A Great Vision of God

The Power of Vision
- Man lives by hope and dreams,
- Mickey Mantle watching the Yankees
- Ike Speyman in Colorado.
- Where there is no vision the people perish.

The Vision in Captivity
- Free despised, unwanted People held by Downfall Dynasties.
- Everything made home to crucify, broken and destroyed,
- Have had them bow.
- Yet He is the Horn of Great Vision and Strength.

At the Center - The Wonder and Majesty of God
- The Foundation of God.
  "Comfort, Comfort His People"
  Her Magnificence in Unders.
  She will feed His flock as a Shepherd.
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3. The Vastness of God
   - Measured the whole of Creation
     - No place within space or man
     - That comes as a surprise
   - Nations are as a drop in the bucket.
   - His Lord is Unending.

4. The Uniqueness of God
   - Who has counseled God? No One.
   - There is No One that can compare
     to His Wonder.
   - Who can measure One His God
     thought?.

He is the source of our strength

- He never tires
  - All else does
- Can we wait for him that our strength
  may be renewed.

No Vision - No Captivity.
Then He Comes.
CALL TO WORSHIP
Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

CALL TO COMMUNION (ANNOUNCEMENTS)
1. A word of welcome
2. A statement concerning the evening service
3. The importance of the business meeting
   Wednesday evening at 7:00
4. Leaders' Retreat at 3:00 Saturday, Aug. 7
5. The invitation to the supper
6. The Right Hand of Fellowship
   Mrs. Joyce Beavin
   Julie Fleming
   Carol Turner
   Elise Piorier
   Lyndon Ruyter
   Louanne Piorier
   Barbara Plooster
   Francis Karlson

CHARGE FOR RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

CONCLUSION OF SCRIPTURE
Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Closing From Sin

The Purpose of Free Liberty

- A Time of Persecution and Suffering
- Calling for Endurance and Steadfastness

Union with Christ 1:1-2

1. The Deep Meaning of Baptism
2. The Mystery of Being with Christ
3. The New Life
   By the Will of God,
   - Lupta Hermann

The Break with the Past 1:3-

1. The Old and the New Time
2. The Old Crowd - What Happens
3. The Old Ways - Lust, Degraded Life
   - See Habitz
2.

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- The horse of Condescension

- The Healing

- Tim Jeffrey

Christ teaches to the poor

- He was the of Christ's work

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"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth."

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD
Organ Prelude—"My Heart is Longing" ..........................Johannes Brahms
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Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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BUT LIVE WITH THEE THE PERFECT LIFE
The Reading of the Holy Scriptures—Selected portions of Isaiah 40
The Introit
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AND DO WHAT THOU WOULDST DO
The Hymn of Dedication and Decision
The Receiving of the Communion Offering
The Benediction and Choral Response
Moment of Silence
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We are grateful for the lovely flowers in the Sanctuary today from the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mickelberg (Melody West).
Organ Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements
The Time of Prayer
  The Preparation of Prayer
  The Act of Prayer
Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn
Reading the Scripture—I Peter 4:1-6
Special Music—“I’d Rather Have Jesus”  ...................................George Beverly Shea
  Mrs. Merle Schmidt, soprano
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Hymn of Invitation
Benediction
Closing Moments—“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Moment of Silence
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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 2—7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, August 3—Women’s Bible Study postponed to 9-7-65
  10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor
  7:30 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, August 4—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:45 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
  7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
     The Adjourned session of the Quarterly Business Meeting scheduled for July 14, will be held following the Prayer Service.
  8:15 p.m.—Church Council, Parlor

FRIDAY, August 6—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA.

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"A GREAT VISION OF GOD"

August 1, 1965

My dear friends, men live by hopes and dreams and visions. They are not to be despised. As a matter of fact, they are the source of life. Some of the greatest things that men have done have grown out of visions that they had of God in one way or another. And if you came to this Table and have passed through this experience of eating together as a family without any deep sense of the reality of God stirring within you, then I pity you. If you've never had anything happen to you beyond the day, beyond the moment, the here and now, what can be grasped with the hand, then your life is a dull one. Some of you I am certain picked up Life magazine this week and read the story of Mickey Mantle. It has a sad heading, it is called "The Last Innings of Greatness".

It tells about a man who now has to fight every day that he gets on the field and it has been well said of him that he will not play when managers pity him and feel that he ought to lay. He will only play when he knows that he deserves to play. But in the story it tells of how at 18 from Commerce, Oklahoma and incidentally the coach of the university at Lawrence, Kansas in the high school there, Al Bullard, who was at the FCA camp in Wisconsin earlier in the summer, at one time was Mickey Mantle's coach in high school -- but this fuzzy faced youth just up with the mighty Yankees found himself amazingly 15 years ago in a locker next to Joe Dimaggio and when the Great Joe Dimaggio was not looking, the fuzzy boy trying to break into the big time with such high, high ability would stare, gawk at the Mighty Joe and there was a vision kindled in the boy that he too could wear permanently the uniform of the Yankees.

My friends, men live by visions. In the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake in the course of some panels I was privileged to conduct in the mornings I met a man from Colorado, a wonderful man whose name is Neal Dorsch, he's a farmer. When I asked him in the panel how many acres he farmed expecting an answer of maybe two, three, four hundred acres his answer was 5723 acres. When I said to him how have your crops done this year, and it was a facetious question I must confess, his answer was we were all washed out, the flood took it. Yet here was a cheery, open faced man, I said to him, Neal what about your story.

And he said a missionary came to our church, a missionary from the Congo whose name was Weaver and as he told the story of the work Christ was doing in a very, very tragically divided country, I was moved and he spoke of this with great emotion and he said the result of it was that in my heart I determined that I could go to Congo as a farmer and give at least three months of my time and help those people out there get a water system because they had to travel a great distance to get water. So this man wrote to our American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and said Could I be of help, I will sail at my own expense, I will get the pipe, I will take care of doing all the work, and I'll take care of getting home again and of course the answer came back saying We'd
be happy to have you do this.

So he said and there was a fire in his eye, Come October
1 I'm going to sail for the Congo and I'm going to build a water
system for the mission compound. I didn't dare ask him in front
of the people, I did it alone afterwards -- there are some things
I do not do believe it or not, believing I must might embarrass
people, you doubt that, I know -- so alone I said to him How will
you pay for this if you lose your crops and with a grin he said
I've got good credit at the bank, I'm going to borrow money.

You say that's foolish. Well, who are you that's saying
this? What kicks are you getting out of life. He said I can
hardly wait until October comes. At the end of the conference,
three men in the conference had volunteered to go with Neal to the
Congo. To give their time to get the system in.

My dear friends, in the Old Testament in this passage
read for you, there is the opening of a vision of God so incredible
that no man can grasp it. This vision does not come out of the
best days of Israel. It does not come in the times of David or
Solomon, the golden hours of the Kingdom. It comes when they are
slaves. It comes after they have been deported these people so
unwanted and scraggly have been deported to Babylonia. The
best has been hauled off and great Babylonian who is a mighty
power sits and leers at these little people and taunts them saying
What about home now, where's God now, sing a song for us now.
And hope runs out. Until one day a man who knows God begins to
sing and his song begins "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people".
Dear friends, this is an hour not given to great visions. We
say we're realists and we end up being pessimists. We are
desperately aware of the problems of man all the way from Viet
Nam to our backyards. We know about our problems, we could make
lists of them this morning. But may I tell you that analyzing
problems never brought great spiritual power. Beyond the analysis
of the captivity of his people there must be a power that will
save them. This is why the great cry of the Old Testament is
Is there any word from the Lord today? And these people listening
to the singer began to sense once again that there is a hope,
that beyond the despair of their broken faith and the crushed
temple there is the reality of God who is not held in houses,
who is not contained in men's hands, who cannot be likened to an
idol and that this God finally and ultimately will become once
again a shepherd to his people and carry them as a shepherd
carries little lambs in his arms. The vision has tenderness
in it. Whenever we authentically experience God it is not some
great blob out there, some kind of .....

.. that's we've worked out.
It is an intimate real thing as tenable as a sob, as meaningful
as a token of love, as winsome as the song of a bird. The
tenderness of God is always this way. This is why children under-
stand it best and these people knew that, that this is not just a
God of power, that this is not just someone we can stake up agains
the other Gods and compare him to the gods of other nations. That
this is a God who comforts his people, who cleanses their iniquities
and who finally leads them home.

But the vision does not stop there. All this majestic vision of God has in it his incredible vastness. How shall I speak of this. How can any man speak of this. A god who holds space in his hands, before whom the nations are as a drop in the bucket. Whose understanding cannot be searched out, no man tells this God says the singer, what he will do, no man guides him, he holds counsel with no one. For this is the God who from everlasting to everlasting holds all history in his hands. How poignantly we realize this at the Lord's Table. The heart of history is not some great Napoleon or Kruschev or some power drunk fellow who stumbles around trying to command the desirites ... the heart of history is in a suffering man who catches up both the tenderness and the vastness of God, who can stop with a child and yet who can reach out and of whom it later Paul writes and says in him all things cohere, he is the creative principal of all reality, here is the God of tenderness and the God of vastness seen at this table.

And it is this God who is unique. Emil Bruner, the great Swiss theologian, says you cannot speak of him as a thing, you cannot make of him a God among other gods for he is The God. You do not speak of him as an It, you come to him as a Him, a He. The Creative One. He stands alone.

Now the wonder of all this and probably this is what a man ought to say after a vacation such as it has been, is that the ones who know his strength are the ones who wait on him. This is our problem, isn't it? Were we conscious that we have things in control, we think, we will work it out, we are very dever and if we cannot handle it surely we know some agency or somebody that can work it out. This is why we learn our best lessons, dear people, not when we are flush with victory but when we are in captivity as these people were. It is then that the mystery of his wind blows and that we are open to him and we know his grace and if perchance we will then in this moment of humility turn to him, and wait -- this is then like the boat that sails. It has caught the wind, it is like Nicodemus who with Jesus sensed in that night that there is a wind that came from whence he did not know and went whither he did not know, yet it was real. So as we gathered as a family on the side of a hill before we left for home on Wednesday night and with the relation there and with having celebrated my mother's birthday, and all of the experiences behind us, we had a magnificent, wondrous sense of God's reality. They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

My dear friends, why could we not become a people who are possessed by God because we have waited long enough, patiently enough, open enough so that he has dealt with us as he dealt with these ancient people.

Let us pray.
CALL TO WORSHIP
The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him. Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

INVOCATION
We would ask, O God, our Heavenly Father, that the spirit of Christ would be with us in our worship on this day. May we seek Thee with our whole hearts. May we confess to Thee our sins. And may we find our strength renewed. Help us to realize anew that the God whom we worship is a God who cares about each of our lives. For we ask this in the name of the one...

CALL TO PRAYER
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, To all that call upon him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.

CONCLUSION OF SCRIPTURE
To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that utterance may be given me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.
The Mystery of Our Warfare

The Nature Of The Struggle

3. A Struggle Through All Life
   - Week In A Garden
   - Disease That Leads Us Health
   - Hate That Eats Out Our Life.
   - At Its Deepest Level: Mental and Spiritual
     - The Inner Conflict: Modern Psychology
     - The Testimony of Modern Literature

2. The Witness Of The Bible
   - The First Man Tempted In The Garden
   - The Temptations In The Life Of Jesus
     - At The Beginning Of Jesus’ Ministry
     - In The Garden
   - The Apostle Paul
     - Who Shall Deliver Me?
   - The Struggle In The Revelation Of John
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The Dimensions of This Evil Power

A. Moral Confusion
   - Wrong Behaviors
   - Ethical Confusion
   - Moral Inner Breakdown
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B. The Grip of Fleshly Sin
   - The Lust of the Eye and Appetites
   - The Appeal of Sex, Money, and Pleasure
   - Pornographic Literature, Drug Empires, Gambling Syndicates

C. The Power of the Justice
   - Condescension and Bigotry
   - Keep People Out of Neighborhood
   - THEM (Race and Age)

D. The Negation of Life
   - Fear, Anger, Hostility, Racism
   - The Loss of Life Rises On Him
   - Assimilation Continued

E. The Drag - Lethargy - Of Life
   - Division - No Movement
   - Aims The Issue
The Nature of The Victory

1. The Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ
   - Christ's Entry Into Alien Territory
     - He, leading with those possessed and with Unclean Diseases.
   - The Return of The Seventy.
   - The Final Confrontation at Calvary.
     - And He Came With Dauphin Forces.
     - Flee and Glory and All Wealth.
   - The Triumph of The Resurrection.
     - The Disarray of The Enemy
     - He Could Never Again The The Same.
   - In His Spirit Available To All
     - Victory Over Yourself
     - In Human Relationships
     - Over The World
     - Two Wonderful Memorial Places.
   - Christ Is At Work With Us Today
     - Can We See Him?
The Call to Battle

1. In Our Personal Life
   - Join Up - Get Into the Warfare
   - Put On the Armor
     - Faith, Righteousness, Peace, Faith
   - Get On the Offense

2. In the Life of the Church - The Aims
   - The Community At the Cross - To Come Up
   - At the Gates Of Hell
     - Here Arise
   - Get On To Help Others

3. In the Lives Of Others
   - Loneliness, The Cry For Love
   - Alcolholism
   - The Violent Ones
   - The Despairing, Feeling Ones

4. Community Righteousmen
   - The Boys Club
   - Reunition Home
   - Colin Kepff - W.T.O.
Winston Churchill

- The docks of East London
  - We knew we'd make it.
  - He cried
  - Sunday afternoon September 1940
    - "What other known failure are?"
    - Air Vice-Marshal Trench
      - "Here we were"
    - "The odds were great; our margin small, the odds infinite."
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 8, 1965

IN SERVICE

1. Greetings and Welcome

2. Grateful for Stoners

3. Gratitude for the flowers
   Communion Table--from Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Schmidt from the service of his brother,
   Mr. Eugene W. Schmidt

4. Moment of Silence
   Ben Bose
   Elmer Ysbrand

END OF SERVICE

1. Evening Service

2. Food shower for Mallgrens

3. Visit of Babcocks, August 15
   Church Parlor, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

August 8, 1965

Eight-thirty and Eleven O’clock

“As Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION
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Dr. Paul Stoner, violinist

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IS JESUS CHRIST HER LORD
Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

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SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION
Christian Greetings
Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” ..........................Richard I. Purvis
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Violin Sole—“Andante from Concerto in E Minor” ..............Felix Mendelssohn
Dr. Stoner

FROM SIN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER
The Reading of the Scripture—Ephesians 6:10-20
The Introit
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THE KING’S BUSINESS
Benediction and Choral Response
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

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The broadcast over KELO this morning is sponsored by a Friend.

How grateful we are that the Paul Stoner family, who have been visiting the Fredrikson’s for a few days, are able to worship with us this morning. Dr. Stoner at the present time is Associate Professor of Music at Western Washington State College. We appreciate his willingness to share in the worship of the morning service.

The pastor will be serving in the Junior High Camp at Camp Judson this week. He will be preaching at both morning and evening services August 15.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements
The Time of Prayer
   The Preparation of Prayer
   The Act of Prayer
Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn
Reading the Scripture
Special Music—“Hold Thou My Hand” ......................................... Emil Briggs
   Jean Blacksmith, alto
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THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 9—7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, August 10—Women’s Bible Study postponed until September 7th!
   7:30 p.m.—Church Calling, Library

WEDNESDAY, August 11—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
   6:45 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, YMCA
   6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
   7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service

THURSDAY, August 12—12:00 noon—Board of Trustees, YMCA
   1:15 p.m.—Jr. Philatheta Class, Parlor
   7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room

FRIDAY, August 13—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA

SATURDAY, August 14—2:00 p.m.—SFC Summer School Commencement,
   Sanctuary

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"THE MYSTERY OF OUR WARFARE"

August 8, 1965

My dear friends, I must tell you that this sermon was born last winter in the darkness of this church for I became convinced then and I have been more convinced since, that if the Evil One could, he would destroy the church. I do not speak now of building, for anyone can tear down a building and build a new one. I speak of the congregation, I speak of that which we call the body of Christ. In a class that I had the opportunity of teaching today, the lesson was rooted in the statement of Jesus "I will build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." I was reminded of the words of Hans Arndt who is now our pastor in Hannover, Germany who said that precisely this is where the church must always be, at the gates of Hell. And as I thought about this sense of the demoniac, the dark, the mysterious and the evil like weeds, disease, the drag that would destroy the church, I thought of that which would destroy myself and may I say that in these months that have gone by, I have meditated both on the nature of evil and the nature of our victory. What I share then with you comes deeply out of my own life.

I was amazed when I went through the Bible again at least in a kind of rough survey, that at its very beginning there is the sense of struggle. A man and a woman are made, they are given freedom and we must insist that if man is going to be free he must have choice. He is not an automat and he can really choose to disobey or really choose to obey. Now there comes, says the story, a power of evil. A snake and insidiously and subtly urges temptation and finally disobedience. This is an awful hour, friends. In fact it is one of the dark hours of mystery of all the human race and yet there is not one of us in this room who is not morally accountable who does not understand the meaning of that story. So that it seems literally that disobedience, sin—evil, is not just the absence of good—I once believed this way. It is not just missing the mark. Evil of its own what shall we say, power, attacks, it insists on unrighteousness, it enslaves. Paul knew this, this is why he said we are not wrestling against kingdoms that can be seen, they are unseen, they are tyrannical, they have vast dominion and power so that moving through the pages of the Bible one comes on the story then of the ancient Israelites. It was not just the fact that they did not worship at the altar of God, it was the fact that they substituted for that altar lesser altars that challenged the Almighty. So Jezebel and all the others dragged their gods and their altars in and this was warfare against the god of the Israelites. This was battle, this is conflict. And the end of the matter in the confusion and the debris of the kingdom of Israel are a people who now are vanquished because they have literally fallen into the gutter of life. But there comes a new era with Jesus of Nazareth and I must tell you that I am deeply intrigued and moved by the fact that all through his life Jesus fought a battle. I am convinced of the fact that we do not understand this in the church, that Hebrews, the writer to the Hebrews, was not just whistling in the dark when he
said he learned through temptation and his own suffering the perfection to which he came. That in the early hours of his ministry after his baptism there came to him not in terms of a frontal attack but around through the back door the clever way, the hidden way, the attractive way - not the ugly way - the sense why not build on bread, why not do the dazzling, why not call down the angels from heaven. All of these are natural desires and in the face of this, the battle lines were drawn and all through Jesus' ministry there is that which there seems to be the attack on the demoniac, the driving out of disease, the driving out of evil spirits so that the prayer of Jesus over and over again has to do with the battle in which he finds himself so wondrously and yet so much alone. And the crux of the matter comes in the garden.

I recall in the gospel of Luke in the middle of Jesus' ministry that after the disciples of 70 came back rejoicing he said I saw Satan falling from heaven but then there was the garden and in the garden the issues were drawn again, terrifying, no one of us can understand this here. We look at the fringes of evil, we know something of it, we have tasted of it. But in this desperate hour all that modern literature is trying to say, all that we sense in the agony and the pathos of our time is caught up in this lonely stand in the garden when finally he says Now my will, but thine be done.

Now this is not the end of the matter for beyond the cross as every Christian knows, is the victory and beyond this is the revelation which ends with the magnificent picture of the saints with all the ages, with robes that have been washed in blood, gathered around the throne singing The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The dust is settled. The battle is over. And the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

There are two great dangers that every one of us in Sophisticated America suffers from. One is the fact that we minimize evil, that we somehow say it's a mere negation, it's a minus instead of a plus. I would assure you that there is something very tragically of a conflict nature at the center of life that people outside the church understand better sometimes than we understand within the church. Look at our confusion. When we start with the wrong premises and surely this is one facet of evil which comes to all of us, and we become in confused intellectually, then we become confused in our moral living and then we finally have the tragic breakdown of inner life and there is nothing that stalks this country more terrifyingly than people that have no inner resources, no sense of meaning, no direction. They knock at the door, they call on the telephone, we know about folks like this because somehow in our confusion which I say is part of contemporary evil, the power of the Evil One, we finally end up bankrupt.

Or take if you will the whole matter of fleshy passions,
it's easy to chalk up sins on that score because we become very pi\text{\textschm}stic about this. But the appetites of the flesh and the eye are not limited only to those who stumble in drunkenness on Saturday night. They are as near as our own appetites and when somehow licentiousness and pornographic material is organized and we find ourselves involved and emmessed in vast syndicates who shove at us the things that our appetites in the first palce said we thought we could play with, we havebecome a part then of the danger, the terrifying danger of passions that are a part of the Evil One.

Or take the spirit of violence and man says to himself over and over again I want to love, I want to like, I want to be nice, but he literally mistreats his wife, he cannot speak kindness regardless of how many resolves he makes and when we take the hatred of that one man and \textit{ft}
 project it on a global scale, we have great camps that stand staring at each other and dangling bombs while we laugh at the peace table. Don't tell me there isn't evil abroad. As near as your own heart and mine.

Or take the vast lethargy that lays hold on us, the thing that makes it more easy somehow to always take the easy way. The fun way, as we put it. Slinking down by some sleazy show, never getting ahold of a solid book, never taking the commitment that somehow makes life bleed but brings to it some joy. Always avoiding the commitment, the evading the cost, Dietrich Bonhoeffer nailed it on the head and it is quoted across the country in seminary after seminary now - that if a \textquote{an would follow Jesus he must throw his life away. That's precisely true and this is what we do not want.

Friends, we could go on and on and on in the list. And the awful thing that we get into is the dilemma in trying to fool ourselves that I can handle it in my own power. I'm a pretty smart fellow, certainly I can take care of it myself. This is darkness within ourselves and this is why dear friends, beyond this mysterious power of evil, and the forces of Satan, stands the meaning of victory.

May I say so that you will all understand it, the reason that Christian people cling to the story of Jesus is that we know of no other story that has in it this kind of victory. I saw it shining this week in places where you do not expect it and yet where you would expect it. We put to rest these two honored members of our congregation, one of them who taught the men's class so well, the other who was a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord and cleaned his house. And as I walked in and looked at the floors and the house of God, last night, I thought What more honorable calling could there be than cleaning the house of God? Yet in these places where there could have been defeat, there was the strange sense of victory, mysterious and wondrous. Dear people, the Christian story affirms that God has not avoided evil, the garden of Eden is not the end, the battle in a sense is that God comes to be with his people, this is what the incarnation is all about. The whole business of Jesus being
born in a stable—of living among the common, of having friends like Zaccheus and Matthew and all the rest, of going among the drunkards and the harlots, of attacking the institutions of religion, of moving against vested interests, of standing on behalf of the people that have been beaten down, all of this in the name of his kingdom meant in a sense that God in a new way had moved into the battle lines and what finally took place in that matchless life is that he brought from the very throne of God, so to speak, the resources of His Father. And in the hour in which it seemed defeat was at its greatest, this is when God was just beginning to do his greatest work of victory. So that in the resources that Jesus brought in coming into our world precisely into the middle of evil, the money-changers, Caphaeus, Herod and all of us, was that love matchless incredible was released and in that, there is no death.

And so it was that those people who saw this take place and came to know it intimately in faith they said here we have seen and known victory. And the New Testament sings with it, over and over again, this is its throb, this is its heart, that in Jesus Christ, the enemies of man had been overcome and those who came to know this in faith they themselves lived in victory.

Now this leads me and I have said this all to scatteredly and very poorly, I want to ask us about our involvement. Do we even understand where the battle lines are? Do we even know there is a war going on? Or is the biggest thing about today how warm it will get. I'm going to tell you frankly I get tired and sick of aches and pains. Wrong television program was on tonight, why is the car got a squeak in it or whatever it may be. Are these the concerns Christian people will settle for? I tell you, the issues are being drawn in this country and deep down young people are deciding is the church even worth making a bet on? Are we only going to rattle institutions and keep organizations alive and name committees or do we understand that somehow God is moving in this world and as was said yesterday in our retreat if he cannot use the church because the church is too ingrown, then he will use labor unions and ball teams and other institutions. The fact of the matter is God is not limited to the church. The church either has to make up its mind that it will be used as a redemptive agency or it will die. And become only an empty cavernous place like a museum where people once upon a time used to come. Dear friend, when a person becomes aware of the issue and in faith says Here I stake my life in a victory that is working its way out through the power of the resurrected Christ in this world, this is when excitement starts, this is when exhilaration and power comes into a man's life, so that he finds himself involved in all that God is doing wrestling not against flesh and blood but against spiritual wickedness in high places. And as a man surrenders his own life to God and there comes to him the sense of the resurrection and power and life, then he begins to relate to others and these too see this victory then he begins to align himself with the great institutions of the community and of life itself.
I must tell you that I am grateful that the church leaders with whom I visited said it would be alright to work some on a detention home. May I tell you the first 9 people asked, big, strong people in this community said Yes to the invitation. Will you please take this in the right spirit now? We asked 20 people to be deacons and 6 said Yes. Where is God at work?

John Karifa Smart stood up at the American Baptist Convention and spoke of the World Health Organization and how he was going to throw his life into the struggle for people to find health. My dear friends, what I hope and pray under God will happen will be that we will find the battle lines. And that we will take on the enemy in the name of Jesus Christ.

This might be prejudice in your own heart, it might be lack of love that you have toward others, it might be a bankrupt family, it might be a complete, uninvolvedment as far as anything is concerned but the day of march has come. Up at the lake, I found coming into my hands the National Geographic in this issue which tells as movingly as anything I have heard or read the life of Winston Churchill. There came a moment in the battle for Britain, it was in September of 1940, that all that stood between Germany and the west was the British air force. And Churchill and his cigar moved through the streets of London, he showed up down in the east end of London, people advised him not to go there they said they don't like royalty down there too well and you belong to the upper crust, ah but he said that's where I belong. And when he saw the bombed out shelter in which 40 had been killed with one bomb, one of them said he's crying, he cares. And then they shouted, Winnie, we're glad you've come - Winnie, we're glad you've come. And when he got down into the bunker or the control center of the Vice Marshall of the Air Force, a man named Park, you could see on a vast screen where the planes were taking off and the British RAF fighters going up to meet them, 20 here, 40 there, 60 there, 15 there - finally and the lights were on all over the screen, Winston Churchill turned to Park and said, What other reserves have we? And the General's answer was, There are none and in spite of it, the Air Force won the day. And of this month in September Winston Churchill wrote what can be said of the church. I speak now not of the institution, but of the community, those who believe and want to get into the fight. He said, "The odds were great, our margins small, the stakes infinite."

Let us pray.
The Franchise of Broken Vows

Camp Question - A Place of Vows
- The Vesper Place
- The Cabin and The Dining Hall
- The Fire Circle and The Chapel
- The Cross on The High Hill

Abner - The Man of Great Promise

1. A Great Man
   - Leader of His Nation
   - Warrior Against the Enemy

2. The Wonderful Vowize of Abner Smith
   - How In Answer to Arama
   - Vowize That He Would Be A Many Conquerers
   - Fee Despite Vow Before Winter
     - Total Abstainer from Wine
     - No Fencer Of A Deed Things
     - No Alcon Fencer His Head
2.

(3) The Great exploits of Samson
- 200 Girdles through the Corn Fields
- 1,000 Philistine Warriors through the Jawbone of an Ass.
- Heels, Could Not Hold Him.
- Carry off city, Gata, of Gaza.

From the Consecration, Became Deacon

A Gradual Slippage
- Never said, "I do turn from my bow."
- It was Gradual, Subtle & Deceiving

- Fool A Philistine Wife
- Hub Her Head in Her Fop - Compromise
- Acted Wise, Wise Time with the Enemy
- Only Frightened When He was Stung
- Personally

Our Vows I'll Go Back
- Subtle, Gradually
- Mendicantly Amused, Scarcely a Lot

3.

(2) How the Vows Were
- Feasting with the Philistines - Abstinence Were
- The Trees in the Carcase of the Lion - Dead
- How the Universal Hair -
  The Feculence and then the Avaricious
  His Heart.

(3) To Ask Le chim Go
- He was Made Belive -
- How the Enslavement of Greece Com
  for Philistines.

John Milton: "Myself my sepulcher, a morose
grave, prison within prison, me copuly dark!
Nothing of all these evils but befallen me blest path,
I myself have brought them on - sole author [I],
sole cause! If once I seem vile - as vile hath
been my folly!"
The Elixir - Samson's Great Moment

1. The Winning Of Dagon In The Great Temple
   - Wendens Cry

2. Plan The Cry for Samson
   - The Fee Guiding Samson One
   - Melina and Nathaniel

3. From the Weaps of Helplessness

4. The One Last Gift of Strength

The Call To Us

1. Wise of Us Made Yours

2. The Cure in Obesience - Promise - Commitment - My Heart!

3. A Vicious, Meaning for Reality
   Cling To It Desperately, With Your Life

4. Here Is Your Hope and Salvation
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CALL TO WORSHIP
Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

CALL TO PRAYER
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

CONCLUSION OF SCRIPTURE
So the dead whom he slew at his death were more than those whom he had slain during his life. Then his brothers and all his family came down and took him and brought him up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had judged Israel twenty years.
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 15, 1965

1. Welcome
2. The presence of the Babcocks Reception in Parlor, 3:00-5:00
3. Gratitude for the flowers From the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sisson (Judy Dreyer) From SFC Commencement
4. The word of acceptance from the Mallgrens
5. The Evening Service
Tend Fee Peace

1. The Work of the Elders - Spiritual Leaders
   - A Witness of Suffering - Glory of Christ
   - Levi's Happy Witness
   - Garden - Cross - Transfiguration

   (1) The Care of the Poor as God Wishes
      - Unselfishly
      - Without Thought of Gain
      - Not Complaining

2. The Work of Christian Faith
   (1) Humility Before God
   (2) Christian Devout
   (3) Christian Effort and Christian Vigilance
   (4) Christian Resistance to the Devil
   (5) The Woman of Suffering

   - Edward Elgar: "She will radiate grace when something happens to tear her heart"
   - Mary's Mother: Soft Egg, Olives for Help

   - Watson - Establish - Strengthen - Settle
I PETER 5:1-11

So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed. 2 Tend the flock of God that is in your charge, not by constraint but willingly, not for shameful gain but eagerly, not as domineering over those in your charge but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd is manifested you will obtain the unfading crown of glory. 5 Likewise you that are younger be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you. 7 Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares about you. 8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking some one to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. 11 To him be the dominion for ever and ever.

Amen
“As Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION
Organ Prelude—“Prelude” .............................................. Frederic Delius
“Give Praise to Christ Jesus” ................................. Marcel Dupre
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—“How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord” .... 406
Invocation
Lord’s Prayer and Gloria
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Special Music—“Thanks Be To God” ............................. Stanley Dickson
The American Legion Auxiliary Sextette
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IS JESUS CHRIST HER LORD
Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response
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SHE IS HIS NEW CREATION
Christian Greetings
Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“O God, Thou Good God” ............... Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

FROM SIN HE CAME AND SOUGHT HER
The Reading of the Scripture—Judges 16:23-31
The Introit
The Sermon—“The Tragedy of Broken Vows” .......... Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson

AND FOR HER LIFE HE DIED
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THE KING’S BUSINESS
Benediction and Choral Response
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

*First Service Only **Second Service Only ***Ushers May Seat Latecomers

We are grateful for the lovely flowers given today from the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sisson (Judy Dreyer).

The broadcast this morning over KELO is sponsored by Lowell Hanson and Jack Rabbit Lines.

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to a reception in honor of Reverend and Mrs. Al Babcock, to be held this afternoon, August 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We are delighted to have them visiting in the community at this time and hope many of you will plan to stop by and greet them this afternoon.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements
The Time of Prayer
  The Preparation of Prayer
  The Act of Prayer
Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn
Reading the Scripture—I Peter 5:1-11
Special Music—"In My Father's House Are Many Mansions"...James MacDermid
           Mr. Fred Nelson, bass
Evening Meditation—"Tend the Flock"..........................Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
Hymn of Invitation
Benediction
Closing Moments—"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Postlude

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, August 15—3:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Reception in Church Parlor for Rev. and
  Mrs. Al Babeck—Everyone is invited!

MONDAY, August 16—7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, August 17—10:00 a.m.—XYZ, Parlor
  7:30 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, August 18—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, YMCA
  6:45 a.m.—Women's Bible Study, YMCA
  6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
  7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
  8:15 p.m.—Board of Christian Education

FRIDAY, August 20—6:45 a.m.—Men's Bible Study, YMCA

MINISTERIAL:
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Mr. Robert Veninga ..............Student
                Assistant
Mrs. Emil Tiezzi.............Interim Christian
                Education Co-ordinator

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Mr. Stanley L. DeFries..............Director
Dr. Maynard H. Berk...............Organist
Dr. Harold Wortman................Youth
Miss Lois Harchanko...............Children

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Miss LeeDel Howard.............Financial
Mrs. H. C. R. Olsen...Pastor's Assistant
Mrs. Clarence Anderson.........Church

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Mr. James Timmerman...............Sexton
Mr. Lamont Reichelt...........Assistant
Mr. Russell Hubbard..............Assistant
"THE TRAGEDY OF BROKEN VOWS"

August 15, 1965

My dear friends, Christian camping is a wonderful and meaningful experience in which this church has made great investment. May I say I know of no week out of the year that I count with any greater anticipation or blessing than the week spent with a group of junior high's or senior high's, many of whom come out of this church. I frankly long for the opportunity each summer. I do not know if you understand what a Christian camp is all about. In the first place, it is not some strange experience withdrawn from life. One of the basic assumptions of Christian camping is that the young people should live together quite normally, have a great deal of freedom, talk about the things they want to talk about, laugh together, decide together, worship together, study together and it is simply amazing how God uses this kind of family experience in the out of doors.

Do you know that from about 10:30 in the morning until about roughly 5:30 in the evening every cabin counsellor with his group of junior high's this last week was free to go as he could go with his 7 or 8 youngsters, be they boys or girls so there were hikes. As a matter of fact, the brave pastor from Burke Merle Woodden, who is a hiker par excellence, took his youngsters up to Harney and half way back again, this is 12 miles. I want to say hastily that I did not make that climb. But it's an amazing thing how at the start of a week you have youngsters come from over the State, some of them are scared, they're homesick before they get there, some of them are sure they're going to be the hottest thing that ever blew into camp. And if you can survive the first two nights, you can do pretty well from there on. Some of them know all the tricks in the books, you see they're your junior highs and mine. But you know they start to discover that we thank God for the food at the table, we gather to put the flag up together and take it down together at night. They begin to listen, it's amazing how they begin to listen more carefully to the Bible as you go through the week and they begin to discover as two or three of our young people in this church admitted in our one of our closing sessions that there are wonderful Christian young people in other churches, too.

I hope we haven't given them the wrong attitude before they got there. And they begin to include everyone, there are in a sense, no ugly ducklings, no wallflowers, everybody becomes a part, and so you sense a kind of what should I say a deepening, a tightening of the meaning of this. No one walks around and puts on pressure and sticks cards under kids noses and says now let's have a commitment out of you, no one runs a check on the blacks and the whites in camp, so to speak. We had a couple of Indian youngsters in this camp who are as much a part of anything as any youngster out of this church. They all come to love Ardie and Lenora Hayes who are far more than cooks in this camp. And so by the time you come to Friday they are asking not the superficial questions How can I be popular, How can I become a cheerleader in the school, all this kind of thing you know,
which we live with all the time. But concern about different questions, who am I, what am I here for, what is it I'm supposed to do with my life and may I say the Junior high age which stands somehow between childhood and adulthood is a wonderful, a precocious, an explosion age, but a wonderful thing. It is like springtime, voices changing, going from high to low and a kind of hot one minute and cold the next. But in this openness, this wonderful openness and let us not forget that Jesus went to the temple when he was 12 years of age and had some sense of this reality. In the midst of this, there comes among us a time of vow making. Making promises. Now let me say there are two great sins that get committed. One is when you do not face young people with honest decisions, this can be a sin - or to simply drive at decision and manipulate youngsters. This is a tragedy in a sense. But you see God speaks and in what is known as the Christian community there comes a sense of the Holy Spirit and so very frankly in a kind of an open way on Friday, when we came to the end of the Sermon on the Mount, by the way, and the question was asked are there any here who would like to share what this camp has meant. A girl got up and said I have never had an experience like this in my life before and someone else said, I've learned to love new people. Someone else said I am thankful for the counsellor I had in my cabin. Someone else said I know now that I have to live closer to God than I have. So some 25-30 youngsters, just like this, standing up, sharing and there were decisions. We asked three simple questions. One, does anyone here in this camp want to become a Christian. Six youngsters decided this. Would anyone here like to say that he wants to be under God a better Christian, a deeper, more sensitive, open kind of disciple of Christ. And I don't know how many, 40 - 50 some, we have records in the office that have to be taken care of. And then are there some here who sense that they are making a life decision a life service decision, that whether you are a plumber or a farmer or whether you are a teacher or a doctor or a pastor or a missionary in this you will live your life as according to the will of God. So this became a rich moment of vows.

I will never go on the grounds at Judson without sensing that this is holy ground, the tables where you eat, the chapel where you study, the cabins built by churches across the State in which they live at night, we live at night, the fire circle where you sit around in the evenings and had on some nights a fire, the vesper spot overlooking the majesty and the beauty and the wonder of hills that are a hundred million years old. Older than the Himalayas or the rockies. Oh Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth wherever thou hast brought forth the earth and the sea, even from everlasting to everlasting thou are God. Vows were made. And as we neared home, after having gone through a communion service the likes of which I have never seen in my life before and then hearing as we stood outside the echo of prayer and Bible verses coming from this cross that we put up two or three years ago in the darkness, a profound sense of holy communion with the Father everlasting and with each other. And after this as we came into Sioux Falls yesterday and of course the kids are very emotional about breaking up, this is part of being a junior high, we never get over that- when we
asunder part, says the old hymn, it gives us inward pain. So we had prayer coming down 22nd Street and some of these youngsters came home to try to tell you what the week had meant. I hope and pray you didn't shut them off. I hope that you sat down in some moment that God gave you and listened to what they wanted to say. I hope as a church we will do this. But I asked myself, friends, the vows made in the shadow of the hills or by a fire, or after Bible study, these deep promises made to God with such openness and freedom, will we help build these parents and church, or will we tear these down. Will they when they look at us, we adults, will they sense that promises to us are made very glibly, that you can say you're going to do something and never do it, that somehow the business of speaking of not doing or doing is glibly handled. So that our word does not mean what we mean it to be. They know this, they understand this for if there is anything true about young people today is the passionate sense of honesty, integrity even if it embarrasses us and drives us to the corner -- this is why we're afraid of them, it's our sham, many times. It's the fact that we've been hypocritical, it's the fact that we know deep down inside we've ridden twobobby horses and all of that. So when these moments come and the penetrating decisions and questions are put, we're embarrassed but God help us not to be. So I thought about how it would be 20 years from now, what kind of homes will these young people have and all the rest of the young people, what kind of work will be doing, what stands will they be taking in the community, will they be part of the answer or part of the problem. My mind then turned to this old tragic story and I will not dwell on it except for just a very few minutes. Story of Samson, a judge, a man of great promise, a man who was called on to lead his people internally and against the enemy, a man who before he was born was dedicated to God, the Nassarite vow was taken. That vow had in it three parts. One, I will never touch anything dead. Two, I will abstain from strong drink of all types and descriptions. Three, I will let my hair grow everlasting as a symbol that I have been set apart to do the work of God, just like in a sense we take communion as our devotion to Christ.

These were the things that somehow this young man grew up under, this vow and so Samson moved out and part of the story in the book of Judges is the account of some audacious accomplishments. According to the account on one occasion he ran . . . . through the cornfields of the enemy, 300 of them with firebrands another time it is said that with a single jaw bone this one man killed a thousand Philistines; on another occasion it is told how they tried to hold him down with fetters and he broke them with a laugh; on another occasion he picked up the very city gates of Gaza, the capital of Phylisia and carried them off with a kind of derisive laughter. But in the midst of this, there came a strange, terrifying thing. The consecration of this man, to this vow, became a desecration. The terrible business of his life was that pearls became cast before swine. I do not know how exactly it started, whether it was some October afternoon, I do not know. I know that in the story of Samson are the seeds of what can happen to me and I dare say you. He saw a woman. And the beginning and the end of the matter is that he made an unholy alliance with the enemy.
He put his head in the lap of compromise, as one of the Bible commentators has said. For the more he ran with Delilah, and let us not condemn Delilah, she was a woman of the Philistines, she had her way of life, she had to be true to her people, she felt, as Samson should have been true to his people, but the partying got bigger and the next thing that happened, Samson had broken the vow that first said no strong drink. Then one day he killed a lion and when he came past the lion later he saw a strange thing, honey and bees in the carcass, he stuck his hands in and pulled out the honey and fashioned of it a ribbon. Now he had mingled his life with the dead and then there came finally and tragically, the breaking of the last part of the vow. For this woman who felt that somehow she had to be loyal to her own people weazled at him, pulled at him, tugged at him, tricked at him until finally he said one day he said to her after three times she said You will not give me your heart, but he said now I give it to you. My strength is symbolized by my hair.

Now the end of the desecration had come. For now a mighty man was shorn of his power and the tragedy is that now that Samson had so to speak turned his back on God, God said we'll let this thing run to its end. It has been said and I quote it again it is not only a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a righteous God, it is a far more fearful thing to fall out of the hands of a righteous God. Do you know that John Milton has written, and there has been music set to it, about Samson, his words are immortal, Samson is speaking in Milton's poem and says "Myself my sepulchre, a moving grave, prison within prison, inescapably dark and nothing of all these evils hath befallen me but justly, I myself have brought them on, soul author I, soul cause. If aught seems vile, as vile has been my folly and the end was that when the Philistines took what had once been a massive man and gouged his eyes out and tied him so that he became enslaved and finally the pathetic picture of this tragedy is the picture of this man walking with his eyes out, grinding a mill stone. I knew no picture in all the Old Testament so tragic as this. For now desecration has come to its moment of bankruptcy.

Friends, before we come to the climax of this what kind of a vow did you first make with Christ sometime back there? A fresh eyed junior high? What about it now? What kind of a vow did you make when you stood before the marriage altar. My friend, what about it now. When that first child came into your home, what did you say to God? What promise did you make when you stood by a grave and tears ran down your cheeks like hot flames, what did you say to God then? When you knew your sin had found you out as mine has found me out at times, what did you say to God then? What have you done with that vow, that's the message of Samson. I'm not so terribly concerned about the Old Testament morality of Killing, this is a whole debatable issue. I am concerned about the fact that a man of great promise became at the hands of the Philistines a pawn, a joke, is it not true that in some ways the church becomes this when we get sucked off on what we are not supposed to be doing? Is it not true that the church's
great task is the business of reconciliation? Of redemption? Of entering into the agony and the heartache of our age, of trying to bring to men some hope in life, of trying to lift up what is fallen? Then God pity us if we get so taken up with what might be called success and counting statistics and naming committees and all that that the church will die on, if we let ourselves, that we miss the battle and we have made a compromise with the enemy.

And my dear friends when God has spoken to you of love, of loving your neighbor, of turning the other cheek, for surely he has said this to us, when he has talked to us about not trying to get even and all of that, what have we done? You see the end of the matter is that the world stands by it cannot help but know this, wistfully, wanting us to be Christian, of wanting us to prove again that the vows are real. But as long as we find the point where we can goof off, we can somehow cut the edges, smooth it, so that we'll fit, the age will never know what God wants to do. I want to say, junior highs, I have deep envy for you. You do not understand at this point the awful compromise that some of us who are adults get into, the rationalizations, all you understand now is your commitment and your life. Well God keep you there. And I must end by telling you though, that in the last moments, finally came this feast, this is the story that I read and Dagon is worshiped. One of the great scholars of the time has said that this temple built by the Philistines in honor of a God named Dagon was a great circular affair. Thousands of people were in it, it was a party, celebrating time and when they became merry, drunk, they did what we do. Bring him out so we can laugh at him. It's the same story as Herod in his drunkenness saying I will give to this girl half of my kingdom and the poor fool didn't understand that nothing belonged to him. And so he is brought out within those lonely hours in his cell and in his work a beard has begun to grow again. He is no longer clean shaven. There has come over his life a terrible remorse, an agony after God and the boy leads him out and he says to the boy, Take me to the pillars. Now don't scoff at this story, we saw a man this summer who can lift on his back by pulling it 6,000 some odd pounds. Paul Anderson, the world's strongest man. And the great hulk of a man with no eyes is led to his place. And they laughed. Now he bows his head and they laugh for now they say he prays and the prayer of that moment, dear people, is the prayer Remember me. God do you remember me? And the grace of God is that God remembers. On the cross a thief said to Jesus centuries later, Will you remember me? When you come to the end of a thousand broken promises but in his moment you know you're playing for real now, you say God remember me. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ is such that a man is remembered, that strength comes and life is renewed. My friends, I speak to you as one who has broken promises. I know something of my own sin and weakness. I speak therefore to people who have also known what this means. Young and old, old time church people and church people, but the end of the matter is that He remembers our vows. So I say I salute the junior highs who in a kind of abandon made their decisions, I pray that 20, 50, 80 years from now the vision of your vow will be real. I ask of this congregation cannot those of us who are older and more jaded in a sense, more polite about commitment, with some kind of abandon renew our vows and pledge ourselves to him. Shall we pray.
"As Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her."

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO
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Jean Blacksmith, soprano

O LIGHT THAT FOLLOWEST ALL MY WAY
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We are grateful that David Mallgren is with us as Associate Pastor and will be giving his introductory sermon in the morning worship services today. The Mallgrens are now living in our newly acquired parsonage at 1420 W. 22nd St. I am certain that a word of greeting from any of you would be most appreciated.

The Pastor and his family are at Green Lake today where he is preaching at the National Bible Conference.

Next Sunday we will emphasize the meaning of camping in our worship.
EVENING SERVICE
7:30 p.m.

Organ Prelude
Fellowship Singing
Greetings and Announcements

The Time of Prayer
  The Preparation of Prayer
  The Act of Prayer

Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn

Reading the Scripture—Luke 12:13-21

Special Music—“The Publican” ........................................... Beardsley Van DeWater
  Fred Nelson, Jr. bass

Evening Meditation—“Now to Live” ......................................... Mr. Robert Veninga

Hymn of Invitation

Benediction

Closing Moments—“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Organ Postlude

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 23—7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, August 24—1:15 p.m.—W.M.S. Reading Chairmen Library
  7:30 p.m.—Membership Contract Committee, Parlor
  7:30 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY, August 25—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:45 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
  7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
  8:15 p.m.—Board of Deacons, Parlor

THURSDAY, August 26—7:00 p.m.—Boy Scouts, Youth Room

FRIDAY, August 27—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
  7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall
  7:30 p.m.—Children’s Division Parlor

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Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson ............Pastor
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The Transforming Word

National Bible Conference
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Daily Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST TWENTY-FIRST

Afternoon
Registration. Kraft Administration Building

5:30 p.m.  Dinner

7:30 p.m.  Opening Session. Morehouse Hall
- Program Orientation
- Introduction of Leaders
- Special Music
- Address - Dr. Roger Fredrikson
  "Is There Any Word?"
- Reception and Fellowship
  - Brayton Case A

SUNDAY, AUGUST TWENTY-SECOND

7:10 a.m.  Morning Meditations - Dr. Bruce Hills,
  Rose Garden
  Vesper Circle
  Inspiration Point

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast

8:45 a.m.  Lecture: "The Bible Speaks to
  Contemporary World Issues"
  - Dr. Kyle Haselden  Morehouse Hall

10:00 a.m.  Corporate Worship  Pillsbury Hall
  - Sermon by Dr. Roger Fredrikson
  Theme: "All Eyes in His Eyes"

11:15 a.m.  Free Time. Visits to places of interest.
  - International Museum...Religious Art Gallery....Prayer Tower....Petras Room...Literature Exhibit.

12:15 p.m.  Dinner
**Afternoon**

2:00 p.m.  Tour of Children's Center  
- Nursery School Building

Free time for recreation...Visits to places of interest...reading...relaxation...renewal.

**Evening**

5:30 p.m.  Supper  
- Lakeview Dining Room

6:30 p.m.  Lobby Music Program  
- Roger Williams Inn  
- Led by Dr. David Kellermeyer

7:00 p.m.  Vesper Service  
- Vesper Circle

"The Victory of God" - Dr. Robert Middleton

7:45 p.m.  Assembly Choir Concert  
- Pillsbury Hall

9:00 p.m.  Informal Fellowship

**Morning**

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- Rose Garden  
- Vesper Circle  
- Inspiration Point

7:30 a.m.  Breakfast

8:45 a.m.  Lecture:  
- Morehouse Hall  
- Dr. Kyle Haselden

9:45 a.m.  Coffee Break

10:15 a.m.  Seminars

- Dr. R. Kelvin Henderson  
- Morehouse Hall

2. "The Parables He Told"  
- Dr. David A. Redding  
- Brayton Case 'A'

3. "Teaching and Preaching Values in the Gospels"  
- Dr. James Branton  
- Lower Morehouse

11:30 a.m.  Talk-back (Optional)  
- Morehouse Hall  
- Informal discussion with individual conference leaders.  
- (Branton...Haselden...Henderson...Middleton...Mills...Redding)

12:15 p.m.  Lunch
**Afternoon**

Free for recreation...visits to places of interest...reading...relaxation...renewal.

- Individual consultations may be scheduled with conference leaders.

**Evening**

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Lobby Sing. Roger Williams Inn

7:00 p.m. Vesper Service. Vesper Circle - Dr. Robert G. Middleton

3:00 p.m. Evening Programs

Monday: "The Bible and Music" Morehouse Hall - Dr. David Kellermeyer

Tuesday: "The Life of Jesus in Song" Morehouse Hall - Otoniel Gonzaga

Wednesday: Panel Discussion, Conference Leaders "New Insights in Biblical Research and Interpretation" Morehouse Hall

Thursday: "The Parables of Jesus" Conference Leaders Morehouse Hall

Friday: Panel Discussion by Conference Leaders - Concluding Inspirational address and Lord's Supper. Morehouse Hall

9:00 p.m. Informal Fellowship

**SUNDAY MORNING.** Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 a.m.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Post Office. The ABA Post Office is adjacent to Rauschenbusch Hall. Please double-check your mailbox every day. Leave a forwarding address before your departure next Saturday.

Lost and Found. The ABA Lost and Found Department is located in the Post Office alongside Rauschenbusch Hall. Please turn in articles which you find, or report items that have been lost or misplaced.

Transportation. If transportation is needed on the Assembly grounds please call 28 and ask for taxi service. The cost is 25¢ per trip.

Medical. The Medical Center is open daily from 8:15 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Two registered nurses are on duty to provide emergency services, and to make referrals to a physician in Green Lake.

Birthdays. All birthdays and anniversaries which are celebrated this week will be recognized in the dining room at dinner every evening. Please give these names to Dr. Joseph John Hanson not later than breakfast each morning.

Tape Recordings. Bible lectures and evening sessions are being recorded and will be available at a cost of $5.00 per reel.
ENRICHMENT AND RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

ART GALLERY
Sunday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday:
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

BICYCLES
Inquire at Inn Desk about rental arrangements.

BOATS
Row Boats: Make request of Water-front personnel.
With Outboard Motors: Inquire at Inn Desk or Waterfront Room.
Aqua-cat Sailboat: Inquire at Inn Desk or Waterfront Room.

BOAT TOURS
1:30 p.m. - $1.00 per person (Additional tours upon request) - Sign up at Roger Williams Inn Desk.

BOOK AND GIFT SHOP
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Monday through Saturday)

BUS TOURS
1:30 p.m. Assembly grounds: 50¢ per person (Monday through Friday).
3:30 p.m., when requested, (minimum of 20 persons per trip) - Sign up at Roger Williams Inn Desk.

CHILDREN'S CENTER
Sunday: 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.
Monday through Friday:
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

CRAFT SHOP
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

GEM COLLECTION AND AARON'S BREASTPLATE
Roger Williams Inn Lobby

HOPEVALE
Replica of the spot where twelve American Baptist Missionaries and their children found refuge in the Philippine Islands during the Second World War, prior to their deaths as Christian martyrs.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM
Sunday: 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 noon
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday:
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

JUDSON TOWER
1:15 - 5:00 p.m. (Sunday - Friday)

LAPIDARY SHOP
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

LITERATURE EXHIBIT
Sunday: 11:00 - 12:00 noon
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday:
8:15 - 12:00 noon
1:15 - 5:00 p.m.

LOBBY SING
6:30 p.m. Sunday - Friday Lobby R.W.I.

PETRAS ROOM
All day (Sunday - Friday)

SNACKERY
Roger Williams Inn
3:00 - 11:00 p.m. (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. (Monday - Friday)

SWIMMING POOL
Sunday: 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

TEENITY PROGRAM
8:30 a.m. (Sunday - Friday)
Junior Highs - Lower John Mason Feck
Senior Highs - Youth Library
SUBJECTS AND THEMES

Morning Lectures. "The Bible Speaks to Contemporary World Issues" - Dr. Kyle Haselden
- Biblical and Sub-Biblical Justice
- Attitudes and Actions
- The Need for Coercion
- Conflict as a Human Condition
- The Irony of Human Action
- The Ultimacy of Community

Seminars

   - New Beginnings: A New Church in an Old Culture
   - The Quest for Identity: Jerusalem and Antioch
   - The Nature of Christian Experience: Peter and Paul
   - The Nature of the Gospel: Its Claims and Movement
   - Communicating the Gospel: Goals and Resources

2. "The Parables He Told" - Dr. David A. Redding
   - Introduction to the Parables
   - This Is Your God
   - This Is His Kingdom
   - This Is Your Duty
   - This Is Your Life

3. "Preaching and Teaching Values in the Gospels" - Dr. James Branton
   - Jesus, His World and Ours
   - Jesus and the High Demands of God
   - Jesus and the Lifting Grace of God
   - Jesus and the Problem of His Ethical Teachings
   - Jesus and the Spirit of God

Vesper Services - Dr. Robert G. Middleton
- The Victory of God
- Reflections in a Mirror
- Till We All Have Faces
- The Real Problem is in the Hearts of Men
- A Transformed Church
- To All That Shall Be--Yes
CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP


Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dr. Joseph John Hanson. Program Director, American Baptist Assembly, and Director, Department of Church School Administration, American Baptist Board of Education and Publication.

Dr. Kyle Haselden. Editor, The Christian Century, well-known ecumenical publication.

Dr. R. Melvin Henderson. Associate Professor of New Testament, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

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Into a Lonely Place

The Retreat of Jesus

1. Into a Mountain or a Garden or a Falls

2. Here Great Moments
   - Before Great Decisions
   - In the Face of Crisis
   - To Train His Disciples
   - The Renewal of Vision

3. The Possibility of Every Opportunity in Anxiety
   - Renewal and Decision

The Climb of Christ in Retreat

1. While Men Are Failing
   - In the midst of Life

2. Christ Calls Us in Life
   - The Practice of the Presence of God
   - Pray More to Our Enemy - C.S. Lewis, Fellow
2. The Vast Soteriopsis To Whose We Call Up

- To the Insecurity of Men
  - Centers in People
  - Love, Concern for People
  - To Stay with Them.

2. A Change from Our Preoccupation with Things
  - from Rises to Men.

3. The New Meaning Of It All
ANNOUNCEMENTS
August 29, 1965

1. Welcome

2. Gratitude for the flowers
Communion Table - from the wedding of Margaret Cox and Thomas Behrend

Rosebuds -
in honor of a son, David Dale, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mortinson

in honor of a son born to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Beier

3. A word concerning our regular services
Evening Service
Midweek Prayer Service

4. A word of encouragement for our women's meeting, Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Attending camps this summer:
- Green Lake - 15 adults
  9 youth
  24 total
- Camp Judson - 41 youth
  15 Project camp
  20 Family camp (4 families)
  13 staff
  99 total
- FCA Camp - 3 adult
  5 boys
  6 total
  129 total
  14
  743
“As Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”

O LOVE THAT WILT NOT LET ME GO
Organ Prelude—“A Psalm of David” ........................................... Salomone Rossie
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I CANNOT CLOSE MY HEART TO THEE
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Choral Response
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MY HEART RESTORES ITS BORROWED RAY
Christian Greetings
Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings
Organ Offertory—“Let All Together Praise Our Lord”......Dietrich Buxtehude
Doxology
Prayer of Dedication
Solo ............................................................................................. Mrs. Delmar Kroon, soprano

O LIGHT THAT FOLLOWEST ALL MY WAY
The Reading of the Holy Scriptures
The Introit
A Shared Sermon—“Meeting God in Camp”
  Miss Darla Eggum
  Mr. Robert Peterson
  Mr. Harold Larson
  Mrs. Ralph Tingley
Concluding Word by the Pastor

I GIVE THEE BACK THE LIFE I OWE
The Hymn of Dedication and Decision
  “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”
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The Time of Prayer
  The Preparation of Prayer
  The Act of Prayer
Receiving the Offering
Singing a Hymn
Reading the Scripture—I Peter 5:12-14
Solo.................................................................Truman Dalton, baritone
Evening Meditation—“The Kiss of Love” .................Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson
Hymn of Invitation
Benediction
Closing Moments—“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Moment of Silence
The Chimes
Organ Postlude

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, August 30—7:00 p.m.—Explorer Scouts, Youth Room

TUESDAY, August 31—10:00 a.m.—XYZ at the home of Mrs. Lura Roddel, South Minnesota Avenue.
  7:30 p.m.—Church Calling

WEDNESDAY September 1—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:45 a.m.—Women’s Bible Study, YMCA
  6:00 p.m.—Webelos, Youth Room
  7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
  8:15 p.m.—Church Council, Parlor

THURSDAY, September 2—10:00 a.m.—White Cross Sewing
  12:00 noon—W.M.S. Executive Board
  1:00 p.m.—W.M.S. General Luncheon and Meeting

FRIDAY, September 3—6:45 a.m.—Men’s Bible Study, YMCA

CHURCH STAFF

MINISTERIAL:
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"MEETING GOD IN CAMP"
A Shared Sermon --
August 29, 1965

My friends, today is a shared sermon. If there is any
time after the four have spoken about their camp experiences,
I will take those minutes and use them as best I can. May I
say that American Protestantism has in the last 25 years gone
from almost point zero to a tremendous investment in Christian
camping. As a matter of fact, we discovered that this was
one of the best vehicles for sharing the gospel that there is.
To be in the out of doors, in the midst of family living, to
have a family sense come, to become aware of God in other people
and their questions and probing, to see him afresh in nature, to
hear him speak through his word again. This is the great
possibility of camping. So all Protestant denominations and
Baptist have been one of the leading groups in this, have gone into
a great program of camping. Rodney Britain of our Board of
Education and Publication has been a pioneer in camping across
this country. As a matter of fact, the plan for Camp Judson was
developed by Rodney Britain. Now every year this church invests
several hundred dollars, in fact it runs over a thousand altogether
in the outlay of people going to camp. There was a man in this
community who felt so deeply moved by the passing of one of our
members into his everlasting reward that he established a camping
scholarship under the supervision of our Board of Education
which made it possible for three young people to go to camp who
otherwise had not have gotten there.

Now I was amazed when I sat down and started going over
the record to discover that we had 15 adults go to Green Lake
this summer, some of them for learning experiences and some for
what might be called more of the inspiring type of experience
and 9 youths go to Green Lake making a total of 24. Now as
we sometimes say Green Lake is the West Point of American Baptist
training, a fantastic operation anyway you look at it. We had
105 people go to Camp Judson which has a remarkable history among
South Dakota Baptists, 41 of these were young people as far as
we can determine from our records and these may not be entirely
accurate. 6 were women, 15 went to work in a project camp to get
the camp ready, 20 went to family camp, and there were 13 staff
people out of our church who served in varying camps, making a total
of 105. We had 8 young people from this church, well 3 adults and
5 young men go to Fellowship of Christian Athletes camp/and/ in
Wisconsin and Estes in Colorado and besides this a great variety of
people who went to Scout camps and to YMCA camps. Now I am going
to ask that all the folks who went to any of these camps, if they
would stand for just a moment now, wherever you are. You see,
friends, this is a remarkable investment. Thank you.

Now out of the 143 altogether who went to camps, we
have asked four people to share about their meeting with God.
Now you understand that these are not professional speakers,
and they are doing this in a sense of weakness as they have
said over and over again, but also by the grace of God and you
will give them as good hearing as the first congregation at 8:30
gave them. First of all, Darla Eggum, who not too long ago was baptized in this church was one of the junior highs that went to Camp Judson. She's an officer in our Guild at the present time. Next Robert Peterson, or Robbie as we call him, who is an old senior high, passing off the scene now into college. Robbie was honored as you may know by writing an essay and because of the work done, received a scholarship to Sioux Falls College where he will be attending this Fall. He attended the senior high camp with about 20 young people from our church at Judson. And then Harold Larson who found himself with his family for the second time at the Men's Conference at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, and Mrs. Kay Tingley, Mrs. Ralph Tingley, who went to agreat conference on mission at the American Baptist Assembly. Each of these will now speak and share out of their own experience and may God bless you as you share.

DARLA EGGUM: When Dr. Fredrikson asked me if I would speak on the meaning of camp, I wasn't sure if I could do it but then my mother reminded me of a scripture verse my cabin counsellor had used that last day at camp. I can do all things in him who strengtheneth me. So that night I went to the Lord and I asked him for the courage I needed and I can truthfully say that he has given it to me. When I think of camp I think first of that one week of fun and friendships made all over the State but then I think beyond this... unto God. At camp God is uppermost in everyone's mind. He is seen not only in the beauty of the lakes and the hills but also in the lives of the counsellors, the campers, and the camp officials. His presence is a known fact by all, which was a particular case that last Friday at camp. At chapel that morning Dr. Fredrikson gave the conclusion to the Sermon on the Mount which we had been studying all week. Near the close of the talk he asked three very important questions. These are very moving moments in my life, ones I'll never forget. The day sped by rapidly as all days at camp do. We had a County Fair in the late afternoon and a picnic supper finished the day. We had planned to have a campfire at the close of the day but God... to rain that evening. Consequently, we had a fire in the chapel. Around that fireplace we had a communion service, one of which I had never experienced before in my life. Two small loaves of bread were passed from person to person, each one serving the person next to him. The small glass and a cloth were also passed in the same way. Dr. Fredrikson led the camp in a series of soft, meaningful reverent songs while communion was being served. From the chapel we moved out of doors onto the steps and witnessed a scene for which words are inadequate. A counsellor had climbed the mountain to the cross with flashlights. Scriptures were read across the valley and the words sounded as if they were actually coming from the mouth of God and burst from heaven. That night, many lives were touched, mine immensely. I truly met God at camp two weeks ago and I can only thank God and the camp for that. So for me the meaning of camping would be one week of reedication and discovery and a challenge to live the Christian life when you reach your own home, your old friends and your normal way of life.
ROBERT PETERSON: When I first heard talk about camp this summer, I thought well I'm a little bit old to be going to camp, I'm out of high school now but then as I heard other people talking about it I thought about it a little more I decided Yeah I guess I do want to go. So I sent in my application. I figured by the middle of August came around I needed a vacation since I had been working all summer. We left early one Sunday morning and arrived back the following Saturday late in the afternoon. From the time we left until the time we got back it was just one long, memorable experience, something I will never forget. There are some things about it however that I do remember more than others and these are the different ways in which the worship services were held, how they differed from how they usually are. Out there in the morning our morning worship service was very informal, we walked into the chapel after breakfast dishes were done and our cabins cleaned up and sat down on the floor, of all places and this is quite informal because usually you don't walk into a church and sit on the floor, usually the pews are there . . . . and then we started off by singing some songs, and these songs weren't the real religious type you know they were fun songs like you'd expect to hear at a hootenanny or something like that rather than a chapel. Then we had our morning address by Bob Veninga who was our camp pastor. And his morning address consisted mainly of a story and in this story he presented a problem and he always managed to end the story by leaving a big question in your mind and then we went to our discussion groups to try to find the answer to this question. Next were some services I remember was the communion service we had on Friday evening the last night we were at camp. We went into the chapel after supper and we all sat down on the pews this time, I guess the floor must have been getting kind of hard for the counsellors, and they decided they'd like to sit up a little higher. And we went in there and again it was quite a bit different, we started to sing folk songs in preparation for the service of communion and this is quite different as usually you expect to hear the same old songs and this time it was songs you'd expect to hear at a hootenanny. After we had a short talk by the camp pastor he told us that the service of communion would not be held in the convention manner with the bread and juice being passed on in pews, instead we would all go forward to a table and receive the communion when we felt we were ready. And I think this was a better way than we do it in our church because I think many times a person can feel rushed in our church and feel if he doesn't take communion right now he won't get a second chance to take it and this way I think it gives a person a little longer time to talk with God. Now the last thing I would like to talk about is the sunrise service they had one morning. A group of campers and counsellors decided they would get up early one morning and go out and watch the sun come up - well to see the sun come up you have to get up about 4:30 in the morning and I know it kind of ruined it for some people who like to sleep late -And then on top of that it was raining that morning and that probably shut out a few more who didn't want to go out in the cold and get their feet wet or something. There were quite a few that went up there however, this did make a deep impression on me
that there were Christians whose faith could not be dampened by a little discomfort.

In closing, I'd like to say that I'd recommend camp for anyone who has a chance to go. When I went out to camp I think I developed a greater sense of appreciation out there. Here at home you look out a window and you see a tree in your front yard. Well the tree's probably been there as long as you've lived in the house or as long as you remember anyway, and you say so what, big deal. Well out there you look around and you see the trees and the rocks and everything and they are very beautiful and you see them in a completely different setting and then you realize how much power God must have to create something like this. And I know I'll never forget the experiences I had two weeks ago at camp.

HAROLD LRSON: Green Lake is dedicated to a closer walk with God. And surely as you are here this morning when you enter the gates of Green Lake, you feel this closeness with God. American Baptists Men Conference follows about the same pattern as the junior high conference, periods of discussion, periods of fun, periods of commitment. Our morning service started with prayer meeting at 7 a.m. in the morning and there are six different locations, each location as a rule attended by about 40 men. And at 7:30 we have our breakfast then at 9:00 our Bible Study. Dr. Stanley McNair was our Bible leader this year and at 10:00 we had a panel discussion led by Dr. Fredrikson. Then at 11:00 the conference broke up into cell groups of about 40 men and they had a leader and then we discussed probably three questions that were put to us from the Bible lecture in the morning. On Monday morning the men were rather stiff on this subject because of course we knew no neat these conferences. About Tuesday we loosened up and were concerned that these men were concerned about things that would make Christianity work in their home church better. Then on Wednesday we had a pretty rough time of it in our group and the leader called for prayer about in the middle of the hour. It wasn't a long prayer, probably three minutes but it seemed after that, things worked out the way they should. The afternoon was free for golf, tennis, swimming, or horseshoe or anything you'd like to do. After the evening meal at 6:30, church vespers service, now this is an outdoor service by the lake and Dr. Dalburg was our evening speaker. And then at 8:00 it was a Sunday evening church and after this church service you were free to do what you want and we found our way to Green Lake City nightly. Dr. Fredrikson and Dr. Ray Ferry who many of you now and one night we came home about 11:30 and we met a couple from San Francisco and Roger knew their story and he asked them to tell it to us and it was the struggle that they had to receive the Holy Spirit and this wasn't a one minute three second knockout for world championship, but this was for a couple to dedicate their lives to Christ. For an hour approximately this couple told us of this struggle and how they asked God to go with them and at one point she said Lord I'll do anything but don't let me make a fool of myself. But that wasn't what God wanted, take up thy cross and follow me.
Then she said later on she said I'll make myself a fool for you and then she received the Holy Spirit. And on Friday night we had a large communion service, this conference had a total of 590 men so the communion service was quite large and at that service there was 5 rededications. Saturday morning departure and we had breakfast with a Negro couple from New Jersey and his son was president of New Jersey men and as we parted I said will we see you next year? And he said we will if God gives me breath and so we departed with a cloud of witnesses before us.

KAY TINGLEY: I would like to thank Pastor Fredrikson and members of the Women's Mission Society for the privilege and honor of being a delegate to the National Missions Conference at Green Lake. Today I am wearing my badge. The little green tag shows that it was my first time as a delegate to the Missions Conference. A red tag designated a leader, a yellow tag says you have attended 10 or more conferences, a white tag you were a member of the staff of the Women's Society at large and the missionaries all wore blue ribbons with the gold letters Missionary on them. Many prominent leaders conducted training groups, Bible Study, vespers and evening programs. Dr. Paul T. Loosh, President of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary was our Bible Study leader. His theme all revolved around the theme of mission. The meaning, concept of witness and growth of world missions as found in both the Old and New Testaments. On Monday through Friday mornings we had two classes besides the Bible Study, the first class I attended was by Dr. Wm. J. Teach who has written several books which some of you have read, I know. His study was year round missionary education in the church. The second hour I attended Dr. Paul L. Skaggs class on Missions - the Christians calling, the latter being the same theme as the conference made each one of us realize that every mature Christian is a missionary wherever he is. For one hour each afternoon following lunch there were slides, film strips and movies about our mission fields. If you cared to see them. Dr. James Chuck, a charming person, the pastor of the First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco, California, was our vesper leader and gave us many stimulating thoughts in regards to our actions as missionaries for Christ. We must see the needs of others and act. One of the greatest thrills for me was to actually talk with missionaries that I have read about or heard of for years. There were 20 overseas and 11 home missionaries present. They are now called overseas rather than foreign. The most remarkable one to me was Dr. Martha Gifford, now aged 95 who was there. She said that she had helped to start the Momay hospital in Rangoon, Burma and had delivered some of Mrs. Joe Smith's babies. I also visited . . . . the sister of Dr. John Carmen who is one of our special interest missionaries in our own society. At one of the meals when I was seated by Miss Carmen, Rev. Joe Hanson, program director at Green Lake, commented that he was sure someone at our table of 8 had pictures of their grandchildren they would like to show. No one did but Miss Carmen had pictures of Dr. and Mrs. John Carmen and their grandchildren so we were all happy to see them and she also showed us some of her lovely jewelry which she had been given by her friends back in Burma.
years ago. And when she returned last year she had to have the American Embassy bring this jewelry out for her. Another rather exciting fact for me was that 10 of the 12 missionaries from Burma had known Ralph's Aunt Clara Tingley who had been an educational missionary in Burma for 35 years. One had lived with Aunt Clara for ten years before she was married. There were so many from the Burma field that it was truly old home week and I noticed that Rev. Ray Beaver were also enjoying the reunion of many of their friends from Burma. The other missionaries present from overseas were from NE India, Hong Kong, Okinawa, Japan and the Congo. The ones from the Congo was Dr. Daniel Fountain. He had worked with Dr. Jim for 2 months before he left on furlough and this fall he and his family would be rejoining Jim and Betty. Among the home missionaries with whom I visited and I missed none, were Mr. and Mrs. VanDeun from Mather School. Mr. Van Deun is a business manager and she works in the laundry. He commented that about two weeks before he came to Green Lake he had helped to unpack two boxes of clothing from First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. How he remembered this was that their sales closet was about down to nothing which had never happened before. Rev. Edmund Vaught community witness from Mpls. was one who stirred the hearts of many with his message at one of the evening programs and his courage to do what he is doing when he is nearly blind and still a young man. It was a great pleasure to visit with each of the missionaries throughout the day and to see the radiance in their faces from the joy of serving or having served their Master so faithfully. There were so many people there that sent greetings to so many of you I thought at first I would remember them all but the number grew so fast that I can now remember just a few so if you know of someone that was there that should have sent greetings by me, I'm sure they did. Having served on the Green Lake staff myself several years ago, I already knew the beauty of the grounds. However, this was my first experience as a delegate and you truly feel it is a closer walk with God. I hope several in this church will plan to attend this conference next year. It is for men as well as women. The impressive closing of the missions conference is the silent walk following the evening program down the road from Morehouse Hall to the point on the lake where we all face the lighted cross of Judson Tower and in a brief service each one dedicated himself to try to be a stronger Christian and missionary to all.

PASTOR: Friends, we're better people because of what you've just shared with us. Before we sing our closing song, which is a camp song, we are climbing Jacob's ladder, soldiers of the cross, and it's not in the hymnbook so don't even look for it and you haven't got the words for it, that's the way we do in camp, I just want to say if Christ had to retreat and get off by himself for a week and while we may not be able to go off to Green Lake or Camp Judson, the possibility of weekly time with God is at hand for every one of us. Whenever I read about Jesus going off alone I am strangely moved within because