

# Our God Meets Us At Every Corner

## Introduction

- ① A congregation like ours can have a hundred turns.
  - We meet the Word of mercy and strength.
- ② Receiving the Word in a time of need.
  - "My God in His Loving Kindness  
will meet me at every corner."

## There Are Many Sharp, Unexpected Corners

- ① Deep Suffering for some of us.

- Physical - Discovered that physically you are <sup>not well</sup> a child is born sickly and weak.
- Emotional - Sense of self - pity or Discouragement
  - Awful sense of failure.
  - Involvement in the life of someone who fails.
- Spiritual - The burden of guilt and sin.

- ② Hours of Great Joy

- The coming of Great Love.
- The Discovery of Unexpected Resources.
  - A letter or a word of friendship.

③ Great Need to Turne In Upon Us.

- The Muse care for someone in the family.
- The squeals and lingers of the world is showed in upon us.

④ Common, Mundane Affairs of Life

- Freedom of Love.
- Marriage is Not What it Should be.
- Where are the Greats going?

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God Can Meet Us At These Corners If We See Him

① Here Corner of Suffering

- Job, who is stripped of everything  
"I know that my Redeemer liveth"
- Our Lord on the Cross  
"Father, into Thy Hands I commit my <sup>spirit</sup>"
- Dr. Russell Dick
  - The Loss of his Leg
  - "The Art of Ministering to the Sick"

② When the Resources are Gone

- The Widow of Zarepath and Elijah
  - A handful of meal and a little oil.
  - The Shewbread and the Resources are met.
- The Apostle Paul
  - Praying Three times and then  
"My Grace is sufficient for you"
- Marty Mann
  - Involved in the life of A. A.



③ When the Need Comes In

- The Story of the Good Samaritan

- How Work of the Churches of the Brethren

"Heifers for Relief"

- How Work of World Vision

- 14,000 Children in 15 orphanages.

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God Is In The Middle Of Life Waiting For Us

① His Ways Are Not Our Ways

- In Growing a flower or giving us a husband.
- In Growing a life.
- Or in the Salvation of Man.
- Weakness and Love.

② God is Working Out His Purposes

- Taking the Disappointments and Heartaches.
- Deepening us and bringing in his Kingdom.

③ He Waits For Us At Every Unexpected Corner

- He will not be surprised or caught off guard.
- He has been over the road.

④ He Wants to Measure With Us His Incredible Gifts  
him - "Go in Peace and Sin No More"

Anxiety - "I have will keep him in perfect  
Peace whose mind is stayed on Thee"

Tatogue - "They that wait on the Lord shall  
renew their strength."

All our Needs - Ask, Seek, Knock

Death - "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

"I am persuaded that neither death, nor life,  
nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present,  
nor things to come, nor powers, nor depth, nor  
anything else in all creation will be  
able to separate us from the love of God in  
Christ Jesus our Lord."



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 1. God and Country Award

Entrance

Salute to the Colors

Meaning of the Award -- Fredrikson

Presentation of boys --

Jeff Greenlee -- Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Greenlee

Paul Hagler - Mr. and Mrs. Efton Hagler

Robert Peterson - Mr. and Mrs. Merton Peterson

Statement to congregation

Presentation of badges -- Rev. Nickel - *Chapman*

Presentation of pins -- Mr. Bill Oehler *of Youth Work*

Prayer

2. The flowers are given by Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gage

3. Rosebuds -- Jeffrey Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Rowe

*Brenda Kerner*

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller

4. Membership Class -- Session Five

5. Anniversary Weekend

6. Special Congregational Business Meeting - July 1

*Ward January*

*1st fellow*

*from our  
own town*

*Walter*

*Asst Scout  
Executive*

*5:00 Saturday picnic*

*7:30 Auction with John*

# First Baptist Church

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

June 24, 1962

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'Clock

"Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and for whom we exist."

### AT THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH

Organ Prelude—"Trio" ..... Archer

\*\*\*"Prelude" (Suite for Organ) ..... de Maleingreau

Processional Hymn—"For The Beauty Of The Earth" ..... 167

Invocation

Lord's Prayer and Gloria

\*\*Presentation of God and Country Award

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### INVISIBLE RESOURCES

Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Psalm 59

Choral Call to Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Choral Response

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Anthem—"Hear My Cry, O Lord" ..... Kopyloff

Hear my cry, O lord, attend unto my prayer;

Hold not Thy peace at my tears.

Unto Thee, O lord, do I lift up my soul;

O my God, I trust in Thee.

O keep Thou my soul, and deliver me.

Praise the Lord, O my soul,

And all within me praise His Holy Name.

Be Thou exalted above the heavens.

And Thy glory above the earth.

Hear my cry, O lord, attend unto my prayer,

### THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Christian Greetings

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Solo—"Come Ye Blessed" ..... Scott

Teena Fenenga, soprano

\*\*\*"Our Blessed Redeemer" ..... Timmings

Clarice Henning, soprano

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

### THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"Our God Meets Us At Every Corner"

### HUMBLE ENOUGH TO BEGIN

Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"He Leadeth Me" ..... 405

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

\*First Service Only \*\*Second Service Only \*\*\*Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door and Pastor Rowe at the side door.

The service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Weatherwax's.



## EVENING SERVICE

7:30 P. M.

Prelude  
Fellowship Singing  
Christian Greetings and Announcements  
Scripture—Philippians III  
Call to Prayer  
Prayer  
Prayer Response  
Singing a Hymn  
Receiving the Offering  
Receiving the Offering  
Special Music  
Evening Message by Pastor Rowe—"Making It My Own"  
(Third in a series)  
Closing Hymn  
Benediction—Closing Moments—"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"  
Postlude

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### THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, 6:00 p.m.—Membership Class—Session Five  
TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study in Chapel  
WEDNESDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service  
THURSDAY, 9:30 a.m.—Group IX in the Parlor  
1:15 p.m.—Senior Philathea Class in Parlor  
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in the Youth Room

### ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Saturday, June 30**—5:00 p.m.—Barbeque  
6:30 p.m.—Surprise Feature—Sale of an Old Car  
6:45 p.m.—Interesting Group Activities led by Douglas and Gloria Evans  
7:30 p.m.—Presentation of "Living Words Today" in the Sanctuary  
**Sunday, July 1**—8:30 and 11 a.m.—Anniversary Communion Services  
4:00 p.m.—Second presentation of "Living Words Today"  
7:30 p.m.—Service of Gratitude and Challenge

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### CHURCH STAFF

#### Ministers:

Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson.....Pastor  
Rev. Albert H. Babcock.....Christian  
Education  
Rev. James E. Rowe.....New Life

#### Secretaries:

Miss Winifred Jones.....Financial  
Miss Margaret Clark.....Pastor's  
Assistant  
Mrs. Clarence Anderson.....Church

#### Musicians:

Dr. Lee Bright.....Director  
Dr. Maynard Berk.....Organist  
Mr. Harold Wortman.....Youth  
Miss Lois Harchanko.....Children

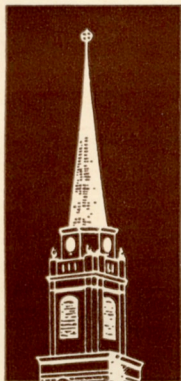
#### Hostess:

Mrs. Vera Fredrikson

#### Sextons:

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand  
Mr. Lamont Reichelt





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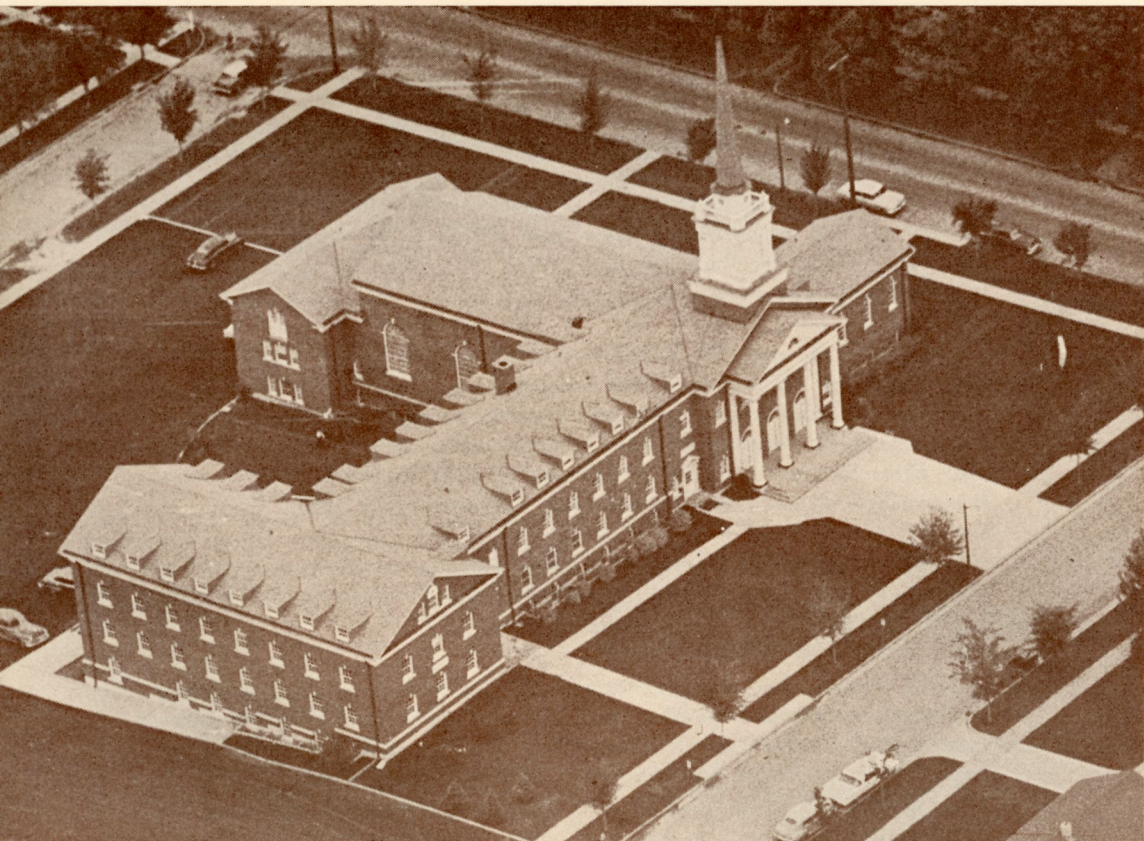
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**THIS CAN BE ALL OURS**



**Our Hopes to be Debt-Free by 1965**



# FACTORS IN A DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

Every concerned member of First Baptist has a real sense of justifiable pride and gratitude for the magnificent Church building which is our spiritual home. In this building many of us have made our decision for Christ and been baptized. Then for many of us this has been the place where we committed ourselves in marriage. Some of us have had our homes and children blessed here and hundreds of us have regularly brought our families to one of the really great Church School programs in the country. Each Sunday this church is the place where once again the opportunity to hear God and respond to Him is given us. It is true that we can rejoice in this building which represents far more than bricks and mortar. **Now, we want to make it totally ours. This is why we propose a debt reduction campaign.**

(1). The latest building addition was the Educational Wing which was completed in **1957**. At that time we owed **\$150,000** to Lutheran Mutual and about **\$25,000** to individuals.

(2). Since that time we have paid **\$24,226.46** in interest to **Lutheran Mutual** and **\$5,126.32** in interest to **individuals** or a total of **\$29,352.78**.

(3). At the end of these five years we still owe **\$127,876.10** on our building.

(4). If this indebtedness were **paid off** in **three years** a total of **\$35,452.48** in interest could be saved. This is money that could be used in the program and outreach of our church.

(5). It is the proposal of the Board of Trustees on the basis of several thoughtful sessions that our congregation have a **Debt Reduction Campaign** in conjunction with our general budget campaign this fall. Furthermore, it is proposed that we ask our people to make pledges over three years beginning in January of 1963 into 1965 in the hope that we can be debt free by our 90th Anniversary in 1965.

(6). **All of us** are involved all along the line in our total building—worship, teaching, fellowship activities, group meetings, receptions and all the rest. **This is our investment.**

(7). There will be opportunity for discussion on this proposal **Wednesday evening, June 27**. It will be **voted on** in both **Morning Services** on **July 1** which is our **Anniversary Sunday**. **This vote will be by ballot**. You are asked to prayerfully and thoughtfully discuss this in your homes and with other church members that God's will may be done in this matter.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As your pastor I have felt increasingly that the time would come when we should take care of the indebtedness on our building. Personally, I believe the time is here! As our discussions have unfolded a number of our church people have come to believe this is the hour. We have a tremendous building — functional and inspiring — and we have great potential. Furthermore, at the end of 1962 we will have completed our commitment to CHEC. Therefore, we are coming to you asking for an expression of support if you believe it is right to take care of the indebtedness during the fall months.

Let me underline the simple fact that taking care of this indebtedness would free us from interest payments and make possible a deepening and an expansion of our ministry for Christ. Let me also underline the fact that all of us use our building in hundreds of ways. This is our program. I heartily endorse this proposal and urge you to be on hand to express your support on July 1.

Please understand that if you wish to raise questions or express negative or positive viewpoints that there will be opportunity for this on June 27 at our Midweek Service. Positive and negative viewpoints will be made known before the vote on July 1.

One other matter. We are having a great summer throughout our church program and our Anniversary Weekend affords us another opportunity for thanksgiving and fellowship. I am hopeful that all of you will enjoy the recording — "Living Words Today" — which will be released that weekend and which in part depicts the worship life of our church.

In Christian Love,  
R.L.F.

## "I BELIEVE THE DEBT SHOULD BE RETIRED"

As Chairman of the Church Council, I have learned very much more about our total church program. In times like these when our money can be used in so many ways, I feel the interest we can save on our indebtedness can be used so very much to help spread God's word.

We have many new families in our church that have joined our fellowship since our church was built. Many of these folks have not had an opportunity to share in the cost of our beautiful church and church school wing.

I am confident that we all want to do our best to help write off the debt we have so we can burn our final mortgage papers.

Ray Jorgenson  
Chrmn. Church Council



## WORSHIP AND PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

In no sense do we anticipate a "spiritual slump" in the summer. In all our preparation for worship the staff gives itself as carefully and expectantly as at any other time of the year. In fact, these summer months could be a time of renewal and deepening for all of us. The sermon titles for the Morning Services are listed below. However, may we remind you that the Evening Service at 7:30 is becoming increasingly a wonderful time of fellowship and joy for our church. We plan each evening to have a service that will be helpful and inspiring and urge you if at all possible to attend.

**July 1**—"Marching Off the Map"—Hebrews 11:32 - 12:2.

**July 8**—"The Power of Non-Conformity"—Daniel 3:1-7; 24:30.

**July 15**—"The Meaning of Obedience"—Genesis 12:1-9.

**July 22**—"The Urgency of the Witness"—Romans 1:1-16.

**July 29**—Rev. Al Babcock Preaching.

## ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Saturday, June 30

5:00 p.m.—Anniversary Barbeque on SFC Campus sponsored by Men's Fellowship. Adults—\$85 — Children—\$50.

5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—Barbeque served by men.

6:30 p.m.—Surprise Feature—Sale of an Old Car.

6:45 p.m.—Group Activities for all led by Douglas and Gloria Evans.

7:30 p.m.—Presentation of "Living Words Today" in the Sanctuary.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** Mr. Fred Essex, Mr. John Michaelson, Mr. Joe Thompson.

Presentation of a Citation to KELO.

### Sunday, July 1

8:30 and 11 a.m.—Anniversary Communion Service.  
Voting on Debt Retirement.

4:00 p.m.—Presentation of "Living Words Today" a second time.

7:30 p.m.—Special Service of Gratitude and Challenge.

## PLAN FOR CAMPING

We hope that many of you are planning for camping experiences for your family, children or youth. We emphasize again the great experience that families can have together in the Family Camp program. Two of these camps, which feature learning and inspiration for children, youth and adults alike, but which are scheduled to give the feeling of relaxation with plenty of free time, are planned this year at Camp Judson. The total cost for the five days and six nights for a family with two children under 12 is only \$48.00. This includes everything necessary for a wonderful week — food, lodging, insurance, nurse, program and recreation. Where else can you get so much for so little? Call the office for additional information.

### Camp Judson

BYF Project Camp .....June 25-30  
First Family Camp .....July 22-28  
Youth Trail Camp .....July 22-28  
Junior Camp .....July 29-August 4  
Junior High Camp .....August 5-11  
Youth Assembly .....August 12-18  
West River Men .....August 18-19  
Second Family Camp .....August 19-25  
Pastors' Prayer Retreat .....August 27-29

### Lake Poinsett

Junior Camp .....August 5-11  
East River Men .....September 8-9

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

**July 1**—8:30 and 11 o'clock a.m.—Anniversary Communion Services

7:30 p.m.—Service of Gratitude and Challenge

**July 8**—Mr. and Mrs. Class Picnic at Al Carlson's cottage at Brandt Lake

**July 11**, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service and Quarterly Business Meeting

**July 12**, Noon—Trustees at YMCA  
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in Youth Room

**July 18**, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer service  
8:45 p.m.—Board of Christian Education

**July 25**, 7:30 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service  
8:45 p.m.—Diaconate meeting in Parlor

**July 26**, Noon—Senior Philathea Picnic in Youth Room  
6:15 p.m.—Golden Circle Hot-dog-Hamburger Picnic at Tuthill Park  
7:00 p.m.—Scouts in the Youth Room

**July 28**—Zeto Class Picnic at Garretson



## FROM BABCOCK'S BRIEFCASE

I am thrilled to hear that the Trustees and the other leaders in our church are considering a campaign to clear the debt on our building. I hope that you feel that this is the time to do it, and that your vote on July 1 is overwhelmingly in favor. I suppose I have been as directly associated with the use of the new wing as anyone, and it has been a continual source of joy to me. It is an investment of tremendous worth.

Selfishly, I get real satisfaction out of the reaction of visitors who come to our city. They are always amazed at the kind of facilities we have here in the Midwest, a supposedly rural part of the country. They are always envious of the kind of teaching they can see we are able to do because of the many rooms and their size and arrangement.

I also give thanks for an office on the office floor. Before the new wing I used to climb clear to the top a hundred times a day. It was good exercise, I admit, but isolating and time-consuming. I like it much better this way.

Unselfishly, I see the value in the happiness of children, the variety of activity, the small groups in less crowded space, the convenience of undisturbed rooms used only for one age group! I see the effectiveness of our Boy Scout work in the new Youth Room, the quiet contentment of toddlers in our new spacious nursery, and the relaxed parents of small babies as they leave their children in our clean, warm crib room. I rejoice at the multitude of groups which use the Comfort and beauty of our parlor to make worshipping and fellowship more effective. And I feel the gratitude of adult classes who for the first time in years have adequate places to meet.

All of these things are the result of our building program. None of them were possible in the same way before we had the wing. All of them result in more effective Christian education and evangelism, and are therefore fruit for the Lord we love. For me, they serve as a continual reminder that this church has the courage and vision to do what is required to serve God well.

Al Babcock

## OUR MINISTRY OF NEW LIFE

Almost every Sunday one of the youngsters asks me, "When are we going to have Day Camp?" Plans have now been completed and we are ready to announce the program for this year. You will recall in past years we had Day Camp on one day a week for several weeks. This has always presented certain problems with continuity and leadership. This year it is our decision to plan a one-week Day Camp for Primary, Junior and Junior High young people. There will be three separate camps with each meeting for five days. The Primary and Junior Day Camps will meet July 9-13 and the Junior High group from July 16-20. Primary children will meet from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Juniors and Junior Highs from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. daily. I hope that you parents will encourage your children to take advantage of this opportunity in a further experience with God in the out-of-doors.

Now, elsewhere in the Times you will find announcement concerning the possibility of a capital funds drive to retire the indebtedness on our Educational Wing. I believe that in all things God asks us to be the best possible stewards of His resources. I am also convinced that the payment of many thousands of dollars of interest each year is costing us valuable resource money that could be better used in a program of extending the ministries of Christ. I hope you will pray and weigh in your own minds these important items and then give your honest opinion when we are asked to vote concerning this need.

God be with you in every way.

Jim Rowe

## MINISTRY OF REMEMBRANCE

"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

In the fellowship of the risen Christ we extend our hand of understanding to Mrs. Palmer Long in the death of her father; to Mrs. Alfred Leum in the death of her mother; to Mrs. Vera Baumgartner in the death of her son; and to Lee Del and Mahlon Howard in the death of their grandfather.

## WITHIN THE FAMILY

By MARGARET CLARK

All about is the hum of activity. The Vacation Church School now moves into its final week. What fun to see the youngsters enjoying themselves so — to say nothing of the feeling of camaraderie one senses among the leaders and teachers. Then there is the preparation for our Anniversary Weekend which is already beginning and the anticipation with regard to our recording — "Living Words Today," which will be released at that time. June has been a busy month . . . Since last the Times went to press a number of couples have been married in our church. Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. August Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gerloff and Mr. and Mrs. Jenard Benes . . . The rosebuds on the piano during June welcomed the arrival of Karen Ann, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nickel and Jean Eleanor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Severson . . . Receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship on June 3 were Mr. and Mrs. Kent Sprague, Dr. and Mrs. James Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bates and Janice, Gayla Sherard and Merle Brubaker . . . We rejoice with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sampson who presented themselves in an act of rededication and indicated their desire to join our fellowship by transfer of letter from the Galilee Baptist Church of Des Moines; with Mrs. Ray Dunlap who comes by transfer of letter; and with Ray Dunlap who indicated his desire to follow Christ in baptism . . . A note of thanks from

Mrs. Effie Pedigo to all the folks "who sent flowers, cards and gifts and called or phoned while I was in the hospital and after going home." . . . Our Serviceman of the Month is Roger D. Young, 5-48-48-65, FDMS U.S.S. Columbus, C G 12 Detail, Building 433, PSNS, Bremerton, Washington . . . Our Financial Secretary reminds us that June 24 marks the last Sunday in the first half of this year. Is your pledge paid up to date? Quarterly statements will be mailed out next week. . . . In Paul's Letter to the Romans is this wonderful verse which I have come to treasure and want to share with you — "May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace in your faith, that by the power of the Holy Spirit your whole life and outlook may be radiant with hope." Bless you all.

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## "I BELIEVE THE DEBT SHOULD BE RETIRED"

"It gives one a good feeling to know that they have had a part in the building of God's House, a place of worship.

This church that means so much to the community of Sioux Falls serves all ages in many ways, for worship, for youth activities, and as a meeting place for our senior citizens.

The Board of Trustees has voted to retire the debt, over a period of three years if members of our congregation feel it is right to do so.

We must have the full backing of our people in order to do this. I know this can be accomplished with little sacrifice if everyone will say, 'I'll do my share.'"

Mel Forseth,  
Chrmn., Board of Trustees

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