"Proving That Our Love Is Genuine"

Classic Statements on Christian Giving

- The appeal to Macedonian Christians in behalf of Christians in Jerusalem.
- The giving was done in the middle of affliction and poverty, persecution and famine.
- Korean Christians helping Japanese Christians.
- Their generosity knew no bounds.
- Out of this Paul highlights the meaning of Christian giving.

The Background for Christian Giving

1. This is God's Land.
   - "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."
   - The Jew recognized this.
     - Part of his land, his flesh, his increase.
   - The meaning of the good earth.

Christian Stewardship - The overwhelming beauty of a started work or a magnificent sense.
- The gift of life itself - His Day.
2.

(2) God Has Given His Peace For Us.

"You know the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich yet he became poor, that through his poverty you might become rich."

- Leaving Great Riches - Becoming Poor
- That We Might Become Rich.
  - Picking - Now we see.
  - Purgers - Now we are rich.
  - Missing - Now we have known forgiveness.

- Our response can only be gratitude and love.

 cries the Atom: "He died for me."

(3) Do We Speak Of The Grace Of Giving.

- When A Person Has Intense Love
  - His God Moves to Make Him Generous.
- The Person Who Has A Few Spiritual Vitality Will Be A Poor, Regurgitating Giver.
Christian Principles of Giving

1. First He Dedicated Himself. "They First Gave Themselves"
   - Zacharias' encounter with Jesus. Then his giving.
   - The cleansing of Mary's life. Then her anointing of the feet of Jesus.

2. Giving as God Has prospered one.
   - Not by comparison with others.
   - Not by outer coercion.
   - Not because of some clever sales gimmick.
   - "But as God has prospered me?"
     - "How has God prospered me?"

3. Here Is A Spirit About Giving
   "For The Ford Though A Cheerful Giver"
   - Spontaneous and Voluntary.
   - "Father Wesley Smith a Shoemaker By in Montana - Dr. Andrew Porter.
   - "Mrs. Anna Lazada Mathis.
   - "Spirit of Voluntary Service."
Here Is A Holy Romance in Giving

"We enter into a wonderful fellowship with others."

- John Chough - felt he was called to mission, farmer giving corn.
- Dr. George Myers - library at Ottawa U.
- Frieda Gregor in Berlin.
- Our part in a budget, being invested in other lives.

We Will Move in All This That Our Love is Genuine.

- Not mere words but deeds.
- Last week we voted a budget, an increase over last year.
- An experience of growth can be ours.
"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?"

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION
Prelude—"Allegro maestoso vivace" (Second Sonata) _____________ Mendelssohn
"Religious Meditation" _____________ Blair
Choral Call to Worship—*"We Come Before Thy Presence"
+Junior Choir
Processional Hymn—"The Church's One Foundation" _____________ 423
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Selected Passages from II Corinthians 8 and 9
Choral Call to Prayer—*"Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire"
+"Hear Us, Our Father"
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response—*"Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer"
+"Lord, May the Desires of Our Hearts"
Anthem—*"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" _____________ Maunder
+"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" _____________ Willan
Sanctuary and Junior Choirs
Sing to the Lord of Harvest, He filleth with His fullness -
Sing songs of love and praise; All things with large increase
With joyful hearts and voices With plenty and with peace.
Your alleluias raise!
By Him the rolling seasons Heap on His sacred altar
In fruitful order move; The gifts his goodness gave,
Sing to the Lord of harvest The golden sheaves of harvest,
A song of happy love. The souls he died to save.
By Him the clouds drop fatness, Your hearts lay down before Him
The deserts bloom and spring, When at His feet ye fall,
The hills leap up in gladness, And with your lives adore Him
The valleys laugh and sing. Who gave his life for all.

WITH HIS OWN BLOOD HE BOUGHT HER
Christian Greetings
Receiving our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—"Intermezzo" (Sonata in A) _____________ Rheinberger
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

FROM HEAVEN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER
Vocal Solo—"Divine Pastoral" _____________ Mrs. Russell Greenfield, soprano
Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson
"Proving That Our Love Is Genuine"

TO ONE GREAT HOPE SHE PRESSES
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Dear God, Our Father, At Thy Knee Confessing" _____________ 291

Benediction
Choral Response and Postlude
*First Service Only
+Second Service Only

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door, Rev. Babcock at the balcony door and Rev. Rowe at the side door. The broadcast of the service this morning over Radio Station KELO beginning at 11:10 a.m. is sponsored by Mr. Evans Nord.
EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Period of Hymn Singing
Scripture
Prayer
Special Music by Youth Choir
Greetings and Announcements
Hymn
Offering
Special Music by Bette Outland

Evening Message by Dr. Ralph Johnson, President of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School
Hymn of Invitation—“The Son of God Goes Forth to War”
Benediction—Closing Moments—“Beneath the Cross”
Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 5:00 p.m.—R.W.F. in Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.—SYADS meet at the James Smart home, 2548 Circle Drive
6:00 p.m.—Keystone BYF (Senior High) in Room 216
6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case (Junior High) BYF in Youth Room
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Children’s Division BJA Workshop in Church Parlor

TUESDAY, 9:15 a.m.—Girl Scouts in Youth Room
10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club meeting in Church Parlor

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper in Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.—Primary Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
3:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m.—Committee on Kingdom Extension

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Philathea Class meeting in Church Parlor
7:30 p.m.—Adult Division BJA Workshop in Church Parlor
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7:30 p.m.—Church Boards BJA Workshop at the Wm. O. Knight home, 628 Wiswall Place
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY—Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, 7:30 p.m.—Zeto Class Meeting at the Jack Holt home, 1515 Burnside, Masquerade and Scavenger Hunt

CHURCH STAFF

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

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

Sextons:
Mr. Elmer Ysbrand
Mr. Warren Dolan
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
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. We rejoice that you are worshipping with us at your radios this morning. On this beautiful day which God has given us it is fitting that we turn aside from the hectic pace of our everyday life to the quietness of this Sanctuary to seek God’s answers to the inner restlessness of our lives. It is our hope that in this hour you will hear God’s voice and come to know that his resources are adequate for all of life.

We are grateful this morning for the contribution which the Junior Choir has made to our worship experience. These youngsters under the direction of Miss Lois Harrachko have joined with the Sanctuary choir under the direction of Dr. Lee Bright in singing the anthem SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST by Willan.

The solo DIVINE PASTORAL by Bush will be sung this morning by Mrs. Russell Greenfield, soprano.

Pastor Fredrikson is preaching this morning on the topic PROVING THAT OUR LOVE IS GENUINE.

If it is possible for you to do so we invite you to attend the Evening Gospel Fellowship tonight at 7:30. Dr. Ralph M. Johnson, President of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School will be bringing the message this evening entitled MISSIONS SOUTH OF THE BORDER. We are glad to welcome him to our fellowship.

Before we return to the Sanctuary, let me say once again how very glad we are that you have joined us today. Should you be in need of spiritual guidance or counsel please feel free to call our office. The doors of this church are always open to those who desire to know God and walk with Him. As we invite you we are mindful of the fact that it is His House to which we welcome you and It is in His Spirit that we seek to minister to you.