

The Appeal of Love

The Story of Philemon

- The runaway slave - Oncimus
- Somehow got to Rome, met Paul and became a useful Christian.
- Now Paul is asking his owner Philemon to take him back.
 - Not as a slave, but as a brother.
 - He will take care of anything Oncimus may have cost Philemon.
- "I could command you to do this, I have the authority."
- "Yes for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you."

The Power of Love

- Not a calculating, scheming faculty.
 - Not a sentimental emotion.
- ① Something of Great Strength
- Patient and kind
 - Goes on loving in spite of rejection.

- Power to judge and discriminate

② Always Seen in Relation and Action

- Never in the abstract
- Always centered in the Personal
- Always in the concrete situation
 - Parents and child
 - Two friends
 - Lovers.
- Always in Action.

③ God's Greatest Gift

- Seen in the Meaning of Crisis
 - Dealing with people
 - Loving when he was not loved.
 - Dealing with the Majority of a King.
- God's Offer of a whole new Dimension

④ Being A Christian

- To find oneself caught up and living in this reality.

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The Deeper Appeal Is Love

- God's Appeal to Us.
 - Not in Coercion or Threat
 - But in A Loving, Gracious Act.
 - The Death of the King on the Cross.
- The Illustration of the Horns
 - The Leader Who frightens you.
 - The kind Leader Who cares about you and your Trust Him.

The Need For This Appeal In Our Homes

① The Negative

- Not the Threat.
- Not getting even or being selfish.
- Not the careless Non-Concern.

② What The Appeal of Love

- Listening to each other and responsible for each other.
- The Personal Element.
- Acceptance, Trust and Kindness.

The Need For This Appeal To Our Church

① Not the Negative

- Not doing things for us.
- Not threatening or bribing or shaming you.

② Not the Appeal of Love

- Accepting the Christian Way in Love.
- Missionary Field to become a Unit of Our Ministry
 - Church School Classes
 - Sponsoring Youth Groups in Love.

The Need For This Appeal Concerning My Neighbors

- Today is Race Relations Sunday & Lincoln's Birthday.

① The Historical Situation

- We broke up the American Indian Way of Life. We brought disease and traded trinkets for the best we had. Second rate citizen.
- We raped Africa for 100 years.
 - Took the best strength of that country.
 - Used him as a slave
- Now these peoples want their rights.

② The Sharp Question of Race Relation

- He wants Equal Opportunities.
- In Education, In Housing, In Work.
- He wants to be understood and treated as an Equal.

③ What Can We Do?

- Remember This is a Moral and Christian Question.
- As much if not more than gambling.
- Remember Where the Christian Starts His Thinking.
- With Christ and the New Testament.
- Remember that every man is created by God and that Christ died for him.
- Treat him as A Brother For Love's sake.
- And Move On That Basis

Anna Fortune

- Slave who bought freedom
- Settles in Affray, N.H.
- Founder of the town.
- Daughter in School but worked, had in segregated gallery, no communion
- Housing is Work Opportunities
- Let him be an equal part of all life
- Spring to town school Corporation
- Church

On this lovely day which God has given us it is a joy to welcome you to our sanctuary. This is Margaret Clark, the Pastor's assistant, bringing you a word of greeting and a warm welcome from the congregation and staff here at First Baptist. It is good to have you worshipping with us this morning. In the hectic busyness of our lives we have need of a quiet place where we can come apart and in the stillness hear God's voice speaking to the deepest needs of our inner lives. It is our hope that during this hour you will sense the Presence of God and in that Presence come to know his strength, his forgiveness and his peace. Will you join with us in prayer that this may be the experience of many today.

We have been privileged during the early part of our service this morning to recognize the work of the Boy Scouts in the life of our community. We have represented here both our own Troop number and Cub Pack # 9 of Laura Wilder School, here with their The Sanctuary Choir has sung the anthem REJOICE IN THE LORD by Wilson. The offertory solo BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE will be sung this morning by Mrs. Delmar Kroon, soprano. Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic THE APPEAL OF LOVE.

We invite you to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:00. The service will be under the leadership of Rev. James Rowe and Rev. Oliver Bergeland will be preaching.

Before we return to the sanctuary may I say once again how good it is to have you with us today. If there is any need in your life to which our church can minister please feel free to call our office so that we might have the opportunity of visiting with you. We rejoice in every opportunity to serve you. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that this is God's House to which we invite you and it is in His spirit that we bid you welcome and seek to minister to you.

First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

February 12, 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—"Allegro Moderato" Guilmant

"Larghetto" Purcell

**"Choral Fantasia on Two Hymns" Diggle

"Adoration" Mauro-Cottone

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

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Processional Hymn—"Love Divine, All Love Excelling" 379

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

Entry and Recognition of Scouts

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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE

The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Philemon

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"

**"Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"

Anthem—**"Rejoice in the Lord" Wilson

Rejoice in the Lord, Always rejoice in the Lord,

Rejoice in the Lord, Again I say rejoice.

The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing,

But in ev'rything by pray'r and supplication,

And with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.

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ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED

Christian Greetings

Offertory Hymn—"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" 165

Receiving our Tithes and Offerings

Organ Offertory—*"Aria" Von Gluck

**"Beloved Jesus" Brahms

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Vocal Solo—*"Come, Ye Blessed of My Father" Scott

Tom George

**"Behold, What Manner of Love"

Mrs. Delmar Kroon

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Appeal of Love"

PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Jesus, My Life, My All" 382

Benediction

Postlude

* First Service Only

** Second Service Only

*** Ushers may seat latecomers

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

The broadcast of the service this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Messinger.

EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

- Prelude
- Call to Worship and Invocation
- Period of Hymn Singing
- Scripture
- Prayer
- Special Music
- Greetings and Announcements
- Hymn
- Offering
- Evening Message by Rev. Oliver Bergeland
- Hymn of Invitation—"Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be"-----351
- Benediction—Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross"
- Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

- SUNDAY, 5:00 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults) 2460 Kenwood Manor, Apt. 1
- 6:00 p.m.—Youth Groups
- 6:00 p.m.—School of Missions
- 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class
- 8:15 p.m.—Hi Fi
- 8:15 p.m.—Afterglow
- MONDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Youth Month Visitation
- 7:30 p.m.—Senior High Guild
- TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club meet in the Church Parlor
- 4:15 p.m.—Discipleship Class
- WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
- 7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
- 8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
- 8:15 p.m.—Board of Christian Education meet in Church Parlor
- THURSDAY, Women's Mission Society Groups
- Group I—Mrs. George Wartenhorst, 1135 S. Prairie
- Group II—Mrs. Francis Olsen, 2304 S Cliff
- Group III—Mrs. A. C. Kuyper, 902 S. Euclid
- Group IV—Mrs. Max Day, 2028 S. Lake Ave.
- Group V—Mrs. Roger Fredrikson, 1516 S. Park
- Group VI—Mrs. Roger Fredrikson, 1516 S. Park
- Group VII—Mrs. Wesley Husman, 1816 S. Glendale
- Group VIII—Mrs. Mary Thome, LaSalle Apts., 703 S. Summit
- Group IX—Mrs. Wm. DeWitt, 1608 S. Glendale
- 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- FRIDAY, 2:00 p.m.—World Day of Prayer
- SATURDAY—Youth Saturday

CHURCH STAFF

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| Ministers: | Musicians: |
| Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor | Dr. Lee Bright.....Director |
| Rev. Albert H. Babcock.....Christian Education | Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist |
| Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life | Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth |
| Secretaries: | Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children |
| Miss Winifred Jones.....Financial | Sextons: |
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THIS SUNDAY

Church School—Classes for all ages

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

"The Appeal of Love"

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

7:00 p.m.—*Evening Service*

Rev. Oliver Bergelund, Preaching

Nursery Care at All Services

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I am increasingly grateful for the deepening sense of understanding we have as we come to the Lord's Table from month to month. Each of us can give thanks for every evidence that this is a corporate act of remembrance when we realize afresh the Presence of the Risen Christ. What a fine experience to see so many of our young people involved in ushering and see the serving of the elements. It could well be that our deepest failure as a church in dealing with our young people has been that we have not asked enough of them in terms of serious understanding of the Gospel.

This Sunday we will recognize briefly in our Morning Worship the tremendous contribution of the Boy Scouts to our life. Since there will be a great number of scouts in the 11 o'clock Service this may mean that some of you will want to attend the 9:30 Service. In the evening we will

be considering our own community in our study of the witness of the church. **Mr. Elmer Garness** of our own congregation and **Rev. Oliver Bergeland** of the Lutheran Welfare Society will lead the class at 6 o'clock and Rev. Bergeland will speak in the Evening Service. Many of you are aware that the Lutheran Welfare Society is a work of mercy in our community which Pastor Bergeland has directed with real vision.

In the months that I have been your pastor I have said very little in terms of promoting the Midweek Service yet it seems to me that we have afforded us on Wednesday night a unique opportunity of fellowship, study and prayer together. On February 15, we will begin a six-week study of the meaning of the "Reconciling Gospel." This study will be based on the Scripture with a supplementary text **The Reconciling Gospel** written by Culbert G. Rutenber. We hope you will make plans to be a part of this experience.

In Christian Love,

R.L.F.

FOLKS AND FACTS

The Mr. and Mrs. Class Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.25. Call reservations to Mrs. LeRoy Greenfield ED 8-1434 or Mrs. Harry Boyd, ED 2-4063.

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday were given by the family of Mrs. Anna Swenson.

The Keystone BYF has elected the following officers to serve for the next six months: President, **Jane Smith**; 1st Vice President, **Sue Fennig**; 2nd Vice President, **Barbara Tiezzi**; 3rd Vice President, **Doug Strecker**; Secretary, **Judy Herreid**; Treasurer, **Hertha Farmer**; Music Director, **Dave Sugarbaker**; Youth Council Representative, **Dave Van Veldhuizen**; Social Committee Chairman, **Steve Martinson**; Faith Representative, **Dawn Robitaille**; Outreach Representative, **Nina Johnston**; Witness Representative, **Patty Habel**; Fellowship Representative, **Lewis Nady**; Citizenship Representative, **Deane Hubbard**; Stewardship Representative, **Cheryl Wierenga**. Elected to head the committees were: **Mary Barstow** and **Kathleen Gilman**, Faith; **Jim Early** and **Sheri Klock**, Outreach; **John Early** and **Joan Bingner**, Fellowship; **Ruth Piorier** and **Steve Nord**, Witness; **Judy Thirstrup** and **Tery Engelland**, Citizenship; **Alan Oltman** and **Adell Westensee**.

A new Bible Study class for the college age young people will begin on Sunday, **February 12** during the regular Church School hour. The class will be taught by Dr. Robert Olson and will meet in the Pastor's office.

LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE

Attendance:	February 5
Church School.....	631
Morning Worship.....	1436
Children and Teachers.....	320
Sanctuary Service.....	1116
Midweek Prayer Service.....	110
Evening Service.....	223
Contributions	\$2,566.82



FROM BABCOCK'S BRIEFCASE

Have you and your children been receiving all you possibly can from the Church School program. You have not if you are one of those families which is consistently late in arriving! The schedule in the Children's and Youth Departments is seriously hampered when pupils are late, and adult classes lose much valuable time waiting for members to gather. Now that we are well on the way through 1961, **will you try to be prompt in arriving every week?** It is one of the things that helps make a good Church School.

Do you have one of the texts, "**Dynamic Christian Fellowship?**" If you do, and you do not have a need for it, will you return it to the church office? We are having some demand for these books now as groups go ahead with their appraisals, and yet do not want to purchase additional copies unless necessary. If you would like it back, write your name on it, and we will keep track of it for you.

Let me remind you again that if you have **carpets in reasonably good condition** which you are discarding, call us about them. Many of the carpets in our children's rooms are very worn, and should be replaced. In addition, we still have several rooms without any carpets at all.

And in closing, a personal word. I have not yet expressed the appreciation which the Babcocks feel as a family for the many cards and letters we received from all of you at Christmas time. All in all, they totaled several hundred and the majority were from you. So thank you for remembering us, and thinking highly enough of us to send us greetings.

Al Babcock

"When the Answer Knocks at the Door"

"But Peter continued knocking; and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed." (Acts 12:16)

One has not gotten far into the Book of Acts before he is aware that these people are such radical Christians they are continually in trouble with the authorities. Such is the case as related in our Scripture in the bitter persecution against the church. James is killed with a sword and Peter is cast into prison watched by four squads of soldiers. It is little wonder that the church offered earnest prayer in behalf of Peter.

In the midst of this an angel of the Lord intervenes and Peter is delivered. Then he comes to the home of Mary, mother of John Mark, where the prayer meeting is in progress. He knocks on the door and the maid, Rhoda, discovers to her amazement that it is really Peter. When she hurries back to tell the others that their prayers are answered there is a great deal of disbelief. Some of the people say she is crazy. Finally, Peter's persistent knocking convinces them that he is there and he is admitted.

How true all this is of our own situation. **We continue going through the motions of religion but we dare not believe, it seems, that God is answering our needs. This is true in matters of belief.** We have questions for which we seek answers—the meaning of God, the forgiveness of sins, the power of Christ. Can these realities make a difference? We say we want to believe but we do not dare to go far enough. Are we willing to investigate all the facts not just the negations? When we have done this are we then willing to make the leap which will involve us in the reality. It might be that we say we want to believe and yet are not willing to face the answers that are knocking at the door.

This is true also when we face our own inner problems. All of us sooner or later must deal with guilt and conflict, insecurity and fear. Our greatest problem is, "the sin which doth so easily beset us." We say we want an answer to these needs but do we? All around there is a knocking on the door as Christ offers to us what he has already

done. However, **we cannot be centered in self with its worry and frustration and also claim to accept Christ at the same time.** Perhaps the answer is much nearer than we realize only we do not want that answer as badly as we say we do.

Or is it not true that we pray for God's work and power in our midst but we do not really believe anything will happen? We pray that some person's life may be changed yet when conversion comes it seems incredible. We pray that something deep will happen to our world and yet we are not really certain when all has been said if this world is in God's hands. **It is not enough to go through the motions of prayer or church attendance. We need a profound trust that dares to accept God at his word.**

This is what Communion is all about. We dare say at a service like this that the answer is knocking at the door. That night, long ago, **when Jesus ate the Last Supper with his disciples he knew that among them were weak and cowardly men. He understood them better than they understood themselves. Yet in the face of all this he spoke to them of the love of God.** More than this he said that God's love was so great that he was willing to share the best of himself that man might live. "Herein God commended his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for the ungodly." We dare even go further than this for Christ said that night you can spurn God's love and reject it but he will keep on seeking for you until the day of mercy has run out.

How do you come to this table today? Dare we say nothing new will happen or God will not speak to us some fresh word? **The resources are waiting and available. This is the pledge of God's new covenant with us. Will you then receive his gifts?**

—An Abstract of the sermon
preached by Pastor Fredrikson
on February 5, 1961

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 **Miss Ellen Swenson and Mrs. Ruth Strack** in the death of their mother.



BIBLE BOOK OF THE MONTH ACTS

The Acts of the Apostles is a record of a popular movement, at first obscure, then gradually making itself felt in widening circles and with increasing power; of popular forces finding expression and exerting influence. The book tells how Christianity spread to the Roman world; how, where, and under whom Christianity separated itself from the Jewish faith. The author's object is to present Christianity to the educated Roman world of his day, about A.D. 81 to 96; to show how it arose and how its greatest missionary came at length to Rome. The author wishes to strengthen the faith of his readers, to commend Christianity to them, and to make their knowledge of Christian history more exact and complete. The book is the beginning of what we now call "church history" and "the missionary movement."

The author was Luke, a physician, companion to Paul on some of his journeys, and also writer of the Gospel that bears his name. The book falls into two parts; the first describing early Christian days in Palestine; the second, concerning Paul. The book seems to cover about twenty-seven years, from A.D. 29 to 56.

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER OF NEW LIFE

Many of you have expressed your appreciation for the splendid performance of our young people on last Sunday when the Junior Highs acted as ushers and the Senior High as deacons in our Communion Worship. In many ways, I felt that this was one of the most moving services that we have had. It is a wonderful tribute to our church in making possible so many activities during Youth Month when we recognize the great contribution these young people give to the church. Did you note the great number of youth who were present in our services of worship? I believe that we can be honestly gratified for a fellowship where both young and old find a common faith in Christ.

On Sunday afternoon the Fellowship Guild girls were hostess for two hundred mothers and daughters who came to the Mother-Daughter Tea in the Church Parlor. It was thrilling to see so many mothers who came bringing their children—even the very smallest—to this learning experience. We are grateful to the Guild girls and their advisors for their contribution to Youth Month and the life of this church.

There are many more activities to come during the remainder of the month. Keep watching the Times Calendar for these activities. Our young people are our investment in tomorrow. In many ways we are the bows from which our children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer sees the mark upon the path of the Infinite, and He bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. For even as He loves also the arrow that flies, so He loves the bow that is stable.

Jim Rowe

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