

"Disappointments and Open Doors"

The Scriptural Setting

- Paul returning to Asia Minor - Bithynia
- Encountering Difficulties and Obstacles -
- No real opportunity to share the Gospel.
- Knowing Paul, this was a terrible disappointment
- So he came to Troas, a second choice,
 - Feeling a heavy sense of frustration.
 - Watching the ships move across the narrow straits.
 - Wondering about the people and world on the other side.
- Then the Dream and the Open Door.

The Disappointments and the Open Doors

- Moses in the wilderness.
- Joseph being sold into slavery and becoming a great servant.
- George Washington -

His tough iteration in 1754. Early 20's

- Defeated at Fort Mifflin.
- Hasty action before reinforcements came.
- Officers were called "Drunkards & Debauchees"
- Report on French plans looked like a clever scheme to advance the interests of a private land company.

Douglas Freeman:

"Just when one is about to exclaim about some mistreatment, 'What an outrage!' one reflects and says instead, 'What a preparation!'"

Ole Bull, great violinist, playing a concert in Paris. A string broke. He transposed and played on three strings.

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The Disappointments of Handicaps and Frustrations

① Some of historical greats.

- Beethoven was deaf - yet beautiful music.
- John Milton was blind - yet he wrote.
- Louis Pasteur - great researcher chemist, yet a paralytic stroke at 46.

② Present Day People.

- Chaplain lillie with the V.A. as a Chaplain without any arms.
- Mentally retarded children the nice lessons people say they have been taught.

③ We all live with frustrations and handicaps

- some mental, some environmental, some physical.

④ These four Lead us Through Open Doors.

- Focus on the problem spiritually.
- Lewis Hunger
- Or some 4 cylinder Version

The Failure of Human Ambitions

① Some of historical illustrations.

- Phillips Brooks, failure as a school teacher, his writing about scholars!

"They are the most disagreeable set of creatures without exceptions that I have ever met with. . . . I am really ashamed of it but I am tired, cross and almost dead, so good night."

After being dropped in father!

"Phillips will not see anyone now, but after he is over the feeling of mortification, he will come and see you."

How he became a Minister!

"Dear Mr. Brooks: I am a tailor in a little shop near your church. Whenever I have the opportunity I always go to hear you preach. Each time I hear you preach I seem to forget all about you, for you make me think of God."

- Admiral Judson

- Starts for India. Spent a year trying to get in and get started.

- Then goes to Burma where he gave his life.

② All of us deal with the failure of Human Ambitions.

- He wanted a home, but this was not to be,

- He wanted a certain job

- He had such high hopes for our children.

③ Beyond All This is the Open Door.

Disappointments in Human Relations

① We want to settle for the easy and surface in friendship.

- But there is no lasting power or meaning here.

- Beyond is the Open Door.

② Looking for the servants of the Church.

- Many first class people who are simply too busy or too involved.

- So we settle gratefully for what can be found.

- Jesus came to simple, earthy men.

The Ultimate Failure of All Earthly Achievements

① The failure of our human, tangible and fleshly resources

- Lovely house, good income - vaguestness.

- Passion of the fleeting moment.

- Pleasure, the flying sex - thanksgiving.

- Human resources - virtue and magnanimity.

② After an broken man, comes Chris.

- Elizabeth hum.

The Health of Chris and his Cross.

① He got Froas, not Butlymia.

② He offers in down for the same.



YMCA SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH



First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

January 29, 1961

Nine-thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"If any man be in Christ he is a new creation: behold, old things have passed away and all things have become new."

THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO GUIDE AND TO CHEER

Prelude—**"Fantasia" Beobide
"Carillon" Delemarter

Choral Call to Worship—*"We Come Before Thy Presence"
**"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Processional Hymn—"Lead On, Oh King Eternal" 363

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Responsive Reading 2

Choral Call to Prayer—*Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"
**"Father Almighty, Bless us With Thy Blessing"

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response—*"Hear Me, O God"
**"Bow Down Thy Ear"

Anthem—*"Christ We Adore Thee" Dubois

**"Come Thou Almighty King" Whitehead

Come, Thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing,
Help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
Come, Thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend; come, and Thy people bless
And give thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend!
Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear,
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art,
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power!
To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
Hence evermore: Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity Love and adore.

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings

Offertory Hymn—"The Son of God Goes Forth to War" 358

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—**"Verset" Franck

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Vocal Solo—**"The Lord is My Light" Allitsen

Mrs. James Smart, contralto

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"Disappointments and Open Doors"

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 393

Benediction

Choral Response and Postlude

*First Service Only

**Second Service

*****Ushers Will Seat Latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Rev. Babcock at the main door and Rev. Rowe at the side door.

The service is broadcast this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 and is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lawton.

EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

Prelude

Call to Worship and Invocation

Period of Hymn Singing

Scripture

Prayer

Special Music by Youth Choir *Primary choir*

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn

Offering

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 1:30 p.m.—Meet in Youth Room for Southeastern Association Youth Rally at Viborg

5:30 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults)

6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case BYF (Junior High)

6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session IV—Church History

6:00 p.m.—School of Missions

TUESDAY, 4:15 p.m.—Children's Discipleship Class

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal

6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper

7:00 p.m.—Prayer Service

7:00 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal

7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal

8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal

8:15 p.m.—Council

THURSDAY, Noon—Executive Board of Women's Mission Society

1:00 p.m.—Women's Mission Society Luncheon

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.—Father-Son Banquet in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY—10:00 a.m.—Children's Discipleship Class

6:30 p.m.—UCYM Banquet—First Presbyterian Church

CHURCH STAFF

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Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor

Rev. Albert H. Babcock.....Christian

Education

Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life

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Miss Margaret Clark.....Pastor's

Assistant

Mrs. Clarence Anderson.....Church

Hostess.....Mrs. Hilda Bockelman

Musicians:

Dr. Lee Bright.....Director

Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist

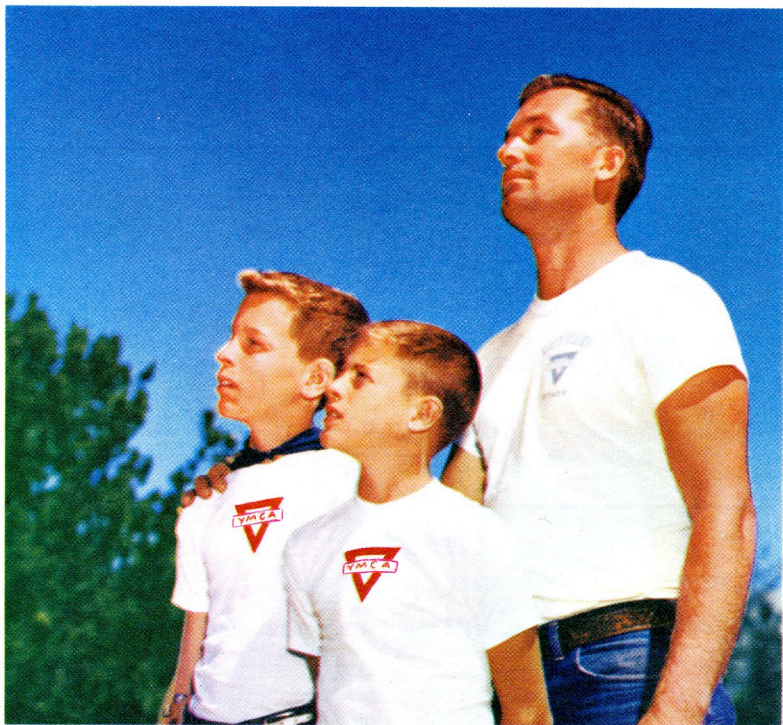
Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth

Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children

Sextons:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand

Mr. Lamont Reichelt



A FORCE FOR CHRIST

Today our Church pays tribute to the Young Men's Christian Association for its work with young people.

Seldom, if ever, in history has such an organization made such an indelible mark for Christ upon youth.

Since 1844, for 117 years, this great world-wide fellowship of both young people and adults has worked unselfishly to give youth the foundations for a practical application of Christian principles in everyday life.

It has been a faithful partner of the Church, and a highly effective partner.

Today, on YMCA Sunday, our Church honors the Young Men's Christian Association for its dedication to young people. With God's blessing, may it continue to be a militant Force for Christ in America and throughout the world.

"Not Disobedient To The Heavenly Vision"

**"Wherefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."
(Acts 26:19)**

There come to all of us great moments of insight and awareness which can change the whole course of a person's life. This is a time when it seems the door is open and significant decisions are made. Without such moments life can become a poor, drab affair. This can happen to us in study in a day of intellectual awakening which can change everything. This often happens when love comes to a life. Like the once popular song put it, "Love walked right in and drove the shadows away." This can also happen when a person is made aware of a great and desperate need so that mercy is kindled and life is never again the same. These are all times of vision.

Of course, this has happened to many of us as we have come to know God. Life's greatest moment is the opening of one's inner self to the profound mystery of God. This happened to the great apostle, Paul. Here was a man of tremendous capacities. He had been given emotional and intellectual capacities far beyond that of most people. He had the gift of courage and a tremendous ability to organize. As we all know he used these capacities to fight the Christian cause with fury and passion. Then one day he stood by and watched the stoning of a simple Christian man whose name was Stephen. The amazing thing about Stephen's death which laid hold on Saul was the way he died. His death was not a whimper or a curse it was a shout of glory.

Most people who have studied carefully the conversion and life of this man are convinced the death of Stephen had a profound effect on the life of Saul. For a few weeks longer he gave himself with a relentless compulsion to destroying the church but then came the Damascus Road with its blinding light, its humiliating blindness and most of all the power of the Risen Christ. Three times at least Paul testifies to this profound, wonder-working moment. This was the decisive juncture which changed everything for this man.

Now years later at the end of a tremendous life of service, witness and passion given freely for the Christ of the Damascus Road, Paul stood on trial before Agrippa. After relating his con-

version account again this scarred veteran says simply, **"I have not been disobedient to the heavenly vision."** Can any man say more than this?

All Christian history has been marked by the men who had a vision of the Lord by one means or another and have been faithful to that holy moment. This is true all the way from Simon Peter, who cried out to the Christ after the resurrection, "Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee," to Martin Luther saying, "Here I stand," to John Wesley, whose heart was "strangely warmed" to the simple Christian of today who has been gripped by a vision bigger than he is and to which he must remain loyal. There is perhaps no greater need than that we should be sensitive and open enough to catch again that redeeming vision which can change our world. We have been so concerned with the dimension of depth that we have lost the dimension of height. We need not only look in but up. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, one of our great American Baptist pastors, at the conclusion of his presidency of the National Council of Churches said, "I vividly remember the evening when I committed my heart to Christ in a revival meeting in the little Swedish Baptist Church in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. All that is best in my life dates from that moment." This is like saying, "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

On this day we are reminding ourselves of the needs of the Christian church. This is a time unparalleled in all our history because of the opportunities which have come to us. Think of the opportunities we have been given to minister as an act of mercy. All about are the lonely, unhappy and broken people who are trying somehow to make a go of things. Think of the aged, of the families struggling to stay together or the young people needing love and guidance. Will the church seize this opportunity? Or there is the cry for an intellectual and moral leadership which people want the church to answer. Can we define our faith so that people will understand it on the great university campuses or in labor

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unions or in the armed services? Can the church find the leadership to face this opportunity? There is the ministry of the renewal of the church. Can we stir up the laity and so understand our calling that once again we become the church of the living God?

Our great need in all of this is not simply for quantity but it is for a quality of manpower which will give itself like the Apostle Paul without fear or favor. The service of the church in the name of Christ does not promise prestige or adequate pay. As a matter of fact it offers one all the discouragements of institutional religion. There are temptations on every hand. The temptations of pride, laziness and passions. But beyond all this is the great fulfillment of having seen God's dream and having given oneself to it with a stubborn faithfulness. It is this you are invited to consider today."

—An Abstract of the Sermon
Preached by Pastor Fredrikson
on January 22, 1961

ANNUAL FATHER-SON BANQUET

Plans are concluded for the Father-Son Banquet to be held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 3rd. Tickets will be available from Earl Gerlach and the ushers at one dollar each, or they can be secured at the time of the banquet.

Bill Adams, famous speaking coach from Southwest High School, Minneapolis, will present his stirring message. Maurice Paulsen will stage his Puppets, and fine movies will entertain the young fry during the speech.

You won't want to miss this!

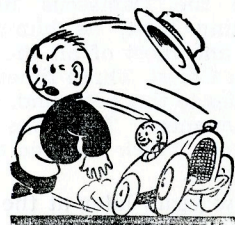
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A WORD FROM THE MINISTER OF NEW LIFE

Youth Month began last Sunday with a very meaningful Commissioning of Miss Erva Robinson to Christian Center work in the American Home Mission Societies. I believe that all of us sensed an awareness of God in the midst of our Morning Worship as we witnessed this act of dedication.

In the afternoon, about 30 young people and adults gathered in the Church Parlor to participate in an informal discussion with Rev. Carl Locke concerning vocations within the Christian ministries. We ought to be grateful for the number of young people in our church who are thinking seriously about their future and the part that God shall play in their lives.

On last Saturday evening the Evangelism and Church Membership Committee conducted another meaningful houseparty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Day. It is always a thrilling experience for our members and friends of the church to gather in fellowship and in thinking deeply about the Church of Jesus Christ and our relationship as Baptists within that church. One cannot be a part of this experience without feeling that here the church is daring to step out and become the redemptive body that God intended.

I was reading this week in a sermon about Job, how he knew the satisfaction that comes from sharing bread with others. He even said, "or have I eaten any morsel myself alone?" The world does not look with much criticism on those who choose to "eat their morsel alone." However, if we dare to search the Scriptures and be servants of God, we know that our Lord never ate alone but shared and gave all that he had. When we know this fact the world is transformed and we have become the body of Christ in its midst.

Jim Rowe

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THIS SUNDAY

Church School—Classes for all ages

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Services

"Disappointments and Open Doors"

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

7:00 p.m.—Evening Service

"The Meaning of the Revolution"—Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

Nursery Care at All Services

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You will notice on another page in the Times some of the major features of Youth and Missions Month, which begins this coming Sunday. If this schedule is carefully used it will not necessitate our putting out a special folder or leaflet. Our youth emphasis and the School of Missions are being combined in what can be a great learning and inspirational experience. The theme the young people are using is "And Be Renewed" and the theme of the School of Missions is "The Witness of the Christian Church to the American Culture." Both these themes can speak to us with real power and relevance.

Please notice that each Sunday night there are groups or classes for all ages. (The Membership Class will continue in Room 111.) The Evening Service then will be a 7 o'clock which will make it easier for families to attend. We will introduce our special guests from week to week. This Sunday at the 6 o'clock class, Professor Richard Sol-

berg will be the speaker. The Pastor will preach in the Evening Service. The theme being dealt with is an attempt to look at the revolution through which the church is passing with the culture of which it is a part.

Fathers, may I call your attention to the wonderful plans for the Father-Son Banquet, February 3. We will ask you to check on cards this Sunday your plans to attend if you have not made reservations. Talk it over at home and make your plans to be a part of this affair.

Your attendance and support of our church program in these wintry months is an inspiration. Many of you made comments about the Commissioning of Erva Robinson this last Sunday. I do think we could do a better job on the Midweek Service. Many of you are denying yourself the opportunity of real Christian growth through this fellowship.

In Christian Love,

R.L.F.

THE WITNESS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH TO THE AMERICAN CULTURE

AN INVITATION TO LEARNING AND INSPIRATION

Youth and Missions Month Sunday Evening Schedule

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| 6 p.m.—Groups for all ages: | 4th, 5th and 6th Grades— |
| Babies—Crib Room | Room 301 |
| Toddlers and Nursery Children— | Junior High—Youth Room |
| Toddlers Room | Senior High—Room 216 |
| Pre-School and Kindergarten— | College Age—Fellowship Hall |
| Room 202 | Adults—Parlor (Room 112) |
| 1st, 2nd and 3rd Grades— | 7 p.m.—Worship for families (Crib |
| Room 312 | Room and Toddlers Room open) |
| | 8 p.m.—Benediction |

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (Adult Coordinator, Mrs. Wm. H. Heuermann)

January 29—"The Meaning of the Revolution"

- 6 p.m.—Dr. Richard Solberg—Augustana College
7 p.m.—Dr. Roger Fredrikson preaching

February 3—Father-Son Banquet—Mr. Bill Adams, Minneapolis, Speaker

February 4—City-Wide UCYM Banquet—Mr. Bill Adams, Minneapolis, Speaker

February 5—"The Challenge of Minorities"

- 6 p.m.—Mr. Kenyon Cull, Episcopal Missionary to Indians, Springfield, S. D.
7 p.m.—Mr. Kenyon Cull preaching

February 12—Boy Scout Sunday "The Community to which We Belong"

- 6 p.m.—Rev. Oliver Bergelund—Lutheran Welfare Society, Sioux Falls; Mr. Elmer Garness—S. Dak. Children's Home

- 7 p.m.—Rev. Oliver Bergelund preaching

February 19—Church World Service Clothing Sunday

"The Age of Discontent"

- 6 p.m.—Panel of First Baptist Youth
7 p.m.—Spotlight on Youth
Service by our own youth
Rev. Al Babcock preaching

February 25—All Youth Banquet—Rev. Jim Middleton, Speaker

February 26—America For Christ Offering—"Not Being Conformed but Being Renewed"

- 6 p.m.—Rev. Selmer Heen—East Side Lutheran Church
7 p.m.—Youth Pastors preaching

March 5—"Commitment Even in the Outside Camp"

- 6 p.m.—Judge Wm. H. Heuermann and Mr. Sam Hasegawa
7 p.m.—Service of Communion and Dedication
Rev. James Rowe preaching

LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE

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| Attendance: | January 22 |
| Church School | 641 |
| Morning Worship | 1140 |
| Children and Teachers..... | 319 |
| Sanctuary Services | 821 |
| Midweek Prayer Service..... | 97 |
| Evening Service | 149 |
| Contributions | \$1571.39 |

THE MINISTRY OF REMEMBRANCE

"I am the Resurrection and the life: he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."

In the fellowship of the risen Christ we extend our hand of understanding to **Mrs. Henry Miller** in the death of her sister.

On this lovely day which God has given us, we welcome you to our Service. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's Assistant, bringing you a word of greeting from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. We are glad that you have joined us today. In this age of tension and crisis, it is fitting that we turn to this quiet place to seek God's answers to our inner restlessness. Because you cannot be with us in the sanctuary for one reason or another, we bring this service to you in the realization that God is not bounded by time or place or circumstance but is present wherever hearts are open to receive him.

The Sanctuary Choir has just sung COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING by Whitehead. The offertory solo THE LORD IS MY LIGHT will be sung this morning by Mrs. James Smart, contralto.

Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic DISAPPOINTMENTS AND OPEN DOORS.

We invite you to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:00. In connection with the School of Missions which begins this evening at 6 o'clock, Pastor Fredrikson will be speaking on the subject THE MEANING OF THE REVOLUTION.

Before we return to the Sanctuary let me say once again how happy we are that you are with us today. It is our hope that you will sense here the presence of God and in that presence come to know His strength, His forgiveness and His peace. Should you be in need of spiritual counsel or guidance feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. The doors of this church are always open to those who desire to meet God and walk with Him. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that this is God's House and it is in His Spirit that we seek to minister to you.