

SERMONS FOR 1958

January 5	"Praying in a Solitary Place"
January 12	"I Make All Things New"
January 19	"The Church in Your House"
January 26	"This Is My Prayer"
February 2	"Unless I See, I Will Not Believe" "Prescription for Anxiety"
February 23	"Life's Ultimate Question" "The Imitation of Christ"
March 2	"Drinking His Cup"
March 16	"The Joy of Obedience"
March 23	"What Will He Do With Me?"
March 30	"A Community Under the Cross"
April 6	"Glory in the Morning"
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April 27	"The Peace That Passes Understanding" "Maintain the Spiritual Glow"
May 4	"When the Answer Stands at the Door"
May 18	"The Freedom of the Spirit"
July 6	"Entrusted With the Gospel"
July 13	"Satellites and Saints"
July 27	"I Now Bid You Take Heart"
August 17	"A House Divided Against Itself"
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September 7	"Who Belongs to the Church?"
September 14	"The Life of the Church" "Dialing Long Distance"
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September 28	"When He Came to Himself"
October 5	"The Claim of Home on All of Us"
October 12	"Christian Conscience and Our World"
October 19	"Can You Keep the Song"
October 26	"Justification by Faith" "You Lack One Thing"
November 2	"Our Understanding of Baptism" "Light the Dark Streets"
November 9	"Invitation to Greatness"
November 16	"The Cost of Being a Christian"
November 23	"Jesus and Our Money"
November 30	"The Responsibility of Receiving" "The Galilean Accent"
December 7	"Now Concerning the Offering" "The Great Invitation"
December 21	"Be Not Afraid"
December 28	"I Am the First and the Last"

The Morning Worship Service

First Baptist Church

Ottawa, Kansas

January 12, 1958

Broadcast on Station KOFO

Ten 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

Organ Prelude "Prelude" Corelli
(Congregation in Silent Prayer)

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship No. 134 "Come, My Soul, Thou Must be Waking" Haydn
(Congregation Standing)

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gloria

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures Revelation 21:1-8

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings

Children's Recessional Hymn No. 261 "Fairest Lord Jesus" Volkslieder
(Congregation Standing)

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

All things are Thine, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. We thank Thee for the abundance of Thy provision for our temporal needs, as well as for the deeper needs of the soul. And in gratitude we make these offerings, for the greater glory of him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, that we through his poverty might become rich. Amen

STRENGTH FOR TODAY, BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Anthem "O Lord Thou Hast Searched Me Out" Wolff
solo part Don Manley

O Lord, Thou hast searched me out, and known me;
Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
Thou understandest my thoughts long before.
Thou art about my path and about my bed and spiest,
and spiest out all my ways.
Try me, O God, and seek the ground of my heart;
prove me, prove me, and examine my thoughts.
O God, Thou hast searched me out and known me.

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"I Make All Things New"

Over

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Decision No. 378 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Smart
(Congregation Standing) (verses 1, 3, 4 and 5)

(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite with the church are invited to come forward and state their purpose at this time.)

Benediction

Parting Blessing

Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day;
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

Postlude

* * * * * Ushers will seat latecomers

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Period of Informal Singing

Reading of the Scriptures Ben Park

Prayer Hymn

The Evening Prayer Al Harvey

Announcements and Offering

Offertory "I Would Be Like Jesus" Ackley
Girls Voices

Message by Mr. Robert Winchester

"MY FATHER'S BUSINESS"

Hymn of Invitation

Benediction and Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are happy that you are worshipping with us today. We rejoice in the return of all you college students who are back from vacation. We hope all of you have a wonderful year in 1958.

The Laymen of our church will give leadership in the service tonight. We urge good support for this service. It is encouraging to see laymen taking a place of leadership in our church. The message that **Mr. Winchester** is bringing is the one that he gave at Olathe on Laymen's Sunday.

The **Roger Williams Fellowship** will be having a Fellowship Chupper in the church dining room at **6:00**. The program will be a simple fellowship affair and announcements will be made about the mid-year retreat.

This Tuesday night, **January 14** there will be a **Laymen's Dinner** at the North Baptist Church. The dinner will start at **7:00 p.m.** and the program will begin at 8:00. A number of our men will conduct a demonstration in "How to Usher." All those who are attending are asked to bring a young person with them. The cost of the dinner will be \$1.00 per plate. The speaker will be Bill Wheaton, a prominent laymen from western Kansas. Call the church office if you are interested.

The **Pastor** will be in Scott City through Wednesday night for a Mission to the High School and city. We hope many of you will remember this work in prayer.

I Make All Things New

Introduction

- ✓ The strangest book of the Bible is Revelation
- Visions, Symbols and Numbers
 - Hence struggle in the whole cosmos,
 - It speaks of What God is going to do.
 - ^{More than man will do.} Yet this book is addressed to every age and time that has known suffering or uncertainty.

✓ In the first Century the Christian Church had to live with conflict and uncertainty

① Under Nero is was ridicule and boycott

② Under Domitian near the end of the Century it became open opposition.

- They were forced that the Emperor was God & Lord.
- Christians could not do this - Jesus is Lord was their confession.
- So they found themselves in bitter conflict.

③ One of the Christian leaders found himself in exile.

- Might have been working in the rock quarries
- In the midst of lonely worship came a vision - an ecstasy.

There Is A Message For The Churches - Church Stands.

- ① Lost its Love -
- ② Preach For Tolerance -
- ③ Compromising -
- ④ Sleeping Church -
- ⑤ Church that is Like Warm -

There Is A Scroll Which No One Can Open
- Only the Lion of Judah

There Is Fierce Battle - Terrible Struggle between

God and Evil.
~~Seven Angels~~

- ① Four Horse Men
- ② Seven Trumpets
- ③ Seven Bowls
- ④ A Beast Out of the Sea
- ⑤ A Harlot Giving Drink To A Child.

- Four Eagles winging its way across the sky
- Silence for Half An Hour.

All Throughout there is the Presence of Worship
- ~~Wonder & adoration~~ at Creation.

- Whole Multitudes bringing Praise.
- All Nature and Creation bringing Praise.

The Sovereignty of God

① The purposes of God are being worked out.

- This God Who creates and sustains will have out.

- His longing to form a community of men in which all things shall be complete at the end of Revelation.

- To Accomplish This He overcomes Evil.

② The Downfall of Rome:

"I saw another angel coming down from Heaven, armed with great authority. The earth shone with the splendor of his presence, and he cried with a mighty voice:

"Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great! She has become a haunt of devils, a prison for every unclean spirit, and a cage for every filthy and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk the wine of her passionate unfaithfulness and have fallen thereby. The kings of the earth have debauched themselves with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the extravagance of her dissipation!"

- Victor Hugo - About Napoleon
"God got tired of him."

Jesus Christ, The Lamb, Has Overcome

- ① This One Who came in such weakness is now shown as the Victor.

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein saying, 'To him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!'"

- ② This is the basis of hope for those in suffering as it is for us today.

- We have so many fleeting, fragmentary hopes that vanish.

- ③ This is the basis for overcoming our defeats

- Daily discouragements

- Our child comes home from school hurt.

- We are rebuffed by friends

- Life's tragedies - Those of all death.

"Bishop of Atlanta preaching on Life Everlasting. Expression changed; he looked at his wife."

"Death is like going through an open door.

We shed one garment and put on another. It is
not hard to die." —

Went to hospital and died.

5.

In Worshipping We Are United With All The Saints

① The songs and praises of the Sederim, of the Apostles, and of the Martyrs.

- The Martyrs in their white robes

② We are united with them.

③ We need a new theology of death and life after death - we are all one in Christ.

④ Only the forgiven sinner knows this.

5 Make All Things New.

① Each Day is New with possibilities.

② Each life can become New.

③ All Creation can become New.

- God will Live With New.

- He is the beginning and the End.

① Welcome

- Sigma Delta Pi

- Sigma Kappa

② Evening Service - Baptism
College Students

- Coffee & King -

③ Annual Dinner -

- Announcements 6:15

- Election

The Church in Your House

Introduction

- Hope that people will come to our congregational meeting expectantly and prayerfully.
- That we can make certain basic decisions about the deepening of our spiritual life.
- This message is meant to help prepare you for these decisions.

Great Questions About the Church

- ① People have been in the Church and yet have no joy in their faith.
- ② People have no sense of mission or do not understand what the Church is supposed to be doing.
- ③ People want to accept no leadership for our children or young people.
 - Sunday School - none without a teacher.
 - Boy Scouts - one man working with them.
- ④ People who always find fault and who never pray.
- ⑤ The Church seems to have no sense of importance or relevance about the big issues.

Then the People with Great Hungers

- ① The laymen who near the end of his life after working in the Church said: over
- ② We hunger for the reality of God and for a deeper fellowship with our fellow men, but some of what the Church is doing is not meeting that hunger.
 - The usual chatter about the Church as a "happy" fellowship is not enough.
 - The idea of just getting people busy is not enough.
 - The little ideas or small attempts at worship are not enough.

As We Turn To The New Testament

- ① These were imperfect men as we are.
- ② But they had joy, power, peace and a great fearlessness.
- ③ They were opened upward - Phillips.
- ④ Deep, deep sense of community - Gift from God

I have always loved my church. Whenever my minister has made a request of me, I have always accepted and tried to carry it out. There is not one major committee in the church on which I have not served as a member or chairman. Always the relations with my minister were along the lines of church organization. But once - just once before I die - I would like to sit down with my minister and my church friends and think about ways whereby my religion could become a way of life. It has always seemed to me that part of my life has been lying dormant and that I needed to be awakened. I am convinced that I do have some suggestions that might be helpful for Christian growth. Yet I have never had the time to examine either my own life or my faith. Man cannot be organized into a fellowship with God. He must become aware of a need for God and then do his own growing. My church has failed me in this respect."

As The Word in Romans is Striking

"The Church in Your House" - One Line.

① Jesus Built Small Intimate Fellowships

- Martha and Mary at Bethany.
- Zacharias and Simon the Pharisee
- "Where two or three are gathered together in my name."
- The Upper room - Small group in a house.

② The Early Apostolic Church

- Found Joy in Breaking Bread in Homes
- They were not accepted in Synagogues
- So they went to Homes
 - Lydia at Philippi.
 - Apphia and Priscilla at Ephesus.
 - Roman Letter
 - Visiting Your Necks.
 - The Church in Your House.

③ The Church of History

- St Francis of Assisi and his troubadours.
- John Wesley and his Class Meetings.
- Baptists in their history.

Recovery of the Fellowship Groups in Our Time

- Story of the Nine Clinchers
 - Minister in the company of a man who was passing through difficult times.
 - Minister who became terribly aware of his inadequacies.

Nine Clinchers

- ① These fellowships have come about because of a deep need for something deeper than the traditional Clincher Program.
- ② They are always small personal face to face groups, often meeting in homes.
 - You must pay the price of belonging.
 - Giving yourself to one another.
- ③ Deep willingness to seek for Truth.
 - Come to study Bible and serious books.
- ④ Sense of terrific Commitment
 - No mean business. Crew members utterly desired. No passengers over
- ⑤ Waiting on God in prayer and quiet.
- ⑥ Tremendous Evangelistic Impact -

My candidate

"Unreservedly and with abandon commit his life and destiny to Christ and promises to give Him a practical unity in all ^{the} affairs of life."

"I will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness."

"Regardless of expenditures of time, energy and money, I commit myself to becoming an informed, mature Christian."

"I will seek to bring every phase of my life under the lordship of Christ."

5.

This Can Happen To Us

① We Can Start in Your Home

- This has happened in some of our homes.
- Priority of Values
- Give Ourselves to Each Other.
- People being invited to your home.

② We Can Go to Other Homes and Bring Christ there in face to face setting.

- Scott City Experience.
- The Area in Our Town.
- The Welfare Agency.

③ We Can Venture in Small Groups

- ^{Worship} William Fellowship
- Our Senior Heights - On Wednesday Mornings
- Three Experimental Groups -
- Church School Classes can become this

To You You Start With Yourself -

- Answer for God and Answer for Others.

THE CHURCH IN YOUR HOUSE

I am well aware that we cannot organize any kind of spontaneity but I am in hopes that some of the things I say to you today will kindle in you a hunger, a deep hunger for the reality of God and that perhaps there will be some things that we can do in the framework of this church that will help you find satisfaction and growth in the yearnings and hungers of your life. Even though you are not a member of this church, a visitor or a college student or someone who is passing through I am deeply in hopes that something I say can be of help to you.too.

I find, friends, that there are times that I am personally deeply concerned and have fears and questions about the church. There are many ways by which this concern can be stated. I find, for example, something in me ~~something~~ that wonders when I talk to people who have been in the church for years and yet seemingly find no joy in their faith. I am disturbed when I talk to folks who have been in the church a long time but do not have any understanding about the mission nor the nature of the church ~~of~~ which the choir just sang so beautifully, "Built on a Rock".

I am concerned about the fact that many, many times it is extremely difficult to get people to lead the young people and children of our congregation. Do you know that ~~we have had~~ ^{we have had} children's Sunday School classes that have run about the building and elsewhere because the teacher has failed to show up on that particular Sunday and did not bother to let anyone know. And that many many times our greatest difficulty is to find people who with joy and compassion will say, "This I feel I can do. I offer myself to do it." I should like to say that the primary ministry through our boy scout troop in this church is to boys ~~who~~ for the most part whose parents do not go to any church nor in most cases do not care about the church--some within a stone's throw of this church. ~~and~~ Week in and week out ~~the responsibility for the scout program~~ there has been largely one person who has carried the responsibility for the scout program in this church.

I say this only because sometimes we get the idea that it is so easy to enjoy a "good" worship service without ever sensing that one never gets the joy out of ~~the~~

it until he throws himself into it with abandonment.

I must confess that I am concerned about the fact that there are people who always seem to find fault. It is very easy to criticize. And also people who seem to have never known what it is to pray. And in the midst of this there is the awful, awful sense that folks have that the church just has no deep relevance to life. Where big decisions are going on, what difference does the church make?

This week in my reading I came across a tragic statement made by a layman, a man who had been in the church literally all his life had come near the time of retirement and he said in closing his active service to the church as a layman, "I have always loved my church. Whenever my minister has made a request of me, I have always accepted and tried to carry it out. There is not one major committee in the church on which I have not served as a member or chairman. Always the relations with my minister were along the lines of church organization. But once, just once before I die I would like to sit down with my minister and my church friends and think about ways whereby my religion could become a way of life. It has always seemed to me that part of my life has been lying dormant and that I have needed to be awakened. I am convinced that I do have some suggestions that might be helpful for Christian growth. Yet I have never had the time to examine either my own life or my own faith." Then comes this tragic, tragic phrase, "Man cannot be organized into a fellowship with God. He must become aware of a need for God and then do his own growing. My church has failed me in this respect." As I read this I could not help but feel that you will not meet the needs of a man like that with the clatter about "happy fellowship" nor will you meet the needs of this man just by merely trying to get him busy. He has been busy in the church all his life--this man. Nor will you get the job done by simply going ~~with~~ to him with little ideas, small concepts. So that it strikes me that there ^{are} ~~is~~ deep hungers and deep yearnings that folks have never expressed, yet they are there!

And we will not ~~by~~ the traditional kind of church program where we go through the motions meet those deep needs ~~in~~ people's lives.

I find that after I have thought this way and then turned to the New Testament, I am

always moved when I browse through particularly the Book of Acts and I find a sense of joy, a sense of lift and a sense of power which I must confess many times I do not have. And as J. B. Phillips, the great translator of the New Testament, has said, Their lives, these ordinary, common men, in the New Testament seem to be turned Godward in a way that ours are not." And then in my reading I came on the common faults, misgivings, shortcomings like we have. And then I came on this phrase and it struck me. It comes near the end of the Book of Romans. It was read in the scripture this morning, the simple phrase, "The church in your house", and I began to think back through the New Testament. I thought for example of how on so many occasions it talks about Jesus dealing with a small intimate group in someone's home. You remember about Mary and Martha and Lazarus. They were home folks who lived near Jerusalem in a small town called Bethany, ~~where~~ some of Jesus most moving experiences were in that home.

I thought about the times that Jesus sat down to eat dinner with some folks, Zaccheus or Simon, the Pharisee, in a home. And in the course of a conversation some of the most profound things that Jesus taught and said were done in a home, in a house, with a small group. And when all was said and done about what Jesus did, He fundamentally poured His life into the lives of twelve men, an intimate group who time after time sat about meat, or going into a house or moving across a lake together and shared and opened their hearts to one another. And when I came to the story of the Apostolic church, the ~~early~~ first century church I was struck again by this thing--of the places where it said that they sat down together in their homes and there was joy in their hearts.

It is true that on the day Pentecost three thousand people were gathered in the church, a great mass movement. But the fact of the matter is that many of us miss this. It says that there was common joy in every home where they broke bread together. So that there were these intimate small groups with the life and structure of the church. And it is amazing that in many places the strategy of the church seemed to revolve around the home.

Lydia, a woman in a town called Philippi--when Paul and his comrades first came to that city they found a group of women gathering down by a river and the woman, Lydia, finally said, "Why don't you come meet in my home." And the church at Philippi which

became one of the great first century churches met in a home. And when you read about Aquila and Priscilla, they were tentmakers, like carpenters today, and they literally became lay leaders in the first century church.

And when Paul wrote two or three of his letters he spoke about the church that meets in your house. Many, many times they were driven out of the synagogue. They could not meet in public buildings. They tried to rent a hall and sometimes there were riots over that. And so they gathered in a house and there they had a sense of the nearness of God. Do you know that this has been true of the Christian church since then too?

I thought about St. Francis of Assisi who gathered his happy troupadors^{sp} who wondered together and who sang like children because they had joy. When you read about John Wesley, it is a moving story. Four students at Oxford who gathered in a room (students ought to listen to this). "We are dissatisfied with the way we have been living and in that dormitory room a cell started to grow--and that was the beginning of Methodism and John Wesley began to talk about what he called classes, little classes that gathered that accepted a discipline, they shared their lives. And these classes that were made up of 10, 11, 12 people became power units, cells that infected a society until it began to become healthy. And I suppose that it could be said John Wesley and what came out of this movement of a brilliant man of Oxford (we many times think these Christian leaders had no brains) had more effect socially on the life of England than anything for centuries in terms of changing it.

I could say to you quite personally that probably one of the most moving times of my life took place 13½ years ago in the lobby of a hotel in Philadelphia, a hotel that I never walk by without thanking God. Three of us in the early hours of the morning sat having a discussion in the heart of the war and said to ourselves, "If we are tearing the world to pieces in war, than what can we do to try to rebuild it?" Out of that little discussion there came the next day a prayer meeting and out of that prayer was born for whatever it was worth something called the Disciple Plan. It was my privilege for two years across the country to see youth groups and young lives one by one feel the call and the pulling and the tug of the thing and respond to it with great joy. And even now I run into young people who say that at some youth meeting or some place in a church, "I

heard about this and decided that I ~~too~~ wanted to join as a disciple."

You know, we are returning to this small group idea again? Here is a book entitled, "Spiritual Renewal through Personal Groups". It tells the story of 9 churches throughout the country, not a one of them are Baptist I might add. There are 2 or 3 Congregational churches, 2 or 3 Presbyterian and Methodist churches. This book tells of what happened when people got dissatisfied with the way things were going. Let me tell you about one of them.

A Presbyterian minister had a man in his church who passed through deep waters. His daughter had polio. For a long time it was not known whether ~~she~~ she would live or die. Every day this minister journeyed to the hospital, stood outside the door of the hospital room where the girl lay, listening to the sucking sound of the iron lung, and they would stand and pray there in the corridor. When it was discovered that the girl would live even though she might be a cripple, this man who had gone through deep waters with the pastor started coming to the pastor's office. And generally their conversation ended with a bit of prayer. Then finally this man said, "What has happened to me is so good. Why can't it happen to others?" So on a Sunday morning this minister issued a call to all men who wanted to to show up to a morning's meeting and the amazing thing was that 5 men came out of a membership of 2400. But those five men were the beginning of 12 groups that have shaken the life of that church.

I read about a Methodist minister here whose experiences in a sense were akin to my own because I too have sensed as he pointed out in his story a terrible sense of inadequacy--that we are ^{not} dealing with people where they are--that our strategy is up in the air when we are here, and we say if we can just get a man busy, that will take care of everything, and in the midst of the busyness there is the yearning for something. So this minister said, "I started with a group that had a hunger and out of that group there came a renewal." There are certain things these groups have had in common. I only mention them.

First of all they have grown out of a sense of need. I could not any more than the man in the moon organize a spiritual group that would have depth in it unless any one here wanted it. Another thing about these groups is that they were spontaneous. It might be a group of women gathering in a kitchen once a week. It might be a group of doctors gathering in a hospital. That has happened too. --to talk about their needs. It might be a group of folks who gather in their church early in the morning. A third thing about these groups is that they are always small and face to face.

It costs to belong. My friends, there are so many things to which I belong that do not cost me much. And I'm not talking about dues or fees. There are some other things to which I belong that costs me everything I am. One of these is our family. The other is the church. It costs to belong. And the trouble with many people today is that they belong to many things that never makes any great demand on them. So that the power of these groups has been in the costing to belong. Then this is true: there is always the deep willingness to seek for the truth. However the facts come, however they may shock us, however you may be shattered by them, there is this longing to know the truth. So some of these groups have studied the Bible, others have studied serious book of theology but there has always been this yearning for a deeper knowledge of what is true.

Then there has ^{always} been a terrific sense of commitment, I would call it ruthless commitment. Listen to what Cosby's church says in Washington, D.C. "We mean business. Crew members urgently desired. No passengers wanted." So they have kept their membership to about 55 or 60 and once a year they give their members a chance to withdraw if they can't live up to the commitment.

In a public statement that is made when you join this church you say: Unreservedly and with abandon I commit my life and destiny to Christ, and I promise to give Him a practical priority in all the affairs of my life. I will seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. Regardless of expenditures of time, energy and money I commit myself to becoming informed, mature Christian. I will seek to bring every phase of my life under the Lordship of Christ." It will be our opportunity in the middle of February to have two very wonderful people, lay folks, from this church where they make this kind of commitment.

Then finally, may I say there is always the sense of waiting on God in these groups. Sometimes they sit silently and pray. Sometimes they pray verbally.

I make my last point and on this I have great hope. This kind of church in your house philosophy--this kind of small face to face depth group--this kind of cell--this kind of coming together because of a need and a longing for God and for a deeper relationship with other people -- this can happen here. As a matter of fact, it has been happening in some places.

I have had the privilege with my wife of going to homes to make simple dedication of homes. Some of these have been some of the highest experiences we have known. Where with a family - with little youngsters - we have stood about a candle and let that candle

symbolize all that these parents want this home to be. It can start in your home--where you are willing to let the love of God in-- Where you are willing to open yourself to each other--where you might be willing to ask others in to have dinner or coffee with you to talk with them about what your faith means.

It can happen here. May I go beyond this to say it can happen when you go outside your home to somebody's else's home. The first three days of this week I was at Scott City. In one of the messages I mentioned the problem of alcohol. I generally do this because you will find in most every congregation these days someone who is fighting a losing battle. At the back of the church after the service a man waited. When he finally came out he said, "I am one of them". To make a long story short, I was invited the next night to a meeting that I never would have been asked to go to had I not made that simple message in passing. I sat with 11 people in a home and drank coffee with them while they opened their hearts--ruthless honesty--a battle to win over themselves. The questions did not stay only on technique. They got into the question of "how under God can I have victory over myself?"

What I am trying to illustrate is that you can go outside your home to someone else's house when the opportunity comes and the church will be there.

Mrs. Baird of our welfare agency with whom we have been in conversation this week tells us that one of the problems in Franklin County is not simply the matter of getting money to the aged so that they will have something to live on, but the ~~people~~ problem is one of people dying in loneliness. So I said to this good woman, "What would be the chance of people in our church--classes, Boy Scouts, young people's groups, individual families to adopt an old person, a shutin, someone who does not belong to this church, someone who may never belong to any church and to go to that

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THY OWN DEAR PRESENCE TO GUIDE AND TO CHEER

Organ Prelude "Meditation on Brother James Air" Darke
(Congregation in Silent Prayer)

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship No. 577

"For All the Saints, Who From Their Labors Rest" Williams
(Congregation Standing) (verses 1, 4, 5, 6)

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

O Lord, our merciful Father, we pray Thee to look upon us gathered here in Thy presence now, and to shed upon us as a congregation, and upon each of us individually, the helpful spirit of Thy grace, that all our thoughts and desires now may be such as Thou canst sanction and satisfy, and that in our worship we may each of us be aware that we have come into Thy presence.

Gloria

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

Reading of the Holy Scriptures Romans 15:22—16:5

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings

Children's Recessional Hymn No. 480

"In Christ There Is No East or West" Reinagle
(Congregation Standing)

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

O God, who hast set Thy servants in the world to continue among the sons of men the blessed ministry of our Saviour Jesus Christ: be pleased to hear our earnest prayers for the great causes these offerings are designed to promote. May Thy kingdom of righteousness and brotherhood be more perfectly established. May the whole earth be filled with Thy glory. Amen.

STRENGTH FOR TODAY, BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Anthem "Built On a Rock" Christiansen

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"The Church In Your House"

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Decision No. 375 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" Mozart
(Congregation Standing)

(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite with the church are invited to come forward and state their purpose at this time.)

Benediction and Response

Postlude

* * * * * Ushers will seat latecomers

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Period of Informal Singing

Service of Baptism

Prayer Hymn

Reading of the Scriptures

The Evening Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Offertory

Message by Rev. Fredrikson

"YOU CAN HAVE A RADIANT LIFE"

Hymn of Invitation No. 387 "Saviour, Thy Dying Love" Lowry

Benediction and Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are hereby informed of the **Annual Congregational Meeting** which will be a dinner meeting at the Armory at 6:15 p.m. Thursday night **January 23**. We will gather at 6:15 to elect our officers and eat after the election. This will make it possible to install our elected officers at the end of the evening. The dinner will be served at 6:30.

Food arrangements are being made through the church school classes again and the church is furnishing the meat and the drink. Everyone is to bring his own table service. **There will be a Nursery for all young children at the Armory.**

Plans for the pre-Easter Emphasis will be laid before the congregation for approval and some reports will be made. The mortgage on the Mexican Mission will be burned, since that debt has been paid, and we will conclude the evening by installing the new officers and a simple Communion service.

Nominees for church offices were listed in last weeks Visitor. However, lists have been posted in both entrances to the church. In the event you would like to nominate someone for office the Constitution says this can be done by submitting a petition containing 15 names to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, who is **Mr. Wayne Gilliland**. **This must be done by 10:00 a.m. Thursday, January 23.** Nominations can also be made orally from the floor at the time of the election.

① We welcome you!

Mrs. Henderson front door with me.

② Service this evening - Lead by Young People.

③ ~~Month~~ ^{Month} of Spiritual Renewal.

Offering

Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were a present far too small.

Thanks for this glorious Day

- Keep us to be still and know that thou

Art the insight into the Mystery of the Being

Give us Love for each other & the
world
forgiveness for our Mistakes.

This Is My Prayer

Introduction

We have worked together now four years. Our
Cannol come to a Sunday like this without feelings
and thoughts and longings that stir within.

~~1. There is a sense of gratitude that as a~~
~~Church we have kept our forward motion.~~
~~We made some crucial decisions.~~

2. There is also a sense of growing dissatisfaction
with the Church simply carrying on
"business as usual".

- Do we know what the Church is all about?
- What kind of commitment do we have?
How deep is its quality?
- Can we recover a real sense of
brotherhood in ministering to our age?

3. Deepening sense of gratitude to a congregation
that has a great heart.

4. This has been a year of personal trials &
testings. God's grace is sufficient.

The Book of Ephraim. A short letter of six chapters

- This is a letter probably written from jail by Paul.
- Probably passed around from Church to Church.
- This book has a magnificent, staggering understanding of what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be in the Church and where God is taking this universe.

① This Book is concerned with the Purpose of All Creation

- In a time when we stumble from crisis to crisis we need some understanding of purpose.
- In a time of great despair and futility & cynicism we need deep fundamental understanding.

Marion Russell: "Brief and powerless is Man's life;
On him and all his race the slow, sure doom
falls pitiless and dark."

- Ephraim: "The Mystery of His Will... Purpose.
The fulmen of Time... To Unite all Things."

- The purpose of God for all Creation is to
Unite All Things in Christ.
- The movement of all nature & all men,
because of God's directing Fatherhood.
- To break down the middle wall
of partition which has been done in
the Cross.
- Dr. Wedel standing at the edge of the Grand
Canyon: One Million 500 Million Years.
"In the fullness of time." God's purpose.

3.

② The Church Is Central to His Purpose

- As Good as All Creation
- To Reconcile Men to God and to each other.
- It is like a Head and Body.
- It is like a Groom and Bride.

③ We are Called to Chosen to Be Saints

- Throughout the Ages Men have asked about the Mystery of God's Electing Love.
- Like a Lover Choosing A Mate
- Like a Director Choosing an Actor for a Drama.
- To Be Saints - Holiness.

Paul Speaks of his Praying for This Church

① I thank God continually for you.

- Spirit of thanks at the very heart of our faith.
- This thanks is always for the deeper realities.
- If we do not have this spirit we become like the Eder Brothers.

② I never give up praying for you.

- The great value of intercessory prayer - which takes us outside ourselves.
- The Church then becomes a great fellowship of mutual remembrance.

③ This is My Prayer

(A) - That you may ^{have} spiritual wisdom and insight to know God.

- There is a kind of knowing that is outer and factual. We need this.
- But this is the inner apprehension. Knowing God as a friend.

Pascal :

The God of the Christians is not a God who is simply the author of mathematical truths, or the order of the elements, as is the God of the heathen and of Epicureans. Nor is he merely a God who providentially disposes the life and fortunes of men, to crown his worshippers with lengths of happy years. . . . But the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, the God of Christians, is a God of love and consolation, a God who fills the souls and hearts of his own, a God who makes them feel their inward wretchedness, and his infinite mercy, who unites himself to their inmost spirit, filling it with humility and joy, with confidence and love, rendering them incapable of any end other than himself.

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(B) That you may realize how great is the hope to which he is calling you.

- Not only to be reconciled to God.

- But to become a fellow-heir with Christ.

(C) That you may know how immense is the power available to us that believe in God.

- This is the power that brought Christ forth from the dead.

- This is the power which Christ now uses in heaven beyond any earthly control or command.

- This power & life fills the Church.

John Macdon of Princeton Seminary.

The Morning Worship Service

First Baptist Church

Ottawa, Kansas

January 26, 1958

Broadcast on Station KOFO

Ten 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

Organ Prelude—"Trumpet In Dialogue"Clerambault
"How Brightly Shines Yon Morning Star".....Chorale Prelude, Bach
(Congregation in Silent Prayer)

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship No. 253 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"Shrubsole
(Congregation Standing)

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Most Holy Father, may the hush of Thy presence move us now to adoration, and may all voices be stilled that Thine may be heard. To think of Thee, O God, is rest; to know Thee is eternal life; to see Thee is the end of all desire; and to serve Thee is perfect freedom and everlasting joy; therefore, O God, we come to Thee. Hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gloria

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

Reading of the Holy ScripturesEphesians 1:3-23
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings

Children's Recessional Hymn No. 331

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"Converse
(Congregation Standing)

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Doxology

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Our Father, we count it a privilege to be allowed to share in the task of bringing men to know and love Thee. Most gladly therefore do we bring our offering, praying Thy blessing upon it and upon those who have given it. May it be wisely used to the end that human hearts may be freed from ignorance, superstition and vice, and that Thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

STRENGTH FOR TODAY, BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Anthem "Spirit of Mercy, Truth and Love"Chambers
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

"This Is My Prayer"

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Decision No. 358 "The Son of God Goes Forth to War"Cutler
(Congregation Standing)

(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite with the church are invited to come forward and state their purpose at this time.)

Benediction and Response

Postlude

* * * * * Ushers will seat latecomers

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH OFFICERS

At our Annual Church meeting on Thursday night the following officers and board members were elected. It is our hope and prayer that our total congregation will support them in the work these people have to do. There will be a light snack supper served for all these newly elected board members, **Monday evening, January 27**. This supper will begin at 5:30 and be over no later than 8:00. The purpose is to organize and discuss some general matters.

Moderator, B. Smith Haworth

DEACONS AND DEACONESSSES

1958	1959	1960
Robert Bowline	Neil Bullock	Vernon Bear
Herbert Harrah	Henry Gilroy	R. N. Bundy
David Laury	Lawrence Lundstedt	Sam Gray
Raymond Schmidt	Wesley Trout	Robert Winchester
Dale Willhite	Robert Tulloss	Mrs. Fred Evans
Mrs. Marvin Bond	Mrs. Orlis Cox	Miss Virginia Jennings
Mrs. Howard Henderson	Mrs. Paul Gaynor	Mrs. Walter Price

TRUSTEES

1958	1959	1960
John Lamb	Ransom Bennett, Jr.	Paul Gaynor
Robert McCrea	R. M. Clogston	E. E. Haley
Jerome Minnick	Ruel Mitchell	C. W. Hegberg

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Neil Bullock	Mrs. Max Alderman	Wayne Angell
Glen Dick	Mrs. George Lister	Charles Southard
Mrs. Sam Gray	Mrs. Claude Webb	Mrs. Lewis Spencer

We call your attention to our evening service which is the first of two services in which our young people are giving leadership. The total service this evening is being led by the young people. We hope that you will be on hand to give them good support and hear their message. We appreciate the work of **Mrs. William Myers** and our youth leaders in preparing this service.

According to a vote of our congregation at the annual meeting the month of February will be a month of **Spiritual Renewal**. We will begin this month with a Prayer Vigil. We are asking people to come for half hour periods to pray in the church dining room. There will be a prayer guide and each person will pray silently in his own way. Will you sign up on the bulletin board or at the front entrance. We hope you will plan on taking advantage of this opportunity.

The Morning Worship Service

First Baptist Church

Ottawa, Kansas

February 2, 1958

Broadcast on Station KOFO

Ten 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."

BEHOLD, SAYS THE LORD, I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT

Prelude "Intermezzo" Brahms

(Congregation in Silent Prayer)

Choral Call to Worship

Hymn of Worship No. 378 "God of Grace and God of Glory" Smart
(Congregation Standing) (Verses 1, 2 and 3)

Unison Prayer and Lord's Prayer Paula Perkins

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, who has created us for Thyself, so that our hearts are restless, till they find rest in Thee: grant unto us purity of heart and strength of purpose so that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing Thy will, and no weakness from doing it. In Thy light may we see life clearly, and in Thy service find perfect freedom; for Thy mercy's sake. Hear us, O Lord, as we pray together:

Gloria

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LET A MAN EXAMINE HIMSELF

Reading of the Holy Scriptures John 20:19-31

Paul Girling

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Amen

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ALL SHALL KNOW ME FROM THE LEAST TO THE GREATEST

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "Cherubim Song No. 7" Junior High Choir

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Sue Thompson

Receive, O Lord, we pray Thee, these our offerings which we render for the service of Thy church, and for the extension of Thy kingdom, and accept with them our hearts and lives, which we desire to consecrate to Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Communion Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson

"Unless I See I Will Not Believe"

YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD'S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES

Singing of the Communion Hymn No. 379

"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" Zundell

(Congregation Standing) (Verses 1, 3, and 4)

Breaking the Bread

Taking the Cup

Choral Meditation by Choir

Benediction and Response Benjy Park

Postlude

* * * * * Ushers will seat latecomers

Unless I See I Will Not Believe

The Meaning of the Gospel of John

- ① This is an inner Gospel of the Spirit.
 - It deals with abiding in Christ, eating his flesh and drinking his blood, being born again, seeing with the eyes of the soul.
 - These are great needs for our time.
- ② This Gospel deals with the meaning of Christ.
 - His signs reveal his meaning.
 - Opening the eyes of the blind, raising the dead, delivering a man from paralysis.
 - His statements about himself.
 - The Water, the Bread, the Life
- ③ This is a Gospel of Drama, Conflict, Decision.
 - Darkness and Light
 - Life and Death
 - Belief & Unbelief.
- ④ Christ stands Central - No neutral ground.

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~~a~~ These words are written that you might
believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing you may have life in his
name. ⁴

Have chosen an incident of doubt, and unbelief near the end of the Gospel because of the theme of Youth Week: "Help Thou My Unbelief"

This Incident

1. On Resurrection evening - a group of disciples huddled in fear in an upper room
 - Christ appears - "Peace be with you"
 - This greeting takes on great meaning.

2. There was one absent. He could not accept the testimony of the others:

"Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

There Is The Cry of Unbelief in Our Own Age.

This is a typical cry for young people today.

- ① This is a generation that has known crisis and fear.
- ② This is a generation that has lived with the argument if you can get by with a thing it's all right.
- ③ This is a generation that has challenged all authority.
- ④ This is a generation that strongly has not known love.

"Unless I see, I will Not Believe."

This is our mood and cry, too, is it not?

- ① We have looked upon ourselves as practical, hard headed and realistic. When we confront mysteries such as death, suffering or existence we put it away.
- ② We have lived with so much suffering and violence and fear we cannot believe.

4.

But At the End of Thomas' Cry and Yearning the
Christ Comes - Once again He Comes.

① At the end of our seeking - We see Him!
- How real is our seeking.

② In the midst of the community, the
fellowship of the beloved, He Comes.

③ In the midst of fear, anxiety, and
agony there is the Christ.

over Studdert-Kennedy

So He Cry "My Lord and My God."

① This is a real, living encounter with
a new mastery, a new center for
life.

Carlyle: "What this parish needs is
what every parish needs, a man who knows God
at more than second hand."

② He comes to your life as He wills
"Do Not Treat His Invitation Lightly."

If He could speak, that victim torn and bleeding,
Laugh in His pain and nailed upon the cross,
Has He to give the comfort souls are needing?
Could He destroy the bitterness of loss?

"Peace does not mean the end of all our striving,
Joy does not mean the drying of our tears;
Peace is the power that comes to souls arriving
Up to the Light where God Himself appears.

Joy is the wine that God is ever pouring
Into the hearts of those who strive with pain,
Lightning their eyes to vision and adoring,
Strengthening their arms to warfare glad and vain.

Bread of Thy body give me for my fighting,
Give me to drink Thy sacred blood for wine,
Where there are wrongs that need me for the righting,
Where there is warfare splendid and divine.

Give me, for light, the sunshine of Thy sorrow
Give me, for shelter, shadow of Thy cross
Give me to share the glory of Thy morrow.

Give from my heart the bitterness of loss.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE—SEVEN-THIRTY O'CLOCK

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship and Prayer

Period of Informal Singing

Reading of the Scriptures

Prayer Hymn

The Evening Prayer

Announcements and Offerings

Message by Rev. Fredrikson

"PRESCRIPTION FOR ANXIETY"

A Review of the Book by Leslie Weatherhead

Hymn of Consecration

Benediction and Response

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have appreciated the participation of our young people in the worship services these two Sundays of **Youth Week**. It has been a good experience for them to take these places of leadership as well as be involved in the various activities which they have enjoyed this past week. We have said many times that these young people are our greatest investment in the future of the church. The youth participating in this morning's service are **Paula Perkins, Paul Girling, Sue Thompson and Benjy Park** and the **Junior High Girls Choir** which is directed by **Mr. Claire Kahler**.

The High School young people are to attend the **City Youth Banquet** at the Methodist Church this evening at 5:30. College students in the **Roger Williams Fellowship** will again be divided into six groups and meet in homes of some of our church people. Homes and Group Leaders are listed below:

Richard Pearsons, 427 S. Willow
Al Harveys, 437 East 12th
J. B. Stewarts, 430 S. Willow
Lewis Spencers, 1147 S. Hickory
John Pinneys, 1239 S. Hickory
Virginia Jennings, 923 S. Hickory

Chuck Hamilton
Shirley Benson and Don Pemberton
Jo Schendel and John Potter
Dave Brown
Paul Girling
Carolyn Spong and Jerrel Wilkens

As we begin our special emphasis on Spiritual Renewal two special classes are being offered the next four Sundays, starting this evening at 6:15. Four laymen will teach the class, "**Witnessing for Christ**." **Robert Winchester** will teach this class today in the church kitchen. The Pastor will teach the class, "**The Meaning of Being a Christian**." This class will meet in the Pastor's Study.

Everyone is asked to read the first four chapters of John between February 1 and 8. We will be making a special study of this great Gospel during the month of February. Copies of the single book of John are available in the church office. These little books are small enough to fit into a purse or a pocket and cost only 5c.

Prescription for Anxiety

Introduction

- ① This is an age when many self-help books have been written.
Some of them cheap & superficial and others at a far deeper level.
- ② Leslie Weatherhead studies deep
 - His Character and Work
 - His Writing and Contribution

All of us have ups & downs emotionally

① This is normal

② When anxiety becomes a deeper form of Depression.

- We feel that our deepest self is threatened and we do not know why.
- We seem to have no control over this situation

③ Anxiety is rooted in a person's depth self.

- Young man whose life was hounded by fear.
- As a boy the father whipped him then told him get down & pray
- God & punishment became linked
- Made him afraid of being less than perfect.

- A beating was given just after
Molten died.

- Wife died years later, then given
a chance at an executive job.

- killed with fear

Her is rooted in our background

① Truth About God lessens anxiety

- There are wrong ideas About God

- When parents, angry school teachers
priest teachers have given us these
ideas.

- Feelings toward parents projected on
God.

- We get the wrong idea About the
Will of God.

- Four Ideas About God

- We need God.

- We must have the God of Power.

- God's love is not lessened by
failures.

- God has a purpose for us within
His love.

4.

② The Truth About Ourselves Lessens Anxiety

- This is a false picture and God's picture
- We should live God's idea before our minds
 - Not run from hard problems
 - Not cherish resentments
- But on Christ

③ True Way Involves Confession To Another Person

- Cleanses the mind
- Releases the conscience
- Ends the loneliness of Pretense
- Opens the door for Christ to enter

When Low Days Come - Forgiveness

- ① God Understands You.
- ② God Needs No explanations or excuses.
- ③ Forgiveness means the restoration of a relationship.
- ④ The forgiven sinner can go on.

Living A Day At A Time

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The Offender