The Appeal of Love

The Story of Plilemon
- The runaway slave - Onesimus
- Philemon goes to Rome, meets Paul and becomes a useful Christian.
- Now Paul is asking his owner Plilemon to take him back.
  - Not as a slave, but as a brother.
  - He will take care of anything Onesimus may have cost Plilemon.
- I could command you to do this, I have the authority.
- "Yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you."

The Power of Love
- Not a calculating, scheming activity.
  - Not a sentimental emotion.
- Something of great strength
  - Patient and kind
  - Goes on loving in spite of rejection.
- Power to judge and discriminate

3. Always Seen in Relation and Action
   - Never in the abstract
   - Always centered in the personal
   - Always in the concrete situation
   - Parents and children
   - Two friends
   - Lovers
   - Always in Action

4. Anti-Mealtime Gifts
   - Seen in the Meaning of Christ
   - Dealing with people
   - Serving when we are not loved
   - Rising with the Magistrate of a King
   - Anti-Offer of a Whole New Dimension

4. Being a Christian
   - To find oneself cozy in and living in His reality
1. The Deepest 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 King Kent
     - The Leader Who Forgives You.
     - The Kind Leader Who Loves About You and You Trust Him.

2. The Need For This Appeal In Our Homes
   - The Negative
     - Not the Threat.
     - Not getting even or being selfish.
     - Not the careless, non-concern.
   - 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 In Our Churches

1. Not the Negative
   - Not doing things for us.
   - Not threatening or bribing or blaming you.
2. Need the Appeal of Love
   - Accepting the Christian Way in love.
   - Writing letters to become a part of our ministry.
     - Church School Classes
     - Sponsoring Youth Groups in love.

The Need For This Appeal Concerning My Neighbor
   - Today is Race Relations Sunday & Lincoln's Birthday.

3. The Historical Situation
   - We broke up the American Indian Way of life. We brought disease and traded trinkets.
     - For the best we lead. Second rate citizen.
   - We ruled Africa for 100 years.
     - Took the best strength of that country.
     - Used them as a slave.
     - Now these people want their rights.
3. The Sharp Question of Race Relation
   - He wants equal opportunity.
   - In education, in housing, in work.
   - He wants to be understood and treated as an equal.

3. What Can We Do?
   - Remember this as a moral and Christian question.
   - As serious if not more than gambling.
   - Remember where the Christian starts his living.
   - Remember that every man is created by God and that Christ died for him.
   - Treat him as a matter for love, faith.
   - And move on that basis.

Anna Fortune
Slave who fought for freedom
settled in Jefferson, N.H.
Daughter of the town, mother of the town, and in segregated Galveston, Texas...
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. 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”  

Invocation  
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria  
Enter 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 every thing 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”  

Benediction  
Postlude  
* First Service Only  
** Second Service Only  
*** Ushers may seat latecomers
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.

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### 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"  
Benediction—Closing Moments—"Beneath the Cross"  
Postlude

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### 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 VII — 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

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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 Hostess

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

**Sextons:**  
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ysbrand  
Mr. Lamont Reichelt
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 Bergeland, 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 Garnes 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 2-4665.

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

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 who 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 help makes good a Church School.

Do you have one of the texts, “Dynamic Christian Fellowship”? If you don’t, we do not want you to; if you do, 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 there is a real need. If you 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 of 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 hurry 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. 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 we are 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 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 this 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 these things 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 spur 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

Broadcast Sunday Sponsored by MR. AND MRS. H. S. MESSINGER
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.

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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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