

The Harvest Field

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## *In this issue*

Great things are happening to the Denver, Colorado, Youth

Are you a disciple or merely a church member? Is there a difference?

Some interesting things are happening in Eastern Europe. What does it all mean?

There are special rates for Summit School of Theology's Summer Session—if you register in time!

## You Forgot to Pray for Charley!



**O**ur eleven-year-old grandson, Mike, prefers to say our mealtime prayer. I suspect his reasons are not entirely from heartfelt gratitude, but more along the line of, "I'm hungry. Let's hurry up and eat." Grownup prayers seem endless to a hungry child. For some reason, grownups have to mention everyone, right down to the third cousin twice removed, and every thing, such as help the cook to keep on cooking. The here and now is important to the child—here we are at the dinner table, so now let's eat! Oh, the kids are grateful, but they are practical too—pray for what is before them at the time, be it food or a friend's injured knee.

At many of our family dinners, our son-in-law, Charley, is missing since he is an over-the-road truck driver. We pray often for his safety, yet when Mike says the table prayer, he usually forgets Charley, and someone, who looks a lot like Charley's wife, is quick to remind him of his oversight. "Well, God knows we included him, too," someone quickly adds. Yet another person says, "Well, I prayed for him." Mike takes it all in stride, assuming, quite correctly, that God will take care of Charley whether he is mentioned at that time or not. God knows our thoughts and desires before we do. God knows we want His protection over Charley.

Mike is a new Christian, as well as being a young boy. No doubt his

brevity of prayer is due as much to embarrassment of not quite knowing what to say, as it is in being in a hurry to satisfy his hunger. This fear is not limited to new Christians or the young. I've been a Christian for many years and I still get "cold feet" when called upon to lead in prayer. What if I say something that sounds "stupid," or forget a request that was made?

Prayer is more than a spoken or whispered message to God. I'm sure we have all cried out to God for help without uttering a single word. Ephesians 3:20, 21 says: "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or *think* [the NIV uses the word, *imagine*], according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." These verses tell me that God is able to answer my request in a way that I cannot imagine, even if I only *think* the request. God knows my heart and my desires before I know them. I just have to believe, and God will answer to His glory.

Awesome, isn't it? I'm thankful to have a heavenly Father who loves me and answers my prayers, even when I forget to pray for Charley.

*Gina*

## Deadline for the May-June issue is:



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The General Conference of the Church exists to provide training, services, resources, and materials to assist our congregations and members in accomplishing our mission.

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# The Way It Looks from Here

by John Kiesz

Since World War II (1938-1945), international tensions, revolutions, terrorism, hijackings, bombings, assassinations, moral degeneration, and worldwide economic crises have been facts of our times.

Some of the troubled countries include Vietnam, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Ireland, Panama, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Israel and the Arabs, Russia and China.

These serious circumstances were to occur near the end of the present age—called the “Great day of the LORD.”

*The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, . . . the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. [See also Isaiah 33:7.] That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, . . . A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD (Zephaniah 1:14-17).*

*And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring. Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory (Luke 21:25-27).*

Some time after World War II ended, the Common Market was created in Europe. The Treaty of Rome was signed March 25, 1957. The initial goal of the European Economic Community (EEC) was to create a tight economic block. But the long-range goals were ultimate political unity, including a common Court of Justice, a common social system, a common school system, a common system of currency for all of Europe, and eventually, one form of religion.

If this goal turns out to be a reality, it will

be a revival of the old Holy Roman Empire which existed in Central Europe for 1,260 years—A.D. 554 to A.D. 1814. A scriptural description of this revived Holy Roman Empire is given in Revelation 17:11-18. It is also called the “beast” (Revelation 13:16-18; 14:9-11; 16:13; 17:8, 11, 16).

As far back as 1946, in a speech at Zurich, Switzerland, Winston Churchill said: “We must build a kind of United States of Europe.” German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, Italian Prime Minister Alcide de Gasperi, and French Prime Minister Robert Schuman, are said to have envisioned some form of a restored “Holy Roman Empire.” Charles de Gaulle, before his death, dreamed of a reunited Europe from the Atlantic to the Urals. The Pope, during the summer of 1987, also called for a “united Europe” from the Atlantic to the Urals.

Pope John Paul II is well versed in geopolitical events. He is a world traveler, preaches peace, is revered and admired not only by nearly a billion Catholics, but is also respected by many other religious affiliations. So powerful is the Pope's political influence that 47 nations maintain diplomatic representatives in Vatican City. He likely will have an important role to play in the reunification of Europe.

Early in December 1989, Mikhail Gorbachev had a historical meeting with the Pope shortly before the Malta summit. He called the Pope “the Holy Father,” and further said: “We are dealing with the highest religious authority of the world, who is of Slavic origin as well.” The Kremlin and the Holy See are to establish official bilateral relations as a first step toward diplomatic ties. Freedom of religion for all Russian citizens is promised to come, and the Ukrainian Catholic Church is to be legalized when the Soviet Parliament approves a freedom of



conscience bill. The Pope is also invited to visit the U.S.S.R.

Shortly before my wife and I flew to the Near East and to Europe in 1971, Sister Volz of St. Louis, Missouri, handed us this published information which took place in Geneva, Switzerland:

*Plans are worked out to dissolve the UNO to make a way for a "World Tribunal" which will seize all possessions, and all savings and bank deposits. Every man, every woman, and every child will receive a certain amount of money and a number. . . . Everyone with a number will be employed either in the administrative, the commerce, the industrial, or the agricultural branch.*

*This project and this plan provides a total unification of Church and State, and also provides a single form of worship. The appointed day for all people and all nations will be Sunday, and the number received by the people would promise them the right to buy and sell.*

*At the end of that statement a Christian rose and asked the speaker, "What happens to the minorities who will not accept this plan?" He was answered, "Their numbers will be cancelled with a black line, and they will be deprived of the right to buy or sell and thus will be forced to destruction!" (From the French magazine, *Foi et Rio*.)*

#### Current Events in Eastern Europe

With the present turmoils (1989-1990) in Eastern Europe, many ask: What is it all coming to? Will Germany be united? Will all of Europe unite? What is going to happen with NATO? And what with the Warsaw Pact? What about the removal of missiles from European soil? Will the United States troops come home? Will we witness conflicts of severe maneuverings for some time? What will be the out-



come? What roles, if any, will Bush, Gorbachev, and John Paul play in shaping a new Europe?

Whatever develops, no one except the Eternal knows for sure the shape of things to come. For this knowledge we have to go to the prophetic Scriptures. The books of Daniel and Revelation have the answers in general explications. Daniel 7:1-28 and Revelation 13:1-3 give us a description of the ancient Roman Empire which ruled over 500 years, or until it was divided into ten parts by A.D. 476. The Papacy developed after that (Daniel 7:25; Revelation 13:3-8; 17:1-8). Church and State were fully united, and the Holy Roman Empire ruled for 1,260 years, when it fell into the bottomless pit under Napoleon Bonaparte.

*I say then that it was God's own act which liberated His vicar upon earth from subjection to temporal power, and that for twelve hundred years the bishops of Rome have reigned as temporal princes (Cardinal Manning, *Temporal Power*, p. 16).*

*The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition; and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is (Revelation 17:8).*

When this beast is resurrected, it will be called the eighth head, and is one of the seven previous heads. The ten horns (kings—comparable to the ten toes on the metallic image—Daniel 2:41-45) shall give their power to the beast (to the revived Holy Roman Empire), which will be directed by the head of the Catholic Church until all of this combination will be destroyed by the Seven Last Plagues.

The metallic image, seen in a dream by Nebuchadnezzar and interpreted by Daniel, depicts the longest prophetic history concerning the nations of the earth—from the Babylonian Empire to the end of Roman influence, and to the establishment of the Kingdom of

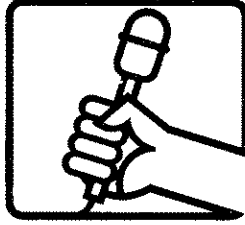
Glory (Daniel 2:31-44).

The two iron legs of Nebuchadnezzar's image, with feet and toes mixed with iron and clay, represent Eastern and Western Rome, comparable today with Eastern and Western Europe. Each foot has five toes, representing five Eastern and five Western kings. If this reasoning is correct, five of the Eastern and five of the Western European nations will give their power and influence to the revived Holy Roman Empire. If the Pope of Rome should happen to be the head of this conglomeration, it will be headquartered in the city of Rome—the same place where it was for 1,260 years previously.

Shortly after Germany was ripped apart in 1945, I predicted it would be reunited, and that Eastern and Western Europe would combine under one head. I understood this from Daniel 2:31-44 and Revelation chapters 13 and 17. Several other ministers at that time and since then have expressed these same views. In checking with what some of our brethren predicted after the 1844 time-setting disappointment, they stressed that the Holy Roman Empire would be revived shortly before our Lord's return.

For more than forty years I have looked for signs of a United States of Europe (or its equivalent) to come into being. Some prophecies seem to delay fulfillment beyond our expectations. The favorable time has arrived. We see the literal fulfillment before our eyes, this very moment, by what is taking place in Eastern Europe and the rest of the world.

What you have read in this writing "Is the Way It Looks From Here."



## Here's What's Happening!

April 8, 1990—After sundown, Lord's Supper Service.

April 14, 1990—Spring Vale Academy Emphasis Sabbath.

April 12-15, 1990—Women's Agency Biennial Worker's Conference, Springfield, Oregon. Phone: (503) 998-6600 for details.

April 16, 1990—*Harvest Field Messenger* news due.

April 20-22, 1990—Northeastern District Women's Retreat.  
Phone: (517) 799-2478 for information.

April 27-29, 1990—Southeastern District Women's Retreat, Oak Grove (near Gadsden), Alabama. Contact Ethel Lawson, (615) 899-0869.

June 10-16, 1990—Dover Campmeeting, Dover, Oklahoma.

June 11-22, 1990—Summer Session of Summit School of Theology.

July 2-7, 1990—West Coast District Family Conference, Anaheim, California.

July 3-7, 1990—Central District Bible Conference, Marina Inn, South Sioux City, Nebraska.

July 3-7, 1990—Southeastern District Bible Conference, Collegedale, Tennessee.

July 11-14, 1990—Southwestern District Family Camp, Dallas, Texas.

July 17-21, 1990—Northeastern District Bible Conference.

July 22-29, 1990—Central District Youth Camp, Guthrie Center, Iowa. Contact Lynn Taylor, P.O. Box 95, Stanberry, Missouri, (816) 783-2313, for details.

July 22-29, 1990—Science Camp at Sis-Q-Meadows, Oregon (8-12 years old).

July 29-August 5—Science Camp at Sis-Q-Meadows, Oregon (13-18 years old).

July 29-August 3, 1990—Southwestern District Youth Camp, Rock Haven Bible Camp near Harrison, Arkansas.

July 29-August 5, 1990—Northeastern District Youth Camp at Chief Noonday Outdoor Center near Hastings, Michigan. Phone: (517) 799-2478 for more information.

August 21-26, 1990—Seniors' Retreat, Sis-Q-Meadows, Oregon.

September 17-22, 1990—1990 session of the North American Ministerial Council, Lansing, Michigan. All licensed or credentialed ministers should attend.

December 23-26, 1990—Women's Agency Cultural Exchange, Kingston, Jamaica. Contact Emogene Coulter, 6104 Bay Hill Dr., Arlington, Texas 76018 for information.

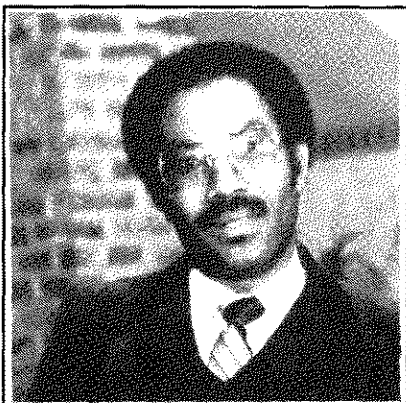


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## Meet the New Missions Abroad Director

Elder Victor Burford was appointed director of the Missions Abroad Agency during the February meeting of the Board of Directors. Elder Burford came to the United States from Jamaica in November 1968 to begin preparing for his ministry at Midwest Bible College in Stanberry, Missouri. He graduated from Midwest in 1972 and did his internship in Bloomington, California.

He pastored the Ontario, California, church for two years while he attended the Southern Califor-



*Elder Victor Burford was recently appointed Director of Missions Abroad.*

nia School of Theology. From California, Elder Burford moved to the Seattle/Tacoma, Washington, area and pastored the churches there until he moved to Toledo, Ohio, in 1980, and took on the responsibilities of the Northeastern District Coordinator, a position he still holds. He has served on the License and Credentials Committee as well as the Board of Directors.

In 1973, Victor married his wife, Madge. They have four children—Michelle, Byron, Brian, and Nicole.

"When I assume the directorship of Missions Abroad," says Elder Burford, "my focus for the next two years will include the following: 1) Getting thoroughly acquainted with the scope of the work; 2) Getting personally acquainted with the leadership and the missions through correspondence and personal contacts; 3) Building on the foundation established by my predecessors by continuing to provide Missions assistance in the form of literature, financial subsidy, counsel and leadership development; 4) Keeping the churches in the United States informed of progress, expansion and needs, and encouraging the churches to support Missions; 5) Evaluating the overall purpose, objectives and resources of the agency with the view towards determining present needs and setting future goals."

The Missions Abroad Agency is in good hands.

## Port Harcourt, Nigeria

The Nigerian Church of God (Seventh Day) celebrated its 50th anniversary at the campmeeting which convened December 7-10, 1989, at Okomu Town, Rivers State.

President E.A. Igwe, of the Rivers State Conference, reports that the conference was well attended. Usually the annual campmeeting lasts two days, but this year it lasted four days. As the time came for the meetings to close, the people experienced such joy and blessings, they were not ready to leave. They wanted to extend the meetings for another day.

The schedule included sermons, youth activities, dramas, recitations and Bible quizzes. Pastor I.W. Ile, an elderly pastor who has served the church a great many of its 50 years, delivered the first sermon of the meetings. Appropriately, Pastor Ile's sermon was entitled "The Value of Trusting God."

One of the greatest sources of rejoicing was brought to the camp by the four district choirs. The choirs came from Usomini, Egi, Ekeye and Port Harcourt. Each choir prepared original songs they had written in honor of the anniversary celebration.

The joy of this occasion was not confined to the campground. On the first two days of the meetings, many of the members and choirs formed a procession which marched throughout Okomu Town as a means of evangelizing the gospel. This activity provided many opportunities for the campers to witness to the unsaved.

The church's historical records were recited to the members as part of the program. The records revealed that the late Elder B.I. Tikili founded the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Nigeria in 1939. The work began small but through the years of faithful witness and blessings from God, has now grown to several thousands of members.

*E.A. Igwe*

## Kaduna, Nigeria

With the financial aid of Missions Abroad, the Kaduna church began its building program by laying the foundation of their new chapel December 3, 1989. The building will be 30 feet by 80 feet. It will have a chapel and two large offices when it is completed.

This as a big task for the Ka-

duma church but the reports are that the work is progressing nicely.

*Mathias Jacob*

## Aba, Nigeria

The Imo State Conference held its annual camp meeting December 15-17, 1989, at the Ahiaba church. Attendance for the Sabbath services was 1,500 worshippers.

*E.C.I. Alozie*

estimate that we will need to raise about \$5,400 to finish the building. We are confident that the Lord will help us to accomplish the completion of the church.

The congregation is growing. We have a number of new brethren worshipping with us. Our youth are working hard representing the church. They have presented plays in neighborhood community centers around Bogota. Our plans are also to present the plays in some parks and prisons.

Our church is working hard to witness for the gospel of Christ. We depend upon the prayers of our brethren.

*Airenzo Angel*



*Members of the Kaduma church witness the dedication during which the foundation of their new church building was laid.*

## Aizawl, India

The Church of God (Seventh Day) in the State of Mizoram, India, is supporting nine full-time pastors in Mizoram and two part-time pastors in Burma, in addition to one part-time evangelist in Bangladesh. Its annual budget for 1990 is 222,200 Indian rupees, which equals just under \$14,000. Missions Abroad provides approximately one-fourth of this budget. The remainder is provided by the tithes and offerings of faithful members of the church. The Mizoram church has learned to be faithful stewards of the gospel and the church.

In addition to supporting these workers, the Mizoram church has an ambitious building program outlined for the year. Five new church buildings will be completed in 1990. Last year the Mizoram Conference completed five buildings.

A small church building at Tuipui was dedicated December 9, 1989. This church was constructed

## San Salvador, El Salvador

Immediately following the guerrilla attack on the city of San Salvador in late 1989, the Church of God congregation in that city began a relief program. The members provided food and shelter for approximately 50 people who were either driven out of their homes or whose homes were made inhabitable by the fighting between government forces and the guerrillas.

One member of the church lost his life in the fighting. He had retired to his bed after conducting his

evening devotions and was killed instantly when a bomb fell on his house. The remainder of the membership remains safe and well.

*Rodolfo Chacon*

## Bogota, Colombia

Work on the new church in Bogota continues. We have finished the woodwork around the main entrance and along the side of the chapel. The front of the chapel has been partially finished. We have the floor and windows for the upper floors yet to finish. We





*The children's choir from Lunglei sang at the dedication of the Tuipui church.*

in 1986 with a grass roof. Last year a strong wind damaged the roof. The membership replaced it with a steel roof, made possible with some of the subsidy sent by Missions Abroad for Mizoram's building fund. Brother Hnamte officiated at the dedication of the remodeled building.

At the dedication, the children's choir from Lunglei sang several songs composed especially for the occasion.

*G.L. Hnamte*

## Trip to Kenya

The Church of God (Seventh Day) in Kenya has added a number of new congregations in the past months. In January, I made a tour of the Kenyan churches. It was my privilege to visit the church in the highlands of western Kenya, as well as in Jericho, Kisii and South Nyanza districts. After conferring with the leadership of the Kenyan Conference, I learned of membership growth in a number of areas in rural western Kenya. We discussed the need to open an urban mission in some of the larger towns such as Nairobi or Nakuru. We hope to implement this plan before the end of 1990.

My purpose in visiting the Kenyan mission was to review the work and its progress and to help the Youth Agency of our church identify a short term missionary project for the summer of either 1990 or 1991. Brother Curt Blank, who is also interested in short term missionary projects, joined me in Nairobi and we made the tour together.

Our tour of churches was hindered by the much-needed daily rains. January is usually part of the dry season, but this year has been very wet. In fact, it was so wet that our rented Suzuki, four-wheel drive vehicle, got stuck in the mud as we traveled the rain-

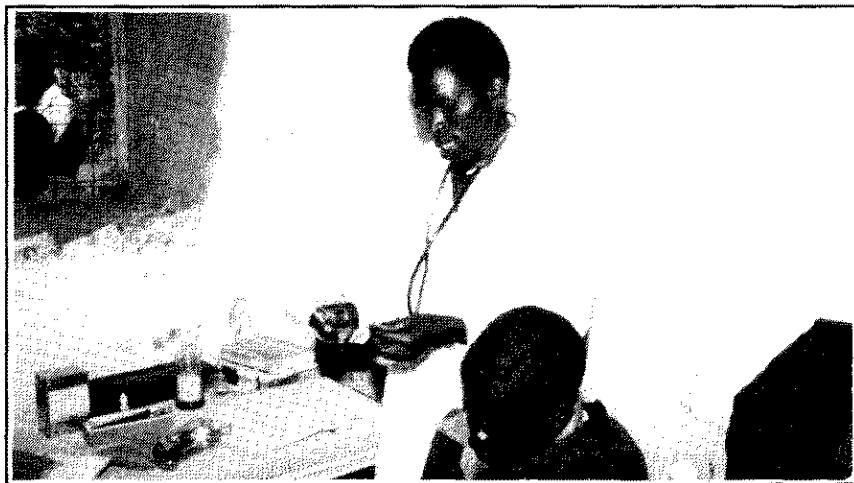
soaked roads in the back country. In spite of these difficulties we were able to make our scheduled tour of churches on all but two or three occasions.

One of the new congregations we visited was the Mote Omaosi church. In spite of the threatening rain clouds, a sizable congregation gathered under a brush and palm leaf shelter for our visit. God blessed us and the rain held off until near the end of our service. Even then, the brief, heavy shower did not disperse the congregation.

Besides visiting the churches, Brother Blank and I visited the medical clinic operated by the Keore church. This is not only the site of the church and medical center, but also of a primary school. This work has been started by the congregation of the Keore church.

The primary school operates in a temporary building. A new permanent building of five classrooms is under construction. It is ready for the roofing to be installed. Funds are available for the roof to be installed on three of these rooms.

The clinic operates in a rented house. It is staffed by a male nurse.



*A patient is being treated for an ear infection at the Keore, Kenya, clinic.*



He reports that he treats from 20 to 40 patients a day, depending upon the season. During the wet season his patient load increases due to cold and damp weather.

The project which the Kenyan brethren, want the FYC to adopt as its first missionary project, and which Brother Blank and I will recommend, is the construction of a clinic building. It is proposed that a twenty by forty foot building be constructed out of brick. In anticipation of the adoption and completion of the clinic building, the Keore church has already made and kilned more than 3,000 bricks.

Kenya is a country on the western coast of Africa. In size, it is a little smaller than the state of Texas (224,961 square miles to Texas' 266,807 square miles), but with almost double the number of people (Kenya's 1989 estimate population is 23,727,000 people). The church in Kenya is about 15 years old. It has approximately 3,500 members representing more than 35 congregations. The Keore church has a membership exceeding 300. Several other churches have more than 100 members. It is a church which loves God and His Word. It enjoys and rejoices in worship and fellowship. We commend the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Kenya for its vision and faithful witness of the gospel.

*Robert Coulter*



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### Here and There With Your Director . . .

Since my last report, I attended the United Ministries meeting in Denver, Colorado. This is the meeting each year where all agencies submit a budget and our goals for the coming year. The directors meet with a sub-committee from the Board of Directors. The sub-committee is composed of Art Roche, Ohio; John Crisp, Texas; and Harris Kinzler, North Dakota.

The committee receives our reports and interviews each director. The committee then prepares recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning each agency. These recommendations include budgets, future plans of the agency, and the appointment of agency directors. Each director is present when the sub-committee presents their recommendations to the Board and are given opportunity to give a brief summary of their work and answer any questions the Board may have.

The recommendations concerning the Women's Agency included the approval of the budget submitted and the reappointment of Emogene Coulter as the director.

You will readily see that our

budget is very small for all we try to do. Our only finances come through your individual \$10 donations, fund raisers, and the extra offerings you are led to give. All the personnel involved in the agency donate their time and talents.

We want to thank you for your support! (Just a reminder: it is another year, and if you have overlooked sending in your \$10, why not do it today?)

### 1990-91 W.A. Budget

WAND	\$3,700
NAF	1,850
<i>Afterglow</i>	3,200
Seekers	350
Office	500
(Postage, supplies, etc.)	
Jamaican Project	400
Travel	1,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,500</b>

### Leadership Conference

Time is running out to plan to attend the Leadership Conference to be held in Eugene, Oregon, April 12-15, 1990. We hope each church will send a representative to this conference. This is a continuation of the Women's Agency leadership training. For more details, see the last two issues of *The Harvest Field Messenger* or contact Marie Dailey at (503) 998-6600.

See you there!

### Cultural Exchange . . . Kingston, Jamaica

The Women's Agency will be sponsoring a cultural exchange December 23-26, 1990 with our brothers and sisters in Jamaica and invite you and your family to come

### Lord's Supper Date

**Nisan 14 corresponds with April 9, 1990. Therefore, the time for the Lord's Supper this year is Sunday, April 8, after sundown.**

along with us. This is a "first" within the church.

A committee from Jamaica and Sister Marjorie McLaughlin, a member of the Ethnic Committee, from Canada, are busy working out the details. It would be helpful to know how many people would like to join us. If you are interested in attending, please contact Emogene Coulter, 6104 Bay Hill Drive, Arlington, Texas 76018.

The trip will include church services, exchange of ideas, social gatherings, shopping, sightseeing and a wonderful time of fellowship. Come see the Jamaica most tourists don't see. Enjoy their food and hospitality. Watch for more details. Keep the dates open and start saving your money. Remember, this exchange is not just for women—men and children are welcome to attend this event.

## Whatever Happened to Seekers?

The Seekers program is alive and well, but now comes to you from a new location. The national Women's Ministries Committee asked the Women's Ministries chapter of the Joplin, Missouri, church to serve as administrative coordinators for the Seekers Program. Our local chapter accepted the assignment, so in August of 1989, all of the Seekers materials were moved from the General Conference office to a new Seekers office housed in the Joplin church facility.

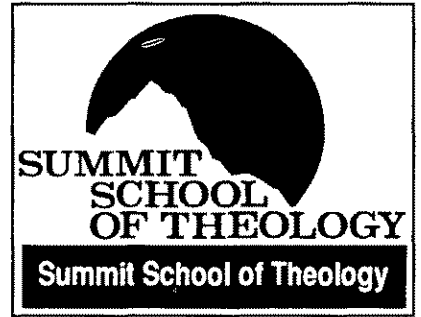
Our volunteer Seekers committee, comprised of Sharon Babbitt, Dixie Mason, Rose Peterson, and Gail Rincker, has spent the past six months unpacking materials, "setting up housekeeping," familiariz-

ing ourselves with all the business of the Seekers program, and beginning publicity and promotion of the Seekers materials. We are thankful for those of you who have contacted us with requests for information and orders for materials. We are eager to serve you!

We are proud of the Seekers program. It is an excellent program for the children of our church, as well as an effective outreach program to children in general. If you do not have a Seekers group in your Sabbath school or church, why not start one? No church is too small for this worthwhile Christian scouting ministry to children.

Let us know how we can be of help to you concerning Seekers. Send orders and other correspondence to Seekers at this address: Church of God (Seventh Day), 2225 N. St. Charles, Joplin, Missouri 64801, or call (417) 781-6781. You will still be billed for your Seekers materials from the General Conference office in Denver.

*Gail Rincker*



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## We've Been Remodeled . . .

Or at least the SST library has undergone a renovation. Prior to the start of the renovation last October, the books were completely disorganized, with a large number of books stacked on the floor due to lack of shelf space, and the card catalog was useless. The potential for a working library was there, but no one was available with the time and skills necessary.



*Jean Vander Horst has been busy organizing the Summit School of Theology library.*

to make this resource available.

Now, we are pleased to announce the reopening of our growing and already useful library at Summit. The library has undergone a complete overhaul. New shelves and study areas were built by Jeff Endecott, a student at Summit. All books were organized, cataloged and shelved in a proper order by Jean Vander Horst, the wife of Paul Vander Horst, another SST student.

The majority of the books are reference books, including both theological and secular titles. A portion of the library is set aside for periodicals, with back issues and rarely used selections indexed, boxed, labeled and stored. Information on the contents of all stored materials is available to make locating items easier. A card catalog is being set up using the Macintosh. This allows library patrons access to a traditional card

catalog in the library, or for those with knowledge of the HyperCard software, on the Macintosh computer, which also serves as a backup card catalog. The library is now a functional and valuable resource available to those who need to use it.

### **We Still Need Your Help!**

At this point we are still battling with the lack of funding necessary to fulfill the potential of the library. Funding is vital for expanding the library through the purchase of additional books and building more bookcases. As expansion takes place, the value and usefulness of the library grows. Won't you help by sending a donation for the library fund?

### **Spring Quarter at Summit**

The 1990 spring quarter begins March 26. The classes to be offered are: Field Work; "Church Planting" by Victor Novak; "New Testament Greek II" by Jerry Griffin; "Systematic Theology II" by Calvin Burrell; "The Gospel of Luke" by Daniel Dávila; and "Pastor and Board Relations" by LeRoy Dais and Glen Palmer. Whether you are interested in beginning your pastoral training at Summit, or are interested in learning more about one of these subjects, there is still time to register for spring classes.

### **Remember the 1990 Summer Session**

There is still time to take advantage of the tuition discounts available with early registration for the 1990 Summer Session, June 10-22.

By registering **before** May 31, 1990, you are eligible for the following reduced tuition rates:

One person	\$140
Married couple (per person)	\$110

The full tuition rates apply after June 1, 1990.

One person	\$185
Married couple (per person)	\$160

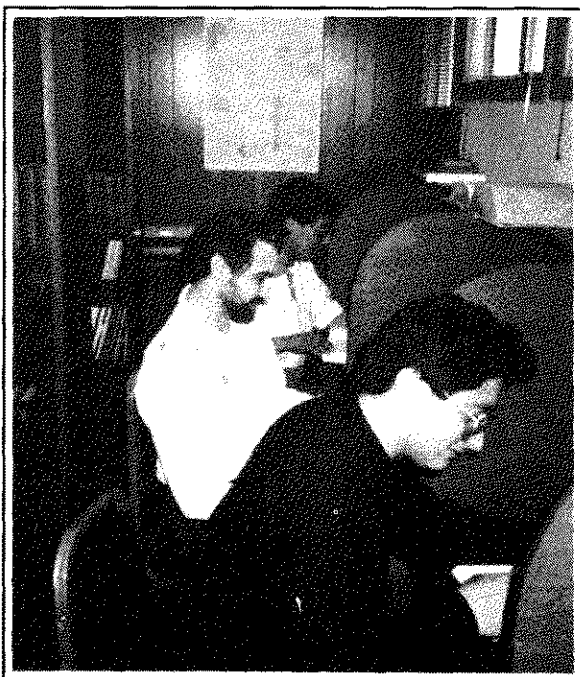
The classes being offered this year are: "Ministering To Young People"; "Pastoral Passages"; "Cross Cultural Ministries"; "Christian Education and Life Cycle"; "Comparative Doctrines: The Church of God and The Seventh Day Adventist Church"; "Israelite Prophecy—From the Pre-Exilic to the Post-Exilic Time"; "The Gospel of John."

In addition to these classes, Summit will offer the following classes in Spanish: "El Ministerio Cruz—Cultural"; "La Educación Cristiana y el Ciclo de la Vida"; "Comparación de Doctrinas: La Iglesia de Dios y la Iglesia Adventista del Séptimo Día"; "Ideas para Ministerios Hispanos"; "Profecía: Desde el Pre-Exilio Hasta el Post-Exilio."

For further information on English or Spanish classes, tuition and discounts, meals and lodging, or registration write to: Registrar, Summit School of Theology, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233.

### **Hot Off the Press to You**

The new 1990-91 Summit School of Theology Catalog and the Education by Extension on Video Catalog

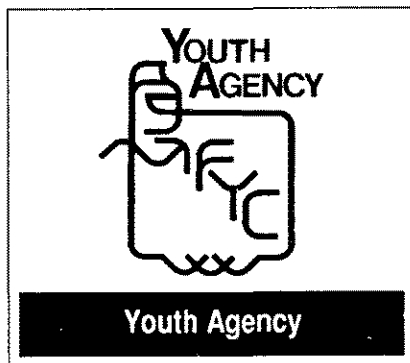


*Ben Escalante, Paul Vander Horst, and Oscar Garcia make use of the library study area.*

are available. Both catalogs contain information of value to the person considering ministry as a life vocation, or the person interested in personal Christian education.

To receive your copy of one or both of the catalogs, please write to the Registrar at the above address. Be sure to include your name, address including zip code, and home phone number. Also include \$2.00 per catalog to defray the cost of printing and shipping.

Laura Roberts



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9458 Lou Drive  
Denver, Colorado 80221  
(303) 428-9669

## FYCers About to Experience Starvation (Again)

By now all you FYCers should have your "starvation" kits in-hand. Yes, the event for which you've long been anticipating is here. In a matter of days, you'll be experiencing first hand what much of the world deals with daily—hunger pangs. This year's Youth Missions Week will once again have FYCers across the nation participating in a 30-hour event called the "Lock Out Hunger Lock-in"—a program which sensitizes young people to the needs of the hungry in our world, and at the

same time raises funds to meet those needs. Don't miss your chance to be a starving hero March 31.

## Let Us Prove It to You

We told you the 1990 theme is "YOUth Can Make A Difference." We're about to show you how much of a difference we can make. From June 17 through June 30, FYCers will be descending like a swarm of bees (and you know how hard they work) on the Lana-Ville campus—a 39-acre rehabilitation facility being constructed in northern Michigan. Can you imagine what 100-200 energetic, half-crazed, wild and wacky young people can do when harnessed toward one goal? Look out church, look out world!

Yes, the Youth Agency is sponsoring a summer workcamp to give the young people of our church a chance to be somebody, a chance to prove their worth, a chance to *make a difference*. The cost is only \$100 and fund-raising/sponsorship packets are available. All funds will go toward the cost of construction materials (Ministries of the Bread of Life is providing all the food and lodging costs).

Contributions, inquiries or requests for fund-raising packets should be sent to The Youth Agency (Workcamp Fund), P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233. But hurry, it's coming fast!

## Hey, What's Happenin'?

This is astounding! What's happenin' to the Denver FYCers? They are on fire for the Lord and busily witnessing for Him. This is no ordinary teen-age enthusiasm. It appears that God is moving in their

midst like never before. Several teens have been baptized in recent months and several more are contemplating it. Where FYC gatherings used to be filled with squabbles, debates and frustration, they now exude genuine love, cooperation, and a zeal to seek the Lord and serve Him. Where once they yawned or argued at Bible studies, now they hunger and thirst for answers and insights from Scripture. The adults are finding this enthusiasm catching.

Who is responsible for this? To what can we attribute such a dynamic turn-around? There is only one way to explain it—God! He has chosen to rain revival down upon the teens in Denver and they have responded in what can only be described as a *movement*.

Some of these young people gather every weekday morning at 6:00 a.m. for prayer. Others are planning a two week mission trip to Mexico this summer. They have begun a local quarterly newsletter highlighting their activities. They are witnessing at school and inviting friends to church, resulting in the salvation and rededication of several. Youth worship services are held twice a month and have seen a considerable increase in visitor attendance. They've helped bring a renewed worship environment to the church with their enthusiastic zest for God.

Is this the only church where this is happening? I think not. In fact, it's probably happening in your church. If not, it easily could. Have you thought about it? Maybe God is calling your FYC to revival. We'd love to hear how God is moving in your group. If you write and let us know, we'll rejoice to tell others of God's bountiful goodness. Till then, keep looking up, pressing on, and holding firm.



## PUBLICATIONS

**Publications Agency**

LeRoy Dais, Director  
 P.O. Box 33677  
 Denver, Colorado 80233  
 (303) 452-7973

### More Than One Copy?

Is your home receiving more than one copy of each issue of the *Bible Advocate* and *The Harvest Field Messenger* when one copy is all you need? When your home receives more copies of either of these magazines than are needed, please notify the BAP staff. To assure greater accuracy, it would help if you enclosed copies of the labels from the magazines, with your comment as to which one should be active and which one(s) should be removed.

Subscriptions are initiated for new members. When young adults become members, it is not always evident that someone else in the same household may already be receiving the magazines. This results in more than one copy of the magazines going to the same home.

When young members (those of the youth age group) become young adults, their computer entries are given adult codes, including codes for the magazines if it is not clear that someone else at that address is receiving the magazines. Again, this results in dupli-

cate mailings. You can help us reduce the duplicates!

On the other hand . . .

You also can help us keep in touch with the young adults through the magazines. When your youth goes off to college, moves into his/her own apartment, or gets married and establishes a new home, let the BAP staff know. Primarily, young adults who are on their own should have their own copies of the magazines. Secondly, the BAP staff likes to keep its mailing list current so members can be kept informed.

Together, we can keep these mailing problems under control. Your help will be appreciated.

### Fifth Sabbath Literature Day

Four months of each calendar year have five Sabbaths. Since 1959, when the Free Literature Program was instituted, it has been a tradition in the Church of God (Seventh Day) for these fifth Sabbaths to be designated as "Literature Days."

Local churches are encouraged to receive offerings for the Literature Fund on Literature Days. The production of gospel tracts and booklets depends entirely upon offerings for the Literature Fund. Those who do not have the privilege of attending local church services may send their contributions directly to the BAP office.

There is an ongoing demand on the Literature Fund as tracts and booklets are reprinted when the supply for respective titles runs low. There is also an ongoing process of translating the English tracts into Spanish for publication.

For many years, literature has been an effective and inexpensive means of spreading the gospel message. Give generously to the Literature Fund on the fifth Sabbaths in March, June, September, and December.

### How the BA Made a Difference

The Kenyan Church of God (Seventh Day) in East Africa had a small beginning nearly 15 years

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ago. It began by someone passing along a *Bible Advocate* magazine to George Nyatangi, a schoolmaster near the small town of Kisii in Western Kenya. George, who had been studying his Bible, read the *Advocate* with interest. He wrote to the Bible Advocate Press inquiring about the Church of God (Seventh Day). After receiving literature about the church and its teachings, George and some friends wrote to report they were starting a congregation in their community of Keore.

Today, the Church of God (Seventh Day) has between 3,000 and 4,000 members in a number of congregations in Central and Western Kenya, and Nairobi, the capital. The church has taken the gospel across the southern border of Kenya into Tanzania. And it all started with one person's contact with one *Bible Advocate* magazine.

It goes to show that, in the hands of the right person, the *Bible Advocate*, as well as our gospel literature, can be powerful, evangelistic tools. The Kenya success story can be repeated anywhere, even in America. (Read "Profiles" in this issue to see how the Toledo, Ohio, church got its start.) Every month the *Bible Advocate* is ministering to people's needs in one way or another across the country and across the world. Our gospel literature is "preaching" miniature sermons to souls everywhere. Our literature has a vital message that needs to be spread throughout the world.

The more we support the *Bible Advocate* and literature programs, the more people we will reach for the Lord. Remember these programs in your prayers as well as giving generously to their support.



Kenneth Durham, Principal  
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## Sound Produces Tape

Until the weekend of February 24, the Michigan winter was extremely mild. But when the Spring Valers walked out the church doors on Sabbath, they were greeted by the biggest snowfall Michigan has seen in years. The high, cold winds drifted the snow over major roads so the second half of SVA's Invitational Basketball Tournament was postponed until the following week.

The '89-'90 SOUND has recorded their newest tape with the

help of Gordon Kuryluk. Plans for the SOUND tour of the West Coast are progressing rapidly.

The final nine-week quarter of the school year began March 12. On March 13, the entire Academy traveled to the state capital in Lansing, Michigan. The students observed the state legislation in session.

The fourth weekend in March will bring SVA alumni to Spring Vale's campus once again. Special services and activities are being planned. SVA alumni from all over the country plan to return to their alma mater to see the campus improvements and to renew old friendships.

Other important dates coming up this spring include the spring retreat, the Conference-sponsored bus tour for prospective students to spend a free weekend at SVA, the senior class trip, the Honor's Club trip, and finally graduation weekend.

If you are interested in Spring Vale Academy as a student or staff member, contact either Ken Durham or Lisa Harp at 4150 S. M-52, Owosso, Michigan 48867, or call us at (517) 725-2391.



Spring Vale Academy's girls' volleyball team.

# Disciple or Church Member?



Are you a disciple or merely a church member? This is an important question to ponder. It is possible to be a church member, and even a church worker, without really having been converted. Jesus speaks of such unconverted church members when He says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21). That such unconverted church members can include even those who are holding responsible positions is proven by the very words of Christ, "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied [or preached] in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:22, 23).

There is a great difference between an intellectual assent to Christian beliefs, and saving faith. Even the devil believes the truth of the Christian faith, and yet he is not saved. There is much more to being a Christian than just believing in "the four spiritual laws" or in a few points of doctrine. To be a true

by Victor Novak

Christian, a real disciple, means having enough faith to get off the throne of your life and letting Jesus Christ, God's Son and anointed King, take His rightful place. To be a disciple means to totally surrender your life, your desires, your talents, and your dreams to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Saving faith is more than mere belief; saving faith is the kind of belief that never wavers and that bears fruit in obedience and service. The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews tells us, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). In the New International Version this verse is even clearer, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

Saving faith means we are sure and certain; but, there is more to it than that. Saving faith is the kind of faith which leads to total surrender in obedience and service. James says, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). James goes on to say, "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" (James 1:25). And the apostle Paul tells us, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.



For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

One day, while Jesus was traveling with a large crowd following Him, He turned to the people and spoke of the high cost of discipleship. Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also [a hyperbole meaning that one must love Jesus more than his family or even his life], he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26, 27). Jesus went on to say, "whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).

The cost of being a disciple is high. It is more than just believing; it is believing enough to surrender your life completely to Jesus Christ. Being a disciple means total commitment; it means holding nothing back—even life itself. To illustrate what total commitment really means, let me share with you a story that is told of some barnyard animals passing the church. They no-



ticed the church sign which announced the pastor's sermon for the upcoming Sabbath. The sermon was entitled, "How Can We Help the Poor?" After a moment of thoughtful reflection, the hen said to the cow, "I know how we can help. We will provide the poor with a breakfast of steak and eggs." But the cow protested. "For you it is only a contribution, but for me it is total commitment." Jesus demands total commitment. He says, "He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it" (Matthew 10:39).

Why an article on discipleship by the Church Extension Specialist? First, because it is possible to be lost in the church. What a pity it would

be to hear Jesus say, after a life spent in the church, "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:23). We not only have a mission to take the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world, but also to our loved ones and to fellow church members. The second reason that I have written on discipleship is that if the high cost of discipleship is taken to heart, it may lead to sober reflection, repentance, recommitment and revival. A commitment to real discipleship could revive the church and turn it loose to do great things for God. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go

unto my Father" (John 14:12).

Will you commit to turning your life completely over to Jesus Christ, holding nothing back? Will you surrender the throne of your life to God's Son? Will you give up all of your fleshly desires and worldly goods for Christ's sake? If you will, God will use you mightily. In these last days the world needs another Peter, another Paul, another Barnabas, another Gilbert Cranmer. Perhaps that person could be you!

If you have committed, or recommitted, yourself to be a real disciple of Jesus Christ, write me so that I can rejoice with you, pray for you, and encourage you. Until next time, may Almighty God our Heavenly Father bless you as you seek to do His will.

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## Current Financial Funding Plan

by Calvin Burrell

The financial policy of the Church of God (Seventh Day) is built around the giving of tithes and freewill offerings by its members. We believe this to be a Biblical system, harmonious with Scripture in general and with Malachi 3:8 in particular. That verse warns us not to rob God "in tithes and offerings." Thus, the motto and logo, "Tithe Plus."

The tithe, which should be labeled as tithe when it is given, supports all components of the Church's organization: local churches, districts, and General Conference. Tithe provides the support for many people who have devoted themselves fully to the service of God and man. Most of these people are pastors.

Freewill offerings have a first purpose to provide the funds required to operate a local church—excluding the salary of its pastor. Freewill offerings are normally designated for a specific purpose: building fund, local expenses, local outreach, etc. An additional freewill offering is encouraged for the United Ministries Agencies of the Conference.

Most of the Church's tithe and offerings are received from individual members donating in the context of local congregations. In fewer instances tithes and freewill offerings are mailed directly to the district, Conference, or agency—particularly where the member is isolated from local participation.

The current financial flow, as

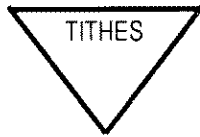
diagrammed on the opposite page, is voluntary at all points. Figures are based on the 1990-91 budget. Its success depends upon the good-faith participation of all members and congregations, as they are led by the Spirit of God to share in these gospel privileges and responsibilities.

The reader may refer to Article XII of our General Conference By-laws, where this financial policy is formally described.

*NOTE: A Taskforce, called for by the 1989 General Conference in session, is now studying our financial structure, and may propose amendments to the 1991 General Conference in session.*

*You may communicate with them by writing Taskforce, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, Colorado 80233.*

# CURRENT FINANCIAL PLAN



## Districts

Receive 75 percent of tithe for employment of District programs. Annual budgets are approximate.

**Canadian District**  
3 employees  
\$95,000 budget

**Central District**  
11 employees  
\$325,000 budget

**Northeast District**  
6 employees  
\$220,000 budget

**Southeast District**  
2 employees  
\$70,000 budget

**Southwest District**  
14 employees  
\$415,000 budget

**West Coast District**  
16 employees  
\$615,000 budget

## General Conference

15% of tithe  
5 employees  
\$300,000 annual budget

Approximately 30 percent of the General Conference Budget directly supports Agency work.

## Local Churches

1. Retain 10 percent of tithes for local ministry expenses.
2. Retain all freewill offerings (except those designated for United Ministries or another agency).

## United Ministries Agencies

The Agencies generate their own funds and receive assistance from the United Ministries Fund (UMF).

**Missions Abroad**  
No salaried workers  
\$61,000 total budget  
\$37,000 from U.M.F.

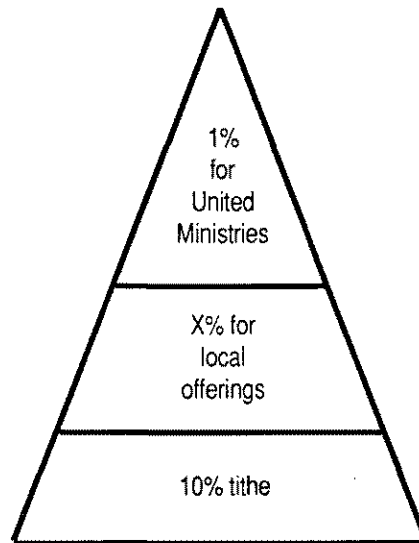
**Youth Agency**  
No salaried workers  
\$15,000 total budget  
\$10,000 from U.M.F.

**Summit School of Theology**  
2 salaried workers  
\$63,000 total budget  
\$31,000 from U.M.F.

**Women's Agency**  
No salaried workers  
\$11,500 total budget

**Spring Vale Academy**  
15 Salaried workers  
\$300,000 total budget  
\$5,000 from U.M.F.

**Publications**  
8 Salaried workers  
\$375,000 total budget  
About 33 percent of this comes from direct district subsidy.



Our Present Giving Plan—Tithe Plus

# YOU ARE INVITED!

## THE 1990 WEST COAST DISTRICT FAMILY CONFERENCE

Anaheim, California

July 2 - 7, 1990

It is with tremendous excitement that I extend to you this warm and enthusiastic invitation to join me and our entire West Coast District family, July 2 - 7 for our 1990 West Coast District Conference. Our theme for the week is "There Is a Savior!" A program of worship, fellowship and wholesome recreation is being planned which will guarantee that those who attend will take home wonderful memories that will last forever!

Daily services of praise and worship will feature some of our District's and General Conference's finest communicators of God's Word. Elders Roy Henderson, William Umana, Roy Marrs, Ken Lawson, Manuel Ochoa, Carl Palmer, Lorenzo Arroyo, Daniel Davila and Jerry Griffin are among those who have already agreed to preach or to lead helpful and informative seminars available in either Spanish or English. Seminars for adults may include such topics as: Creationism vs. the Theory of Evolution; Church Organization; Masterplan 2000; Understanding and Applying God's Word; Tools for Bible Study; Can God be Trusted When Life Hurts; Ministering to Those in Crisis; and others. There will also be an opportunity to hear the current status of the work of the General Conference Financial Structure Study Committee and to offer your advice and opinions. A complete program for our children and teens is also in the works!

Even though our conference schedule dedicates over fifteen hours to Christian seminars and studies and includes eight worship services in six days (Sabbath services at the world famous Crystal Cathedral because the hotel won't be big enough to hold all of us!), there are still options for some very fine recreational outings! Disneyland, Dodgers vs. Cubs baseball and fireworks, and a Catalina Island Cruise of adventure and fellowship are all available at very special rates. Before or after conference plans may include Knott's Berry Farm, the beach, or Universal Studios, just to name a few of the hundreds of southern California attractions!

As if all that weren't enough, to begin our 1990 Conference with a bang, a special Monday evening reception will follow our opening worship service. Mickey and Minnie Mouse will be there to welcome us to the land of the Magic Kingdom and to distribute gifts to our wide-eyed children! Then to conclude our week with style and to launch us into the coming decade with enthusiasm, please join us at an elegant Saturday night banquet featuring music, presentation of awards, and motivation to become even more faithful to Christ and our Church!

There's never been a better time to belong to our Lord and our Church! Come make memories that will last forever! Come be an important part of the 1990 West Coast District Conference!

*Loren Stacy, WCD Coordinator*

**LOCATION:** Hyatt Regency Alicante (near Disneyland), Anaheim-Garden Grove, California.

**HOTEL ROOM RATE:** Our cost per room per night is \$45.00 (plus tax). This rate is for single, double, triple and quad occupancy. (The Hyatt Regency Alicante's current regular room rates are \$129.00 for single occupancy and \$149.00 for double occupancy.)

**EXCURSIONS:** For only \$75.00 per person, you may join us for a day at Disneyland, watch the Dodgers vs. Cubs baseball game and 4th of July fireworks, enjoy the island of

Santa Catalina (with two meals) and all three meals on Sabbath (two at the Crystal Cathedral with an elegant evening banquet at the Hyatt). Children ages 3 - 11 are \$50.00.

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Write to: West Coast Family Conference

P.O. Box 33677

Denver, CO 80233

Questions? Call (303) 452-7973.

**BE SURE TO REGISTER EARLY!**

## **Central District Conference**

**South Sioux City, Nebraska  
July 3-7, 1990**

The Central District Conference will be held from Tuesday, July 3, through Sabbath, July 7, 1990. Site for the conference is the Marina Inn, Fourth and B Streets, South Sioux City, Nebraska. The Marina Inn is located on the Missouri River Front, south of Exit 148 of I-29.

Theme for the conference is "If Not You, Who? If Not Now, When?" and is being planned to continue the theme of last year's conference theme, "We Are His Hands." Seminars and workshops are being planned with the rural church in mind—how can these churches improve their ministry in their community?

Reservations need to be made directly with the Marina Inn by June 22, 1990. Cost for rooms is \$40 per night. Rooms have two beds. Up to four adults plus small children may stay in the room for this price. You are responsible for your own meals. There is a restaurant on the premises and other eating establishments within a two-block area. If you need or prefer a first floor room, please indicate this when you make your reservation.

Plan now to attend your district conference. Make your reservations no later than June 22 to insure you have a room. Call the Marina Inn, (402) 494-2441 or toll free (800) 798-7980. Be sure to mention you are attending the Central District of the Church of God (Seventh Day) Conference to get the group room rate.

## **Southeastern District Bible Conference**

**Collegedale, Tennessee  
July 3-7, 1990**

The beautiful campus of Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee (just outside of Chattanooga), is the setting for the Southeastern District Bible Conference. You will draw closer to the Lord while meditating in the peaceful prayer gardens. You will learn more of God's will as God's servants minister to you. A full program for youth and children is also being planned.

Rates are \$20 per room, per day. Up to three adults or two adults and three children may stay in the room for this rate. Meals are extra.

Contact Kenneth Pell, Rt. 1, Box 258, Sylvania, Alabama 35988, for further information.

## **District Youth Camps**

**July 22-29, 1990**—Central District Youth Camp, Guthrie Center, IA. Theme: "Choice of a New Generation."

**July 22-August 5, 1990**—Science Camp at Sis-Q Meadows, OR.

**July 29-August 3, 1990**—Southwestern District Youth Camp, Rock Haven Bible Camp near Harrison, AR.

**July 29-August 5, 1990**—Northeastern District Youth Camp, Chief Noonday Outdoor Center, Hastings, MI.

## Southwestern District Family Conference

Dallas, Texas  
July 11-14, 1990

The Southwestern District Family Conference will be held at the beautiful Sheraton Park Central Hotel located in Dallas, Texas. Whether you stay in the hotel or bring your RV (complimentary parking for self-contained RV's is available across the street) you will enjoy a special time of fellowship and worship with fellow Christians. A complete program for all ages is being planned. You won't want to miss one part of the program.

Plan to spend an extra day in Dallas and take in the vacation sites this area of Texas offers. Special discount tickets for Six Flags Over Texas are available for Sunday, July 15. The discount tickets are available by pre-registering for the conference by June 20. American Airlines also is offering special discounts for your travel convenience. You can receive an additional 5% off the lowest fare American has available by calling toll free 1-800-433-1790. Ask for Star #S0570VU.

Cost for the conference: \$42 (plus tax) per night, per room. Up to four people can stay in a room. To reserve your room, call 214-385-3000. Be sure to tell the reservation clerk you are with the Church of God (Seventh Day) District Family Conference. Reserve your room by June 25. Any reservations after that date are not guaranteed the \$42 rate. You are on your own for meals. A Sabbath meal ticket can be purchased. Reserve your meal tickets before the conference. They will not be available at the conference.

For more information and registration forms, contact: Steven Kurtright, 1203 N. Main St., Galena Park, Texas 77547. Phone: (713) 674-5978.

## Canadian District Camp

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
July 19-21, 1990

The Canadian District Camp will be held July 19 through 21 at the North American Baptist College, 11525 - 23rd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Calvin Burrell, Victor Novak, Nick Nimchuk, and Gary Riggs are among the list of speakers. Workshops, evening evangelistic services, special activities for youth and children, make this a camp for the entire family.

Costs for the camp include:

Dorm Rates:

\$12.50 per day, double occupancy

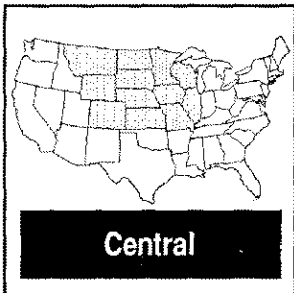
\$18.75 per day, single occupancy

\$7.50 per day, children over six; children under six are free.

Meals:

\$16.75 per day for a three-meal packet

Reservations should be made thirty days in advance (by June 19) to assure having a room. Send your reservations and inquiries to Violet Chalus, c/o Canadian District Church of God (Seventh Day), P.O. Box 305, Station C, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T3A 2G3. Or phone: (403) 239-4044.



## Youth Learn How to Run a Corporation

Young people from all over the country came together December 22-26, 1989 for the third annual Central District Winter Retreat held near St. Paul, Minnesota. For one weekend, 56 youth sang, shared and generally had a great time together as we learned how to give all of ourselves to the Lord and His service.

This year's retreat was modeled after a fictional corporation called "All Stars Corporation." God was the CEO and every camper attending was a potential employee of this corporation. All of our activities were aimed at



Central District youth enjoyed a game of broom ball.

making each person a better employee for God, also known as The Boss.

The retreat began with ice breakers and division meetings. At this time we broke into smaller groups which became smaller divisions of the All Stars Corporation. Each division goal was to name their company, create a slogan or jingle, write a commercial, and invent a product, all for the purpose of selling Christianity to the world. Each company was judged on creativity, group participation, and teamwork. The company known as the "Dream Makers" emerged victorious.

Three workshops were held on Sabbath. They were "Decision Making" by Manuel Molinar II, which focused on goals; "Social Responsibility" by Lela Olsin and Leon Cymbaluk, which focused on encouraging individuals to get involved in their community; and "Administration" by Marlene Smith, which helped campers discover their talents and how to use them for God's glory.

Sabbath afternoon, we enjoyed a scavenger hunt. Each "company" was given scriptural clues pertaining to the locations of the clues and items. A staff member was waiting at the sites to give the groups the next clue. When the hunt was finished we had to come up with a Biblical

story using each of the items we collected.

Sunday, since there was not enough snow for skiing, we had an old fashioned broom ball tournament on the lake. The Road Warriors took the championship.

Monday night we held the awards banquet. Each camper was given one share of stock in the All Stars Corporation. In addition, an offer of employment was extended to each potential employee. Several people gave their hearts to the Lord, and others rededicated their lives to God (The Boss).

*Candace Smith*

## Exciting News from the Denver Congregation

A recent review of the number of people attending the Denver, Colorado, church during the first two months of consolidation revealed some surprising and encouraging facts. The average attendance for January and February was 190.6, with the highest attendance being 217. The average attendance for Sabbath school was 141.7.

A total of 347 individuals attended services during that time span. Of the 347, only 28 individuals were not from the Denver metropolitan or Colorado area (14 attended services because of General Conference committee and/

or Board meetings; 14 others were guests from churches out of state).

In comparing these figures to average attendances of the two separate congregations during 1989, we found that the North congregation averaged 125 for the previous year and the South congregation averaged 35 attenders, for a combined average attendance of 160 for 1989. The figures show we are averaging 30 more people attending each week. We praise the Lord for this increase.

To the regular programs offered, such as young adults, youth, and children's programs, we have added small cell groups, ladies Bible studies, and various prayer groups (one meeting at 6:00 a.m. each weekday). Programs for seniors, singles, and a men's club have also been added. These are all ways this God-given opportunity is being addressed by the Denver church to expand its ministry and fellowship.

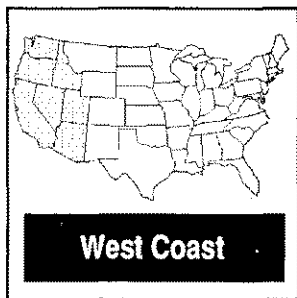
*Glen Palmer*

## Slavery Still Alive in Buffalo, MO

Even though slavery has been outlawed for many years, the news is out that Buffalo, Missouri is a good place to buy a slave! The Buffalo FYCers sponsored a slave auction as their Charlie's Challenge project. Minimum

pay was \$1.00 an hour for such work as raking leaves, cleaning gutters, putting up storm windows and hauling gravel. Sounds like those kids really worked hard! In November the youth presented a Thanksgiving skit at a local nursing home and again during the annual Thanksgiving dinner.

The youth and young adults are participating in the "Adopt a Highway" program in their community.



## Ownership of Sis-Q Meadows Received

Many prayers were answered January 23, 1990, when total ownership of the Sis-Q Meadows Youth Camp facilities in Cave Junction, Oregon, was conveyed to the West Coast District. Many years of effort by hundreds of members have gone into complying with the terms of conveyance set down by the donor. Activity at the camp is flourishing. More than half of the dates between May 1 and October

1, 1990, have already been reserved. If you plan to use the facility this year or wish to know more about activities at the camp, contact Jeff Curran, Promotional Committee Chairman, P.O. Box 621, Junction City, Oregon 97448, or the Sis-Q Meadows promotional representative at your local church.

*Cal Langston*

## First Church Cruise Huge Success

Sunday afternoon, December 17, 1989, 78 members and friends of the Church of God (Seventh Day) boarded Norwegian Cruise Lines luxury cruise ship, the S.S. Seaward at Miami, Florida. This was just the beginning of an eight-day dream vacation tour of the sunny Caribbean. Ports of call included a private island in the Baha-

mas, Jamaica, Grand Cayaman, and Playa del Carmen and Cozumel, Mexico.

Shipboard entertainment included lectures, shows, music, various recreational opportunities and wonderful, wonderful meals! During the various visits to islands and foreign countries, the sailors enjoyed sightseeing tours, shopping, snorkeling and countless other activities. There was always far too much for any one person to do.

A highlight for the members of our group was the opportunity to meet together early each morning for a time of prayer, praise and worship. Service leaders included Jerry Morgan and Elders Robert Coulter, Spurgeon Tedrow, and Loren Stacy. On Sabbath, the last full day at sea, our service, which was advertised throughout the en-

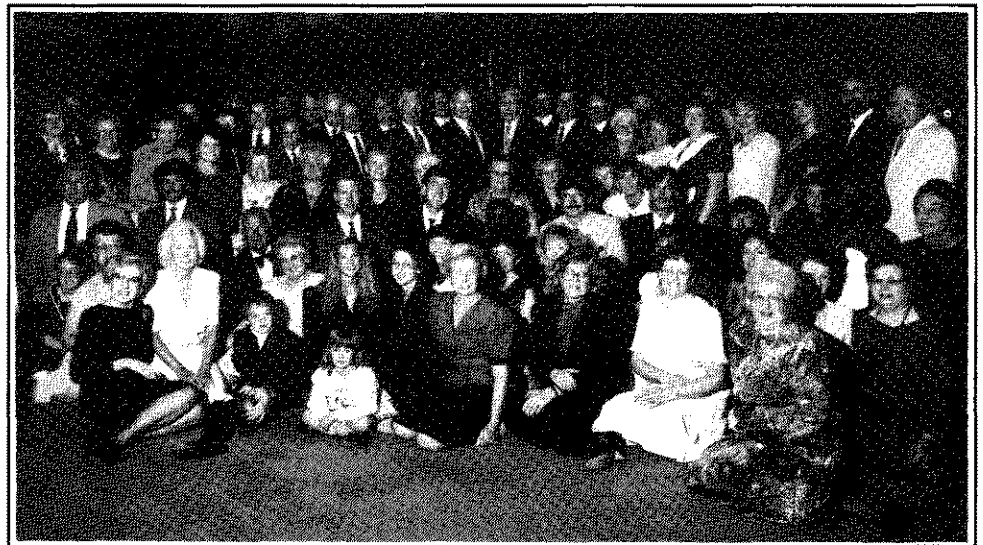
tire ship, featured gospel trumpet player David O'Neil, who presented about an hour of music, song and testimony concerning Jesus Christ. Many aboard ship who were not a part of our group came, enjoyed the music, heard the gospel, and learned of the Church of God (Seventh Day).

The great success of our first cruise surely will lead to another. Don't miss it!

*Loren Stacy*

## Creation Film Shown

*The Genesis Solution*, a film concerning the divine creation vs. evolution debate was shown in place of the regular Young People's Meeting at the Lodi, California, church. Beginning March 17, and scheduled for every other Saturday evening after that, several films from



*Sailors of the high seas gather for a group picture.*



the Layman's Ministry Film Series will be shown. These films use drama and humor to drive home the importance and "how-to's" of every member in the church being involved in some form of ministry. Small discussion groups are scheduled to follow the films.

Members of the congregation are excited about a new home Bible study group. The group is studying the book of Revelation and meets in the home of Ben and Delora Dais. Pastor Loren Stacy leads the study.

Gary Goldman, Public Affairs Representative for the Lodi church, met with several interested members of the Lodi church to encourage their involvement in various political and social issues which face the community, state and nation. Several members expressed interest in forming a Public Affairs Committee which would keep abreast of such issues as pornography in their city and New Age materials in the public schools.

The Seekers have been active. January's meeting found the youngsters making candy houses. It is reported that there are some very creative builders in the group. Not only did the houses look great, they tasted pretty good as well! February 12 found the group taking a field trip to the Hershey Chocolate Factory.

## Northwest Regional Super Sabbath

The Northwest Regional Super Sabbath Celebration was held in Portland, Oregon, January 27. Four-hundred-fifty members representing six churches gathered to hear messages on "The Day That Jesus Comes" from Elders Roy Henderson, Kenneth Knoll, John Lemley, Gerry Pedersen, Larry Childers, and Dennis Botts.

The morning program included special music by the Ministers' Quartet. Congregational singing and numbers by the Marion and Harrisburg choirs, as well as special numbers by other individuals and groups, rounded out the morning services. A program was presented by members of the Sis-Q Meadows Science Camp staff.

The afternoon service,

led by Gordon Kuryluk, was filled with more music by individuals and groups. An amusing skit with an important message was presented by members of the Eugene, Oregon FYC.

Everyone is looking forward to Super Sabbath 1991.

*Cal Langston*

## Beginning Again

"Beginning Again" is a new fellowship group within the Sacramento, California, congregation. It was initiated by Pat Bechthold and is for women who find themselves single again after the end of a marriage by divorce or death. "Beginning Again" meets for the purpose of fellowship and mutual encouragement. The women discuss problems they have in common and share answers they have found.



## Around the District

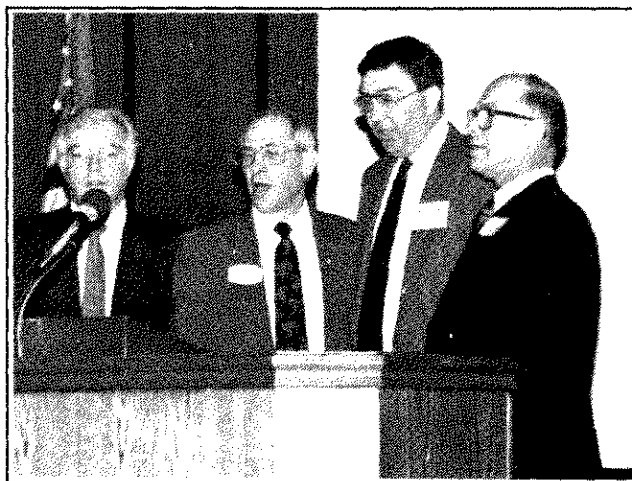
The Low Gap, Arkansas, church hosted a Men's Winter Forum from February-2-4 at the Rock Haven Bible Camp. The time was spent searching for God's direction in these last days.

The Claremore, Oklahoma, church hosted revival services December 13-16, 1989. Elder Wesley Walker, from Fort Smith, Arkansas, was the speaker.

Elder Roy Henderson, pastor of the Harrisburg, Oregon, congregation was the guest speaker for revival services held November 28-December 2 at the Fort Smith, Arkansas church. A radio program continues to be aired in Fort Smith. Local pastor, Wesley Walker, produces these tapes.

The district women's organization will be hosting a women's retreat next fall. The dates of October 19-21 have been set for the retreat which will be held at Camp Hoblitzelle. The Houston (English) women's group will be the hosts.

The district enjoyed an



*The Ministers' Quartet sang at the West Coast District Super Sabbath. From left to right: Gerry Pedersen, Ken Knoll, Roy Henderson, and Nelson Caswell. Photo by Don Severance.*

increase in both the United Ministries giving and tithing during the past year. While the increases are modest, we thank you for your support and our Lord for multiplying our resources.

A Super Sabbath is being planned for April 28 and 29, 1990. Location is the Grand Prairie church. Elder Calvin Burrell will be the guest speaker.

## Walking for Dollars in Conroe

In January, the ladies from the Conroe, Texas church sponsored a Walk-a-Thon to benefit Summit School of Theology. A total of eleven walkers joined in the fun. Six walkers completed a ten-mile walk. The ten-mile circuit was walked in a record two hours and 25 minutes. Five walkers, including Dorothy Willette who is a young 80 years old, made a complete five-mile circuit. A total of \$142 was raised for Summit.

We had a wonderful time of exercise and fellowship and raised money at the same time. Thanks to all who participated in this worthy cause.

*Linda Armstrong*

## Looking Back 61 Years

How I remember the Church of God (Seventh Day) in San Antonio, Texas way back when . . .

It all started back in the year 1928, when my family and I lived in the small town of Yancey, Texas. Brother J.M. Rodriguez from San Antonio, Texas, was holding services there and he would come to visit us and discuss the Bible with my father, E. Bernal. Sometimes Brother Julian Ojeda would accompany him on his visits. These visits went on from 1928 through the latter part of 1930, when we decided to move to San Antonio.

When we moved to San Antonio, my father united with Brothers Julian

Ojeda, Juan Marin, Efram Hernandez, Daniel Reyes, Eutimio Chevarria, Ermilo Duque, and Tudon and Guadalupe Gonzales, who were holding services in the first established Church of God (Seventh Day) on Angela Street.

This church was built in 1928. According to information given by members of the church, this church was very poor and humble. It had been built by Brother Juan Marin. The building was made out of sheets of old metal and had no doors. The windows also were made of metal sheets and were closed during bad weather. Oil lamps were used to lighten the room during evening services. Sometimes when bad weather occurred, the lamps would turn off and only one of the oil lamps was used by the minister to give the sermon.

In 1936, this church had to move because the land was to be used for something else. After this happened, services had to be

held in members' homes. In 1937, another place was found on San Marcos and Monterey Street. This place was called Salon Ocon. This church was used until 1941.

In 1945, a church building was built on San Fernando Street by Brother Lazaro Gallego and his son, Lazaro, Jr., and Clemente Perez. In 1947 or 1948, this lot was bought by the city and we again had to hold services in members' homes.

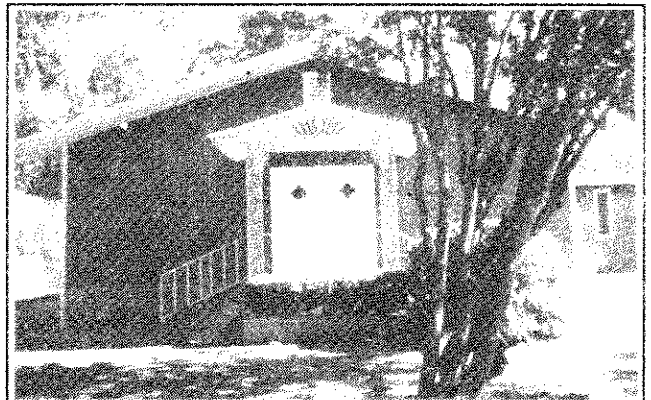
Finally, in April 1952, a church building was bought on Ceralvo Street. In 1968 this building was torn down and the present church building was built. The church is now pastored by Minister Arnulfo C. Salazar.

We invite you to visit us any time you are in the San Antonio area. We ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

*The above history was furnished by Domingo Bernal and Daniel S. Salazar.*



*Participants in the Conroe walk-a-thon take a break.*



*San Antonio (Spanish) Church of God (Seventh Day).*

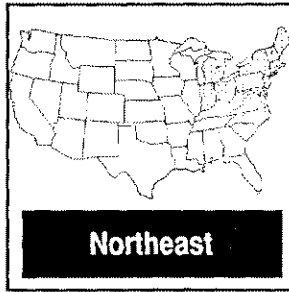
## Love Is a Decision Shown in Houston

The Houston (E), Texas, congregation was treated to the *Love Is a Decision* film series by Gary Smalley. Each of the six presentations focused on an aspect of relationship. The series was co-sponsored by the local church and the Women's Association. We were treated to a concert by Cornerstone at the 11 o'clock service of our last day of the series.

The local Women's Association has adopted as a project a monthly contribution of items needed by the Covenant House, a sanctuary for teens who find themselves abandoned, run-

aways, etc. Covenant House provides food, clothing, shelter, and training to these young people. Last year 5,000 Houston teens (through age 21) were served by Covenant House. To date, the local Women's Association has provided hygiene packets which are handed out to each individual entering the shelter, and 21 jogging suits. A future monthly effort will be the purchase of disposable diapers for the shelter which also houses a number of unwed mothers and their children. Coordination of the project is overseen by Deborah Kurtright and Liz Banda.

*Steve Kurtright*



## District Leaders' Conference

The annual Northeastern District Church Leaders' Conference was held January 7 and 8 in Toledo, Ohio. Approximately 47 pastors, lay leaders, local elders, as well as some of their wives, attended. Leaders came from around the district and from Eastern Canada. It was the largest attendance we have had for such a conference in recent years.

The conference began with a luncheon on Sunday and ended at noon on Monday. In addition to presentations on Creative Church Ministries by Daniel Dávila, there was

ample opportunity for worship, Bible study, and fellowship.

By all accounts, the conference was a welcomed opportunity for personal renewal and enrichment of our pastoral ministries.

## New Pastor in New York City

As of January 1, 1990, Trevor Gouldbourne became a full-time staff member of the Northeastern District. He was installed January 6 as pastor of two small congregations in New York City—one in the Bronx and the other in Brooklyn.

Brother Gouldbourne, a 1988 graduate of Summit School of Theology, served a nine-month internship under Elder Whaid Rose, then stayed on as assistant pastor for six months and was subsequently ordained to the pastoral ministry last December.

## What Is Your Will?

Have you faced the reality that you will not always be here to manage your estate? Have you prepared a will or other legal document which will provide for a smooth and proper transfer of ownership? Are you aware that your financial support for your church or favorite ministry can continue on for many years to come simply, by sharing a portion of your estate with your church through a will or a trust?

Learn more about how you can plan to share by writing for the following booklets:

Giving Through Your Will  
How to Make a Will That Works  
Giving Through Revocable Living Trusts

Write to LeRoy Dais, Office of Planned Giving,  
Church of God (Seventh Day), P.O. Box 33677, Denver,  
Colorado 80233.



*Leaders who attended the Northeast District  
Leaders' Conference.*

# Report of the Board of Directors

by Calvin Burrell

Your General Conference Board of Directors held their annual meeting in Denver, February 4-7. All members were present: Robert Coulter, John Crisp, Albert Fischer, Harris Kinzler, Kenneth Knoll, Steve Kurtright, Humberto Lopez, Roy Marrs, Carl Palmer, Art Roche, Loren Stacy, and Calvin Burrell, Chairman. Jayne Kuryluk is the Secretary-Treasurer.

A synopsis of the Board's major points of business follows:

- Received and reviewed the report of the Conference President regarding Masterplan 2000. Masterplan 2000 is being distributed to local congregations and leaders in March 1990.

- Received reports from each United Ministries Agency Director, acted upon the Agency requests, and held a dinner in honor of the Agency Directors.

- Upon Robert Coulter's retirement as Director of Missions Abroad, the Board appointed Victor Burford to that position, and expressed appreciation to Elder Coulter for his sixteen years of service to Missions.

- Reappointed other Agency Directors, as follows: Publications Agency, LeRoy Dais; Spring Vale Academy, Brian Noble; Summit School of Theology, Daniel Dávila; Women's Agency, Emogene Coulter; Youth Agency, Vernon Caswell (Interim Director).

- Heard a comprehensive proposal on planned giving in the Church of God (Seventh Day), and approved its implementation on a preliminary basis.

- Received encouraging reports

from all District Coordinators and reappointed each for a two-year term, as follows: Canadian District, Paul Chalus; Central District, Albert Fischer; Northeast District, Victor Burford; Southeast District, Dale Lawson; Southwest District, Steve Kurtright; West Coast District, Loren Stacy.

Adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS there may be some congregations who wish to adopt and implement an alternate financial plan to that of the General Conference while the Conference undertakes a study of its plan,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors share the following information and appeal with the congregations and ministry of the Conference:

1. The Board of Directors recognizes that while the Conference Bylaws give much latitude to congregations in the adoption of their structures and policies, they are not to adopt bylaws or resolutions

which are in conflict with the bylaws of the General Conference or district. The congregation-Conference relationship is a voluntary association based on mutual trust, goodwill and faith.

2. The Board appeals to all membership levels of the General Conference to be patient and refrain from the adoption of alternate financial plans and policies to those of the Conference and give time and opportunity for the Finance Study Committee created by the General Conference in session in 1989 to make its study, recommendations and possible amendments. Any resolution or bylaws adopted by a congregation which circumvents the pooling of title on a district level for the support of the district pastoral staff or employees conflicts with the General Conference Bylaws and places a strain upon the congregation-Conference relationship. Therefore, the Board appeals to any congregation which is contemplating or has taken individual



Board of Directors: Back row, (left to right:) Ken Knoll, Steve Kurtright, Roy Marrs, John Crisp, Robert Coulter, and Calvin Burrell. Front row, (left to right) Harris Kinzler, Art Roche, Humberto Lopez, Albert Fischer, Loren Stacy, and Carl Palmer.

actions to direct its financial support away from normal channels to redirect their support through the Church's recognized channels and commit themselves to give support to the request of the General Conference in session in 1989, that all levels of the Church comply with its financial policy until policy changes may be made on a churchwide basis.

#### **CARRIED.**

- Participated in a leadership training session with Dr. Jim Means, author of the book *Leadership in Christian Ministry*.

- Heard a report of the Hispanic Coordinating Committee regarding the unique requirements and requests of our Hispanic membership; then approved guidelines for the work of that committee.

- Received a report concerning Ministries of the Bread of Life from Bill Rice and drafted a letter of commendation for M.O.B.O.L. as a para-church ministry.

- Received the report of a Taskforce which studied the purpose, content, frequency, effectiveness, image and appeal of the *Bible Advocate* and *The Harvest Field Messenger*; then drafted a resolution to followup on the Taskforce's report.

- Lunched with the staff at the Conference office, toured the newly refurbished office area upstairs, and heard reports concerning matters related to building and properties.

- Approved a reduction in the percentage of tithe coming to the Conference office from 16 percent to 15 percent.

- Heard a report from an insurance consultant regarding the church's health insurance plan.

- Scheduled the 1991 General Conference Convention for July 1-6, 1991, in Little Rock, Arkansas.

- Granted a three percent salary increase to all workers in the General Conference offices.

### **Notes to Local Churches:**

In February, each congregation received a questionnaire from the Taskforce to study models of financial flow. This study was called for by the 1989 Conference in session. The only use to be made of the information gathered is for the Taskforce as they prepare recommendations for the 1991 Conference in session. If you have not already done so, please complete your questionnaire and return it.

In March, each congregation will receive several copies of "Masterplan 2000—A Tool for Local Churches." Please see that these helpful booklets are distributed among the key leadership of your local church.

Also in March, each congregation will receive a packet of materials to be used for conducting a Church Census in April. Please see that this packet is received by the pastor or congregational leader in April. In our church, *WE ALL COUNT!*

### **Let's Hear From YOU!**

Have you ever felt you were the only Christian in the area where you live? Perhaps you have a church group to fellowship with, but feel that because your group is so small, you can't be effective. **DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT!** Being a small group, or an isolated member, does not mean you can't be effective witnesses for the Lord. There is a small church in Texas which has VBS during the summer. The "outside" attendance is triple the number of students they have weekly in church. They are getting the message out.

One of the purposes of *The Harvest Field Messenger* is to serve as a means of communication between the families of God. One way of doing this is by churches sending us news of what is happening in their area. We want to hear from your church, but are we? The newest *Directory of Ministers and Churches* lists 162 churches and Sabbath schools. In the last issue we had reports from only 13 churches. Was your church among them?

Your church does not have to be a certain size before we print your news-worthy events. We just want to know what the Lord is doing in your area, what special programs to reach the lost with the Gospel message is working for you, etc.

Talk to your pastor or leader about sending reports of your church's activities to the *Messenger*. Better yet, volunteer to be your church's reporter. You don't need any special writing skills. Send us the details, answering as many of the who, what, when, why, where, how questions as you can, and we will do the rest for you. Let's hear from all 162 congregations during 1990. We can, with your cooperation.

One last request before I close. The May-June issue of *The Harvest Field Messenger* is dedicated to families. Would you write a short testimony about how some member of your family has influenced your life? Send a picture with your testimony, if you wish. (Be sure to print your name and address on the back of the picture so we can return it to you.)

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Remember, *The Harvest Field Messenger* is YOUR church news magazine, so let's hear from YOU!

# PASSAGES

## Births .....

**ALCALA**—Gabriella Alcala was born December 10, 1989, to Raymond and Marivel Alcala of Houston, Texas.

**ARTERBERRY**—Jerome Paul Arterberry arrived December 9, 1989. His proud parents are Angela and Jerry Lee Arterberry, Jr., of Buffalo, Missouri. Proud grandmother is Edith Worley.

**BERMUDEZ**—February 3, 1990, was the day Eduardo Bermudez, Jr., joined his family. Rita and Eduardo Bermudez are the proud parents. Dr. Leroy and Ola Brown are the proud maternal grandparents. The Bermudezs and Browns are members of the Sacramento, California, church.

**DAIS**—Alex Lloyd Dais was born January 5, 1990, to Kevin and Terri Dais of Houston, Texas.

**HOLLIS**—November 15, 1989, was the birthday of Drew Cameron Hollis. His parents are David and Teresa Hollis of Grand Rapids, Michigan. His paternal grandparents are Daniel and Eleanor Hollis.

**JACOB**—Joyce Ifeoma Jacob was born September 22, 1989, to Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Udo Jacobs, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**LEWIS**—Ethan Dakotah Lewis was born January 30, 1990, to Paul and Laura Lewis of Neck City, Missouri. Paternal grandparents are Earl and Wanda Lewis.

## New Members .....

**Canadian:** Danna Burnett, Paul Burnett, Janet Facey, Michael Facey, Adeline Griffiths, Maria Holland, Delvoy Johnson, Jennifer Stewart, Marian Ward, Aubrey Williams, Janet Williams, Lastaina Williams.

**Central:** Richard Bauman, Andrew Bravo, Martha Bravo, Kelly Carr, Laurel Carr, Leslie Forster, Almedia "Pete" Newmann.

**Northeastern:** Irvana Bracey.

**Southwestern:** Jonathan Albert, Dina Beard, Alvaro Galan, Karen Gartner, Gregory Hall, Sherry Hall.

**West Coast:** Josefina Alonso, Amelia Arita, Roberto Arita, Lorena Bowers, Victor Calderon, Maria Contreras, Alfredo Del Cid, Clara Dodd, Brenda Goss, John Goss, Wilma Henderson, Marie Hinojosa, Julio Jimenez, Vicky Killian, Carl Koons, Jr., Patricia Koons, Carlota Lopez, Jose Lopez, Maximina Lopez, Alfonso Olive, Brian Olive, Gloria Olive, Kenrick Olive, Olita Olive, Marvin Osla, Amos Pamperien, Dora Pamperien, Concepcion Pereira, Dawn Radebaugh, Steve Radebaugh, Linda Rima, Noe Rodriguez, Cheryl Towery, Paula Tuttle, Lucila Zaragoza.

## Weddings .....

**ADAMS-BROTHERS**—January 9, 1990, was the wedding day for Connie Adams and Michael Brothers. The couple were married in Champaign, Illinois. Connie is the daughter of Paul and Pamela Adams of Owosso, Michigan. Michael is the son of Malcolm and Eileen Brothers of Ontario, California.

**BROWN-LAWSON**—December 23, 1989, was the wedding day

for Tammy Brown and Arlan Dale Lawson of Chattanooga, Tennessee. Tammy is the daughter of Irma Shafer. Arlan is the son of Dale and Ethel Lawson.

**LEWIN-ALLEN**—Kelly D. Lewin and Richard M. Allen were married January 6, 1990, in Estes Park, Colorado. Kelly is the daughter of Edward and Pearl Lewin of St. Joseph, Missouri. Richard is the son of E.W. and June Allen of Estes Park.

## Faithful Servant Memorial Fund .....

Donations to the Faithful Servant Memorial Fund for the months of November 1989 through January 1990 are as follows:

In memory of Micki Barnes—Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kayner.

In memory of Lula Butrick—Dr. and Mrs. A.L. Carlin.

In memory of Pauline Griffin—Mr. and Mrs. Ron Amerine, Channelview Bank, Conroe, Texas Church, Denver Women's Christian Association, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Crisp, Mr. and Mrs. William Metzger, Emma Moldenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Null, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Skelton.

In memory of Hulda Fischer—Emma Moldenhauer.

In memory of E.A. Straub—Mr. and Mrs. Anton Kayner, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marrs, and Valencia Scholarship.

## Prayer Needs .....

Christine Dawn Webb, age 11, Ohio — brain tumor  
Lorinda Lincoln, Washington — cancer



## Spurgeon and Marie Tedrow

by Marie Roche



Elder and Sister Spurgeon Tedrow

A special "Celebration of Service" was held for Elder Spurgeon Tedrow and his wife, Marie, on the evening of January 27, 1990. The local church congregation and family, along with invited guests, gathered at a Perrysburg banquet facility to recognize them for their 47 years of service.

Vernon Patchen was Master of Ceremonies for the evening. It was very fitting for Vernon to reminisce about the early years of Tedrows' ministry as he was there encouraging and being encouraged by them.

Elder and Sister Tedrow learned of the Church of God (Seventh Day) through the *Bible Advocate* in 1942. The following year they started holding Sabbath school, in the name of the Church of God (Seventh Day), in their home. In 1944, they joined the church, with headquarters in Salem, West Virginia, and organized the first official church and Sabbath school in Toledo. Elder Tedrow served as pastor, Vernon Patchen was the Sabbath school superintendent, and Marie Tedrow was treasurer. It was during this time he organized the first

branch Sabbath school in Youngstown, Ohio, with Betty Deems as leader.

From 1946 to 1949, Elder and Sister Tedrow and Vernon Patchen produced and aired a half-hour radio program each Sunday morning known as "The Voice of Hope." Their talents of singing, playing musical instruments, and speaking became a ministry of outreach to the Toledo area.

In 1949, Elder Tedrow was ordained as a credentialed minister of the Church of God (Seventh Day) with headquarters at Salem, West Virginia.

During the summer of 1949, Elder Tedrow and family, Vernon Patchen, and Purly and Nellie Patchen spent three months visiting, speaking and singing in various churches throughout the country, promoting the upcoming merger. That same year, Elder Tedrow attended the merger proceedings at Stanberry, Missouri, where the merger was accepted.

In 1950, Elder Tedrow attended the first Ministerial Council of the newly merged church which was held in Denver, Colorado. At this time he was appointed the national

youth leader of the Faithful Youth Challengers. He was a member of the board of 12 and 7.

The year 1954 marked another milestone in the life of Elder Tedrow. He, along with Elder Ray Benight, received their ministerial credentials from the Denver headquarters, presented to them by Elders E.A. Straub and Christ Kiesz.

The years following found Elder Tedrow involved in the Ohio state work, where he maintained a regular schedule of visitation to several active groups as well as pastoring and ministering in the Toledo area. He served on the District Board for several years representing the members of Ohio.

Elder Tedrow's work not only involved preaching and visitation, but he was also instrumental in securing facilities for worship. The first building was purchased and remodeled and the second building, where the church is now located, was constructed.

We are very thankful for Elder and Sister Tedrow's commitment to the church. Their dedication is an inspiration to those in the Toledo area.



# LIFE ENRICHMENT RESOURCES

**Destination: Moon**, by James Irwin, Multnomah, Portland, Oregon. Hardback, 48 pages, \$9.95.

Children, aged 8-12, will love this book, especially if they are interested in space travel. Mr. Irwin describes his journey into space, from the time he is selected as an astronaut until after his return from space. He talks about his training for the space program as well as his faith in God. The book is packed with full-color pictures, many of which have never been published before. Parents will also enjoy this book — if they can get it away from their children!

**Jewish New Testament**, David H. Stern, translator. Jewish New Testament Publications, Clarksville, Maryland. Paperback, \$14.95.

David Stern holds a Ph.d. from Princeton University, and came to accept Jesus as the Messiah in 1972. He earned a Master of Divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary, did graduate work at the University of Judaism, served on the staff of Jews for Jesus, taught at Fuller Theological Seminary, and was an officer of the Messianic Jewish Alliance.

What makes the *Jewish New Testament* so helpful is that it expresses the New Testament's original and essential Jewishness in three ways:

1. Cosmetically—uses terms such as “execution stake” instead of “cross.”
2. Culturally and religiously—uses names such as “chanukkah” instead of “the feast of dedication.”
3. Theologically—corrects mistranslations resulting from antinomianism or from an anti-Jewish theological bias; for example, in Romans 10:4 the Messiah is “the goal at which the Torah aims,” not “the end of the law.”

As with all translations, there are problems with this one. Matthew 28:1 is rendered incorrectly. Why do so many translations render this passage incorrectly? Undoubtedly it is because most translators accept the error that the Messiah was raised from the dead on Sunday morning and try to “harmonize” Matthew 28:1 with the other visits to the tomb rather than taking time to research the timing of the resurrection. After all, how could Jesus have been resurrected on Sunday morning if that tomb was already empty late on the Sabbath?

Despite its problems, I encourage you to purchase and study this translation. It will help you to recover the Jewish roots of your faith.

*Victor Novak*

**Help, I'm a Baby Boomer**, by Hans Finzel, Victor Books, Wheaton, IL. Paperback, \$6.95.

Have you ever wondered what the phrase “Baby Boomers” means? Are you a Baby Boomer? How do we as Christians witness to Baby Boomers?

You may think Baby Boomers is just a passing phase: the title may go away but the generation will remain. The fastest growing church attendees are of that age group. They think different, the world they have grown up in is different than in previous generations. Boomers are taking charge of corporations, schools, churches, organizations, and factories. With this comes influence, the power to change the way things are viewed and done.

The author labels himself a Christian Baby Boomer, one who looks at *who* the Boomers really are, *what* they believe, and *how* Christian Boomers can cope with the unique pressures of their generation. At the end of each chapter he includes questions for discussion and it could make for a very interesting study group.

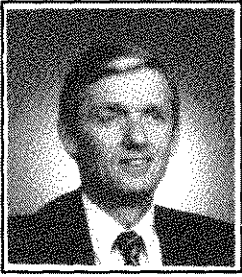
I recommend this easy-to-read book to any generation. These people will have influence in our church so why not get acquainted with them? If you were born between the years 1946 and 1964, *you are a Baby Boomer!*

*Emogene Coulter*

**Family Reunion**, by Carole Gift Page. Crossway Books, Westchester, IL. Paperback, novel, 254 pages. \$8.95.

Justin Cahill, associate pastor of a California church, and his family are going home due to the terminal illness of his father. The relationship between Justin and his father has been strained ever since Justin entered the ministry. Justin feels guilty because he has not been able to share his faith with his father and feels he has disappointed his father by not taking over the family business. Justin is further depressed because he was passed over for promotion to senior pastor. Add to these problems a growing distance between Justin and his wife, and the usual conflicts that tend to develop between father and teenaged son, and you have a story that has a tendency to depress the reader. The characters and their feelings in the book are too much like people in real life.

But keep reading. As in real life, it takes prayer and surrendering our problems to the Lord to find the answers to our needs. It takes a crisis in the Cahill family to bring Justin to an understanding of God's purpose for his life and to cause him to surrender to God's will.



## Either Way, Let's Pray

**H**ow is everything in Denver? It's a question I've heard dozens of times. And I never know quite how to answer it.

How do you respond when, mostly as a conversation maker, folks ask you, "How are things in Marion?"—or wherever you happen to live?

That question is tough for me to answer for one reason. It seems well nigh impossible to speak a few sentences that accurately describe everybody and everything in Denver—even the limited number of everybodies and everythings within my acquaintance. The truth about "everything in Denver," in my judgment, has never to this day been reportable in one simple sentence—which is often as much as our "filler" question really wants to know.

Occasionally I have responded something like this to such an inquiry: "Oh, we have enough blessings to keep us happy, and enough problems to keep us humble." That's accurate, I think; and it helps, I hope, to moderate the tendency of most of us to be either overly pessimistic or superficially optimistic about our Church.

Optimists glory in the good news—but may be blissfully ignorant of the dangers which always threaten God's good work among His people.

Pessimists magnetically attract the bad news, and pass it on with too much fervor. They interpret most ecclesiastical data as confir-

mation that the church's future is bleak, regardless of what God or man may say about it.

My guess is there is always sufficient evidence to support either approach. Whatever your inclination, you can have it your way.

Recently, a church member from North Carolina sent me the January 1959 issue of *The Harvest Field Messenger*, with the words, "It can be used as a measuring rod to judge the distance we have come as we look back over the years."

I used that rod. It showed clear growth and expansion in the Church over the past thirty years—in most of the measurable ways: membership, congregations, ministers, finances, facilities, etc. (Okay, let's hear it from the optimistic crowd! Rah! Rah!)

But that rod also showed a decline in certain evangelistic tools being generated on a conference-wide level—Bible correspondence courses, radio broadcasts, and some tracts/leaflets/magazines. (Now listen to the pessimists say, "I told you so!")

The more vital aspects of church life are not as measurable as those mentioned above. What about our levels of joy and peace as a church? of hope and love? Do the winds of theological turbulence which have blown in the 1980's offer greater threat to our future than did the personality and organizational clashes of the 1959 era? Does there remain an active and informed Biblical faith in the spirit of our members now for the decade

ahead? Or has the Church been infected with the spirit of this age—apathy, secularism and compromise?

One can hear it both ways, I'm sure, when he or she asks, "How are things in Denver?"

Either way, let's pray.

If the Church has made some steady progress prior to 1990, as I believe she has, and if it stands ready to enter into its best era in fulfilling its mission on earth—then let us pray. The battle is not ours, but the Lord's!

But if the Church is drifting from her moorings, daily in greater need of the divine renewal (I believe there is truth in that, also), then let us pray: "Wilt thou not revive us again; that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6).

As President of the General Conference, I ask the entire Church membership and fellowship to participate in private and public prayers with thanksgiving, as well as with repentance, confession and fasting as the Holy Spirit prompts. The week of April 1-7 has been designated for us to unite in this purpose.

May the Church's assembling for the memorial supper on April 8 be a sober—yet joyous—celebration of what Christ is for us, and what we are in Him!

*Calvin Bunnell*

# New Spanish Tracts Available

Six new tracts in the Spanish language have been published recently. With one exception, these tracts contain the same information as their English counterparts.

Be sure to order a supply of these tracts to distribute to your Hispanic friends and neighbors. The new tracts are:

- **Presentando a la Iglesia de Dios (Séptimo Día).** This tract is the Spanish version of *Introduction to the Church of God (Seventh Day)*. It tells about the beginnings of the Church, the present day Church, and a summary of what we believe. This tract is excellent to give to someone who expresses an interest in the church you attend.

- **¿Cómo Debe Ser, Económicamente Sostenida la Iglesia?** is the Spanish counterpart to *How Should the Church be Financially Supported?* "Tithes," "Offerings," "The Stewardship of Time and Talent and a Summary of Stewardship Principles" are discussed in this tract.

- **El Evangelio y la Ley** is the equivalent to *The Gospel and the Law*. This tract discusses how the gospel of Christ relates to the Law of God. Does one invalidate the other or do they go together?

- **La Batalla del Armagedon** is the companion to *The Battle of Armageddon*. This tract examines the Scriptures about future world events which precede the second coming of Christ.

- **¿Que Debo Hacer Para Ser Salvo?** is the equal to *What Must I Do to be Saved?* Faith, repentance, baptism and the Holy Spirit are discussed in this leaflet.

- **La Epidemia del Suicidio** is the one Spanish tract which is not available in English. This tract deals with the tragedy of suicide. What is the solution to this growing problem?

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