also, those who are observing it will be encouraged by the *SENTINEL* and those who seek to serve as officers of the B.S.A. It has been a great blessing in my life from the day I first saw the truth of the true Sabbath; it was through a booklet called *God's Holy Day*, published by the American



Sabbath Tract Society, also other tracts published by the BSA.

I think one of the best and most complete is "Echoes From Eden."

I am gratified and pleased with our president and editor of the **SENTINEL**. Also, the broad-minded outlook of the BSA. These are the things that truly count. May the blessings of God rest upon you all.

—Wm. P., Ontario

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I received a **SABBATH SENTINEL** a few weeks back. I was surprised to find that your group are Sabbath keepers. I am a Seventh-day Adventist.

Men have wandered so far from Him and in so many different directions that they can no longer recognize each other as members of His family. Yet if they would but return in penitence to Him and fall down anew in worship at His feet, they would find that all essential differences would disappear. As men draw nearer to Him, they cannot fail to come closer to each other. I would be very pleased if you could let me know what doctrines you teach besides the Sabbath.

—E. H., West Australia

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I think you are doing a good work. Could you please send me \$5 worth of the little yellow tract *Let's Go Back to the Sabbath*.

—Mrs. H., Oregon

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I really enjoyed the article in the May issue by A. B. Craig. Well written, and so clear as to silence at least some of the opposition. Let's have more of this. By the way, who is he?

—G.F.H., Rutland, B.C.

## LET'S GET ACQUAINTED

### With the Recording Secretary Mrs. Lula Murphy

The duties of the recording secretary of the Bible Sabbath Association are so far-reaching and important to the success of the association that they cannot be over-emphasized. She serves as one of the officers of the organization. It is she who records the minutes of the business meetings and sends copies of them to the president.



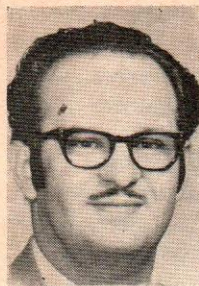
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Mrs. Murphy, who resides on a farm in southwestern Missouri with her husband Frank, is now serving her second term in this office. She is a native of New Mexico, but has lived in Missouri for the past 41 years. She taught 15 years in the elementary grades and eight years in kindergarten, and is now retired. She and Mr. Murphy have two children. Mrs. Murphy has been a Sabbath keeper for many years, and an active member of the Bible Sabbath Association almost since its inception.





THE  
PRESIDENT'S  
MESSAGE

“What Can Be Done...”

**L**ONG ago King David asked this question, “If the foundations be removed, what can the righteous do?”

One of the truly great foundation stones of our republic is the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which guarantees all citizens of these United States religious liberty.

To Sabbatarians religious liberty includes freedom to practice our belief of Sabbath observance (on Saturday) without consequent social, economic or political disabilities. For an employer to deny an employee this freedom would, in fact, be denying him his constitutional rights in the First Amendment under the clause “prohibiting the free exercise thereof.”

What can be done if a Sabbatarian is ever denied this right? He should get in touch with the Bible Sabbath Association immediately! Our association has taken a broad interest in the whole program of religious liberty in America for almost 30 years. Our association works in close cooperation with the Religious Liberty Association with headquarters in Washington, D.C., which has nine affiliate regional associations and a representative in each state.

It has direct contact with all proposed legislation that seems to infringe on the basic religious freedom guarantees of our government.

In the 1960's some cases involving Sabbath keepers and their employment came before the Supreme Court. They are as follows: 1961, *McGowen v. Maryland*; *The Two Guys from Harrison-Allentown, Inc. v. McGinley*; *Gallegher v. Kosher Super Market of Massachusetts*; *Brauneld v. Brown*; 1963, *Sherbert v. Verner*. In all five cases Chief Justice Earl Warren handed down the decisions in favor of the Sabbath keepers and ruled that the denial of employment on religious grounds constituted an infringement of their constitutional rights under the First Amendment.

Then in 1972, because of the skillful efforts of Senator Jennings Randolph, a Seventh Day Baptist of West Virginia, the Equal Employment Opportunity Act was approved by the Congress, which ended employment discrimination on the basis of the observance of religious beliefs.

We have friends in Washington, such as Representative Jerry Pettis, Senator Jennings Randolph, Senator Mark Hatfield, and others who stand ready, whenever a national Sunday law is proposed to provide amendments that will honor the conscience of those who observe Saturday as their day of rest and worship.

The Bible Sabbath Association is becoming better known and more widely respected among our friends in Congress as a non-extremist, responsible, honest, intellectually oriented movement.

Yours in this great cause,

*Kevin D. Littrell*



A Note  
from  
the Editor



## Mysterious Way

ONE of my favorite hymns is the one by the English poet, William Cowper. It begins:

God moves in a mysterious way  
His wonders to perform;  
He plants His footsteps in the sea  
And rides upon the storm.

The fourth verse declares:  
His purposes will ripen fast,  
Unfolding every hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste,  
But sweet will be the flower.

Things have happened during the past several months that have reminded me of this hymn time and time again.

A year ago, we were in Fort Wayne, Ind., teaching in the ninth grade at the church-operated school there. Economics forced the closing of this grade. A combination of what I feel were divine circumstances brought me to teach in the Marion Seventh-day Adventist School—back to our home town, after seven years' absence.

"This is it," we thought. "Our moving days are over. Even if we don't continue teaching, we shall stay here."

But this did not prove to be an accurate prophecy. Just as in Fort Wayne, the school in Marion had

financial problems, making it necessary to drop a teacher.

One evening, as the other teacher and I were discussing the future of the school and of us, the phone rang. It was from the former pastor of the Marion Seventh-day Adventist Church, who is now associate editor of *These Times*, published by the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville, Tenn.

"Would you be interested in coming down here?" was his question.

A second call from the business manager several days later invited me to come down for an interview. It proved to be one in which I said and did everything wrong. But I was accepted, provided I was interested in coming, to work in the proof-reading department.

Our whole family prayed about it. We asked the Lord for indications what decision we should make. And the indications pointed to our going.

We had to sell our house here; it was sold the day before we went to Nashville the second time house-hunting. Our first two days hunting a place to live were fruitless and discouraging. The first day of the second trip there was even more so—no suitable place for what we could afford. But on the morning of the day we had to return, we found a house that matched almost exactly our specifications. This deal was completed just five minutes before we had to start home; the down payment was exactly what we had figured we could afford, as were the monthly payments.

We aren't sure of the reasons for all of this; moving from our friends in Marion is sad, as was leaving our Fort Wayne friends last year; but we



feel that there is a divine plan to all of this.

Please remember us in your prayers as we enter a new era of our lives.

*Eugene Lincoln*

## DID JESUS KEEP THE SABBATH?

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his Father." Of course Jesus had not broken the Sabbath, only the human rules of the Pharisees. But the point is they sought to kill Him for His Sabbath keeping.

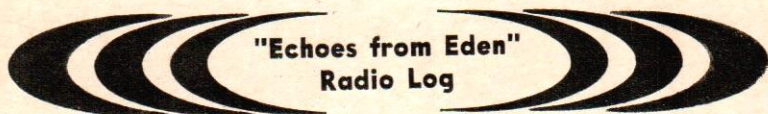
So it is perfectly settled that Jesus, in His own life, kept the Sabbath. There can be no doubt or question about it. He, the perfect Example, observed God's holy day. Now let us see if His teachings were con-

sistent. Did Christ teach the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath?

In Matthew 24:20, warning followers of the time when they would have to flee Jerusalem for their lives, Christ said to them, "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day."

The flight of the early Church from Jerusalem occurred in 69 A.D., just before Titus destroyed it the next year. So Jesus—years before this took place—showed that His followers would be keeping the Sabbath. Some 35 years after Jesus removed His physical presence from the earth, His people would be keeping the Sabbath. He knew it and took it for granted they would be.

Again, in Luke 23:55, 56, we read: "And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed af-



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ter, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment."

Why, if Jesus made a change in the day of worship, did these women not know about it? They obeyed God and rested on the Sabbath day "according to the commandment." No commandment had been changed; the Fourth Commandment remained in force and also remained unaltered.

So we have determined that Jesus Christ—both in His own personal life and in His public ministry—kept the Sabbath and taught its observance. Next let us see whether Paul later made some change in the day of worship.

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## THE PRODIGAL NATION

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now is alive; it was lost but now is found."

And they began to be merry. But the Old World murmured angrily, "Why all this celebration over the New World—a nation that wasted its moral and material resources in pleasure-mad living?"

The Heavenly Father replied, "O, but it is right that we should be merry because this, My New World, has returned to the God of the Pilgrims who came to America to worship Me according to the dictates of their hearts. Have I not promised that if My people who are called by My Name would humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, I would hear from heaven and would forgive their sins and would heal their land?"

## *Sabbath Keepers in the News*

A New York City Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists was begun on Sabbath, March 23. Forty-nine persons attended an afternoon service of worship and discussion at the Riverside Church in Manhattan. Pastor Herbert Saunders was in charge of the meeting which was held to determine whether or not there was sufficient interest to begin a fellowship in New York.

A Seventh Day Baptist Church existed in New York until about 25 years ago.

Pastor Saunders and Editor John Bevis spent several days in the city laying the groundwork for the meeting and calling upon many Seventh Day Baptists and Tract Society interests.

The group encountered difficulties in finding a permanent place to worship. The Riverside Church refused to allow the group to continue using its facilities and thus the group met temporarily in a downtown hotel. The fellowship is currently meeting at the Sloane House YMCA on 34th Street in Manhattan.

Information regarding this new fellowship may be obtained from Pastor Saunders in Plainfield, (201) 757-0555 or Socrates Thompson in Brooklyn, (212) 773-6277.

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## **Golden Wedding Anniversary**

First Vice President Frank M. Walker and Mrs. Walker celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 16, at St. Maries, Idaho.



## YAHWEH'S SABBATICAL LAND REST

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ical balance and productivity of the soil, and is also His method of controlling the inroads of predatory insects. Nothing else will work. I repeat: nothing else will work. Even crop rotation is wholly inadequate. But the success of Yahweh's plan lies in the fact that ALL land rests uncultivated at the same time. So we go on and on in our merry sinful way: scientists in all state colleges of agriculture are still wrestling with the problem of soil depletion and its effects on the health of both men and animals. The late Henry Ford, Sr., proved this Sabbatical land rest law many years ago in the growing of a huge, beautiful crop of wheat.

In closing, let us pray very earnestly for the fulfillment of the new covenant which our loving Heavenly Father states as recorded in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 8:7-10: "The day comes, saith Yahweh, that I will make a new covenant [agreement] with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of *Egypt*; which, My covenant they brake, although I was an husband to them, saith Yahweh. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Yahweh: I will put My law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their Elohim and they shall be my people." etc.

This is the answer to the Sabbath

laws as well as all of YAH's statutes, commandments, and judgments. What a great day of rejoicing awaits Yahweh's people! Praise His name!

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Association of 7th Day Pentecostal Assemblies, Inc. Camp Meeting, August 2, 7:30 p.m. through August 10.

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