

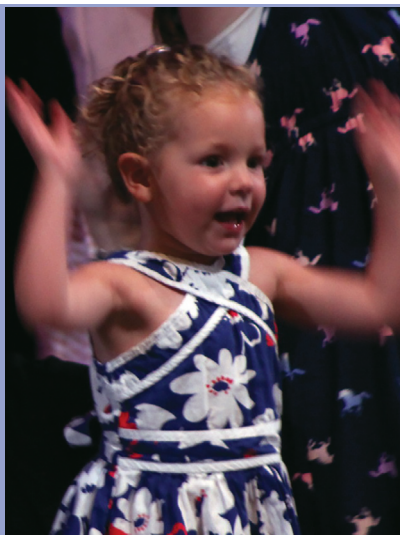
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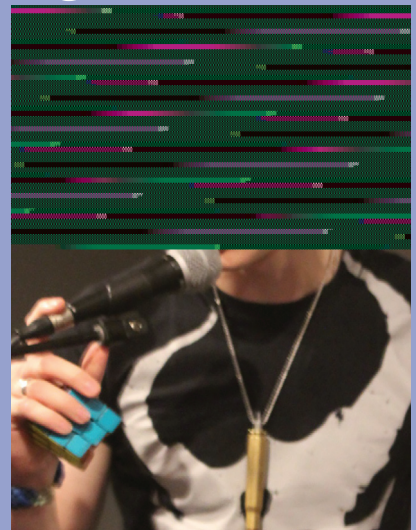


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Farewell, Rob

In 2003, sixteen years ago, at our General Conference sessions in Newberg, OR, I was elected to serve on the General Council. In October of 2003, the General Council had a conference call and one of the pressing agenda items was to find our new Executive Director. When the slate of potential candidates was shared, my name was on the list! My first thought was this was a prank or a hazing. However, I was assured that the list was legitimate. And yet, I was still dumbfounded. Why was my name on the list? Why was I even a consideration? But, no worries, it will never get to me.

Well, I am sure you figured out the rest of the story: I started in May 2004. And yet, I still had this nagging question on my mind: “Why me, God?”

God’s answer didn’t take long. In June, the Summer Institute course on SDB History was being taught by Janet Thorngate. I decided to read the assigned materials and to sit in on the sessions. During this time, it became clear to me why God called me to this position. From the course’s reading materials, and the research, I was left with the distinct impression that we needed a people person, a communicator, an administrator, and someone with a logistics and product development background—these were all talents that God had blessed me with.

Mark Twain once wrote, *“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”* The day you were born is not something that you get to choose. But one of the things you do get to choose is what you will do with the talents that God gave you. Another choice is what your legacy will be: what you will be remembered for when you are gone.

President Abraham Lincoln said, *“In the end, it’s not the years in your life that count. It’s the life in your years.”* For 28 years I was involved in the sporting goods business, with 21 of those in golf equipment and its development. But the last 15 years, serving the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, have been the most rewarding and fulfilling of my entire working career!

Our denomination’s future will be decided by what we are willing to do—and how far we are willing to allow it to become! I have said many times over the past fifteen years, “Together We Can!” With God’s direction, and the Holy Spirit’s guiding hand, we can accomplish so much together...in unity...and in collaboration.

We have built trust within our ranks and have entrusted a few with the majority of the work over the years. But we, all of us here today, and those in our churches, we as a team, will move the Conference forward, on the same course, and in unity, and in harmony.



Your Conference leaders have been serving, and directing, Seventh Day Baptists faithfully for many years. Our next Executive Director, Carl Greene, will help take Seventh Day Baptists into ground-breaking areas of ministry and into new fields for the harvest. I am eager with anticipation to see where Carl will help lead us.

There are some things in your life that you don’t get to choose. YOU do get to choose what you do with the talents that God gave you! If your life’s sole focus is that of self-interest, you won’t be missed when you are gone.

The late President Ronald Reagan once said, *“There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don’t care who gets the credit.”*

So, find a cause greater than yourself, one that will outlive you, and pour yourself into it. **Don’t just leave a will, leave a legacy that fulfills God’s will.**

What’s God’s will in YOUR life? What legacy are YOU working on? How can we help YOU with your journey?

Thank you for allowing me to serve you and serve WITH you.

God Bless You All! 

Welcome, Carl



Prayerful Transitions Lessons Learned on a Bulldozer

As a young boy growing up on a dairy farm, I had the opportunity of a lifetime one summer afternoon—the chance to drive a John Deere 350 Bulldozer. Little did I realize that responsibility beyond my personal ability came with this privilege to drive.

I was riding with my dad on our farm’s bulldozer when we came to the gate leading into the north pasture. My dad said that he would open the gate, and I would drive the bulldozer straight into the pasture. He showed me the lever that would put the dozer into forward motion and explained how to use the two handles that steer the bulldozer to the left or to the right. The instructions and encouragement that my dad gave me *strengthened* me for the task at hand.

Clearly, this is not the end of a story that is worth retelling. The pasture that I was driving the bulldozer into was far from flat. From my boyhood vantage point, it felt like I was driving down a steep cliff. The bulldozer quickly picked up speed and felt like it was beginning to speed out of my control. I cried out to my dad in fear, and he told me to put my feet on the dash, grab hold of the steering handles,

and pull back with all my might to regain control. During this time of realizing that my responsibility was beyond my ability, my dad *helped* me.

As it turns out, I did not have the strength to stop the bulldozer on my own. The bulldozer was now approaching 500 mph (probably the speed was more like 5 mph, but as a young boy, I thought that I was approaching the speed of sound). The accelerating dozer tracks were making incredibly loud clacking noises as the engine roared and my body froze in the seat. I cried out to my dad to save me. At this point, my dad calmly ran to the back of the dozer, pulled back on the handles and brought the dozer to a safe stop, right where he intended to have the bulldozer parked. This is where my dad *upheld* me.

At this point in the story, you, as an astute *Sabbath Recorder* reader, are undoubtedly thinking that I cannot even drive a bulldozer. And, you are correct. As we enter into this exciting season of transition as a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, I believe that it is incredibly important for us to remember that neither do we steer the future. We need to continuously seek to be in the presence of our Heavenly Father, the One Who *strengthens, helps, and upholds*.

In Isaiah 41:10, God prepares His people for a tremendous transition ahead. He does not offer them a fairy tale future, but He offers them His presence. Notice in this passage that the presence He offers is manifest through three verbs: “fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will **strengthen** you, I will **help** you, I will **uphold** you with my righteous right hand.” I believe that the transition ahead brings Seventh Day Baptists the opportunity to experience God’s strengthening, helping, and upholding in a new and exciting way, in which we can increasingly experience the presence of God with us.

STRENGTHEN. I believe that we need to pray for God to strengthen us where we already are strong. One of our greatest strengths is the people that God has brought to leadership roles amongst Seventh Day Baptists. We have an opportunity to passionately pray for God to strengthen the very gifted and talented people already serving: General Conference directors, staff, council members, and society members; our pastors; and our lay leaders within individual churches.

HELP. We also need to cry out to God for help in kingdom work that God has called us to which stretches us beyond our comfort zone. There is tremendous work that is already bearing fruit, but there is much more to lean into—and work that cannot be done on our own strength. The specific areas of work that I believe God is calling us to lean

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Music



Sunday Evening Message, July 28, 2019

Joshua Coleman

Shiloh SDB Church, NJ

“It Takes Heart”

To start, I wanted to give a rundown of the past few years of Conference themes and messages starting from 2015, the last time we were in Lancaster. In that Conference, we talked about being “Steadfast” in our faith and asked God to purify our hearts and make us steadfast in Him. In the next year, we were in Houghton for “Faith, Family, and Education,” revisiting the pillars of our belief and asking God to return them if we have removed them. Following that year, we were in California for “Life on Mission.” There, we learned to live in God’s mission—live the way God wants us to live—no matter where we are. We met the following year in Wisconsin for “Less Talk, More Action” and learned to act more for God rather than just talking about acting for God.

Finally, we are back again in Lancaster in 2019 for “People Get Ready.” This theme was inspired by the words “the church is returning to the Sabbath.” What a day that will be, when the church returns to the Sabbath. I truly believe that God has been preparing Seventh Day Baptists for a time like that—for this time, later on, and the past. Therefore, I wanted to revisit some of the wisdom we have gathered and look at what the Bible says should be the basis for that wisdom.

Our scripture for today is in Proverbs 4. Proverbs was written by Solomon, the second good king of Israel and the third king overall. Solomon devoted his life to gaining more knowledge and wisdom. At one point, he decided to aggregate all the wisdom and knowledge he had gotten and put it in the book of Proverbs. In Proverbs 4, Solomon writes:

Listen, my sons, to a father’s instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. ² I give you sound learning, so do not forsake my teaching. ³ For I too was a son to my father, still tender, and cherished by my mother. ⁴ Then he taught me, and he said to me, “Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. ⁵ Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. ⁶ Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you.

⁷ The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. ⁸ Cherish her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. ⁹ She will give you a garland to grace your head and present you with a glorious crown.”

¹⁰ Listen, my son, accept what I say, and the years of your life will be many. ¹¹ I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. ¹² When you walk, your steps will not be hampered; when you run, you will not stumble.

¹³ Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.



In this chapter we can see that Solomon is talking to his sons and is giving them the piece of wisdom that has guided both his life and his father’s life before him. That most important piece of wisdom is “get more wisdom.”

While I was reading this passage, an unexpected question popped into my head. I was wondering, how does wisdom protect us in the way that Solomon talks about in verse 6? Wisdom doesn’t pick up a sword and fight off an enemy. Although wisdom can keep us out of trouble, at some point we will find ourselves in an undesirable situation. Further, my mind drifted to Ecclesiastes 2:12-16, in which the Teacher is saying wisdom is meaningless because the wise man and the fool succumb to the same fate. Whether you are wise or foolish, at some point you will die. So, again, I asked, “how does wisdom protect us?”

To answer this question, God led me to Proverbs chapter 1. In verse 7, it says “*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*” There is a reason why Solomon chose to put a verse about knowledge at the beginning of a book about wisdom. Wisdom is based in knowledge. Knowledge is the tool that a wise man uses to make something beautiful. A wise person takes knowledge—whether it is in the form of proverbs or data—and uses sound judgment to make a wise decision. With these verses together, Solomon is saying wisdom only works if you have the knowledge of the fear of the Lord and the knowledge that Jesus is king. Wisdom only works if Jesus is at the center of that wisdom.

As Christians, we know that it is the same for everything else that is good in this world. Take, for example, the fruits of the Spirit. Compare what the Bible says love is to what the world says love is. Like the fig tree, the world advertises that it has love: and yet, it has none of it. Take joy: constantly people are buying things and consuming things more and more because they are looking for the joy the world says it can give. However,

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that joy is fleeting; that joy is not real. Real joy only comes from Jesus. Take patience: many people talk about how they look calm and collected on the outside, yet they are a wreck on the inside. This difference is because the only source of true patience is Jesus Christ. And it will be the same for the eventual return to the Sabbath. God at the center is not just a message for Seventh Day Baptists. It’s not just a message for the people who are Christians right now. It is a message for the whole world and everyone in it.

People may return to the Sabbath for multiple reasons. They may return because they are looking for a spiritual experience. Maybe they are looking for health and protection. Maybe they are just returning because other people are returning. Without God at the center all of that means nothing; with God at the center you can get the greatest thing that has ever come to this world, and you can get the good things you have been yearning for.

At this point, Solomon slightly changes what he is talking about. Starting in verse 14, he writes:

¹⁴ Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. ¹⁶ For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble.

¹⁷ They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

¹⁸ The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. ¹⁹ But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.

This section of Proverbs 4 is a warning against the pervasiveness of evil. Notice that he is not saying “if you find yourself walking on the path of evil, return to the path of righteousness,” he is saying do not even go near the path of evil. His words show that it takes devotion to stay on the righteous path. The question is, what does that devotion look like?

In verse 7 he says, “*though it cost all you have, get understanding.*” It is the same with this devotion: it will cost all we have. Usually we think of that cost as devoting more time and effort to God, but it is a little more than that. If we continue reading the chapter into verse 20, we see that Solomon writes:

²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. ²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

The word “heart” is written twice in this section—once in verse 21 and once in verse 23. In the original Jewish text, this is two different words. The first one, in verse 21, is the conscience—the thing that tells you what is right and wrong. In that verse, God is asking us to continually focus on and practice what He has taught us. In verse 23, Solomon is actually talking about the inner self—our soul, our nature, our determination, disposition, our will, and what we put our attention on. He is asking us to guard that heart, or to test what goes in and out.

This passage is asking us to have God at the center in all parts of the second definition. Yes, that is praying more, studying the word more, and generally devoting more time to God. In fact, I believe that is the area in my life that God is working with me most right now. At the same time, God should be your source of joy and your desire. He should be what motivates and what guides you. He should be the reason you wake up in the morning and the reason you fall asleep and prepare for the next day. God should even be at the center of the business that’s done during Conference and in our homes. If we have a project that we feel is from God, but we don’t have the money to do it at this time, the answer is not to say, “We don’t have the money so don’t do it.” The answer is to say, “We don’t have the money right now so let’s see if God provides the money for us and opens the door.”

In this chapter, Solomon is just talking about the beginning of wisdom. If the beginning of wisdom can bring the life that is talked about in this chapter, imagine how much more life we gain with Jesus at the center of our lives. If God can spread goodness throughout this world, even when people barely believe in Him, imagine how much goodness He can spread when we put Him at the center.

This year is the time for the Seventh Day Baptist denomination to take the wisdom that we have learned over the past few years and apply it as we move forward. I ask us to make a habit of seeking God in everything we do. We also need to make sure to get ready to tell people that the source of their return to the Sabbath should be Jesus. We must make sure to pass on the lesson and information we have learned in Conference to the rest of our churches. That way, we can be united as we move forward in God’s plan for us. [SR](#)

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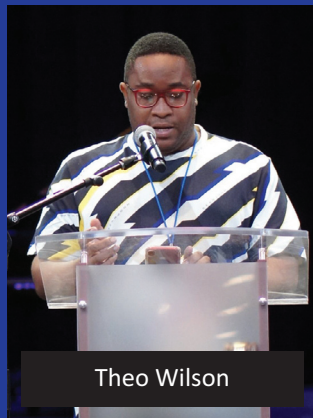
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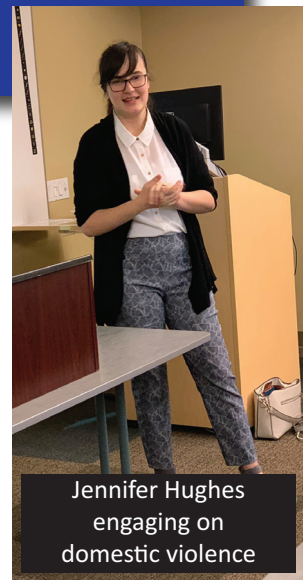
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Being a World-Class Seventh Day Baptist



We have a choice to make. We can be world-class Christians, or worldly Christians. Worldly Christians are primarily concerned about their personal fulfillment. They're saved, but they're self-centered. They wouldn't be very interested in missions conferences, but they love attending concerts and personal enrichment seminars. Their prayers have a focus on their own happiness, needs, and blessings. They plead with God to make their lives more comfortable, and they tend to use God for their purposes, rather than making themselves available to be used for His purposes.

On the other hand, world-class Christians understand that they were made for a mission and saved to serve. They welcome a personal assignment and they are enthused about the privilege of being used by God. They want to make a difference. They want to have an impact. They want to make a contribution to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.

God invites you to participate in the greatest, largest, most diverse, and most significant cause in history—His kingdom. It is my prayer that all Seventh Day Baptists become world-class Christians. However, for the purposes of this article, I am shifting the focus and zeroing in on us becoming world-class Seventh Day Baptists.

The greatest barrier to us joining God and participating in His mission to share the Gospel with the world is not money, distance, or transportation. It is simply the way we think. So, a shift of thinking and perspective is needed for us to be world-class Seventh Day Baptists. There are at least three ways in which that shift must take place.

First, we must shift from self-centered thinking to other-centered thinking. We're naturally self-absorbed, and so many impulses in our society encourage us to focus on ourselves. The way to combat that natural selfish instinct is to depend on the Lord every moment of every day. Thankfully, He doesn't leave us on our own in that struggle. He equips us with His indwelling Holy Spirit to empower us. I suggest you begin to ask the Holy Spirit to help you to discern the spiritual needs of unbelievers as you interact with them. As that happens, by practice you can develop the habit of praying silently for those the Lord puts in your path. Your goal is to avail yourself to the Lord as an instrument in helping those people take the next step in their spiritual journey.

Second, we must shift from local thinking to global thinking. God is a global God. He has always cared about the entire world. He wants to reconcile to Himself people from all nations. In many ways, the world already has a global mindset. We have connections with those in other nations through the sharing of such commodities as fashions, entertainment, music, sports, and food. We are more connected than we realize. It is possible that most of the clothes you are wearing and much of the food you consumed today were produced in another country.

Let's start praying for specific countries. Let's start praying for the world. Get a globe or map, and pray for countries by name. The Missionary Society can provide a list of countries where there is a Seventh Day Baptist presence. We need to pray both for such countries and for those where Seventh Day Baptists do not exist. There is no tool more important in this venture than prayer. Join the Missionary Society Prayer Force which meets every Monday night at 7pm Eastern time—that can be an excellent way to motivate your global thinking.

Third, we must shift from thinking of excuses to thinking of creative ways to fulfill our commission. If there is a willingness, there is usually a way. Agencies such as the Missionary Society can help you. Do not think that you need a special call from God, or some supernatural feeling or experience. God's call has already been issued. Don't fall for any of the excuses which can so easily be offered. Don't miss God's plan for your life because you never even stopped to hear from God. Do not close your mind to how and where God may want to use you. Ask the Lord to help you to have a heart for the whole world. The Missionary Society wants to partner with you, your family, your church, and your Association, to make us all world-class Christians, and world-class Seventh Day Baptists. SR

(Inspiration for this article came from Rick Warren in his best-selling book, "The Purpose-Driven Life.")



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Mayola Warner
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Mayola Warner received the Robe of Achievement for her service in Verona church and with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Diane Falkenmeyer received the WISE award (Women In Service Everywhere) for her wide range of service throughout Verona church and community.

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“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

—Matthew 28:19

This is the Great Commission that Jesus gave to His disciples. This passage has been on my heart for the last four years.

My name is Conor Hannah. I recently graduated from Fairmont State University in West Virginia. During my four years as a student I was involved in a campus ministry that changed my life dramatically. This campus ministry is Chi Alpha. Chi Alpha is on over three hundred college and university campuses in the United States. The words “chi” and “alpha” come from the first letters of the Greek words “Christ” and “ambassadors” in 2 Corinthians 5:20, “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

Chi Alpha at Fairmont State University consists of small groups called Life Groups and a weekly worship service. The Life Groups are led by either student leaders or campus missionaries and usually made up of around three to twelve individuals. They include a weekly Bible study, and during the rest of the week they hang out, help each other, and live life together. Then, on Thursday nights, all the Life Groups come and worship together. It’s basically like a church service.


I was in a Life Group during my freshman year. That year my Life Group leader taught me what it was to be a disciple for Christ. He taught me how to be fully committed to God through living that commitment out in his own life. My Life Group leader chal-

lenged me to love people more and helped me to grow so much in my relationship with the Lord.

After that year, I agreed to become a Life Group leader myself. I have seen lives completely changed. During the last three years of my time as a university student, I led eleven guys in Life Group. I had the joy of baptizing two of them. Four of them also went on to become Life Group leaders themselves. Discipling others for God has been the most amazing experience in my life.

During my time as a Life Group leader, I felt the Lord call me to ministry. Helping others come to God became the focus of my life. I committed to serve with Chi Alpha as a full-time campus missionary at Fairmont State University for the next two years.

To do this missionary work as my full-time endeavor, I need to raise a budget of \$2600 a month. I am looking for individuals to join my support team to both pray for me and give financially to help me reach my monthly goal. If you would like to join my support team and help me serve the Lord at Fairmont State University please go to my website: bit.ly/xaconor

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Young Adult

Sarina Gumness
Maranatha Community
Church, Colton, CA



Phoenix, Arizona, is the fifth largest city (1.66 million), AND the fastest growing city in the United States. And Buckeye, AZ (the westerly-most suburb of Phoenix), had the highest rate of growth in the nation (8.5%) last year. People are moving to the Phoenix area by the tens of thousands every year. Yet, there has been no organized Seventh Day Baptist presence in this great metropolitan area—UNTIL NOW!

In March of 2019, my wife and I moved to Goodyear, AZ, a rapidly growing suburb of the West Valley of Phoenix. With no place to worship, we immediately felt a burden to begin a ministry to those in this area who were Seventh Day Baptists, and for others who may be hungry for a Bible-based ministry offered on the Sabbath.

The Phoenix Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship, sponsored by the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in Pinole, CA, now has a website (PhoenixSDB.com), an email address (WestValleySDB@gmail.com), and a phone number (602-584-7770). Sabbath services will begin at the Chilson's home in Goodyear on September 7, 2019.

Already we have a Bible distribution ministry, inspired by Gregory Ward, another new Seventh Day Baptist "transplant" to Arizona; a new relationship with Leland Pike, a long-time Seventh Day Baptist and former pastor at the Lake Elsinore, CA, SDB Church; anticipated relationships with other Seventh Day Baptists and friends

of the church, with whom we have different levels of connection; and plans for outreach that we pray will eventually result in a Seventh Day Baptist "church plant" in the Phoenix area.

We solicit the prayers and support of the church at large. In an effort to minimize expenses, we are offering our home for services and fellowship. However, there will be printing costs for advertising, costs associated with outreach events, and costs for our Bible Distribution ministry, which also serves to inform others of our new ministry.

We welcome all requests for prayer, visitation, and other ministry requests by those in the Phoenix area. Further, we solicit contact information for others in this area who may enjoy being a part of a growing ministry for Christ. Again, you may contact us in any of the following ways:
Email: WestValleySDB@gmail.com
Phone: (602) 584-7770
Website: PhoenixSDB.com



Darrell was employed by the Adventist Church for nearly 40 years – seeking to bring the story of God's amazing grace to Adventist congregations all over the United States. Following his retirement, he and Sammy attended the Bay Area Seventh Day Baptist Church in Pinole, CA, on January 4, 2014—the first Sabbath after retirement. The church was welcoming, and Pastor Steve and Becky Crouch almost immediately became friends. On July 6, 2019, Darrell and Sammy officially became members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Pinole, CA.




PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGES

The 5th annual MULTIPLY Church Development Conference (NOVEMBER 14-16, 2019) is open to anyone who desires to see renewal and revitalization in their church or desires to see new SDB churches in North America.

This conference will be combining our own SDB learning cohort with the MULTIPLY Conference put on by Frontline Church Planting in Colorado Springs to learn from missional church leaders and each other during this extended weekend.

Registration deadline is October 31, 2019, and the conference fee is \$120. This fee includes registration, meals for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and lodging for Wednesday-Saturday nights. Transportation arrangements will be provided from/to the Colorado Springs airport (COS).

We will be sponsoring a pre-conference all day on Thursday so you will want to arrive on Wednesday to participate in the full weekend. But please register and join us for whatever part you think that you can.

For more and up-to-date information and to register, visit seventhdaybaptist.org/MULTIPLY. For any questions, please contact the Director of Church Development. 





SCSC Team MORE

Women's Society Banquet



Tabatha Pethtel honors Cheri Appel with the presentation of a bracelet inscribed with Proverbs 31, with a card signed by the Women's Society, in recognition of her support of her husband, Rob Appel, in his position of Executive Director of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for the past 15 years.



YouthCon



Children's Program



Welcome, Carl

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into all the more include:

- Leadership Development
- Church Revitalization
- Church Planting
- Gospel Proclamation

UPHOLD. Finally, there are elements during this season of transition in which we must simply cry out to God to carry us—to do a work that only He alone can do. It is from this need of God's upholding that we embrace the challenge given to Seventh Day Baptists by Rev. Rod Henry in 1998: *“Our challenge to every Seventh Day Baptist: Pray for a fresh movement of God among us—revival!!! ...to experience a renewed love for the Lord and a passion for His work.”*

During this season of transition, we are not called to simply steer the bulldozer of kingdom work. I certainly have not found success in that personally. We desperately need to cry out to God together in prayer, that He will **strengthen, help, and uphold** us as a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for His glory and praise. That is an ongoing transition that I look forward to experiencing together. [SR](#)

“FIX Your Eyes on Jesus”

Scripture Memory Verses for SDB Conference 2019-2020

(using NIV 1984 version)

Youth/Adult

SEPTEMBER

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
—Hebrews 12:2

OCTOBER

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.
—Acts 2:17

NOVEMBER

She gave this name to the LORD who spoke to her: “You are the God who sees me,” for she said, “I have now seen the One who sees me.”
—Genesis 16:13

DECEMBER

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation.”
—Luke 2:29-30

JANUARY

Where there is no revelation [vision], the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.
—Proverbs 29:18

FEBRUARY

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.
—Hebrews 2:9

MARCH

Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man’s behalf!
—Psalm 66:5

APRIL

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
—1 Peter 2:9

MAY

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the LORD.
—Psalm 40:3

Junior

SEPTEMBER

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—Hebrews 12:2

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Mary Clare Scripture Memory Bowl: First SDB Church of Toronto, Ontario (and another award for winning this three years in a row!)



Crystal Apple for SDB Teacher of the Year: Kathy Hughes, First SDB Church of Hopkinton, RI



Andrew Camenga Scripture Memory Award: White Cloud, MI SDB Church

2019 Gospel Feet 5K Raises Money to “Bring Orphans Home”

by Eric Bofinger
Shiloh SDB Church, NJ

During the Wednesday night worship time at conference, Pastor Daniel Nsubuga of the Uganda SDB Conference shared about issues surrounding orphans in his home country and throughout the continent. Famine, diseases, disasters, mishaps, and civil wars have left more than 50 million children orphaned throughout Africa. With the help of fundraising efforts, the SDB Missionary Society has been supporting ministries throughout Africa to provide food, medication, and support to families who open their homes to orphans.

Friday morning 8/2 at 7:00 am, 75+ SDBs and people of the Lancaster community opened up their wallets and laced up their running shoes to compete in the 7th annual Gospel Feet 5K to donate toward helping orphans in Africa. The 2019 race meandered over Lancaster Bible College’s beautiful cross country course. Dale Winland, age 15, of Lancaster, won the overall award by finishing in a time of 17:55. For the women, Julia Wilson, age 19, also of Lancaster, took gold with a time of 22:39. New this year was an award for the church with the most participants. It was a tight battle, but the German SDB Church brought home the award for the most representation. Also, the kids had a chance to run to raise money in the newly featured kids quarter mile dash.

Over two thousand dollars were raised from the race, not including extra donations that came in afterwards. Ben Calhoun, of “Citizen Way,” also pledged to donate ten percent of t-shirt and merchandise sales towards the mission of helping orphans in Africa. If you missed the opportunity to run and still would like to donate, please visit www.sdbmissions.org/donate

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and we’ll see what’s in store for the race in 2020 at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI! SR



Pastor Daniel Nsubuga



5k Kids Dash

NEW MEMBERS

BAY AREA SDB CHURCH

Pinole, CA
Steve Crouch, Pastor

Joined by Testimony

Darrell Chilson	David Silvas
Sammy Chilson	Candice Silvas
Norma Johnson	

BOULDER SDB CHURCH

Boulder, CO
Steve Osborn, Pastor

Joined by Testimony

Christopher Galarneau
Kellie Galarneau

FORT LAUDERDALE SDB CHURCH

Fort Lauderdale, FL
Norman Fearon, Pastor

Joined by baptism

Sister Jenifer Green
Brother Adolphus Phillbert
Brother Lauray Phillbert
Sister Lavern Plunket

MIDDLE ISLAND SDB CHURCH

Middlebourne, WV
LeRoy Burdick, Pastor

Joined by baptism

Cora Mae Lough
Eudora Grace Lough

THE CONNECTING CHURCH MILTON SDB CHURCH

Milton, WI
Nathan Crandall, Pastor

Joined by testimony

Paul Anderson	Luke Greene
Nancy Dering	Sam Greene
Carl Greene	Melissa Lade
Cindy Greene	Tara Rotzoll
Seth Greene	

WHITE CLOUD SDB CHURCH

White Cloud, MI
JR Shick, Pastor

Joined

Ryan Acopiado
PeggySue Acopiado

OBITUARY

STRAWSER—Elizabeth (Betty) Parvin Furniss Strawser.
January 20, 1921 – March 8, 2019

Betty was born in Chester, PA, to Theresa and William Parvin. She lived most of her childhood in Shiloh, NJ, where she was a member of the Shiloh SDB Church. She was a member of the choir and often played the organ for the church services.

She was married three times and had three sons. She helped her second husband start and manage several restaurants. Betty moved to Bradenton, FL, in 1975. In 1982, Betty, along with Howard and Martha Scull (Betty's uncle and aunt), also from the Shiloh SDB Church, began meeting in each other's homes in Bradenton for worship on Sabbath days. They listened to taped sermons from Pastor Kenneth Van Horn and studied Sabbath School lessons. Paul and Myrtle Cushman from the Berlin SDB Church in New York attended for the first time on June 5. In October 1986, Leland and Lettie Bond accepted the call to begin their ministry on the Florida west coast. The Bradenton group met one more time at Betty Strawser's home. (Betty Furniss had married Willard Strawser in 1985.) That day, November 15, 1986, after a time of worship, Pastor Leland Bond was elected as the Bradenton SDB Church moderator and Betty Strawser as secretary and treasurer. Betty remained the church treasurer through September 30, 2007. Betty is fondly remembered for her faithful service and her wonderful smile. Her nickname was "Bucket of Love."

In 2008, Betty moved to Holmdel, NJ, to be near her son, David. She joined the New Monmouth Baptist Church where she was very active in the Ladies Fellowship, the choir, and the mission committee.

Betty was predeceased by her three husbands and her son, Donald. She had 11 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

BAPTISMS

GRACE SDB CHURCH

Bloomington, MN
Greg Olson, Pastor

Baptized

Hannah Lopez
Isaac Rieck
Larkin Rieck

Conference PHOTOS and
EVENING WORSHIP SERVICES may be viewed
by following this link:

<https://seventhdaybaptist.org/sdb2019>

Fun and Games



Family Feud SDB Style!

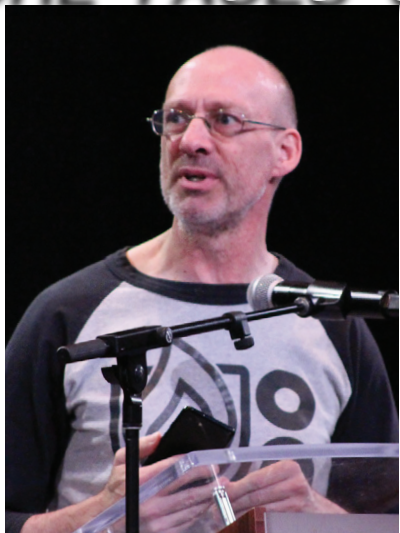
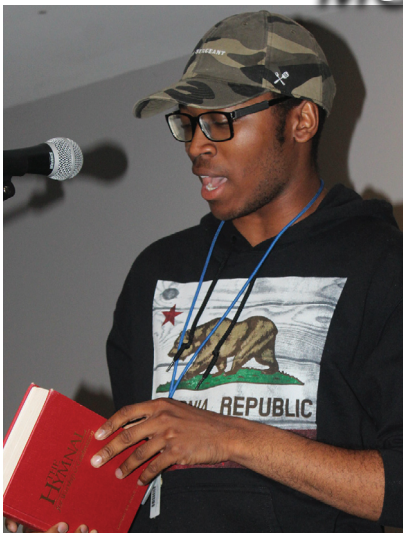


Youth vs. Pastors Basketball





MORE FACES OF CONFERENCE



Periodicals postage paid
at Janesville, WI
and additional offices

Coming Next Summer!



(Heb. 12:2)

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Grand Rapids, MI • July 26 – Aug 1

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