Announcements

- Welcome - "Land of Infinite Variety"
- Sign up for Wednesday supper

- Hospital
  Baby girl being kept for Rev. Foster

- School of Missions
  6:15 This Evening

- Eagle Court of Honor
  8:00 - campus S. Chapel

- Work Haecomm co singing
  in place of David Robinson

Ladies, come forward

- Deborah Fisher, 1st Class, Class 66
  God with her righteousness.
Love That Will Not Let Me Go.

Introduction

(1) We need some strong voice of authentically His in our own.

- As the Prophet, "Thus saith the Lord."

(2) The Tradition of the Prophets.

- Came in a time of great revolution and upheaval.
- Came in the midst of moral chaos and breakdown.
- They were lonely men of great courage.
- They had a strong urgent sense of being called by God.
- They spoke to the actual situation, the historical context of the day.
- Their authority came from the word of God.

The 8th and 6th century prophets.
2. The Day of Aqsa

1. Corruption in Public Life:
   - The rulers were unscrupulous men.
   - The courts were corrupt.
   - The rich became haughty and ruthless.

2. Family Life had gone to pieces:
   - The vow was broken easily.
   - The moral standards had broken down.

3. The Corruption of Religious Life:
   - The priests made sinning look attractive through idol worship.
   - It became easy to worship.
   - These people had been God's Chosen People for Generations.
   - Their central sin was infidelity.
The Message of Hosea

1. He was a brooding, sensitive man, deeply aware of the tragedy and pathos of life.
   - The unfaithfulness of his nation cut him deeply.

2. Then he spoke out of great family tragedy.
   - His love for Gomer was steadfast and unerring.
   - She lost no sense of the meaning of his love or the marriage vows.
   - After the first child she became an adulteress.
   - Finally, after selling herself to the Samaritans, the pleasure seekers, he 
     took her back.
   - He sees Israel through the eye of his experience.

3. The Suffering Heart of Hosea's Message.
   (1) Men do not understand God.
   - God did not understand his husband.
   - Israel did not know God.
(2) Sin has an awful meaning.
- It is unfaithfulness because men have spurned God's love.
- It spars Men of Moral Distinction.
  It infects all others.

(3) The amazing, incredible love of God.
- No one will not give up his wife even though he hates what she is doing.
- Do God loves beyond our understanding.
  Even though that love is spurned and He hates the sin.
  This is The Way of Salvation.

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Our Own Situation

1. We have lost the tragic sense of sin.
2. Because we have lost the Majestic awe before God's love.
3. Do we settle for easy going religion:
   - Gimmicks, ideas with no moral demands.
SUNDAY, 5:45 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults)
6:00 p.m.—Keystone B.Y.F. (Senior High)
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi
8:45—Afterglow
8:45 p.m.—Zeta Class Holiday Coffee at Merlie Schmidt’s, 1908 W. 25th

WEDNESDAY, 8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir rehearsal

THURSDAY, 8:00 p.m.—Coffee and Social Time in Fellowship Hall
9:00 p.m.—Candlelight Communion Service in Sanctuary
9:00 p.m.—Senior High New Year’s Eve Party at the church

FOLKS AND FACTS
NEW MEMBERS: Marcia Kinsky, 1300 W. 7th, and Larry Green, 413 E. 28th, who came forward indicating their desire to follow Christ and to unite with this Church by baptism.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Miller (Andrey Chairs) on their recent marriage and a word of BELATED CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Shapiro (Nancy Miller) on their marriage.

Remember the Church School of Missions. This will be held from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. for five Sundays in January with classes for all ages.

Please pick up your envelopes for 1960 in the vestibule next Sunday. If you wish envelopes and do not find yours notify the church office.

A special word of thanks from Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mess for the lovely gifts and cards with which they were remembered on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to the new officers of the Brayton Case B.Y.F. who were elected last week: President, Janie Cooper; Vice President, Paul Sonesson; Secretary, DonaleneMcCabe; and Treasurer, Randy Freidkison. Joel Engeland was chosen as Youth Council Representative.

LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE
Attendance: December 20
Church School: 700
Morning Service: 1807
Sanctuary: 722
Children & Teachers: 365
Evening Service: 705
Prayer Meeting: 155
Contributions: $2,188.52

ADVERTISING IN THE TIMES
By vote of the Budget Committee and the Trustees, it has been decided that shortly after the first of the year The Times will be printed with a minimum of advertising. There will be one or two small ads each week, but the back page of The Times will be used to print a shortened version of the Sunday Morning Sermon. Therefore, it is our hope that every member who receives The Times will pay his $1.00 subscription. If you have not done this to date, please use one of the envelopes and help finance this phase of our church program.

THE LOVE AND SYMPATHY OF OUR CHURCH
“While God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.”
To Mr. John Carlson and family in the death of her father; to Mr. Chester Malechik and Maria in the death of Mrs. Ruth Brennan; to Mrs. Leo Horton in the death of her father; to Mrs. George Boekhoff in the death of her father; and to Mrs. Henry Miller in the death of her father.

All the members of our congregation join in expressing concern and prayers in the passing of your loved ones. In the fellowship of the risen Christ we extend our hand of understanding.

BIBLE READING
December 26 | I Corinthians 15:15-38
December 27 | Acts 12:1-17
December 28 | Galatians 6:1-10
December 29 | Ephesians 4:1-16
December 30 | Philippians 2:1-18
December 31 | Hebrews 11:1-16

A GREAT VICTORY FOR OUR CHURCH
At the Special Business Meeting last Wednesday night, the report on our Shareholder’s Program was received with great enthusiasm. A total of $99,674 pledged by 732 people and families in our fellowship was reported. This breaks down as follows:
- Adult: 695,441—550 pledges
- Roger Williams: 2,472—63 pledges
- Senior High: 1,081—53 pledges
- Junior High: 730—77 pledges

It was voted to adopt our tentative budget $116,947.05 as our actual working budget for 1960. The difference between the amount pledged and the budget for 1960. The difference between the amount pledged and the budget will be made up by open and special offerings, income from the Church School and the Radio, and a number of other items.

Likewise, our report on CHEC was received with gratitude and joy. 231 people and families pledged $5,954 to CHEC. It should be pointed out that among these pledges there was one for $1,000, another for $1,200, and a third for $800. We are grateful to another family who pledged $5,000 to this program.

A word of appreciation is due those who gave themselves so willingly to make this whole program a success. All the chairmen and the workers deserve our thanks.

A WORD FROM THE MINISTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
By the time you read this, the Babcock will be in California, the Christmas program will be history, the special Christmas services will be behind, and perhaps even Christmas itself will have come and gone. This is a good time of year to think about the Christmas season it has been up to now, and how we hate to miss what is yet to come. Still, being with my parents in Lakewood also adds to the Christmas spirit.

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS
At our Special Business Meeting, the following people were elected to serve in some capacity of leadership for our church:

Moderator: Jay B. Allen; Vice Moderator: John C. Miller, Ellen V. Swenson; Assistant Clerk: Winifred Jones; Trustee: Walter Bones, J. R. Lewis, Wm. Heuermann; Board of Kingdom Extension: Loren Crary, Russell Hubbard, Mrs. Robert Scott, Mrs. Ralph Cobl; Board of Christian Education, Sammy Hasegawa, William DeWitt, Mrs. Leonard Perron, Glenn Metzal, Gordon Stewart; Board of Christian Stewardship, Earl Sherburne, Warren Larson, Mrs. George Wartehorst, Mrs. William Pedigo; Disconnector, Wesley Husman, Ray Swift, Joe Griffin, Dr. Robert Olson, Maurice Cooper, Dr. Robert Giebink, Ralph Tingley, Paul Dolan, James Smart, Walter Nickel, Joe Swenson, Leonard Tripp, Donald McCabe, Donald Day, Robert Kinsey, Mrs. Earl Lemmonds, Mrs. Ruth Peterson, Catherine Schoeemann, Mrs. Glenn Valas, Mrs. Allie Johnson, Mrs. H. R. Dodsley, Mrs. Efton Hagler, Mrs. Ann Harchanko, Mrs. Oliver Clark; Cabinet, A. L. Farmer, Ray Jorgensen, Mrs. James Adams; Inter-Church Council, Harry Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mullenberg, Oliver Clark. These people will be installed in a Service of Dedication on January 10. A Leader’s Retreat will be held that afternoon.

Broadcast Sunday Served In Memory of Dr. HARRY C. PARK, Sr., By His Family
THIS SUNDAY

9:45 a.m.—Church School—Classes for all ages,
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service
“GOING HOME ANOTHER WAY”
—Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
Broadcast Over KELO.

7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
A Service of Student Recognition
Nursery Care at All Services

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

My dear Friends,

Ruth and I and the children want to thank so many, many of you for your lovely cards and messages which we have received in the last few days. It has warmed our hearts and we treasure your kindness. It is our sincere hope and prayer that 1960 will be one of those great years of adventure and work together.

As a part of next Sunday’s Service we will have Baptism in our Morning Worship. Our new microphone arrangement makes it possible for our radio congregation to be part of this experience. Then, in the Evening Service, twelve to fifteen of our own students will share in a Student Recognition Service. This service will be concluded with the Act of Baptism. I know all of us rejoice in those who come presenting themselves for baptism the last few Sundays.

May I call your attention to our New Year’s Eve Service from 8:00 to 9:00 Thursday evening, December 31, we will have an informal Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by a simple Communion Service in the Sanctuary. This can be an experience that will deepen our congregational life.

A number of times here lately, there has been a shortage of hymnals. Would all of you please check your homes to see if there are any Christian Worship hymnals around. If you have any of these, please return them to the Sanctuary. We won’t tell a soul! If any of you would like to buy a hymnal for your own use, they can be ordered through the office. Or if you would like to give a hymnal to the Church as a memorial or a gift this can also be done through the office.

We hope that many of you will find it possible this Sunday to use the Christmas Envelopes to share an over and above Love Gift which will be used in next year’s program.

Now, thanks to all of you who are making this such a meaningful season. I’ll see you in church Sunday.

In Christian love,
 Pastor Fredrikson
More than we ask or think

A benediction sometimes used by pastors refers to God as the One who is able to do in us "more than we ask or think." The Apostle Paul says that "eye hath not seen" and "ear hath not heard" what God has prepared for those who love Him.

This is just what God is like. Our expectations follow the low levels of small faith, the contamination of selfishness and of materialistic values. Even when we begin to overcome these faults our poor wisdom still limits us. God is ever the Great Surpriser. He may not give us what we ask. He does more than we ask.

Who but God could have thought of creating such an indescribably beautiful world? Who but God could have fashioned such a mysterious and wonderful human being? Who but God would have implanted in man a deep yearning for the truth, so that his spirit cannot rest until it finds rest in God!

Who but a mightily loving God would send His Only Begotten Son into the world? In that lies our supreme rejoicing just now. It is not necessary to understand much theology to realize that when Christ was born we did receive a gift beyond what we would have been able to ask or think.

I am happy once again to share a Christmas greeting with you. It is in this spirit that First Baptist Church and Sioux Falls College individually, but also co-operatively, render their ministry. Even the joy of serving is greater than we ask or think!

Reuben P. Jeschke, President

The Next Step . . . A New Residence Hall for Women
This is the house of God. Enter reverently, and bow silently for a few moments of quiet prayer in preparation for worship.

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING
Organ Prelude—“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide” .................................. Bach
“Morning Hymn” ........................................................................... Peeters
“Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising” ........................................... Willan
(Congregation in silent prayer)

Choral Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—“The Church’s One Foundation” ............................. 423
(Congregation standing on the singing of the hymn)

Invocation
Lord’s Prayer
Gloria

HIS TRAIN FILLED THE TEMPLE
Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Hosea 11
Choral Call to Prayer—“Hear Us, Our Father”
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Respons—“Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer”

Anthem—“With A Voice of Singing” ......................................................... Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this
And let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord has delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honour of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this
And let it be heard, Alleluia.

YOUR GUILT IS TAKEN AWAY
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“O God, Thou Good God” ........................................ Karg-Elert
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

“WHOM SHALL I SEND?”
Solo—“O. Loving Father” ................................................................. Liddle
David Sorenson, baritone

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson

“Love That Will Not Let Me Go”
"HERE AM I! SEND ME."
Hymn of Dedication and Decision—"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"..............165
(All persons desiring to declare their faith in Jesus Christ or to unite with the
church are requested to come forward and state their purpose at this time.)

Benediction
Choral Response—Chimes
Postlude

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door.
The broadcast of the service today over Radio Station KELO, beginning at 11:10 a.m.,
is sponsored by the Greenlee Packing Company.

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EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP
A SERVICE OF STUDENT RECOGNITION
7:30 P.M.

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Period of Hymn Singing
Special Music by Youth Choir
Greetings and Announcements
Singing of a Hymn
Offering
Soloist—Lois Harchanko
Evening Message by Pastor Fredrikson, "A FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT"
Hymn of Invitation—"O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"..........................249
Benediction—Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross"
Postlude

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 4:00 p.m.—Youth Council in Library.
5:45 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults)
6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case B.Y.F. (Junior High)
6:00 p.m.—Keystone B.Y.F. (Senior High)
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi
8:45 p.m.—Afterglow

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club in the Parlor
8:00 p.m.—Explorer Post Court of Honor in Chapel
First Baptist Study Club

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir
6:30 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir
7:15 p.m.—Mid-Week Prayer Service
8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir
8:10 p.m.—Worker’s Conference in Room 111

THURSDAY, 10:30 a.m.—White Cross Sewing
7:00 p.m.—Green Bar of Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m.—Cabinet

FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.—Men’s Fellowship

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