

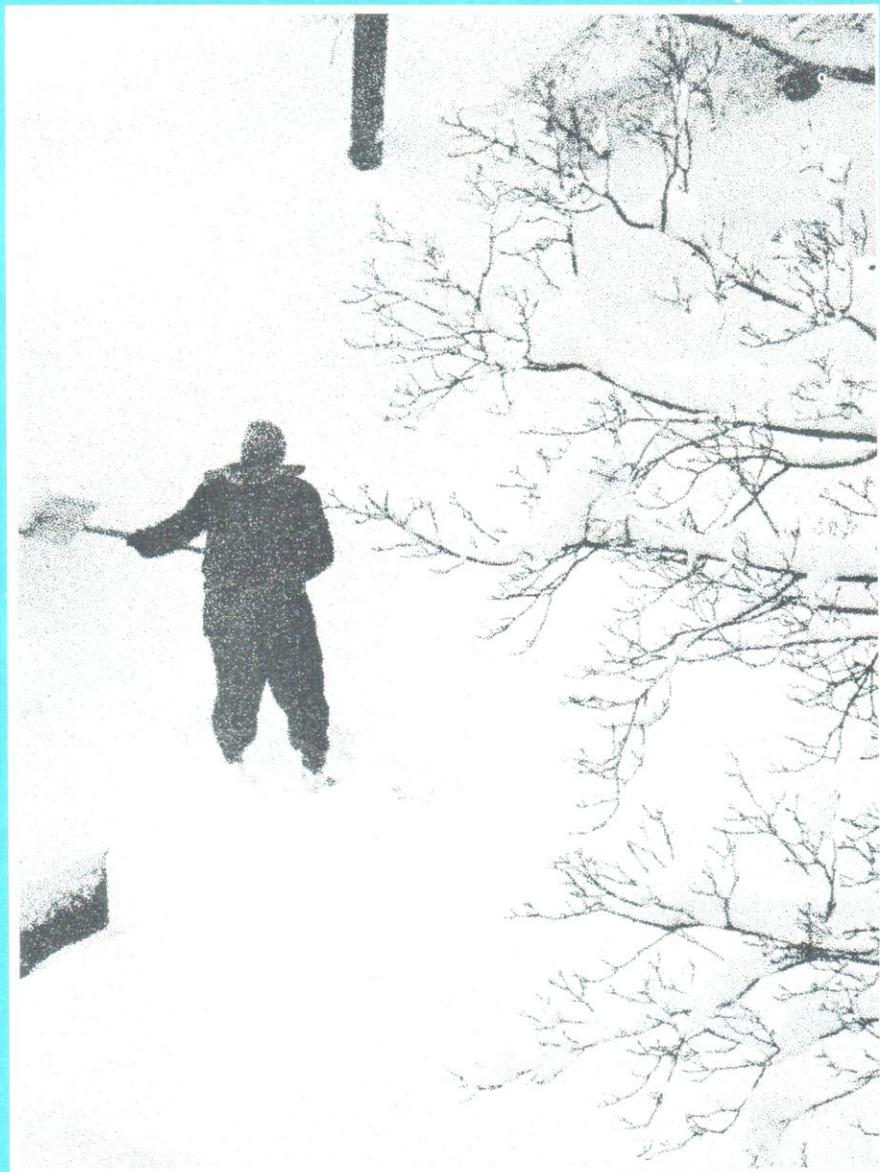
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# Soviet Official Visits SDA Facilities

Konstantin Kharchev, chairman of the Council for Religious Affairs in the U.S.S.R. was in the U.S. for a ten-day visit sponsored by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation of New York. In Maryland Kharchev, the third-highest ranking cabinet member in the Soviet government, toured the Review and Herald Publishing Association plant in Hagerstown, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, and Takoma Academy. His visit was in response to an invitation extended to him last May, when SDA church officials, led by General Conference president Neal C. Wilson, visited the U.S.S.R.

In reporting the Soviet official's visit to the Review and Herald plant, the Hagerstown *Daily Mail*, quoted Kharchev as saying, "I would like to convey to all Adventists present here or elsewhere a message of goodwill and good words from the Soviet Adventists."

The article went on to report: "[Adventist President] Wilson introduced Kharchev to the media as 'not only an honored guest, but he is a friend' . . . the council he heads has the 'control, the supervision, the organization and the coordination of all religious affairs in the Soviet Union,' Wilson said.



Konstantin Kharchev, left, chairman of the U.S.S.R. Council of Church Affairs, during his recent visit to Adventist facilities in Maryland. Seated is Adventist General Conference President Neal C. Wilson, who met Kharchev last May during a visit to the Soviet Union. (Photo by Kevin G. Gilbert; courtesy Review and Herald Publishing Assn.)

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The article quoted Kharchev as saying, "We are making every effort in the Soviet Union to ensure and guarantee freedom of worship . . . . [The council] has as its responsibility to ensure the laws on protecting religious freedoms are obeyed. There have been many representatives from the Adventist church that have visited the Soviet Union, and they have had a chance to witness that personally."

Review and Herald Publishing Association employees gave Kharchev a very warm welcome; Association president Harold Otis, Jr. presented him with a number of periodicals and publications, including *Uncle Arthur's Bedtime Stories*, the *Conflict of the Ages Series*, *Uncle Arthur's Bible Book*, *Overcoming Alcoholism*, and

*Message and Vibrant Life* magazines. A large assortment of books will be shipped to the Soviet official.

After a luncheon at the General Conference dining room, President Wilson indicated that Kharchev was interested in publishing a joint magazine in both Russian and English. The Russian version would highlight the lifestyle of Adventists in North America; the English counterpart would highlight the Adventists in the U.S.S.R.

*Adventist Review* reported in connection with Kharchev's visit that General Conference officials were going the extra mile to strengthen the church's relationships with the U.S.S.R., in order to "enhance the religious life of 32,000 Adventists in the Soviet Union."

## Kharchev's Visit: Another View

*Editor's note: Christians in Crisis is an organization that specializes in religious liberty problems, particularly those of Sabbathkeeping Christians in other countries. Its president, Sidney Reiners, wrote the following about the Soviet official's visit to Adventist facilities and about the comments of Adventist President Neal Wilson.*

Wilson correctly noted that his visitor, Konstantin Kharchev, controls and supervises all religious affairs in the Soviet Union. However, Wilson lapsed into fantasy when he said that the job of the council Kharchev heads is to ensure the Soviet people's right to freedom of conscience and worship, and that not only does the Soviet constitution "offer it, but the honorable chairman protects that right."

Kharchev's state council exists for the purpose of undermining, controlling, and subverting the churches of the Soviet Union. In 1981 one of the commission's

documents was smuggled to the west and published. In the words of *Time* magazine, "In striking contrast to the provisions in the Soviet constitution guaranteeing 'that the church . . . shall be separate from the state,' the report depicts a church bound hand and foot by the state—by a hierarchy dutifully subservient to government bureaucrats" (Dec. 7, 1981).

M. P. Kulakov, president of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Russia, belongs in this category. While Kulakov was in New Orleans during the 1985 world session of the Adventist church, the FBI reportedly warned the Adventist

leadership that Kulakov is a known spy.

In New Orleans Kulakov proved to be a valuable propagandist, declaring to the *Times-Picayune* that there is religious freedom in Russia. But at the same session he urged the church not to adopt as official policy a statement on Sabbath observance, even though it had earlier been watered down. He said the document still made him "very uncomfortable because in the particular area in which I live and work it may create many problems."

Vladimir Shelkov, leader of an unregistered Adventist splinter group in the U.S.S.R., died January 7, 1980, at the age of 85, having spent 25 of those years in Soviet concentration camps. Shelkov's profound spirituality and devotion to Adventist principles is widely known thanks to the testimony of the famous dissidents Alexander Ginzburg and Avraham Shifrin who spent years in prison with him.

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# Keeping the Sabbath In A Non-Sabbath World

## Stocks Closed Mixed, Sabbath Up 2 Points in Heavy Trading

By Richard C. Nickels

On Thursday, July 17, 1986, the Sabbath became business news. The front page of *The Wall Street Journal*, the renowned business daily, carried a feature story, "Delicate Balance: Keeping the Sabbath and a Worldly Career Tests Religious Jews."

### Shomer Shabbat

The subject of the news story was the 500,000 to 600,000 American Jews, mostly Orthodox, who strictly observe the Sabbath. They are a minority of a minority, for 5 million of their fellow Jews do not have the same scruples as the *Shomer Shabbat* (Sabbath observers).

As these Sabbathkeepers plunge into the American mainstream business world, their religious dedication is being tested, as well as the willingness of the majority to tolerate the religious practice of the few.

### Never Forget the Sabbath

*The Wall Street Journal* reporter, Selwyn Feinstein, describes several observant Jews, including Yoni Mozeson, whose father and grandfather are orthodox rabbis. Yoni writes copy for a Madison Avenue advertising Agency, but is nevertheless true to his forebears. In the winter, he





leaves work on Fridays as early as 3 p.m. to be home with his wife before sunset, the beginning of the Sabbath. He takes off as many as 13 days a year for Jewish holidays, leaving work early on the days before. His adherence to Bible dietary laws limits what he can eat with clients and colleagues. Mozeson states, "I never forget I'm a Jew living in a non-Jewish society."

### Pioneering Jewish Sabbathkeepers

For generations, many strict Jews shunned the outside world. Jewish professionals served other Jews. Since the 1950's and 1960's, this has been changing dramatically. Many Jews began attending Ivy League colleges, where they were successful in getting kosher kitchens and alternatives to Saturday classes and exams, making it easier for other Sabbathkeepers to follow in their path.

Sabbath-observant Jewish women have particular difficulties. They must leave work earlier to prepare Sabbath and holiday meals.

Because of their religious convictions, a *Shomer Shabbat* woman may interrupt her career to care for a baby.

Most Sabbathkeeping Jews stay in the big cities where there are other Jews to share religious and social life, and *yeshivas*, or religious schools for rabbis.

### How to Keep the Sabbath and Not Lose One's Job

As the *Journal* states, "Most problems [of Sabbath observance] can be handled by deft planning and a willingness to make up for missed time." Frederick Lawrence, as an assistant U.S. Attorney, works "plenty of Saturday nights and Sundays" to catch up on work left over from early Friday departures and other religious days off. A Sabbath-observing lawyer advises, "You have to make people aware that you're going to be gone."

Dietary restrictions can be as easily handled. A *Shomer Shabbat* account coordinator keeps kosher at client lunches by ordering a green salad or fruit plate. A traveling

metallurgist buys tuna from a store and turns in a low expense account.

### A Test of Religious Conviction

Many non-Jewish employers are learning to accommodate the religious practices of today's pioneering Sabbath-observant Jews. Some older Jews are fearful that the expansion of Jews into the business mainstream is a threat to the Jewish religion. They believe many of these Jews will gradually give up their Sabbathkeeping in order to complete in the business world.

"The real test," says Samuel Heilman, a professor of sociology at Queens College, "is whether their children continue to be orthodox."

### Constant Vigilance

*The Wall Street Journal* is to be commended for carrying such an informative, thought-provoking article.

I am a Messianic *Shomer Shabbat*, who works in the daily business world of a large corporation. I say hats off to the half million Jews who honor the Eternal's Sabbath. Sometimes I, too, fear that business will lead me away from the Sabbath. Would it be possible for *me* some Friday to "forget" the Sabbath and stay late working on a "crash project"? Yes, indeed, it could happen. The answer is, as the Jews say, "constant vigilance." We must *never* forget we are Messianic Sabbathkeepers living in a non-Sabbathkeeping world.

### Delicate Balance

There are probably close to a million non-Jewish Sabbathkeepers in the United States. Seventh-day Adventists, Worldwide Church of God, Seventh Day Baptists, Church of God (7th Day), Sacred Name, Independents, etc. Whether we would like to admit it or not, "the world" is contrary to the Sabbath.

Messianic Sabbathkeepers convictions are being tested no less than those of the Jewish *Shomer Shabbat*.

It is a profound truth that people (generally) are reasonable. A hard-working employee who is an asset to the company, who plans skillfully and is willing to make up for missed time, can usually stay *Shome Shabbat* and employed. The employer knows that a good employee increases the company's profit. Five or six days from one hard worker is better than six or seven days from a lazy one. Let people know where you stand, in a positive way, and they will usually respect you for it.

The *Journal* article hit the nail on the head. It is a delicate balance to not let the cares of the business world choke one's religious convictions, especially Sabbath observance. We need to be aware of this, and be lights, illuminating this world of spiritual darkness. And the real test is whether our children will continue to be Sabbathkeepers.

### Kalal Shabbat

Unfortunately, there are many Sabbath "keepers" who have watered down the Sabbath. They are like the Reform Jews mentioned in the *Journal* article who wanted to pay a young Jewish singer to perform for Saturday afternoon parties; but she and her colleagues were strict Sabbathkeepers and would not perform. Jews who take the Sabbath so lightly give the Sabbath a bad name.

*Shomer* means "keeper" (Strong's #7763, from #8104 *shamar*: "to guard, protect, attend to, be circumspect, take heed, observe, preserve, regard (lay) wait (for), watch"). All these words should describe the way we feel about the Sabbath.

The word *kalal* has the opposite meaning (Strong's #2490 and #2491:

“to pollute, profane, wound, dissolve, break, to begin (as if by an ‘opening wedge’), defile, prostitute, slay”). Eight times this word is used in Ezekiel 20 to describe the pollution of the Holy Sabbath by the Almighty’s own people. Another word, *tame* (Strong’s #2930) means to “contaminate, defile, pollute, make unclean” and is used three times in the same chapter.

Don’t follow the five million American Jews who water down and pollute the Sabbath. Be *Shomer Shabbath* (Sabbath observer), not a *Kalal Shabbat* (Sabbath polluter). Keep the Sabbath and the Eternal will keep you!

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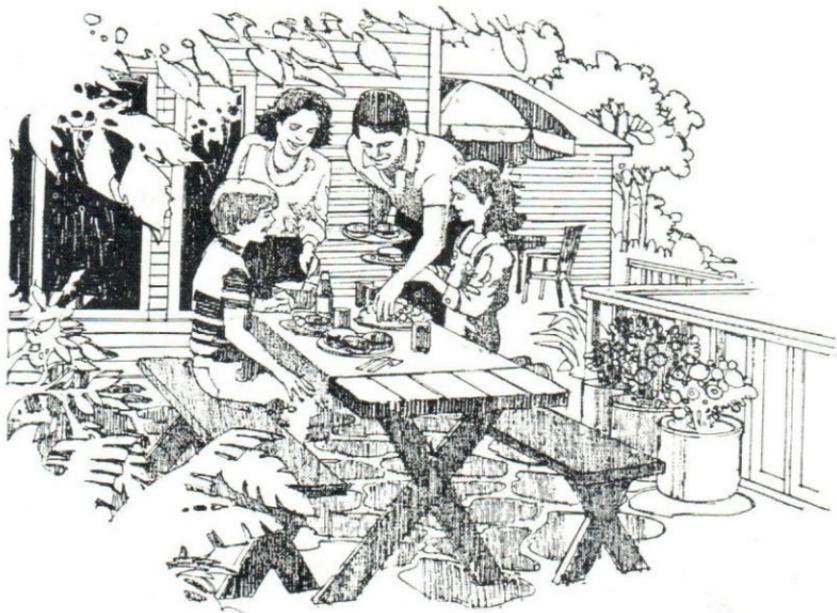
### Letters to the WSJ

The July 31, 1986, issue of *The Wall Street Journal* included two letters about the Sabbath article.

One, from Douglas W. Cross of Taunton, Mass. read as follows:

“Our Jewish brethren are not alone in their observance of the Sabbath. There are approximately one million Christians who observe the seventh-day Sabbath in North America. Some 681,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. There are also Seventh-day Baptists, Seventh-day Church of God and several other smaller groups who observe Saturday.

Sabbath observance is an opportunity for the family to become one again. The pressures of business are gone. For one whole day from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday the TVs and radios are turned off. Secular papers and magazines are replaced with books and magazines of a religious nature which become food for the mind on this day. The Sabbath to this million is a day of delight and happiness. As one man put it, “The Sabbath is an oasis for me every seven days.”



# News from BSA

## Press Releases Mailed

In order to promote the new BSA *Directory of Sabbath-observing Groups*, during November we mailed press releases to more than 200 religious periodicals. The one-page release described the new directory and explained the background and purpose of the Association. The periodicals included such general circulation magazines as *Christianity Today*, *Eternity*, and *Moody Monthly*, as well as many limited-circulation professional newsletters.

## BSA Leaders Speak at Denver Festival

Editor Richard A. Wiedenheft and BSA vice-president Calvin Burrell were among the speakers at a Feast of Tabernacles in Denver, Colorado, in October. The meetings have been sponsored for several years by the Christian Church of God of Amarillo, Texas. Characterized as an "open Feast" by Pastor Jeff Booth, the daily morning services were attended by about 125 people, including members of a number of different groups. BSA board member, Elder John Kiesz, and his wife came to Denver to attend the services on Thursday not knowing that the speaker was Editor Wiedenheft, who spoke on the challenge of personal evangelism.

Wiedenheft reported, "The meetings provided a good opportunity for me to get to know and learn from the brethren who attended and to share the vision of BSA."

## Back Issues Available

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## Sample Mailings Continue

This fall, over 1,000 sample copies of the SENTINEL have been mailed out to prospective subscribers. The response, in terms of new subscribers, is not as great as we had hoped, but we are thankful for each one. If you have Sabbath-keeping friends who do not know about THE SABBATH SENTINEL, please send us their names and addresses. We'll be happy to send them a sample copy and an invitation to subscribe.

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# Finding Our Focus



*A photograph out of focus is fuzzy. An orchestra out of time is dissonant. An organization that doesn't know where it's going will probably get there. And a community of seventh-day Christians without a clear vision of its mission is bound to founder.*

Among Sabbathkeeping organizations, there are many with well-defined objectives. Some feel called to warn the nation (believed to be modern Israel) of the impending, divine, end-time punishment. Some preach a gospel of health and wealth, of "personal happiness and success through obeying God's laws" (it doesn't "sell" very well in third-world countries). Some preach the gospel of doctrinal truth, insisting that accepting any Jesus other than the Jesus of their doctrinal persuasion is ineffective. Some believe they are called to restore the pure religion God gave ancient Israel.

Undoubtedly, there is a degree of truth in each of these "gospels"; and each provides a focus for its promoters. But put them all together and you have a seventh-day Christian community with no focus! Hence, our message to the world is confusing. Our efforts are diluted. Our music is dissonant. Our image is fuzzy. The truth we have is blurred.

There are many trees in the forest, but the forest is the personal relationship one can have with the Creator, made possible through Jesus, the Messiah. John 3:16 sums it up about as well as any single verse in the Bible. The truth of the fourth commandment is only one tree, which is of little value without the forest, which is knowing Jesus Christ.

Evangelizing is not the primary mission of BSA as an organization, but it certainly should be our mission as individuals, as churches, as congregations, and as a community of seventh-day Christians.

I suggest the following as a focal point, as a statement of purpose for the seventh-day community as a whole:

For those who don't know Him—  
 Jesus Christ and Him Crucified!  
 For those who do know Him—  
 The joy and liberty of the Sabbath!

As an organization, BSA's focus is on the latter part of this statement. But in putting it second, we recognize that our efforts have meaning only because the individuals and organizations that make up our community are emphasizing the first part.

That an entire community of seventh-day Christians can catch this same clear vision is my prayer. What is yours?

—Richard A. Wiedenheft

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# A Life A Love

By David and

At 6:00 p.m., Saturday, 23rd November, 1985 our fourth child and much loved son, Benjamin Douglas Sandland died in my arms—at the intensive care unit, Camperdown Hospital near Sydney, Australia. Following are the words read by our close friend, Rod Glover, at Ben's funeral—words expressing both my own and his mother's final thoughts for a life God allowed us to share for five short, precious years.

## From Your Mother

On 31st October, 1980, at 1:00 p.m. a small bundle came into this world with a great deal of trauma. Little did we know what this baby would bring us. He was born with that extra 47th chromosome that made him different. It took time to accept his prognosis, but our family took him in and from that step forward there was no turning back.

Watching us at dinner from his cuddle seat we already could see a desire to grow, that little ray of sunshine beaming. With the expert help of his early education teachers, his life took shape and form. What a task to get him to sit up, he had such short and floppy limbs. The day he did—stands out in my mind because we were all on the bed watching and Ben got a standing ovation from the whole family. This was Near Year's Day, 1982.

From here on there was no looking back. Ben just wanted to do things and his desire made him progress. He could crawl at 16 months. He was pulling himself up to standing during the next few months, in spite of many health setbacks. But his determination got

him up and walking at 26 months. Exploration was his greatest game and oh, how he loved to have music around. When his sisters would dance, he'd love to be right smack in the middle showing off! And now he also had a little baby brother coming up to compete with him. Ben and Travis became "partners in crime" as I called them. They learned from each other, usually all the wrong things! Ben grew leaps and bounds. He could run, jump, stand on one leg, walk the fence and even climb up to the kitchen cupboards to help himself to the goodies. And just in the last months he was trying to put his language to use. Though it was not always understood, the desire was there.

Ben's life was marred throughout with a tremendous amount of illness. There were times I did wish the pain would end, but then all seemed bright again. Ben was a "stunning" character that touched everyone's life and gave them a smile. He depended on his family for love, but he gave us back a warmth that will remain with us forever. I thank God for the privilege of being his mother.

## From Your Father

To Our Ben,

Forgive me, Ben, for not having the emotional strength to read these few words myself. On my behalf, I've asked a good friend to express my thoughts. I trust you understand.

Benjamin, you came into our lives so filled with anticipation and expectation as our long awaited Aussie child! And a son at that! You

# to Love, to Live

Lynn Sandland

gave us an initial surprise by being a Down's Syndrome child. You may remember I held you for so long in the labour ward, hoping that Dr. Boyce was wrong. *Thankfully* he was right, as you brought a wellspring of love into our lives, a well we can draw from all our allotted days.

We thought you would never sit.  
*You sat!*

We thought you would never stand. *You stood!*

We thought you would never walk. *You walked! You ran! You played!*

And above all, *you loved, and were loved!*

Thanks, Ben, for introducing us to so many magnificent people—to the ever positive Betty Hooks and to your fatherly school principal, Mr. Terry, to name only two of the many who love you as much as your immediate family.

Thanks for the memories, for the time in Nepean Hospital (your home away from home), suffering so acutely from pneumonia, when your teacher gave you a bag of candy and you promptly shared it with all your sick friends, going from bed to bed.

Thanks for locking yourself in Mr. Terry's office, he still is not sure how you found the keys!

By the way, were you right or left handed? None of us was really sure.

We have been utterly amazed and humbled at learning these past few days just how many people loved you with a depth of feeling that transcends words. We are all the better for having known you; sharing your pain, enjoying your



**Benjamin Sandland**  
1980-1985

many accomplishments, receiving your affection.

Our lives are richer for your presence and saddened, deeply, by your unexpected departure. Never have I met someone with such a depth of feeling and such a capacity to love. Thanks, Ben, for everything. Allow me, in closing, to recite that very special poem—"Think of Me as a Person"—a poem that means so much to all of us.

You look at me with pity, concern or indifference, for I am a retarded child.

But you only see the outside me. If I could express myself,

I would tell you what I am inside. I am very much like you.

Though it is comfortable to be babied,

I am less dependent when people treat me as a big boy.

I don't want their sympathy.

I want their respect for what I can do.

I am slow, and many things you take for granted are hard for me. It took me months to learn to pedal the tall blue tricycle, but I am so proud when at last both feet pedalled in the same direction . . . and the wheels went forward.

How happy I was when I turned on the right tap to get a drink of water. I don't want to ever turn it off.

If I can learn at my own pace and still be accepted,

I can fit into a world where slowness is suspect.

Think of me as a person who hurts and loves and feels joy.

And know I am a child to encourage and direct.

Smile and say hello . . . even that is enough.

*Reprinted from The International News, published by Church of God, International, with which the Sandlands are affiliated. However, they fellowship with Seventh Day Baptists in Warrimoo, N.S.W., Australia, where David was to give his first sermon last October. The Sandlands have four surviving children, ages four to sixteen.*

## Free News Release For Sabbath Worship

John Shirn, BSA member from Indiana reports that he has been able to get the local newspaper to publish, free of charge, notices about weekly Sabbath services. One notice was as follows:

### Services available for Sabbathkeepers

Services for non-denominational Sabbathkeepers and other interested persons will take place today at 1 p.m. at the home of Mike Galimore, lay leader of the Church of God, Seventh-day. Information for attendance is available from him

by calling 829-4952.

John Shirn of Family of God will be host on alternate Sabbaths. Information for the meetings can be had by calling 332-1763.

Mike Galimore reports that two parties have attended services as a result of the new releases.

## How to Promote The Sabbath in Your Area

The following is one of many different ads that have been placed in local newspapers by BSA members.

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# News from the Seventh-Day Community

## Bob Stump Reelected to Congress

Bob Stump, a Seventh-day Adventist from the Third Congressional District of Arizona, has been reelected to another term in the House of Representatives. He has served for a number of years and is, since the retirement of Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, the only seventh-day Christian in congress.

## SDA Minister Plays Minister

The new NBC Saturday night comedy, *Amen*, centers around the conflicts between Deacon Ernest Frye (played by Sherman Hemsley, formerly of *The Jeffersons*) of First Community Church of Philadelphia and the new minister, played by Clifton Davis, a Seventh-day Adventist minister in real life.

## Religious Liberty Awards for Adventists

Americans United for Separation of Church and State, a national organization which promotes separation of church and state, recently presented awards to friends of church-state separation. The Seventh-day Adventist Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department (PARL) and *Liberty* magazine were among those cited. Bert B. Beach, director of PARL, and Roland Hegstad, editor of the magazine, accepted the awards.

## Garner Ted Armstrong Off; "World Tomorrow" On

Super-station WGN, which recently cancelled the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast after his pointed remarks on homosexuality, has taken on the "World Tomorrow." In



Bert B. Beach (wearing glasses) and Roland Hegstad accepting religious liberty awards at the annual Americans United National Conference Awards Dinner (Photos courtesy *Church & State*).

making that announcement in a letter to his supporters, Ted Armstrong expressed dismay at the situation; but, quoting Gamaliel's caution to the high priests about fighting against God, he wrote, "I believe and I know that the work of the Church of God, International is the work of God, and is not the work of 'Garner Ted Armstrong' or any group of men!"

### **"World Tomorrow" Telecast Shown In Europe**

Worldwide Church of God Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach announced that the church's telecast began airing on September 21 on Sky Channel, the largest satellite television station in Europe. The station reaches in excess of six million homes in 14 countries, including 140,000 in Britain.

### **SDA Evangelist Critical of Religious Right**

According to an article in *Signs of the Times*, a Seventh-day Adventist publication, Adventist TV evangelist George Vandeman is concerned about the growing influence of the Religious Right. Vandeman was quoted as saying, "And if history teaches us anything, it's that whenever the power of the state has enforced the goals of the church, personal liberties have been forfeited. Persecution has invariably followed such state support."

### **Correction**

An item entitled "First Black, Woman Pastor" in this column in the November issue incorrectly referred to the Sligo SDB church in Takoma Park, Maryland; it should have read SDA church. Oh, what's in one letter!

## **Creation's Tiny Mystery**

by Dr. Robert V. Gentry  
Seventh-day Adventist

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# More Evidence For Creation

*Creation's Tiny Mystery*, by Dr. Robert V. Gentry, Earth Science Associates, P.O. Box 12067, Knoxville, TN 37912-0067. (Paperback, \$13.95, postpaid, in U.S.) Reviewed by Lee Greer, Jr.

The entire theory of evolution is held together by the uniformitarian principle. This is the belief that over the vast periods of time (billions of years) only natural laws as working to day have always been in control on earth and throughout the cosmos.

Robert V. Gentry, well-known nuclear physicist and the world's leading authority on radioactive halos has found unambiguous, irrefutable evidence that completely overthrows and falsifies evolution's basic premise.

Over the past twenty years, Gentry, a Seventh-day Adventist, has presented this evidence in the leading scientific journals in America and Europe, in federal court, and before some of the world's greatest researchers. In no instance have any of the leading evolutionists been able to disprove Gentry's findings, even though there have been many attempts to do so.

His book presents evidence for: (1) The instantaneous crystallization of the Precambrian bedrock granites (This fits well with the account of creation in Genesis 1). (2) A several-thousand-year age of the earth (This agrees with biblical chronology of about 6,000 years back to creation). (3) The formation of coal deposits in less than a year (This agrees with the record of the flood in Genesis 7 and 8).

In addition, Gentry cites

evidence in support of a universe with an absolute center around which all the galaxies are revolving. The appendix of the book includes a reprint of one of Gentry's most important papers, which was presented before the Pacific Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. In it Gentry discusses how the movement of the galaxy through the CMR (cosmic microwave radiation) provides evidence of an absolute reference frame, thereby invalidating the theory of relativity and the Big Bang.

*Creation's Tiny Mystery* deals also with Gentry's testimony as an expert witness for creation science at the Arkansas creation trial in 1981 and with his effort to bring this information before the scientific community and the world. The story becomes fascinating as we see how the scientific establishment has largely ignored and tried to suppress the evidence for creation. All this is well documented and shows that discrimination against unpopular views exists even in the very highest circles of science.

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Bear in mind that children of all ages have one thing in common—they close their ears to advice and open their eyes to example.

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# To Repeat . . .

## What Sabbathkeepers have said or written— about people, places, situations, attitudes, or ideas.

Well, here it is once again, the blessed, restful Sabbath evening! What a joy to have it waiting, with arms open, to enfold us as a mother does her children, comforting them in peace and safety!

*John Bennett, BSA board member, in a personal letter.*

It should be the business of Christians to see to it that the persecution of Christians is as prominently identified with Communism as the persecution of Jews is with Nazism. I know it is tempting to think of such things only happening in some dim era in history or coming in some dreadful future Apocalyptic time, but, my dear Christian friend, they are happening now! I believe the age of Antichrist may be upon us. Is it too much to ask of us to pray for our fellow Christians, to remember them, to have compassion, to be "co-martyrs" with their suffering? Can suffering Christians be included in our daily prayers?

*Kenneth Westby, Executive Director, Association for Christian Development, in an editorial in the July/Aug. ACD Newsletter.*

As long as we think we have more in common with a racial or economic group than we have with fellow Christians, we have not grasped what Christ has done in "making of the two one new man" (Eph. 2:15).

*Nyaniso James Siwane, delegate from South Africa to the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation meetings in Rhode Island, August 1986.*

My father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, preached for about fifty-five years that the gospel was NOT A MESSAGE ABOUT CHRIST—but the message HE BROUGHT! He was *absolutely correct*—as far as he went! But the Bible plainly says the true gospel INCLUDES BOTH! It is a message about the fact of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection . . . . AND it is the message HE BROUGHT! My father believed he had restored the gospel. In a large measure, he did! But in his completely sincere and well-meaning zeal to preach the *message* Christ brought, he tended to overlook the part *about the messenger!*

*Garner Ted Armstrong, in an article in the July/August issue of Twentieth Century Watch.*

Church schools are not "angel factories" stamping "perfect" on all who pass through.

*Dorothy Eaton Watts, a church school teacher, in an article (Adventist Review, Oct. 30) about the power of the Holy Spirit as the major difference between church and public schools.*

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# News (and Commentary)

**Nicaragua has nationalized a 112-bed Adventist hospital,** making it government property, and allows only books printed in East Germany, teaching communist doctrine, to be used in SDA schools. Lesson plans are censored. In 1982, the Sandinista rulers seized Mormon, Jehovah's Witness, and Adventist churches. SDA's later got their's back. The others didn't. Anyone wishing to conduct a home Bible study must obtain permission from his block watcher, a government agent who oversees the activities of families in their houses. Adventists ministers and laymen have been arrested for preaching the second coming of Christ, a belief the Sandinistas call subversive. The SDA church lacks leadership, due to suppression of clerical training. All this is reported by Christians in Crisis, a human rights group for Sabbathkeepers (1111 Fairgrounds Rd., Grand Rapids, MN 55744).

**Churches must teach children proper sexual behavior** to reduce the spread of AIDS, says U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. "We must approach our young people . . . on sexual matters [with] frankness we've never had before . . . With AIDS . . . one mistake can kill you." He said churches can play a strategic role in fighting AIDS.

**Sin fills our hospital beds.** Alcohol and drug abuse, VD, poor diet, crime, negligence, lack of sanitation, unforgiving attitudes, pornography, stress from a Godless society, and other antibiblical factors cause most, though not all, of our serious physical and mental ills. Think about it.

**Protestantism is declining**

in West Germany, due to a levy on church membership averaging 8% of a taxpayer's bill. Protestants, now a majority, because Catholics are less likely to quit church to save money. What would Martin Luther think, both of government hostility to religion and of people's tolerance for it?

Perhaps we should pity the **poor Bible translator**, rather than criticizing him when he doesn't render a word or a clause exactly our way. An article on language in the Dec. '86 issue of *PC World*, a computer magazine, showed just what a range of meanings a particular phrase can have. A well-known quotation from the King James Version was translated to Russian and back to English. What began as, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," became, "The vodka is agreeable, but the meat has spoiled."

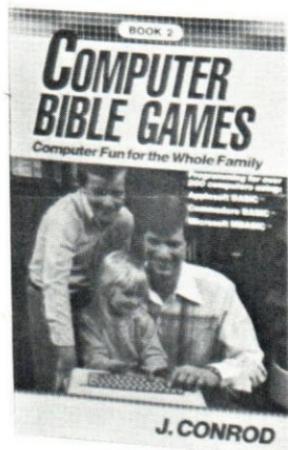
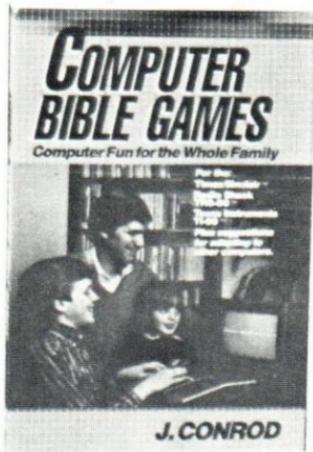
**"The decline of the American family** constitutes perhaps the greatest long-term threat to our children's well-being," said U.S. Education Secretary William Bennett at a Nov. '86 Family Focus symposium in Chicago. Reducing teen suicide, drug use, and pregnancy requires a renewed family, he remarked, noting that huge increases in welfare from 1960 and 1980 did not stop the rise of teen crime and immorality. Rosalynn Carter told the group that federal and state policies must help families stay together. The former First Lady said, "Nearly a quarter of today's kids live in poverty; and the number rises dramatically when you look at single parent families . . . Confident and competent parents raise mentally . . . healthy kids."

# Computers, the Church, the Bible

While many resist the computer age, New Covenant Ministries is taking full advantage of these new machines. Director John A. Conrod and his wife, Joyce, got started in this specialized ministry by developing Bible-oriented computer games for their children. Their nonprofit Christian ministry has expanded to provide a full range of services, including computerized accounting and auditing services for churches and Christian churches.

Conrod, an ordained Seventh Day Baptist minister with B.A. and M. Div. degrees, is available for interim pulpit supply, evangelistic meetings, missionary programs, Christian radio and television presentations. The ministry also offers literature and tracts.

New Covenant's computer Bible games have been published in two books. Game titles currently available for most BASIC language home computers include the Noah's Ark Game, The Great Commission Game, Old Testament Books Scramble, New Testament Personalities, Bible Geography Scramble, and The Prodigal Son Adventure. Games with a Sabbath emphasis include Manna from Heaven, Bible Vocabulary Scramble, and New Testament Memory Verses. Recently these games were expanded for use on the IBM-PC computer. You can obtain more information by writing to New Covenant Ministries at 2269 Field St., Lakewood, CO 80215.



**Computer Bible Games, Books 1  
and 2 by John Conrod.**



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# Orchids and Onions

## Pastor Accepts Sabbath

A friend of mine who is pastor of a full-gospel Sunday church in Winnipeg has just taken a stand for God's seventh-day Sabbath. Both he and his wife are ordained pastors of the church. They are hoping to lead the whole congregation into the Sabbath, but they will need your assistance in doing so. I am enclosing \$10 to cover the cost of as many Sabbath tracts as can be purchased for this amount. He would like to place them at the back of the church so that both visitors and members of the congregations may have access to them.

Raymond E. Fulford  
Chilliwack, B.C.

## Correction

I read the article in the October issue concerning my pending lawsuit against officials of the Oregon State Penitentiary; however there are a few mistakes in it. First of all, I am a true Seventh-day Adventist and my studies have been conducted through the "Lazarus Prison Ministry" of the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, pastored by Chaplain Noah Toates, not the Salem SDA church as the article suggests. Secondly, my lawsuit was filed in the amount of \$60,000, not \$20,000. Now my attorney has amended the complaint and raised the amount to \$140,000.

James E. Kyles  
Salem, Oregon

## Searching from Prison

I am a retired preacher and incarcerated. I feel God has given me this opportunity to "sit down and reason" with Him. It has been heavy on my heart that we keep the first day of the week; but as most, I felt it was my own dissatisfaction and so I went on preaching like the others, leaving out one of the Ten Commandments. A brother Elder Wilson came with his seventh-day assembly to preach and sing for us one day and it only made thoughts of keeping the Sabbath as His holy day. It lies very strong on my heart as I search for the truth. I would appreciate any material you could send.

Y.R.  
Greencastle, Indiana

## Results from BSA Tracts

I have given the tracts entitled "Roman Catholic Confessions about Sunday" and "Protestant Confessions about Sunday" to a couple of minister friends of mine. At first they weren't exactly for the Sabbath truth, but as soon as they read these two tracts, they started to keep the Sabbath faithfully. We see BSA membership as a great opportunity for us to minister to Sabbathkeeping groups.

Chaplain Paul  
Wichita Falls, Texas

*Editor's note: Do you know any ministers (or anybody) you could give these tracts to?*

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