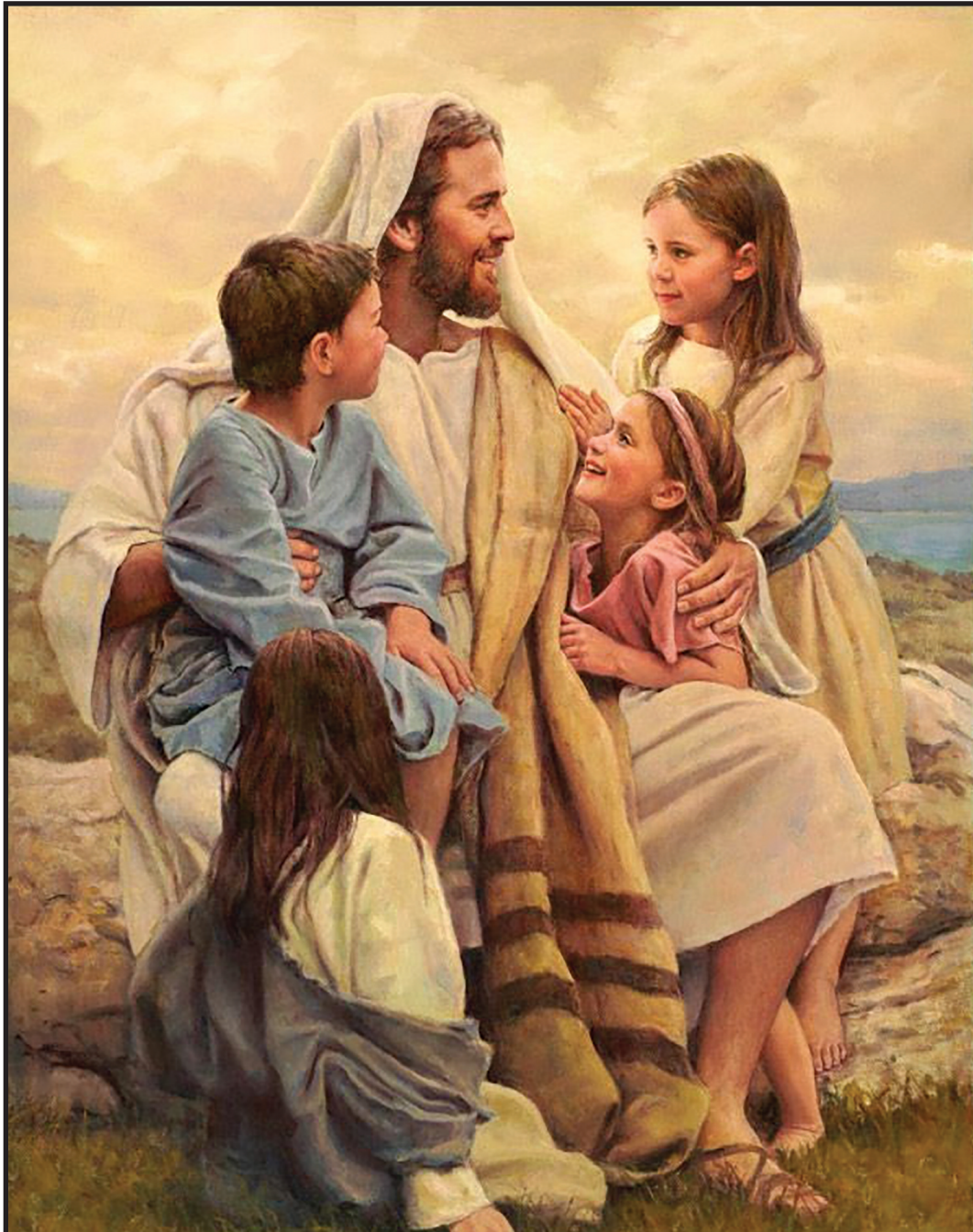


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Children in action!



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“Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them!
For the Kingdom of God belongs to those
who are like these children.
I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn’t receive
the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it.”

— Mark 10:14-15 NLT

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Children at Makapwa, Malawi

Ready for Your Next Mission?

By Pastor Scott Hausrath

What was the last mission you went on? Mission? What's a *mission*? A mission is an important task that someone assigns to us. For example, when you're in the grocery store with your parents, do they ever ask for your help? "Sweetie, would you please help me find those rolls that we had last week?" When you're at school, does your teacher ever ask for your help? "Would you please help me pass these out to the other students?" Do your friends ever ask for your help? "Would you please help me to find a gift for my sister's birthday?"

Every day we go on different missions, offering help to our parents, our teachers, our friends, etc. Sometimes even God asks for our help. But wait a minute. If God has the ability to do anything He wants, all by Himself, then why does He sometimes ask us to help Him? Because God knows that when we help other people, not only does it bless them, but it also blesses us. You know that feeling you get when you've helped someone? That feeling you get when you've made a difference for someone? Isn't it a wonderful feeling? When we're helping our family members, teachers, friends, God, or anybody else, we're also helping ourselves.

So, when God sends us on a mission to help someone, it blesses that person, and it also blesses us. People need our help, and we need to help people. That's one reason why missions are so important. So, what was the last mission you went on? What person, or people, did you help? And how did you feel when you accomplished that mission?

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Let me tell you about one of my recent missions. For two weeks last September I joined my friend Pastor Andy Samuels, and we went on a mission to three countries in Africa: Malawi, Uganda, and Rwanda. Most of my missions occur near my home in Nebraska — but this time God asked me to go on a mission to the other side of the world. What an amazing privilege!

I had never been to Africa, so I had a lot of questions and concerns about what it would be like. Would it be too hot for me? Would I be able to communicate with the people? Would I be able to eat the food without getting sick? Would people welcome me? Would I feel safe?



Have you yourself ever been to Africa? Do you know what life is like there? How is it different from life where you live? If you were a child living in Africa, what kind of things would you be doing? Where would you be going? What people or things would you be seeing?

While Pastor Andy and I were in Africa, we met many children, and many adults, and we discovered that some parts of their lives are the same as ours, and other parts of their lives are different from ours. Can you guess what parts are the same, and what parts are different?

If you were a child living in Africa, how different would your life be?

Can you guess what parts are the same, and what parts are different?

Where I live, one of the main things children do is spend time with their parents, with other adults, and with other children. During the school year, for example, children spend a lot of time with their teachers and their classmates. Some children attend school away from home, and other children attend school at home. Why do we attend school? Because we need to learn how life works. We need to learn how to talk, how to read, and how to write, so we can connect with God and with other people. We need to learn how to count, and how to add, subtract, multiply, divide, etc., so we can deal with all the chores of daily life.

In Africa Pastor Andy and I saw the same thing. There are a lot of children in all three of the countries we visited, and they too, just like you, spend time with their parents, teachers, and classmates, learning important lessons for life. As they learn these lessons, they are not speaking English to each other like you and I do. They're speaking the language of their own country. For example, in Malawi, the children speak Chichewa. In Rwanda they speak Kinyarwanda, and in the region of Uganda we visited they speak Luganda.



Maranatha Nursery School, part of Maranatha SDB Church in Musanze, Rwanda

What's the name of the city, town, village, or area in which you live? I live in North Loup. Do you live in Toronto, Cambridge, Seattle, Miami, Verona, Riverside, Dodge Center, or Thornton? All of the children we visited in Africa also live in a city, town, village, or area, and, just like our places, these places also have names. But these places have names that you've probably never heard: Blantyre, Makapwa, Entebbe, Mukura, Bukagabo, Jinja, Kigali, Nyarutovu, Musanze, Cyeru, and Nyamutera. Some of these names were very difficult for Pastor Andy and me, but God helped us to work through this challenge.

We are all human beings



Mukura, Uganda SDB Church

What about the issue of transportation? How do you get to school every day, or to the grocery store, or to the library? Do you walk, ride your bike, get a ride in your parents' vehicle, or on a city bus? Where we live we need access to transportation. It's the same in Africa. Pastor Andy and I saw thousands of people on the roads in Malawi, Uganda, and Rwanda. Some people were walking, some were on bicycles or motorcycles, some were in private vehicles like sedans and vans and trucks, and some were in public vehicles like taxis and buses. I think one of

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*The pastors we
trained in Malawi,
at the SDB Church
in Makapwa*

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Are you ready for your next mission?

the main differences between where I live and Africa is that Africa definitely has much more traffic. But whether we live in Canada, the United States, Africa, or wherever, all of us have a need for transportation.

No matter where we live, no matter what language we speak, what school we attend, what kind of vehicle we use, or what color skin we have, we are all human beings. Therefore, we all need to connect with God. That's why one thing that Pastor Andy and I did on our mission was help the African pastors to understand the Bible more. Then they could do a better job of helping their people connect with God.

Another part of our mission was to visit Seventh Day Baptist churches and schools in Africa. We were able to preach and teach God's word, to help the people to continue growing in their relationship with God. One of the things that Pastor Andy and I noticed, however, was

that as we were blessing the people in Africa, they were also blessing us. Their deep love for us, for their families, and for their communities, and their strong faith in God, encouraged Pastor Andy and me to more strongly develop our love and our faith.

How strong is your connection with God?
How well do you understand the Bible? Would you like to help others understand the Bible better, so their connection with God could be stronger? Would you like God to send you on a mission, whether it's in your own town or on the other side of the world?

Are you ready for your next mission? Start asking God to prepare you for the next mission He has for you. Ask Him to prepare you to go where He wants you to go. Ask Him to prepare you to help the people whom He wants you to help. Also, ask your pastor to help you. [SR](#)

The Good Knights

Summary

A lesson to illustrate that obedient servants follow the instruction of their master, and we have all already received specific instructions from Jesus.

Introduction

Good morning, young people! Today we are going to talk about Kings and Knights. Has anyone ever heard of a knight? Knights were the brave and loyal defenders of the lands that belonged to the king to which they gave their loyalty.

Activity

All right, now I am going to pretend that I am a king and a few of you will act as my loyal knights. It is only pretend; I am not really a king. Now I knight you loyal knights of the king. Now, I command my faithful knights to mount your imaginary horses and ride off to the side of the building (where directed). Here I give one or two particular knights instructions, "stay where you are until everyone else has returned," but to everyone I give the general command, "knights return to your king." All the good knights have done their duty and did what the King had commanded. They did different things because specific instructions were given that delayed when or how each would obey.

Jesus is King

There is a real King who is alive and all of the lands belong to Him. Does anyone know who that is? That is correct! Jesus is King! If we claim to be His faithful servants, then we should obey what He commands like good knights. Before Jesus ascended to be with the Father, He left specific instructions for those that follow Him. In Matthew 28:19 we find He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost." So unless He has given us other specific orders, our mind, heart, and resources should be part of the

response to making disciples of all nations – when we decide about our education, when we make our career or ministry plans, or what we do with the money and time we have been given. Especially as a Church body we should be keeping our King and His orders in the forward part of our minds in all the services, functions, and meetings that we organize.

The questions?

So the questions each of us has to ask and answer are:

- 1) What has Jesus commanded that I do?
- 2) Do I accept Jesus as my King?



Close in prayer

Ask that God guide us to answer these questions with His will in our lives and give us the courage to take the steps as He guides us to take them.

Materials Needed

Necessary: None
Optional: Sword (Bible and/or Metal or Plastic) to knight and a Crown for presenter to wear. SR

Children's Missions Message

By Clinton R. Brown

Vibrant!

We call it “family/youth” night.

By Pastor Glenn Denman



Vibrant! That is how our youth program at the Central Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church of about 22 members (plus attenders) in Yakima, WA, is being described! The scripture says, “let others speak well of you, and not you yourself.” In looking back, we have had some pretty good youth meetings, with one recently being attended by some 35 people. However, that was a bit out of the ordinary, as we typically have about 10 to 20 people in attendance at our monthly Sabbath evening meetings (Saturdays).

We do not call it “youth night” or “youth group.” These imply a meeting with one or two leaders overseeing a bunch of kids. We prefer to call it “family/youth” night. We have parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends (and kids, of course) attending. The meetings are geared more toward a night of family fellowship rather than a youth fellowship. In the meeting of 35 people, 18 of those were youth. There are usually as many adults as kids in a given meeting. A benefit we have here in Yakima is that the size of our lot is 2.5 acres. Since we have so much room, many of the activities we have are outdoor things like frisbee, kickball, basketball, and other outdoor activities. The entire lot is not finished, but we do have a fairly good-sized lawn area. We also have indoor things like games, coloring, and ping pong.

During the meetings, we have food (dinner), and part of the activities is actually cooking the food, or making cookies, and other kitchen stuff. We also have prayer, Bible readings with a lesson, some trivia, or other spiritual time. We try to have something for all ages. Parents or guardians bring their own activity ideas and games, but the church provides materials and other support.

During a recent meeting, one of our regular youths brought a friend who wanted to be baptized. We were able to sit down in our fellowship hall, open up a couple of Bibles, and determine that she had indeed received Jesus as her Savior, but had yet to be baptized. After a couple more meetings, she was baptized during one of our regular church services.

This got started two years ago during a business meeting. We had been discussing how our building was lacking the facilities for a true youth program, since the building is designed around the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and a few classrooms. Some members had been discussing building a space onto the church that would be geared toward youth, where we could have activities without as much tear down and set up. The previous pastor mentioned that it would be great to build on, but figured we (the new pastor) could start something right now. So, we did! Now we have monthly family/youth meetings. In the meantime, we’ve had some building plans drawn up, and now we are going through the county’s planning department. We are hoping (praying) to start construction by the end of February of 2018.

I don’t know how “vibrant” our program is. We had a family of four who recently joined move to Florida. We have another family of five who will be moving out of the state in about six months. While we see these as setbacks, we will continue to plan. Jesus says we are to be fishers of men. When we fish, we can’t see what’s in the water — so we fish by faith, not by sight. God has truly blessed our church! SR



Giving Facebook to God: Teens Can Strive for Action in Social Media Use

By Katie Brown

“Garbage In, Garbage Out.” It’s a phrase that was thrown around a lot by youth pastors and camp counselors when I was a teenager. Even now, the saying reminds me of campfire smoke, burnt marshmallows, early morning Bible studies, and fellow teenagers rolling their eyes. At the time, the lessons were on secular messages in popular movies, television shows, and video games. Of course we understood that ungodly influences were not the best choice for our spiritual walk, but the pressures of participating in popular entertainment were difficult to just walk away from. Besides, we had the ability to filter out the harmful messages by our own Godly world views, right?

God’s Word and scientific research says we were wrong. In Galatians chapter 5, Paul instructs the Church to “walk by the Spirit” and to not “gratify the desires of the flesh” (verse 16 ESV). The rest of the chapter outlines the “works of the flesh” as unpleasant characteristics such as idolatry, jealousy, fits of anger, and envy. The Bible outlines over and over again what we focus on is what determines our attitudes. This is why we are told in Philippians 4:8 to think about things which are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, and worthy of praise.

Easier said than done! But our daily habits and what we allow to influence us can impact change in our lives.

Like I hinted earlier, modern research is catching up to Biblical wisdom. Studies in the 1990s showed links between watching hours of television daily with increased depression and low self-esteem. Over the past five years research continues to show hours of daily Facebook use can cause higher rates of envy in relationships and is

linked to a higher likelihood of depression in certain populations, including young women with past issues with mood disorders.

Is it surprising that our new form of “media” is becoming so harmful for teens and young adults? In studying social media, researchers found that people tend to share their best selves on their social media accounts, which showcases a life with few problems or worries. This means most of our friends post edited photos and status updates about their “picture-perfect” lives which leaves out the everyday struggles that come with living in a world of sin. It can cause a person to wonder, “Am I the only one with problems?” The temptation to compare is also difficult to resist on social media: measuring number of friends, “likes,” and comments. It’s easy for teens and even adults to get caught up in the online popularity contest.

So how can teens use this highly influential tool for God’s kingdom? Colossians 3:12-17 gives a great example of how we as Christians are to treat each other. God wants us to lift each other up, encourage others in the church, and to “do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

We are to be a light in the world of darkness. In social media this translates as being positive and godly in what we share, to point to God and His salvation through our actions, and NOT to participate in harmful trends or cyber bullying.

It is wise to remember that entertainment like movies and social media should be considered “dessert” not a “main meal” of our time spent during the day. Next time you are tempted to “waste time” on social media, consider other activities you could enjoy instead such as: time in prayer and reading scripture, fellowship with family and friends, a walk outside or a hike in nature, exercise through sport, writing an encouraging note to someone in need, or playing with a younger sibling or family pet.

If we dedicate ALL of our time to God, He will lead us on a godly path and bless our efforts. [SR](#)

Shiloh Children in Action!

The Youth Groups and Sabbath School classes at the SDB Church of Shiloh, NJ, wanted to show love and that they are still praying for the children of the First Baptist Church of Sutherland Springs, TX. This is the church that is healing from the shooting that occurred on November 5, 2017, killing 25 congregation members. So with yards of fleece fabric and lots of tied knots, they made blankets to send to these children in Texas.



Good Times at the Levitical Harvest

Dinner conversation tends to raise interesting questions. For instance, you ask for the salt and pepper shakers, and your daughter asks you, “Where does black pepper come from? Does it come from a bush or a tree?” These questions might be a challenge for some; not so for this parent. After all, I was raised in a farming household — I know this sort of stuff. When questions like this arise, like any self-respecting parent I will stall until I can find the answer via my smart phone. (The majority of black pepper is grown in Southeast Asia, and the clusters of peppercorns grow on a vine). Thank you Siri.

I have questions about another harvest as well — and these questions are more difficult to answer. My questions surround the kingdom harvest that Jesus invites us to participate in. This instantly raises feelings of guilt — because it goes down the road of our call to evangelism. If you and I fit the statistical mold of Evangelical Christians, we are convicted that we should be talking with people about how to enter into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. If you and I fit that same statistical mold, we do not act on that conviction. We remain silent. We are not sharing our faith. We break our commitment.

But, let’s avoid a rush to proclaim laziness — there might be something lurking deeper yet. What if proclaiming the gospel with compassion is not just about utilizing techniques from the latest e-book — what if God is seeking to shape my heart to be prepared to labor in His harvest? Matthew 9:38 states “...therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” In the very next verse Jesus sends out the disciples as those very laborers for which they had prayed. This gives me two questions. 1) How do we prepare to labor in this caring harvest of the kingdom? 2) How do you and I intentionally grow into the role of harvest laborers? The answers involve much more than a good evangelism sales pitch — and lead us into the Book of Leviticus, chapter 19.

Leviticus chapter 19 is a very familiar chapter to us. Jesus quoted from verse 18: “...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” Jesus labelled this as a part of the Great Commandment. This might be kind of important. Yet, verse 18 is not a stand-alone verse in Leviticus chapter 19 — there are a number of preceding paragraphs giving specifics about how to love your neighbor. One of these paragraphs details how to harvest a field. Here we will find principles of how to love our neighbor — by preparing for the harvest.

Leviticus 19:9-10: “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.” (ESV)

So, the people are called to love their neighbor by not harvesting to the field edges, by leaving some grapes in the vineyard, and by not gathering the gleanings. Some crops should intentionally be left in the field — there should be food for the poor and the sojourner. The focus

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The key to loving one's neighbor is to be prepared.

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and wonder how we ever got so busy.
An overloaded life means that my life harvest is out of balance.*

should not be entirely on yourself — you should be looking out for the care of others. Notice, this is looking out for the care of people that you might not know, caring for people that you did not know were even in need. The key to loving one's neighbor is to be prepared.

Not many of us have extensive vineyards to apply these verses to. But, we all have opportunity to apply the principle of these verses. The harvesters are to avoid reaping right up to the edge — they are to leave margins for other people to thrive in. We should know something about margins even without agricultural illustrations. Look at this page — there are margins around the edge of the page. There is white space that keeps our eyes from going buggy while trying to read. Margin is necessary for our eyes to keep focus.

Back in the day of electric typewriters when I took my high school typing class, we set our margins for various documents. During this stone age of written communication, we had to work to keep the white space around the edges. We set margins to make sure the typewritten page did not become overwhelmed by too much detail. We needed to learn what margins were used for various types of letters, papers, outlines, and the like.

Today, I don't know diddly about margins. I start typing on my laptop and the margins are simply provided for me. Life is great with preset defaults! But, in the olden days, I was in control of my margins; I set them to fit the document. Today, I just take whatever white space I happen to be given around the edges of my written document.

The same is true for margin around the edges of our lives. Dr. Richard Swenson defines margin as "...the space that once existed between ourselves and our limits." (Margin, 32) We pack all that we can possibly cram into life, and leave no margin in it. We are full of activities, events, outings, enrichments, work, responsibilities, civic organizations, hobbies, and the like so that we have no margin left.

Our lives have experienced a transition similar to the shift of typewriter to word processor. Where we were once in control of our margin and enjoyed free time, we now find our lives hopelessly packed and full. We look back at how life once felt, and wonder how we ever got so busy.

An overloaded life does not just affect me. Leviticus 19 reminds us that loving our neighbor requires guarding the margins of our lives. An overloaded life means that my life harvest is out of balance. When we link this with Jesus' call to labor in the harvest (Matthew 9), we find that an overloaded life precludes us from being a compassionate laborer in sharing the gospel. If we truly desire to get off the treadmill of an overloaded life and be in a healthy place to labor in Kingdom harvest, we have decisions to make.

Learn a New Word.

If we are to know margin in our lives, we must practice saying a word. This is a complicated word that requires a great deal of repetition. The word is: No. Say it out loud multiple times — be ready to use it in a number of settings. **"No."**

Commitments consume us. Every time we say yes to something, it usually means saying yes to three things — and the commitment snowballs. For me, I have the opportunity to speak at a variety of local settings. On the surface, I am only saying yes to a 25-minute speaking commitment. However, when I say yes to a speaking opportunity, I am also saying yes to preparation, travel, and lost opportunities. For me, this means when I say yes to speak for 25 minutes, I am also saying yes to 15 hours of preparation, 30 minutes of travel, and about 16 hours I will not spend with my family.

The same is true for you. When you say yes to something good, you are saying yes to at least three more commitments at the same time. We need to be intentional about weighing out what we are willing to be committed to — and the cost of that commitment. Be ready to say no!

*Simplifying life is incredibly important.
If we want to keep margin in our lives —
enough margin to labor in the kingdom harvest —
then we must simplify our lives.*

Check Expectations.

Kids are expected to practice like professional athletes — by the time they enter Junior High. Parents are expected to provide Ivy League enrichment opportunities to their children — by the end of their child’s pre-school career. Grandparents and elder relatives are expected to overwhelm their younger relatives with material blessings and time availability. Every generation is expected to be financially successful, and also outdo their peers when it comes to praise worthy activities.

It is true that we are called to excel at what we do. We are called to glorify God through that excellence. Yet, that striving for excellence must not violate the harvest principle of margin. Our cultural expectations must be questioned when we are habitually driven to overloaded lives. Maybe I can be that dad that does not brag about how many evenings are full because our family is a bunch of overachievers. Hopefully I will be a dad who has enough margin in my life to speak into the lives of my wife and children — and allow them into speak into mine.

Make a Decision.

It is estimated that we are faced with 35,000 decisions daily. 226.7 of those daily decisions are about food. (I believe that the .7 decision about food involves tofu). We are overwhelmed with daily decision making — so it is imperative that we not replay every decision. Simplifying life is incredibly important. If we want to keep margin in our lives — enough margin to labor in the Kingdom harvest — then we must simplify our lives. Agonizing over minor decisions eats up our time, especially around the margins. We should make a plan and

stick to it. It is when we prioritize our margins over rehashing our many minor decisions that we can see two margin principles shine through.

Margin Principle #1: Intentionally leave margin so there is room for others.

It is only when there is margin in my life that I will be able to love my neighbor richly. It is only when there is margin that I will be prepared to: See the Harvest, Pray for the Harvest, and Expect to Labor in the Harvest. My personal call to evangelism is not so much driven by technique, as it is by maintaining the margin required to love the Lord my God with all that I have, and to love my neighbor as myself.

Margin Principle #2: Margin yields opportunity for the extraordinary.

When there is enough margin in my life to passionately pray, then I will see where to join God in His harvest. It is only when I stop packing my life absolutely full with activity that I am prepared to be healthy enough to hear Christ’s call to labor in the harvest.

For churches to be healthy, we must passionately pursue outward focus and labor in the gospel harvest. But there is a clear prerequisite. The church’s members must ruthlessly guard their margins. Without the intentional protection of our margins, we will not be prepared to see the harvest with the Father’s eyes, pray for the harvest with Christ’s compassion, nor be led by the Spirit to labor in the harvest. SR

See the Harvest.

Pray for the Harvest.

Expect to Labor in the Harvest.



Be A Leader

It's never too early to start teaching children to be leaders and getting them involved in their communities.

A few years ago the SCSC committee sold a t-shirt/onesie that said "future SCSCer." It was cute and seemed to come in handy for a few parents toward the end of Conference week when their kids ran out of clean shirts. SCSC is a leadership training program for young adults — but leadership doesn't magically begin when a person turns 18, nor should it. Anyone can be a leader, even those as young as four (as evidenced by the myriad videos documenting the successes of intergenerational learning centers).

It's never too early to start teaching children to be leaders and getting them involved in their communities. Here are a few ideas that can help kids of any age start to explore and become more involved in their community.

Kids:

1. Try new things. Taste that new food. Talk to people who are different from you and learn something about them. Volunteer to try different activities. Look for ways to help the people around you. You do not have to like or enjoy all of the new things you try nor continue to do them unless you've made a commitment. Try new things even if they're scary because if it doesn't work out you'll have gained a new experience and that is a very good thing.

2. Learn to listen. When you use your ears more than your mouth you will discover many things you might have otherwise missed. When you listen, people notice and they are a lot more likely to listen to you in return.

Adults:

1. Encourage kids to get out of their comfort zone — that is where they're going to learn. Introduce them to people of different backgrounds, colors, and ages. Teach them how to

interact. Take them to the nursing home to actually visit with the people who live there and do activities with them. Encourage them to try something different; get involved with a group, club, or activity that they haven't tried before. Don't criticize if they don't enjoy it. At this point in their lives kids need to learn to try something and evaluate if it's something they're interested in.

2. Give kids a reasonable amount of autonomy. Let them try out their ideas even if they don't make sense or you think they'll fail. Kids can learn as much from failure as success. If you are there to guide them and provide a noncritical sounding board and comfort, hopefully they will learn healthy ways to deal with failure. Provide supervision but allow them to make choices and receive the consequences — good or bad.

3. Stop overscheduling. Busy does not mean active and healthy or worthwhile and important. Just because little Susie and Johnny are involved in six different activities does not mean that they are in action. There is a slight chance that they will learn time management — but it might be at the expense of learning how to use free time or experiencing new things. (Kids who are overscheduled also means that you are overscheduled.) Try to help the children in your life narrow down being involved in one or two after-school activities at a time. Encourage yourself. Support your kids.

Kids:

Learning to be a leader and being active in your community can begin at any age. Support your friends. Be curious — open to new experiences. When you are older and interested in more formal leadership training consider applying to be a student in the SCSC program. But don't wait until then to begin being a leader. It doesn't have to be complicated or uncomfortable — just look for the opportunities around you! SR



Women's Society

by Katrina Goodrich
www.sdbwomen.org



Pastor Greg Olson



Five Years of Grace

Grace Seventh Day Baptist Church, in Bloomington, MN, has been our spiritual home for over five years. Our first Sabbath service we gathered in Greg and Carol Olson's living room. We had no way to envision what God would do from this humble beginning. Pastor Dale Rood (Dodge Center SDB) greeted us, introduced us to the Olsons and three other people. He picked up his guitar and away we went! Worship in this small setting was a different experience for us. Immediately we sensed a good Spirit about the group. We had searched a long time for serious Bible-based believers who lived what the Bible teaches, including keeping the God-appointed Sabbath Day worship.

Our second Sabbath, Pastor Rood could not attend so we brought our keyboard and a couple hymnals. The worship, prayer, praise and fellowship lunch were better than the first! We talked for hours about our experiences and how God brought us to this point in time. It was decided right then we felt led to start a church. It was agreed we all were serious to commit our time and resources to the opportunity God had provided. Again, God was way ahead of us. The gifting of the people in that room was perfect. Even though we had only six people, we had all the elements necessary for a church. Pastor Advisor Dale Rood and the Dodge Center SDB Church were willing to nurture us as a "branch" church. Greg Olson's deep desire to learn and teach God's Word along with Marlene and Louie Brown's music background plus Carol Olson's business experience filled all the needs. It was good to have our people involved in

the services but that left us with a congregation of two or three people! We agreed, we would always have a Sabbath service even if only one could come.

Our recent fifth anniversary was a milestone. Space does not permit me to tell you all the amazing ways we have been blessed. Our congregation averages 18 each week with a range of 14 to 25. Pastor Greg along with Elder Jeff and occasionally Pastor Dale provide our preaching and teaching. We have guest speakers and occasional programs with attendance of 50 or more. Numbers ARE NOT what we are seeking! Our focus is on God's Word, loving and caring for each other and world missions. One of the "most amazing" things God has done through us is a church start in Manila, Philippines. A man contacted us through our website, grace-seventhdaybaptist.org. Through our prayers, support and Pastor Genieking's work, an SDB church was started there. He recently joined in the work of other SDBs in the Philippines! In a short five years God's blessings, through our little church, span the globe from Bloomington to Manila. It all started in the Olsons' living room.

We invite everyone to visit Grace Seventh Day Baptist Church in Bloomington, MN. More information about our congregation can be found on our website. We are a small church but we serve a huge God. [SR](#)

By Louie Brown
Worship Leader
Grace Seventh Day Baptist Church



Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it.

– Genesis 8:20

Noah, the Thankful Pilgrim

When we were in school and it was around the time for Thanksgiving, we often heard about the pilgrims coming to America. But the pilgrims weren't the first to step foot somewhere full of thankfulness in their hearts. Noah and his family stepped off the ark with thanks long before any of us.

Noah, at the time, was the most faithful man to God. He had all of God's trust. God could've chosen anyone or not chosen anyone at all...but He gave this task to Noah. And Noah followed through. Noah and his family were on the ark for over a year. In that year it is imaginable that they felt doubt or scared about what was going on and about God's plan. It is a good reminder that sometimes even when we feel like God doesn't see us or that He doesn't care, His love and plan are always present. We can thank Him through action and appreciation.

Noah was thankful to God for not abandoning him and his family and not forgetting them. He gave worship and sacrificed every sort of animal as a demonstration of his abundance of thanks that his heart contained.

God presents a promise of a rainbow that He will never wipe out the world through a worldwide flood again. For the first time God's promise came with a sign. He showed through a rainbow that He will be merciful to people whose hearts have a tendency to be wicked. Through this rainbow we can remember how caring and powerful God is; how much love and strength He has; and that no matter what, He is with us; no matter how long it takes, His plan will go through. Even when life gets tough – and we deal with our own flood – there will be a beautiful rainbow at the end. SR

"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth."

– Genesis 9:16



Strategic Evaluation for School of Ministry

As we as a Conference continue to evaluate how we accomplish our work and how we can accomplish it more effectively, we have begun to consider our education and training ministries as a Conference. We have clearly understood that the local churches desire to have leaders trained in using their various giftings, but the training and educational responsibilities have been distributed among a variety of our different councils and agencies. To be very specific, the training of lay people has been the responsibility of our Christian Education ministries as a Conference, while the training of our pastors has been the responsibility, since the early 1960s, of the Council on Ministry. In the last three years, we have moved increasingly towards grouping our training initiatives, especially as expressed in the SDBU initiative.

As our educational initiatives are increasingly part of a single program, it seems reasonable to ask if the oversight of this program should be undertaken by only one of our Councils. Accordingly, Director of Church Development and Pastoral Services, John Pethtel, and Director of Education and History, Nick Kersten, have approached both Councils to consider the possibility of moving all responsibility for training and education to the Christian Education Council. The groups are working together cooperatively to evaluate this possibility. More information on this will be forthcoming if all of the current leadership in both Councils agrees this is worth pursuing.

Child Protection Resolution Update

At this year's General Conference meetings, a recommendation was adopted which required that all local member churches of the General Conference either (1) indemnify the General Conference against potential litigation and/or (2) pass their own child protection policy. This recommendation follows continued progress in the area of child protection over the past few years, under the guidance of the Christian Education Council and the General Council.

It is likely that some combination of both parts of the recommendation will ultimately become part of the Conference standard going forward, though churches will have the time necessary to meet this standard. The motivation for this standard is ultimately an affirmation of the autonomy of local churches which comprise the Conference. Up to now, there has been no affirmation legally that local churches took sole responsibility for the consequences and outcomes of their local policies. This affirmation is the core of what the General Conference will be formally seeking going forward.

Local churches should expect to receive additional communication in the coming weeks about the next steps in meeting the requirements of this recommendation. [SR](#)



LESS TALK MORE ACTION

Rev. David Stall, Conference President

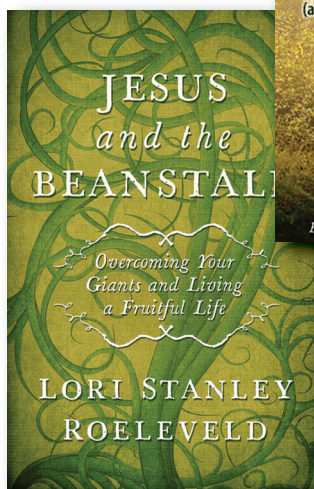
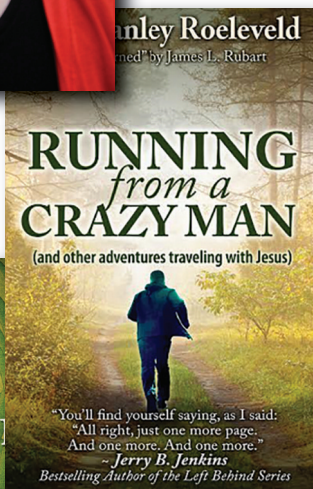
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"I'm very excited to have Lori with us at our conference in WI in 2018! She is a great writer and speaker who is smart, engaging, and devoted to Jesus. Lori will be with us ALL WEEK sharing short talks and readings, a Christian writers workshop, and some teaching about the art of having hard conversations. Make your plans now to be at conference and be part of the ACTION!
– Pastor Dave Stall"



Lori Stanley Roeleveld is an author, speaker, and disturber of hobbits who enjoys making comfortable Christians late for dinner. Biblical, funny, and real, she inspires courage and Christ-centered confidence. She's authored three non-fiction books including *Running from a Crazy Man*, *Jesus and the Beanstalk*, and the upcoming, *The Art of Hard Conversations*, as well as a Christmas novella, *Red Pen Redemption*.


Though she has degrees in Psychology and Biblical Studies, she learned the most from studying her Bible in life's trenches. Blogger. Wife. Mother of adults. Part-time giant-slayer. Not available for children's parties. To join the adventure, knock on her door at www.loriroeleveld.com.



Sabbath Morning
Conference Speaker:
Johnmark Camenga,
Pastor of the Lost Creek,
WV, SDB Church



"I wanted a preacher for Sabbath morning who is someone that I know and respect as a person and a pastor. I wanted someone who will handle the Word of God carefully and properly, and give great practical insight. Johnmark was my first choice! It will be a great service with our special combined choir singing and a great message."

9/30 All. Assoc. Toronto	10/6 Berlin NY	10/7 C.NY Assoc. Verona, NY	11/11 S.A. Assoc. Atlanta, GA	12/23 Boulder CO	12/30 North Loup NE		2/24 Edgewater FL	3/3 Daytona Beach, FL	5/4 E. Assoc. Shiloh, NJ	7/29 Conference Kenosha, WI
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Our mission is to equip our churches to actively advance God's Kingdom.

Are You and Your Church In?

Part Two

Last month I wrote about the benefits of having a Conference of churches, the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of churches! The fact that we can reach further, and do more, when we have a larger pot of spiritual gifts, experiences, perspectives, and resources for Kingdom work, is a huge reason for the pooling of our resources.

I stated that we had 32 member churches that had not supported the work of the Conference in 2017, and, although this was the fact, we continue to provide services to these churches. It brings me to this conclusion: we do not have 100% inclusion in the budgets of the churches of the Conference. Somewhere along the line we have been lost in the budget decisions of the local church. This could be due to the fact that there has been a treasurer change, a lack of seeing the benefits of the Conference, or simply just an oversight.

I communicated last month some of the benefits that the Conference provides. I will not print that list again here. However, I must communicate that the work of the Conference from 2015-2018 has been more and better than I have seen it in the past 25 years! **This speaks highly of the work that John Pethtel, Nick Kersten, Clint Brown, Ron Ochs, Jenni Wangsness and Jeremiah Owen are doing!** Their collaboration in the Kingdom work has been inspiring to me. **So how do I get you to see their efforts and get you on board with partnering with their labor?**

I also want you to know that the work of the General Council, the Coordinating Leadership Team, the Councils, the Missionary Society, the many


sub-committees and the Standing Committees (Christian Social Action, and Faith and Order) are operating in a state of cooperation and teamwork. I have to state for the record, *"In a way that I have never witnessed in the many years that I have watched our Conference operate."*

So it is a bit confusing to me that while we are in a time in our long history that we have such cooperation, communication, and mutual trust, that we would be struggling to meet our budget and opportunities that we could, and should, be partnering together. But that is what is happening.

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To those churches that have been supporting the work of the Conference, please accept my big **THANK YOU!** You know who you are and I do appreciate your support and encouragement. You are a blessing!

To those that have had the Conference slip off your radar, we need your help in our ministry endeavors. With many of your annual meetings coming up this month, may I suggest that there be a discussion on your church's support to the SDB General Conference? We have been challenged to plant a church somewhere in the USA and Canada. We cannot do this without the full Conference of churches involved in this endeavor. We can do so much together — but we cannot do it alone.

We invite your congregation to join us as we seek to serve King Jesus faithfully! God bless you all! 

ATTENTION SDB CHURCHES! 2018 DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES INFORMATION

Every year we contact churches who are members of or identify with the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference USA & Canada to collect information and compile a directory of churches.

The information that is compiled in this directory is used for three primary purposes:

1. This directory is used to help assist in the communication between the SDB General Conference and its churches and the churches with each other.
2. This directory is also used as a legal document to verify which churches within the USA & Canada may be identified as Seventh Day Baptist.
3. This directory is used to determine each member church's allotment of delegates to our annual General Conference sessions.

In January, you will receive a letter and form to fill out titled **"2018 Directory of Churches Information Form."**

This form will also be able to be published on our website, www.seventhdaybaptist.org.

Please complete this form in its entirety by March 1, 2018.

It may be returned by email to jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org or mail it to:

Directory

PO Box 1678, Janesville, WI 53547

If you have any questions about the directory or the General Conference, please feel free to contact the Director of Church Development, John Pethtel, at jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-5055 ext. 1009. Thank you for your church's partnership with the SDB General Conference!

LESS TALK, MORE ACTION

The 2018 SDB Pastors Conference is coming up in just a few months. Have you made sure that your pastor is going to be able to attend?

This year we will be focusing on the 2018 Conference theme and some ways that pastors can help lead the charge of "more action." Pastors Conference is a time of networking, renewal, and learning with SDB pastors and their spouses from all over the USA & Canada. It is an opportunity to go deep with brothers and sisters who are serving churches or have retired from active pastoral ministry. There will be chances for food, learning, fellowship, and worship provided.

We will be meeting from April 27 to 29, 2018 in Ashaway, RI.

April 26 and April 30 have been set aside for travel days. Those who are flying and want us to arrange transportation for them should fly in and out of the T.F. Green Airport (PVD) in Providence, RI. The registration fee will be \$100*. This will help us to cover the food and programming. A registration form will be made available soon through www.seventhdaybaptist.org and social media.

If you have any questions about Pastors Conference, please contact Director of Pastoral Services, John Pethtel at jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-5055 ext. 1009.

**The registration fee may qualify for Continuing Education Funds for pastors. Find out more about Continuing Education for Pastoral Leaders at www.seventhdaybaptist.org/continuingeducation.*

Si usted puede hablar español y quiere ayudar a compartir el Evangelio y la cultura SDB, por favor, póngase en contacto con el Director de Desarrollo de la Iglesia, John Pethtel, al jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-5055 ext. 1009.

If you can speak Spanish and want to help share the gospel and SDB culture, please contact the Director of Church Development, John Pethtel, at jpethtel@seventhdaybaptist.org or 608-752-5055 ext. 1009.



Updating Our Website

by Joel Osborn, Milton, WI

As Communication Director of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist, I was given the task of updating our web site. The current web site was created more than a decade ago — so it was dated and built on an older web platform that made it somewhere between difficult and impossible to update. The site had been created by a local company and we felt we were getting little support. They would recover our site if it got hacked, but that would be an additional charge. We couldn't change much of the structure or design of the website without an additional charge. We wanted to avoid those issues.


I had heard that the SDB Tract and Communication Council was giving help to local churches with their websites. So I contacted Jeremiah Owen, Director of Communication for the Conference, and we started to plan. Jeremiah strongly urged that we go with WordPress as our platform. It is a well-established platform that is easy to use and can be modified. There is a wealth of knowledge about WordPress out there; so, if we should need to get some support beyond what Jeremiah or I could provide, we should have no trouble finding someone to help out. The WordPress modules are self-patching and would not need to be monitored for security fixes.

Jeremiah was able to point us to more affordable hosting options and he pointed us to WordPress template vendors that allowed us to buy a template as a starting point for the look and feel of the new website. We were looking for a "responsive" template: that is a template that will adapt the way a web page is displayed depending on what device you are using. If you bring up our website on a phone, it looks different than if you bring it up on a laptop. But the content is readable on both. The conference also made available an online WordPress training class, which was very helpful in learning the ropes.

Since all our URLs were currently in use, Jeremiah set up a temporary site. He installed WordPress and the template we had purchased and we started building content based on our current website, but with the new look that our template provided. Jeremiah and I went through several iterations of how to put sermons and to display our Google calendars on the website. Our church uses three Google calendars: the main church, Awana, and Collision (our youth group). We wanted to show them all overlaid, but also be able to show them separately.

We picked October 1 as our cutover date. On September 23, I changed the DNS entry for *theconnecting.church* (our new main URL) to point to our new site and Jeremiah put up a "Under Construction" landing page for anyone not signed in as a WordPress user with a link to let them go to the old site, *miltontdb.org*. And he started copying our content from the test site to the production site. At 2:30 AM, October 1, I took down the "Under Construction" page, opening our new website to everyone. I changed our other URLs, *miltontdb.org*, *theconnectingchurch.org* and *miltontdb.church*, to forward to *theconnecting.church* so anyone using those URLs will get to our new site. We only missed our target day by 2.5 hours!


As with any good website, we're not done yet and never will be. We are very happy with the new site and WordPress as a platform. We were very pleased to partner with the Tract and Communication Council and Jeremiah Owen. Without that partnership, this project would have been a lot more expensive and had a lot higher learning curve.

You can view the result here at <http://theconnecting.church> 

Robe of Achievement Nominations

The Robe of Achievement Committee would like to encourage you to submit your nomination of a woman who has had an influence or contributed beyond the limits of her own community and church. We don't want you to be inhibited by the form and all the information that is needed. Fill in what you know and don't worry about the exact dates of activities if you don't know them. This information can be secured later if your nominee is chosen for the honor of receiving the Robe of Achievement.


The DEADLINE for nominations is March 31, 2018.

The form is available on the Women's Board webpage at <http://www.sdbwomen.org/> or request a copy from Karen Payne by email at Karen.payne1127@gmail.com or by mail at 13528 595th Street, Claremont, MN 55924. 

SDB Week of Prayer 2018

"For Seventh Day Baptists globally, the first full week of the year is an opportunity for us to gather and pray. Since 1967, the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation has been initiating this "week of prayer." We encourage conferences, local churches, families, and individuals to meet in whatever formats are feasible for you, and spend the first full week of the year in fervent prayer. For 2018, our 51st year of this international prayer enterprise, the exact week is January 7-13.

As usual, a meditation booklet has been prepared to provide guidance and focus to the times of prayer. The upcoming edition is written by Pastor John Pethtel, World Federation Vice President for North America, and his theme is, "The Meeting Place Was Shaken." Check with your pastor or Conference leader for a copy of the booklet, or grab it on SDB LINK (check your iOS or Android app store). You may also download a copy from the World Federation website at www.sdbwf.org.

All around the world, January 7-13, 2018, let's experience the shaking of our meeting places with the prayers of the people of God. God stands ready to shake those meeting places in response to our diligent prayers. In your country, does there need to be a shaking? How about in your church? Or maybe in your own personal life? You can't afford to miss this shaking." 

By Rev. Andy Samuels

NEW MEMBERS

FIRST HOPKINTON SDB CHURCH

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RIVERSIDE SDB CHURCH

Riverside, CA
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Butch Pash

By Testimony

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Carmen Duncan
Aurora Olmos
Joseph Olmos
Barbara Olmos
Aurora (Rocky) Buccol

WEST PALM BEACH BAPTIST-SEVENTH DAY CHURCH

West Palm Beach, FL
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LEACH – Lawrence Leroy Leach, 83, of Milton, WI, passed away on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville, WI.

Larry was born on August 3, 1934, in Milton Junction, WI, to the late Roy and Pearl (Randolph) Leach. Larry graduated from Port Edwards, WI, in the class of 1952. On May 5, 1956, Larry married Jane Roberts at the Methodist Church in Milton. Larry proudly served his country by joining the U.S. Army. He worked for General Motors for 37 years, retiring in 1992. He was a longtime member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Larry is survived by his wife, Jane Leach; daughters: JoAnn (Tim) Novotny and Shirley (Thomas) Roherty; grandchildren: Kelsey and Rachel Novotny; Alexandra (David) Yesenko and Michaela Roherty; great-grandchild: Robert; and many friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Donald (Pauliette) and sister Beverly Miller.

Funeral services were held on September 11, 2017, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with Rev. Nate Crandall officiating. Burial followed at Milton Junction Cemetery with full military rites. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Larry's name to Camp Wakonda.

The family would like to thank all of Lawrence's caregivers, especially the staff on the third floor at Mercy Hospital and Hospice Staff.

LIPPINCOTT – Dorothy Lippincott of Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, formerly of Dodge Center, MN, and North Loup, NE, died November 13, 2017.

Dorothy was born January 15, 1922, in Dodge County, MN, to Frank and Leta Stebbins and was married July 25, 1942, to Darwin C. Lippincott. They shared 64 years of marriage.

In addition to raising her family, Dorothy contributed to her communities in Minnesota and Nebraska. In Minnesota she was employed by the Dodge County Farm Bureau; she served 15 years as Director of Civil Defense in Dodge County, and was the Minnesota First Congressional District Director for the 1970 federal census. In Nebraska she was the Director of Nebraska Region 26 Emergency Services, and in that role served as project director for a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to build an emergency medical services area prototype.

A lifelong Seventh Day Baptist, she was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, FL. In recent years she also was an associate member of the Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Leesburg, FL, where she had a blessed time enjoying the friendship and fellowship of those who truly love the Lord.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Darwin, in 2006; by her son Dennis Lippincott in 1983 (Leanne); and by her grandson Andrey in 2014. She is survived by her daughter, Diane Merchant (Tom); son, Daryl Lippincott (Marcy); daughter, Dawn Deiss (Allory); daughter, Darcy Burdick (Victor); and son, Dan Lippincott (Shelly). She is survived by grandchildren Kim, Jennifer, Jay, Ron, Shelly, Monique, Devon, Levi, Leslie, Jason, Alisa, Adam, Luke, LeRaya, Rachel, and by eighteen great grandchildren. Dorothy also was preceded in death by her sisters, Marge Majors and LaVon Phelps, and is survived by her sister Shirley Stoeckel.

A committal service was held at Ft. McPherson National Cemetery in Maxwell, NE, officiated by Rev. Scott Hausrath of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The love of her family and the great and holy love of her Lord were the most important part of her life.

KOLBO – Gerald "Jerry" Kolbo, 89, of North Loup, NE, passed away on December 10, 2017, at the Hillcrest Country Estates in Papillion, NE. Funeral services were held on December 18 at the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Scott Hausrath officiated. Burial was in the Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

SUNBY – Lucille Wells Sunby, age 101, died on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at Edgerton WI, Hospital.

Lucille was born on February 11, 1916, to Kinney Robert and Zalia Wells in Dodge Center, MN, the unexpected twin sister of Loyal, and the younger sibling of Roberta. The family moved to Milton in 1926 and Lucille was a resident of Milton for the rest of her life. She graduated from Milton Union High School in 1934 and attended Milton College and Whitewater State College, leaving before earning her degree to help her mother and grandmother in their boarding house. Lucille married Louis Sunby on October 7, 1939, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. They were married for 71 years before he passed away on April 27, 2010.

Lucille worked in various roles throughout her life. She was a physical therapy manager at Percy Jones Hospital in Battle Creek, MI, during World War II, worked at Holmes Hardware in Milton, WI, Power and Light in Janesville, and retired from the business office of her beloved Milton College in 1977.

The most important roles for Lucille were those of wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, great-aunt, second mother and grandmother to many and friend to countless others. She always put the needs of others before her own and took the utmost pride and joy in the lives of those she knew and loved.

Lucille was the oldest member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined the church in 1926. She was a member of various organizations throughout her life including the Milton Woman's Club, Milton Historical Society, and the Milton College Preservation Society. At 100 years young, Lucille was crowned Homecoming Queen at the 2016 gathering of the Milton College Alumni. She was a member of the same Bridge Club for over 50 years.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Brian Watson of Milton and their children, Emily (Carl Stevens) of Milwaukee and Rob (fiancé Suzie Glisch) of Wales, WI. She is further survived by her nieces: Marilyn (William) Sprague, Jean (Gregory) Custer, Susie (Dan) Minahan, Ruth (Dick) Towns, Mary Sunby, Gwen Sunby; nephews: Robert (Cecelia) Wells, John (Amy Sekas) Wells, Roger (Donna) Sunby, Richard (Carol) Boehm, Clifford Boehm, Wayne Astin. She is further survived by relatives Steiner Stondall, Barbara Hansen Bellhouse, great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and great-great-great nieces and nephews and countless friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Louie; her parents; sister Roberta and brother-in-law, Richard; adored twin brother Loyal and sister-in-law Ruth; nieces: Mary Astin and Orpha Boehm; nephews: Alfred "Gene" Sunby, Carl Sunby II; great-nephew: Stephen Wells; Daniel Sunby; great-nieces: Marne Astin, Stephanie Abts; great-great nephew Jason Sunby and relative Carolyn Stondall.

A visitation was held on September 13, 2017, at Albrecht Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Milton. Funeral services were held on September 14, 2017, at Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton College Preservation Society, Edgerton Hospital Capital Fund, or any charitable fund of your choice.

SDB GENERAL CONFERENCE USA & CANADA CONFERENCE SESSIONS DISPLAYS POLICY

Displays are an extension of the ministries of the SDB General Conference USA & Canada. The displays are used to inform, celebrate, and support the Conference and its mission.

Display space is limited at every conference session based upon size and location of the venue used. Therefore, priority will be given based upon the following categories of display, with Category 1 being the highest priority:

- **Category 1:** This category includes displays related to the councils, allied societies, or other ministries of the SDB General Conference USA & Canada. There will be no charge for these displays.
- **Category 2:** This category includes member churches of the SDB General Conference USA & Canada. There will be a fee of \$50 for a display in this category.
- **Category 3:** This category includes churches and groups identifying as Seventh Day Baptist. There will be a fee of \$100 for a display in this category.
- **Category 4:** This category includes vendors or other ministries that support or encourage the mission of the SDB General Conference USA & Canada. There will be a fee of \$150 for a display in this category.

Additional Charges: If the display is selling products, there shall be an extra \$25 charge. If the display needs electricity, there shall be an extra \$25 charge. Displays in Category 1 are exempt from these charges.

There shall be no guaranteed location for any display.

Internet and electricity may or may not be available for displays and availability shall be on a priority and then first come, first served basis.


1. Application for a display must be submitted no later than May 15 of each year, or the Monday following the 15th if it falls on a weekend. Acceptance of your display will not be confirmed until after May 15.
2. A separate request must be submitted for each display table.
3. Tables will be at least six feet long. You will be responsible for providing a tablecloth and skirt for your display. (These are required.) One chair can be provided per display upon request.
4. Nothing may be attached permanently to any walls or to the display table. Storage may only be provided underneath the display table.
5. No audio equipment or sound amplification of any kind is permitted. Videos without sound may be shown as long as the monitor/television rests on the display table.
6. We prefer and recommend electronic distribution of information instead of printed matter. Use of QR codes, web addresses, or SDB LINK is recommended.

If you must ship materials for your display, you must contact the Executive Director to obtain the proper address. You will be responsible for the costs of shipping your display.

No display may be set up at the venue prior to the opening Sunday of the conference sessions. All displays must be removed from the venue by 10 am on the closing Sunday of the conference sessions.

All displays that have items for purchase shall remove or cover the items from 6 pm Friday until 6 pm Saturday.

All displays must be approved by the General Council and/or Executive Director.

Waivers to this policy may be requested from the General Council and/or Executive Director. 

FIRST HOPKINTON SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH is seeking an assistant pastor.

We are looking for someone who is called, equipped, and ready to serve our thriving church! Our greatest areas of need are help with teaching, discipleship, visitation, and pastoral care. The assistant pastor should also share in preaching on occasion and leading other events/ministries in accordance with gifts and abilities.

We are open to applicants from age 20 to 100. (Billy Graham is welcome to apply.) We would be happy to consider more experienced pastors who want to join our spiritual leadership team, as well as younger or less experienced ministers.

Salary and benefits provided by this generous congregation will be dependent on the situation.

**Please direct your interest, questions, and resumes to
Senior Pastor Dave Stall at: pastordavestall@gmail.com
or (401) 377-2123 (church office).**

Check us out online at: www.hopkintonsdb.org.

COVENANT SDB FELLOWSHIP, a Seventh Day Baptist gathering, meeting in Hungry Horse, Montana, is seeking a pastor or entrepreneurial Bible leader to help catalyze this congregation.

Covenant SDB Fellowship is a small gathering of active Christ-centered Bible believers who are seeking to love the people of Hungry Horse and the Flathead Valley and share with them the love of Christ by training them to become Sabbath-honoring and Gospel-sharing ambassadors of Christ.

Ideal requirements:

- Biblically knowledgeable (Bible College or Seminary preferred)
- Previous pastoral ministry experience preferred
- Previous experience in starting a church or ministry preferred
- Ability to be bi-vocational or raise support to pursue this ministry
- Spiritual giftings in evangelism and/or administration helpful
- Willingness to live in a rural area required
- Ability to work with others and equip them to serve to their potential

Please send a resume including your ministry experience and a cover letter explaining why you believe you are a fit for this position to: PO Box 190278, Hungry Horse, MT 59919

Hungry Horse, MT, is located near the Flathead Valley, in the gateway to Glacier National Park. Big Sky country provides the beauty that reveals the wonders of God's creation and provides the opportunity to spend time with God.

MIDDLE ISLAND SDB CHURCH OF NEW MILTON, WV is seeking a pastor.

Middle Island SDB Church is a small gathering of believers from various communities who come together on Sabbath in rural Doddridge County in West Virginia. Our current weekly attendance averages around 11. We have a desire to serve the Lord and to serve others as well. We are praying for a minister who has a similar desire.

Ideal Requirements:

- Biblically knowledgeable (formal training preferred)
- Previous pastoral ministry experience preferred, not required
- Ability to be bi-vocational

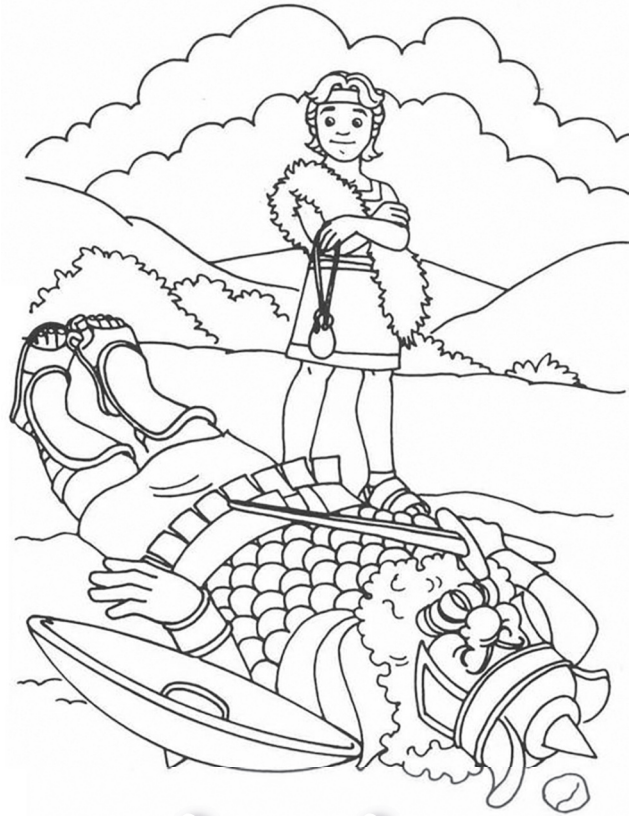
If you feel a calling to serve God in this church, please send a resume including your ministry experience and educational background, along with a cover letter to:

**Middle Island SDB Church
5915 WV Rt 18 S, New Milton, WV 26411**

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