THIS SUNDAY

Church School—Classes for all ages
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Services
"Going In to Possess the Land"
Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
7:30 p.m.—Evening Service
"The Colony of Heaven"
Nursery Care at All Services

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK

First of all, let me admit a slight bit of plagiarism. The title for last Sunday’s sermon was taken from one of Harry Emerson Fosdick’s sermons. As a matter of fact a couple of major ideas came from that sermon. However, where would any of us be without books and the ideas that we get from others? Your attendance and loyalty—particularly your spirit indicate that 1961 can be a great year. In spite of snow and heavy “holidaying” we had fine, attentive congregations.

This coming Sunday we are beginning another Membership Series which will continue for six weeks. We will be meeting in Room 111 at 6 o’clock sharp. A number of invitations have been sent out but anyone who would like to take this study is welcome to do so. We would like to particularly encourage the new members of the Diaconate to join us. There will be a nursery provided during the time of the class.

I will be spending three days of this week with a number of our American Baptist ministers at Bloomfield Hills, Michigan—just outside Detroit. These days will be spent with Dr. Reuel Howe, one of America’s penetrating and enlightening spiritual leaders of our day. His two books, “Man’s Need and God’s Action” and “The Creative Years” have been a source of creative stimulation throughout our country. The other day a Lutheran layman asked me at the YMCA if I had read “The Creative Years.” He said it was the greatest thing he had ever come across for family living. This conference with Dr. Howe is to prepare us to conduct some Missions among ministers for the Home Mission Society—a thrilling opportunity. The spadework on readjusting the budget was done before my leaving.

I hope you will make your plans to be with us for January 11. I want this to be a thrilling evening when we share our common tasks in hearing the An-

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MEN — BOYS
save
Friday, Feb. 3rd, 6:15 p.m.
for
FATHER-SON BANQUET
Food—Entertainment—Fun

RECIPE FOR A NEW YEAR
Take twelve fine, full-grown months, see those are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness; in short see that these twelve months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at once, but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation and one well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor. Pour into the whole love and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

—H.M.S.

"The Power To See It Through"
"Demas has left me loving this present world."

It is undeniably true that the Apostle Paul's last hit of writing was the Second Letter to Timothy. One can sense all through the letter the coming of the end. The scarred veteran of the Gospel has "fought a good fight" and "kept the faith." When he speaks of the cloak being brought to him as well as the books and the manuscripts one can almost imagine winter coming and the cold, dank dungeon which has now become Paul's last earthly home.

It is near the end of this letter that one comes on a brief, tragic phrase. For when Paul begins to speak of his companions and what has happened to them he says, "Demas has left me loving this present world."

There are only three times that this man's name is mentioned. First in Philippi where he is spoken of as a fellow-worker. Paul says, "Demas and Luke, my fellow-workers." The next time he speaks of Demas is in Colossians and now it is simply Demas as Paul says, "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas." Lastly, there is this phrase in Timothy and now Demas has gone. What a poignant, spiritual biog- raphy. In the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." It may be that Paul states failure is that we have a gospel of an easy start but no gospel that holds us and gives us staying power. A ship can make a great getaway on launching day but it can fail miserably in the stresses and strains of the storm. In our country we place tremendous emphasis on children and young people and the good beginning. Our problem is that many break up on the rocks because there is no power to see it through.

There are so many ways in which we see the failure to go all the way. We see it in family life. There can be a great deal of romance and color at the beginning. People leave the wedding and say, "Aren't they a perfect couple?" Then the monotony and the boredom set in. The two begin to hurt each other in these intimate, cutting ways which finally dissipate the strength of the marriage until there is no patience, no forgiveness and no willingness to communicate left. Now there is only the hostility and the angry feelings which are so easily aroused that remain. All this is the failure to see it through.

We see this in our lives. Many of us are given great beginnings. Our parents shared with us the best faith. We were given the good example of simple, holy living, yet as the years go by we find it easy to yield to other pressures—the noise of the crowd, our own laziness, our fears and worries—until gradually the vision of earlier years dims. What inner strength we had is weakened and we settle for the superficial.

Did you know this can happen to a church? A true church has rooted its life in the eternal realities of God. It has been planted here at great suffering and cost. As the years come and go we can lose our central purpose, we can get lost in much activity or become proud of our facilities until a church comes to the place where it no longer has the courage to speak the word for Christ. The struggle of American Christianity is for the church to find its soul, its central purpose, its reason for existence.

Now mark it, Demas did not decide overnight to leave the Gospel of Christ. This was a gradual slippage. It always is. Our move from the center to the edge of the circle, so to speak, is always a subtle, insidious thing. We hardly know it is happening.

Now staying power only comes from an inner integrity. It means being true to the best one has known. Outwardly one may be a failure while inwardly he has kept to the best that he knew. This happened to Frederic Chopin one of the greatest pianists of all time who refused to bow to the clamor for showy music and who did not give in to discouragement but out of it all came the Chopin who is remembered today. Here one sees the contrast between Demas (Continued on page 4)
and Paul. Demas saw the glitter and outward pomp of Rome and it dazzled him. Paul had met Christ on the Damascus Road and he could never forget that experience.

This inner integrity of life can only come when one is mastered by a tremendous loyalty. At its heart this is what the Christian faith offers—a new life which comes from total surrender to a new Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. Until I have known his mastery in a profound, deep way I will never have the power to see it through, but when I come to the point where I can honestly say, “For me to live is Christ,” then there is nothing in death or life, on earth or in heaven that can shake or change my seeing it through all the way.


Dear Friends,

An old year is behind, and a new year lies ahead. It holds great promise as we continue the fine work we are doing, expand some of the new approaches we have been developing and think creatively in some of the areas of need before us. Some of the most exciting things ahead, as I see them, are:

1. The expansion of the “Church Family Coffee” parties. This work of the Integration Committee of the Diaconate has the potential for deepening fellowship, strengthening our sense of unity, and finding new leadership. Three of these parties are planned for January.

2. The development of new methods of recruiting leaders for the Christian Education program. Nothing is more important or more rewarding than service here, and yet the demand for leaders is always great. Now some different ways of recruiting have been proposed and will be tried.

3. Our YOUTH AND MISSIONS MONTH. This emphasis on young people and outreach will begin on January 29 and continue through March 5. It will feature regular study for every age at 6 o’clock Sunday evenings, with the evening service beginning at 7 o’clock and following the theme of the day. Outstanding leaders like Bill Adams, football coach of Minneapolis, Dick West, American Indian artist from Bacone College and Rev. Jim Middleton of Ann Arbor, Michigan, have been engaged already. These men and others will lead in a wide variety of meetings, and where possible will be resource leaders in the adult class at 6 o’clock.

The adult section will be coordinated by Mrs. Wm. Heuermann, and will consider the meaning of the Christian faith in today’s world. You will not want to miss any of these sessions.

Al Babcock

LAST SUNDAY—AT A GLANCE
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“God of our fathers and our God, give us the faith to believe in the ultimate triumph of righteousness . . . We pray for the bifocals of faith that see the despair and the need of the hour but also see, further on, the patience of our God working out His plan in the world He has made. . . . Amen.

—Peter Marshall
ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Greetings

2. Annual Reports to be presented on Wednesday

3. No Trustees meeting on Thursday

3. Sherburne family will attend the 9:30 Service in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sherburne.

3-5 p.m. Parker

4. The flowers today are in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sherburne on the Golden Wedding Anniversary. Open House will be held in the Church Parlor from 2 to 5 p.m. this afternoon

5. Evening
   - Coffee at 6 p.m.
   - Evening Service

6. Fond Farewell - Helen Gilreath

7. Conversation at 5:00 F.C.
Going In To Possess The Land

Introduction

- The Deliverance of the Children of Israel
- The Years of Confusion and Stubbornness in the Wilderness
- The Death of Moses and the Laying of Joshua
- The Crossing Over to Take the Land
  - This Was the Land of Promise of Their Fathers
  - It Meant Crossing over the River
  - The Sacrifice and Gratitude Which Followed
- The Nice Meaning We Have Found in This
  - The Redemption of Christ
  - Passing Through Jordan in Death

The Land That Is To Be Possessed

0. The Land of Human Endeavor
  - Space and Revolution
  - Old Life and Population Explosion
  - Disease and Misery
  - Remaking of Cities - Rebirth
  - Our Own Life - Job a Home
2. The Land of Human Relations

A. Racial Relations
   - The vitality of Prejudice.
   - The destructiveness and humiliation of condemnation.
   - Integrated Reforms.
   - Restrictive Housing Clauses.
   - Attitude of People in the Churches.

   Those Who Have Crossed Over.
   - Supreme Court - Churchmen.
   - Branch Vickers - Churchmen.
   - Martin Luther King - Montgomery, Alabama.

B. Longing for Peace
   - The simple, stark issue of survival.
   - The unthinking, irrevocable forces against which we struggle.

   Those Who Have Crossed Over.
   - Albert Schweitzer.
   - Geopolitical Year For Peace.
   - Farmer Willow in Haiti.
   - Began Study at 37, Completed at 44.
   - County losses at 80.
C. The Restoration of Home Life
   - All the foibles in the intimacy of marriage.
   - And all the possibilities,
     Here was where the need for love and forgiveness and dependence on each other.

3. The Fears of Ourselves
   A. We cannot handle ourselves.
      - Fears, inhibition, guilt and angst.
      - Letter from people in another city.
      - Reading.
   B. We can live with ourselves.
      - Faith.
      - Courage.
      - Obedience.
      - Creativity.
3.

This Is A Lane of Hope

1. The Despair of Our World Which Is Like Night,
   - We believe that violence and death are the lapse and.
   - We live by the fears and problems.
   - It seems that even thing is out of control.
   - What is there I can do?

2. We Will Not Find Hope in Superficial Solutions
   - Through gadgets or some new gimmicks on peace of mind or the latest drugs.
   - We will not find it in our little hopes.
   - The weather or our health or a new thing.

3. Our Hope Is in God and His Deliverance
   - Moving toward a promised land.
   - The coming of God’s Kingdom.
   - Here we have the continuing city, the one which is to come.
   - Heal in Christ God has given in hope.
   - The cathedral in Oslo, loving our ceiling.
4.

1. The Story of Mathew
   - Despised and hated by collector.
   - He had lived years. Then came great dissatisfaction.
   - Then Christian called him, "Follow me."
   - He left all and followed Christ.

2. John Arthurland Kerrville - Born Point, New South Wales, Australia
   - Young man of nineteen.
   - Did a man in need up.
   - Died at home.
   - Had to give himself up.
   - The shame and went to his father.
   - Then the great change.

3. Him In The Great Distress With Christian
   - Entering a new land to begin again.
A Colony Of Heaven

Introduction

- Descriptive phrase of Colonies.
- The Roman Colony at Philippi
  - Reflects common language
  - Reflects common customs
  - Reflects common loyalty.
- Then the Other Place One Can See This.
  - U.S. Embassy or Overseas Base
  - Early Colonies

A Colony Must Keep Close Contact With Home Base

- Messages, coming and going.
- Frequent Visits.
- Readiness to return.
- New Testament
  - Christian fellowship
  - Prays and Alms
2. Colony nurses live a close knit life in the face of common danger.
   - Rely on each other.
   - No room for jealousy or bitterness.

3. The final object is to color this new world.
   - Reflect the authentic life of home ringing in Sweden.
   - Take the life out to them.
"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—"Now Thank We All Our God" ........................................... Karg-Elert
 We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend" ................................. Buxtehude
Choral Call to Worship—*‘We Come Before Thy Presence’
 **‘Send Out Thy Light’
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THERE IS NO SHADOW OF TURNING WITH THEE
The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Joshua 4: 8-24
Choral Call to Prayer—“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response— **‘Hear Me, O God’
 *‘Lord, Give Ear to My Prayer’
Anthem—*‘All Hail to Christ Our King’ .............................................. Rawls
 **‘Give Me a Faith’ .......................................................... Bitgood

Give me a faith, O Lord, I pray,
A faith that makes me strong each day,
That helps me face the storms of life,
That takes away the sting of strife.

Give me the peace that faith will give
A peace that shows me how to live
Above the loud and mighty roar
Of winds and waves upon life’s shore.

Give me the joy that faith will bring
A joy that helps my heart sing,
Whate’er the tasks and perils be,
And trials sore that trouble me.

Give me the hope that faith bestows
A hope that triumphs thro’ all woes,
To see the dawning of the hour
When all shall recognize thy pow’r.

Give me a faith that ever grows
In spite of clouds and cruel foes;
A faith that holds me close to thee,
And from all ills will set me free.

ALL I HAVE NEEDED THY HAND HATH PROVIDED
Christian Greetings
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Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord” ........................... Armsdorf
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

STRENGTH FOR TODAY AND BRIGHT HOPE FOR TOMORROW
Vocal Solo—‘Like As a Father’ ......................................................... Fitchorn
Mrs. Russell Greenfield, soprano
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PARDON FOR SIN AND A PEACE THAT ENDURETH
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Benediction
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*First Service Only
**Second Service Only
This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the balcony door, Rev. Babcock at the side door and Rev. Rowe at the main door.

The service is broadcast this morning over KELO beginning at 11:10 and is sponsored by the Greenlee Packing Company.

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**EVENING GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP**

Prelude
Call to Worship and Invocation
Period of Hymn Singing
Scripture—Philippians 3 (Moffatt)
Prayer
Greetings and Announcements
Hymn
Offering
Special Music
Evening Meditation by Pastor Fredrikson—"The Colony of Heaven"
Hymn of Invitation—"Holy Ghost, with Light Divine"..........................122
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**OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK**

SUNDAY, 5:30 p.m.—SYADS (Single Young Adults) at James Smart home, 2548 Circle Drive
6:00 p.m.—Brayton Case BYF (Junior High)
6:00 p.m.—Keystone BYF (Senior High)
6:00 p.m.—Membership Class in Room 111—Session One
8:45 p.m.—Hi Fi

TUESDAY, 10:00 a.m.—XYZ Club in the Parlor

WEDNESDAY, 4:30 p.m.—Junior Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.—Fellowship Supper
7:00 p.m.—Prayer Service and presentation of Annual Reports
7:00 p.m.—Junior High Choir Rehearsal
8:00 p.m.—Senior High Choir Rehearsal
8:15 p.m.—Leader's Learning Hour

THURSDAY, 1:15 p.m.—Junior Philathea Meeting
6:45 p.m.—Junior High Guild
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY—Zeto Class Party at the Parsonage, 1516 S. Park

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