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Summary
Main Entry: John Rowan Claypool Sermon Collection

Date Span: 1962 – 1981

Abstract: Collection of sermons of John Rowan Claypool, IV, who served as pastor of First Baptist Decatur, Georgia; Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky; Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

Size: 2 linear ft. (4 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch
John Rowan Claypool, IV, served as a prominent pastor and theologian at Southern Baptist churches for over twenty years. Born December 15, 1930 in Franklin, Kentucky, Claypool grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. He earned a bachelor’s degree in philosophy from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and was ordained into the ministry in 1953. In 1959, he received a Th.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The churches where Claypool served as pastor included: First Baptist Decatur, Georgia (1959 – 1960); Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky (1960 – 1971); Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas (1971 – 1976); and Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi (1980 – 1981).

In 1986, Claypool left the Baptist faith and was ordained as an Episcopal priest, following training at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He served as associate rector of Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas, then as rector of Saint Luke’s Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama, from 1987 – 2001. Claypool was theologian-in-residence at Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 2001 – 2003. He taught homiletics at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University’s Atlanta campus and delivered the institution’s commencement address in 2005.

Beecher Lectures in Preaching at Yale University in 1978. He died in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 3, 2005.

Scope and Content Note
The John R. Claypool Collection (4 linear ft.) consists of sermons by Claypool in his role as pastor from 1962 to 1981. While most of the sermons are those of Claypool, the collection does include the sermons of other ministers who preached at his church in his absence. The collection includes sermons by Mahan Siler, Jr., Wayne E. Ward, Wayne E. Oates, Frank Stagg, Robert E. Lively, Jr., Fred D. Linkenhoker, Walter Delamarter, Charles E. Boddie, William E. Hull, G. Temp Sparkman, Bill Gaventa, Jr., Howard Hove, Fred Taylor, William Amos, Robert V. Myers, Rob Shipley, Hugo Culpepper, Thomas L. Budesheim, Larry McSwain, John D. W. Watts, Eric C. Rust, Monty Knight, Bill Amos, Mark C. Fowler, Roy E. DeBrand, William H. Gibson, John Paul Carter, Franklin M. Segler, Jim Wideman, and Dan McGee. The topics cover a wide range of subjects but illustrate Claypool’s concern for family and marriage issues and the trusting God through the various stages of life. Other prominent sermon topics include repentance, believing in God, faith, prayer, and eternal life. Sermons related to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are common in the collection.

Arrangement
Sermons are arranged in chronological order.

Provenance
Assembled from a variety of sources by SBHLA staff.

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None

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Mercer University
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Related Materials
Baptist Peace Fellowship of North American Collection. SBHLA # AR 712, correspondence files.

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   A Matter of Life and Death, October 28, 1962 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
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   Conquering Loneliness, November 11, 1962 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
   Knowing and Believing, November 18, 1962
   Nevertheless, November 25, 1962
   The Good and the Best, December 9, 1962
   The Mysterious Birth of Christ, December 16, 1962
   The Perfect Gift, December 23, 1962
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   The Meaning of Baptism, January 20, 1963
   Our Continuing Need of Worship, January 27, 1963
   The Freedom Love Requires, February 3, 1963
   The Search for Meaning in Suffering, February 17, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
   The Radio and Jesus Christ, February 24, 1963
   The Minister, the Church, and the World, March 10, 1963
   The Church Meeting the World, March 17, 1963
   No Good Is Ever Lost, March 24, 1963
   The Power of the Spoken Word, March 31, 1963
   Christ and the Changing Crowd, April 7, 1963
   The Resurrection Hope, April 14, 1963
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   Why do you Laugh?, April 28, 1963
   On Being Born Again, May 5, 1963
   Is the Christian Home Out of Date?, May 12, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
   The Surprise That Is Every Man, May 19, 1963
   The Fear of Death, May 26, 1963
   To Whom Much Is Given, June 9, 1963
   The Priesthood of Believers, June 23, 1963
   Freedom: Means or End?, June 30, 1963
1.3 July – December, 1963
God and the Individual, July 7, 1963
There Is No Escape, July 21, 1963
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What Are You For?, August 4, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
Thanksgiving in August, August 11, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
The Growing Edge of Tension, August 18, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
The Dignity of Daily Labor, August 25, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
I Learned This by the Sea, September 1, 1963
Ye Shall Be Witnesses, September 8, 1963
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Looking Into the Heart of God, September 23, 1963 (Wayne E. Ward)
A Continuing Concern, September 29, 1963
Our Parting Benediction, October 6, 1963
Taking Up the Cross, October 13, 1963
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The Significance of the Church, October 27, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
Changed by the Cross, November 3, 1963
Believing Is Seeing, November 10, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
The Sin of Unawareness, November 17, 1963
A Word for this Crisis, November 24, 1963
The Importance of a Person, December 1, 1963
The Freedom of a Slave, December 8, 1963
God and the Government, December 15, 1963
The Coming of the Light, December 22, 1963
Growing Stronger in 1964, December 29, 1963

1.4 January – June, 1964
Amos: Ritual or Righteousness?, January 12, 1964
Hosea: Invincible Love, January 19, 1964
Isaiah: The Security of God, January 26, 1964
Micah: The Champion of the Poor, February 2, 1964
The Truth of Symbolism, February 9, 1964
Understanding the Lost, March 8, 1964
Coming and Going, March 15, 1964
The Biblical View of Property, April 5, 1964
The Creative Use of Conflict, April 12, 1964
Lord, Teach us to Pray, April 19, 1964
What Do You Do with Your Sins?, April 26, 1964
Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, May 3, 1964
The Family Legacy, May 10, 1964 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
Caught in Changing Times, May 17, 1964
The Man Who Walked With God, May 31, 1964
The Great Reversal, June 14, 1964
To Provide Is to Prepare, June 21, 1964
The Greatness of God, June 28, 1964
1.5. **July – December, 1964**
   - The Silent Ministry, July 5, 1964  (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
   - The Power of a Purpose, July 12, 1964  (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
   - A Crisis of Conscience, August 2, 1964
   - A Person and His Circumstances, August 9, 1964
   - The Punctuation Marks of Life, August 16, 1964
   - The Need to Reassure, August 23, 1964
   - The Making of a Man, August 30, 1964
   - The Law and the Lawless, September 6, 1964
   - A Vital Church, September 13, 1964
   - Prayer and the Husband-Wife Relationship, September 30, 1964  (Wayne E. Oates)
   - The Lukewarm Life, September 27, 1964
   - I Still Have Good News for You, October 4, 1964
   - Helping the Helpless, October 11, 1964
   - Are You For Or Against?, October 18, 1964
   - Where Is the Lamb?, October 25, 1964
   - Use or Lose, November 1, 1964
   - In Dead Earnest, November 8, 1964
   - The Strong and the Weak, November 15, 1964
   - The Hem of the Garment, November 22, 1964
   - The Difficult Test, November 29, 1964
   - Preparing for Christmas, December 6, 1964
   - Did He Come Too Soon?, December 13, 1964
   - The Word Become Flesh Today, December 20, 1964  (Frank Stagg)
   - Can a Life Be Changed?, December 27, 1964

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   - Loving Ourselves and Loving Others, January 10, 1965
   - We Would See Jesus, January 17, 1965
   - Let God Be God, January 24, 1965  (Robert E. Lively, Jr.)
   - He Became As We Are, January 31, 1965
   - Our Oneness and Our Differences, February 7, 1965
   - The Love That Confronts, February 14, 1965
   - Easter and God’s Determination, April 18, 1965
   - Respect for Personality, July 4, 1965

1.7. **1966**
   - Eternal Life: Good News or Bad?, September 25, 1966
   - Mary and the First Christmas, December 18, 1966

1.8. **1967**
   - The Challenge of Fatherhood, June 18, 1967
   - Is Faith Merely Fantasy?, June 25, 1967
   - What Is a Church to Do?, July 2, 1967
   - The Way One Grows, July 9, 1967
God and Evil, July 16, 1967
Everlasting Mercy, July 23, 1967
The Human Factor in One’s Religion, July 30, 1967
Our Business Is Love, September 3, 1967
Authority and Brotherliness, November 26, 1967
When Faith Cost Something, December 3, 1967
The Man Jesus and Vietnam, December 10, 1967  (Fred D. Linkenhoker)
Getting the Most Out of Christmas, December 24, 1967

1.9.  1968
The Forgiveness That Sets Free, January 7, 1968
The Essence of Happiness, January 14, 1968  (Walter Delamarter)
Small Hearts in a Big World, January 28, 1968
God’s Love and Hell, February 4, 1968
The Ministry of Mankind, February 17, 1968
The Inward and the Outward Journey, February 25, 1968
The Value of Conflict, March 3, 1968
Blaming or Solving, March 10, 1968
Judas the Betrayer, March 17, 1968
The Way God Changes Us, March 24, 1968
Three Men Trudging, April 7, 1968  (Charles E. Boddie)
Overcoming Evil with Good, April 21, 1968
Worship as a Happening, May 26, 1968
If I Go Down into Hell, June 2, 1968
The Right and the Wrong Way to Pray, June 23, 1968
We Are What We Eat, July 14, 1968
The Way of Freedom, July 21, 1968
The Vitality of Evil, July 28, 1968  (William E. Hull)
Beyond the Ghetto, August 4, 1968  (William E. Hull)
On Working for Rachel, August 11, 1968  (William E. Hull)
The Broken Wall, August 18, 1968  (William E. Hull)
Using Our Troubles, August 25, 1968
The Man Who Lives By Grace, September 15, 1968
Collaborating with Christ, September 22, 1968
Heritage, Fulfillment, and Change, October 6, 1968

1.10  June – December, 1969
Heritage “Up for Grabs”, June 29, 1969  (G. Temp Sparkman)
The Struggle for Freedom, July 6, 1969
The New Challenge of Neighborliness, July 13, 1969
What Does it Mean?, July 20, 1969  (Bill Gaventa, Jr.)
For We Know in Part, August 10, 1969  (William E. Hull)
Sight or Insight?, August 17, 1969  (William E. Hull)
All That Is Within Me, August 24, 1969
Our Work: Too Little or Too Much?, August 31, 1969
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The Struggle for Greatness, September 14, 1969
God and Our Times, September 21, 1969
The Launching Pad of Christian Mission, September 28, 1969 (Fred Taylor)
Fellowship and Witness, October 5, 1969
Seeing Christ in the Hungry, October 12, 1969
Christ and Thirst: A Communion Meditation, October 19, 1969
Seeing Christ in the Stranger, October 26, 1969
I Was Naked and You Clothed Me, November 2, 1969 (John Howard Hove)
Christ and Sickness, November 9, 1969
Christ and the Imprisoned, November 16, 1969
The Excitement of Insecurity, November 23, 1969 (William Amos)
The Creative Power of Gratitude, November 30, 1969
The Maturing of a Nation, December 7, 1969
The Yoke Fellowship: A Strategy for Mission, December 14, 1969 (Robert V. Myers)
In Defense of an Innkeeper, December 21, 1969 (William E. Hull)
Christmas and the Sin of the World, December 28, 1969

January – June, 1970

In Memoriam, Laura Lue Claypool, January 12, 1970 (William E. Hull)
The Present Moment of the Past, January 18, 1970 (G. Temp Sparkman)
Loneliness, January 25, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
The Miracle of Presence, February 1, 1970 (Bill Amos)
There, Choose Life, February 15, 1970
Value of Diversity, February 22, 1970
A Christian Reflects on Power, March 1, 1970
Doing Ones Thing, March 15, 1970
The Art of Appreciation, March 22, 1970
Tragedy and Hope, March 29, 1970
The Game of Life, April 5, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
Becoming a Son of God, April 12, 1970
The Strength of Weakness, April 19, 1970
Alienation and the Earth, April 26, 1970
Nostalgia and Revolution, May 3, 1970
Living By the Sword, May 10, 1970
The gift of Pentecost, May 17, 1970
Spiritual Fitness, May 24, 1970
True Patriotism, May 31, 1970
How do you Eat?, Communion Meditation, June 7, 1970
A Mother’s Love and the Father’s Business, June 14, 1970
Fathers and Foundations, June 2, 1970
The Reason to Rejoice, June 28, 1970
Box 2  Crescent Hill Baptist Church (Louisville, Kentucky)

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- **In the Beginning – Praise**, July 19, 1970  (John Howard Hove)
- **The Need for Vision**, July 26, 1970  (William Amos)
- **Student Unrest and the Silent Majority**, August 2, 1970  (Rob Shipley)
- **What on Earth Are You Doing?**, August 9, 1970  (John Howard Hove)
- **Shall We Call the Bible Infallible?**, August 16, 1970  (William E. Hull)
- **Mystery and Meaning**, August 23, 1970
- **Singing in a Strange Land**, August 30, 1970
- **Work and Fulfillment**, September 6, 1970
- **Eternity as a Sunrise**, September 27, 1970  (Hugo H. Culpepper)
- **The Ordeal of the Ministry**, October 4, 1970  (William E. Hull)
- **God and Man:  A Partnership**, October 18, 1970  (Thomas L. Budesheim)
- **From Altar to Marketplace**, October 25, 1970  (Larry McSwain)
- **Giving and Growing**, November 1, 1970  (John Howard Hove)
- **Growth in Grace**, November 8, 1970
- **God in the Midst**, November 15, 1970
- **The Audacity of Jesus**, November 22, 1970
- **Crisis and Opportunity**, November 29, 1970  (John D. W. Watts)
- **To Blame or to Repent**, December 6, 1970
- **Wise Men – Then and Now**, December 13, 1970
- **Fearfulness and Christmas Hope**, December 20, 1970

2.2  **January – May, 1971**
- **Gratitude and Indignation**, January 3, 1971
- **Reassurance**, January 10, 1971
- **Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom**, January 24, 1971
- **Eternal Life and the Historicity of God**, January 31, 1971  (Eric C. Rust)
- **Interrobang**, February 7, 1971
- **If Any Man Will**, February 14, 1971  (Monty Knight)
- **Dealing with Our Shadow Selves**, February 21, 1971
- **Choose Your Pain**, February 28, 1971
- **The Secret of Jesus**, March 7, 1971
- **The Table and the Brother**, March 14, 1971
- **The Theology of Ecology**, March 21, 1971
- **The Struggle of Freedom**, March 28, 1971
- **The Easter Perspective**, April 11, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Elijah**, April 18, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Amos**, April 25, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Hosea**, May 2, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Isaiah**, May 9, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Jeremiah**, May 16, 1971
- **Remembering Who We Are:  Ezekiel**, May 23, 1971
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The Challenge of Maturity, June 6, 1971
Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, June 13, 1971
What Kind of Inheritance?, June 20, 1971
Was Jesus a Revolutionary?, July 4, 1971
Is It I?, July 11, 1971
Bearing Urban Burdens, July 18, 1971 (Bill Amos)
Redefining Life After a Crisis Event, August 8, 1971 (G. Temp Sparkman)
Ways of Worshiping, August 15, 1971
Despising Youth, August 22, 1971 (Mark C. Fowler)
The Quest and the Promise, August 29, 1971
This Astonishing Gospel, September 5, 1971
As You Go, September 19, 1971
Broadway Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, Texas)
Reassurance, October 31, 1971
The Meaning of the Cross, November 7, 1971
The Secret of Greatness, November 14, 1971
Gratitude and Coping, November 21, 1971
Getting Ready for Christmas, November 28, 1971
We’ve a Story to Tell, December 5, 1971
The Preparation of John, December 12, 1971
In the City of David, December 19, 1971
Christmas and the Sin of the World, December 26, 1971

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Can a Life Be Changed?, January 2, 1972
Christianity: Reality or Fantasy?, January 9, 1972
Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom, January 16, 1972
How to Share Christ, January 23, 1972
Maturity and Materialism, January 30, 1972
The Table and the Brother, February 6, 1972
We Know in Part, February 20, 1972
Spontaneity and Discipline, February 27, 1972
From Garden to City, March 5, 1972
Learning from Judas, March 12, 1972
The Bridegroom of the World, March 26, 1972
He Came Back, April 2, 1972
God for Man April 9, 1972
Dealing With the Dirt, April 16, 1972
The Secret of Worship, April 23, 1972
Choose Your Pain, April 30, 1972
The Forgiveness that Sets Free, May 7, 1972
Mothers of the Bible, May 14, 1972
The Christian Understanding of Death, May 28, 1972
The Man Who Changed His Mind, June 4, 1972
Mature Fatherhood, June 18, 1972
The Lessons of Adversity, June 25, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)

2.5 July – December, 1972
The Secret of Christian Freedom
The Thomas Nobody Knows, July 9, 1972
The Making of a Man, July 16, 1972
Teach us to Pray, July 23, 1972
The Great Invitation, July 30, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
The Way of the Pilgrim, August 13, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
Getting Away From it All, August 20, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
Singing in a Strange Land, August 27, 1972
Work and Fulfillment, September 3, 1972
He Became as We Are, September 10, 1972
He Eats with Sinners, September 24, 1972
First Things First, October 1, 1972
Our Shadow Selves, October 15, 1972
What Jesus Believes about You, October 22, 1972
You and Life, October 29, 1972
Use or Lose, November 5, 1972
Going Through Home Again, November 19, 1972
Our Relation to the Earth, November 26, 1972
The First Christmas, December 3, 1972
The First Christmas: Joseph, December 10, 1972
The First Christmas: Mary, December 17, 1972
The First Christmas: Jesus, December 24, 1972

2.6 January – June, 1973
The Power Problem, January 14, 1973
Taking a Chance on People, January 21, 1973
When You’re up Against It, January 28, 1973
Love and Indifference, February 4, 1973
Pilgrim’s Progress or Humanizing our Heroes, February 11, 1973
You and Your Treasure, February 18, 1973
The Wider Perspective, March 4, 1973
A Reminder in My Pocket, March 11, 1973
How Is Faith to be Born?, March 18, 1973
Day of Release, March 25, 1973 (William H. Gibson)
How Do You Eat?, April 8, 1973
The Cross and Human Nature, April 15, 1973
The Easter Perspective, April 22, 1973
When New Life Comes, May 6, 1973
Today’s Parenting Challenge, May 13, 1973
Learning to Handle Grief, May 27, 1973
Balanced Christianity, June 3, 1973
Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, June 10, 1973
Communion: Getting Back Together, June 24, 1973

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July – December, 1973
True Patriotism, July 1, 1973
Someone to Believe in Us, July 22, 1973 (John Paul Carter)
Hungering for the Transcendent, July 29, 1973 (Franklin M. Segler)
God and Human Worth, August 5, 1973
He Who Spared Not His Own Son, August 12, 1973
One More Mountain, August 19, 1973 (Franklin M. Segler)
Takers and Givers, August 26, 1973
The Creative Power of Love, September 9, 1973
Neighborliness in Today’s World, September 16, 1973
Worship as Involvement, September 23, 1973
Cover-Up or Cure?, September 30, 1973
Hide and Seek, October 7, 1973
The Event of Forgiveness, October 14, 1973
God’s Love and Hell, October 28, 1973
Small Hearts in a Big World, November 4, 1973
What Is Enough?, November 18, 1973
Cynicism and Idealism, November 25, 1973
Learning How to Expect, December 2, 1973
What Baptism Signifies, December 9, 1973
The Perfect Gift, December 23, 1973
Providence and the New Year, December 30, 1973 (John Paul Carter)

2.8
January – June, 1974
Remembering Who We Are: David, January 6, 1974
Remembering Who We Are: Solomon, January 20, 1974
Remembering Who We Are: Elijah, January 27, 1974
Remembering Who We Are: Amos, February 3, 1974
The Blood of the Lamb, February 17, 1974
Reaching In: Reaching Out, February 24, 1974
The Difference One Makes, March 3, 1974
The Meaning of Money, March 10, 1974
Where Is the Lamb?, March 17, 1974
Something Had to be Done, March 31, 1974
The Power of Resurrection, April 14, 1974
Worthiness and Willingness, April 21, 1974
Mother’s Love and Father’s Business, May 12, 1974
The Courage to Be and Not to Be, May 26, 1974
The Gift of Pentecost, June 2, 1974
God and Evil, June 9, 1974
To Provide Is to Prepare, June 16, 1974
The Power of Memory, June 23, 1974
The Challenge of Freedom, June 30, 1974

2.9  
July – December, 1974
The Value of Diversity, July 7, 1974  
A Place for You, July 21, 1974 (John Paul Carter)  
Freedom and Courage, July 28, 1974 (Jim Wideman)  
Lessons from the Unexpected, August 4, 1974 (Franklin M. Segler)  
Redeeming the Times, August 11, 1974  
Disagreeing and Destroying, August 18, 1974  
Clay or Wax, August 25, 1974  
Our Work: Addition or Subtraction, September 1, 1974  
Casting out Fear, September 8, 1974  
Helping the Helpless, September 15, 1974  
The Forgiving Process, September 22, 1974  
The Good and the Best, September 29, 1974  
We Are What We Eat, October 6, 1974  
Security, Boredom, and Adventure, October 13, 1974  
Growth in Grace, October 20, 1974  
Experiencing God, October 27, 1974  
A Future in Your Past, November 17, 1974 (John Paul Carter)  
Becoming Clean Again, November 24, 1974  
Out of Nazareth, December 1, 1974  
Eating Together, December 8, 1974  
Learning from Mary, December 22, 1974  
Sounds of a Different Drummer, December 29, 1974 (Dan McGee)

Box 3  
Broadway Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, Texas)

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Authentic Morality, January 5, 1975  
Who Do You Think You Are?, January 26, 1975  
Eternal Life: Good New or Bad?, February 2, 1975  
Four Ways of Approaching the Table, February 16, 1975  
The Challenge of Awareness, February 23, 1975  
Growing Is Acceptable, March 2, 1975  
Living in the Now, March 9, 1975  
On Reviling and Being Reviled, March 16, 1975  
Easter and Despair, March 30, 1975  
Thou Preparest a Table, April 13, 1975  
Naming the Whirlwind, April 20, 1975 (Jim Wideman)  
Hospitality and the Home, May 11, 1975  
Interrobang, May 18, 1975  
Understand Death, May 25, 1975  
Jesus and God’s Reputation, June 1, 1975
How Much of Yourself Will You Give?, June 8, 1975
Dimensions of Love, June 15, 1975 (Franklin M. Segler)
The Bible and Women, June 22, 1975
What Do You Bring to Table?, June 29, 1975

3.2 July – December, 1975
Guilt and Grace, July 13, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
The Backup Systems of Life, July 10, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
Strength out of Weakness, July 27, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
Why Did This Happen to Me?, August 3, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
The Power of the Spoken Word, August 10, 1975
What Do You Do With Your Sins?, August 17, 1975
Why Did They Kill Him?, August 24, 1975
Grasshoppers in the Land of Giants, August 31, 1975
The Saga of Life: Childhood, September 7, 1975
The Saga of Life: Adulthood, September 21, 1975
The Saga of Life: Senior Adulthood, September 28, 1975
God and the Gods, October 5, 1975
Without the Shedding of Blood, October 12, 1975
Disappointment, Buddhism, and the Bible, October 19, 1975
Given a Name, October 26, 1975
Keep on Growing, November 2, 1975
Communion Meditation: Acting out the Gospel, November 16, 1975
The Power of Gratitude, November 23, 1975
Letting John Get us Ready, December 7, 1975
Bethlehem: Where Extremes Meet, December 14, 1975
The Light of the World, December 21, 1975
The continuing Light, December 28, 1975 (John Paul Carter)

3.3 January – May, 1976
The Lord’s Prayer, January 4, 1976
A Father in Heaven, January 11, 1976
The Tie That Binds Us All, January 18, 1976
Thy Kingdom Come, February 22, 1976
Thy Will Be Done, February 29, 1976
Joining the Church, March 7, 1976
Our Daily Bread, March 14, 1976
Forgive us our Trespasses, March 28, 1976
Lead Us and Deliver Us, April 4, 1976
The Future as Friend, April 18, 1976
Known By His Gratitude, April 25, 1976
Missing the Mark, May 2, 1976
Unfinished Business, May 9, 1976
What You Don’t Know Can Hurt You, May 16, 1976
Burying the Dead, May 30, 1976
3.4 June – December, 1976
The Effects of Pentecost, June 6, 1976
The Eucharistic Person, June 13, 1976
Asking and the God Who Already Knows, June 27, 1976
Render Unto Caesar and Unto God, July 4, 1976
Who Is Your Audience?, July 18, 1976
As Thy Days, July 25, 1976
Healthy Acceptance, August 8, 1976
The Mystery of Goodness, August 29, 1976
Claiming Your Place and Power, September 5, 1976
Equipping the Saints, September 12, 1976
Old Dreams and Burning Business, September 26, 1976
The Prodigal Father, October 3, 1976
Nostalgia and Hope, October 10, 1976
Mutiny, Easter, and the Table, October 24, 1976
As You Go, Remember…, October 31, 1976
Northminster Baptist Church (Jackson, Mississippi)
New Beginnings, December 12, 1976
Emmanuel Is His Name, December 19, 1976

3.5 January – July, 1977
Can a Person Change?, January 2, 1977
Being and Doing Church, January 9, 1977
Faith: A Way of Knowing, January 16, 1977
What Can One Expect of God?, January 23, 1977
The Secret of Worship, January 30, 1977
Sin, Identity, and Power, February 6, 1977
Creative Change Agents, February 13, 1977
Stages Toward Spiritual Maturity, March 6, 1977
Is God Personal?, March 13, 1977
Mobility, Loneliness, and the Church, March 20, 1977
Despair, Hope, and Easter, March 27, 1977
Palm Sunday and the Bridegroom, April 3, 1977
Living Creatively with Change, April 17, 1977
Seeing or Stereotyping, April 24, 1977
Birthday Wishes, May 1, 1977
Unfinished Business, May 8, 1977
Forgiveness as Event, May 15, 1977
What Jesus Believes About You, May 29, 1977
The Choice is always Ours, June 12, 1977
Providing and Preparing, June 19, 1977
The Basis of Human Worth, June 26, 1977
After the Far Country, July 3, 1977
Good God, Evil World: Why?, July 10, 1977
Love to Spare, July 17, 1977

3.6 August – December, 1977
When Acceptance Is Healthy, August 7, 1977
Pain, Loving, and Not Loving, August 21, 1977
Venturing into the New, August 28, 1977
Our Work: Addition or Subtraction, September 4, 1977
The Challenges of Childhood, September 11, 1977
The Challenges of Adolescence, September 18, 1977
Servant Leaders in a Servant Church, September 25, 1977
The Challenges of Adulthood, October 2, 1977
The Challenges of Agedness, October 9, 1977
The Table and Our Perspective, October 16, 1977
Learning to Forgive Ourselves, October 23, 1977
The Meaning of Money, November 6, 1977
Authentic Christianity, November 13, 1977
Gratitude and Coping, November 29, 1977
Getting Ready for Christmas, November 27, 1977
Letting John Get us Ready, December 4, 1977
The Power of Expectation, December 11, 1977
Christmas and God’s Reputation, December 18, 1977
The Light of the World, December 25, 1977
What Should One Give God?, n/d, 1977

3.7 January – July, 1978
The Ministry of Encouragement, January 8, 1978
Sowing and Reaping: Warning and Promise, January 15, 1978
Dreams: A Forgotten Language, January 22, 1978
What on Earth are You Doing?, January 29, 1978
Seeing: A Many Splendored Thing, February 5, 1978
The Courage to Venture, February 12, 1978
The Power of the Word, February 19, 1978
Saying Yes and Saying No, February 26, 1978
A Package from Home, March 5, 1978
The Cross and Human Potential, March 12, 1978
Channeling our Emotions, March 19, 1978
Easter and the Fear of Death, March 26, 1978
When Your Moment Comes, April 2, 1978
Diversity and Creativity, April 9, 1978
Living From and Living For, April 16, 1978
The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved, May 7, 1978
The Significance of Pentecost, May 14, 1978
The Art of Contentment, May 21, 1978
Working Through Grief, May 28, 1978
Be Here and Now, June 4, 1978
To Live Is to Improvise, June 11, 1978
Affluence and Ministry, June 25, 1978
Free at Last, July 2, 1978
Taking Up For Thomas, July 9, 1978
Adjectives, Nouns, and Redemption, July 16, 1978
Learning to Hope, July 23, 1978
Our Shadow Selves, July 30, 1978

3.8 August – December, 1978
He Became What We Are, August 6, 1978
The Art of Caring, August 13, 1978
It All Depends, August 27, 1978
Claiming Your Place and Power, September 3, 1978
Release From Remorse, September 10, 1978
Walking in the Light, September 17, 1978
Walking in the Light II, September 24, 1978
Known by His Gratitude, October 1, 1978
Coping With Fear, October 8, 1978
Your Treasure and Your Creativity, October 15, 1978
Copers, Choosers, and Changers, October 29, 1978
Needs, Gifts, and Our Life Together, November 12, 1978
The Power of Gratitude, November 19, 1978
Walking Before Running Is Alright, November 26, 1978
Surprise Is God’s Other name, December 3, 1978
What Does God Really Do?, December 10, 1978
In Defense of the Innkeeper, December 17, 1978
When God Becomes Tangible, December 24, 1978
Growth in Grace, December 31, 1978

3.9 January – July, 1979
Authentic Morality, January 7, 1979
Learning to Use Our Troubles, January 2, 1979
The Problem of Our Power, January 28, 1979
Learning From Judas, February 4, 1979
The Man Who Changed His Mind, February 11, 1979
Love Is Something You Do, February 25, 1979
Oh, Say Can You See?, March 4, 1979
The Secret Is Collaboration, March, 11, 1979
Responding Creatively to Evil, March 18, 1979
Exile and Homecoming, March 25, 1979
Who Are the Real Fools?, April 1, 1979
Palm Sunday and Heightened Responsibility, April 8, 1979
Children of God: Being or Becoming?, May 20, 1979
Courage and Death, May 27, 1979
What Is Enough?, June 3, 1979
Bearing One Another’s Burdens, June 10, 1979
Baptists in Crisis, June 24, 1979
Caesar, God, and the Christian’s Responsibility, July 1, 1979

3.10  August – December, 1979
The Challenge of Awareness, August 5, 1979
Who Gives You Your Grade?, August 12, 1979
The Blood of the Lamb, August 19, 1979
The Mystery of Goodness, August 26, 1979
God Is an Amateur, September 2, 1979
Who Am I?, September 9, 1979
Everlasting Mercy, September 16, 1979
Cellar Voices and Balcony People, September 23, 1979
Asking and the God Who Already Knows, September 30, 1979
The Things That Make for Peace, October 7, 1979
Nostalgia and Hope, October 21, 1979
You Can’t Have It All, October 28, 1979
Ministry and Expectations, November 4, 1979
The High Art of Appreciation, November 18, 1979
Where Is the Lamb?, November 25, 1979
The First Christmas, December 2, 1979
The First Christmas: Joseph, December 9, 1979
The First Christmas: Mary, December 16, 1979
The First Christmas: Jesus, December 23, 1979
We Know In Part, December 30, 1979

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4.1  1980
Simplicity, Complexity, and Our Present Crisis, January 6, 1980
The Lord’s Prayer, January 13, 1980
A Father in Heaven, January 20, 1980
Hello and Goodbye, January 27, 1980
The Tie That Binds Us All, February 3, 1980
Hallowed By Thy Name, February 10, 1980
Thy Kingdom Come, February 24, 1980
Thy Will Be Done, March 2, 1980
Our Daily Bread, March 9, 1980
Forgive Us our Trespasses, March 23, 1980
Lead Us and Deliver Us, March 30, 1980
Easter and the Cultivation of Courage, April 6, 1980
The Peril and Promise of Suffering, April 20, 1980
The Service of Understanding, April 27, 1980
Our Task: Acceptance and Challenge, May 4, 1980
Mothers of the Bible, May 11, 1980
Everything in God, God in Everything, May 18, 1980
Growing and the Gift of Repentance, August 31, 1980
Slow Learners and Hope, September 7, 1980
Divine Tenacity and Human Freedom, September 14, 1980
Problems, Compassion, and Hope, September 26, 1980
Growing Up and Growing On, October 5, 1980
Clowns and High-wire Artists, October 12, 1980
Neighborliness in the City, October 26, 1980
What Is Morality?, November 2, 1980
Givers and Takers, November 9, 1980
The Compassion Challenge, November 16, 1980
Anxiety, Gratitude and Trust, November 23, 1980
Light and Warmth: God’s Gift, November 30, 1980
Light from an Unexpected Place, December 7, 1980
Christmas and Experiencing God, December 21, 1980
An Imprisoned Sermon, December 28, 1980

4.2 1981
Simon Peter Revisited, January 14, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Abraham, January 11, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Jacob, January 18, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Moses, January 25, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Samson, February 2, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Samuel, February 8, 1981
Dealing With the Dirt, February 15, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Saul, February 22, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: David, March 1, 1981
Remembering Who We Are: Solomon, March 8, 1981
What Do You Do With Your Guilt?, March 15, 1981
The Alchemy of God, March 22, 1981
God Has No Grandchildren, March 29, 1981
Stoicism, Hope, and Easter, April 19, 1981
Playing One Hand, May 3, 1981
Reperceiving Compassionately, May 10, 1981
Pressing Toward the Mark, May 24, 1981
Death, Risk, and Confidence, May 31, 1981
New Faces, Old Battles, June 7, 1981
Obstacles to Prayer, June 14, 1981
The Use and Misuse of Power, June 28, 1981
Self-fulfilling Prophecies, July 5, 1981
What Is your Secret?, July 12, 1981
As You Go, Remember, July 19, 1981