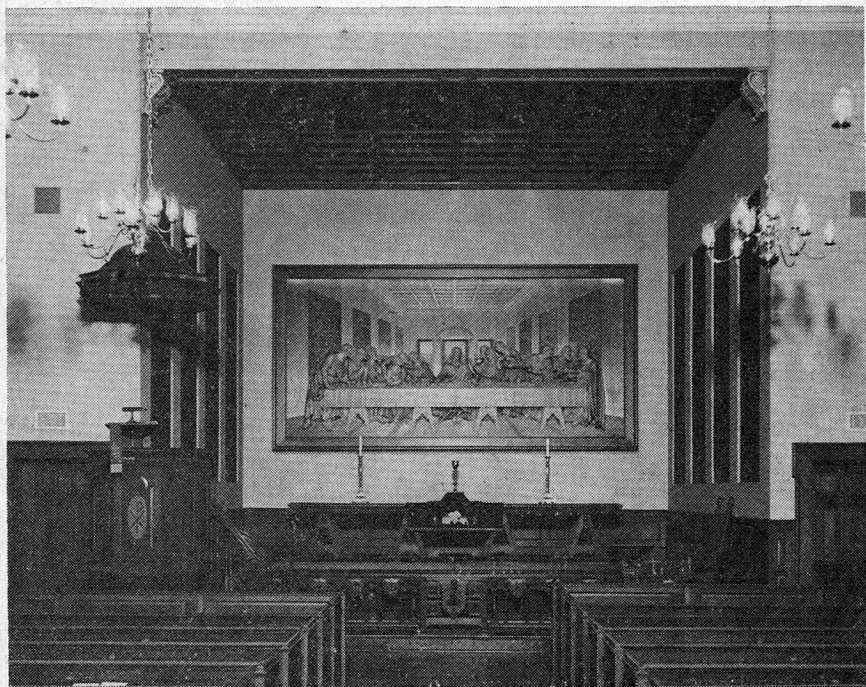


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Let him declare what he seeth."
— Isaiah 21:6 —*

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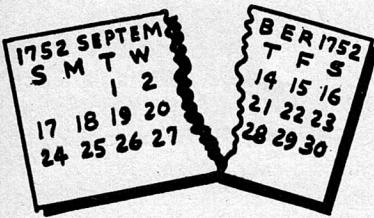
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Has Sabbath Time Been Lost?

JOSEPH M. MCGUIRE



WHO IN the Paradise of Eden told the first lie to reach the ears of our ancestors Adam and Eve (Genesis 3: 4)? Yes, dear reader, it was Satan as the serpent. He has been lying to mankind ever since. Some diligent truth-seeker correctly said, "For every commandment of God Satan has a counterfeit; for every truth of God he has a lie." Christ called Satan "a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).

Now let us consider the arch deceiver's lies against the Fourth Commandment of God, the seventh-day Sabbath Commandment. Satan says (and many heed), "You need *not* keep the Sabbath on the seventh day, Saturday, because after all, time has been lost, the calendar has been changed and days dropped from it. Why, people are not even using the same calendar today used during the days of Christ and the apostles! Then too, HOW can you keep the Sabbath on a ROUND WORLD? One *loses* a day when traveling westward and *gains* a day when traveling eastward. Thus you can't prove which day is the seventh-day Sabbath today!" The enemy of Truth continues

this hypothetical discourse: "Why not just go along with the crowd and keep Sunday as the Sabbath? What difference does it make anyway? If you're a Christian, doesn't God expect you to keep every day holy?"

As we shall see, the arch-deceiver is extremely busy with his deceptions, prevarications, innuendos, and half-truths.

God, whose "word is truth" (John 17:7) says, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. . . the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God (Exodus 20:8, 10). Christ says, "It is lawful to do well on the sabbath . . ." (Matthew 12:12).

Dear reader, does it seem reasonable that the great God of all creation would command us to do something we were not to do (or could not do) —to keep holy a certain day we were not to (or could not) keep holy? Please read on for *proof* that Sabbath time has NOT been lost!

Joshua's Long Day

Many believe the deception that "time has been lost," and thus Sabbath time confounded, because they fail rightly to divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15) as they read in Joshua 10 that the Lord, at the request of Joshua, made the sun stand still . . . and haste not to go down about a whole day (Joshua 10:13). One might hurriedly comment, "See! That long day of Joshua's interrupted

the normal flow of days through the weekly cycle, didn't it? Now we don't know which day is the seventh-day Sabbath, do we?"

Yes, we do. Notice, please, that even with this one day being some 36 hours in length, still the cycle of days in the week was uninterrupted by its occurrence—still 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 (Sabbath). Remember, God reckons a "day" as being "from even to even" (Genesis 1:5, Leviticus 23:32) regardless of how many hours (man's time) are in between evening to evening. And the Bible calls this long day ONE DAY—just ONE DAY (Joshua 10:14). The history of many peoples shows it was customary to end and begin the day at sunset (evening) until a few hundred years after Christ. Even today holy time is kept from evening to evening by a large number of Christian groups.

The Sabbath Christ Kept

But now, to prove this whole matter, let us remember that we really need to go back no further than the time of Christ's earthly ministry. For if Joshua's long day did not alter the weekly cycle, then Jesus observed—*correctly* observed, of course—the *seventh* day of the week. Jesus *knew* which was the right day. He kept the true Sabbath, and our calendar record *proves* that the Saturday of *today* is the *very same* seventh day Jesus Christ kept! Notice that the day which Jesus kept "as his custom was" (Luke 4:16) was the same day that all the Jews kept, for they were then holding their religious service in the synagogue (verses 17, 20). Ask any Orthodox Jew—or any truly Messianic Jew—today if he has lost the Sabbath. Such an

idea would be nonsense to him. The Jew is not in doubt and *never has been!* Neither was the Lord Jesus Christ in doubt!

Moreover, lest someone say the Saviour kept the Sabbath *simply because He was a Jew*, consider two points: (1) Jesus said, "The sabbath was made for man" (Mark 2:27). ("mankind," not just the Jew); and (2) His prophecy in Matthew 24:20 in which He asked His faithful followers, because of future troubles, to "pray that your flight be not . . . on the sabbath day." Many believe this prophecy was fulfilled some 40 years after His crucifixion, when the Romans besieged Jerusalem (70 A.D.)—long after the sealing of the New Covenant by the Saviour's death on the cross! If the seventh-day Sabbath had been changed in the New Covenant, then the Saviour surely would not have asked that the Sabbath be kept years after His crucifixion!

We can also see by the aforesaid and following facts the answer to the last question of the arch-deceiver Satan, that every day of the week is not equally holy to God (Genesis 2:1-3). There is just ONE special day in the week MADE HOLY by God, the day of His choice, the day having *His* special blessing, the seventh-day Sabbath (in fact, we are commanded to WORK the other six days—but not the Sabbath!—Exodus 20:9, 10)! Let us follow, like Paul, the example of Christ our great Teacher (I Corinthians 11:1)!

Those Calendar Changes

Since we have shown that the weekly cycle of days, the seven-day rota of the week, was *unchanged* by Joshua's long day, that Christ kept

what we today call Saturday, and that every day is NOT equally holy to God, let us now proceed to prove that the changes in the calendar did *not* affect the timing of God's holy day, the seventh-day Sabbath, today.

Today we live under what is called the Gregorian calendar. It was given this name because of the calendar reform in 1582 authorized by Pope Gregory XIII. Today's calendar is in reality a revision of the Julian calendar authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. The Julian calendar was in use until 1582 A.D.

Because by the time of Pope Gregory the Julian calendar had drifted ten days away from the seasons—the spring equinox falling on March 11 instead of March 21—it was decided to drop ten days from the calendar. This was accomplished in October, 1582, at the direction of Pope Gregory. But THE ORDER OF DAYS IN THE WEEK WAS NOT INTERRUPTED by dropping the ten days! This happened: people went to bed on the night of Thursday, October 4, 1582, but when they awoke the next day the date was October 15. But the day was, as usual, *Friday*. NO DAY HAD BEEN LOST AT ALL, just the DATE had been changed!

In September, 1752, after a long delay, the British countries also dropped days from the calendar. They had refused to change the calendar when the Pope in Rome ordered it. By September, 1752, however, it had become necessary for the British countries to drop days also—*eleven* days—in order to rectify the calendar with the seasons. Still the weekly cycle—the order of days in the week—remained the same, without interruption, as God ordained it in the beginning!

In the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, Volume 3, page 740, article "Chronology," we read: "It is to be noted that in the Christian period, the order of days in the week has never been interrupted. Thus when Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1582, Thursday 4 October was followed by Friday, 15 October. So in England, in 1752, Wednesday, 2 September, was followed by Thursday, 14 September."

Testimony of Astronomers

Astronomers, both past and present, testify to the uninterrupted weekly cycle of seven days.

"... the division of the week... has been followed for thousands of years, and therefore has been halloved by immemorial use."—M. Anders Donner, professor of astronomy at the University of Helsingfors.

"... we have had occasion to investigate the results of the works of specialists in chronology and we have never found one of them that has ever had the slightest doubt about the continuity of the weekly cycle since long before the Christian era.... There has been no change in our calendar in past centuries that has affected in any way the cycle of the week."—James Robertson, former director American ephemeris, U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.

"As far as I know, in the various changes of the calendar there has been no change in the seventh-day rota of the week, which has come down from very early times."—F. W. Dyson, former astronomer royal, Royal Observatory, Greenwich, London.

"The continuity of the week... has crossed the centuries, and all known calendars, still intact."—Professor D.

Eginitis, director of the Observatory of Athens.

We could list many more testimonies of outstanding astronomers that the weekly cycle of seven days in the week has never been broken!

Gaining or Losing a Day Traveling Around the World

The hypothetical statement of the devil that we “lose” or “gain” a day depending upon which way we travel around our round world also has an answer.

It might seem to some who do not stop to think very deeply that one loses a day if he travels westward around the world—or gains a day if he travels eastward. But this loss or gain is *apparent, not real*. Let us illustrate.

Think of what would happen if this were true. Imagine twin brothers, one traveling westward around the world, the other traveling eastward. If one brother *actually* lost a day, while the other gained a day, then after seven such journeys, one would become *fourteen days older* than his twin brother! If they took enough trips, one brother would in time become enough older to be the “father” of his own twin brother! This is ridiculous, but it illustrates the point.

When a person travels, his days are not of equal length. If a man travels by plane from New York to San Francisco, he’ll pass over several time belts, and he might set his watch *back* one hour for each time belt, finding his day is computed as 27 hours, not 24 hours. In San Francisco his watch will then be correct, but *not* in New York. On the way back to New York, he’ll again adjust his watch, this time *forward* one

hour for each time zone passed into.

Thus we see that “gaining” or “losing” either days or hours is *apparent* and not real.

There are many more tricky *arguments*—all having truthful *answers*—the archfiend Satan uses to confuse people, and seemingly to “justify” them in disobeying the Commandments of God. But we must always be aware of Satan’s deceptions and remember the Holy Scriptures, our standard of right doing (righteousness), teach “the devil is a liar and the father of it”; also the Scriptures reveal “. . . sin is the transgression of the law [of God]” (I John 3:4). In Romans 6:1, 2 we are told the Christian must not continue in sin, in transgressing the Law of God.

Dear reader, do not wilfully transgress even *one* commandment of God, for the Scriptures say that the wages of willful, unforgiven sin is death (Romans 6:23, Hebrews 10:26, 27). Let us rather be obedient Christians, obey God and live (John 3:36; Revelation 22:14). The Lord Jesus Christ says, “If ye love me, keep my commandments” (John 14:15). May every true Christian answer, “Amen, Lord Jesus! Because of my true love for You, and remembering the great price You paid for my transgressions and salvation on the cruel Cross of Calvary, I’ll henceforth willingly obey and teach others your every commandment! (See Matthew 5:19 and John 1:1-3).

“Truth crushed to earth shall rise
again;

Th’ eternal years of God are hers;
But Error, wounded, writhes in pain,
And dies amid her worshippers.

—William Cullen Bryant

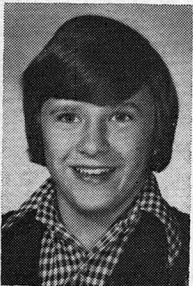




Sunrise

by Donald L. Littrell

Age 14



The break of day is an exciting experience. At the beginning the sky is dark with mystery; and then, gradually, there is a peak of light in the sky. The sky is filled with the redness where the sun is peering over the horizon. The sun emerges from over the eastern hills. This is the beginning of another day.

St. Louis Church Proves That It Pays to Advertise!

PASTOR RICHARD L. CHATFIELD and the Remnant Seventh Day Church of God at St. Louis, Mo., recently ran the following full page ad in *The Community News*, which has a circulation of 45,000 homes, and in a St. Charles paper with a circulation of 38,000. Readers were encouraged to write in for tracts which are published by the Bible Sabbath Association:

Does it matter which day you keep? Why so much disagreement over the right day for worship? Does it really matter? Whose opinion counts? What day did Jesus keep? Should Christians keep the same day? Do you know what the Bible says about Christians honoring Christ by observing Sunday as the Sabbath? Challenging Today's Teens!

"Remember the day of the Sabbath."

The idea has been advanced that when God said: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" He had reference to the institution only, and not to the particular day (the seventh day of the week).

To teach that the Sabbath is an institution that can be moved to any day of the week is to ignore the plain teaching of God's Word.

"Remember the day of the Sabbath, to keep it holy. Six days thou shalt labor and do all thy work; And the seventh day is Sabbath to Jehovah thy God, Thou shalt not do any work, thou, and thy son, and thy

daughter, thy male servant and thy female servant, and thy cattle, and thy sojourner who (is) in thy gates.

"For (in) six days Jehovah made the heavens, and the earth, the sea, and all which (is) in them, and he rested on the seventh day; therefore Jehovah blessed the day of the Sabbath, and pronounced it holy" (Ex. 20:8).

The one outstanding point that we get from this literal, word-for-word translation, is the fact that God tells us to remember the Sabbath not as an institution only, but "JEHOVAH BLESSED THE DAY OF THE SABBATH"; moreover, it was the DAY OF THE SABBATH that God pronounced holy, and not an institution only.

Thus we see how quickly the old falsehood that it makes no difference which day we keep as the Sabbath providing we keep it holy, fades into utter oblivion before the literal Word of God, when we get it as He wrote it with His own hand on the tables of stone.

Now what do we find in our investigation of the original text of the Fourth Commandment? Just this—

He begins the Commandment with the words, "Remember the day of the Sabbath."

He closes the Commandment with the words, "God blessed the day of the Sabbath."

In the body of the Commandment

He tells us which day is the day of the Sabbath, in these words: "the seventh day is Sabbath to Jehovah thy God."

Therefore by all the arts of reason and of logic, there is but one conclusion to be drawn from the Fourth Commandment as given by God Himself, and that is: God would have us "remember the day of the Sabbath," which is "the seventh day," the only day that God ever blessed and sanctified or pronounced holy.

Surely no one can accuse God of being indefinite or ambiguous in His law; and those who have been trying to blot out the seventh day Sabbath with their sophistry about "a day's a day, and it makes no differ-

ence which day we keep," must feel their extreme weakness, and the foolishness of their argument, in the face of God's eternal truth, as expressed in His Word.

"Remember the day of the Sabbath."

Write for free tracts for a complete study to: P. O. Box 15834, Overland, Mo. 63114.

No one will call on you unless you request it. We urge you to seriously consider the Bible truth and the true Church of God, visit our church at 11 Delord Ave., Maryland Heights, in St. Louis County, services on Saturday at 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. or call the pastor at 428-8104



PRISON EVANGELISM

Bible Sabbath Association

Literature at Work

AMONG the many doors being opened for the Bible Sabbath Association ministry today is that of prison involvement.

The prison ministry upon which we are focusing is under the direction of the Reverend Robert S. Kelsey, who has been the Protestant chaplain at the New Jersey State Prison at Rahway, for the past six years.

Chaplain Kelsey writes: "We receive THE SABBATH SENTINEL on a regular basis here at the prison, also your calendar. We like to see that the men receive a calendar each year. It is just another way we can be of service to the men, and you have joined in our prison ministry."

What an opportunity to be able to go into prison, sharing the Sab-

bath truth to hundreds of inmates who have no hope for the future, and to know that perhaps some inmate will become a Christian through his obedience to God's Word. Perhaps that same man, someday released from prison, will take Christ and the Sabbath truth to his family, or become a minister of the gospel.

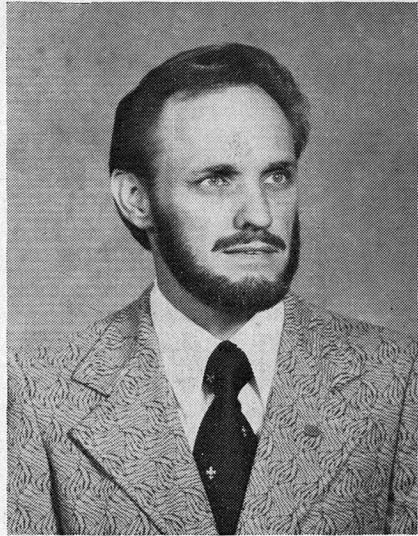
All of us in the "free world" should be encouraged with the ministry of Chaplain Kelsey, who tells those who owe debts to society of the greater debt they owe to Christ. Some would not count it a blessing to spend their time in prison, but from the viewpoint of sharing liberating truth to those in a state of helplessness, it is a beautiful opportunity.

As funds come in, the BSA can offer THE SABBATH SENTINEL, tracts, calendars, correspondence courses, and other study aids to chaplains free of charge for the prison ministry. You can help us by extending your hand in whatever way you can in this work. Please remember to pray for the work of Chaplain Kelsey, and the lonely inmates. Also pray that other doors will be opened for getting the Sabbath message behind prison walls. □

Now Available

The entire Bible (King James Version) on cassette tape, from the BSA circulating library. You may borrow one tape at a time for a period of 30 days when you pay the postage both ways.

Who's Who in the Sabbath World



Robert Stanley Somerville, chief bishop of the Church of God, is a graduate of the Church of God School of Ministry. He was ordained as a minister of the Church of God on September 26, 1961, and received Bishop's Degree on December 13, 1963.

Former posts held in the Church of God include general director of Young People's Auxiliary; pastor in Youngstown and Greensburg, Pa.; Silver Lake, Ind.; Sturgis, S. D.; and presiding bishop in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia.

Bishop Somerville was born October 3, 1938, in Bakerstown, Pa. He married Darlene Faye Edge in 1965 in Cleveland, Tenn. They have one

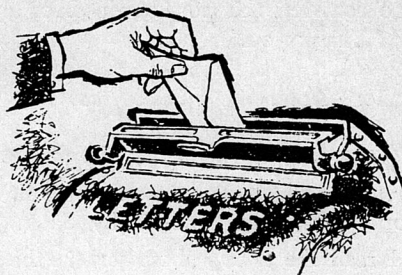
daughter: Lezlie Annette, born in 1971.

As chief bishop of the Church of God, Bishop Somerville oversees many varied activities. He moderates two general convocations each year at the Feast of Pentecost and the Feast of Tabernacles. There are also several interim ministerial conferences throughout the year over which he presides. He is chairman of the general finance council of the Church of God and the general educational board. His work takes him throughout the United States and many foreign countries. He counsels with area overseers concerning their particular work in order to coordinate the aspects of all the church programs. He also conducts "Spirit of Revelation Seminars" which he inaugurated to expose new people to the doctrines of the Church of God.

Mexico, Israel, Jamaica, Italy, and Holland are some of the countries which Bishop Somerville has visited in mission work. Extensive traveling is a primary part of Bishop Somerville's responsibilities. He has a private airplane which he uses quite frequently in reaching distant areas in a minimum amount of time.

Bishop Somerville appeared in a series of television programs in Charleston, S. C., entitled "New Testament Judaism." He also coordinated the Highway and Hedges Gospel Caravan, an outreach program of the Church of God involving street evangelism.

Bishop Somerville has authored numerous tracts, booklets, and magazine articles. □



Conducted by Ruth Thomas

We of the Birmingham area chapter of BSA want to express publicly our appreciation to President Terril D. Littrell for his untiring efforts in behalf of the Bible Sabbath Association and of our local chapter. His visit and letters of advice and encouragement mean much to us as we strive to worship God in spirit and in truth—the truth of all God's commandments, the Sabbath truth in particular—and to rightly present these truths to the people of this metropolitan area. May God's richest blessings continue to be with him and our association! A sincere "Thank you!" also to Brother and Sister Burrell and God's blessings!

—Joseph M. McGuire, president
Birmingham area chapter of BSA

Enclosed find a small offering and my completed ballot for the election of officers for the 1976-1977 term. I enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL so much. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the great work your association is doing in establishing contact with all Sabbath keepers. I do especially enjoy reading letters, all those lovely letters coming from all walks of life. I think Ruth Thomas,

Peace, if possible, but the truth at any rate.—Martin Luther

who conducts this portion, deserves a big "Thank you."

—William A. Conley

Editor's Note: We think so too.

I thank God that a work such as yours is still allowed to exist in this world, controlled as it is by Satan.

I read the article about you in the *Directory*, and the leaflet and magazine you sent along. I am interested in joining the Bible Sabbath Association and have enclosed a check for \$10. If you would, please send me copies of your booklets, tracts, and leaflets that point toward the keeping of the seventh-day Sabbath.

Do you have a chapter in Southern California? If so, please send me the address. If not, is it possible to establish one?

—R.G.S., California

Please send me one copy of the 1976 Sabbath keepers annual calendar, and one copy of the new *Directory of Sabbath Observing Groups*, as a gift to my pastor. Enclosed is my check.

—M. J. Rabatin, Ala.

Enclosed please find a check for \$3.50 for the new *Sabbath Directory*. We enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL very much. We are Pentecostal (Full Gospel) Sabbath keepers.

—Wendel Phelps,

Restoration Revivals, Inc.

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I enjoy THE SABBATH SENTINEL very much, for it is full of good spiritual reading. I do not ever want to be without it.

Please send me one of your *Di-*

rectory of Sabbath Observing Groups. Enclosed is the money order for one copy.

Thank you for all your past help. May the Heavenly Father's richest blessings abide with you evermore.

—Mrs. L. E. W.

McAlester, OK

I was very pleased with the little tract that looks like a five-dollar bill. Please send me \$1 worth of them.

—J.A.

Thank you so much for the August number of THE SABBATH SENTINEL. I enjoy them so much, especially the August number, which gave the history of the church from the beginning. I was so glad to get the facts. I am a Seventh-day Adventist, which I became 40 years ago. I was baptized into that church and love it, but I am glad to know of others who also saw the light, as God works in various ways to show the light.

—R.S.S., California

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Noticia

El Centinela del Sabado está ahora obtenible en español.

Misioneros y pastores que están en contacto con los que hablan español están solicitando a ordenar copias para distribución. Una contribución voluntaria para asistir en las expensas está apreciado.

El Centinela del Sabado es publicado trimestramente.

News From Sabbath-keeping Groups

Conducted by R. D. Bradshaw

Associated Churches of God

The Associated Churches of God now has congregations located in Allentown, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Charlotte, N.C.; Chicago, Ill.; Denver, Colo.; Enfield, Conn.; Greenville, S.C.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Honolulu, Hawaii; Houston, Texas; Newport News, Va.; New Orleans, La.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Richmond, Va.; Roanoke, Va.; San Antonio, Tex.; Scranton, Pa.; Seattle, Wash.; Vacaville, Calif.; and Washington, D.C. For more information about the times and places for services, contact the Associated Churches of God, Clark Building, Columbia, Md. 21044.

Church of God (7th Day) (Denver, Colo.) and Church of God Sabbatarian

The Harvest Field Messenger of July-August reported on the progress of meetings between members of the Church of God (Seventh Day, Denver, Colo.) and the Church of God Sabbatarian of Hawthorne, Calif., regarding missionary endeavors abroad and the integration of the Hawthorne Church into the West Coast District of the Church of God (Seventh Day). The *Messenger* indicated that talks had been "very decisive." The following goals were listed in the *Messenger*:

"1. To unite our missionary activi-

ties in the Philippines, India and Nigeria.

"2. To appoint Elder Marrs director of our integrated missions work, which will function under the United Missions Board.

"3. To integrate the work of the Hawthorne congregation into the West Coast District. Progress has been made toward this with the recent placement of one of our ministers as pastor of that church."

General Council of the Churches of God (Seventh Day)

The *Fellowship Herald* presented a brief history of the Daughters of The King, a women's organization of the church. We quote from the *Herald*:

"In August of 1956 at the Meridian Campmeeting, a group of ladies met to organize what is known as the Daughters of the King. Ruth Lippincott acted as temporary chairman until officers were elected as follows: president—Katie Alloway; vice-president—Maude Van Ostrand; secretary-treasurer—Betty Stewart; and board members—Viola Ahlborn and Elizabeth Baumback.

"Ruth Lippincott and the officers met after the first meeting to write a constitution, which was accepted at the second meeting.

"Article I stated: The name of this

association shall be 'Daughters Of The King.'

"Article II stated: The purpose—To unite Christian women from different parts of the United States into one cooperative group, for the purpose of helping advance the work of the Lord. Ladies over 16 years of age of the Bible Church of God and any others who show by their love and encouragement that they want to join in the fellowship of our association for the common purpose of furthering the gospel work are welcomed as members. Dues shall be 10 cents monthly or \$1.00 yearly. Anyone who wishes to fellowship may have the opportunity to pay dues at the time she comes into the association. (In 1972 this Article II was amended to read: to unite Christian women. . . .

"Aims and accomplishments have been:" A prayer time was set aside from 8 to 9 a.m. or at the noon hour. Tithes of money received to be paid into the tract fund. To buy supplies for the Campmeeting kitchen and other Campmeeting needs. To have a sales booth at Campmeeting, to sell handmade and other articles. To have a page in the *Fellowship Herald*. To support our missionaries. A cookbook was compiled. To provide two \$100 scholarships to Maranatha students. Beds were purchased for Maranatha dorm.

"At the first meeting, dues were paid by 28 members. At the present time we have a membership of 72.

For more information on Daughters of The King, write to General Council of the Church of God (Seventh Day), 302 E. Gruber St., Meridian, Idaho 83642.

Gospel of the Kingdom Mission

Grant H. "Wings" Barker of the *Gospel of the Kingdom Mission* has written a new booklet on how to understand the Bible. It is entitled *The Naked Truth*.

Brother Barker wrote and advised that there is no charge for this little book; however, it does cost approximately \$1.50 for printing and postage, so he would appreciate any contributions to cover cost of postage and printing from anyone who would like get a copy of his book.

For more information, write to Elder Grant H. Barker, Wilderness Ranch, 1147 Mountain View Road, El Cajon (Mountains), Calif. 92021.

Outreach for Christ

The Birmingham, Ala., *News* carried an article about a comparatively new Sabbath-keeping group called *Outreach for Christ, Inc.*, located near Fort Payne, Ala. The pastor of this group is Don Clowers. We quote from this article in the *News*:

"High atop Lookout Mountain a new religious movement has taken root and literally hundreds of followers have come here to fulfill what they say is prophecy. . . .

"Begun in 1970, Outreach faithful believe that a great famine lies ahead and they have come here to prepare for it. They recently built a \$50,000 tabernacle. . . .

"Followers have come here from New York, Florida, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arkansas, and Ohio as well as Hawaii.

"An outdoor revival recently drew 5,000 from all over the country. . . .

"The corporation owns 20 acres

on the mountain at a point between Ft. Payne and Collinsville; followers own adjoining land where they raise crops and cattle.

"Outreach services are based on the old-fashioned tent revival style; the belief of a disaster is based on the prophecy of David Terrell. . . .

"Similar endeavors are being carried out at different rural points in the country. Followers believe that sin abides in cities and these cities will ultimately be destroyed by floods, famine, earthquakes, and storms. . . .

"Outreach holds its main weekly services on Saturdays, which they believe is the Sabbath. Other services are held on Tuesdays and Fridays, with a youth service on Sunday nights.

Seventh-day Adventists

The Review and Herald of July 14 reported the election of some key General Conference officials at the July General Conference session in Vienna, Austria. Elder Robert H. Pierson was re-elected president. . . . Elder Clyde O. Franz was re-elected General Conference secretary; and Elder Kenneth H. Emmerson was re-elected as treasurer.

Seventh Day Baptists

The Sabbath Recorder of August reported items that may be of interest to SENTINEL readers.

Madeline Fitz Randolph, in an article about the *Equal Rights Amendment*, indicated that the Seventh Day Baptist Women's Society is in favor of the amendment. Sister Randolph pointed out that the society is standing with the American Baptists of the Baptist World Alliance in this matter.

The Salem, W. Va., SDB Church re-

cently held special services to honor 21 people present who had been members of the church for 50 or more years.

Worldwide Church of God

In spite of some serious internal problems which caused the church to lose about 3000 members in 1974, the church was nevertheless able to post an over-all increase in both membership and income for 1974. At the end of that year, church membership was 61,430 or actually up 3812 over the preceding year. Income was up about 3 per cent over the prior year.

While the SENTINEL does not have actual income figures for the church for 1974, some figures have been obtained for 1973 which totaled about \$56,000,000. In checking these figures, it was noted that in 1973 the church collected \$3,589,500 in third tithes to support widows and provide other emergency payments. In expenses, the church spent \$3,054,800 for widow support and emergency fund assistance.

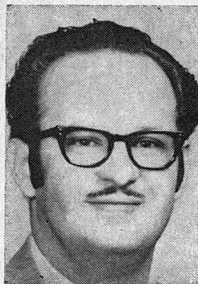
For the year of 1972, the church collected \$3,746,100 in third tithes and expended \$1,872,700 for widow support and emergency fund assistance.

The *Good News* magazine, formerly restricted to coworkers who contribute to the church, is now available to anyone who asks for it. □

[The Sabbath] is a moment of resurrection of the dormant spirit in our souls.—Abraham Joshua Heschel.

Error will slip through a crack, while truth will stick in a doorway.

—H. W. Shaw



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

December Giving

MORE PEOPLE give to religious organizations in December than at any other time of the year. Why?

● To get "end-of-the-year" tax savings. The giving of stocks, bonds, and other securities often brings tax benefits at the end of the year. Many people who own stocks discover at the end of the year that their stocks have gone up in value enough to put them in a high tax bracket if they sell all their stocks. By giving the stocks, they can avoid paying any capital gains tax. They can also deduct the full current fair market value of the stocks as charitable contributions. The giver can give capital gain instead of the full value of the stocks. This is called a "bargain sale." He sells the stock to the charity for its original cost and deducts the difference as a charitable contribution. He incurs some capital loss on his income tax return if he sells the stocks himself and simply gives the proceeds. Of course he can deduct the full amount as a charitable contribution.

● To anticipate lower income next year (due to retirement or other factors). Retired people can even make a satisfactory gift by keeping their cash and putting to use some dormant funds in an "obsolete" life insurance

policy that was bought for a son or daughter years ago. They can make a truly significant gift, even providing a small additional income for life by giving this old policy for a gift annuity or through a living trust arrangement. A semi-retired farmer may want to consider giving his farm, retaining the right to live there for the rest of his life. If he makes the gift not subject to change, he can claim certain benefits now, at the time of transfer of property title. (The same would apply to a family home.) For some givers, this is an effective solution to a worrisome problem—"What will become of my land when I'm gone?" Many farmers make gifts of livestock or crops during December. Market conditions, feeding, and storage become a problem. It's a logical time to give.

● To balance uneven income in two adjacent years by contributing more in the more prosperous of the two years. A collector may wish to consider giving a work of art for his 1975 gift. Art, jewelry, rare books, antiques, cars, coins, stamps, furs, and other valuables can serve causes that are important to the giver when he no longer wants to retain the collection on that particular possession.

● To catch up on making gifts they planned to make earlier in the year. Most working people can tell what they can afford to give in December and stay out of the higher tax bracket. The giver can take a flat standard deduction without itemizing, which includes charitable gifts. The law provides a flat 15 per cent of adjusted gross income subject to the maximum of \$2,000.

● To make gifts of inventory. Companies get a lot of appeals during the year . . . all kinds of outfits. They

choose what is the most worthy cause to contribute to. Since December is inventory time, business managers usually find that they can make some gifts of surplus inventory to qualified organizations and avoid capital gains tax.

By the time you receive THE SABBATH SENTINEL there will be only a few more giving days until January 1, 1976. Many will want to check their giving for 1975 and catch up. As you plan your December giving, ask yourself, "Do I have stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that could be given NOW? Do I have a small insurance policy that would make possible a larger gift? Am I making use of tax advantages available with my gift? Would a supplementary income help my financial picture if I make a gift of property or securities?"

Some can give cash, others valuable items of personal property, and still others give appreciated securities and real estate. If an individual or corporation gives more than the percentage limit in one year, the excess can be carried over into the next five years. Current gifts are wanted and needed NOW. Bequests are also ideal gifts. A charitable bequest through your will becomes a living memorial. Your investment in this cause will live on in the lives of the many who serve because you cared.

Whatever the gift, and however large or small, The Bible Sabbath Association International prayerfully invites your end-of-year participation in its vital ministry.

Remember, the blessings of December giving come only once a year. So don't delay. Please give generously NOW! Send your gift dated and postmarked no later than Decem-

ber 31. It may arrive later but still qualify for deduction is the previous income tax return.

For further information, write to Stewardship Department, Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, OK 73737.

Yours for the B.S.A. of tomorrow,

President Littrell Visits in Ohio

On October 15, BSA President Terril D. Littrell paid a long-overdue visit to BSA members and clergy: Pastor Harold S. Day of the Baptist Gospel Tabernacle, Youngstown, Ohio, and Elder Noah Brooks of the Church of God (Seventh Day), Youngstown, Ohio. Both ministers received President Littrell with gladness and they enjoyed a day of rich fellowship together around the Word of God.

Elder Brooks presented to President Littrell a beautiful painting of the four horsemen of Revelation 6 as a love gift. President Littrell plans to hang this beautiful painting on the wall of his office and recommends that others write to Elder Brooks for a copy of it. Brother Brooks sells these paintings to raise support for mission work. The 10" x 24" painting will be shipped anywhere in the United States for a love offering of \$5. Those interested in receiving this beautiful painting may write to Elder Brooks at 3351 Orrin Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44505.

President Littrell plans to return to Ohio in the summer of 1976 as a guest speaker at the Baptist Gospel Tabernacle. All members and friends of the BSA are cordially invited to attend this special meeting this coming summer. The exact time and date will be announced later. □

A Note
From
the Editor



Theological "Dogs"

WHAT STARTED as a practical joke ended up with a shaggy-haired 60-pound dog, named Oliver D. (D. stands for "dog") Birnbaum, listed in *Outstanding Educators of America*.

The dog's master, Chancellor Robert Birnbaum of the University of Wisconsin, stated that he feels the publishers of the directory would have discovered the joke if they had simply checked the qualifications of those listed. A spokesman for the publisher of the book, however, termed the incident "degrading for the field of education that someone would sink this low."

The chancellor, with tongue in cheek, pondered the implications on academic freedom "of leashing an outstanding educator."

As clergyman William A. Spooner might have said, "the storal to this mory" is this: It usually pays to check a claim before you fall for it, hook, line, and sinker. A generation of school kids grew up believing the story of Washington and the cherry tree, and another generation was told that President Lincoln hurriedly wrote the Gettysburg Address on an old envelope and that there was no applause when he delivered it. A little check into the facts would have

squelched these and many other such legends before they ever gained wide circulation.

Let's speculate a moment. What would happen if all of the Christian world were to check the facts about whether Jesus or His apostles changed the Sabbath, or if calendar changes have mixed the days of the week up so that nobody knows which day is the true Sabbath?

A lot of people would become Sabbath keepers. I'm sure of that.

Eugene Lincoln

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Why the Sabbath?

THE LATE GEORGE A. MAIN

SOME do not understand why anyone should insist upon observing the Saturday Sabbath, and really choose to devote much or all of his time to working for its observance by others and to opposing laws which provide fines and imprisonment for Saturday observers.

For all who are interested in the religion of Christ, the following facts, which rarely if ever appear in Sunday sermons, in Sunday School lessons, or in religious periodicals but which have led many to Saturday observance, should be of profound interest.

To make the logic absolutely irrefutable a 3-part syllogism is used: 1. *The Major Premise*: Christ taught seventh-day Sabbath observance; 2. *The 2nd Premise*: Christianity means Christ's teachings; 3. *The Conclusion*: seventh-day Sabbath observance is a Christian's duty.

CHRIST TAUGHT: (These are Christ's teachings, not merely man's opinions):

- A. That the Ten Commandments, one of which requires seventh-day Sabbath observance, are the unchangeable will of God, even to the minutest "jot" or "tittle" (Matt. 5:17-19).
- B. That those only who do the will of His Father, that is, those who obey the Law of God, shall enter the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 7:21).
- C. That obedience to Christ's commandments is the one sure proof of our love for Him (John 14:15, 21; 12:50; 15:10).
- D. That attainment of "eternal life"

in the heavenly kingdom requires full and unconditional obedience to the Commandments — necessarily including the seventh-day Commandment (Matt. 19:16, 17; Mark 10:17-19; Luke 10:25-28; 18:18-20).

- E. That His followers must *teach* as well as *obey* the commandments in order to attain complete recognition in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:19).
- F. That they worship Christ in vain who follow the traditions of men, of which honoring the sun-day of paganism is the outstanding offense, *instead* of the "commandment of God" (Mark 7:7-9; Deut. 4:19; II Kings 17:16, etc.).

CHRISTIANITY:

- A. Meant Sabbath observance to *Christ* (Luke 4:16); to the *Apostles* (Acts 17:2); and to *their followers* (Luke 23:56-24:1). — the Sabbath being then as now, the day *preceding* "the first day of the week," as also shown in Matthew 28:1.
- B. Means now, "the precepts and doctrines *taught by Christ.*" the definition given by all dictionaries, known to all Bible students, and conformed by analogous definitions

of all other so-called "great religions." Mohammedanism, for example, is the religious doctrines founded by Mohammed; Confucianism, the principles of morality taught by Confucius. Likewise true Christianity must *forever* mean the Gospel-recorded teachings of Christ.

CONCLUSIONS:

The only possible conclusions from the foregoing premises include:

- A. That, as also taught by the Apostles, the Law of God is the only source of the knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20; 7:7; James 2:10), and that substitution of any other day than the seventh as the weekly holy day is sin against God.
- B. That there should be no division among true Christians, all necessarily being of one mind and one accord, as also taught by the Apostles (Acts 3:20; 14:7; 2:1, 46; Phil. 1:27; 2:5).
- C. That the Creator and Christ are one and the same (John 1:1-3), and that they are therefore necessarily unchangeable (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).
- D. That in the complete absence of any *Scriptural* authority for the observance of the first day of the week, both Christ and the apostles warned their followers against the serious traditional practices of honoring the feast day of pagan sun-worshippers (Deut. 4:19; 2 Kings 17:16; Mark 7:7-9; Col. 2:8).
- E. That the Roman church correctly claims to have been solely responsible for the *apparent* change from seventh-day to first-day observance and correctly affirms that

Protestant Sunday-keeping is a recognition of Catholic supremacy in religious matters; but Protestants should never say (as many do) that "Rome changed the Sabbath to Sunday," for the Creator alone is able to do that and *He never has*.

- F. That as it has been from the beginning, to "fear God and keep his commandments" is "the whole duty of man," in the words of one of the wisest of inspired writers, Solomon (Eccl. 12:13).
- G. That any departure from the Commandments of God and the teachings of Christ, such as honoring the first instead of the seventh day, is both ungodly and unchristian.
- H. That, since the seventh-day Sabbath Commandment is the only one of the ten that is almost universally repudiated as well as disobeyed, and since teaching obedience to the Commandments is an essential of Christianity (Matt. 5:19), special emphasis, Christian emphasis, should be placed on the seventh-day Sabbath Commandment, even to the smallest "jot" or "tittle."

* * *

The foregoing irrefutable syllogism should convince any Christian that it is his duty to observe and promote observance of the seventh-day Sabbath and to oppose all man-made laws intended to obstruct such Sabbath observance.

However, we wish to stress further the fact that nothing has transpired or can happen to change in the least the teachings of Christ; that there are countless Christians in Sunday observing churches who know that the sev-

enth day is the only Christian Sabbath and who would prefer to observe it, and that *recognition*, *observance*, and *promotion* of the only true Biblical Sabbath does not necessarily necessitate leaving one's present church or denomination.

If you discover any errors or think you find any errors in the foregoing syllogistic reasoning, you are urged to call them to our attention.

The Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma 73737, always stands ready to assist those who are interested in Sabbath truths by sending tracts, leaflets, and other printed matter or correspondence further establishing the seventh day as the only Sabbath of both Jehovah the Lord and Christ the Lord, and "made for man."

President Littrell Spends Sabbath At Nashville

BSA President and Mrs. Terril D. Littrell spent Sabbath, November 1, with First Vice-President Elect and Mrs. Eugene Lincoln at their home in Old Hickory, a suburb of Nashville, Tenn.

Both families attended worship services at the beautiful Madison Campus Seventh-day Adventist Church, where Mr. Lincoln is an adult Sabbath School teacher. Members of this class include Dr. Richard L. Strom, M.D., practicing physician in the Nashville area, and Elder Kenneth J. Holland, editor of *These Times*, an evangelistic magazine pub-



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lished by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

After lunch together, the Littrells and the Lincolns went for an educational tour of the magnificent Upper Room Chapel in Nashville, which features an extraordinary work of art, a wood carving of "The Last Supper," a copy of Leonardo da Vinci's work by the same title. The Upper Room carving is by the late Ernest Pellegrini, and is in lime wood and walnut. □

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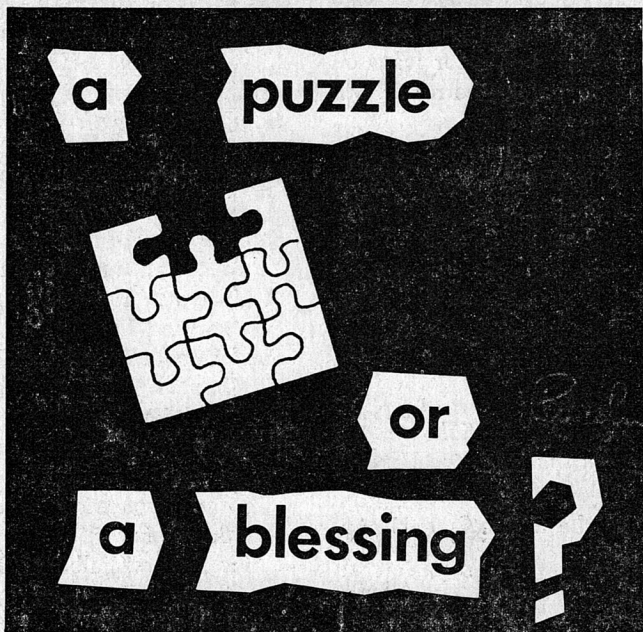
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